



KEI KONEI TĀTOU E TŪ ANA  
HERE WE STAND

# WAIHI COLLEGE

## NEWSLETTER

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### PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Welcome back to Term 2!

I trust you have had a fabulous few weeks and have come back refreshed and ready to go hard for the next ten weeks!

This term will be packed with great opportunities to get stuck in and be a part of school life. We are aiming to lift our school pride and deepen our sense of belonging to the place and time in our young people's lives that will help shape who they become. Please encourage your young people to keep up their attendance (unless they are genuinely sick), as each day counts, not only in terms of layering learning opportunities but also their friendships and relationships with our wider community.



I was fortunate enough to be asked to come and 'judge' the incredible creations in our Year 9 class last term. Here is what Ms O'Hagan said...

"In Aotearoa Histories with Whaea Phoebe, we have been looking at different

ways Māori caught different types of sea creatures.



Ruru ākonga were challenged to research and make models of different types of traps, nets and fish hooks that were used. It was a race against time where they had to source materials from the school grounds to create. They rose to the challenge and the items now are proudly displayed in my classroom!"



How fabulous to see young engineers' minds at work, using the design

process and the advice of those who have come before us! Brilliant work rangitahi!

This term will see winter sports up and rocking—I encourage us all to get behind our various teams in support. We are very grateful for the coaches, managers, drivers, uniform washers, food sorters, and more who turn up weekly (or as they can). Our young people benefit hugely from your time and commitment, so THANK YOU! If you have some time to give, please contact us, and we will put you in touch with the right people.

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT CONTINUED

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This newsletter includes the mobile phone agreement we have as a kura (school) with our students. I have included it in its entirety, so you are aware of our process for the phone issues that pop up from time to time.

You will have heard in the news that starting this week, all schools are to have an agreement that supports phones being away for the day (outside educational/health needs, directed by staff). Please do read it, and feel free to email any questions you might have through to me. [principal@waihicol.school.nz](mailto:principal@waihicol.school.nz)

Later this term, you will have the opportunity to connect with your child's teachers, so please keep an eye out in the newsletter for up-and-coming dates. In the meantime, feel free to reach out to them via email or pop in to share queries and celebrations you might have. Our staff work hard and are passionate about our kura—my thanks to each of them for the manaakitanga and care shown to all.

Nga manaakitanga  
Briar





# ANZAC DAY

Waihi College students did our proud again this ANZAC day, representing the school at several events. Waihi Beach RSA dawn service, Waihi RSA dawn service, the Tunnellers Memorial at Gilmour Park and ANZAC Day Commemoration at the Memorial Hall. We also did the Cross for Crosses display at the college on the field above the tennis courts.



## WAIHI CHOIR PROJECT

Edwin Randell and Roshan Tuivavalagi in conjunction with all Waihi primary schools are excited to announce they are putting on a combined choir project. The project includes students from years five to eight and it's going to be a fantastic event. The concert will be held at the Waihi College Hall on the 26 June—more details to follow! The first combined rehearsal is on the 9th May (during school hours) at the college.



## 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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## SCHOOL BALL—18TH MAY

Ball Applications can be collected from the office. They need to be completed and returned by 3rd May.

If you would like to download an application, please go the Latest News section of our website under Keeping Informed: <https://www.waihicol.school.nz/keeping-informed-%c2%b7-parongo/latest-news-events-%c2%b7-kawepurongo/>

*If we need to speak to any student about their Ball application, we will send for them. If you do not hear from us, you can assume your application has been approved.*

Remember we will need a photo of any guest that is coming to the Ball from outside Waihi College. These photos need to be sent to Wendy via email on [wendys@waihicol.school.nz](mailto:wendys@waihicol.school.nz).

We have also sent home a letter via email to all caregivers of our Senior Students - this can also be found in the Latest News section of our website. Should you have any questions, please contact Wendy on [wendys@waihicol.school.nz](mailto:wendys@waihicol.school.nz) or Jo Howell on [joh@waihicol.school.nz](mailto:joh@waihicol.school.nz)

**Tickets will go on sale on Monday 6th May and will be \$80 per person. Ticket sales will close on Wednesday 15th May**

## DIGITAL NOUSE NEEDED!

Would you like to use your digital savvy to help the community? Lyn from the Hauraki District Council is looking for a student or two who can create digital promotional content (Instagram and Facebook posts, posters etc) for our community clubs and organisations. It would look FANTASTIC on your CV!

Please get in touch with Lyn if you think you can help or would like to know more. Contact her on 02718002195 or [Lyn.Randall@hauraki-dc.govt.nz](mailto:Lyn.Randall@hauraki-dc.govt.nz)



Located onsite at school



WAIHI COLLEGE

### Layer Up for Autumn!



**Softshell Jacket**

**\$86.00**

**Sweatshirt**

**\$48.00**

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[wcol.uniformgroup.co.nz](mailto:wcol.uniformgroup.co.nz)

# PHONES AWAY FOR THE DAY

## Phones Away for the Day - Waihi College Cell Phones and Yondr

**Information from the Ministry of Education:** The Government has introduced regulations that require all state schools and kura to have student phone rules in use. Rules must be in use as soon as possible in Term 1 2024 and no later than Term 2.

If your school or kura has existing student phone rules there may be little to do except ensure your rules reflect the new regulations. Other schools and kura will need to begin the process of implementing new phone rules in your school community.

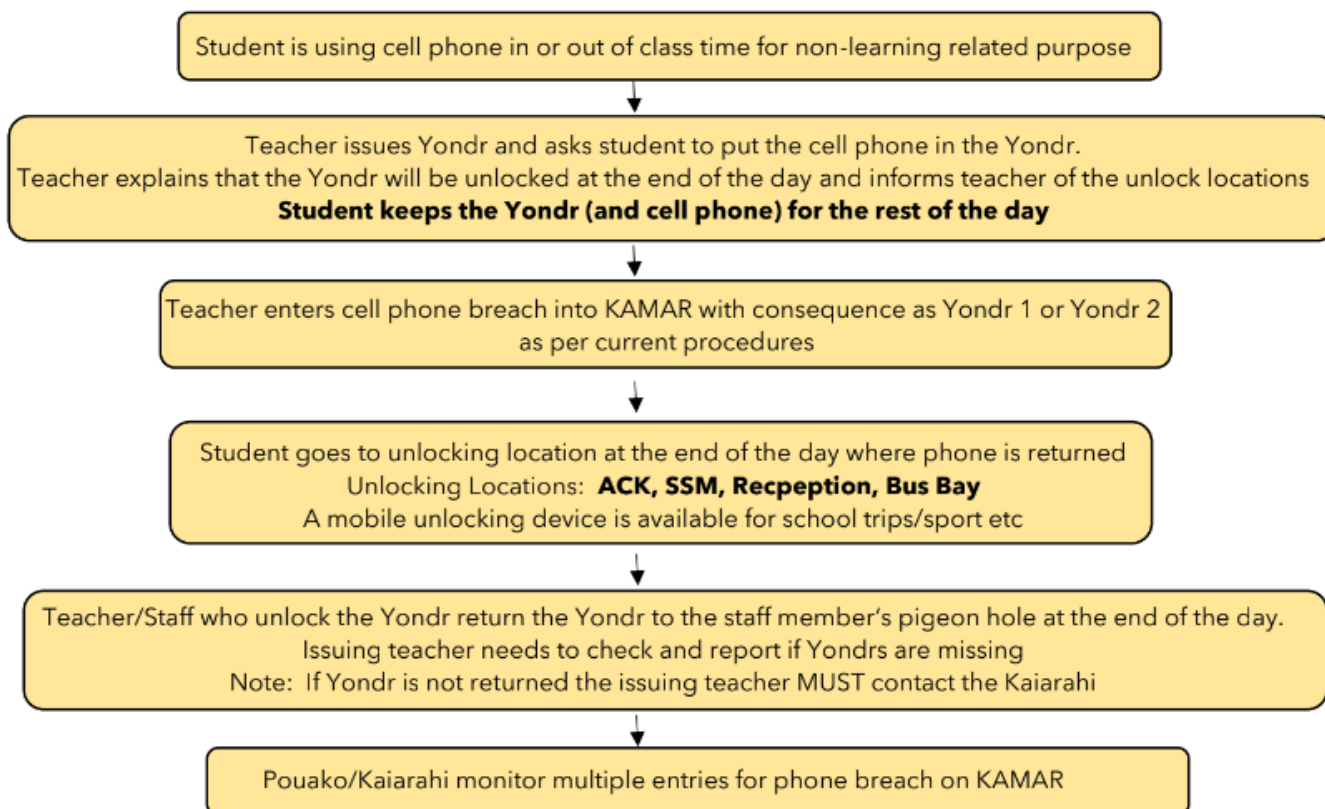
There is some flexibility in how you implement the rules based on your school's circumstances and the needs of your learners and their whānau | families. For example, exemptions may occur where ākonga | student requires a phone to support their health or learning needs.

Ministry of Education FAQ can be found at this link and are a very useful go to for information:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/school/digital-technology/cellphones/>

**Waihi College** have had a no phones policy for a number of years. We are refining our procedures to reflect the new rules. We also acknowledge the use of cell phones/devices for learning purposes and aim to educate students about cell phones as a tool for learning, when and where it is appropriate to use a cell phone.

Students with health, learning or special circumstances (eg teenage parent) can be given an exemption to these rules.



The Yondr pouches are to ensure safe keeping of the device. Damage or failure to return the Yondr pouch must be reported immediately.

A charge to replace the damaged or lost item will be added to the student's account (\$50) and parent/caregiver/whānau will be notified.



## Phones away for the day School FAQs



### We need to know...

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### Do we need to implement student phone rules?

#### Do these regulations apply to our school?

The regulations apply to all state schools and kura. These schools are required to introduce or modify existing rules to meet the regulatory obligation.

Private schools are able, but not required, to implement rules.

Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu are exempt from these rules as it will not be practical to monitor and enforce for correspondence learning.

#### Do we have to implement the regulations?

Yes. The government has introduced regulations that all State schools are required to implement. This will ensure a consistent experience for learners, and will most likely be done by making or changing a school rule under section 126 of the Education and Training Act 2020.

#### Do we need to consult on the rules?

Your board must consult when considering making a new school rule or making a change to an existing school rule. This applies to rules

where your school intends to enforce full compliance with the rule, and there will be disciplinary and/or negative consequences for non-compliance. Your board does not need to consult on school rules that are already in place.

This consultation may include details such as how your school will store or keep phones safe, respond to breaches of the rules, manage exemptions, and update and review your rules.

#### What is the experience of schools who currently have rules in place?

Schools and kura that already have student phone rules in place report positive impacts which include better engagement for learning, better social engagement, and fewer instances of bullying during break times.

#### Does this infringe on student’s human rights?

The regulations for student phones to be off and away all day in schools engages the right to freedom of expression affirmed in section 14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, the Ministry of Education considers that the limit on freedom of expression is reasonable and proportionate in service of the policy objective of improved student engagement and achievement.

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## What do the rules apply to?

### Do the rules include devices e.g., tablets, and smart watches?

The regulations only apply to student phones. Most schools have existing BYOD policies around the appropriate use of laptops and tablets. Schools are able to make decisions about the management of wearable devices like smart watches in consultation with their community.

### What exemptions will be available?

The regulations apply to students in all state schools. However, there are exemptions within the regulations for certain schools, students and circumstances:

- › Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu will be eligible for an exemption due to its reliance on devices for distance education.
- › Students may use phones for educational purposes if deemed necessary by their teacher as part of schoolwork.
- › Students who require their phone for health purposes, such as monitoring insulin levels, will be exempt.
- › Students who are aided by their phone to overcome learning barriers, such as communication technology for an impairment, will be exempt.
- › In special circumstances, the principal can provide an exemption if deemed necessary given a student's situation (for example, the student is a teenage parent).

Exemptions for students will need to be decided and managed by the school.

### Can teachers and other adults use their phones?

The regulations only apply to students.

## How will we make this work in our school?

### When does phones 'away for the day' begin?

Rules must be in use as soon as possible in Term 1 2024 and no later than Term 2.

### How will parents contact their child at school, including in the event of an emergency?

Parents will still be able to contact their child through your existing school processes.

As part of rules schools will need to decide how they will manage student phone use during emergencies that occur during the school day, for example evacuations or lockdowns.

### Where will students store their phone during the day?

Each school, in consultation with their community, will make decisions about how and where student phones will be stored during the school day. Examples of school approaches to student phone storage include, but are not limited to:

- › in the student's school bag
- › in a lockable pouch
- › in student lockers
- › in a secure location, such as a locked cupboard.

### Will schools be given additional resources to enforce and monitor the rules?

There are no additional resources being introduced with these rules. It is expected that schools can determine a cost-effective and practical approach by learning from others who have already implemented similar rules.

## 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.**

**[WWW.WAIHICOL.SCHOOL.NZ](https://www.waihicol.school.nz)**



### How do the rules need to be enforced?

Schools are able to decide how to enforce the rules. The usual behaviour management approach is likely to be appropriate, rather than introducing specific disciplinary actions for students.

Schools that currently restrict phones follow their usual school approaches to behaviour management and discipline to implement the rules, including the use of restorative practices in some cases.

### How do exemptions need to be recorded or monitored?

The regulations do not require schools to record the use of exemptions. Schools are able to decide how to record and monitor exemptions in a way that supports management of their rules.

### How will implementation of the rules be monitored?

Te Mahau staff will work with schools to confirm rules are in place, and support implementation for those that require assistance.

The Education Review Office (ERO) monitors compliance. ERO will ask Boards to attest whether or not they are meeting the regulation through the three-yearly Board Assurance Statement (BAS) process.

ERO will also be seeking information from schools to evaluate how well the regulation has been implemented, what is working well and what is not. Evaluation findings will provide sector wide insights and enable the sharing of best practice.

### What happens if a school cannot meet the requirement?

Schools will be supported by Te Mahau Ministry staff to make the appropriate adjustments to their procedures so they can meet the regulation. The Education Review Office reports identified non-compliance and notes if the school has addressed, taken steps to address or not yet addressed any non-compliance before a report is confirmed.



## TEACHER ONLY DAYS IN MAY

Earlier this week an email was sent home to all caregivers in regard to the TOD (Teacher Only Days) in Term 2. Please see a copy of that letter below. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms Howell.

This letter is to inform you of the upcoming Teacher Only Days for Term 2 when school will not be open for instruction. There are also times when school will be closed for PPTA Paid Union Meetings, Ministry of Education ACCORD Days and national holidays. Please see below a summary of these dates to add to your calendar:

**\*\*Wednesday 8th May – Teacher Only Day** (no classes for students). This teacher only day will cover learning around Neurodiversity and is delivered through a provider called Mind Over Manner. Waihi College staff will be joined by members of staff from

**\*\*Wednesday 22nd May – PPTA PUM** – school will run from 8.45am through to 12.30pm with Periods 1-5. Staff will be travelling to Paeroa for the union meeting and there will be no classes in the afternoon session.

Buses will run at normal times

**\*\*Friday 31st May – Ministry of Education ACCORD Day** (no classes for students). This teacher only day will focus on the changes to the New Zealand curriculum including NCEA changes and Te Mataiaho (junior curriculum).

**\*\*Monday 3rd June – King's Birthday** (school is closed)

**\*\*Friday 28th June – Matariki national holiday** (school is closed)

Thank you for your understanding and support

## SCHOOL LUNCHES—COMING UP

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

### WEEK 3

#### MONDAY *Pasta Bolognese Served Hot*

Pasta topped with beef cooked in a hidden veggie sauce. Served with a garlic roll.

#### 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 *Rissoles & Gravy Served Hot*

Beef & Veggie Rissoles with veg loaded potato and gravy.

#### FRIDAY *Coconut Curry Served Hot*

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

