



# WAIHI COLLEGE

## NEWSLETTER

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As the colder weather sets in, we'd like to remind everyone of our school uniform policy to ensure all students are comfortable and prepared for the day.

Our official school sweatshirt or jacket are the most suitable outerwear for maintaining warmth during break times and outdoor activities. However, we understand that some students might prefer additional layering underneath their uniform.

Here's what students can wear for extra warmth:

Black or white thermal wear can be worn discreetly under their school shirts.

If a student doesn't have a school sweatshirt or jacket available, a note from you, the caregiver or whānau, is required. We will then provide a temporary pass for them to wear a suitable alternative for that day. **Please note:** Hoodies (including sports hoodies) are not school uniform and so are not permitted for school.

**School sweatshirts and jackets are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop.** The shop's opening hours are:

\* Tuesday: 8.00am – 9.00am

\* Wednesday: 1.40pm – 3.40pm

We appreciate your support in ensuring all our students stay warm and comfortable throughout the winter season.

### THANK YOU TO OUR INCREDIBLE SPONSORS



**Aries Publishing, CC Dillimores, DLA Architects, Gold Valley-Balance Tyres, Hauraki District Council, Jack Silcock Trust (Paterson Family), Maia Short Memorial (Brian Habberfield), Martha Women's Club, Waihi Auto Service, Waihi Family Dental, Waihi Lions Club and Waihi Stationery**

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia Ora Whanau

It has been an eventful first few weeks back at school! We have had surfers, kayakers, Waitangi trip-goers, and more!



A huge congratulations to Jack Kayes 1st in U14, Dominic Bismark 3rd in U14, Beau Fitzgibbon 1st in U16 and Mace Harries 4th in U16, recent Surfing competition. Huge achievement! I look forward to hearing about where this takes you next!

A massive congratulations to Hunter Pert, who will be making his debut in the international rink for inline hockey later this year. The drive and determination this young man has for his sport are next level! We will be following your journey with pride!

Young Ben Paulsen won a place, alongside 5 other New Zealand youth, in the Bluelight Camp, in the UK, highlighting his awesome character - enjoy the opportunity buddy!

Nalene Donaldson has made it through to the Matinti festival to perform with her Kapa Haka Roopu—this is a prestigious and sought-after opportunity, and we are in awe! Tumeke Nalene, we are watching with great interest to see where this passion and talent take you.

We had two of our young ladies, Evah Carey and Izzie Cannell, selected to attend the Sea to Sky program that the Defence force facilitated - we were thrilled for you both to have such an awesome opportunity in the school holidays, just gone, and are looking forward to hearing about it.

The flip side of such fabulousness is the increased amount of physical fighting we are experiencing with a few select young people, mostly young women. This 'fight club' mentality, along with bringing in outsiders, and / or whanau, is unwanted, distracting and puts people (including the fighters) at risk. You may be aware that filming fights and distributing this footage is an illegal offense and will be treated as such.

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT CONTINUED ...

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As a kura, we are incredibly aware that there are lots of reasons that contribute to this. We are very aware that our young people are facing multiple stressors and reach out in different ways for help. As a kura, we also hold a zero tolerance for fighting and, in some cases, blatant assault. We will act accordingly and implement our disciplinary procedures while offering supportive measures to those who wish to take them.

As a kura - we will continue to do so until it stops.

If you would like to discuss this further or feel you might have a solution to consider (within the parameters that schools have to work within), please reach out. [principal@waihicol.school.nz](mailto:principal@waihicol.school.nz)

You will read in the newsletter about our School uniform expectations. Getting this right will be a school wide focus, and as a whanau, you will be contacted if your young person chooses to not wear the correct uniform.

### Parent interviews

Wed 5th June 3pm-6:30pm—We would be thrilled to meet you and discuss your young person's learning pathway. Please make sure you book as soon as the booking system is live (you will be emailed about this).

As always, I am keen to hear about what is working well for you and your whanau, so please do flick me a message, or book in time to chat.

Nga manaakitanga  
Briar

### **THERE'S LOTS OF WAYS TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH EVERYTHING HAPPENING AT WAIHI COLLEGE:**

- 1. DOWNLOAD THE KAMAR APP (INSTRUCTIONS ON OUR WEBSITE)**
- 2. KEEP AN EYE ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES.**
- 3. LOG ON TO THE PARENT PORTAL**
- 4. CHECK OUT THE LATEST NEWS SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE.**

## DRUG DETECTION DOGS

Waihi College is determined to maintain a safe physical and emotional environment for our students and staff. This is one of the prime objectives for the Board of Trustees under Section 127 of the Education and Training Act (2020). An email went home to all caregivers this morning, which also attached a copy of the relevant policies that relate to alcohol, drugs and other harmful substances.

One way we'll be trying to mitigate alcohol, drugs and other harmful substances being on site is to use the services of a Drug Detection Team. These visits will happen randomly from today onwards and into 2024. We are contracting the services of NZ Detector Dogs to screen the school. They are well respected and work across a number of sectors and industries and have significant experience working with schools. The services provided by NZ Detector Dogs are carried in accordance with the provisions of the Education and Training Act (2020) which outline the circumstances in which schools can use private contractors and drug detection dogs. They also follow the "Guidelines for the surrender and retention of property and searches (2014)" under sections 106 to 114 of the Education and Training Act (2020).

The process for the drug detection team would be;

- \*The drug dog team would arrive on site on a random school day
  - \*The principal would discuss the areas of the school to be screened
  - \*The drug dog team would be escorted around the school by principal and/or the deputy principals to screen the classrooms, storage rooms, amenities and outdoor areas
  - \*If a classroom were occupied by students, they would be asked to vacate the room briefly so the drug dog team is able to screen the room
  - \*The students will exit the classroom and line up outside the classroom - students themselves will not be screened
  - \*Once all students are out of the classroom, the drug dog team will quickly screen the room
- If the dogs should show interest or give a positive indication in any area or item, then the drug team would point that out to the principal/deputy principal and we would take the appropriate action to follow up in accordance with school policy.

I certainly hope that this course of action leads to a safe environment for all of our students and staff.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss this further please contact me at

[principal@waihicol.school.nz](mailto:principal@waihicol.school.nz)

## 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)

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## Year 7&8 WBOP Swimming Championships

Congratulations to our year 7&8 competitors on your achievements at the WBOP Swimming Championships last term. The results were in their respective age groups:

100m Breaststroke  
Tane Whaanga 8th  
Paitoa Peka 10th  
Olive Kelly 9th

50m Breaststroke  
Paitoa Peka 11th  
Tane Whaanga 13th  
Olive Kelly 12th

100m Backstroke  
Lexi Davies-Young 3rd  
Cullum Morgan 3rd

50m Backstroke  
Lexi Davies-Young 3rd  
Cullum Morgan 9th  
Poppy Bolderston 12th

100m Freestyle  
Lexi Davies-Young 7th  
Cullum Morgan 4th  
Tane Whaanga 10th  
Poppy Bolderston 14th

50m Freestyle  
Lexi Davies-Young 6th  
Cullum Morgan 6th  
Paitoa Peka 13th  
Poppy Bolderston 14th

25 Butterfly  
Poppy Bolderston 8th  
Olive Kelly 12th

Individual Medley  
Lexi Davies-Young 8th  
Paitoa Peka 7th  
Cullum Morgan 8th  
Olive Kelly 10th

Overall Individual Rankings were:  
Lexi Davies-Young ranked 8th

Cullum Morgan ranked 9th  
Paitoa Peka ranked 20th

## Junior Showcase

Congratulations to Jaylah Rolleston, Rylee Morgan, and Emily Davison who competed at the Junior Showcase in Whanganui with their Basketball Teams in the holidays.

Jaylah and Rylee both played for Hustlers Basketball Club and Emily played for Tu Tangata.

Emily also made the 2024 Rising Star team list for 17u Girls. Well done Emily.

## Term 2 Sports

Our winter League sports kicked off at the start of this week. Netball in Waihi and Tauranga, Basketball in Tauranga, along with Rugby in the Thames Valley region. Remember our volunteers don't get paid, our kids are our future, and our leagues are not the Olympics.

**Athletics** Congratulations to Joel Crockett for his Athletics season (last term) representing Tauranga Bellevue Athletic club.

Joel won the Grade 11 boys championship trophy and the Colgate Games Sportsmanship trophy for 10 and 11 year olds.

This was Joel's first time representing and competing in Athletics for Tauranga this season. He went to Colgate games and did Ribbon days, Waikato/Bay of Plenty Champs and got silver in 400m.

Well done Joel.



## **Coromandel Secondary Schools Surf Champs**

Close to 50 competitors competed at recent Secondary Schools Scholastics with the largest contingent being in the U16 Boys. All seven students did really well. Of the seven, four placed:

U14 (non competitive - All U13 kids who cannot qualify for nationals due to their age)

Jack Kayes 1st U14 Boys

Dominic Bismark 3rd U16 Boys

Beau Fitzgibbon 1st equal (placed 2nd on a count back)

Mace Harries 4th

Selections for the team to go to Dunedin for the NZ titles will be named soon. Congratulations guys and all the best. Thank you Michael McManemin for supporting our boys at this event.

## **Inflatable Rescue Boat Long Haul Race**

Aidan and Luke Butler along with their teammate Finn Miller from Hamilton did awesome at the IRB Long Haul race earlier this month. Their team Fluke placed 1st in u19 boys and were the fastest team over all (divisions were men's, women's, mixed and u19!!)

They raced from Ohope to the Mount stopping at pikowai, pukehina, Papamoa and Omanu and had to complete challenges at each stop.



**Karate** Congratulations Rynae Bain who achieved her yellow belt in karate on the 15th of April.

## **Congratulations to:**

Rylee Morgan for making the u15 Girls TCBA Representative A team

Jaylah Rolleston for making the u15 Girls TCBA Representative B team

Dakota Cardie, Emily Davison, and Palace O'Brien on your selection for Wahine Toa Premier Netball team.

**Thoughts with the Davey whaanau** Very sad news to hear about the passing of Kim Davey from Thames Valley Hockey Association. We were lucky to have Kim come into our space to assist with growth in our Turf Hockey numbers.

Shout out to Brea Peka, Palace O'Brien, and Savarna Brightwell for making the Waihi u18 Representative Netball team.

## **COMING UP IN SPORTS THIS WEEK:**

- **Monday 13th- Year 7&8 Basketball Commences**
- **Wednesday 15th - WBOP Intermediate Rock-climbing Championships**
- **Wednesday 15th - WBOP Intermediate Amazing Race & Thames Valley Squash Championships**
- **Thursday 16th U15 Girls Rugby Commence**
- **Saturday 18th Youth Boys Rugby Commence**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

This year's Blue Light short film competition is now open. A fun opportunity to generate some funds and get your taura engaged in something interesting while learning an important message.

Last year's winners were VERRAN PRIMARY SCHOOL (Primary Division) and TAUMATA SCHOOLS (Intermediate/ Secondary Schools Division). They had both been selected for first place in their divisions taking away the \$2,000 prize to go towards their kura.

This year's theme for all schools in New Zealand is "RESPECT". This theme was suggested by rangatahi who are part of the Te Huarahi Hou mentoring programme in Tauranga, so this has given the theme a more authentic origin for what the next generation can work towards learning.

- What does Respect look like?

How do I show Respect?

**See the attached docs and Info Pack for further information.**

Further enquiries can be directed to:

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### when

FRIDAY 24TH MAY 2024

### what time

11.30AM

### where

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

### who

Y9-Y13 STUDENTS

Come along, bring your friends and learn more about our short-term, semester and full year exchanges to **USA, Canada, Europe and Japan.**

[WWW.YOUREducation.CO.NZ](http://WWW.YOUREducation.CO.NZ)



## Pam's Positively Fun Night of Trivia

Waihi Beach Community Centre



**18th May**

**6:30pm - 10pm**

**Teams of 4**

Tickets can be purchased individually  
Create a fun team name!

There will be raffles throughout the night and prizes for some place getters.  
All prizes are sponsored by wonderfully generous local businesses