

WAIHĪ COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Tēnā koutou katoa,

I'm excited to share an update on the vibrant life at Waihi College and to talk about a concept truly at the heart of everything we do: **whanaungatanga**. This beautiful principle is all about kinship, connection, and a deep sense of belonging – it's how we relate to each other and build strong, supportive relationships.



Waihi College is a special place, and a second home for many of our students. We strive to create an environment where every individual feels connected and valued. You see **whanaungatanga** in action daily, from students helping each other with challenging problems to shared celebrations of success. Our amazing teachers are pivotal in fostering this connection, mentoring and supporting students through their growth journeys. The respect and positive engagement shown by our students embody the spirit of **whanaungatanga**, creating a powerful learning environment where we can thrive. Waihi College has a significant presence in our community. This is where our commitment to **whanaungatanga** extends beyond our school gates.

Every act of kindness, every moment of respect, and every positive interaction helps to build a stronger, more positive image of our college. It's through these actions that we **show who we are, so others feel it**.

Whanaungatanga is a powerful, reciprocal concept. It's about both giving and receiving, about fostering connections and feeling connected in return. We are conscious that we are all in this together. Please keep a close eye on the website, and our social media platforms, for a whole plethora of events this term, coming up, that you are most welcome to be a part of. From concerts, to sharing in our learning, to sporting events, and so much more!

This Friday at 1:30pm, our 1st XV, kick off against Te Aroha College on our top field - bring your positive vibes and wish us luck!

We are incredibly proud of our students and their commitment to building a connected, thriving community. Thank you for your continued support.

Ngā mihi nui,

SCHOOL WIDE

Waihi College Triumphs at Waikato Culinary Fare

Waihi College students cooked up a storm at the Waikato Culinary Fair at the end of Term 2, taking home more gold medals than any other school attending the prestigious event. Alongside the glittering golds, our talented team also collected an impressive number of silver and bronze medals across multiple categories.

Congratulations to our incredible teacher Siobhan Fitzgerald who led the student chefs: Rory Douglas, Bayley Goddard, Zenith Gresley, Nika Dittebrand, Michael Jamieson, Ella Troughton, Marilyn Kong, May Kwast, Clarisse Mercader, Aaliyah Smith, Auriol Stronach, Leia Mortiz and James Flanagan. Your hard work, passion, and dedication truly paid off!

Waihi College enters the Culinary Fair every year, with students putting in months of effort throughout Term 1 and 2 to prepare for the intense competition. The event features a range of categories, including cake baking and decorating, savoury pizza, a live dessert, chicken dish, and a new live dumpling challenge and mystery box.

Well done to all involved—your success is a credit to your skill and commitment!

To see all the photos, head to the School Photos section of our website under Keeping Informed.

A note from Ms Fitz: "12 brave rangatahi travelled over to Hamilton on the last 2 days of term to the Waikato Culinary Fare. Students competed against schools from the Bay of Plenty, Waikato and Auckland and made Waihi College very proud. They took home a total of 10 gold medals, 14 silver and 7 bronze scoring the highest number of gold medals of all the school attending. I am exceptionally proud of how these young people stood and represented us showing skill, creativity and huge amounts of flair and commitment."



WAIHI COLLEGE ON ROVA

Exciting news! Check out our new digital audio campaign on all radio stations across the Rova listening app: <https://www.rova.nz/> as we shine a spotlight on our local tangata, who were educated right here in our community and who now give back to our region – because our greatest strength is our people – right here at home

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CHECK US OUT ON ROVA

<https://www.rova.nz/>

Waihi College Kapa Haka Rōpū

TIAM KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCE

\$15 per table
Secure a table NOW!
amanda@waihicol.school.nz
027 836 1936

**JULY 6
AUGUST 3
SEPTEMBER 7**

9:00AM TO 2:00PM
WAIHI COLLEGE HALL

Note: Pre-payment Required to Secure Table

WAIHI COLLEGE MARKETS!

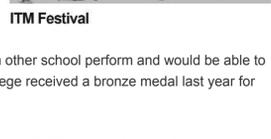
See you at the Waihi College Hall on 3rd August and 7th September from 9am.

There will be an 11am performance by our Kapa Haka ropu, Te Ara Poutama - so don't miss out.

Come along and support the kids get to Taiwan.

Waikato ITM Band Festival

Exciting news! Waihi College and Katikati College are combining our concert bands in order to have a much bigger concert band for the ITM Waikato Festival. We had our first combined practice on Sunday 13th July and it was really good to see the students combine their skills and efforts to play more difficult music together. This festival will be on the 22nd August in Hamilton and the students are learning four big pieces that will be performed at the Gallagher Centre.



ITM Festival

They will also be able to see other bands from other school perform and would be able to compare skill levels and repertoire. Waihi College received a bronze medal last year for this festival.

BOT NOMINATIONS OPENING SOON

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

School trustee elections are coming up.

Our Kura needs you

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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**

Nominations open on Monday 21st July (as the 19th is a Saturday and therefore the office will not be open) and close on Thursday 7th August at 12 noon.

Nomination forms are at the Front Office and need to be returned to Debbie Christian.

For more information, contact Debbie or check out the NZSTA website listed above.

Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Waihi College Arts & Services Facebook Name Change

We're simplifying things! Over the next couple of weeks, we'll be changing our Facebook page name from Waihi College Arts & Services to just **Waihi College**.

Don't worry—our **Waihi College Sports** Facebook page will stay exactly the same. It's already a strong, dedicated space for all things sport and continues to work really well for our community.

Why the change? It's all about making it easier for you to find the information you need. From school and community events and achievements, to key updates and celebrations, we want one central place where our school whānau can stay informed and connected.

Updating all the links will take a while, so if you come across an old link while we're doing the updates, or a search result comes up as an error, just remember—it will all be streamlined under 'Waihi College' soon.

More details and reminders will follow soon. Thanks for being part of our journey.

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'WAIHI COLLEGE' FACEBOOK PAGE

NAME CHANGE FROM 'ARTS & SERVICES'

www.facebook.com/WaihiCollege

PARENT CORNER

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

Lessons from Learning Support

Focus on Neurodiversity

Over the past two terms, we have explored a range of topics related to neurodiversity, with the aim of promoting awareness, understanding, and inclusion within our larger school community. These articles highlight the diverse ways students learn and experience the world and are now available on our school website under the "Learning support" section.

We hope this information helps parents better understand some of the learning differences and challenges students may face. If you have any concerns about your child's learning or development, we encourage you to contact their Ako teacher to discuss a referral to our Learning Support Team.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR 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

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 mat@wvrc.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

This newsletter can also be found on our website: www.waihicol.school.nz under **Keeping Informed** on the main menu.