

WAIHĪ COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Ms Clare, one of our beloved educators here at Waihi College recently opened up to The Valley Profile about her cute way of connecting with kids; bringing lambs to school. In a candid interview with The Valley Profile, Ms Clare shared her vision behind this unique approach to education, which aims to bridge the gap between students, animals, and the classroom environment. “When you bring animals like lambs into a learning space,” Ms Clare explained, “you are not just teaching students about responsibility and care; you’re providing them with an emotional connection that enhances their learning experience.” She went on to describe how students responded with enthusiasm and curiosity, engaging not only with the lambs but also with their peers and lessons in deeper ways.

Ms Clare believes that this kind of interaction helps students feel more comfortable and motivated in the classroom. It’s about creating a learning space where students feel connected—to the animals, to each other, and to the material we’re covering in class.

The Valley
Profile
CoromandelApp

All lambs on deck



With this creative and heartfelt approach to education, Ms Clare continues to inspire students, bringing life—and lambs—into the classroom in a way that will leave a lasting impact on their educational journey.

Check out the full article here:

<https://www.valleyprofile.co.nz/2024/08/20/all-lambs-on-deck/>



. Kaituhi, inspire me. Kaituhi, haunt me. Kaituhi, entertain me. Kaituhi, teach me. Kaituhi

Waihi College Writing Competition 2024

Me whakanui i a tātou kupu Let's celebrate our words.

Let's hear what YOU have to say!

Write in any genre you wish.

Stories, poems, song lyrics and plays are all welcome.

Entries must be with your English teacher by the end of week 9 (20th September).

Prizes to be awarded in Term 4.
All enquiries to Mrs Barrow in B9.

Five sections:
Year seven, eight, nine and ten : 1,000 word limit.
Seniors – fast fiction- 600 word limit.

\$500 total prize fund
For each section:
First place: \$50
Second place \$30
Third place \$20

Haunt me, kaituhi. Inform me, kaituhi. Teach me, Kaituhi. Reassure me, Kaituhi. Scare me !

Kaituhi, make me laugh. Kaituhi, make me cry. Kaituhi, inspire me

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Get creative and enter our school writing competition! Whether you enjoy writing fiction, non-fiction, poetry, or song lyrics, there's a category for you.

Categories and Prizes

There are five sections: Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, and Seniors.

- **1st Place:** \$50
- **2nd Place:** \$30
- **3rd Place:** \$20

Submission Guidelines

- **Prose Word Limit:** 1000 words
- **Senior Fast Fiction Word Limit:** 600 words
- Submit your work to your English teacher by **Week 9 (20th September)**.
- **Seniors** without an English class can submit their work to Mrs. Barrow in B9.

Don't miss out on your chance to win and have your work recognised!

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora Whanau,

What a great week had last week!

Super proud of our young people who were beyond brave and inspired many, with their story on how they use their super power of ADHD... you guys are super heroes to me! Our students presented two sessions to teachers, principals and learning support staff, across the whole of Hauraki last week. It was great to see how popular their workshops were, and to see so many people come and chat and congratulate them afterwards.

One thing we hear over and over, is that people who have been teaching for decades, learn more about the superpower of ADHD, from this one session, than from all their years of teaching and professional development. It is especially empowering to see our students using these opportunities to speak out on behalf of so many, who are



unable to. We are super proud of you, Cassidy, Greta, Izzie and Iain!

Last week, we had our Waikato Drug dogs in - it is always a very interesting experience to watch them work. There is a lot of training and devotion, from the handler, to action this - it is impressive. We are very pleased to partner with this initiative, to help keep our kura a safe space for our young rangitahi.



We have asked for expressions of interest from our young adults, in regards to 2025 Student Leadership positions. It was heartening to receive 20 young people put their hand up to be considered, to participate in the interview process for this - outstanding! It is always exciting to walk alongside our young leaders, and I'm so pleased to acknowledge their bravery. Regardless of the eventual outcome, we are proud of your willingness to stand tall on behalf of your peers, your whanau and yourselves!

We have been talking through manaakitanga in our various spaces, and what this means for us, as a kura. Our young people are emulating this in many contexts!

All the very best to those going away to compete at the various sporting opportunities coming up - stand tall, work hard, be true to your values - we are proud of you.

Nga manaakitanga,
Briar

NURSE'S CORNER

**WAIHI COLLEGE HAS A SCHOOL NURSE
AVAILABLE MONDAY-THURSDAY ALL DAY**

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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WAIHI COLLEGE WALL OF FAME

**Waihi College is in the process of
updating the Sports Wall of Fame**

If you or anyone you know represented New Zealand in sport within the last 30 years, please email us on wendys@waihicol.school.nz or bandlwilloughby@gmail.com. Examples could be: you are a National Champ or have represented NZ in a national team. Please provide us details of the sport, the achievement made and the year it happened. We are collating everything and adding it to a spreadsheet. From there, a sports panel will make any decisions and get in touch with you if they have any queries.

WAIHĪ COLLEGE

INFORMATION
WANTED



St John Club has moved.
Still on every Wednesday at
4.30pm, but now you can find
them in the Waihi College gym
classroom.

Join
ST JOHN
YOUTH

Young people developing their potential through leadership,
hauora and engaging in their communities.

St John Youth is for all young people aged 5 to 18 years, so come
and learn, connect and grow with us.

Waihi Division

Wednesday 4.30pm-6.00pm Waihi College Gym Classroom
Access via Rata St Waihi

youth@stjohn.org.nz | 0800 ST JOHN | youth.stjohn.org.nz

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Hato Hone
St John

Youth Search and Rescue Programme

Applications are now open for the Youth Search and Rescue programme for students aged 14 to 16! This 3-year programme combines classroom learning with outdoor adventures to

develop skills in search and rescue and emergency management.

Students will gain outdoor education skills, leadership experience, STEM competencies, and more. They can also achieve the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and contribute to their community. For more info and to apply, visit them at www.YSAR.nz

The deadline for applications is 30 September 2024. Don't miss this chance to join a network of passionate and talented young people who are making a difference in our communities. Apply now and get ready for the adventure of a lifetime!

EDUCATING & TRAINING YOUTH TO
**SURVIVE, THRIVE
& SAVE LIVES**

YSAR IS CALLING ALL SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WANTING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND GAIN NATIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE EMERGENCY RESPONSE QUALIFICATIONS.

LEARN SKILLS FOR LAND AND SEA

- Survival, self-leadership and an introduction to SAR and emergency response and bush craft training
- Search and Rescue and Emergency Response methodology
- Learn Emergency Management, gain competencies in managing a full-scale emergency response and deploying the appropriate resources to deliver a positive outcome.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR YSAR'S THREE YEAR TRAINING PROGRAMME

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 30/09/2024
YOU MUST BE AGED 14 YEARS OR OLDER AT FEBRUARY 1

TO APPLY VISIT:
WWW.YSAR.NZ

www.ysar.nz

Waihi Beach Primary are hosting a centenary in October, to past students and people that have been connected with their kura | school over the years.



Go to their website for more information
[www.https://waihibeach.school.nz/centenary-2024/](https://waihibeach.school.nz/centenary-2024/)

SPORTS WITH JESS

Equestrian

North Island Secondary Schools

Earlier this month St Peters hosted the final North Island Secondary Schools event for the year - NISS Show Jumping Carnival. It was a fabulous day of fun and competition for the riders. Our Waihi College riders Tayha Crammond and Isabelle Carey joined forces with Waikato Diocesan riders Fleur and Libby Street. The team came away with 1st place.

Waikato Equestrian Centre Winter Show Hunter Series

Tamsin Douglas and Kyla Muir competed in the Waikato Equestrian Centre Winter Show Hunter Series held over the last 4 months. Consistently placing in all her classes over the 4 days of competition, Tamsin (riding Lola) ended up taking away the 80cm high points series champion, with Kyla (riding Evie) a well deserved reserve champion. Despite only attending 3 days of the series in her first season of show hunter, Kyla won or placed 2nd in a number of classes.

Netball

Congratulations to Asha Davies-Young and Rylee Morgan on your invitation into the College A UNISS Team Campaign.

Waihi Netball League What a whirlwind of a season and perhaps even the first season in several years where no nights were rained off. We had 9 teams compete in the Waihi Netball League and they all had some amazing results.

The results were:

Senior Girls Development Collegiate Champions A Reserve Champions A Reserve Promotion Relegation for Competition Round Winners Most Goals Scored equal runners up with 333 goals

Coaches spiel; It has been wonderful working with our girls this season. All players were at different levels in the social and competitive aspect of netball, so we all set a goal/challenge for the season and we achieved most of these leading up to Finals. We tweaked our work ons and plays, breaking them down into sessions for training. Our focus was doing the basics and doing it well - Footwork is everything - Positive Energy is a ripple effect - It's okay to come off the court when you need to reset. Senior Development girls finish their netball season at the National Netball Kurangaituku Campaign in Rotorua in early September.

Year 10/11 B Grade Promotion Relegation Competition Round Winners Least Goals Scored Against with 178

Year 9 A Most Advanced Junior Team B Grade Champions

Year 9 Development B Reserve Grade Runners Up

Year 7/8 A Promotion Relegation B Reserve Grade Winners 5th Place Overall B Grade

Year 7/8 Development Promotion Relegation B Reserve Grade equal Runners Up 6th Place Overall B Grade

Year 7/8 Kereru B Reserve Grade Champions

Year 7/8 Piwakawaka Sportsmanship Extreme Sportsmanship

Year 7/8 Kea 5th Overall B Reserve Grade

Junior Umpire of the Year

Malea Hutchins and Palace O'Brien

Tauranga Netball League

Our Year 7/8 A Girls also competed in the Tauranga Netball League this season. They have won 5/5 games for the championship round and will be playing in the semifinals this weekend against Papamoa Mystics. If successful they will be heading into the Finals after that. Good luck team.

Tauranga Netball Tournament

Our year 7/8 A girls and College A competed at the Tauranga Netball Tournament over the weekend.

7/8 A Girls went over with 7 players, won 3/5 games which is an amazing achievement.

The team finished 3rd place.

College A Girls played well and finished 3rd place.

Representative Rugby

Brea Peka and her Thames Valley u19s team headed to Te Kuiti at the weekend to make their debut against King Country Secondary Schools. The girls played hard and with heart going down 27-31.

Coach Matthew Carden-Scott and Manager Briar Carden-Scott are so proud of you ladies and are looking forward to the next line-up.

Golf

Last week we had 14 golfers compete at the annual Thames Valley Golf Championships. This was the second round hosted at the Thames Golf Club. The growth of Golf within our school community has been amazing to see.

Full Results are yet to come.

Thank you to Phil Davison and Matua Glen for taking the team over.

Basketball

The Tauranga City Basketball League ends this week for all teams. Congratulations and good luck to our College A Girls on your Final against Te Wharekura o Ruatoki Senior Girls. To all our other teams playing this week, good luck and enjoy the game. Our College A Boys will still be in training mode as they continue to train for Premis in early September.

Overdue Fees

Sports Fees are now well overdue and must be paid prior to any major Sports Tournaments such as; UNISS, Premis, Aims Games, Kurangaituku, and or before any Spring/Summer codes are established. Letters will go home this week from the Sports Coordinator if your tamariki has any outstanding fees.

Sports Uniforms

We still have several multisport tees, multisport singlets and netball dresses not yet returned. Please check your homes and or return to your team's manager/coach/Sports Coordinator.

All basketball players should hand their uniforms to the team manager after the last game. The team manager can return to the sports coordinator please.

Upcoming Sports Codes

Please keep an eye out for sign ups for the following codes Volleyball, Touch, Spring Netball League.

Sports Prizegiving

The dates have been set for Team Awards, Sports Volunteers (for coaches, managers, volunteers of sports) Evening and Special Awards. Please pencil in the following dates.

Tuesday 15th October Teams Awards and Volunteer Evening (held directly after Teams Awards) Venue - Waihi College Hall

Further information will be sent out and advertised soon.

Friday 22nd October Special Awards

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