



KEI KONEI TĀTOU E TŪ ANA
HERE WE STAND

WAIHI COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 8 | 2024

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia Ora Whanau,

Our kura is proud to provide many opportunities for our young people - with trips being a part of these.

Our Year 13 students were able to head to the South Island recently. Big thanks to One Foundation for helping us reach our goals and assisting with some funding!



They had an amazing trip and for the first time ever, managed to have beautiful sunshine throughout the whole five days. Students were able to experience glacial processes and tourism firsthand. They saw Tasman Glacier up close at Mt Cook, went jet boating at the Shotover River, lugging in Queenstown and climbed Roys Peak (1258m) in Wanaka. Students conducted surveys throughout the trip, and all of them were exemplary ambassadors for Waihi College — a fantastic time had by all and hopefully some life-long memories.

Our Year 10s traveled to Waitangi earlier in the term. They were treated to sunshine and

magnificent immersion into one of our treasured spaces. How fabulous to experience Aotearoa's finest and spark our young people's curiosity to know more about where each of them comes from.



These amazing experiences dovetail into student engagement and learning, with credits earned through these while providing 'real life' contexts to understand the learning more deeply.

We continue to look at ways to promote engagement, attendance and learning opportunities for our young people.

Speaking of learning, I would like to include some of our department's activities in our newsletter—they may be of interest to you!

This week the Spotlight is on Careers, Gateway and Trades:

My biggest thanks to our staff who work in these spaces, who continually strive to craft learning pathways that cater for a diverse range of needs. *Continued on the next page...*

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT CONTINUED ...

Careers

An exciting opportunity has arisen for us to work with Bevan Smith, Senior Transitions Advisor MOE, on the Future Pathways Strategic Plan. He initiated this based on the innovative work that is happening at Waihi College in Careers, Gateway, Trades and Te Ara Hou. The next step will be to meet with Learning Leaders of Year 7 & 8, Year 9 & 10 and Seniors. There are lots of exciting opportunities arising in the next month or so with a specific focus on diversity eg; Girls in Trades.

Gateway

We have 75 places funded by TEC for 2024. Semester A Gateway is well underway with initial job selection completed and some students already in placements. As part of their commitment, Gateway students are required to complete Work Skills units including Health & Safety and this will be part of each student's Collaborative Action Plan (CAP). All Te Ara Hou students are participating in the Gateway programme. Some of these students have several work placements as part of their CAP.

Trades

Waikato Trades Academy - we have approximately 50 students involved in 6 programmes across 3 campuses. Trades courses are delivered at NCEA Level 2 and 3. We have developed a very good relationship with the Team at Waikato Trades and have one of the biggest allocations in the Waikato. PCTI - Food and Beverage Manufacturing has 20 students involved and this is delivered offsite at the Oceana Gold Building on a Tuesday.

Hair and Beauty

This year, we are doing a pilot for Hair & Beauty (with 15 students) and run this Trades course onsite at Te Ara Hou. Due to the large number of students who signed up for Trades in 2024, we had to be creative to meet student's needs. Korinna Lindsey is the lead Facilitator of Learning, which is delivered in collaboration with VARDA Hair & Beauty (a Private Training Organisation). Waikato Trades have been very helpful in setting this up, as they cannot offer us more places in 2024 outside of our allocation due to government restrictions. Carolyn and Tracy are developing this model that could potentially expand to other vocational areas in the future. Alongside the Hair & Beauty pilot, we are looking at developing a Landscaping/Garden design course working with the Farm Unit and Property Management team later this term.

Further Study

Later in Term 1 we will be starting the rotation of Tertiary Providers presenting to our senior students. This will also include a parents' night. 1:1 Future Pathway conversations with senior students have already begun and will continue throughout the year.

I trust your long weekend was most fabulous!

Nga manaakitanga

Briar



SOCIAL SCIENCES



Vickey McMillan
Social Studies



Ben Kayes
Social Sciences



Kate Morley
Social Sciences



Phoebe Buchanan
Social Sciences



Anne O'Hagan
Social Sciences



Dot Carter
Social Sciences



Kate Rigg
Social Sciences



Ingrid Berry
Social Sciences

Made with PosterMyWall.com

SENIOR HUB GROUP



Carolyn Graveson
Senior Hub



Kate Morley
Senior Hub



Michael McManemin
Senior Hub



Jo Howell
Senior Hub



Chris Astwood
Senior Hub

Made with PosterMyWall.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING

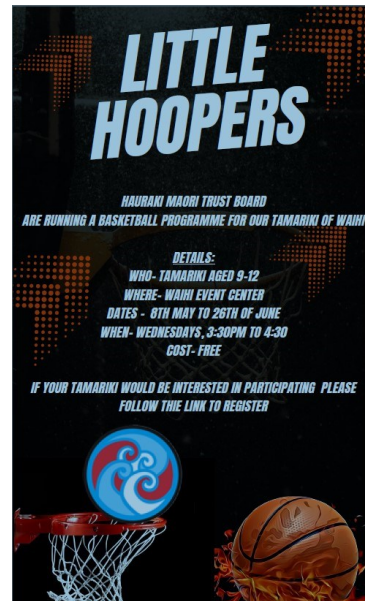
CAPE EGMONT VIRTUAL HALF MARATHON 2024

Want to walk or run in your own time, but also be part of a fantastic event? Then we would love you to join us.

The Cape Egmont Virtual Half Marathon offers three distance options - 5 km, 10 km and 21 km. Which can be completed any time anywhere from the 1st to the 31st of July 2024. Simply record your time via Strava, Map my run, Fit Bit or screenshot and upload through our website. Every finisher receives a medal and all money raised goes to the Taranaki Cancer Society and the Taranaki Men Can Exercise Group. To help those in our province affected by cancer.

ENTER AT: www.capeegmonthalf.com

ENQUIRES capeegmonthalf@gmail.com



We are running a basketball programme, Week 2 of Term 2 for ages 8 – 12 year olds or year 5, 6 and 7s. We can provide transport for our Tamariki out the beach.

Programme will be lightly skills and drills based, but heavy on the fun side. We aim to promote Connectivity, Well Being and Confidence - in the sport, in our peers and most important in them little selves.

Please get your whānau to register here: <http://form.jotform.com/240807876123055> and to get in touch if they have any further enquires.

NURSES CORNER

WAIHI COLLEGE HAS A SCHOOL NURSE AVAILABLE
MONDAY-THURSDAY ALL DAY
AND A DOCTOR WEDNESDAY 9AM-11AM

POP IN TO THE BUILDING NEXT TO THE TREE OF
LIFE
WALK IN APPOINTMENT, OR TEXT/PHONE TO
0272983787

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IF YOU HAVE
ANY HEALTH NEEDS OR QUESTIONS
MARGIE GOLDSWORTHY / SCHOOL NURSE FOR
WAIHI COLLEGE



Ngā mihi, with kind regards
Margie (She/Her)

Margie Goldsworthy | SCHOOL NURSE

M: 0272983787

E: margie.goldsworthy@pinnacle.health.nz

W: www.pinnacle.co.nz

THIS NEWSLETTER IS SENT TO YOU VIA EMAIL AND CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

THANK YOU ROSEMARY MORGAN!

Waihi College would like to give its heartfelt thanks to Rosemary Morgan for the generous donation of her beautiful piano. This piano has had many a student fall in love with music as they learned how to expertly tap the keys with Rosemary's passion and guidance leading the way.

Our students (and Mr Randell!) are so excited to have such a beautiful instrument to hone their skills and treasure through the years.



FEEDBACK—LIBELLE IS LISTENING...



WE'VE LISTENED TO YOUR FEEDBACK

Libelle has taken on feedback from students and will be changing a few things. Flexible timing for meals, more sauce in the curries, more seasoning, switching up vege ratios and offering more choice. Thanks Libelle!

- 

"We want flexible timing when it suits our needs"
We are now supporting time changes to lunch breaks and delivering earlier, while also changing delivery locations to accommodate excursions and camps.
- 

"Some of our foods are difficult for change to eat"
We now collaborate with schools to deconstruct lunches and take serve sizes to accommodate their unique needs and preferences.
- 

"We want you to be more involved in our community"
We actively support Whaea evenings to facilitate meaningful interactions between parents and caregivers, get in touch with us if you have something coming up.
- 

"The corn chips are bland and we want more sauce in curries"
We have introduced new corn chips to enhance flavour and have upgraded the sauce ratio in our curries for a richer taste experience.
- 

"Your potato salad is lacking in flavour"
Our kitchen has changed how we cook off the potato and corn combination, resulting in more flavour through the potato and a pleasing charred effect to the corn.
- 

"Sliced in your sandwiches is not a hit..."
We took a swing with coleslaw, but it wasn't a hit with tamariki. Lettuce didn't quite hit the mark either. We're back in the kitchen to come up something new, watch this space.
- 

"Your meals have too many veggies in them"
We've adjusted veggie ratios in our potato salad and the sides we cut carrots into in our Bolognese sauce while maintaining your daily veggie portion.
- 

"We want more choice, variety, and snacks"
We introduced a lunch serving platform for more choice and variety, and snacks have made a comeback with snacks and sides now back on the menu.
- 

"Our school wants more hot meals..." "Our school wants more cold meals"
You can now choose if you want your meals heated or cold (we recommend cold, but you know what you want!).
- 

"Some of our tamariki want more flavour"
Comments have been added to your deliveries for an enhanced flavour experience.

SCHOOL LUNCHES—COMING UP

Please note meals and/or ingredients are subject to change without notice

Week starting Monday 8th April

MONDAY - Summery Chicken Pasta Served Hot

Creamy sauce with chicken and corn on pasta. Served with a snack or fruit.

Dietary suitability: EF, HF, NB, NP, SF, NT

TUESDAY - Ham Sandwich

Oatlicious bread filled with ham, cheese and salad. Served with a yoghurt (plus fruit for senior students).

Dietary suitability: NB, NT

WEDNESDAY—Coconut Curry Served Hot

Mildly spiced yellow curry sauce with chicken and veggies on rice. Served with a roti wrap.

Dietary suitability: GF (GF wrap alternative), DF, EF, HF, NB, NP, SF

Thursday—Ham & Potato Salad

Potato salad with diced ham, served with a garlic roll and ranch dressing on the side.

Dietary suitability: GF (GF roll alternative), DF, EF, NB, SF (SF dressing alternative)

Friday—Teriyaki Chicken Donburi

Teriyaki chicken on rice and served with slaw. Served with cassava chips.

Dietary suitability: GF, DF, EF, HF, NB, NP, NT

