

WAIHĪ COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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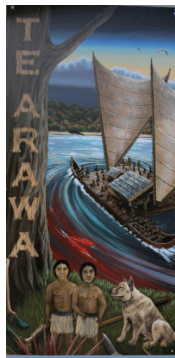
Last week's kapa haka celebration at Waihi College was a resounding success, drawing students and families from across the community for a day filled with culture, pride, and unity. Held on Friday, 6th September, the event showcased powerful performances by students from several local schools, including Waihi College, Te Kohanga o Pukewa, Te Wharekura o Te Waitangi o Hinemuri, Waihi Central, St Joseph's, Waihi East, Waikino, and Waihi Beach.

The celebration was divided into two sessions: Group Tahi performed from 9.30am to 12.00pm, followed by Group Rua from 12.30pm to 2.15pm. The energy and passion from each group left the audience in awe, as each kapa haka ropu displayed skill, dedication, and immense pride.

Parents, teachers, and students packed the venue to witness the performances. The sense of community was awesome, with families cheering on their children, and school pride shining through. A barbecue and bake sale added to the festive atmosphere, with proceeds helping support our girls Basketball Aims team.

All the photos have been downloaded to our Waihi College Dropbox account - from there you can download and keep any you like. Please check out the School Photos section of our website to see these amazing photos taken by Hamish McKinnon. We also shared a recording of the event, thanks to our fantastic techie Campbell Douglas, to all participating schools. Please get in touch with your kura if you would like a copy.





WAIHĪ COLLEGE OPEN AFTERNOON



Nau mai, hoki mai

To all Year 6, 7 & 8
ākonga and their whānau

We welcome you all to spend time
in our space, connect with kaiako
and ākonga, learn more about
what we have been learning this
year and join in game or two.

We look forward to see you all.

17 SEPTEMBER, 2.30PM - 4.30PM

For more information, email: caseyd@waihicol.schoo.nz



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora Whanau,

Well Spring is definitely in the air - the kowhai tree outside my window has a very territorial tui perched, ready to tell off any sparrow that may land in it!

It is wonderful to see the blossoms return and the cycle start again.

How fabulous is it to have SO many junior athletes competing in a variety of sporting opportunities in Tauranga this week, at AIMS Games.

Our profound thanks to all the staff and whanau who make this happen for our students - without you - this wouldn't happen. A few of our students have been fortunate enough to pick up medals with their endeavors - a massive congratulations to you! I would like to commend Waihi College on their sportsmanship and fantastic attitudes on the field, court, mat and water - you are super stars!

I would also like to acknowledge many of our students, from year 10-13, who are undergoing the Common Assessment Activities (CAA), this week. The settled and mature way you have approached this challenge has impressed us all - well done, and we look forward to the results coming in!

Next week, we will be interviewing potential Student Leaders for next year. We had 20 brave rangatahi put their name in the ring, and will be interviewing selected students from this pool.

As a staff, we have been thrilled with the willingness to put their hands up, and step bravely into leadership spaces, and look forward to announcing later in the year our team for 2025.

Prizegiving season is nearly upon us! Please keep an eye on the calendar for dates and details coming.



Lastly, a group of our students will be travelling to Japan next week - lap up every moment and make lifelong memories! Remember, you represent our kura, your whanau and our beautiful Aotearoa; so ensure you do this pride in who we all are. I am looking forward to joining them all for some of the time in Japan, and am hopeful to uncover further opportunities for our students.

Have a fabulous week and weekend to come.

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)

Margie Goldsworthy | SCHOOL NURSE

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COMING UP

Waihi College Talent Quest: 25th September

Spring Concert: 25th September

Spirit Days: 26th-27th September

Prizegiving Dates: These can be found on our website under Keeping Informed (Important Dates) and are being updated as the term progresses.



◁ WRITING COMPETITION

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

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

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

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.

LET US THANK YOU



We are keen to hear about our kids who give back. If you have helped your school or community on a voluntary basis this year (or know of a Waihi College student that has), please email Wendy on wendys@waihicol.school.nz or encourage them to pop their name on the Service Sheet outside Wendy and Jess's office. We like to acknowledge these students with a Service Certificate at the end of the year. These certificates are great for their CV, or just to have on the wall as something to be proud of.

Services can include things such as: Hall Tech, Library, Kai Care, Services to School (helping at events after hours), Leo's, Ball Committee, Reffing/Coaching, Student Council, Surf Lifesaving, Services to Marae, Services to Music, Community Volunteering etc but there are many more, so please come forward.

◁Waihi Agricultural Education Trust

The Waihi Agricultural Education Trust was formed after funds were received from the sale of Waihi Vet Club in 2006. The purpose of the Trust is to foster and support education in the agricultural sector. Scholarships are available to students intending to or currently undertaking study in the agricultural field. To be eligible you must be, prior to commencing your study and based in the Waihi district. To date (since 2007) the trust has contributed \$239,780.00 of scholarship funding in the rural sector back into our community. Applications for scholarships are now open.

If you are interested in applying or finding out more feel free to get in contact with one of us or complete the attached application form and send it in.

LITERACY COMPETITION AGES 5-18

Mokopuna Ora

Entries Close 13th October 2024

Enter at <https://tinyurl.com/MokopunaOra2>



To celebrate International Literacy Day, our Child Well-being Research Institute is launching our second nationwide competition for tamariki and rangatahi between the ages of 5 and 18. Started by the United Nations in 1967, International Literacy Day builds awareness of the importance of literacy for all people to flourish. This competition aims to connect Aotearoa New Zealand to this global movement, centred on the theme promoting multi-lingual education: Literacy for mutual understanding and peace.

\$500

Prize
bundle for
winner in
each
category



The topic for each category is:

5-7 years: "The Magic Book of Languages"

You find a magical book that can teach you any language in the world. Which languages do you learn, and how do you use them to make new friends from different places?

8-10 years: "Tastes of the World"

Create a recipe book with traditional dishes from various cultures, including the names of ingredients and instructions in multiple languages. Highlight how food can be a way to explore and appreciate different cultures and languages.

11-14 Years: "Speak for Peace"

Design a social media campaign that encourages people to learn a new word or phrase in a different language each day. Create posts, hashtags, and graphics that highlight the importance of language learning for building a more peaceful world.

15-18 years: "Languages of War, Languages of Peace"

Write an essay that compares and contrasts the language used in wartime propaganda with the language used in peace negotiations. How can changing the way we use language shift the world from conflict to peace?

Group Entry: "A Multilingual Peace Book"

Work in a group to create a book that includes stories, poems, and illustrations from different languages and cultures. Each member of the group can contribute something in a different language or style.

Entries will be judged in the five categories above on the basis of insight and authenticity of voice. Winners will be announced on Friday 25 October and will receive an age appropriate well-being prize bundle valued at \$500 each. There are also book vouchers for 2nd and 3rd place winners and five standout entries in each category. *Entries must be received by 4pm on Sunday 13 October.*

For full competition details and instructions on how to submit entry go to: <https://tinyurl.com/MokopunaOra2>

The competition is being run by Te Kāhui Pā Harakeke—The Child Well-being Research Institute at the University of Canterbury. The vision for the Child Well-being Research Institute is to lead real-world research that transforms the waiora (well-being) of mokopuna in Aotearoa. One of our most significant initiatives is the Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA), which is culturally responsive structured literacy approach. If your school would like more information on the Better Start Literacy Approach, please email askbsla@canterbury.ac.nz.



**Te Kāhui Pā Harakeke
Child Well-being
Research Institute**

SPORTS WITH JESS AND JO

Sports Prizegiving

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

Tuesday 15th October - Teams Awards, Waihi College Hall

Tuesday 15th October - Volunteer Evening, Waihi College Hub

Friday 18th October - Special Sports Awards, Bowentown Boat Club

Uniforms

With winter codes wrapped up or wrapping up soon please can all uniforms be returned to the Student Centre, Team Managers and or to the Sport Coordinator. Please can they be returned in a clean condition. Missing uniforms causes a huge problem with incomplete sets for future sports codes.

Thames Valley Representative Rugby

Our Thames Valley Representative Rugby teams headed down to Whanganui at the end of August. We have several Waihi College and ex Waihi College students across the teams.

What a weekend it was for our teams. Swamp Foxes won 23 - 18

Jackels won 37 - 19

Vixens won 30 - 27

U19 Boys won 44 - 0

U19 Girls won 25 - 15

U16 Boys won 29 - 28

U16 Girls loss 5 - 12

The teams also had another line up at the weekend which included an undefeated 3 game tournament for our u16 Boys.

2024 North Island Heartland Under 16 Champions. The results were:

vs Whanganui 17-5

vs King Country 3-0

vs Eastern Bay of Plenty 34-8

Congratulations boys, this is a huge achievement for our province!

The u16 Girls played Harlequins at Rhodes Park at the weekend. The girls worked hard and played well with lots of learnings but the Harlequins proved strong and took the win 5 - 42

Good luck for your games next week girls.

The u19 Girls match vs Poverty Bay was defaulted due to low numbers. I am sure they are looking forward to their next line up.



Badminton

Well done to Shania Manawat and her team mates who headed to the BOP Senior Badminton Finals after qualifying in June.

The composite team played in the 3rd Division and placed 3rd, bringing home the bronze. The team was made up of Aroha Kent, Vanshika Chopra, Claire Williams and Shania Manawat.

Girls played in a box, winning their games 4-2, on the cross over losing to the eventual winners. They then bounced back into the 3rd place match against Whakatane.

It was great to see the massive improvements in both teams since June. Each player has made huge gains in their abilities under the guidance of Ms Chye and that was pleasing to see today.

Well done Shania.

Thames Valley Badminton

A few weekends ago Thames Valley Badminton held the Junior and Senior Championships. In the u15 division we had Byron Perkinson, Jenny Yeh, and Levi Morton compete.

Byron was undefeated in all his games scooping up 1st place in the singles Finals.

Byron and Levi over all finals winners for doubles.

Jenny and Byron, over all winners for mixed doubles.

Congratulations to you all.





Motocross

Motocross is still on!

That's right the sport that happens rain, hail or shine, every Sunday of every month, all year round.

Alex Maitland has just finished the Winter Series for 2024 and has taken out 1st place in the South Waikato Junior 250 class and also 1st place in the Senior MX2 class.

Congratulations Alex on your consistency, determination and speed improvement over the past 6 months to win this title.

Alex has also competed in the Ironman - 2 hour non stop race hosted in Taumaranui. And walked away in the Top 6 Senior Category. His first time ever competing in this Cross Country event and he walked away with some pretty cool spot prizes.

We also have several other Waihi College Students participating in Local Trail rides and Mud Maize Scrambles.

Congratulations to all who have given this a go or are attempting new rides outside their comfort zone. Our Motocross year continues and we look forward to more results coming through in the next few weeks.



Tauranga Netball

A huge congratulations to our Year 7/8 A/Aims Netball team on winning their semi-final against Papamoa Mystics 39-19 last Saturday.

The girls then went on to play the Finals against Bethlehem. The thunderstorm kicked in during their finals but the girls persevered and pushed through it.

They won 27-18 taking out their grade undefeated for the Championship rounds. Well done team.

Thank you to Coach Elaine Houston for sharing your knowledge with our girls. The team are currently playing hard at Aims Games this week.

Best of luck girls.

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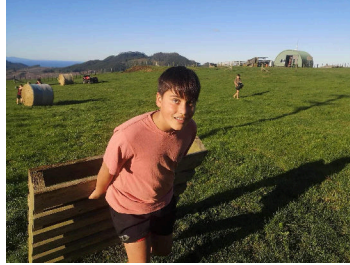
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Pre-Aims Rugby 7s Tournament

Our year 7&8 Aims Rugby 7s team went “old school” in preparation for Aims Games this year. Making fitness training fun by using the rural surroundings for the weeks leading up to a week packed full of games taking place in Tauranga this week.

Coach Joe Appleton took the team to Papamoa to play rugby against Papamoa college, Katikati, John Paul College, Reporoa, and Aquinas for a pre-aims tournament. It was a fun day preparing for the Aims Games which will run against colleges from all over Aotearoa, Australia, and the islands.

Go well for Aims this week boys! We’re proud of all your mahi.



Tauranga Basketball Finals

Congratulations to our College A Basketball Girls on your 2nd Placing in the TCBA A Grade Final.

These ladies have had a bumpy season with numerous waves of challenges including an unfortunate withdrawal from our team manager due to unforeseen circumstances.

We welcomed back coach Sterling Heutt after many years being absent. He shared so much knowledge with you all. We also had Emily Davison and her whānau play a huge part in coaching and support.

This was also the end of an era for the Davison whānau with it being Emily's last season of basketball for Waihi College.

Congratulations ladies and we wish you all the best of luck looking ahead to the future - what ever that might look like.

Thames Valley Rippa Rugby Finals

Our year 7/8 students competed at the Rippa Rugby Finals in Paeroa last Wednesday.

Our Boys - Try Time Titans got 7th and our Girls - Touchdown Tornadoes got 6th place.

There was some great teams from around the district and it was a great day for playing some Rippa Rugby.



Equestrian

Waikato Express Eventing

Congratulations to Evah Carey who competed at the Waikato Equestrian Centre Express Eventing.

Evah got a 1st placing in her 2 80cm events and 1st in her 95cm event too. Well done Evah.

Taupo Trial

Congratulations to Summah Mathers who competed at the Taupo Horse Trial at the weekend at their first 1.05m event. Summah and Lady Olive finished 5th! What an amazing achievement.



1st XI Girls Football

Our 1st XI Girls had a great win at home at the weekend vs St Peters Cambridge 3-0. The team are also looking smart in their team hoodies sponsored by Waihi Beach RSA and Barfoot & Thompson. Well done on the win ladies.



Upper North Island Secondary Schools Netball (UNISS)

What an epic week of Netball it was for our College A Girls UNISS Team. The team was made up of College A and an additional 2 Senior Development girls who slotted into the team seamlessly. This year UNISS was held in Waitakere - the epicentre of Representative Netball Teams.

Coaches Korero

The girls played 10 games of netball over 5 days and never gave up, they kept going, game after game with the same drive, passion, and hunger as they did in the first game of

the tournament. The girls played some amazing netball, had lots of learnings, lots of highs and a few lows but they didn't let that be a barrier.

As a coach these girls made me incredibly proud, the support and encouragement they had for one another, on and off the court was unbelievable. Playing that much netball over 5 days can be a lot but they showed their resilience and determination, day after day. These girls have worked so hard all year to get to this tournament and it was very rewarding as a coach to see them take all their learnings and put them on the court game after game. It was an amazing way to end the season, being able to show their growth and development of the game and finish strong as a team.

Our girls from little old Waihi made waves as they played their way to the Top 12 of 28 teams in D Grade. The girls finished their UNISS Campaign 11th in their grade, what an achievement girls - well done!

Now they've had a taste of elite college level netball, a lot of them are keen to back that up and go again next year, hoping to finish higher in our grade and work towards getting up into C grade. I can't wait to continue to see their skill, passion, and development of the game continue to grow in 2025.

Chantelle Archer - Coach



Premier Basketball

This year Prems was all about experience for our College A Boys Basketball. With the majority of the team out with injuries earlier in the year it made for low numbers during the season.

With the addition of our Junior A Boys who were split among College A and Senior Development meant that our younger boys could get a little more experience under their belts before next year.

The boys had some tough games and a few injuries during the week. They learnt lots and took lots away for next year.

Well done boys.

Aims Games 2024

Good luck to all our Aims Teams and individuals who head into a week of National/International competition in their respective codes.

COMING UP



Coming up in Sports Wednesday 11th September - Senior School Badminton Championships 14-15th September - Senior Girls Development Netball Kurangaituku Campaign Thursday 19th September - School Squash Championship / Paeroa Squash Club Friday 20th September - Thames Valley Golf Championships / Round 3 - Waihi Golf Club Wednesday 25th September - Thames Valley Softball / Waihi College (Year 9-13) Thursday 26th September - Thames Valley Senior Volleyball

Coming up in Term 4 Mondays - 3x3 Basketball / Tauranga Tuesdays - Spring Netball - Waihi / Junior Volleyball - Tauranga Wednesdays - Waihi Touch - Waihi / Junior Volleyball - Tauranga Thursdays - Women's Golf - Waihi / Senior Volleyball - Tauranga Fridays - Year 7&8 Volleyball - Tauranga

LUNCHES



Week 7: 9th Sept

Mac and Cheese
Ham and Cheese Sandwich
Ham Pizza
Beef and Veggie Rissoles
Mex Mince

Week 8: 16th Sept

Pasta Bolognese
BBQ Chicken Pizza
Chicken Loaded Wedges