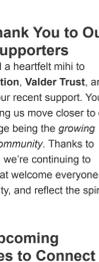


PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Tēnā koutou a te whānau whānui o Waihi College. Whanaungatanga – the deep value of relationships, connection and collective strength – continues to be the guiding heartbeat of our kura. It's through strong, respectful relationships that we create a learning environment where every student can thrive.



What's Going Well at Waihi College:

- In classrooms – our kaiako are creating spaces where students feel known, respected and valued. Many are beginning lessons with check-ins, using te reo Māori, and creating collaborative learning opportunities that celebrate strengths.
In teacher-student relationships – staff are modelling the courage to acknowledge mistakes and show how to restore relationships.
With whānau – we're putting energy into connecting more meaningfully.

He Mihi – Thank You to Our Generous Supporters

We want to extend a heartfelt mihi to Beach RSA for your valued support, and Beacons Construction, Calder Trust, and our generosity is helping us move closer to our vision of the College being the growing heartbeat of our community.

Join Us – Upcoming Opportunities to Connect

- Community Concert – next week! A celebration of local talent, student performance, and shared pride.
School Markets & Fundraisers – Keep anyone out for upcoming market days and fundraising events.
Sports Events – Come along and cheer on our teams!

We are committed to ensuring that Waihi College is not just a school, but a thriving hub where everyone feels they belong.

Quick Pānui – Lunch Sizes

You may notice a shift in lunch sizes at school soon. While we adjust our systems, we encourage all whānau to pack an extra snack to help keep your young person fuelled and focused throughout the day.

Ngā kupu whakamutunga – Final Thoughts

Ngau te rauora, nauku te rauora, ka ora ai te wai – With your food basket and mine, the people will thrive. Together, with shared responsibility and collective care, we continue to nurture a kura where every learner feels seen, valued, and connected.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini – Our strength is not that of one, but of many. Ngā manakitanga, Briar Principal | Turuaki Waihi College

SCHOOL WIDE

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.



Table with 3 columns: Time, Team Name, and Location. Lists various sports teams and their scheduled photo times from 8:50 to 11:40.

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.

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.

Jess O'Brien and her Prem Netball Team will be running a delicious food stall to help raise funds for their upcoming trip to Fiji. We will be allowing eating and drinking in the Hall for the duration of the concert to keep kids full and happy so make sure you bring a lunch or grab something from Jess's stall.



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. Further details about the event, including performance times and participating groups, will be shared closer to the date.

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.

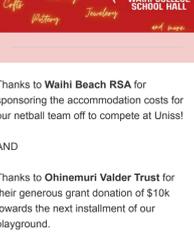


Join us on Thursday, 14th August, from 4:00-5:30pm for a delicious spread, complete with strawberry mocktails, sweet and savoury treats, and fabulous live entertainment from members of our talented Mamma Mia cast.

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.

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

TAIWAN FUNDRAISERS

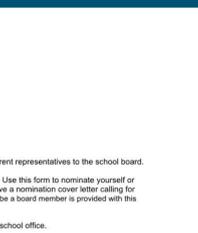


WAIHI COLLEGE MARKETS!



See you at the Waihi College Market 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.

Thanks to Waihi Beach RSA for sponsoring the accommodation costs for our netball team off to compete at Unisss!



BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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.

People who are not eligible to be school board members. The following people are not eligible to be school board members: is an undischarged bankrupt, is prohibited from being a director or promoter, or is being concerned or taking part in the management of an incorporated or unincorporated body.

TERM 3 HOURS: THE UNIFORM SHOP. Here are the Uniform Shop's hours for Term 3. Tuesday 8:00am - 9:00am, Wednesday 1:40pm - 3:40pm.

SCHOOL TOURS & OPEN DAY

OPEN AFTERNOON: Thursday 11th September, 3:00-6:00pm. An opportunity for parents and whanau of current Year 7&8 students as well as Year 6 students and whanau to visit the Year 7&8 classrooms, where students will be presenting information about different cultures who live in our local area.

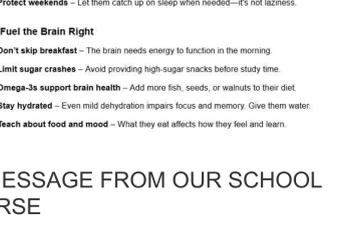
ENROLMENT FORMS DUE: Friday 12th September. The early return of enrolment forms will ensure that the Waihi College team have plenty of time to organise the 2025 program. Please return all completed enrolment forms to the front office of your Primary School.

SCHOOL TOUR: Friday 31st October, 9:00-11:20am. This is an opportunity for all students who have enrolled to visit Waihi College and see how the school works. Parents are welcome to join their child on this tour.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING: Thursday 6th November, 5:15-6:15pm. Parents are welcome to visit the Year 7&8 area of the school and find out how the program works. It is a chance to meet the teachers, see the waka environment and ask questions.

Waihi College TOURS & OPEN DAYS 2025. Includes details for Open Afternoon (Sept 11), Enrolment Forms Due (Sept 12), School Tour (Oct 31), and Parent Information Meeting (Nov 6).

PARENT CORNER



Each week this term we will focus on research-based, interesting, grounded in neuroscience and engaging tips to help parents understand the adolescent brain. Prioritise Sleep. Teens need 8-10 hours – Their brains can't function well without it.

A MESSAGE 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.

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.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



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 7 and year 8 teenagers who are transitioning through their later primary years leading into college.