

WAIHĪ COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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JUNIOR PRIZEGIVINGS

Over the past few days, Waihi College celebrated the achievements of our Junior students with the Years 7 & 8 and Years 9 & 10 Endeavour & Service Prize Giving and Academic Prize Giving ceremonies. These events honoured students who excelled in their studies and contributed to the school community throughout the year. A big congratulations to everyone who walked across the stage—your hard work and dedication have paid off! We also want to recognise all those students who gave their best this year, whether or not they received an award. We are proud of each and every one of you. Photos from the events are available in the School Photos section of our website. Feel free to download and share them with friends and family. As the year comes to an end, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you in 2025! For back-to-school dates, uniform details, and stationery lists, visit the Latest News section or the Keeping Informed tab on our website. Thank you for a fantastic year!

Te Orokohanga Trophy (Māori Role Model in Year 7&8)	Ngatara Magee
Kaea Tane (for a year 7-10 student)	Jacob Adams
I can, I will, I did Award	Lucas Pennell
Sara Parish Cup	April Telekolio
Year 7 sports person of the Year Runner Up	Jack Kayes
Year 7 sports person of the year	Lachlan Hewlett
Year 8 Sports Person of the Year Runner Up	Thierry Smith
Year 8 Sports Person of the Year	Hunter Pert
Te Arawa Citizenship Award	Marlie Cochrane
Tainui Citizenship Award	Zeplyn McKenzie
Rotary Service Award for Year 7 - 10	Kate Goodwin
Mozart Award for Year 7& 8	Jimi Randell
Hayden Cup for Best All-Round Boy	Jack Kayes
Hayden Cup for Best All-Round Girl	Brielle Michalchuk
Year 7 Endeavour Award	Pippa Bartram
Year 8 Endeavour Award	Ngatara Magee & Samuel Davison

Year 7 placings	1 st Jimi Randell, 2 nd Jack Kayes, 3 rd Beau Wilson
Year 8 placings	1 st Kate Goodwin, 2 nd Brielle Michalchuk, 3 rd Brooklyn Archer
Year 9 Sports Person of the Year Runner Up	Leah Kelly
Year 9 Sports Person of the Year	Stanley Anderson
Year 10 Sports Person of the Year Runner Up	Jazmine Jones
Year 10 Sports Person of the Year – the Nigel Cotter Cup	Lachlan Osborne-Sole
High Commended Sports in Year 11	Declan Coxon
Year 9 Endeavour Award	Tessa Menary
Year 10 Endeavour Award – the Damon Smith Trophy	Aleera Castrol
Te Kaihopara Rangahau Award for a Year 9 or 10 role model	Truman Alexander
Manaakitanga Award for a Year 9-10 student	Truman Alexander
He Taonga Whakataki Award	Mitchell Paynter
The Lauris Nobilis Award for Outstanding Individual Achievement	Lachlan Osborne-Sole

Year 9 Citizenship Award	Anakah Lewis
Year 10 Citizenship Award	Jessica Yeh
Jack Morgan Shield for Leadership	Jaylah Rolleston
Contribution to Music for Year 9&10	Jenny Yeh
Sharp Note Award for Excellence in a Musical Performance	Jayne Pervan
Excellence in Solo Performance Year 9 &10	Keara Yandall
Best All-Round Year 9 Student	Eli Townsend
Best All-Round Year 10 Student	Jaylah Rolleston
Year 9 Placings	1 st Daria Galey, 2 nd Travis Nagel, 3 rd Ariana Michalchuk
Year 10 Placings	1 st Sami Hug, 2 nd Johnathan Stronach, 3 rd Carlee Huang

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora Whanau,

Have a magical break together - we are looking forward to seeing you back, safe and sound in 2025!

Please keep an eye on our social media pages for updates and more!

Nga manaakitanga,
Briar



Waihi College Colour Run: A Burst of Fun in the Sun

Friday's Colour Run was an explosion of laughter, sunshine, and vibrant fun. The event brought students, staff, and families together for an afternoon filled with energy and excitement.

From splashes of colour and sneaky water stations, to basketball shooting challenges and commando nets, there was something for everyone.

The atmosphere was alive with cheers, smiles, and pure joy as participants embraced the playful chaos. The Colour Run wasn't just about fun—it was a Playground fundraiser and celebration of community. A fantastic way to end the term on a high note. With everyone coming together, it was truly a day to remember.





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
0272963787



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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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

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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!

Supported by Sport Bay of Plenty



Waihi Beach

LIFEGUARD SERVICES INC

Email: 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 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.

Air Sculptures

Ngā Pua Waiarangi Waihi Songwriting Workshops

6-week creative music
& lyric writing course
with songwriter and
producer Liam Ryan



Total course fee \$50
Starts Thur 13 Feb 2025 7pm - 9pm

Limited places - register now!

Contact:

liamryan@torchmusic.co.nz

www.torchmusic.co.nz



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.



Young Explorers Camp

AONGATETE LODGE

BOOK NOW

20th-24th January, 2025


We have an amazing week lined up with bush walks, archery, air rifle, fire building and cooking, hut building, orienteering, team building, confidence activities, swimming, eeling, night activities and much more!


- Bus available from Hamilton or Tauranga (limited to 50 spaces)
- Suitable for 7-13 years old
- OSCAR Subsidy available
- Aongatete Lodge is set in the Kaimai Ranges in the beautiful Bay of Plenty


**PRICE
\$675
5 days**

MORE INFO :

 Edventure Tauranga

 todd@edventure.co.nz

 +0275349949

 www.edventure.co.nz

Limited Spots Available! Book Now for a week of summer FUN!



WAIHĪ COLLEGE BACK TO SCHOOL DATES

30th-31st January: Year 11 Kickstart
3rd-5th February: Senior Leadership Camp
7th February: Years 8-13 start
10th February: Year 7s and any new students start (powhiri)

Check our website for Stationery Lists

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