# **WAIHĪ COLLEGE**



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.



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!

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Ngā mānaakitanga



#### **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

Tate Randell Blake Smith Alex Townsend Stanley competed in the crosscountry event, which entails 3 laps of a set course

Thomas Carson Harrison Muir

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.



#### 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!

fortunate to have the opportunity to

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.

#### attend the u18 Maori Girls Rugby Development Camp in Onewhero, at Te Kohanga Marae. It was a great opportunity

to form new connections, build

During the holidays Rylee Morgan and Palace O'Brien were fortunate enough to

Maori Rugby Camp

relationships, and learn new skill sets.



placing after a very close semi final.

Classic. Congratulations to Rikki and her

u14 Girls team on securing a 3rd medal

### Waihi Netball Opening Night

Netball

### 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.

**Tauranga Netball Grading** 

This week sees our College A, 10A and 9A

Bring on the development, growth, goals

this season.

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.



## Kia ora Whānau,

85% Attendance to Play

As you may be aware the Ministry of Education has a goal of improving

**Sports** 

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



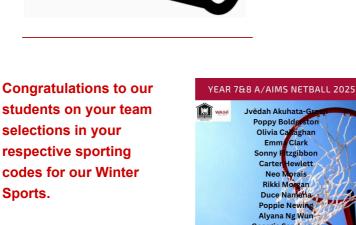
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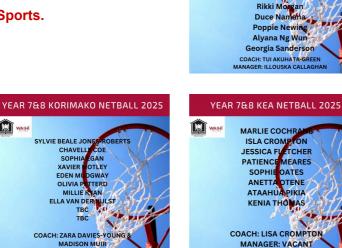
**4 Ben Paulsen** 

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

The Youth Girls commence their season

next Thursday. Good luck to you all.





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- 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



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