

WAIHI COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora Whānau,
What a vibrant time it is at our kura! The energy and talent of our students continue to shine brightly, making us incredibly proud.



Mamma Mia! Get Ready for the Show!

This week is set to be truly spectacular as we open our much-anticipated school production of Mamma Mia! The excitement is palpable, and the cast and crew have poured their hearts into bringing this beloved musical to life. From the incredible voices and dazzling choreography to the stunning set designs and vibrant costumes, every element comes together for showtime!

We would love to see many of you there to share in this incredible experience. Your support means the world to our students and helps celebrate their hard work.

Congratulations to every single person involved, from the lead performers to those working tirelessly behind the scenes on props, lighting, sound, and front-of-house. You have all, in big and small ways, showcased our school values and truly brought the sparkle to our kura and community. We are so incredibly proud of your efforts and talents! A special thank you must also go to the dedicated teachers involved in mastering this amazing show – your guidance and commitment have been extraordinary.

Celebrating Creativity at the Toi Awards

We also extend a massive congratulations to our talented students who recently competed in the Toi Awards. Their entries were inspiring, demonstrating incredible creativity and imagination in bringing each piece's narrative to life. It's wonderful to see their artistic endeavors recognised, and they truly deserve all the accolades.

Farewell to a Successful Summer Sports Season

Finally, a huge thank you to all our summer sports prizewinning recipients. Your time and dedication honing your skills and being a vital part of our teams are commendable. Your commitment to representing our school with pride, embodying manaakitanga, whanaungatanga, kotahitanga, and kaitiakitanga, has been truly impressive. We also extend our sincere thanks to all the coaches and managers who volunteered their time and expertise; your support is invaluable to our sports programmes. Lastly, please come and celebrate Matariki with us on Thursday this week, with soup and sausages available for all! It will be fabulous to see you here!
Nga mihi nui,
Briar

SCHOOL WIDE

IT'S SHOW TIME!

Yesterday we had our first show and it was amazing. We invited all the Year 6's from the local primary schools, along with residents from our old folks homes and our local Lions Club members to be our test audience for our final dress rehearsal. Thank you so much for coming - it was brilliant for our cast and crew to do a show and get some feedback before opening night on Wednesday. If you haven't got your tickets yet, there is still time!

We will be selling tickets right up until our last show on Saturday. To buy yours, head to <https://events.humanitix.com/mamma-mia-fgu5qqnj>.

SEE YOU THERE!



Matariki Community Celebration

WAIHI COLLEGE
MATARIKI CELEBRATION
Thursday 19th June from 1.15pm
Waka fields
Everyone welcome

Waihi College will be celebrating Matariki with shared kai (delicious soups, curried sausages, bread and more) from 1.15pm on Thursday 19th June. Staff will be preparing the food to gift to our students to encompass our school values of Manaakitanga, Kotahitanga, Kaitiakitanga and Whanaungatanga. The food will be homemade and donated by the staff for the students and their whānau (who are attending). There will also be games on the field and the art room will be open for students and little ones to do some painting/colouring in.

We would love for families to join us if you would like to. Please come along to the Waka fields from 1.15pm till around 3.10.

Kai to Kitchen Program Year 7 and 8

In Weeks 6 and 7, a group of our Year 7 and 8 students had an incredible opportunity to participate in the Kai to Kitchen program at The Falls Retreat in Waikino. Our students were lucky enough to dive into the world of herbs and vegetables, gaining hands-on knowledge about where our food comes from. They also learned the importance of composting, understanding how we can turn waste into valuable resources. The highlight for many was getting to make their own garlic bread and pizza from scratch! It was a fantastic experience that not only taught them valuable skills but also fostered some great relationships and a lot of fun.

A huge thank you to The Falls Retreat for warmly hosting us and providing such a memorable experience for our students!

Student Voice:

Kai to kitchen was pretty nice. It was cool we got to make our own pizzas and have a look at the garden. Making our own garlic bread was fun! Cool new experience. Evie, Year 7



Parent Teacher Interviews: 23 June

A letter was emailed home recently to all caregivers from Ms Howell. The letter was to inform you about upcoming Parent/Teacher Interviews held at the college for all students in Year 7 - 13.

These interviews will be held on Monday, 23rd June with the students Homeroom or Subject teacher. Interviews start from 2.30pm and run until 6.00pm and we encourage you to attend with your student so they can be part of the success story and be part of finding solutions to their learning needs.

The focus of the interviews will be on the work completed in Terms 1 and 2 and looking forward to Term 3. Interviews are by appointment only. If you are unable to book an appointment or there are no available times at a time that suit you, please make contact with the teacher directly via email or phone Sue in reception. You can find the email address of staff on the staff directory on our website: [Staff Directory](#).

Please note that you do not need to make an appointment with every teacher on the students timetable. Please make targeted interviews with the subjects that you specifically would like more information or feedback from.

To make an appointment please choose one of these options:

Click on the QR code attached to this letter which will take you to the bookings directly OR
Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and press the green button 'Make a Booking'. Enter the event code which is **m4xxd**

If you are having trouble making an appointment you can also call Sue in the college reception on 07 863 8349

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PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
23 June from 2.30-6.00pm
Check your emails for how to book or visit our website

VENDORS REQUIRED

Waihi College Kapa Haka Rōpū
Sunday Markets
\$15 per table/stall
Secure a table now!
amandac@waihicol.school.nz
027 836 1936
JULY 6
AUGUST 3
SEPTEMBER 7
8.00AM TO 1.00PM
WAIHI COLLEGE HALL
Note: Pre-payment Required to Secure Table

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS
School trustee elections are coming up.
Our Kura needs you
Contact Waihi College for a nomination form or to learn more about trustee elections
trustee-election.co.nz
0800 353 284
elections@nzsta.org.nz
Nominations open July 19th

PARENT CORNER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE

Kia ora koutou

We have been notified of a confirmed case of **Whooping cough (pertussis)** within our kura (school) whānau/community.

Whooping cough is a highly contagious respiratory infection that can cause serious illness, especially in babies, young children, our elderly and people with weakened immune systems.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR:

- Persistent dry cough, often worsening at night
- Coughing fits, sometimes followed by a "whooping" sound
- Vomiting after coughing
- In younger children or infants: apnea (pauses in breathing) or turning blue with coughing

HOW IT SPREAD

Whooping cough spreads easily through coughing and sneezing. People are most contagious during the early cold-like-phase, even before the classic cough starts.

VACCINATION REMINDER

Immunisation is the best protection. Check that your child is up to date with their immunisations, especially the DTaP vaccine. Up to 90% of NON-Immune household contacts will acquire the disease.

WHAT TO DO

- Keep your child at home if they show symptoms
- See GP promptly – early antibiotic treatment can help reduce spread

We will continue to follow public health advice and keep you updated as needed. Thank you for helping us keep our kura (school) community safe.

Mauri ora

Margie (School Nurse)

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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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Positive Parenting
When: Term 3: Thursday 7th August, Thursday 14th August, Thursday 21st August and Thursday 28th August – 6pm – 7.30pm
Where: Waihi Community Resource Centre, 4 Mueller Street
Who: Parents of year 7 and year 8 teenagers who are transitioning through their later primary years leading into college.
Content:
Week 1 – Healthy Relationships and Sexual Wellbeing
Week 2 – Internet safety & safety through social media
Week 3 – Mental Health & Coping Mechanisms
Week 4 – Budgeting hints and tips about dealing with financial pressure. Delivered by Annette from Waihi Budgeting Services.
Registration is a must:
Registration is a must so if you can please call the office on 07 863 7555 or email matf@wccrc.org.nz to register. We will be able to provide additional information around the course content at time of registration if need be.
WAIHI COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE