

# WAIHĪ COLLEGE

## SPORTS NEWSLETTER



Issue 4

### PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora Whānau,

Hope you're all having a great week!  
Just wanted to share some good news from school.

We recently had a lovely blessing for our brand-spanking-new rugby uniforms. They look really smart, and it was awesome to see the team's excitement for the season ahead. A massive thank you to our wonderful sponsors – you are absolute stars! We really appreciate your generosity in helping us get these fantastic new uniforms for our rugby players.

Also, a big shout-out to all our amazing students who are doing such a fantastic job on the sports fields and courts. We're so proud of your hard work and the way you represent Waihi College. Keep up the great work!

Just a little reminder about our "Positive Vibes" campaign. Let's all try to keep the atmosphere super supportive and encouraging, especially at our sports games. If you're watching, please remember to be a positive role model and show off our school values. Your cheers and encouragement really make a difference to our students.



Let's make sure all our sporting events are fun and positive for everyone.

And a huge congratulations to all the talented netball players who've been picked for our teams this season. We're all really excited to see you play and are looking forward to supporting you this season!

Thanks for being such a great school community!

Ngā mānaakitanga

Briar



### North Island Secondary Schools Mountain Bike Championships

The following students competed in the North Island Secondary Schools MTB champs at Summerhill mtb park, int the first weekend of the holidays.

Stanley Anderson  
Thomas Carson  
Harrison Muir  
Tate Randell  
Blake Smith  
Alex Townsend

Stanley competed in the crosscountry event, which entails 3 laps of a set course in a time of 1hr and 3mins.

Thomas, Harrison, Tate, Blake and Alex all completed in the enduro event which has 5 stages of tracks that are timed on the downhill section then added up to a total time.

Competition is fierce and they all completed the tracks successfully with the following times:

Tate 14.52, Harrison 15.34, Alex 15.59,

Blake 16.05, Thomas 17.52.

Tate also competed in the downhill event and completed successfully.

Such a great experience for them all on tough technical MtB tracks, while requiring fast times going down, they still have to ride up the hills to get to the top. Awesome work guys.



### Waka Ama

During the holidays, Briar was really fortunate to have the opportunity to compete at Long Distance Nationals, in Wellington for Waka Ama.

This was an incredible 24 km race, in the Porirua harbour, where the reef has all 3 currents collide, to make it challenging, and give plenty of opportunity to surf some waves, and work hard for the treats!

While we didn't qualify for World long distance this time, as a squad, we smashed out some of our goals, and are epically proud of our shared endurance, strength and bond.

### Maori Rugby Camp

During the holidays Rylee Morgan and Palace O'Brien were fortunate enough to attend the u18 Maori Girls Rugby Development Camp in Onewhero, at Te Kohanga Marae. It was a great opportunity to form new connections, build relationships, and learn new skill sets.



### Mel Young Easter Classic Representative Basketball Tournament

During Easter weekend Rikki Morgan, Harlem Field-Hargreaves, and Lachlan Osborne-Sole headed to Tauranga to compete in their Representative Basketball Teams at the 2025 Mel Young Easter Classic. Congratulations to Rikki and her u14 Girls team on securing a 3rd medal placing after a very close semi final.



### Congratulations to our selections in your respective sporting codes for our Winter Sports.



**YEAR 7&8 KORIMAKO NETBALL 2025**

SYLVIE BEALE-JONES-ROBERTS  
CHAVELE JOE  
SOPHIA LEEGAN  
XAVIER OTLEY  
EDEN McDONNAY  
OLIVIA POTTER  
MILLIE RYAN  
ELLA VAN DER NULST  
TBC

COACH: ZARA DAVIES-YOUNG & MADISON MUIR  
MANAGER: VACANT



**YEAR 7&8 A/AIMS NETBALL 2025**

Jvadah Akuhata-Gordon  
Poppy Bolderson  
Olivia Callaghan  
Emmy Clark  
Sonny Fitzgibbon  
Carter Hewlett  
Neo Ngavis  
Rikki Morgan  
Duce Nantelis  
Poppie Newing  
Alyana Ng Wun  
Georgia Sanderson  
COACH: TUI AKUNA TA GREEN  
MANAGER: ILOUSKA CALLAGHAN



**YEAR 7&8 KEA NETBALL 2025**

MARLIE COCHRANE  
ISLA CROMPTON  
JESSICA FLETCHER  
PATIENCE MEARES  
SOPHIE OATES  
ANETTA OTENE  
ATAAHUAPIKIA  
KENIA THOMAS

COACH: LISA CROMPTON  
MANAGER: VACANT



**YEAR 7&8 DEVELOPMENT NETBALL 2025**

Natalie Conolly  
Scarlett Holt-Taylor  
Olive Kelly  
Kimiona King  
Georgia Nantelis-Walker  
Alya Meares  
Amethyst Oene  
Sophie Parkinson  
Waikawa Rangā  
Kadence Thomson  
COACHES: SHEREE RICHMOND & SHANNON HARGREAVES



**YEAR 7&8 KERERU NETBALL 2025**

MALENA CASILLAS-MAEDRA  
BRONTE CARE  
MEADOW DULASEMANT  
PIPPA O'BHERTY  
INDIGO SMITH  
EMILY WHARRY  
SASHA BARBARICH  
POPPY YONG  
MAIA GOODWIN  
TBC

COACH: RO GODWIN  
MANAGER: WHITNEY WHARRY

### Netball

#### Waihi Netball Opening Night

Despite the wet weather, spirits were high at the Waihi Netball Centers opening night as players from Waihi College, Thames High School, Paeroa College, Hauraki Plains College, Te Wharekura o Manaia and Whangamata Area School hit the courts for the first round of grading games. This season also sparks the exciting launch of the new Thames Valley Secondary School Sports Association Secondary Schools Competition, run under the umbrella of the centre.

Bring on the development, growth, goals this season.

#### Tauranga Netball Grading

This week sees our College A, 10A and 9A head to Tauranga to start their season with their grading games. We wish them all the best with their games this week and we look forward to hearing about their progress throughout the season.



### 85% Attendance to Play Sports

Kia ora Whānau,

As you may be aware the Ministry of Education has a goal of improving attendance nationwide, and at Waihi College we have a number of initiatives and strategies that we are using to help improve regular attendance.

This year we have reinstated an attendance target to be eligible to play in sports teams for Waihi College, this target is 85%, and will take effect from Term 2's attendance and onwards for the winter codes.

We are aware that with the colder seasons, so come the winter illnesses, so this target will be looked at on an individual case by case basis and take into account the reasons for absenteeism if a student is sitting below 85%. Truancy and unexplained absences are not valid reasons and will not be taken into consideration.

We encourage whānau to make contact with the school when your child is going to be absent. You can do this by either phoning the Student Centre, or emailing your child's pouako.

Ngā mihi,

Ariana Te Wake



**WAIHI COLLEGE 1ST XV LINE UP**

1 Nikora MacCalman  
2 Richie Pugh  
3 Joey Peka  
4 Ben Paulsen  
5 Makai Ng Wun  
6 Felix Lloyd  
7 Aidan Butler (C)  
8 Bhima Meares  
9 Jaxson Wilson  
10 Peke Ropitha  
11 Sam Bjerring  
12 Andre Buskermolen (VC)  
13 Macklin Te Tai  
14 Leonardo Sydney  
15 Ryan Adams

### Rugby Season Kicks Off

Our Youth Boys kicked off their season tonight playing Hauraki Plains College at the Waihi Athletic Rugby Club. The results were 7-39 to HPC.

Our 1st XV Boys kick off their season tomorrow playing Mercury Bay on Saturday 3rd May, 11:00am at Moewai Park.

The Youth Girls commence their season next Thursday. Good luck to you all.

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

## COMING UP

- 4th May - North Island Dressage Championships
- 9th May - TV Golf Round 2
- 14th May - Waihi College Cross Country
- 23rd May - TV Bowls
- 25th May - North Island Secondary Schools Show Hunter Carnival
- 28th May - TV Cross Country
- 12th June - Boulton Cup
- 14th June - North Island Secondary School Show Hunter Cup
- 27th June - TV Golf Round 3