

# 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,

As we are hurtling towards the end of the term, I want to take a moment to thank you all, for your time, input, korero and energy, many pour into our kura. One of our goals is for our kura to be a heart beat for our community, a space where we all connect to in some way, and where we walk alongside each other in our various journey's, leaving a shared space of growth and connection.



**Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.**

Success is not the work of an individual, but the work of many.

I was really thrilled to join our Year 10's on camp this week, and saw this whakatauki (words of wisdom) in action. Students reaching outside their comfort zones, connecting with those they wouldn't usually, trying new things, encouraging, encouraging each other, going back to the 'kiwi kid' games, like bat down, and laughing together. My enormous thanks to the staff who facilitate these memory making times for our young people. It is far more than 'camp'. Our 7 and 8's start their end of year trips this week, and I am looking forward to hearing a similar story.

This week we also celebrated our school leavers, with a special dinner out together. Here at Waihi College, we recognise (and facilitate) many individual learning pathways. Some of these mean our students leave us before the end of year 13 - and their success is amazing. Last night, we celebrated with some of your year 13 leavers, some of our yong people who have left during the year to take up apprenticeships, start their journey at tertiary facilities and more. We see each of you, and are proud of your efforts and the

mahi (work) put in, to realizing your dreams. Please come back and share your stories with us! Waihi College is part of who you are and your story is woven into the tapestry of who we are. We have some tremendous young people in our community and I am excited to see what happens next for them!

As always, I love to hear from whanau, and to share in celebrations, so please do drop me an email when you can.

Nga manaakitanga,  
Briar



## CRAZY COLOUR RUN - 6TH DECEMBER

The big event is coming up **THIS FRIDAY** and will take place at the start of second interval (1.50pm) on the waka field and run till the end of school at 3.10pm. There will be a whole school mufti, so please bring a gold coin, as well as a free sausage sizzle.

Remember to wear clothes that can get wet and dirty, a towel and some glasses or goggles if you'd like them. Footwear is optional! There will be Super Soakers, a Slime Slide, an obstacle course and plenty of paint!!!



## SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS

Thank you so much to everyone who got behind this great initiative! Kayla will be picking up all the donations soon and adding them to her pile of gifts for our amazing community.



**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

 **the SCHOOL NURSE**

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

Margie Goldsworthy | SCHOOL NURSE

 **Pinnacle**

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I would like to remind students who see me in the Nurses Clinic, please make sure you pop in and see me before the end of the school term, to prepare for the holiday season. Even if you do not usually see me, but you could use some advice or anything else. MY DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN. Especially if you are leaving school after this year. Even if you are not currently at school because of exams etc. you can still pop into school to see me.

I am taking annual leave this Christmas so will not be, as available, as I usually am over the Xmas holidays. As Benjamin Franklin said "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail". Margie, School Nurse

## Family home for rent or sale 2025

### Property Highlights include:

- Four bedrooms in the main house plus
- External modern cabin with ensuite shower & toilet
- Family-friendly flow with a stunning open-plan kitchen, dining and living area
- Fireplace, heat-pump and heat-transfer system, rumpus/ gym/ media room

- Internal access single car garage, with additional outdoor parking for 2-3 vehicles, a large back yard, fully fenced
  - Central Waihi location, a short walk from schools and the town centre
- Call Alan Maxwell 027 809 2615 for more information or email on [waihitaiohitrust@gmail.com](mailto:waihitaiohitrust@gmail.com)




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## OPEN HOURS | 2025

### 20 Jan - 13 Feb

<b>Monday 20 Jan - Wednesday 22 Jan</b>	2.00pm - 5.00pm
<b>Thursday 23 Jan - Friday 24 Jan</b>	9.00am - 12.00pm
<b>Tuesday 28 Jan - Thursday 30 Jan</b>	2.00pm - 5.00pm
<b>Monday 3 Feb - Wednesday 5 Feb</b>	8.00am - 11.00am
<b>Monday 10 Feb - Wednesday 12 Feb</b>	8.00am - 10.00am
<b>Thursday 13 February</b>	1.40pm - 3.40pm

Closed on Public Holidays and Teacher Only days.  
Open Hours may be subject to change.

Visit for more info: [www.wcol.uniformgroup.co.nz](http://www.wcol.uniformgroup.co.nz)


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## OPEN HOURS | Term 1, 2025

### 18 Feb - 9 Apr

<b>Monday</b>	CLOSED
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.00am - 9.00am
<b>Wednesday</b>	1.40pm - 3.40pm
<b>Thursday, Friday</b>	CLOSED

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## 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.

# SUMMER OF SURF

## Holiday Programme

AGES  
**7-14**

**January '25**

**Mon to Fri - 9am to 1pm**

- ☒ Spend time outdoors
- ☒ Practice water safety
- ☒ Learn new skills
- ☒ New adventures
- ☒ Run by qualified lifeguards
- ☒ **LOADS OF FUN!**

**Only \$15/day!**

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*Waihi Beach*

LIFEGUARD SERVICES-INC

Email: [info@waihibeachlifeguards.co.nz](mailto:info@waihibeachlifeguards.co.nz)



## Swimming Holiday Programme - January 2025

We will have 4 days of swimming lessons during the summer holiday break from Monday 20th January-Thursday 23rd January 2025 and this will give you 4 x half hour lessons on each day. To register your interest please email [waihiswimmingclub@gmail.com](mailto:waihiswimmingclub@gmail.com) with swimmers names.

Regarding pricing we have got funding from the wonderful Harcourts Waihi and Waihi Beach who have once again come forward and funded 50% of the costs - thank you Harcourts!! The cost will be \$15 per child for the 4 lessons with this generous funding.



**We're thrilled to offer your students a chance to experience an unforgettable adventure this summer at Hillary Outdoors Coromandel!**

Thanks to the generous support from Trust Waikato, we're able to offer eligible students a *partially funded* 5-Day Holiday Action Challenge from 19 - 24 January 2025. Trust Waikato is providing \$500 per student through a [Hillary Step Scholarship \(HSS\)](#) for those who demonstrate the need. Students must be from the Waikato or Coromandel regions to be eligible.

*The full cost of the programme is \$1,484 (incl. GST), but with the incredible support from Trust Waikato, eligible students will only pay \$984 (incl. GST).*

**How to apply:**

1. [Register](#) for the '5-Day Holiday Action Challenge COROMANDEL: Sunday 19 January – Friday 24 January 2025' programme.
2. [Complete a Hillary Step Scholarship application](#) (this can be done by the student, parent, or teacher). Be sure to mention that you are applying for the HSS from Trust Waikato and explain how this funding support will help.

**Please note:** Spaces are limited. This funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis, so we recommend applying as soon as possible to ensure your students don't miss out.


For more information about our Holiday Programmes, please [visit our website](#).

We'd love to see your students join us for a life-changing experience this summer!



*This article can be found on our website, under Latest News in the Keeping Informed section and includes the links for your information.*

# SPORTS WITH JESS AND JO



## **Waihi / Te Kauwhata School Sports Exchange**

Last Tuesday we held our very first School Sports Exchange with Te Kauwhata College. What an amazing day of sportsmanship from everyone. The exchange was an addition to the calendar for our year 7&8 students, however Neti (TK Sport Coordinator) and I decided to open it to year 9&10 students. What a success!! Waihi College came away with Win after a very competitive day.

Year 7&8 Netball - Loss  
Year 9&10 Netball - Win  
Year 9 Mixed Touch - Win  
Year 10 Mixed Touch - Win  
Year 7&8 Boys 3x3 Basketball - Win  
Junior Boys 3x3 Basketball - Win  
Year 7&8 Boys Flag Football - Win  
Year 7&8 Ki-o-Rahi - Win  
Junior Mixed Ki-o-Rahi - Win  
Year 7&8 Mixed Volleyball - Win  
Junior Girls Volleyball - Win  
Junior Boys Volleyball - Loss  
Year 7 Tug-of-War - Win  
Year 8 Tug-of-War - Win  
Year 9 Tug-of-War - Loss  
Year 10 Tug-of-War - Loss

Mixed Girls Tug-of-War and Mixed Boys Tug-of-War were added at the end as Tug-of-War seemed to be a hit. Our tamariki all enjoyed the day and the feed back from Te Kauwhata College was set very high. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the day a success. Also a huge mihi to Palace O'Brien and Rylee Morgan for coming in to help us run and ref Touch. You can find lots of pics of the day in the School Photos section of our website, under Keeping Informed.

### **WBOP Athletics**

Last Wednesday we had 15 year 7&8 students compete at the WBOP Athletics. It was an amazing day, super hot! Students were kind and supportive of each other, as it was tough running on the track in the heat. Joel Crockett 4th in 200m final 2nd in 400m final Lachlan Hewlett 4th in long jump Mitchell Paynter 5th in 200m final Nicita Van Der Merwe 3rd in Discus MJ Vehikite 4th in Discus Realm Witika 2nd in 100m final 3rd in high jump 1st in long jump Chenelle De Lange, MJ Vehikite, Emma Clark & Realm Witika competed in the champions relay and we came 5th!! Congratulations to you all. A huge thank you to Jo Carson, Jessica Crockett and Joel Clarke for your support on the day.

### **Uniforms**

As the end of the year draws near. Please can you check your child's draws and rooms for any uniforms please and return these to the student centre by the end of the week (would be appreciated).

### **Huge Success for Ex Waihi College Students**

A huge congratulations to the Hauraki Mixed Open team who came away with the Gold medal at the Maori Nationals in Rotorua at the weekend. Most of the players and the management will represent TVT at the TNZ Open Nationals. The team is made up of several ex Waihi College students. Congratulations to you all.

### **Waihi Touch Tournament**

On Saturday Touch Waihi ran their very first Touch Tournament as a fundraiser for several Waihi Touch Representatives. The weather wasn't great but the day still went ahead and it definitely was filled with positive vibes all round. Local team G Primer took out the A Grade Final. The team was made up of several Waihi College Students and ex-Waihi College including Andre Buskermolen, Brea Peka, Jaylah Rolleston, Sam Bjerring, Palace O'Brien, Peke-Tupaea Ropiha, and Leo Sydney. Congratulations!

The Runners up was Aza's Team which was also made up of Waihi College Students and ex Waihi College Students including Rylee Morgan and Lortress Thompson. Congratulations to you also.



Kia ora koutou,

The sports committee would like to announce the Person in Charge positions for 2025:

<b>Sporting Code</b>	<b>Expression of interest from</b>	<b>Email contact</b>
Netball	Te-Awhi Cooper	<a href="mailto:teawhic@waihicol.school.nz">teawhic@waihicol.school.nz</a>
Squash	Chris Astwood	<a href="mailto:chrisa@waihicol.school.nz">chrisa@waihicol.school.nz</a>
Tennis	Jo Carson	<a href="mailto:joc@waihicol.school.nz">joc@waihicol.school.nz</a>
Football	Karl Budgen	<a href="mailto:karlb@waihicol.school.nz">karlb@waihicol.school.nz</a>
Rugby	Matt Carden-Scott	<a href="mailto:mathewc@waihicol.school.nz">mathewc@waihicol.school.nz</a>
Basketball	Cat Sole	<a href="mailto:catherines@waihicol.school.nz">catherines@waihicol.school.nz</a>
Waka Ama	Te-awhi Cooper	<a href="mailto:teawhic@waihicol.school.nz">teawhic@waihicol.school.nz</a>
Volleyball	Scott Spicer	<a href="mailto:scotts@waihicol.school.nz">scotts@waihicol.school.nz</a>
Golf	Zac Te Wake	<a href="mailto:zact@waihicol.school.nz">zact@waihicol.school.nz</a>
Ki-o-rahi	Ariana Te Wake	<a href="mailto:arianat@waihicol.school.nz">arianat@waihicol.school.nz</a>
Touch	Jess O'Brien	<a href="mailto:jesso@waihicol.school.nz">jesso@waihicol.school.nz</a>

If you have any questions about any of these codes, please feel free to contact them via their email address.





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E-mail [intrax@intraxjp.com](mailto:intrax@intraxjp.com)

TEL 03-3434-2636

**Dates:** January 6 - 18, 2025

**Apply by:** December 10, 2024

**Cost:** US\$ 2,700

**Fee includes:**

Housing, Breakfast, high school visit, Japanese classes, activities, local transportation, Disney Sea visit and 24-hour supervision.  
(not including airfare)

No Japanese ability required!  
Must be 14-19 years old at time of program start.



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# LUNCHES



## **2nd December - 6th December**

Meatball Pasta

Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Cheesy Tomato Pasta

Beef and Vegies

Cheeseburger Wrap

## **9th December - 12th December**

Pasta Bolognese

Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Cheesy Tomato Pasta

Teriyaki Chicken

Mex Mince