

# WAIHĪ COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## SCHOOL CLEAN UP DAY

Waihi College is participating in the Keep New Zealand Beautiful National Clean Up Week and will be holding a whole school clean up day on the 25th September during long Ako. This is a great opportunity to work together and help clean up some of the rubbish seen around our school. If you see rubbish lying around, make sure it doesn't stay on the ground! **House points and prizes are being given out to the students and Ako classes who pick up the most rubbish, so make sure to get everybody involved.** We will be providing rubbish bags, buckets and gloves and if you like, you can bring a different pair of shoes to wear during the clean up - gummies would be perfect!



## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora Whanau,

How fabulous was the AIMS Games last week!!? So many of our young people represented our College with pride, passion and excellent sportsmanship - well done to you all!

A huge thankyou to the staff, coaches and whanau, who took time off work, to go along and support our young people. We thank you for your care of our students, for transporting them, staying with them, feeding them and so much more. We can't do these things without, so please accept our thanks and gratitude.

Our Development Netball team had a great experience over the weekend, away at a tournament in Rotorua. My thanks to those that support our young wahine toa, to do so!

A group of twenty of our students, and four staff are heading off to Japan on Wednesday, before the birds, for a couple of weeks. My thanks to the International Department, Ms Clare, Mrs Green, and Mr MacKenchie for making this happen! Our students will be making lifelong memories, and having some fabulous adventures.



I will be joining them for a few days, and am looking forward to experiencing Japanese school culture!

We are finishing up the CAA this week, and are looking forward to seeing some great results coming through. My thanks to Ms Howell and her team, for leading our students through this process, and the calm, and reassuring way you help our students out, when facing new things!

Our Open Afternoon in the waka, has been a fabulous success, with lots of young students from our Primary sector, coming up to be a part of the day. We are looking forward to welcoming them next year. Big thanks to our waka teachers for arranging this special afternoon, and to our students for the exemplary way you have shown manaakitanga to our visitors, in showcasing who we are in this space.

I am looking forward to Spirit Days next week, and seeing our school thrum with activities and the energy this brings! Be sure to check out our social media pages for photos galore!

Nga manaakitanga,  
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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.



# NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED

Congratulations to Moana Magee who has been appointed our Board of Trustees Representative for 2025.

Well done Moana - we know you will listen to the students wisely and combine their voices with mahi to make great changes!



## 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](mailto:wendys@waihicol.school.nz) or [bandwilloughby@gmail.com](mailto:bandwilloughby@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.



## NURSE'S CORNER

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**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



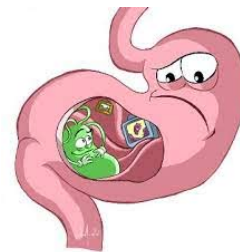
Ngā mihi, with kind regards  
Margie (She/Her)

**Margie Goldsworthy | SCHOOL NURSE**

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Remember if your student is feeling unwell,  
please keep them home. If you have any  
concerns about their school work or  
attendance, please contact their Ako  
teacher.



## LET US THANK YOU

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**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](mailto: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.

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# 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.

## Say Thanks to Your Coach

As the winter season wraps up, it's the perfect time to say thanks to our coaches for everything they do. Sport New Zealand & Coach For Life Foundation NZ have launched a campaign to help volunteer coaches feel valued and recognised for the great work they do – they are everyday heroes! Players & teams can say thanks to their coach by visiting <https://www.thankscoach.co.nz> to send their own personalised e-card or video message.



## Inline Hockey

Over the weekend Waihi College students Hunter Pert, Alexis Walker and Declan Coxon competed in the 2024 Inter-Conference Tournament in Hamilton.

These three students trialed and were respectfully selected in the following teams: Hunter - 12U Alexis - 12U and Junior Women's Declan - 14U

All three went undefeated all weekend and walked away with Gold Medals. Their efforts also helped secure the Interconference cup being retained within the Tui Conference. Well done team.



### Kurangaituku Netball Campaign

Our Senior Girls Development Netball team headed over to Rotorua for their final end of season tournament at the Kurangaituku campaign.

The girls set the tone for the weekend. To have fun. They played some beautiful tough games as coming up against Premier and Reps is no easy feat but girls did amazing. They finished their campaign with 1 win, 1 draw, and 5 losses. Finishing 6th equal in Secondary B Grade - Section 1. Well done ladies.

### CRICKET SEASON 24/25

Junior Registrations for the 24/25 summer season are open! Years 3-13 The registrations are completed through Play HQ at the link below.

If you registered last year, logging in will bring through a lot of your details from last year which makes things easy. <https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/995695> Subscriptions will be invoiced once teams are established, so there is only a \$1 per child fee through this registration link at this stage. New players welcome! Enquiries email [katikaticricket@gmail.com](mailto:katikaticricket@gmail.com) or call Ben 0272320099



### Thames Valley Representative Touch

Sunday 13th October - Save the date. Registrations open now! <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/270781>

If you completed a EOI form you do not need to register again.

## Aims Games 2024

The annual National/International Tournament was held in Tauranga from the 8th to the 13th of September this year. Our tamariki have put in an incredible effort, showing resilience, teamwork, and sportsmanship across all their games in their respective codes. A recap of their final performances and overall results:



### Netball

Day 6 Game 10 vs Taumata School.

Finishing with a win 27 - 13.

Our Netball tamariki did an outstanding job, competing across six days in all kinds of weather. Playing 10 games across 10 days is tough for our Year 7 and 8 athletes but

A huge congratulations to the entire team for their perseverance and team spirit throughout the week. Well done Netball whānau.

### Rugby 7s

Day 5 Game 9 vs TKK o Nga Uri a Maui.

Finishing with a win 27 - 14.

Our Rugby 7s boys trained hard leading up to the tournament, even incorporating farm workouts and team-building exercises to condition their bodies ready for Aims Games. Their mornings started with training sessions followed by hearty breakfasts or hot chocolate, provided by the parents.



The boys finished 37th overall. A fantastic result!

### Basketball

Day 5 Game 7 vs Rototuna High School. Finishing with a win 14 - 10.

Our basketball girls came into this season eager to learn and develop new skills. Despite being new to the sport, they played with hunger, passion, and heart, and their improvement from trials to the final game was outstanding. The girls determination and positive attitude were the real highlights of the tournament, and their efforts were rewarded with a 29th place overall.

A fantastic achievement for our girls. Tino pai rawa atu!!!!





## Surfing

Jack Kayes showcased incredible resilience and determination in surfing. On Day 1 the surf was almost non-existent, but that did not deter Jack. Despite the little surf he remained focused and managed to secure a spot in the finals.

On the final day, the surf conditions weren't much better than the day before. Yet he surfed with passion and heart, demonstrating his skills and determination was a pleasure to witness. Jack's hard work paid off, and he proudly secured a silver medal. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe Jack for your outstanding achievement and representation of our school. We are all incredibly proud of your perseverance and sportsmanship!



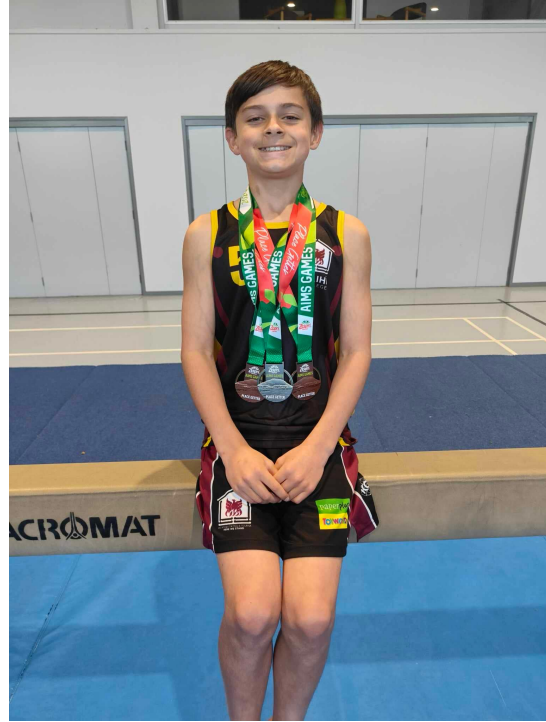
## Gymnastics

Day 1 Gymnastics Results saw Neo Morais secure a bronze medal in the Twisters Novice Artistic - Beam and placed 5th overall which was a wonderful start to Aims Games.

On Day 2 Neo Morais came away with a silver medal placing. This time in the Trampoline Twisters. He came 4th Overall and 2nd equal for Mini Tramp. Our girls had some tough competition but their spirits were high.

Day 3 - Third and final day. Neo continued to shine finishing 3rd overall in the Twisters Tumbling event. What a way to wrap up the competition.

Our girls Ava Englander and Georgia Sanderson may not have placed with medals but their performances were nothing short of amazing. They competed with grace and gave it their all, making us incredibly proud. Coach Ayla-Jane Morton felt inspired and is looking at taking an even larger team in 2025. A massive well done to the entire team and coach for their dedication and hard work. Ka mau te wehi!



## Cross Country

All our tamariki played with pride and demonstrated the values we hold. Teamwork, Respect, and Perseverance. Congratulations to all our tamariki for their incredible efforts. **As we wrap up the AIMS Games 2024, we want to extend a huge thank you to all the coaches, parents, and supporters who helped make the week of Aims and leading up to Aims possible.**

# COMING UP

- Thursday 19th - School Squash Championships Paeroa
- Year 7&8 Badminton Champions (finalists will be notified)
- Thames Valley Softball - POSTPONED till further notice
- Thames Valley Senior Volleyball - 18th October (date change)

# LUNCHES

**Week 9: 16th Sept**  
**Pasta Bolognese**  
**Ham and cheese sandwich**  
**BBQ Chicken Pizza**  
**Chicken Loaded Wedges**

**Week 10: 23rd Sept**  
**Meatball Pasta**  
**Ham and Cheese Sandwich**  
**Ham Pizza**  
**Cottage Pie**  
**Butter Chicken**