

# WAIHĪ COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## JUNIOR PRIZEGIVINGS: 11th & 12th December

As the end of the year approaches, we can look forward to our Junior Prizegiving's. As with the Seniors, we will have an **Endeavour & Service Prizegiving on the 11th** as well as an **Academic Prizegiving on the 12th**. If your child is receiving an award at either of these prizegiving's, you will be notified.

Details are as follows:

### 11th December:

- Year 9&10 Endeavour & Service Prizegiving @9.30am in the College Hall. Students will return to class afterwards.
- Year 7&8 Endeavour & Service Prizegiving @12 noon in the College Hall. Students will return to class afterwards.

### 12th December:

- Year 9&10 Academic Prizegiving @9.30am in the College Hall. Year 9&10 students will then be finished school for the year.
- Year 7&8 Academic Prizegiving @12 noon in the College Hall. Year 7&8 students will then be finished school for the year.

*Remember photos from all our school events can be found in the School Photo section for our website under Keeping Informed. You do not need the sign up for the Dropbox account to view the photos, just go to the 'continue to website' option.*

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora Whanau,

This week we are still going full steam ahead - our seniors are popping in and out for exams and workshops, learning, as usual, for the rest of the school.

Our year 9 and 10's will be looking forward to the day trips and camp planned for a few weeks time. If your young person in in these year groups, please keep an eye out for emails and permission slips coming home, as we aim to have all students being able to participate. If finances are tight, please email the trip organizer, and we will see how we can help. This time of year can be tricky for lots of us.



On **Friday this week**, we are hosting a **Teacher Only Day**. We are looking forward to 300+ teachers from around our region, joining us for a day of learning and growing together. Our aim to to start a network of support for our kaiako and also our young people. Please support us in this, and have alternative plans for your young people in place for the day.

Please keep an eye on the website, and our social media platforms, to keep up to date with the many events going on.

You may have heard in the news about school lunches, and what this means for us.

I have met with the Ministry of Education, and Libelle, lunch supplier.

Libelle is the nationwide supplier, for 2025. So, in a nutshell, our school lunch availability, in 2025, remains the same. They have prepared a menu rotation of the students' favorites. We will also be helping out several other schools in the region, to heat up their meals and Libelle will have these delivered to them

We are thrilled that the Gold Trust Foundation, along with OceanaGold, have agreed to award four students scholarships based on their vocational direction.

We will be meeting later this month to view students' applications, and decide who the fortunate recipients are - this is such an exciting initiative, and reflects our students aspirations and trajectories, to have both academic, and vocational pathways, supported via these scholarships. Our heartfelt thanks.

As always, I am keen to hear how we can support you and your whanau, along with sharing in celebrations - please flick me an email if you would like to make time to connect

Nga manaakitanga,  
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## CRAZY COLOUR RUN - 6TH DECEMBER

Congratulations to Mr Roy and Ms Clare's ako classes who have taken out the top spots for our Colour Run Fundraising so far. They have both raised over \$500 and all the kids in those ako enjoyed a Juicie on us yesterday morning. They were delivered by the Colour Run Promo team - thanks guys. Let your Ako teacher know if you'd like to join them and be in the team too. The school has now raised just under \$3000 and everyone who's raised more than \$10 will soon be able to choose prizes (from the 22nd).



If you don't have your profile yet, please go to [schoolfunrun.co.nz](http://schoolfunrun.co.nz) and create a student profile page. The more you raise, the better the reward. Grab a sponsorship brochure from your ako teacher if you haven't signed up yet.

Remember, although Seniors have left school, we would still love them to be involved with fundraising and on the day. Times will be posted closer to the date.

We're also looking for some community 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!

## YEAR 10 CAMP: 2-5th December

Year 10 Camp is coming up from the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> December. Permission slips have gone home and we need them back as soon as possible to make groups and confirm numbers with the camp ground. Any questions, please talk to Mrs Archer or Mr Budgen.



## 9 RURU OVERNIGHT CAMP

9 Ruru had an awesome time last week on an overnight tramp to Waitawheta Hut. It was an opportunity to experience the great NZ outdoors, developing relationships along the way. For many this was the first time tramping and staying in a DOC hut. This opportunity also allowed the students to develop self-management skills as they

There was some perseverance and resilience required by some to complete the 20km round trip hike. A bonus was sharing the hut with professional goat cullers and their team of dogs, who were a great delight for many of the students, as well as the numerous swims in river.

had to plan and cook their own meals on gas cookers in the hut.



## SPORTS WITH JESS AND JO

### Ex Waihi College Students Basketball Success

Congratulations to ex Waihi College student Todd Maitland who is heading overseas to represent New Zealand in the State Championship in Australia in January 2025, followed by the World Games in Kazakhstan in June 2025. This is a huge achievement, well done Todd.



## Swimming lessons for your kids this summer!!

Want your kid(s) to learn to swim this summer? Registrations are open for our 2024/2025 season swimming lessons. 11 weeks of lessons for 5 and over, \$105 for all lessons over 2 terms. Sibling discounts available and payment plans.

Enter the link below in Google/Safari <https://www.sporty.co.nz/waihiswim/New-Registrations/New-Registrations>

and register your child. Lessons start 11th November in the heated Waihi College

Swimming Pool at Rata Street.

We also have options for under 5's at Athenree Hot Pools with both carer and child in water with teacher. Email us for more information on these waihi swimming [club@gmail.com](mailto:club@gmail.com).

## 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.

# LUNCHES



## **11th-14th November**

Meatball Pasta

Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Cheesy Tomato Pasta

Beef & Veges

## **18th-22nd November**

Pasta Bolognese

Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Cheesy Tomato Pasta

Teriyaki Chicken

Mex Mince