

WAIHĪ COLLEGE



SPORTS NEWSLETTER

Issue 2

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora koutou katoa,

What an incredible weekend of sport we've had! I am absolutely bursting with pride as I reflect on the fantastic efforts of all our teams who represented themselves, their whanau, their clubs and our school, with such passion and dedication.

What truly stood out was the remarkable **sportsmanship** displayed by our students. I heard of acts of kindness, encouragement, and respect towards opponents, officials, and each other. This embodies the very essence of what we strive to achieve at Waihi College.

I saw our school values shining brightly:

- **Manaakitanga:** The way our teams showed care and respect for everyone involved, creating a welcoming and supportive environment.
- **Kotahitanga:** The unity and teamwork displayed were truly inspiring. You played as one, supporting each other through every challenge.
- **Kaitiakitanga:** We saw responsible conduct, looking after our equipment and respecting the spaces we used.
- **Whanaungatanga:** The strong bonds and connections formed, both within teams and with the wider school community, were evident.



To all the athletes who competed this weekend, thank you. You have made us all incredibly proud.

Looking ahead, we have teams starting their training this week. This is an exciting time, a chance to build skills, forge friendships, and create memorable experiences. I encourage you all to:

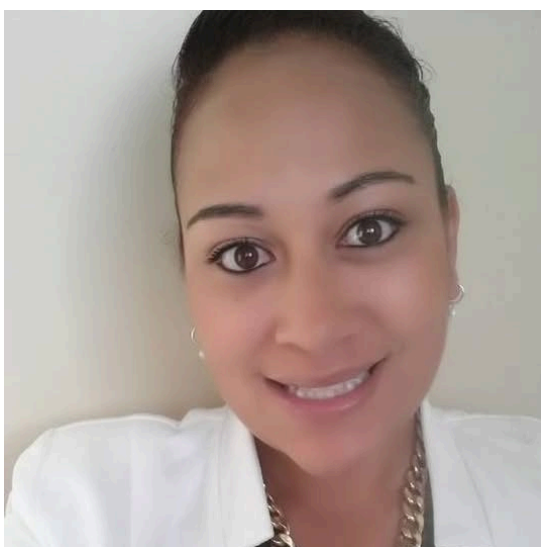
- **Bring your best selves:** Come prepared to work hard, learn, and contribute to your team's success.
- **Show up on time:** Respect your teammates and coaches by being punctual. Your commitment is essential to the team's progress.

Remember, sport is about more than just winning. It's about developing character, building resilience, and fostering a sense of belonging. Let's continue to uphold our school values and represent Waihi College with pride, both on and off the field. Keep up the amazing work!



SPORT LEADER'S COMMENT

It was really good to see everyone come together and participate in our school Athletics and Swimming Sports. It was giving aura. The energy, encouragement and effort from everyone and students striving for their own personal goals in their passion, was truly amazing to see. Secondly, I'd like to acknowledge our house leaders for their amazing leadership. It was their first major event and they did an amazing job leading and getting students involved and enjoying themselves. What an Awesome couple of weeks.



SPORT COORDINATOR'S COMMENT

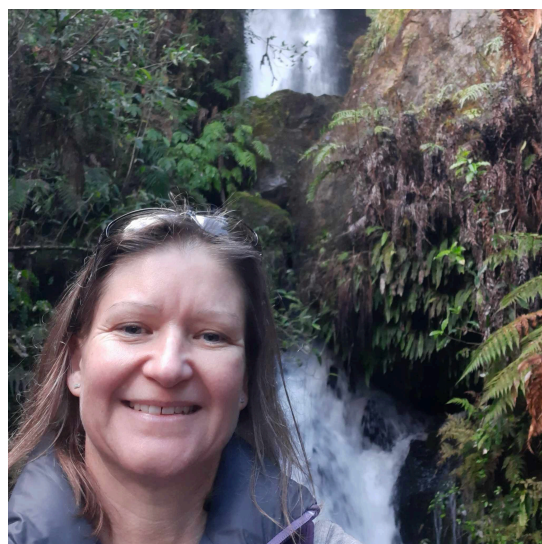
Kia ora Whaanau,
Term 1 is always a busy time of the year on sporting front. Swimming, Athletics, Thames Valley Secondary School Sports events as well as Trials for Basketball and Netball.
Congratulations to all our athletes on your sporting achievements and selections so far.

YEAR 7&8 SPORT COORDINATORS COMMENT

Year 7 & 8 Lunchtime sports

We have been getting lots of participation, well done everyone, you are all getting out there and trying something new. This is awesome! Keep up this great vibe at lunchtimes!

We have finalised our Rippa Rugby' teams and are training towards the annual Thames Valley Primary Schools Tournament which is being held at the



We have also been playing some touch rugby, and will continue our mini lunchtime tournament in the next week or so.

Waihi College top fields on Wednesday the 26th March. Teams who make it into the final will then be playing in Ngatea the following week Wednesday 2nd April. We will keep you posted on how our teams go.

Badminton and pickleball are also popular, but the winner for biggest participation has to be multisport, which is great to see.

Suggestions/feedback for Year 7&8 lunchtime sports welcome.



Rugby Fitness Sessions

What a great first Rug Fit session this week!! We hope to see more of our players next Monday. This is for ALL Rugby players (boys and girls).

Venue: Waihi College Lower Field

When: Mondays

Time: 3:30 - 5:00pm

What to bring: Suitable footwear, water bottle, strap any niggles (boots incase)

See you all there.

Waihi College Swimming Championships

Swimming Sports was a fantastic event, filled with excitement, competition, and plenty of house spirit. The sun was shining, creating the perfect atmosphere for a day of racing and cheering.

Students turned out in full force, proudly wearing their house colors and supporting their friends from the sidelines. The competition was fierce, but in the end, Amaranth claimed victory, followed closely by Empire, with Royal in third and Dominion in fourth place.

Adding to the lively atmosphere, the Leos ran a refreshing Juicie stall, while the basketball boys kept everyone fueled with a sausage sizzle. Well done to everyone

Subway Sponsor Waihi College Sports Teams

A huge mihi to Chris and Wendy at Subway Waihi for getting behind our sporting teams and providing us with Player of the Day vouchers. We are truly lucky to have you support our players and cannot thank you enough.



Thames Valley Secondary Schools Sports Association

Did you know you can now find the TVSSSA on facebook. Hosting schools will be sharing images and results from all events. See the upcoming TVSSSA events below.

who participated and made the day such a success!

The champion results were:

Elementary Girls

1st Olive Kelly

2nd Maia Goodwin

3rd Natalie Connelly

Elementary Boys

1st Carter Hewlett

2nd Kahu Appleton

3rd Logan Cooper & Reggin Tukaki

Junior Girls

1st Poppy Bolderston

2nd Lexie Davies-Young

3rd Isla Freeman

Junior Boys

1st Paitoa Peka

2nd Tane Whaanga

3rd Lachlan Hewlett

Intermediate Girls

1st Zoe Walton

2nd Asha Davies-Young & Leah Kelly

3rd Aliya Smith & Paula Richter

Intermediate Boys

1st Lachlan Osborne-Sole

2nd Blake Smith

3rd Stanley Anderson

Senior Girls

1st Reese Neame

2nd Celeste Rush

3rd Zara Davies-Young

Senior Boys

1st Ben Jarvis

2nd Aidan Butler

3rd Max Morley



TERM 1 SPORTS EVENTS

Thurs 6 March
TV Touch - Ngatea
Wed 12 March
TV Swimming - Thames
Thurs 13 March
TV 3x3 BBall - SNRS only - Te Aroha
Tues 18 March
TV Athletics - Paeroa domain
Fri 21 March
TV Tennis - Waihi
Tues 25 March
Wai/Bop Athletics - Hamilton
Thurs 3 April
TV Bowls - Whitianga
Fri 4 April
TV Softball - Waihi



Waihi College Athletics Championships

Athletics Day was a fantastic success, with a gorgeous sunny day setting the perfect scene for competition and school spirit. Students participated enthusiastically across all events, showcasing their athleticism, determination, and house pride.

Well done to all athletes who competed and congratulations to our Sports Leader Rylee Morgan who set a new record of 27.84m in Javelin beating the previous record by 3m.

Empire emerged victorious, claiming first place, followed by Amaranth in second, Royal in third, and Dominion in fourth. However, there is still the 3000m race to be run today, so house placings and champion results will be updated once results are in. It was great to see so many students getting involved and giving it their all. Full results will be published in the next Sports Newsletter, Facebook Sports page, and website.



Thames Valley Secondary Schools Touch Championships

The first annual TVSSSA event set the bar high as we had a huge increase in participation numbers which was amazing to see. Waihi College Junior Boys and Senior Mixed had been training hard utilising the recreational Waihi Touch Association Module as their warm up games leading up to championship day. The senior mixed team had 2 wins, 2 losses, and a draw placing them 4th in their pool. Our Junior Boys 2 wins and 2 losses placing them 4th in their pool.

Overall it was a really enjoyable day had by all. Thank you to our coaches and managers for your mahi in the lead up and on the day our sub boxes were top notch!!

Waikato Secondary Schools Tennis Championships

We had 6 competitors compete at the WSST championships on Tuesday. Nivek and Theirry Smith both swooped up a second placing in their grades. Thomas Carson, Daniel Carson, Jimi Randell and Anakah Lewis all had really good battles, won some and lost some within the tournament. Great tennis playing all round.

As always, you can check out the photos on the School Photos page.

Good luck to all our athletes who have qualified for Thames Valley Secondary School Sports Athletics Championships who are competing next week.



AON Surf Lifesaving Nationals

The Surf Lifesaving Sport 2024 - 2025 season is officially over for six Waihi College athletes, who have recently returned from epic National events.

Oceans '25

Jack Kayes, Beau Wilson and Kahu Appleton all competed in challenging conditions at this year's 4 day Junior Surf Sport Nationals (Oceans 25) at Mount Maunganui. For all three boys, it was their first time at this iconic and arduous competition which included multiple individual and relay events. All events begin with knock-out heats, progressing through quarter and semi-finals before the grand final itself - so to make it to a semi or final in this national competition is a real achievement.

Jack made the semi-finals in the board race, diamond race (swim and board combination), beach sprint, board relay, and beach sprint relay. Beau and Kahu made it to two finals: Kahu finished 10th in the board race, and Beau finished 12th,



Thames Valley Representative Touch

Congratulations and well done to Palace O'Brien who recently competed at Touch Nationals in Auckland with her TVT u21's Mixed Touch team.

The team played some really tough opponents and will now have extra skills under their belt for 2026.



and in the diamond, Kahu finished 11th and Beau 14th. Kahu also made the beach sprint semi-final.



Lifesaving Sport Nationals '25

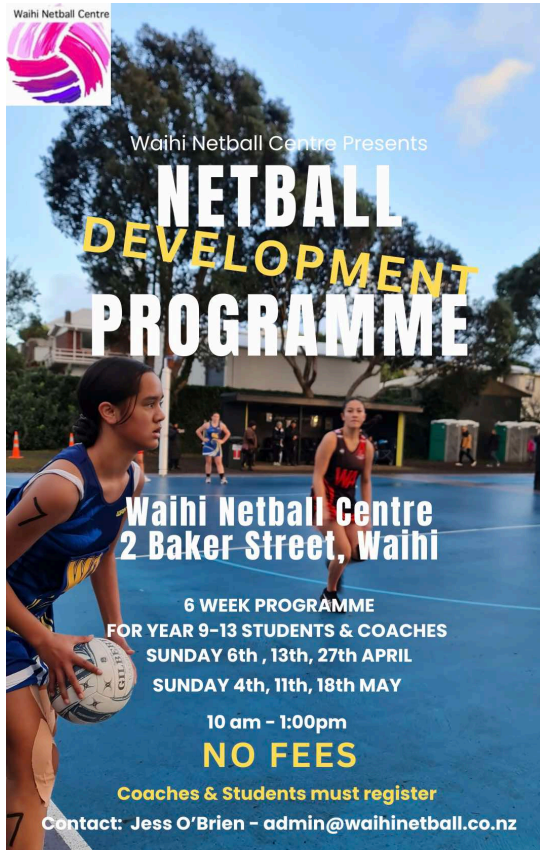
Luke Butler, Max Morley, and Aidan Butler all attended this five-day event in Gisborne. At times, the athletes had to contend with 50kph onshore winds and 8-foot waves.

U23 Surf Boats: Luke and Aidan Butler

Luke and Aidan were members of a squad of 5 who competed in the short and long-course events. On the first day of the event, conditions were deemed unsafe for surf boats, which meant that all of the racing had to be completed in a much shorter window, resulting in no rest time and continuous racing for the boys. The boys were rowing the Surf Club's new boat - which is faster, lighter, and therefore more unstable, which made racing tricky in conditions that would have favoured a heavier craft. During their warm-up on Saturday, the boys were unlucky and flipped the boat, breaking the sweep oar and putting a small hole in the boat. Despite this setback, the boat was repaired and the boys went on to secure Bronze in the short course event, and 3rd overall in the U23 National Surf Boat Series!

6 Week Netball Development Program

Our Sport Coordinator is running a 6 week Netball Development program for all Netball Coaches and year 9-13 netballers under the Waihi Netball Centre umbrella. Each session will be approx. 3 hours and will be very beneficial for all players. You can register by heading to the Waihi Netball Centre website/coaching & development. We will have ex Magic player and Silver Fern Samantha Winders assisting Jess as well as Oceane Maihi (pending her availability). Look forward to seeing you all there.



Thames Valley Secondary Schools 3x3 Basketball Championships

Our Senior Boys 3x3 Basketball team Tapene Ropiha, Lachlan Osborne-Sole, Harlem Field-Hargreaves, and Nikora MacCalman competed at the annual Thames Valley 3x3 event.

They got off to a slow start but found momentum, played with heart and hunger. They played their way to the semi-finals and finished in 3rd place.



U17 Board and Surf Ski: Max Morley

The huge surf and unpredictable sets made for a very difficult Nationals for Max. From a field of 100 athletes, Max made finals in the board and the ski, although his ski was damaged after being rammed by another competitor in the semi-final. Emergency repairs got him to the start line in time for the ski final, in which he was bringing it home in 2nd place until a "party wave" of competitors caught him up in the final stage of the race. Max was pushed sideways into the wave, and ultimately finished 11th. He also finished 11th in the board race, and 6th with his team in the exciting board relay final.

These National events complete a long season of dedicated training, competitions leading up to the grand-finale, and showcase the grit and determination needed to compete in surf sports.



Thames Valley Secondary Schools Swimming Championships

The team prepare to head to Senior Secondary Schools regionals in Rotorua in a few weeks time.



Youth Rugby Boys Panui

Training days will be Monday and Thursday from 3:30-4:30 pm on the top field. Please bring training gear, boots, and water.



The annual Thames Valley Swimming Sports held on Wednesday was a fabulous day had by all. Full results will be announced as soon as they are available. Well done to all our competitors.



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



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

**COLLEGE A NETBALL 2025**

CELESTE RUSH
JAYLAH ROLLESTON
SAVARNA BRIGHTWELL
ZARA DAVIES-YOUNG
BROOKE KELLY
EVAH CAREY
ZOE-BETH NAISBY
MADISON MUIR
BREA PEKA
RYLEE MORGAN

COACHES: CHANTELE ARCHER &
LEAH BUTTERWORTH

**SENIOR DEVELOPMENT NETBALL 2025**

KAYLA BURR
INDIE FITZGIBBON
KYLIA MUIR
SHAYLA ROYCROFT
PIPER ELSLEY
MALEA HUTCHINS
ALIYA SMITH
ASHA DAVIES-YOUNG
ALEXIS HUGHES
ISLA MENARY
REESE NEAME

COACH/MANAGER: TBC

**COLLEGE A BOYS TRAINING SQUAD**

CHACE TAWHITI
BROOKLYN FREWIN
MAKAI NG WUN
LACHLAN OSBORNE-SOLE
MAHE NORTH
NIKORA MACCALLMAN
KEVIN AINSLEY
COLE NIDOGMA
LEONARDO SYDNEY
TAPENE ROPHA
PEKE-TUPAEA ROPHA
LINCOLN ALEXANDER
HARLEM FIELD-HARGREAVES
CALLAN DODD
NIELS HANSEN



COACH: CALLAN SAMSON
COACH MENTOR: SHANNON HARGREAVES
MANAGER: CATHERINE OSBORN-SOLE



**WAIHI COLLEGE
BASKETBALL
JUNIOR GIRLS TRIALS**

THURSDAY 13TH MARCH 5:30 - 7:00 PM
THURSDAY 20TH MARCH 5:30 - 7:00 PM
SCHOOL GYM

CONTACT: PIC BASKETBALL
CAT OSBORNE-SOLE: CATHERINES@WAIHICOL.SCHOOL.NZ



**WAIHI COLLEGE
NETBALL
YEAR 9&10 TRIAL DATES**

TUESDAY 18TH MARCH 11:30-12:10
WAKA COURTS

CONTACT: TIC NETBALL
TE AWHI COOPER - TEAWHI@WAIHICOL.SCHOOL.NZ

COMING UP



- 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 Regionals