

# WAIHĪ COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## SENIOR ACADEMIC PRIZEGIVING

On Friday night, Waihi College held its annual Senior Academic Prize Giving, a fantastic celebration of achievement and community. The hall was filled with excitement as students, whanau and staff came together to honour the hard work and dedication of Waihi's senior students. The atmosphere was electric with pride, accomplishment, and anticipation for the bright futures ahead.

Congratulations to Hayaat Dass, who took home the Dux award, a testament to her dedication and outstanding academic performance. Hamish McKinnon received the Proxime accessit (runner up to Dux) award, and Maggie Gerbich-Burroughs placed third in Year 13, showing the depth of talent and commitment across the senior cohort. These students were separated by such a fine margin and have all been exemplary students through out their time at Waihi College.

Year 12 results saw Charlie Joyce taking out 1st, Bella Paulsen in 2nd and Mahe North 3rd. Year 11 was Zoe Beth-Naisby in 1st, Zara Clare 2nd and Max Morley 3rd. Students who had gained 1st in class were also recognised - well done to you all, these placings do not come easy and we see the hard work and dedication you have put in.

Rueben Snow treated us to a performance of Frank Sinatra's "I did it my Way" - it suited his crooner voice and cheeky nature to a tee! Bayley and Iain performed a Mama Mia medley for us with Mr Randell on the piano. Fantastic entertainment and we are looking forward to the whole school production of Mamma Mai next year.

Awards were as follows:

<b>Kurt Hahn Award</b> – Good role model and a “person of action”.	Hayaat Dass
<b>The John van der Zwan International Student Award for outstanding contribution</b>	Ceylin Bektas
<b>Bronwyn Wightman Memorial Trophy</b> – student who has enthusiastically participated in school activities – has a bubbly personality and great sense of community.	Sabine Rush
<b>Ara Poutama Award</b> – student who shows leadership quality and is a positive role model for our Māori students.	Moana Magee
<b>Maia Short Memorial Scholarship</b> Y13 Girl top academic performance, good citizenship, friendly, normal and helps others	Maya Dodd
<b>Chandel Cup</b> – Consistent effort this year.	Hamish McKinnon
<b>Jack Silcok Memorial Cup</b> – Triumph over adversity. Someone who puts others first despite illness, injury or disadvantage	Iain Hartley
<b>Ryan Aluminium Trophy</b> – Service to school/community.	Maya Dodd
<b>O’Leary Cup for Leadership</b> – exceptional role model.	Maya Dodd
<b>The Board Chairmans Award and Waihi Beach Lions Trophy for Citizenship.</b>	Campbell Douglas

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<b>Penny Bowden Trophy for Performing Arts</b>	Bayley Goddard
<b>The John Combes Memorial Cup for Science and Mathematics</b>	Hayaat Dass
<b>The Sel Baker Cup for Humanities</b>	Maya Dodd
<b>The Ethel Madgwick Cup – Rural Women in NZ</b>	Maggie Gerbich-Burroughs
<b>The Principals Award</b>	Hamish Mudford, Zara Davies-Young, Emily Davison
<b>Rogers Calculus Cup</b>	Hamish Mudford
<b>Golden Apple</b>	Zara Davies Young
<b>Grover Plate</b>	Scarlett Chambers
<b>Waihi Lions Trades Scholarship</b>	Briony Rickwood
<b>The Kathleen Adams Memorial Award (Jubilee Award)</b>	Emily Davison & Thalia Trepels
<b>Best <u>all round</u> girl</b>	Maya Dodd
<b>Best <u>all round</u> boy</b>	Hamish McKinnon
<b>Proxime Accessit</b>	Hamish McKinnon
<b>Dux</b>	Hayaat Dass

The evening was also punctuated by a powerful performance from the school's kapa haka group, Te Ara Poutama, showcasing the cultural pride within Waihi College. The event drew a number of special guests, including Brian Haberfield and his niece, Maia, who represented the Maia Short Memorial Scholarship and Kyle Welten from Oceana Gold. Their presence underscored the support from the broader community, which came together to celebrate the achievements of Waihi's young leaders.

A highlight of the evening was the awarding of various scholarships. Waihi College students who are preparing to embark on tertiary studies received generous scholarships

totaling just over \$83,000, providing them with vital support as they transition into the next chapter of their education and careers. Thank you to all our sponsors and in particular to Oceana Gold for their continued support of our students, school and community. The Year 13's received their graduation certificates with pride, our new leaders for 2025 were also announced, along with the 2024 winning house - well done to Empire!

**The 2025 Leaders are:**

Arts & Cultural: Bayley Goddard

Sports: Rylee Morgan

Service: Maddie Oliver

Environment: Ruby Wilhelmi

Te Ao Maori: Mahana Magee

Learning: Mahe North

Well-Being: Ben Jarvis

Community: Zoe-Beth Naisby

We also introduced a new role, called Manaakitanga. This is a very important aspect of our values here at Waihi College. The role went to Brea Peka

Board of Trustees Representative: Moana Magee

Congratulations to all of the award recipients, graduates, new Leaders and the 2024 winning house. Also a huge thanks to the Waihi College community for an unforgettable night of celebration and achievement. This event was a fitting tribute to the dedication and accomplishments of Waihi's senior students as they prepare to make their mark on the world.

Photos can be found in the [School Photos](#) section of our website under [Keeping Informed](#).



## STUDY LEAVE INFORMATION

Earlier in the term, parents and caregivers of our Seniors were emailed home important information about Study Leave. The letters detailed as follows:

We are now heading towards the end of the timetabled school year for senior students. NCEA exams begin on Tuesday 5th November. See below a copy of the NCEA exam schedule (a downloadable pdf version can be found on our website). Please note that morning exams begin at 9.30am and afternoon exams at 2.00pm. Students must bring their NCEA examination admission slip with them to the exam (these are being issued on Monday 21st October).

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about study leave for senior students. Study leave is given to students in Year 11, 12 and 13 to prepare for their upcoming examinations.  
**In 2024 ALL students in Year 11, 12 and 13 will be granted study leave from Monday 4th November.**

From Monday 4th November, there will be additional catch up and support for those students who have not yet passed their NCEA Level. There will be a catch up week in A3 (the old library) with the senior hub team who will work with students on any outstanding assessments and learning that will help them towards achieving their NCEA Level from 9am through to 1.50pm every day. Teachers will also be available in their classrooms should students want to work with them directly.  
I would encourage students who need this additional support to make the most of this catchup, it is amazing how much you can achieve in a week with the extra support.

This information can also be found on our website in the Latest News section, under Keeping Informed.

2024 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE					
Examinations available digitally shown in blue					
Date	Session	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Tue 5 Nov	AM	Lea Faka-Tonga	Mathematics & Statistics	Dance	Classical Studies
	PM	Gagana Samoa Spanish	Biology	Japanese Making Music Spanish	Statistics
Wed 6 Nov	AM		English	Cook Islands Māori Social Studies	German
	PM	Geography	Spanish		Latin
Thu 7 Nov	AM	Reo Māori Kōi	Accounting	History	French
	PM	Algebra			
Fri 8 Nov	AM	Mathematics & Statistics		Chemistry	Accounting
	PM		Music		History
WEEKEND					
Mon 11 Nov	AM	French	Lea Faka-Tonga Te Reo Māori	Calculus	Seniors
	PM	Chinese	Korean	Agricultural & Horticultural Science Chinese German	Media Studies
Tue 12 Nov	AM	English			Physics
Wed 13 Nov	PM	Korean	Drama	Samoa	
	PM	Science	Chemistry	Biology	Geography Art History
Thu 14 Nov	AM	Gagana Tokelau	Geography		
	PM	Yapeseau Niue			
	AM	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Art History	Statistics	Drama
	PM	History		Accounting	Agricultural & Horticultural Science

CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY (Fri 15 Nov)					
WEEKEND					
Mon 18 Nov	AM	Te Reo Māori	French	Latin	Chemistry
	PM	Japanese	Health	Psychology	
Tue 19 Nov	AM	Chemistry & Biology	History	Economics	
	PM	Health Studies	Business Studies	Physics	Te Reo Rangitira
Wed 20 Nov	AM	Chinese (Mandarin)	Cook Islands Māori	Health	
Thu 21 Nov	PM	Social Studies	Te Reo Rangitira	Lea Faka-Tonga	English
	AM	Physics Earth & Space Science	Classical Studies	Art History	Economics
Fri 22 Nov	PM		Latin	Te Reo Māori	Calculus
	AM	Religious Studies	Economics	Korean	
	PM	German	Physics	Business Studies	
			Media Studies		Biology
WEEKEND					
Mon 25 Nov	AM	Digital Technologies	Japanese	Geography	
	PM		Earth & Space Science	Religious Studies	
Tue 26 Nov	AM		Home Economics	Classical Studies	Te Reo Māori
	PM		German	Home Economics	
Wed 27 Nov	AM		Spots Studies	Japanese	
	PM		Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Media Studies	
Thu 28 Nov	AM		Education for Sustainability	Earth & Space Science	Chinese
	PM		Seniors		
Fri 29 Nov	AM		Music Studies	Spanish	
				Earth & Space Science	

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora Whanau,

Congratulations once again to our award, certificates and prize winners last Friday night at the Senior Academic Prize Giving. What a splendid event to showcase some of our incredible success.

My congratulations to our Year 13 graduates - a huge achievement for all! We always enjoy seeing your comparative photos, and hear about what dreams and aspirations you have moving forward - and look forward to hearing about your journey as you strive towards these.

As mentioned - Waihi College is part of your turangawaewae, we are your people; please come back as you can, to share your story.

My thanks to Ms Howell, for orchestrating such a wonderful send off for you all - and to all the staff who support your journey - remember to thank them!

Our seniors have left to go on study leave, we wish you all the best for your study, and your exams! The rest of us have work to do at school for the next 5 weeks!

There are so many opportunities coming up to be a part of, including Year 9 days' out, Year 10 camp, the Colour Fun Run, the junior hangi and so much more!

Make each day count, turn up on time, in the right place, and bring your best. I am interested to see who steps up to be an upstander and a leader, and am keen to recognise these rangatahi!

Have a fabulous week

Nga manaakitanga,  
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# CRAZY COLOUR RUN - 6TH DECEMBER

Well done to Ms Clare's ako for raising the most money for the Colour Run so far, closely followed by My Roy's then Ms Morley's. Fantastic work! In total, the school has already raised just over \$1,500 towards a new school playground.

If you don't have your profile yet, please go to [schoolfunrun.co.nz](http://schoolfunrun.co.nz) and create a student profile page. Students who raise just \$10 will be able to choose a prize and it sounds like there will be lots of prizes going out!!!



The more you raise, the better the reward. Grab a sponsorship brochure from your ako teacher if you haven't sign up yet. We're also looking for some helpers, so if you're available please email the school on [wendys@waihicol.school.nz](mailto:wendys@waihicol.school.nz). We are fundraising for an outdoor fitness area/school playground so let's do this!

## COMING UP

### Prizegiving Dates:

- ACCORD DAY 15th November - no school
- 27th November - documents day for Seniors
- 11th December: Junior Endeavour & Service Prizegiving @10am: College Hall
- 12th December: Junior Academic Prizegiving @6pm: College Hall

## 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  
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Nga mihi, with kind regards  
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## TRANSLATORS NEEDED

Do you know someone who can provide translation services to new parents and students at Waihi College? People that speak different languages?

If yes, can you please email or contact us.

## YEAR 11 & 12 HAIR & BEAUTY

*Our Year 11 and 12 Hair & Beauty students finished their last session before study break last week. To celebrate, we invited a few teachers in for a range of treatments like manicures, massage and facials. The students had a great opportunity to demonstrate what they had learned this year. Our students took a pilot course this year for hair & beauty, and it went extremely well. We hope to offer it again on Super Tuesdays next year so more of our amazing students can have the opportunity to explore the Hair & Beauty industry*





## SPORTS WITH JESS AND JO

### **Thames Valley Rugby 7's**

Congratulations to our Waihi College student Aidan Butler and ex Waihi College Students Will Baker, Johnston Coll, Micah Frew and the rest of the your team mates who competed in the Thames Valley U19 7s tournament at the weekend in Whitianga.

### **Ex Waihi College Student an Inspiration for our Rugby Athletes**

Ex Waihi College student Oli Mathis who was selected and played in the New Zealand Elevate Sevens team at the weekend. Oli attended Waihi College in 2018-2019. What an inspiration to our young athletes.

### **Touch Rugby**

We now head into week 3 of the Waihi Touch Module. Our tamariki are loving it!! We have several students that are new to the sport which is always a highlight. Remember you can find the draw on the Waihi Touch facebook page, Sports Noticeboard, and the Waihi College Sport facebook page.

### **Coming up in Sports**

Friday 8th November - WBOP Touch

Tuesday 12th November - Thames Valley Junior Volleyball Championships



# LUNCHES

## Week 4 (4-8 Nov)

Mac & Cheese  
Ham & Cheese Sandwich  
Cheesy Tomato Pasta  
Cottage Pie  
Butter Chicken

## Week 5 (11-15 Nov)

Meatball Pasta  
Ham & Cheese Sandwich  
Cheesy Tomato Pasta  
Beef & Veges  
Cheeseburger Wrap