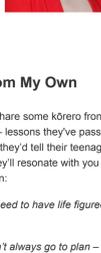


PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Te Kura Tuarua o Waihi,
As we move into the business of Term 3, I want to take a moment to reflect on a value that lies at the centre of who we are as a kura – **whanaungatanga**.



At Waihi College, **whanaungatanga** means more than just connection. It's about **genuine relationships, collective responsibility, and standing together** in both the good times and the tough ones. It's what binds us as a school whānau – students, staff, caregivers, community – all working together with aroha and purpose.

This week, I've been thinking a lot about what it means to **show up for yourself**. As I kōrero with our ākonga, I'm reminded how powerful this is, especially as they navigate the complexity of their teenage years.

Showing Up for Yourself: Be Brave, Be Bold, Be Resilient
Here at school, we are encouraging our students to show up for themselves – not by having everything sorted, but by growing their inner strength. That might mean:

- **Following your own path** – it may look different from your friends', and that's not only okay, it's awesome!
- **Being your authentic self** – not the version the world expects, but the real, honest you.
- **Saying "no" when needed** – that's courage in action.
- **Advocating for your needs** – talking to teachers or adults when things feel hard. We're here to awihi you.
- **Drawing on the strength of your ancestors and whakapapa** – remembering that resilience runs deep in your blood.
- **Helping others** – that's **whanaungatanga** in real time. Standing up for others is leadership.

Lessons from My Own Whānau

I also wanted to share some kōrero from my own whānau – lessons they've passed down, and things they'll tell their teenage selves. Maybe they'll resonate with you or your young person:

- *You don't need to have life figured out yet.*
- *Things won't always go to plan – and sometimes that's the best thing that could happen.*
- *Love won't fix everything – you are enough, just as you are.*
- *You're stronger than you think. Truly.*
- *People don't notice you as much as you think – don't let fear hold you back.*
- *It's okay to ask for help – none of us are meant to do this alone.*
- *Your appearance doesn't define your worth.*
- *Real friends stick around through the highs and lows – treasure them.*
- *You're here for a reason – even if you don't know it yet.*
- *Worrying doesn't change outcomes – but it can rob you of joy.*

These are the kinds of kōrero we want our young people to hear and feel – not just from staff, but from whānau too!

Whānau Involvement – Nau mai, Haere mai!

There are many opportunities to get involved in your child's learning and life at school this term, including:

- **Subject Selection Evenings** for next year's courses – help shape your child's learning journey.
- **Cultural, Sporting, and Arts Events** – come along and celebrate student success and passion.
- **Classroom Visits & Open Door Chats** – pop in, have a cuppa, and connect with our team. I'm always happy to kōrero if you'd like to have a chat about your child's learning, wellbeing, or just catch up.
- **Fundraising efforts** – including a market and a High Tea – all details on our website and newsletter.

Your presence matters. Whether it's a quick visit or a longer chat, *your involvement sends a powerful message to our young people – that their learning is valued and that they are surrounded by people who care deeply about their growth.* Let's keep nurturing that spirit of whanaungatanga, together.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Briar Principal | Tumuaki Waihi College

SCHOOL WIDE

YEAR 10 PARENT/WHANAU 2026 INFORMATION EVENING: 28th July

The date has been changed to:
Monday 28 July, 5.30pm–6.30pm in the School Hall
All Year 10 students and their caregivers/whanau are invited to come and find out about the exciting opportunities available to them in 2026 Year 11. Meet and hear from the different course providers for on and off site trades, including WTA Waikato Trades Academy. A wide range of vocational and trades academy's will be on show, including Gateway and Jumpstart Driving courses. Please sign your student up on the night for their interested courses/trades. Courses fill up fast so our recommendation to you is to sign up on the night so you will not be disappointed. Light refreshments and snacks will be offered.

Gateway and Trades Information Presentation.

Year 10 Parents / Whānau Evening

When: 5.30pm – 6.30pm, 28th July 2025

Where: Waihi College School Hall

Who: Year 10 students, parents & whānau

What: Meet the various Trades Academy staff of the variety of Trades Academies we offer.

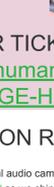
Why: To showcase opportunities that are available to Year 10 students moving into Year 11, 2026.

Pizza and Sushi will be provided.
Priority of attendee's for Trades trips.
Any questions, email: carolyn@waihicol.school.nz
Find out about our Gateway Program and how it can help decide planning your career pathway.

School Groups & Sports Teams Photos – Monday 4th August

Get ready to smile and represent your group or team! Our annual School Photo Day will be held on Monday 4th August. All students involved in school sports teams or cultural groups this year are expected to be in full correct uniform for their scheduled photo times. Time slots will be posted as soon as it's available. Let's capture the pride, teamwork, and spirit of our 2025 season – don't miss it and don't forget your uniforms.

WAIHĪ COLLEGE TEAM & GROUP PHOTOS Monday 4th August



Waihi Community Concert: 5th August

Waihi College and Waihi Beach Primary School are once again joining forces to host the highly anticipated Community Concert on **Tuesday, August 5th**. The event will take place in the **Waihi College Hall**, providing a wonderful opportunity for the wider community to come together and celebrate local talent.

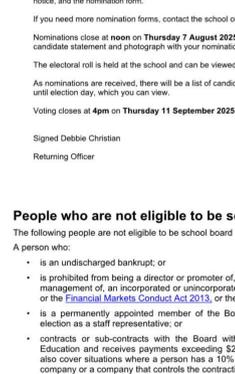
Like last year, this will be a day time concert, starting around 10am and everyone is welcome to join us. More details to follow.

WAIHĪ COLLEGE

TEAM & GROUP PHOTOS

Monday 4th August

5th AUGUST 10-12 & 12.40-2.40 COMMUNITY CONCERT Hosted by Beach School & Waihi College Everyone welcome



Following the success of last year's event, this year's concert is expected to include performances from **most of the local primary schools and early childhood centres**. The event promises a vibrant mix of music, dance, and creativity, showcasing the skills and spirit of our young performers.

Further details about the event, including performance times and participating groups, will be shared closer to the date. For now, mark your calendars and get ready to enjoy an evening full of local flair and community pride!

HIGH TEA FUNDRAISER: 14th August

You're invited to Waihi College's High-Tea Fundraiser—a heartwarming afternoon in support of a special local family.

High Tea Fundraising Event

Join us for an afternoon of indulgence while supporting a special family

14th August | 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased online at <https://events.humanitix.com/WAIHI-COLLEGE-HIGH-TEA>

ALL PROFITS RAISED WILL GO TO A SPECIAL LOCAL FAMILY

Enjoy fantastic refreshment by some of our Mamma Mia cast!!!

Join us on Thursday, 14th August, from 4:00–5:30pm for a delicious spread, complete with strawberry mocktails, sweet and savoury treats, and fabulous live entertainment from members of our talented Mamma Mia cast.

Tickets are just \$45, and every dollar of profit goes directly to helping a family in our community. Bring your friends, dress up a little, and enjoy an uplifting evening for a great cause. Spots are limited and ticket sales will close on 7th August. Spots are limited—don't miss out!

BUY YOUR TICKETS HERE:
<https://events.humanitix.com/WAIHI-COLLEGE-HIGH-TEA>

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

WAIHĪ COLLEGE

CHECK US OUT ON ROVA

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

WAIHI COLLEGE MARKETS!

SUNDAY MARKET

Food, KAPA HAKA, Coffee, Craft, Jewellery, and more

SUNDAY JULY 6 9AM-12PM WAIHĪ COLLEGE SCHOOL HALL

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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WAIHĪ COLLEGE

Waihi College School Board Elections

Parent Election Notice

Nominations are open for the election of five parent representatives to the school board.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or management of an incorporated or unincorporated body under the [Companies Act 1993](#), or the [Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013](#), or the [Trustee Act 1993](#), or

is a permanently appointed member of the Board staff, unless they are standing for election as a staff representative; or

contracts or sub-contracts with the Board without the approval of the Secretary of Education and receives payments exceeding \$25,000 in any financial year. This would also cover situations where a person has a 10% or more shareholding in the contracting company or a company that controls the contracting company; or

is subject to a property order under the [Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1998](#); or

has been convicted of a specified offence identified in [Schedule 2](#) of the Children's Act 2014, unless that person has obtained a pardon or been granted an exemption; or

is a person in respect of whom a personal order has been made under that Act that either the person is not competent to manage his or her own property affairs, or does not have the capacity to communicate/make decisions relating to his/her welfare/personal care; or

is a person who has been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment for 2 years or more, or who has been sentenced to imprisonment for any other offence, unless that person has obtained a pardon, served the sentence, or otherwise suffered the penalty imposed on the person; or

is not a New Zealand citizen, and is –

- a person to whom [section 15](#) or 16 of the Immigration Act 2009 applies; or
- a person obliged, by or pursuant to that Act, to leave New Zealand immediately or within a specified time, being a time that was less than 12 months; or
- deemed for the purposes of that Act to be a New Zealand unlawfully.

A returning officer for an election (or by elections) of board members is not eligible to be nominated as a candidate in that election.

For more information:

- see clauses 9 and 10 of [Schedule 23](#) of the Education and Training Act 2020 (the list below is a summary of these clauses).
- call NZSBA Advisory and Support Centre 0800 782 435, option 1.

Waihi College Facebook

We're simplifying things! We have now changed our name from Waihi College Arts & Services to just **Waihi College Facebook**.

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.

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. Thanks for being part of our journey.

<https://www.facebook.com/WaihiCollege>

WAIHĪ COLLEGE

'WAIHI COLLEGE' FACEBOOK PAGE

NAME CHANGE FROM 'ARTS & SERVICES'

www.facebook.com/WaihiCollege

TERM 3 HOURS: THE UNIFORM SHOP

Here are the Uniform Shop's hours for Term 3.

They seem to have a glitch their end and with conflicting times. However, they are on our website too and are the correct hours.

Check out <https://www.waihicol.school.nz/our-school-uniforms>

WAIHĪ COLLEGE

OPEN HOURS | Term 3, 2025

15 July - 17 Sept

Tuesday	8:00am – 9:00am
Wednesday	1:40pm – 3:40pm

WAIHI RSA PRESENTS

WAIHI COLLEGE KAPA HAKA FUNDRAISER

BINGO

DOORS OPEN 10AM

BINGO STARTS 11AM

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25+ GAMES

SUNDAY | 17 AUGUST, 2025

Grab some friends and come on down to Waihi RSA to help raise funds for our Taiwan Trip all the while having fun playing bingo!

Raffle tickets sold from 10am onwards

Food available to preorder Order by 11am

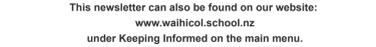
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PARENT CORNER



Little lessons from Learning Support

Each week this term we will focus on research-based, interesting, grounded in neuroscience and engaging tips to help parents understand the adolescent brain

Understand the Brain in Progress

1. **Know it's under construction** – The brain doesn't finish developing until the mid-20s.
2. **Expect mood swings** – Hormones – developing prefrontal cortex = emotional rollercoaster.
3. **Don't take it personally** – Risky, impulsive behavior isn't always defiance—it's brain wiring.
4. **Celebrate plasticity** – Their brain can change and grow rapidly with support and experience.
5. **Teach them how their brain works** – Knowledge = power and better self-control.

AMESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE

Kia Ora Koutou

Just a few notes about SORE THROATS!
Every Sore throat needs to be checked.
This can be done at your own Doctors clinic OR easier still at the school nursing clinic.
Please see me in the school clinic. (Mon-Wed 9.3)

Rheumatic fever starts with a sore throat that is known as 'strep throat' – a throat infection caused by a bacteria called Group A Streptococcus.

Most sore throats get better on their own after about four days. But if strep throat is not treated with antibiotics, it can cause rheumatic fever in at-risk children and in young people. Rheumatic fever is a serious condition that causes problems with joints, skin, nerve function and heart valves and heart function.

Having an assessment with the nurse is a preventative measure against serious complications caused by rheumatic fever.

If your child's throat swab comes back positive for Group A strep throat, they will be given oral antibiotics, in consultation with parents/caregivers. It is important to take all the oral antibiotics for the full 10 days (about 1 and a half weeks), even if they are feeling better.

Please see link for further information – <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/rheumatic-fever>

Parents and Caregivers for sore throats please ask your young person to see me in the school clinic.

Margie Goldsworthy/Reg nurse for Waihi College
Ph/Txt 027 298 3787
Email margie.goldsworthy@pinnacle.health.nz

WAIHI COLLEGE HAS A SCHOOL NURSE AVAILABLE MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 9.30AM – 2.00PM FOR YEAR 7-8 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)

Margie Goldsworthy | SCHOOL NURSE WAIHI M: 0272983787 W: www.pinnacle.co.nz

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 tips and tips about dealing with financial pressure. Delivered by Annette from Waihi Budgeting Services.

Registration is a must so if you can please call the office on 07 863 7555 or email mat@wrc.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.