

WAIHĪ COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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TOP SPORTS AWARDS

Last Monday evening we had our Top Sports Awards Ceremony at the Bowentown Boatclub. Thank you to all our sponsors, whānau, and everyone who made this night possible for our athletes and whānau. We were lucky enough to have World Record Rower Tara Remington attend our Top Sports Awards and have a korero about her rowing journey. It was a very in-depth korero and the memories shared were so inspiring to hear. A huge mihi to Tara for coming into our space to share those special moments. The Top Awards went to:

Equestrian Sportsmanship/Spirit Award Winner - Tamsin Douglas

Equestrian Rider of The Future Winner - Isabelle Carey

Golfer of The Year Winner - Kobe Phillips

Boat Racer of The Year Winner - Kendall Tacon

Surfer of The Year Winner - Beau Fitzgibbon

Year 7 Sportsman of The Year Runner Up - Jack Kayes

Winner - Lachlan Hewlett

Year 8 Sportsman of The Year Runner Up - Thierry Smith

Winner - Hunter Pert

Year 9 Sportsman of The Year Runner Up - Leah Kelly

Winner - Stanley Anderson

Year 10 Sportsman of The Year Runner Up - Jazmine Jones

Winner - Lachlan Osborne-Sole

Year 11 - Highly Commended Sportsman - Declan Coxon

Service to Sport Brooke Kelly

Fair Player of The Year Oliver Goddard & Sabine Rush

Multi Discipline Cup Emily Davison

Lorris Nobilis Award Lachlan Osborne-Sole

Team of The Year Nominees: College A Netball, 1st XI Football Boys, Senior Girls

Development Netball

Winners - College A Netball

Significant Service to Sport (Student) Logan Brady

Significant Service to Sport (Community Member) Susie Leau

Coach of The Year Nominees: Chantelle Archer, Jess O'Brien, Shannon Hargreaves

Winner - Jess O'Brien

Sportswoman of The Year Runner Up - Palace O'Brien

Winner - Rylee Morgan

Sportsman of The Year Runner Up - Alex Maitland

Winner - Max Morley

Supreme Award Emily Davison

Congratulations to all our recipients of the Top Sports Awards for 2024. We also had several Blues Awards to honour and celebrate.





CULTURAL PRIZEGIVING

Earlier in the week, Waihi College came alive with energy, talent, and celebration at the annual Cultural Prize Giving. The event

Their dramatic performances showcased their skills and passion for the arts, filling the hall with laughter.

was a true cultural extravaganza, recognising the dedication and talent of students across kapa haka, drama, art, media design, hall tech, culinary arts and music.

It was a night of pride, emotion, and connection as families, friends, and teachers gathered to honour the achievements of some truly deserving students. The atmosphere was charged with excitement as Te Ara Poutama set the tone with a powerful kapa haka performance - performing a song written by Naelene Donaldson as a gift to the school in her final year. Their display of strength and cultural pride was deeply moving and was met with thunderous applause from the audience.

Following that, Ms Berry's drama students took to the stage, bringing a mix of humor and memorable moments to the evening.

Art & Media Design: Most Outstanding in Media Design	Hamish McKinnon
Art & Media Design: Principals Certificates	Amy Harris & Bella Paulsen
Art & Media Design: Outstanding in Painting	Zara Davies-Young
Art & Media Design: Outstanding in Photography	Hamish McKinnon
Digital: Top Tech	Campbell Douglas
Music: Most Outstanding Musician	Jack Carpenter
Music: Most Improved Performer	Luke Stephens & Piper Dixon
Music: Contribution to Music	Hamish McKinnon
Music: Composition Award	Cade Tucker
Music: Most Outstanding Music Producer	Iain Hartley
Music: Musician of the Year	Bayley Goddard
Drama: Most Outstanding Performer	Cassidy Shaw
Drama: Most Improved Performer	Luke Brown

Mr. Randell's music students rounded out the performances with musical numbers that stirred the audience. They displayed versatility and dedication, giving their all to create an unforgettable experience for everyone. The evening's emotional highs were heightened by the numerous awards presented to students who have excelled in their respective fields. Watching each recipient take the stage was a moment of pride, with parents, teachers, and friends cheering them on.

Congratulations to all of our winners for their well-deserved recognition! The night reminded everyone of the power of the arts to bring people together, express emotion, and celebrate culture. Photos from the evening are available in the [School Photos](#) page under [Latest News](#) on our website.

Winners were:

Drama: Contribution to Drama	Luke Stephens
Drama: Dramatic Performer of the Year	Dylan Purvis
Maori: Kapa Haka Kaitataki Wahine	Maya Dodd
Maori: Maori Performer of the Year	Naelene Donaldson
Maori: Kaiawhina	Moana Magee
Culinary Arts: Creative Flair	Logan Brady
Culinary Arts: Manaakitanga	Sam Bjerring
Culinary Arts: Student of the Year	Hayaat Dass
Culinary Arts: Culinary Rising Star	Zara Davies-Young
Culinary Arts: Commitment to Culinary Arts	Bayley Goddard & Zenith Gresley
Culinary Arts: Barista of the Year	Amy Harris
Service to the Arts (adult; re-order each year)	Naelene Donaldson
Supreme Cultural Award	Hamish McKinnon



HAIR & BEAUTY

Our Hair & Beauty whanau went on their final trip to Varda Academy over in Hamilton last week. We have been working Varda Academy closely throughout the year. The girls love interacting and being able to get the practical experience of what they learn. Here are some snapshots of what the girls got up to last week on their final trip for the year.



ACADEMIC PRIZEGIVING: 1st November @6pm

Earlier this week, parents and caregivers of our Seniors were emailed home important information about our upcoming Academic Prizegiving. The letters detailed as follows:

*I would like to take the opportunity to invite all parents, whānau, friends and community members to the Senior Prize Giving on **Friday 1st November at 6pm** in the Waihi College school hall. During the prize giving we will celebrate the learning achievements of students who have gained a 1st in class award, 1st in Year award, scholarships, student leader positions and the prizes for special character. Students in Year 13 who are graduating will also be presented with their certificates.*

If your student is receiving an award for this prize giving, or if they are involved in the Year 13 Graduation, you will receive an email from me in the next few days.

Students will be expected to be in school at 5.40pm so that they can be seated at 5.50pm

for the 6pm start.

Year 13 will go straight to the hall

Year 12 will meet in B9 with Mr Budgen (senior Kaiarahi)

Year 11 will meet in B8 with Mr Wallis (senior Kaiarahi)

Students in Year 11 and 12 will need to wear school uniform (no jackets or jerseys as it gets very hot in the hall). Year 13 students need to wear formal MUFTI

For students who are receiving a placing in class (2nd or 3rd) or an endeavour award, these will be presented during the Prize Giving assembly on Thursday 31st October which will be held in the school hall at 10.00am. Service awards will also be presented during this assembly as well as the House Trophy. Parents, whānau and caregivers are welcome to attend this prize giving if they would like to.

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

STUDY LEAVE INFORMATION

Earlier this week, 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.

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

CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY (Fri 15 Nov)					
WEEKEND					
Mon 15 Nov	AM	Te Reo Māori	French	Latin	Chemistry
	PM	Japanese	Health	Psychology	
Tue 19 Nov	AM	Chemistry & Biology	History	Te Reo Māori	
	PM	Health Studies	Business Studies	Economics	Te Reo Māori
Wed 20 Nov	AM	Chinese (Mandarin)	Cook Islands Maori	Health	
	PM	Social Studies	Te Reo Māori	Tea Pahi-Tonga	English
Thu 21 Nov	AM	Physics Earth & Space Science	Classical Studies	Art History	Economics
	PM		Latin	Te Reo Māori	Calculus
Fri 22 Nov	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		Social Studies	French	Japanese
	PM		Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Media Studies	
Thu 28 Nov	AM		Education for Sustainability	Earth & Space Science	Chinese
	PM		Samoa	Music Studies	Spanish
Fri 29 Nov	AM		Hawaiian	Earth & Space Science	

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora Whanau,

It is a huge week of celebration, recognition, high hopes and big feelings!!

Our gorgeous seniors are looking forward to their official last day on Friday, and although they will be popping in and out for workshops, catch ups and study time, we will miss their energy as a group, buzzing through the hallways.

I would like to extend my gratitude and thanks to each of them. YOU are part of our whanau (for always), and we value and care for you.

Thankyou for your contributions, your friendships and aroha, that you show each other, that you collectively pour into big issues, and strive to leave our space better, for your time here. Our kaiako (teachers) and staff are richer for spending time journeying alongside you.



There are many students that have walked across the stage to receive awards this week, and will do so again on Friday night, at our Senior Academic Prize Giving, and also our Endeavour Prize Giving on Thursday at 10am.

But I want to take a moment to shine a light on the unsung heroes among us. The ones who may not walk across the stage to receive accolades or awards, yet contribute immensely to our success and growth. These are the individuals who show up every day, putting in the hard work and dedication that often goes unnoticed.

We live in a world that loves a good story—one filled with grand gestures and visible achievements. But what about the quiet determination of those who labor behind the scenes? The ones who arrive early and stay late, who work tirelessly without seeking the spotlight? These are the people who embody resilience and commitment, demonstrating that success is not just about the final outcome, but about the journey, the struggle, and the daily effort.

Think of the individuals who support us in our pursuits, whether it's the colleague who offers help on a tough project, the friend who listens when we need encouragement, or the family member who sacrifices their own time for our well-being. They are the foundation upon which our collective successes are built on.

I would like to recognize the power of perseverance in our lives. Each day, some of our young people turn up, driven by a sense of purpose and a commitment to doing their best. They may not receive public acknowledgment, but their contributions are deeply valued. I want to celebrate YOU today!

In a world that often prioritizes visibility over value, let us be the ones who see and acknowledge the effort behind the scenes. To all those who strive without the promise of applause—thank you. Your hard work does not go unnoticed, and your impact is immeasurable.

I would like to acknowledge the massive amount of work our staff have poured into making each of our celebrations, so very special. As you can appreciate, running a family of 2-4 children can be a logistical challenge, getting them here, there and everywhere. Running a whanau of 600+, is positively mind boggling! So I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our team, for making this happen, the follow ups, the friendly reminders (often tailor made to individuals' understanding), and jenga type

puzzles, that make up these events, is astonishing, and very much driven by the desire to see good things happen for our community.

Nga manaakitanga,
Briar

CRAZY COLOUR RUN - 6TH DECEMBER

We have decided to host a Crazy Colour Run on 6th December. This week students will bring home sponsorship forms and a parent letter has already been emailed home to explain how you can get involved.

Although Seniors will have left school by then, we would still love them to be involved with fundraising and on the day.

The event will be held on **6th December** and we'd love as many people on the day to cheer the kids on as possible!

We're also looking for some helpers, so if you're available please email the school on **wendys@waihicol.school.nz**. We are fundraising for an outdoor fitness area/school playground so let's do this!



Year 13 Leaver's Breakfast: A Heartfelt Farewell

This year's Year 13 Leaver's Breakfast at Waihi College was a touching and memorable celebration. As is tradition, the event brought together students and staff for a morning of connection and reflection, marking the end of one chapter and the beginning of another for our senior students. For many staff members, this farewell was especially poignant, as

they have watched these students grow over the years, some since their earliest days in school.

The morning began with a delicious breakfast lovingly prepared by Ms Fitz and her talented culinary team. The spread was a true showcase of skill and thoughtfulness, offering everyone a chance to sit down to a memorable meal that captured the spirit of the occasion. Throughout the breakfast, the atmosphere was alive with emotion and camaraderie. Staff and students exchanged waiata, allowing each group to express their respect and admiration.

Following this, there were heartfelt hugs, kind words, and encouragement shared between students and staff alike. It was a morning that celebrated not only the journey the Year 13 students have taken so far, but also the bright futures that await them. We eagerly look forward to seeing what they accomplish as they pursue their unique paths, knowing they will always have a place here at Waihi College.

As always, photos from the event can be found on our [School Photos](#) page under [Keeping Informed](#).



Waihi College Senior Endeavour & Service Prizegiving

Yesterday, Waihi College celebrated the hard work and dedication of its Senior students in the Senior Endeavour and Service Prizegiving ceremony. A host of students were recognised for their achievements, with Endeavour certificates awarded for perseverance and growth. The event also honoured those who placed second and third in their year levels, marking their academic and personal accomplishments.

As part of the proceedings, we held our international farewell, bidding goodbye to students who will be departing at the end of this term. It was a bittersweet moment, reminding

everyone of the bonds formed and the contributions made by these students during their time with us.

Highlighting the event, leadership speeches from Zara Davies-Young, Sabine Rush and Maya Dodd inspired the audience, as each speaker reflected on their experiences and shared insights on leadership, resilience and the future.

Service certificates were another focal point, awarded to students who have devoted their time and effort to serve their school or community.

As always, photos from the event can be found on our [School Photos](#) page under [Keeping Informed](#).



COMING UP

Prizegiving Dates:

- 1st November: Senior Academic Prizegiving @6pm: College Hall
- 11th December: Junior Endeavour & Service Prizegiving @10am: College Hall
- 12th December: Junior Academic Prizegiving @6pm: College Hall

These can be found on our website under Keeping Informed (Important Dates).

WAIHI COLLEGE LEO'S CLUB

Did you know that Waihi College has a Leos Club? Run by the Lions Club of Waihi, Leos meet regularly to see how they can support events in our community. This year, they have helped with the Lions Club Book Fair, they're collecting coins for Heads Up for Kids, painting rocks for Lap the Map and helping out at Santa's Grotto at Christmas at the Lake. The Club has been running for nearly 10 years and is currently the biggest it's ever been. Becoming a Leo is a great way to meet other students. You can join from Year 7 and don't have to be a College student to become a member. If you would like to become a Leo, get in touch with Wendy Shave or Leo Club Advisor Anne Marie Spicer for a form - joining is free (kindly subsidised by our local Lions!).



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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.

SPORTS WITH JESS AND JO

Waikato Tennis Championships

The following students competed at the Waikato Tennis Championships earlier this week. Well done to Thierry Smith, Daniel Carson, Jimi Randell, Joel Crockett, and Jordan Holmes.

Thierry came in as runner up for the graded division. Daniel came in runner up in the ungraded plate division. Thank you to Jo Carson for taking our boys so that they could compete!

Thames Valley Rugby

A huge congratulations to Andre Buskermolen, Aidan Butler, Gracie Tempelmeyer, and Rylee Morgan on your Thames Valley Representative Awards for 2024. Amazing achievements, well done.

Hoop Nations Basketball

Pistang Pilipino

Well done to Xyrus Manaoat, Cole Nidogma, and ex student Xandrex Manaoat who all competed in the u17s and u19s divisions at the PISTANG Pilipino National Basketball Tournament in Auckland over the weekend.

Grapple Nationals

Ava-Rose Kautai-King competed at Nationals Grapple Championships in the weekend. Unfortunately for Ava who attended to defend her u12 National Championship Title she had no opponents in her division. She was approached to compete in the u14 division to which she snapped at the opportunity. Ava fought her toughest opponent to date and came in as the u14 National runner up, bringing home

Congratulations to Emily Davison and her Basketball Team Tū Tangata who gained a Silver Medal placing at the Hoop Nations Basketball Tournament over the weekend. Well done to Jaylah Rolleston and Rylee Morgan who also competed at Hoop Nations with their basketball team Hustlers.

Te Kauwhata Exchange

Has been postponed until Tuesday 26th November.

a silver medal. Well done Ava-Rose.

SLAM Basketball

Well done to Palace O'Brien and her Hauraki Basketball team for riding out the tough competition at the SLAM basketball tournament at the weekend. Coming up against Steven Adams' sister and the New Zealand Woman's Defence Force was no easy feat. Well done team.





LUNCHES

Week 3 (29 Oct-1 Nov)

Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Cheesy Tomato Pasta

Pasta Bolognese

Week 4 (4-8 Nov)

Mac & Cheese

Ham 7 Cheese Sandwich

Cheesy Tomato Pasta

Cottage Pie

Butter Chicken