



KEI KONEI TĀTOU E TŪ ANA
HERE WE STAND

WAIHI COLLEGE

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TECHNOLOGY ALL GO

Year 9 students working across almost every area of Technology in a rapid prototyping exercise. Students worked on drawing a logo for a chocolate bar which was then laser cut, glued and put in the plastic former to create a chocolate mould. Students then poured their chocolate to make their own bar and took home their mould to keep using!



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

An exciting this week, with our epic House Day coming up on Thursday! Come dressed in house colours for a great day, which will include House activities, competitions and more! We are looking forward to seeing who will rise above and take out the points lead! The competition is fierce and the good sportsman spirits, are high!



Please don't forget on Friday we have a planned Accord day - where the tables are turned and the teachers become the learners for the day. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time unpacking what some of the changes in the NCEA curriculum look like for both our students and teachers.

I have been learning a fair bit about NCEA of late, and personally, am excited by the changes, and the ability for teachers to spend time unpacking the learning in different ways, with assessment being a slice of the pie, not the whole pie!

We will be running an NCEA 101 version, for those keen to know more, later in the year. In the meantime, hats off to the teachers, and Senior Leadership Team, who are traversing this territory with knowledge and keeping what our students need, front and center.

A big thanks to our Duke of Edinburgh and Landscaping students, who are doing a sterling job, of our gardens, and helping to problem solve some of our spaces that need a bit of attention. Showing kaitiakitanga, in action for our whenua, is noticed and so appreciated!!

We launch our Student Council this week - and were very thrilled to have students from Year 7 - 13, put their hand up, keen to help make a difference, and be a spokesperson for their year group. I am very much looking forward to working with you all.

Our Student Leaders have some exciting initiatives coming up, with student wellbeing and engagement being at the core of their efforts - we have some fabulous young adults in our midst, who I am confident will go on to do great things as they travel through life.

As always, I love to hear from you, about what is working well for your young person, so please do reach out.

Nga manaakitanga
Briar

Thames Valley Secondary Schools Squash Championships

We had 5 junior boys compete in the recent TVSSSA Squash Championships. And what a beautiful day it was.

Dominic Bismark came away as Division 3 Champion. Having a close 5th and final set, holding his own game and winning 3/5.

Byron Perkinson played really well and came away with a comfortable 4th place in Division 3.

Eli Townsend, Levi Morton, and Thomas Carson all played amazing and had fun, gaining more skills as they played more games.

Well done to you all.

Thank you to Jo Heath for helping me with transportation. Also well done and thank you to our host (first time hosting in her new role as Sport Coordinator) Casey Kopua, was a fabulous day.

Cross Country

Cross Country Results 2024 Last Friday we had our 2024 School Cross Country. Congratulations to all our tamariki for giving it a go, and finishing your race. The results were as follows.

Year 7 Girls

- 1 Emma Clarke
- 2 Pippa Bartram
- 3 Sonny Fitzgibbon
- 4 Salvador Lovelock
- 5 Sophie Perkinson
- 6 Olivia Callaghan

- 7 Marlie Cochrane
- 8 Poppy Bolderston

Year 7 Boys

- 1 Lachlan Hewlett
- 2 Noah McNeil
- 3 Jack Kayes
- 4 Joel Crockett
- 5 Kobi Picard
- 6 Owen Laing
- 7 Harvey Sharpe
- 8 Jimmi Randell

Year 8 Girls

- 1 Brielle Michalchuk
- 2 Jenny Yeh
- 3 Lexi Davies-Young
- 4 Breeze Clothier
- 5 Ruby Dysart
- 6 Jorja Watson
- 7 Amber Payne
- 8 Samara McHardy

Year 8 Boys

- 1 Lortress Thompson
- 2 Zoren Wallace
- 3 Tobin McArthur-Dye
- 4 Elijah Capper
- 5 Thierry Smith
- 6 Jayce Phillips
- 7 Hemi-Kupa Aupouri
- 8 Xavier Bower

SPORT CONTINUED —by Jess O’Brien

Junior Girls

- 1 Rylee Kuizinas
- 2 Elizabeth McHardy
- 3 Zariah Brewerton
- 4 Ariana Michalchuk
- 5 Genevieve Unsworth
- 6 Rose Mathis
- 7 Loren Knight
- 8 Anakah Lewis

Junior Boys

- 1 Stanley Anderson
- 2 Blake Smith
- 3 Jamie Hughes
- 4 Cooper Lyell
- 5 Tate Randell
- 6 Byron Perkinson
- 7 Levi Morton
- 8 Eli Townsend

Intermediate Girls

- 1 Charlie Joyce
- 2 Nevaeh Vautier
- 3 Asha Davies-Young
- 4 Luisa Fassell
- 5 Rylee Morgan
- 6 Celeste Rush
- 7 Piper Rush
- 8 Kyla Muir
- 9 Kayla Burr

Intermediate Boys

- 1 Aidan Butler
- 2 Lachy Osborne-Sole

3 Samuel Correns

4 Mace Harries

5 Brody Orchard

6 Nivek Smith

7 Trent Ewing

8 Jack Unsworth

Senior Girls

DNP

Senior Boys

1 Cassidy Shaw

2 Hamish Mudford

No records were set this year but so close for some. Well done to all our top 8 placings and congratulations to those who qualified for Thames Valley Secondary Schools Cross Country (next week) and our year 7&8 tamariki who qualified for WBOP Cross Country Championships (18th June).

Ex Waihi College student set to umpire at International Event

Huge congratulations to ex student Connor Pascoe for his appointment as an official for the upcoming Indoor Netball Junior Tri-Nations, Connor's first international event.

Connor began umpiring at the Waihi Netball Center from a young age. He was a member of the Waihi College Sports Academy whilst at school and made a significant contribution to College Netball supporting our teams as an umpire locally, in the Thames Valley League, Collegiate League, Bolton Cup, Aims Games, UNISS and was a member of the Rugnet touring squad.

SPORT CONTINUED —by Jess O’Brien

Congratulations Connor what an awesome achievement, many years in the making and a great example of having a dream and chasing after it!!

Basketball

We are now in week 2 & 3 of our Basketball season. We have 8 teams playing in the TCBA competition and 2 of those teams playing in the Thames Valley Basketball competition on a Friday night.

Rugby

Our Youth Boys and Girls Rugby kicked off last week. Whilst our boys are well polished a lot of our girls are giving it a go for the first time and loving it. Well done ladies on stepping out of your comfort zones.

Netball

We are well and truly into our netball season. Lots of development and growth happening within our college netball teams.

Our College A ladies are enjoying more competition over in Tauranga on a Thursday night.

Senior Girls Development are finding balance and improving their skills and knowledge.

The Year 10/11, 9A, Year 9 Development are all doing super well and improving every Tuesday.

We have 5 year 7&8 teams this year. Wow!! Some very talented young netballers amongst us, it's wonderful to see.

The Amazing Race

Last Thursday our year 7&8 Students

Lachlan Hewlett, Joel Crockett, Jordan Holmes, Ru-

by Dysart, Scarlet Mansell-Hogg and Olive Kelly competed at the WBOP Amazing Race in Tauranga.

This was a thinking and strategic race. Solving, team tasks, learning skills, communication, leadership, and lots of racing around memorial park. We don't yet have the results but be proud of your efforts team.

Huge thank you to Alana for helping me get the tamariki to this event.

1 st	Team 61 Pongakawa Year 8 = 37 points
2 nd	Team 56 Waihi College = 36 points
3 rd	Team 57 <u>Whakamarama</u> School = 35 points Team 60 Tauranga Intermediate School Team 2
4 th	Team 54 <u>Otamarakau</u> School = 33 Points Team 62 <u>Tauriko</u> Year 8 Team 65 <u>Pyes Pa</u> Team 66 Katikati College Team 1
5 th	Team 58 Pongakawa Yr 7 = 32 Points Team 64 Katikati College Team 2 Team 63 <u>Tauriko</u> Year 7
Minion Weight Guess Team 64 Katikati College Team 2	
Bop It Challenge:	
1 st	Team 57 <u>Whakamarama</u> School 72
2 nd	Team 58 Pongakawa Year 7 66
3 rd	Team 54 <u>Otamarakau</u> School 50 Team 60 Tauranga Intermediate 2

Overall Best at Team Challenges:

1 st	Team 60 Tauranga Intermediate 2	42 points
2 nd	Team 61 Pongakawa Yr 8	36 points
3 rd	Team 57 <u>Whakamarama</u> School	35 points

Thames Valley Representative Championships

Congratulations to our Waihi College Netballers Brea Peka, Palace O'Brien, Savarna Brightwell, plus new additions Dakota Cardie and Reese Neame and the rest of the Waihi u18 Representative Netball ladies who competed at the Thames Valley Representative Netball Championships at the weekend.

These ladies played an epic semi final against Morinsville u18 ladies. They came back strong in the final half to narrow the 6 goal lead. Forcing errors, getting turnovers, intercepts and winning the game 14-13.

SPORT CONTINUED

Wairaraua Noa-Paul from Whangamatā Area School got MVP.

Abigale Pugh from Whangamatā Area School got Most improved.

And our very own Reese Neame received Sports-manship

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Rugby League 9s Upskilling Session

On Wednesday we were very blessed to have Blake Ayshford and Lisa Mansell from NZRL come into our space to run a Rugby League 9s upskilling session in preparation for Secondary Schools Rugby League 9s in mid August (original date 6th June).

I hope your tamariki enjoyed the session and all took something away. I am looking to schedule in another session for our tamariki and other secondary schools within close proximity. Keep an eye/ear out for details.

We are still looking for Open Girls and will be running a trials for our youth boys.

Huge thank you to Leisa (MBAS Sport Coordinator) for connecting us.

Thanks whanau

Jess

COMING UP SOON

⇒ Tuesday 28th May
Thames Valley X-Country

⇒ Thursday 30th May Youth
Girls Rugby Game Paeroa

⇒ Friday 31st May TVSS
Mixed Teams Champs

⇒ Saturday 1st June Youth
Boys Rugby Home Game

SPORT PHOTOS FROM THE WEEK



CAREERS & FUTURE PATHWAYS—with Carolyn & Jade

Defensive Driving Course

Information slips are available in the Gateway office for the students who have put their names down to take part. 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 URGENTLY which Group you would prefer to be part of. 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. 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 re-

stricted 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.

Toi Ohomai Presentation

Thursday 6 June at 9.45am. Nathan from Toi Ohomai will be presenting to Yr11-13 students about the upcoming courses available in Term 3 and 2025.

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
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Ngā mihi, with kind regards
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SCHOOL LUNCHES—COMING UP

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

WEEK 5

MONDAY Mac & Cheese Served Hot

Pasta with vegful cheese sauce, ham and mixed veggies.

TUESDAY Ham Sandwich

Oatilicious 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

WEEK 6

MONDAY - King's Birthday

TUESDAY Ham Sandwich

Oatilicious 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 Risssoles & Gravy Served Hot

Beef & Veggie Risssoles with veg loaded potato and gravy

FRIDAY Coconut Curry Served Hot

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