

# WAIHĪ COLLEGE



## SPORTS NEWSLETTER

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### PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

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Kia Ora whanau,

I just wanted to take a moment to express how proud we are of our young athletes. Their dedication, commitment, and the amazing individuals they are truly shine through in their chosen sport.

Beyond their athletic prowess, these students exemplify qualities that define outstanding individuals. Their sportsmanship, resilience, and teamwork not only enhance our sports programs but also set a remarkable example for their peers.

As we continue to support and nurture their growth, let's celebrate the incredible young people they are and the bright futures they are creating through their hard work and dedication.

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## SPORT LEADER'S COMMENT

*Tena Koutou Katoa,  
Ko Rylee Morgan toku Ingoa. I am your Sports Leader for 2025. This year I would like to build more participation in both team and individual sports. To do this I think it's important to develop a positive/welcoming and healthy environment for students to thrive and enjoy. So as a leader I'd like to be one of those people to encourage them. I'd be working alongside the sports coordinator and sports committee to put forward what's best for the students here at Waihi College.*

***Ps: Lookout for Lunchtime Sport Activities In the School Notices as there are a few exciting sport activities coming up.***

## SPORTS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S COMMENT

Congratulations to Ariana Te Wake who has been appointed as our new Sports Committee Chair for 2025. Ariana comes with a wealth of knowledge on the sporting front and will be a huge asset to the team.

The sports committee is made up of the following members:

**Ariana Te Wake** - Chair

**Briar Carden-Scott** - BOT/Tumuaki

**Jessie O'Brien** - Sports Coordinator / PIC Touch

**Josephine Carson** - Year 7&8 Sports Coordinator

**Rylee Morgan** - Sports Leader

**Brooke Kelly** - Senior Student

**Chantelle Archer** - HOD PE

**Catherine Osborne-Sole** - BOT / PIC Basketball

**Matthew Carden-Scott** - BOT / PIC Rugby





Tehei Mauri Ora,  
Ko Taranaki Te Maunga  
Ko Urenui me Te Awaroa nga Awa  
Ko Tokomaru Te Waka  
Ko Ngati Mutunga, Ngati Maru, Te Atiawa,  
Tamatoa nga Iwi  
Ko Urenui me Te Upoko o Te Whenua nga  
Marae  
Ko Judy Pue nee Maxwell raua ko Ada  
lorangi nee Cannons/Goldsworthy Oku  
Kuia  
Ko Koro Pue raua ko Ono Piti lorangi Oku  
Koraua  
Ko Denise Pue toku Māmā  
Ko Daniel lorangi toku Pāpā  
Ko Jazz O'Brien toku hoa tane  
Toko ono nga tamariki  
Toko toru nga mokopuna  
Ko Jess O'Brien toku Ingoa

#### YEAR 7&8 SPORT COORDINATORS COMMENT

We have started the year well with the year 7's joining in our lunchtime games, which is excellent to see. Keep listening out in Ako for what sport is on for the day and keep up the participation everyone. Lunch time sports is a relaxed and fun atmosphere with no pressure to attend, and most importantly give yourself time to grab your lunch!

We will be running a lunchtime touch tournament, for our year 7 & 8's soon. This will begin once we finalise the teams, Jo will keep you informed through your waka.

#### SPORT COORDINATOR'S COMMENT

Kia ora Waihi College Whaanau,

Well we have hit the ground running this year commencing with Maaori Basketball Nationals in Rotorua where the u18 Wahine team I managed swooped up a gold medal placing. So proud!!

It has been such an honor to have watched all our tamariki grow and develop in their sporting codes as I head into my 5th year at Waihi College as Sports Coordinator. I am excited to see what 2025 brings with lots of changes being implemented including flooding the school pink as we have moved into a Positive Vibes Only school, and with my community hats on I hope to flow this into those spaces (more information below).

Congratulations to Rylee Morgan our new Sports Leader for 2025. Rylee has been planning some amazing things for lunchtime sports for our year 9-13 students.

Another congratulations to whaea Ariana Te Wake on being appointed the Chair of the Sports Committee.



Sport leaders will be helping out with the lunchtime activities, which is an excellent opportunity to have a go at leadership.



## Thames Valley Touch Nationals

Congratulations to Ryan Adams and Rylee Morgan who competed at the recent representative touch nationals in Auckland. The team got off to a great start on day 1, which secured them a semi-final on day 3. They finished their national's campaign with a 3rd placing.

## Surf Lifesaving

Max Morley Despite sustaining an ankle injury in November that seriously threatened his performance in his top event (the board race), Max showed resilience by deciding to focus on the surf ski event instead this summer. His surf ski race results so far prove that he is now one of the top U17 surf ski athletes in the North Island.

Max's results have been a huge achievement. Eastern Regional Champs at Papamoa - 3rd, Northern Regional Champs at Whangamata - 2nd, Champion of the Bays World Ocean Series at Midway.



## Māori Basketball Nationals

Dakota Cardie, Jaylah Rolleston, Palace O'Brien, Rylee Morgan, (Managed by Jess O'Brien) won Gold in the u18 Wahine A Grade division representing Hauraki.

The girls played some great games and proved they were there to claim a medal placing. These girls have managed to secure bronze, silver and gold as a quad over the last 3 National Championships. Well done ladies.

Rikki Morgan also brought home a Gold medal placing after an undefeated streak with her u14 kotiro team. Rikki also represented Hauraki. Well done Rikki you played with heart and hunger!!



## Tauranga Basketball Representatives

Congratulations to Harlem Field-Hargreaves, Lachlan Osborne-Sole, Jaylah Rolleston and Rikki Morgan on your selections in your respective grades for Tauranga Representative Basketball teams.





## Karate

Meyah Kuizinas sat her first grading at Dokkodo karate and passed with a yellow belt with orange tab! Well done Meyah.

## Tennis

Nivek & Thierry Smith recently competed in the Rotorua Tennis Tournament in the doubles division. This was the first time the brothers competed together and they won the tournament.

Thierry was also selected to compete for Waikato in the inter-regional competition at the weekend.

The boys have lots of tennis competitions coming up including Thames Valley Secondary Schools Tennis Championships, Waikato Tennis Championships, and New Zealand Secondary Schools Cup Championships.

Well done korua.



## Thames Valley Touch

TVT u14 Tane Touch Representatives Mitchell Paynter, Lachlan Hewlett, and Paitoa Peka made up the final squad after some drastic changes to the team. The season presented numerous significant initial changes; however, the boys demonstrated adaptability and consistently performed to the best of their abilities. This season fostered considerable growth, enhancing physical capabilities and strengthening team cohesion.

Results from their representative campaign were:

**Harbour Junior** - 2 wins and 2 losses

**Boyd's tournament** - 3 wins and 1 loss

**WTA Central Series** - 2 wins 2 losses\*

**Rowdy's** 4- losses but 3 games were very close.

Year 7 athlete Rikki Morgan also competed at the above tournaments with her TVT u14 Mixed team.

## Trans-Tasman Surf Boat Series

The Butler brothers Luke, Aiden, and ex Waihi College student Rian were part of the Waihi Beach u23 Men's crew. The trio finished 4th in the North Island Championships.

They raced well in the Champion of Champions event, making a final and placing 6th overall. The boys are now gearing up for Nationals in a few weeks.

Kaiako Nicole Clare was also part of the Trans-Tasman Surf Boat Series and was the only female Sweep in the competition!

Aidan and his crew - The Apprentice competed at the Northern Region IRB Champs in Whangamata. They came in 2nd place in the u19 Male section. Aidan

Ex College student Todd Maitland who was vice-captain of the New Zealand Men's Whaikaha Team made history as the first time NZ has entered a team into the Ivor Burge Tournament at the Australian u20 State Champs.

and his crew also competed in the Opens section.

Max Morely also competed at the Northern Region IRB Champs in the u17 section.



Three generations of the Butler family have been involved with Waikī Beach Surf Lifeguard Services.



Do you have news to share of your tamariki and their sporting achievements, yes individual and club achievements as well. Please email details through to Jess via email: [jesso@waihicol.school.nz](mailto:jesso@waihicol.school.nz)

**Congratulations to our students on your team selections in your respective sporting codes for Summer Sports.**





## Positive Vibes Only - PVO

Waihi College is taking on a new initiative on the sporting front with **Positive Vibes Only!!** You may have seen bright pink signage sweeping throughout Aotearoa in 2024 at major events and tournaments. We think moving to a PVO school will help improve our athletes on all levels of sports and eventually increase sport participation whilst making fond memories and having fun along the way.

Our school sporting community should expect to hear from our Sport Coordinators, Jess and Jo soon.



# What is Positive Vibes Only?



Sideline and adult behaviour is one of the issues that contributes to low satisfaction rates in young people. Our Regional Sporting Organisations identified this as a real problem and have committed to working with Sport Waikato to improve supporter culture in a collective way, that way, the expectations are the same no-matter the code or the venue.

**Positive Vibes Only is about creating environments that are enjoyable for all, whether you are a player, coach, referee, administrator, or supporter. We know that the top reasons young people play sport are to have fun, be with their friends, develop, and learn new skills. By challenging all those involved in sport to encourage 'Positive Vibes Only' as the new standard, we strive to lift the bar on what behaviours are acceptable in our youth sporting environments.**



Positive Vibes Only was originally piloted by Sport Waikato and Hamilton City Netball at the Upper North Island Secondary School (UNISS) Netball tournament in August 2023. The success of this campaign was proven by feedback from attendees of UNISS who felt a noticeable difference in the 'vibe' of a highly competitive qualifying tournament. The launch of the Positive Vibes Only Experience encouraged the idea that despite this being a competitive tournament, we should be encouraging and supportive of all.



What started as a sideline behaviour campaign to address the negative behaviours of adults, has evolved into a movement for cultural change, making positive and enjoyable environments the new norm in youth sports. Our young people are now seeing the presence of Positive Vibes Only across the motu, with many Regional Sporting Organisations, sports clubs, sports venues and event organisers championing PVO to collectively improve youth sport environments.



Positive Vibes Only encourages us to reassess our expectations when it comes to youth sport. What might happen if we as adults, who contribute to our young people's experiences in sport, do better to ensure that we are creating environments that prioritise fun, and enjoyment, no matter the code, or the level? We hope that the result of this will be that more people have positive sporting experiences, in whatever way they choose to participate, leading them to form a **life-long love of being active**.



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## COMING UP

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- Thursday 27th Feb - Waihi College Swimming
- Wednesday 5th March - Year 9-13 Athletics
- Thursday 6th March - Thames Valley Secondary Schools Touch Championships

- Wednesday 12th March - Thames Valley Secondary Schools Swimming Championships
- Thursday 13th March - Thames Valley Secondary Schools Senior 3x3 Championships
- Tuesday 18th March - Thames Valley Secondary Schools Athletics
- Friday 21st March - Thames Valley Secondary Schools Tennis Championships
- Wednesday 26th March - Thames Valley Year 7&8 Rippa Rugby Championships
- 27th-29th March - Senior Boys 3x3 Basketball