

WAIHĪ COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Tēnā koutou katoa,

As we reach the middle of the year, I'm filled with immense gratitude and pride for the vibrant spirit that continues to flourish within our school community. This term has been a testament to our collective strength, generosity, and talent.



A Heartfelt Thanks for Our Food Drive!

I want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to our recent Food Drive. Your support has provided a much-needed boost to our local food bank, directly helping families in our community. We were incredibly fortunate to have the **Leos Club** supporting us in making this happen – their dedication and hard work were instrumental in the success of this initiative.



Matariki Soup & Sausages: A Wonderful Whānau Afternoon!

What a truly fantastic afternoon we shared together at our Matariki Soup and Sausages event! It was brilliant to see our young people joining in games on the field, sitting in groups to chat, and simply enjoying the sunshine together with staff and whānau. These are the moments that truly build our community spirit. A big thank you to our amazing staff for making such delicious soups, and a special acknowledgment to the Hauraki Māori Trust Board for coming in and cooking up sausages to share with our rangatahi. Your contribution made the event even more special!

Mamma Mia! What a Show!

A massive shout out to everyone who brought our incredible production, *Mamma Mia*, to life! We were absolutely thrilled to have our hall filled for all four shows, and it was wonderful to hear the singing and laughter echoing through the space. Our incredible teachers helped our students shine brightly, showcasing some truly amazing talent. I will be watching closely to see where some of these talents take our young people – the future looks bright!

Parent Interviews.

Finally, thank you to all of you who were able to come along to our recent parent interviews. We genuinely value your time and insights into your young person. You know them best, and we learn so much from you about how best to help them learn and thrive. Your partnership is invaluable.

As always, if you would like to share what is going on for you or your whānau, please do not hesitate to reach out. Our door is always open.

SCHOOL WIDE

MAMMA MIA! A ROARING SUCCESS!



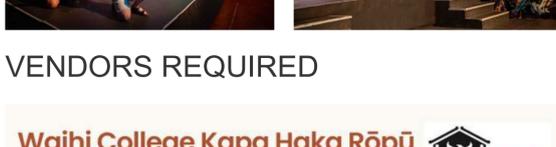
Waihi College's production of *Mamma Mia* was a roaring success last week, with sold-out shows every night and rave reviews from all who attended. The musical, packed with ABBA's timeless hits, delivered a perfect blend of comedy, heart, and high-energy performances that had the audience laughing, crying, and dancing in their seats.

The talent on display from the students was nothing short of extraordinary. Every cast member brought their character to life with confidence, emotion, and humour, creating unforgettable moments on stage. Behind the scenes, a dedicated team of student, staff and parent helpers worked tirelessly to bring the show together and supporting the performers every step of the way.

A huge thank you goes out to everyone involved. From our incredible community for their unwavering support, the families who helped behind the scenes, to the staff and students whose hard work made the show such a triumph.

Mamma Mia! was a shining example of what can be achieved when passion, teamwork, and creativity come together. Bravo, Waihi College!

To see all the photos, taken with love by Sacha Ulrich, head to the School Photos section of our website under Keeping Informed.



VENDORS REQUIRED

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
electionsadvic@nzsta.org.nz

Nominations open **July 19th**

PARENT CORNER

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

Lessons from Learning Support

What are Special Assessment Conditions (SAC)

Students with a permanent or long-term sensory, physical, medical or learning difficulty that directly impacts on their access to fair assessment for national qualifications may be eligible for Special Assessment Conditions, or SAC. SAC entitlements give students access to different types of support so they can complete internal and external NCEA assessments (exams). Some examples of SAC: special papers for vision-impaired students, writers or readers with learning disorders, such as dyslexia, rest breaks for students with diabetes, separate accommodation for students with anxiety disorder.

[NZQA](#) find more descriptions of what types of SAC are available here: [SAC available](#). NZQA Schools make submissions to NZQA for SAC on behalf of students. There is no charge for this process. Students give the school signed approval before the school sends the submission to NZQA. The school can gather information for evidence in a number of ways, including the student's history of learning support provided at school. Comments and observations from teachers, the student and their parents or caregivers, medical or other reports provided by the student or their parents or caregivers, test results done by the school, for example, reading and writing tests, results of any trials of SAC.

Waihi College SAC Process

When your child is in Years 7 to 10 the school will be building a profile of any difficulties and how they are managing assessments. This profile helps build an informed application for SAC use for NCEA Level 1. It is important to raise any learning concerns that you may have for your child with the school as soon as possible and provide the school with copies of any medical or other reports that might help with the application. Through this process we identify students who are likely to be eligible for SAC. Students are then consulted and an application is lodged on their behalf. If the student's application is successful students and teachers are notified and the students SAC entitlements are then immediately available to use for assessments. Applications are currently being processed and students should be informed within the next few weeks if they have SAC entitlements. If you feel your child is eligible for SAC and would like to discuss the application process further please contact our Learning Support Coordinator for years 9 to 13 Paula Galey paulag@waihicol.school.nz

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
Margie (She/Her)

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Whānau Day Out 2025

Wednesday 2nd July

10am - 1:30pm

WAIHI MEMORIAL HALL
41 Seddon Street, Waihi

A fun interactive gathering of local health providers, social services and community groups for the local and wider community

FREE activities | FREE Sausage Sizzle | Spot Prizes
Health Checks + MORE

Can't make this one?
We've got another Whānau Day Out coming this October in Paeroa – details to come!

Delivered by Whānau Ora

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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 matt@wccrc.org.nz to register. We will be able to provide additional information around the course content at time of registration if need be.