

# WAIHĪ COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora Whanau

I had the awesome privilege of taking our Student Leaders along to a recent Leaders day out at Waikato University - here is what they had to say:

The recent Student Leadership Day out was a total blast! Everyone seemed to agree that the best part was connecting with other student leaders. "Meeting all the other student leaders and making new connections was definitely my highlight!" one student said.

Lots of people mentioned how cool it was to meet students from other schools and share ideas. "My highlight was probably meeting the other leaders as well..." another student chimed in.

Hearing from past student leaders was also a big hit. "My highlight was hearing from past leaders and getting advice and ideas," one student shared. It's always helpful to get tips from those who've been there, right?

The scholarship winners' stories were super inspiring too. "My highlight was hearing the scholars' different life stories and their advice for the future," one student noted. Talk about motivation!

Working together and learning from each other was a major theme. "Mine was getting to talk to all the like-minded student leaders and working with them. So many of them have amazing leadership skills, and I learned a ton," one student commented. It was also cool to see how different all the schools are. "Mine was also getting to know all the other leaders and learning about the differences we have with our schools," one student said. It's awesome to see how everyone does things a little differently.



Our year 9 and 10's had a fabulous few days last week, out at Dickies Flat - pushing limits, and forging friendships - it is our hope that this experience offered them the chance to get to know each other a little bit more, and of course, have a blast in our incredible surroundings.

We are launching School TV - this is a space which will provide some great ideas, resources and more, to support our young people, parenting tips and more! More info coming soon!

Lastly, we have a big push this term on our awesome value of Kotahitanga and what this means to us here - please take some time to speak with your young person

Basically, the day out was all about making connections, getting inspired, and building a stronger network of student leaders. It was a great experience for everyone involved!

Such a great day of connection and learning!

about what this means to you and your whanau, I am really looking forward to chatting with students.

Have a fabulous week!

Nga manaakitanga,  
Briar

# SCHOOL WIDE

## HERE WE GO!

Well done to all those students that auditioned for lead roles and chorus. We have a fantastic cast! We also have some amazing students signed up to help behind the scenes too.

If you would like to be join us, it's not too late - we have plenty of ways you can be involved. Talk to Mr Randell, Ms Berry or Wendy

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**MAMMA  
MIA!**



# MAMMA MIA!

## Congratulations to the Mamma Mia Cast

### LEAD CAST:

Donna - Bayley Goddard  
Sophie - Keara Yandall  
Sam - Hoani Pollock-Wilson  
Harry - Luke Stephens  
Bill - Max Morley  
Tanya - Maddie Oliver  
Rosie - Piper Dixon

Sky - Harry Cameron  
Pepper - Elaij Stockman  
Eddie - Jimi Randell  
Ali - Abi-Mae McHardy  
Lisa - Anakah Lewis  
Father Alex - Beau Wilson  
Understudies: Leia Moritz  
& Nika Dittabrand

### CHORUS:

Aysheia Domasing, Bailey Macmillan, Daisy Carr, Emma Clark, Erana Telekolio, Indee White, Isla Crompton, Jack Kayes, Jazmine Jones, Johanna Porter, Josh Ulrich, Kate Goodwin, Lotta Bongers, Mace Harries, May Kwast, Meadow DuNasemant, Olivia Callaghan, Owen Laing, Rose Hussey, Samara McHardy, Savarna Brightwell, Sophia Egan, Theia Carpenter, Xavier Motley

## Parent Information Evening Coming Soon

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MUSIC AND LYRICS BY

**BENNY ANDERSSON  
BJÖRN ULVAEUS**

AND SOME SONGS WITH STIG ANDERSON

BOOK BY CATHERINE JOHNSON

ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED BY JUDY CRAYMER



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In support of Neurodiversity Celebration Week, we are holding a Forced perspective Photo Competition. We want you to capture a forced perspective photo that challenges the way we see the world. Get creative and show us the world from your unique perspective. Forced perspective



photography plays with depth, angles and illusions. Let your imagination run wild!

Email your entries to Wendy on:  
**wendys@waihicol.school.nz** with  
your name and house. Competition  
closes at 9am on 18th March.



## Forced Perspective PHOTO COMPETITION

Entries close  
9am, 18.3.25

Get creative and show us the world from  
your unique perspective. Forced perspective  
photography plays with depth, angles and  
illusions. Let your imagination run wild!

CAPTURE A FORCED PERSPECTIVE PHOTO THAT  
CHALLENGES THE WAY WE SEE THE WORLD

EMAIL IT TO WENDYS@WAIHICOL.SCHOOL.NZ

INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND HOUSE IN THE EMAIL



## Year 9&10s Shine at Dickey's Flat

Last week, our Year 9 and 10 students spent two days at Dickey's Flat, and it was an unforgettable experience! The day camps were an incredible display of teamwork, leadership, and kotahitanga with everyone getting stuck into challenges and activities that pushed them outside their comfort zones. From navigating tasks to supporting one another through each challenge, the students showed great spirit and resilience. A huge shout-out to the staff who helped make the trip possible and to the students who earned recognition from their teachers for their outstanding behaviour and were awarded at assembly today (photos can be found on our website). It was a trip filled with learning, bonding, and a whole lot of fun—one to remember!



## SURF TRAINING

It's fantastic to see so many of our students making the most of the pool during the last of the hot summer days. Students of all levels are engaged in a huge variety of activities from practical swim skills through to life saving, kayaking, rafting, and even a bit of training for the upcoming swimming sports. As well as the pool, students are also getting down to the beach for surf training and sea kayaking. Long may the warm weather last and long may the fun outdoor learning as well.



# WAIHI GOLD MINING EDUCATION TRUST RECEIPIENTS

Established in 1992, the Waihi Gold Mining Education Trust was initiated by the Waihi College Principal at the time, Harry Shepherd, and Waihi Gold. Initially, the trust was set up as a fund of \$25,000 per year for five years 'to be used to improve the educational opportunities of the youth in Waihi', however, the trust was able to be continued past this initial timeframe. In 2005 the donation was increased to \$40,000 per annum and increased again in 2022 to \$58,000 per annum.

This year marked the 32nd year of scholarships being presented to Waihi College students, with the top five academic students receiving \$4,000 each to support further studies, four scholarships of \$2,000 each awarded to students pursuing trade qualifications, and the remaining \$30,000 to be used by Waihi College to provide additional equipment and materials for the wider school.

To date, over \$1.1 million dollars and 180 individual scholarships has been provided to Waihi College through the trust. Waihi College is extremely fortunate to have the ongoing support of the Waihi Gold Mining Education Trust and we wish all the recipients well in their future endeavours.



## Trade scholarship awards:

Bhavesch Ranchhod – Trustee of the Waihi Gold Mining Education Trust, Briony Rickwood, Trudie Stephens (Trustee of the Waihi Gold Mining Education Trust), Lewis Honey, Elliot Pilkinton-Brodie, Carolyn Graveson (Future Pathways Co-ordinator), Briar Carden-Scott (Principal), Phillip Salmon (Community Development Advisor)  
Absent: Jackson Kainamu



## Academic scholarship awards:

Hamish McKinnon, Hamish Mudford, Bhavesch Ranchhod (Trustee of the Waihi Gold Mining Education Trust), Trudie Stephens (Trustee of the Waihi Gold Mining Education Trust), Hayaat Dass, Maya Dodd, Maggie Gerbich-Burroughs, Briar Carden-Scott (Principal), Phillip Salmon (Community Development Advisor.)



Waihi College is excited to join School TV. An online platform that supports wellbeing for schools. School TV is a resource for parents, caregivers and educators to better support student wellbeing. We will be rolling out School TV for Waihi College soon so keep an eye out.



## Wellbeing for schools

A resource for parents, caregivers  
and educators to better support  
student wellbeing.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## LOVE GRACE HANDBAG APPEAL

**Do you have a handbag sitting in the back of your closet unused and forgotten?**

**Do you want to give back to your community and help support other women in need?**

We are accepting handbag donations for the *Love Grace Handbag* appeal. Fill your handbag with essential items like deodorant, toothpaste, sanitary products or even things like perfume and makeup. The bags donated will go directly to the nearest women's refuge so you're supporting the women in your community.

## DONATE A HANDBAG TO WOMEN IN NEED

### Love Grace Handbag Appeal

If you have a handbag you would like to donate fill it up with some essentials and bring it to the drop off point

Empowering victims of domestic abuse



**Waihi Drop Off point**  
Waihi college office



The Love Grace Handbag appeal is in honour of Grace Millane. Grace was a tourist in New Zealand when she was tragically murdered on a tinder date. Her family started this event in honour of her love of handbags, helping thousands of women in need focusing on raising awareness for domestic violence. Donations are accepted from 14th February - 8th March 2025. If you're interested in giving your handbag to a new home where it will be

used and make a difference, drop it off at the Waihi College office. And remember it's not just a bag, it's a symbol of hope, love, empowerment and support.

# COMING UP

## WHANAU MEET & GREET: 20TH MARCH

We will be holding a Whānau Meet & Greet afternoon between 3:30pm and 6pm.

This is an opportunity to meet the teachers as well as have some fun and kai.

More details to follow so keep an eye on social media, the Latest News section of our website and the newsletters.

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## MEET & GREET 20TH MARCH



THE SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF  
NEW ZEALAND AOTEAROA  
TE PUNA WHARE MĀTAURANGA A KURA

## Poster Competition

### Calling all artists/designers:

The School Library Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (SLANZA) is looking for a poster to promote Aotearoa School Library Week 2025 (ASLW25).

We are looking for student artists to design an A3 portrait poster for ASLW25.

We would like the poster to reflect many aspects of a school library, and appeal to both tamariki and rangitahi. What makes a school library special? The books, the games, the people? Gathering with friends to share joy over a book, insta, or exploding kittens?

The poster must have space for us to add our logo and include the following details:  
Aotearoa School Library Week 2025  
4-8 August

The winner will receive a \$200 Prezzy Card.

Please send an electronic copy of your artwork by email to:  
[auckland@slanza.org.nz](mailto:auckland@slanza.org.nz)  
Subject line: ASLW25 Artwork  
Entries must be received by 11:59pm on Friday 2 May 2025

Judges decision is final, no correspondence will be entered into.

## SLANZA (School Library Association New Zealand Aotearoa)

SLANZA would like to offer students the opportunity to design a poster for Aotearoa School Library Week 2025 and win a \$200 pressy card.

Artwork will be used for promoting ASLW25 and on all collateral for this year.

## WAIHĪ COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION EVENING  
- ALL SENIORS -  
3/3/25 @ 5.30 IN THE HUB ROOM



## Tertiary University Information Evening:

**Monday 3 March at 5:30pm in Senior Hub**

Food provided. Come and find out about general information, accommodation, scholarships and meet Andrew from Waikato Uni who can answer all your questions.

## YEAR 7&8 CAMP: OTAWHIWHI



Information was sent home to caregivers of our Year 7&8 students over the weekend.

**Parent support is needed.** Please complete the Google Form so we can plan for numbers, menus and helpers.

## SWIMMING SPORTS & ATHLETICS

This Thursday the whole school will be involved in Swimming Sports. Turn up in house colours and get involved.

Next week, on Wednesday we have our school Athletics.

More can be found in our Sports Newsletter and on our website in the Latest News section under Keeping Informed.

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# 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



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

**Margie Goldsworthy | SCHOOL NURSE**

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