

WAIHI COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora Whanau

As we head into another busy few weeks, I want to share some exciting news and important updates.

Get Ready to Dance and Dine with *Mamma Mia!*

Our talented students are putting the finishing touches on what promises to be an absolutely spectacular production of *Mamma Mia!* This is a show you won't want to miss, filled with catchy songs and incredible performances. We have three evening shows and a matinee to choose from, offering plenty of opportunities to experience the magic.

To make it a truly special night out, our fabulous Culinary Department is offering a pre-purchase meal option that you can enjoy before the show. Imagine delicious food followed by an unforgettable musical – what a perfect evening! See below for more information on how to book your tickets and pre-order your meal.

Celebrate Sporting Success

We invite you to join us for our Summer Sport Prizegiving on Tuesday, June 17th. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate

the hard work, dedication, and successes of our young athletes. Your presence means a great deal to our students, so please come along and support them as they receive recognition for their achievements.

Promoting Attendance for Sporting Participation

You may have heard that we are implementing a new initiative to promote strong attendance, particularly in relation to school sports. To participate in school sports, we ideally need students to maintain an 85% attendance rate. This is incredibly important for team cohesion, skill development, and ensuring our students have the best possible sporting experience. We understand that sometimes students are unwell or have legitimate reasons for not being at school. In these instances, it's crucial that you let us know as soon as possible.

A Huge Thanks to Our CAA Team

Finally, I want to extend a massive thank you to Ms. Howell and the entire team of teachers who have been/continue to support the CAA over the past two weeks. Their dedication has been outstanding. We have been incredibly impressed with how our students have approached these tests – they have been calm, sensible, and have truly given it their best effort. There will be another opportunity to sit the CAA in September. Please remember, we are keen to work in partnership with you to help your young person shine. If there is anything at all we can do to support you or your child, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Nga manaakitanga,

Briar

SCHOOL WIDE

MAMMA MIA TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE FOR MAMMA MIA! On **Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th June** we have shows starting at 6.30pm then on **Saturday 21st June** we have a 1pm matinee. You can select from General Admission for \$15 each, or Student and Senior tickets for only \$12.50. This year we are also selling premium seating for \$25 for the front few rows! Please get in quick before they sell out. Head to Humanitix to purchase yours now: <https://events.humanitix.com/mamma-mia-fgu5qgnj>. We also have two delicious meal options: **Stifado** (Greek stew) with a side of crusty bread OR delicious **spanakopita** served with a green salad. These are only \$16 each and can be pre-ordered at checkout - if you are purchasing a meal with your ticket, you'll need to place your orders by 8th June to allow us enough time for prep. Meals will be collected upon arrival from our Food Stall on the night and enjoyed at your seat during the show. We will also have other treats for sale, such as canned drinks, lollies and slices which can be purchased on the night. Cash or eftpos available. Lastly, our Kapa Haka ropu will be holding a raffle stall to help them raise money for their trip to Taiwan later in the year. Cash only for raffles.

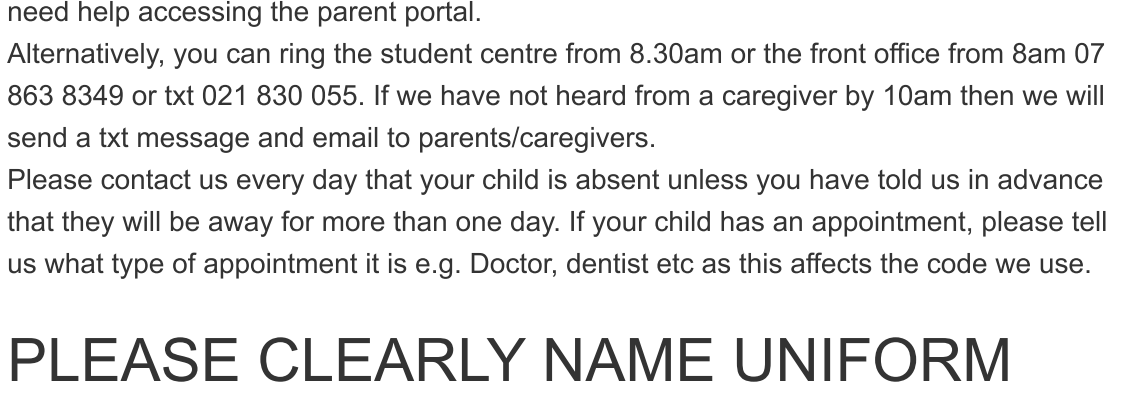


Mamma Mia! is a feel-good musical set on a sunny Greek island. Sophie, a spirited 20-year-old, is about to be married and dreams of her father walking her down the aisle. The problem? She doesn't know who he is. After secretly reading her mother Donna's diary, she invites three men—Sam, Bill, and Harry—each of whom could be her dad. As the trio arrives, chaos and comedy ensue, sparking unexpected reunions and old romantic tensions. Donna, a fiercely independent woman and former singer, must confront her past while leaning on her two best friends, Rosie and Tanya. With the wedding approaching, secrets unfold, hearts open, and identities are questioned. Featuring timeless ABBA hits like "Dancing Queen," "Mamma Mia," and "Super Trouper," the show is a joyous celebration of love, friendship, and self-discovery. Mamma Mia! combines humor, heart, and high-energy music in a story that proves family is more than just DNA—it's who stands by you.

This musical deals with the theme of children born out of wedlock. Please do not bring children to the show if you feel this topic is inappropriate. If you do choose to bring a young child to the show and they will be sitting on your lap, there is no need to purchase a ticket for them. If you are bringing a child that requires their own seat, please purchase a student ticket to ensure seating capacity is not over-booked.

WORLD VISION: 40 HOUR CHALLENGE

Help Waihi College raise money for World Vision! We would love as many of our students as possible to sign up for the 40 Hour World Vision Challenge. Go to this link to find out how: <https://fundraise.worldvision.org.nz/join/WaihiCollege> Once you have your page set up, you can share it with friends and family and start raising money. The Challenge is from 13th-15th June and our aim is to raise \$12,500!!! What could you go without to help someone in need?



STUDENT ABSENCES

We have several ways that you can let us know that your child/children will be absent from school. Our parent portal now has the option "Notify Absence". Please let us know if you need help accessing the parent centre.

Alternatively, you can ring the student centre from 8.30am or the front office from 8am 07 863 8349 or txt 021 830 055. If we have not heard from a caregiver by 10am then we will send a txt message and email to parents/caregivers.

Please contact us every day that your child is absent unless you have told us in advance that they will be away for more than one day. If your child has an appointment, please tell us what type of appointment it is e.g. Doctor, dentist etc as this affects the code we use.


PLEASE CLEARLY NAME UNIFORM

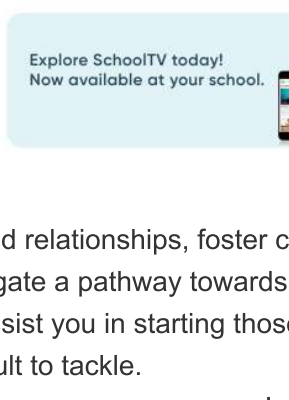
Every week, we have uniform in lost property that is unnamed. Please make sure you clearly name your child's uniform, so that we can return it, if they lose it.

WAIHI COLLEGE LAUNCHES SCHOOL TV

Because parenting doesn't come with instructions, SchoolTV is a wellbeing resource implemented at our school to help support you in the challenges of modern-day parenting relating to youth mental health and wellbeing. Parenting is a learning journey and SchoolTV supports families by providing credible information from trusted sources with practical strategies to help alleviate some of the challenges being faced by young people today.

Watch video interviews with leading wellbeing specialists and browse a library of resources. Each topic is accompanied by factsheets, podcasts, books, articles, apps and other videos.

**SchoolTV** Empower confidence.



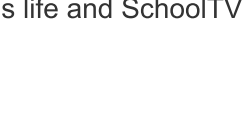
Because parenting doesn't come with instructions

Like never before, parents are seeking clear, fact-based solutions. SchoolTV delivers credible and current information from wellbeing experts via a unique digital platform. Browse through the resource library and find practical strategies on a variety of topics that address the challenges of raising happy, resilient, young people in our ever-changing world.

A resource to support modern-day parenting

- A unique digital platform designed to support parents, caregivers and educators
- Watch video interviews with leading Ahi, Ngā whānau, and international wellbeing specialists
- Browse the library of resources. Each topic is accompanied by factsheets, podcasts, books, articles, apps and videos
- Access to a series of mental health topics such as: cyberbullying, anxiety, screen time, mental wellbeing and more
- Discover new topics every month and access an archive of past topics too!

Explore SchoolTV today!
Now available at your school.



This award-winning resource helps families build relationships, foster connections, enable understanding and break down barriers to navigate a pathway towards better mental health and wellbeing for young people. It will assist you in starting those conversations on topics that can sometimes be awkward or difficult to tackle.

Parents and caregivers are the greatest influence on a young person's life and SchoolTV focuses on empowering confident parenting.

Explore SchoolTV today at <https://waihicol.nz.schooltv.me>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Waihi College - International
Connecting Families | Sharing Cultures | Inspiring Learning

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Waihi College is Seeking
Host Families to Host International
Students in 2025/26

You Receive Weekly Payments for Hosting!

INTERESTED?
Contact: Magdeleen 021 0277 8120 or
magdeleen@waihicol.school.nz

KEREPEHI BRASS BAND PRESENTS:

**Join Our New Drum Corps Group Today!**

Whether you're a seasoned drummer or just starting out, we want YOU in our exciting new Drum Corps!

Lessons every Thursday 6:30-8:30 PM
During the school term
Only \$5 per session

If you play snare, bass drum, drum kit, or toms — or want to learn — come along! All ages and skill levels welcome.

We're building toward halftime shows, parades, and events later this year — don't miss the chance to be part of something big and loud!

Lessons are held at:
Kerepehi Brass Band Hall
14 Matai St.
Kerepehi



For more info see:
www.kerepehibrass.co.nz
or email us at:
kerepehibrass@gmail.com

**WAIHI COLLEGE**

THE WAIHI COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WANTS YOU!

Are you keen to walk along leadership to help our space glow? Are you interested in people, relationships, finances and the community? We want to hear from you!

Email us at: principal@waihicol.school.nz
www.waihicol.school.nz

SKILLS CLINIC



Fletcher Aimee & Kayley McMan are fundraising to go new in Europe by holding a SKILLS CLINIC. Followed by a group ride for those that are keen.

DATE: Sat 6th July 10am - 1pm
VENUE: Te Maori Park
AGE: EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Skills covered:
Cornering, race lines, drop offs, bunny hops etc.
*There will be a small fee to enter & group ride.

Click on link to register
<https://forms.gle/fqpxC8uB5A2B0u9E6>

FREE PAYMENT
But we would love it if you could make a donation to our give a little page PLEASE!!!!

OR CODE a donation



HUME Kaitiaki Kiwifruit Company

Bringing our community together for over 40 years

Saturday 5th July 8am-12pm

5K & 10K FUN WALK & RUN

Start and Finish at War Memorial Hall, Katikati



FREE REGISTRATION
Scan the QR code or visit HUMEPACK.CO.NZ/FUN-RUN

Prizes:
• Press (in blue)
• Free face painting and souvenir
• Give prizes to see you!

Waihi Pump Track Party

SATURDAY 7 JUNE 2025 • 1-3PM • MORGAN PARK

Let's get the heart of Waihi PUMPING!

Check out our new Pump Track, bring your wheels (no motors), suitable for all ages and abilities.

FREE ACTIVITIES
1pm - BMX display featuring local champ Tyler Cochrane
Mini digger
Face painting
Savagie Sizzle

SPOT PRIZES (including a scooter and skateboard)

Go in the draw to win a BMX bike



Thanks to our funders:


PARENT CORNER

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

Lessons from Learning Support

Dyspraxia

Writing is a big part of school life from early handwriting practice to essays and note-taking. But for some children, writing is more than just difficult; it's deeply frustrating and exhausting. If your child struggles with writing in ways that don't match their ability to speak or think clearly, they may have **dysgraphia**. **Dysgraphia** is a learning difficulty that affects a person's ability to write. This includes: **Handwriting (fine motor control)**, **Spelling, organizing thoughts into written form**, It is **not related to intelligence** — many children with dysgraphia are bright and verbal — but their written work may not reflect what they know. The **Signs of Dysgraphia include** : *Messy or illegible handwriting, Letters that are oddly sized or spaced, Slow or painful writing, Frequent spelling mistakes, Trouble organizing thoughts on paper, Avoiding writing tasks or homework, Saying things like "I hate writing" or "My hand hurts"*.

Dysgraphia can impact your child's performance in many areas of school: **Writing tasks** (essays, tests, worksheets) take longer and may be incomplete, **Spelling and grammar** errors are common, even with practice, **Note-taking** is challenging, especially during fast-paced lessons, **Math problems** may be solved incorrectly due to poor number formation or spacing, **Children may become anxious, discouraged, or embarrassed** about their work.

How Parents Can Help:

Talk to Your Child's Teacher: Share your concerns and ask about classroom observations and Ask for classroom accommodations, such as: Extra time on writing tasks, Use of a computer or tablet, Reduced written workload, Allowing oral responses instead of written ones

Use Assistive Technology: Let your child use **speech-to-text tools, typing programs, or writing apps** to express ideas more easily. Programs like Grammarly, Google Docs **Voice Typing**, or **dictation tools** can be very helpful

Focus on Content Over Handwriting : Praise what your child says and the ideas they share — not just the neatness of their writing. Separate the *thinking part* of writing (ideas, vocabulary) from the *mechanics* (spelling, punctuation)

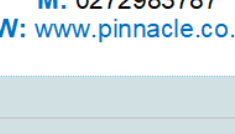
Build Fine Motor Skills Playfully : Activities like drawing, sculpting with clay, or using building toys (like LEGO) can help strengthen hand muscles in a low-pressure way

Practice Writing Gently : Use short writing prompts for journaling exercises : Write together or take turns with sentences. Don't push too hard — keep sessions positive and short

Support Emotional Wellbeing: Validate your child's frustrations, Remind them their worth isn't tied to handwriting and Celebrate small victories — effort matters as much as outcome


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
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