

WAIHĪ COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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PINK RIBBON

The Waihi College Hospitality department would like to thank the Waihi College staff and members of the community who supported our Pink Ribbon High tea last week.

We were blessed with a great turnout and many boxes being created for those who could not attend in person.

Huge thanks also to Nur Peach who entertained our guests with her beautiful music.

A total of \$1015 in profit was raised which went directly to the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Many thanks again, Mrs Fitz





rā whakangahau *kapa haka celebration*

WAIHI COLLEGE HALL - 6th September

Group Tahi: 10am-12noon (doors open at 9.40am)
Te Kohanga o Pukewa
Te Wharekura o Te Waitangi o Hinemuri
Waihi Central
St Joseph's

Group Rua: 12.30-2.00pm (doors open at 12.15)
Waihi East
Waikino
Waihi Beach
Waihi College

BBQ & BAKE SALE
CASH, EFTPOS & PRE-ORDERS AVAILABLE

Waihi College and Waihi Beach Primary are excited to host Ra Whakangahau - a Kapa Haka celebration - in the College Hall on Friday 6th September. This exciting event brings together our local kura and ECE's, each showcasing their talents and sharing their cultural pride.

The celebration will feature two performance groups. Group Tahī, comprised of Te Kohanga o Pukewa, Te Wharekura o Te Waitangi o Hinemuri, Waihi Central and Waihi St Joseph's who will open the day's events, taking the stage from 10am until 12.00pm (doors opening at 9.40am). Group Rua, featuring Waihi East, Waikino, Waihi Beach and Waihi College, will perform from 12.30pm until 2.00pm (doors opening at 12.15pm).

We welcome the community to join us for these performances.

In addition to the fantastic performances, you can enjoy a BBQ and bake sale. Payment options include cash, EFTPOS, and pre-orders (through your school) so don't miss out. Ra Whakangahau is more than just a performance—it's a beautiful expression of Māori culture and a chance for our tamariki to celebrate our heritage and showcase their talents in front of friends, whanau, and the wider community.

Mark your calendars and join us on the 6th of September. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you can't come along but would like to watch, head to Waihi College's Phoenix News on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@phoenixstudios8115?app=desktop> Once the livestream is up and running, the video will pop up - keep refreshing until you see it.

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora Whanau,

I trust all is well with you and yours!

This week we have 3 amazing young people put their names forward for the Student Board Representative

position. How brave and fabulous are they! This week, they will present to their peer group, and one will be voted in to sit on the Board of Trustees.

All the very best to our students who are attending UNISS, AIMS games and more! Massive thanks to the teachers and parents who make this happen for our rangatahi - your time, passion and sacrifices are appreciated and very much noted. I came across the below korero and thought it might be good to share:



“TO THE PARENTS WHO ARE SO DEDICATED TO THEIR CHILDREN'S SPORT.

A FRIEND ASKED ME... -Why spend so much money and time on your child to train football or any other sport .

I ANSWER YOU Well I have a confession to make, I don't pay because my son trains and plays.

Do you know why I'm paying???

I pay for my son to learn how to be disciplined.

I pay for my son to learn to take care of his body and mind.

I pay for my son to learn to work with others and be a good teammate.

I pay for my son to learn how to deal with disappointment when he doesn't get what he expected, but he knows I have to work harder.

I pay for my son to learn to reach his goals.

I pay for my son to understand that it takes hours and hours of hard work and training to get a championship, and that success doesn't happen overnight.

I pay for the opportunity my son will have to make lifelong friendships.

I pay for my son to be on the field and not in front of the tv.

I pay for those times when my son gets so tired he just wants to lay down and doesn't think or has time to be lazy or in bad things.

I pay for all the teachings that this beautiful sport gives you: "responsibility, humility, dedication, friendship, coexistence, etc, etc." "

I could go on, but to make it short; I don't pay for the internship. I pay for the opportunities this sport offers my son to develop attributes and skills that will be very useful throughout his life and give him the opportunity to value life.

FOR WHAT I'VE SEEN TILL TODAY... I THINK IT IS MY BEST INVESTMENT.”

While I know this might not be for all, it certainly gave me food for thought, and sport could be substituted for all the other various hobbies and activities we provide for our rangatahi.

Thankyou to the community for your shared disappointment and outrage over our stolen basket swing. We are hoping to recover this, and will keep you posted.

Nga manaakitanga,
Briar

BRONZE MEDAL FOR OUR CONCERT BAND

Our Concert Band went to the High Schools Band Festival in the Gallagher Academy for the Performing Arts recently AND TOOK OUT BONZE!! Well done to Hamish McKinnon, Cade Tucker, Mace Harries, Erana Telekolio, Jessica Yeh, Jenni Yeh, Jimi Randell, Luke Stephens, Tessa Menary, Aysheia Domasing, Jane Pervan and Saki Izutsu. massive thanks to Mr Randell for his time and dedication to these students and to Ms Berry for heading over to support them on the day.



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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AIMS GAMES

Best of luck to all our Aims athletes! And massive thanks to all our coaches, managers and supporters - they couldn't do it without you. Have an amazing tournament.

Don't forget to download the Zespri Aims Game app to keep up to date with draws, information and activities.



WAIHI COLLEGE BYOD IN 2025

Next Year, 2025, Waihi College will be moving to a **fully BYOD model**. BYOD stands for Bring Your Own Device. Students and teachers are working more and more with digital platforms for the distribution and completion of work in the classroom. By students having their own device, there is a seamless link between home and in school learning and the student can personalise their device to suit their own needs.

Why BYOD?

Personalised, flexible learning • Increased access to devices for learning activities eg Google Drive, research, skills practice etc • Seamless learning between home and school • 24/7 anywhere/anytime access to learning • Preparing for the future – IT/ collaborative/ cloud-based tools.

What sort of device do I need?

For most students, the most economical device is a Chromebook. Ideally the device would have a minimum of 4GB RAM, a minimum of 32GB and a screen that is large enough for the student to read information on easily. All Chromebooks will have access to Google classrooms and the Google suite where the majority of work is completed in class.

For senior students (Year 12 and 13) who have specialised courses, they may choose to purchase a laptop that has higher specifications and the ability to add course related programmes. Noel Leeming, PB Tech, The Warehouse, Harvey Norman and JB Hi-Fi are some of the examples of retailers that offer excellent deals for devices.

Expectations

The device must be brought to school each day fully charged and is expected to have a minimum charge life of 6 hours. Students will be expected to use their own device in class and there will be no option for borrowing a device if a student fails to bring their device. The student will work on paper if they do not bring their device to school.

What if I am unable to purchase a device?

Waihi College will have devices available for students to lease should they be unable to purchase one themselves. Students will pay a bond to lease the device for the year, they will take the device home and use it as their own for the year. Parents/caregivers and students will sign a contract agreeing to maintain the condition and return of the device with any loss or damage charged to the student.

More Information

Buying a device can be confusing with lots of overwhelming information. Please take a look at this handy guide from NetSafe NZ about buying a device and how to keep your child safe online.

<https://netsafe.org.nz/byod/>

As the 2024 year progresses, we will continue to give you more information.

This information can also be found in the [Administration & Policies](#) tab under Our School.

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, Refring/Coaching, Student Council, Surf Lifesaving, Services to Marae, Services to Music, Community Volunteering etc but there are many more, so please come forward.



INTER SCHOOL AGRICULTURE DAY 2024
OCTOBER 24TH 10AM
@WAIHI EAST SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL – YEAR 8

CALF, LAMB, KID GOATS



FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER
CONTACT RO PH 0272775514

ALL WELCOME! 🥰



5 DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY JOURNEY

Embark on an Epic 5-Day Teen Sailing Adventure! Calling all teens aged 14-18! Get ready to embark on an unforgettable journey that blends adventure, skill-building, and lasting friendships.

Sail onboard the Legendary Boat, *Steinlager* ②

Master Sailing Basics:

Learn navigation and weather prediction. Cook & Sleep onboard: Prepare meals and experience nights on deck. Rise to the Challenge: Test your grit and decision-making with support from experienced instructors who will guide you every step of the way.

Achieve Greatness:

Earn credit towards the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award.

All-Inclusive Price:

For just \$1,575 per person, you'll get meals, accommodation and adventure. Ready to Set Sail?

Secure your spot now and start the adventure of a lifetime!



COMING UP



Ra Whakangahau: 6th September

AIMS Games: 7th-13th September

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.

WAIHI COLLEGE

PRESENTS

25.09.2024
WEDNESDAY

**ARE YOU
TALENTED?**

*The stage is
waiting for you*

PRIZE MONEY FOR 1ST, 2ND, 3RD,
7&8 AND FUN SPOT PRIZES

TALENT QUEST

ON THE QUAD AT FIRST LUNCH

SEE MR RANDELL TO SIGN UP NOW





LUNCHES

Week 6: 2nd Sept

Meatball Pasta

Ham and Cheese Sandwich

BBQ Chicken Pizza

Cottage Pie

Butter Chicken

Week 7: 9th Sept

Mac and Cheese

Ham and Cheese Sandwich

Ham Pizza

Beef and Veggie Risssoles

Mex Mince