

WAIHĪ COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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WHĀNAU MEET & GREET

Our Whānau Meet & Greet was an incredible afternoon filled with sunshine, connection, and fun. We had an amazing turnout, with so many families coming along to visit, explore, and get involved in a fantastic community event. We enjoyed wonderful performances by Te Ara Poutama (our Kapa Haka ropu) as well as songs from some of our Mamma Mia cast. The atmosphere was buzzing, with plenty to see and do for everyone. Whether it was catching up with teachers, meeting friends, or taking part in activities, there was something for all ages to enjoy. A huge thank you to our generous sponsors—New World for the sausages, bread, onions and sauce for the sausage sizzle, Paper Plus for the two jigsaw puzzles, Subway for the ten 6inch subway vouchers, Pizza Hut for \$30 worth of vouchers, Mitre 10 for the build your own garden set including a vege box, potting mix and plants, and BP for the family pack of Krispy Kreme Donuts. These were handed out as spot prizes throughout the afternoon, adding extra excitement and surprises for our attendees. Thank you to everyone who came along and made the event such a success. We look forward to more opportunities to connect and celebrate our wonderful school community!



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora Whanau

I hope this newsletter finds you all well.

Firstly, I want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who came along to our **Whānau Big Day Out!** It was absolutely fantastic to see so many of you there, and the buzz of having much of our school community together was truly amazing. The energy and connection we felt that day reminded us all of the strength and spirit of our school. Thank you for making it such a memorable event.



We deeply value your involvement in our children's education. Your presence and support make a significant difference in their lives. Our young people thrive when they know their whānau is behind them, even if they sometimes express it differently! Please continue to be a part of our school days, offering your guidance and encouragement. I also very much want to hear from you - what you value, and what as an educational space, we can't leave to chance. Thank you to those who have shared already - these thoughts will help to inform our next steps in crafting our vision for Waihi College, from 2026.

SNUP Upgrade - Internet Disruptions

Please be aware that we are anticipating potential disruptions to our school internet over the next week or so due to the SNUP (internet) upgrade. Unfortunately, we are working with a flexible schedule, as there is no set timings for the upgrade. This is outside of our control. We are doing our best to accommodate the situation and minimize any impact on learning. However, there is a possibility that some senior students may be rostered home for online learning if the upgrade causes significant disruptions. We will provide more information as it becomes available and will communicate with you daily as/if needed. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



Board of Trustees Elections

As many of you are aware, our Board of Trustees elections are coming up. We will be calling for expressions of interest and nominations in July. Our current Board members have played a pivotal role in our school community and have been instrumental in driving many of our key initiatives. Their dedication and commitment are greatly appreciated. If you are interested in learning more about the Board or would like to discuss the nomination process, please feel free to reach out to me or any of our current Board members. We welcome your involvement and value your contribution to the governance of our school.

We are committed to keeping you informed and engaged in your child's education. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Nga manaakitanga,
Briar

SCHOOL WIDE

PHOTO COMPETITION - FORCED PERSPECTIVE

As part of Neurodivergency Week, our Forced Perspective Photo Competition showcased incredible creativity and talent. The competition challenged students to play with angles, depth, and illusions to create mind-bending photographs. Our finalists were —Andre Buskermolen, Deon Taipiro, Max Potter, Ingrid Berry, Nate Phillips, Sarah Gearon, Maddie Oliver, Sophie Haushofer and Harvey Sharp— and they all delivered stunning entries that impressed the judges. In the end, Max Potter took out first place, winning the \$50 prize, followed by Maddie Oliver in second and Harvey Sharp in third. A huge congratulations to our winners and all our participants for their fantastic efforts! We can't wait to run a similar competition next year—so get your cameras ready!



REHEARSALS

Rehearsals are well underway for the upcoming Mamma Mia and letters have been emailed to caregivers and students with rehearsal schedules and other details. The schedule has also been added to the Mamma Mia Google Classroom and put up around the school. If you're not able to make a rehearsal, please chat to Mr Randell or Ms Berry. **The first Saturday rehearsal is coming up on 29th March.**

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MAMMA
MIA!



YEAR 9 TANGAROA TRIP

The first of the Year 9 Tangaroa trip days got off to an awesome start this week! Tui and Kererū students immersed themselves in the rich pūrākau of Tuhua, explored the fascinating marine life in the rock pools, and learned about the precious Dotterel nesting sites at Waihi Beach.

The afternoon brought even more excitement as students were treated to thrilling rides on the local Coastguard's brand-new jet ski followed by awesome water activities in the sea. A massive thank you to our special guests Kataraina & Mahana Magee, Stuart Atwood, Sam Dunlop and Luke Butler and all the contributing teachers for making the day memorable!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Te Miro Twister XC Mountain Bike Race



30th March 2025

Choose from the below races:

2.5km Suitable for Littlies or Beginners

(2 or 4 Laps will finish after 45 minutes)

7km, 14km, 21km or 42kms (Approximately)

E-Bike Classes Available in 21 and 42kms

Plenty of Awesome Spot Prizes

Sausage Sizzle and Drinks for Sale

No Eftpos Available Please Bring Cash

For more information and course maps go to:

temiromtbclub.co.nz

Any queries email: temiromtbevents@gmail.com

Registration now open, enter on the following link:

<https://my.raceresult.com/325980/>



COMING UP

Beach Hop is coming! The 26th of March, promises to be an amazing community event. Waihi College will be open for instruction, but we do realise that many whanau will wish to support this. We will mark the role accordingly, with E for explained.

WAIHI COLLEGE BALL: ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

The upcoming Waihi College Ball is on 17th May at the Waihi Beach Surf Club from 7pm till 10.30pm. The theme for this year's Ball is "Masquerade". There will be a DJ, Photobooth, formal photographer, wandering photographer, food and drinks and it's always an amazing night.

All Year 11 and 12s wanting to attend the Ball need to complete an application form and return it to the office by 2nd May for approval from SLT. All Year 13s wanting to attend, need to pop their name on the Year 13 list along with their partners name if they are bringing one from outside Waihi College.

Ball Applications can now be collected from the office or downloaded from the Latest News section of our website. Tickets are \$80 each as per and will be on sale shortly.



Teacher Only Day

PARENT CORNER

Providing information to parents on topics and resources that support students learning

Lessons from Learning Support Waihi College Learner Profiles

Students who are identified by our Student Support Team as requiring extra learning support at school are referred to the Learning Support Coordinator. A learner profile is then created for the student. This is a document created by gathering information from classroom teachers, the student themselves and the students whanau to collate a plan that will provide a guide on how best to support the student.

Learner profiles include

Information about the students skills, strengths and interests

Highlight challenges to learning

Provide classroom based strategies that support students learning

Make recommendations about what further interventions can be put in place to assist the student to achieve

The purpose of a Learner Profile is to have informed discussions and provide teachers information about Learners.

It is designed to help teachers

Have access to information about Learners that will inform learning discussions

Understand their students and how to build an effective relationship with them

Recognise and remove potential barriers to learning at the outset

Understand strategies that work for the student and what adaptations or differentiations might be necessary

Design learning experiences and environments that maximise engagement and build on students strengths and interests

Select curriculum materials and content that students will be able to access

Keep teachers informed of interventions in place for the student and channels they can go to for support.

Support conversations around transitions to new learning levels

It is designed to help families

Convey information that may affect the learning of their child

Provide a student's family a perspective which expresses who they are and what their aspirations are

Address concerns about their child's learning challenges and identify strategies that motivate them

Creates an opportunity for self advocacy regarding their child's learning development

**WAIHI COLLEGE HAS A SCHOOL NURSE AVAILABLE
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 8.30AM—4.30PM FOR YEAR 9-13
AVAILABLE FOR YEAR 7-8 IN EMERGENCIES**

POP IN TO THE BUILDING NEXT TO THE TREE OF LIFE
WALK IN APPOINTMENT, OR TEXT/PHONE ON
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)

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