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HERE WE STAND

WAIHI COLLEGE

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A NIGHT IN ITALY

Over the weekend Waihi College celebrated their annual Ball, this time the theme was A Night in Italy. It was a huge success and we've had such positive feedback from the students, Surf Club staff and all our providers.

We were lucky enough to have Cassandra Sharp doing our entrance and formal photography, as well as the usual wandering photography and the PhotoBooth team. We will upload the photos to our [School Photos](#) page as we are sent them. From there, you can download and share whichever ones you like.

Keep an eye on our Latest News and social media pages as photos will be coming soon. Here's a few sneak peaks from our wandering photography (on the dance floor where the action is!)



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

A big congratulations to all those that competed in our school cross country last Friday! While we didn't see any records broken this time, we applaud the athletes who take this opportunity seriously, and can see your passion shine through, with some fabulous results! My big thanks to the PE department for making this happen, the organizational aspects are intense, and very appreciated.



We also celebrated our seniors at the school ball, this weekend - A Night in Italy - how fabulous to see our young people dressed up and looking both glamorous and dapper. A great night out was had, and some awesome dance moves flashed on the dance floor. A huge thanks to our Wendy Shave, and student ball committee, for making this night happen. Once again, the organization behind these events is intense, and we are in awe of how you managed to pull it off! My deep thanks to you all.

I wanted to congratulate our student population, for your settled week last week. Everyone seems to be finding their 'groove' for the business of term 2, and the various assessments and events this brings. Talking with some of our youth, I have great hope for our nation's future, and that of our town's. We have some real gems among us, who are already keen to give back, and make things happen for others. I see you, and celebrate you.

The Common Assessment Activity (CAA) assessments are on for this week and next, please ensure your young person sets themselves up for success, with plenty of sleep and hydration, to bring their best selves forward.

We were fortunate to have Sea to Sky personnel here last week, inspiring our young learners to think outside and beyond what they might know about employment opportunities. Our students were able to be a part of building a plane, STEM activities and more. It was fantastic to hear young budding engineers, medics, security, pilots and more, in the making!

As always, I am keen to connect to hear about what is working for your child, and what you feel might aid our kura, in its quest to be a jewel, and space to belong, to our community

Nga manaakitanga
Briar

SCABIES IN THE COMMUNITY

Kia ora koutou

There appears to be an issue with scabies in the community.

I hope this following information helps with any questions you may have.

Please feel free to call, email or come and see me if you are unsure, or if you have any questions.

Nga mihi

Margie (School Nurse)

Scabies

(you say, skay-bees)

Scabies is caused by a tiny insect known as a mite which digs under the skin and lays eggs. Small blisters grow on the skin above each egg and the skin gets very itchy. The redness and small blisters look like a rash on the skin.

The scabies rash may start anywhere but it is usually between fingers, on wrists, inside the elbow, around the waist, on the bottom or private parts and under armpits.



What to do

- Go to a doctor or call the school nurse or public health nurse to get an insecticide (you say, insect-a-side) cream to kill the mites. If your child is under 2 years old, they may need a different treatment so make sure you check with your doctor or nurse.
- Get enough cream to treat everyone in the household. Everyone should be treated even if they don't have a rash or itch.
- Apply cream to everyone in the family or household on the same day.
- The cream has to go all over the body, from head to toe - including the soles of feet.
- The cream must be left on overnight.
- On the same day as putting the cream on everyone you also need to wash all sheets, pillow cases, towels and clothes in hot water - or you need to put these things into a sealed plastic bag for 5 days to kill the mites. If you don't do these things, the mites will reinfect your family.
- Hang quilts and blankets outside for a day so the sun can kill any mites.
- Check other family members for scabies.

Time off from kura or school

At least one day after treatment with the insecticide cream.

What to do if scabies gets worse

- Once you have killed the scabies mites with the cream, the sores or the rash will stop growing but it will still be itchy for up to four weeks.
- The sores and rash can become infected.
- Go to the doctor if the sores or rash get redder, warm, start swelling or have pus. This could be cellulitis.

You may also need to repeat the treatment of the whole family with the insecticide cream.

If your child's scabies has turned to cellulitis, your child may need blood tests and antibiotics.



How is scabies spread?

Skin contact with the infected person, and sharing sheets and clothes.



It is important to take the antibiotics every day until they are finished, even if the scabies has cleared up earlier. The antibiotics need to keep killing the infection in the body after the skin has healed.



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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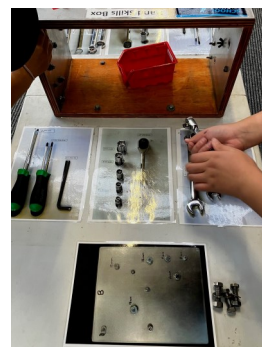
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SCHOOL TO SKIES—RNZ AIR FORCE AT WAIHI COLLEGE

The Year 7 and 8's have been learning about the principles of flight in science. This week, the Year 8's had a session delivered by the RNZ Air Force as part of the School to Skies program. They got to complete hands-on maintenance skills on the Grumman aircraft, learn basic

tool identification and control, develop principles of flight knowledge, and participate in a survival workshop where they got to develop their teamwork, communication skills, and leadership skills. They learnt about the different jobs you can do



HOST FAMILIES WANTED



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EVER THOUGHT OF HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT?



**HOST FAMILIES
NEEDED:**

**for short stay (2 weeks) groups (Japan and Taiwan)
coming in Term 3 2024**



INTERESTED?

Contact: Alistair or Magdeleen

International@waihicol.school.nz

You Receive Weekly Payments for Hosting!

CAREERS & FUTURE PATHWAYS

Future Pathways Planning for Tertiary Education Careers Meeting.

If your child is interested in attending or completing a Certificate, Diploma or Degree course at either university, polytechnic or a private training organisation eg: NZ School of Tourism or Te Wānanga o Aotearoa; please come to our information session on Monday 27 May at 5:30pm in the Waihi College Staffroom.

Andrew from the University of Waikato will be our special guest; he will be speaking about courses on offer, scholarships, accommodation and financial costs relating to studying. This evening is also to help prepare students for courses to take in Yr 12 and 13, as well as those heading off in 2025.

Light refreshments will be available in the staffroom, we look forward to seeing you all there.

University of Waikato Open Day.

This Friday 24 May, Waihi College will be taking all interested Year 12 & 13 students to the Uni Open Day. Please urgently see Ms Graveson if you have not put your name down to attend. Permission slips are required back for students to be able to attend.

Defensive Driving Course.

A Defensive Driving Course has been arranged to run at school. These sessions will be run on a Monday after school for 4 weeks, starting 10 June, 17 June, 24 June and the last day 1 July. We have a list of students names in the Gateway office, names can still be added if you have not done so already. There will be 2 groups; Group A will be run 3:30pm – 5:30pm, Group B will be run from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Please let Mrs Graveson know which Group you would prefer to be part of. Costs for the full course is \$220.00 paid to Waihi College in full by 14 June; if you prefer to pay in instalments this is available, please start these payments this week. By Completing a Defensive Driving Course, you will reduce the time you are required to spend on your restricted licence by 6 months and most importantly you will learn defensive driving skills, such as assessing and identifying hazards to reduce the risk of being in a road crash.

GLORIOUS KIWIFRUIT!

Our kiwifruit was picked on Saturday. 116 bins picked in under 4 hours - impressive to watch competent pickers.

This is our biggest crop to date by far and according to the lab tests before picking, our fruit size & quality was above industry average.

There will be bins of rejects (but still really good fruit) available at the front gate in a week or two. The fruit will be still very firm to start with but ripens in a week to ten days.

Don't eat too much at once - the consequences can be embarrassing 🤪 😊.

SCHOOL LUNCHES—COMING UP

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

WEEK 4

MONDAY Mex Mince Served Hot

Mild Mexican flavoured beef & bean sauce, served on rice and topped with cheese sauce. Served with corn chips.

TUESDAY Ham Sandwich

Delicious bread filled with ham, cheese and salad. Served with yoghurt (and fruit for high school students).

WEDNESDAY Ham Pizza Served Hot or Ambient

Pizza slice with pizza sauce, ham and cheese, carrot sticks, corn chips and slice.

THURSDAY Meatball Pasta Served Hot

Beef meatballs in a veggie tomato sauce on pasta and topped with cheese sauce. Served with a garlic roll.

FRIDAY Mac & Cheese Served Hot

Pasta with veggie cheese sauce, ham and mixed veggies.

WEEK 5

MONDAY Mac & Cheese Served Hot

Pasta with veggie cheese sauce, ham and mixed veggies.

TUESDAY Ham Sandwich

Delicious bread filled with ham, cheese and salad. Served with yoghurt (and fruit for high school students).

WEDNESDAY BBQ Chicken Pizza Served Hot or Ambient

Pizza slice with pizza sauce, chicken and cheese topped with BBQ sauce, carrot sticks, corn chips

THURSDAY Cheeseburger Wrap Served Hot

Classic cheeseburger ingredients, including a beef patty, cheese and salad, stuffed into a fresh wrap. Served with a brownie.

FRIDAY teacher only day