

WAIHĪ COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Tēnā koutou katoa,

We are now halfway through the term, and there is still so much happening here at Waihi College. I'm pleased to report that our termly drug dog screening programme was carried out recently, and our kura passed with flying colours. This is a credit to our students, staff, and whānau — thank you for continuing to support a safe and positive learning environment.



As I write this, the sound of astonishing classical piano is drifting down the hallways, played by one of our talented senior students. It's a reminder of how alive and vibrant our spaces are — full of opportunities for all kinds of skills and talents.

Several of our winter sports codes will be wrapping up over the next month or so, and many of our young people will already be looking ahead to the summer codes. I encourage everyone to get involved in some way — as a player, coach, manager, or supporter.

We're also excited to soon be hosting the regional chess competition here at Waihi College. There's been a great response from students keen to try their hand, and we're looking forward to welcoming players from across the wider region.

Please have your say. In my next newsletter, I will share more about our exiting Board and the tremendous job they have done.

Finally, it's my pleasure to extend a warm Waihi College welcome to **Mrs Toni Kayes**, who is joining us in the Year 7 & 8 space as our new Learning Support Coordinator. **Nau mai, haere mai**, Toni — we are delighted to have you on our team.

This week is Maths Week, and the competition in Years 7–10 will be fierce! We can't wait to see our young mathematicians in action. Meanwhile, students are also preparing for the Common Assessment Activities (CAA) in the second half of the term. A reminder to all — look after your brain with good nutrition, plenty of water, and a solid night's sleep.

A huge congratulations to our four newly elected parent nominees for the Board of Trustees, who will take office from September 2025 to August 2028: **Tineke Douglas, Cat Sole-Osbourne, Gemma Bardena, and Victoria Menary**. They each bring a wealth of wisdom, knowledge, passion, and aroha to our kura. As you will see, we currently have space for one more member. We are seeking community feedback on whether to fill this via a by-election or by selection, for another member.

SCHOOL WIDE

MUSIC

The concert band is very excited about our new initiative to combine our musicians with the Katikati College concert band. We are performing at the ITM Hamilton festival on the 22 August.

Also, the junior rock band will be performing again this year at the Smokefree Bandquest competition in Hamilton on the 28 August followed by a visit from the Auckland Boys' choir who will be singing with the rock band at assembly on Friday 2.20pm the 29 August. More information to follow and parents will be invited to attend. Don't miss this opportunity.

WELCOME TO OUR STUDENTS FROM TAIWAN

We're delighted to welcome the Taiwanese students who arrived at Waihi College Monday morning, following a warm and heartfelt appreciation dinner at Waihi Academy on Saturday night. The students treated their teachers, staff, and host families to a beautiful performance, and the Waihi Kapa Haka Rōpū, Te Ara Poutama – who have spent the past nine days sharing their knowledge of Waihi College and New Zealand – also wowed the audience with an incredible performance. We're so pleased to have our new friends here and look forward to sharing the next few weeks with them.



HIGH TEA FUNDRAISER

We're thrilled to announce that tickets for our High-Tea fundraiser are now officially sold out – thank you for your amazing support! We can't wait to welcome you this Thursday at 4pm in the hall, where our talented culinary team will be serving up a feast of delicious treats.

It's going to be a wonderful afternoon, and we're so excited to see everyone who secured their spot there!



Chess Regionals - Tuesday 26th August.

Waihi College is hosting a Chess Competition with many surrounding schools. We now have enough sign ups and wish everyone luck who's entering. It's going to be a great day!



FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS

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A reminder that we have FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS available in the Student Centre. These are for our students to take home, not just an emergency supply at school. They are allowed to take whatever they need for use at home and can top up before the holidays too.

If your child feels a bit shy, feel free to pop in to collect products for them.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Please remember to wear the correct uniform. Now that it is colder, we are seeing a lot of non uniform pants/trousers. These are not allowed. We have Waihi College sports

trackpants and Waihi College trousers available from the Uniform Shop available for purchase.

Waihi College Uniform

Two of our school values here at Waihi College are Whanaungatanga and Kotahitanga- knowing who we are, having a sense of identity and our relationships to one another. Having a uniform gives our tamariki a sense of belonging – making them feel they are a member of a school, having a togetherness with their peers, showing unity and cohesion within our kura.

Waihi College Uniform (available from [Uniform Group](#) - shop online or onsite)

Shirt:

Regulation Waihi College maroon polo shirt (Junior, Year 7-10)

OR

Regulation Waihi College black polo shirt (Senior, Year 11-12)

Plain black or white long sleeved thermal top if desired (no logo, pattern or writing)



Jacket/Sweatshirt:

Waihi College jacket and/or Waihi College black cotton sweatshirt, NO HOODIES



Pants, Shorts and Skirts:

Waihi College shorts, skirt, sports track pants or long trousers
NO JEANS, NO CARGO PANTS,
NO SWEATPANTS



Shoes: Flat, plain black shoes (any material) with plain black or white socks (no logos) or Waihi College socks
OR flat plain black sandals (shoes must have a back strap, no slides). Examples of suitable footwear are shown below



LOST PROPERTY

We have a large quantity of unnamed school uniform in the Student Centre.

If your child has told you that their uniform was stolen, it is a good idea to get them to check lost property. They are usually just too scared to tell their parents that they lost it. If it is named, the Student Centre does an amazing job of reuniting it with the correct student. Unnamed uniform items however, sit with us for a term or two then are put into the second hand uniform area.

Most of the clothes in this photo are just from one week!



STUDENT ABSENCES



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**How to let us know your
child is away from school**

We have several ways that you can let us know that your child/children will be absent from school. Our parent portal now has the option "Notify Absence". Please let us know if you need help accessing the parent portal.

Alternatively, you can ring the student centre from 8.30am or the front office from 8am 07 863 8349 or txt 021 830 055. If we have not heard from a caregiver by 10am then we will send a txt message and email to parents/caregivers.

Please contact us every day that your child is absent unless you have told us in advance that they will be away for more than one day. If your child has an appointment, please tell us what type of appointment it is e.g. Doctor, dentist etc as this affects the code we use.

UPCOMING EXHIBITION WITH BELLA PAULSEN

Bella Paulsen is working on another exhibition after the success of last year's event in Waihi. I had a chat with Bella and got some details from her to see what she may have in store. "Briar, Dorette and I have been planning the exhibition since the beginning of the year." It will be opening at the end of November, running through to the start of February and held at Waihi Museum.

Its focus is on education in Waihi, partnering with each school in the area.

Each school is in charge of their display to present their school's history. "I will be making an overall display for the centre to present a timeline of education over the last 100 years." There will also be a small interactive activity and a video of local identities sharing their stories and memories. "I haven't started making any posters yet, but over these next few weeks and the holidays, I'll make up some resources, and then I can send them out to all the schools".

TAIWAN FUNDRAISER

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EXHIBITION



WAIHI RSA PRESENTS

WAIHI COLLEGE KAPA HAKA FUNDRAISER



A vibrant green poster for a bingo fundraiser. The word "BINGO" is written in large, colorful, bubbly letters in the center. Surrounding it are several bingo balls with numbers: 42, 26, 15, 83, and 7. To the right, a red circle says "COST \$55". To the left, an orange circle says "DOORS OPEN 10AM" and a blue circle says "BINGO STARTS 11AM". To the right of the "BINGO" text, a purple circle says "25+ GAMES". At the bottom, a white banner with a black border says "SUNDAY | 17 AUGUST, 2025". Below this, black text reads "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!". Further down, it says "Raffle tickets sold from 10am onwards" and "Food available to preorder Order by 11am". On the left, a purple circle says "RAFFLE". On the right, an orange circle says "B 12" and a red circle says "R18". At the bottom center is the Waihi College logo, which features a stylized bird or tree inside a house-like shape with the word "WAIHI" below it.

Waihi College BYOD

A reminder that Waihi College is a BYOD school for all students in Year 7-13. BYOD stands for Bring

Your Own Device. Students can bring any device from laptop, chromebook, tablet or ipad. The

'phones away for the day' policy means that cell phones are not suitable for use in class time.

Students need to bring their devices to school every day and fully charged.

Devices are available to hire from the school. Please ask at the front office for the paperwork or get

your student to pick up a form from the student centre. Finance options are available.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



7 August 2025

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau

Following the recent Board of Trustees (BOT) elections, four of the five parent representative positions have been filled. We would like to thank all those who put their names forward and congratulate our successful candidates.

Gemma Barden
Tineke Douglas
Victoria Menary
Catherine Sole

As one position remains vacant, the Board now needs to decide whether to fill this vacancy by holding a **bi-election** or **by selecting a candidate**.

Before we can proceed, we are required to consult with our community. You have **28 days** from the date of this letter to let us know if you would prefer the Board to hold a bi-election or to select to fill the vacancy.

Please email your feedback to debbiec@waihicol.school.nz or contact the school office by Thursday 4 September 2025.

Once the consultation period ends, the Board will consider the community's views before deciding.

Ngā mihi

Tineke Douglas
Presiding Member
Waihi College Board of Trustees

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 at 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 our school works. Parents are welcome to join their child on this tour.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING: Thursday 6th November, 5.15-6.15pm

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Waihi College
Kei konei tātou e tū ana



Buses from:

- ✓ Waihi Beach
- ✓ Waikino
- ✓ Golden Valley & East
- ✓ Bowentown
- ✓ Tauranga Rd



For More Information

www.waihicol.school.nz

Ph: 07 863 8349

Briar Carden-Scott, Tumuaki | Principal

GO WES CAMERON!



In his only his first year as an open elite boxer former Waihi Boxing student Wesley Camero...

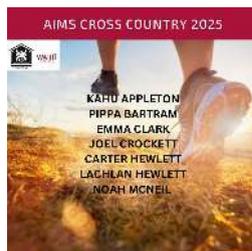
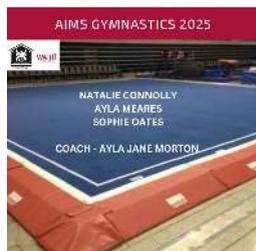
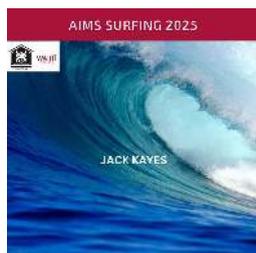
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Congratulations to ex - Waihi College student Wes Cameron who has been selected to represent New Zealand in the Boxing World Championship in September in the UK.

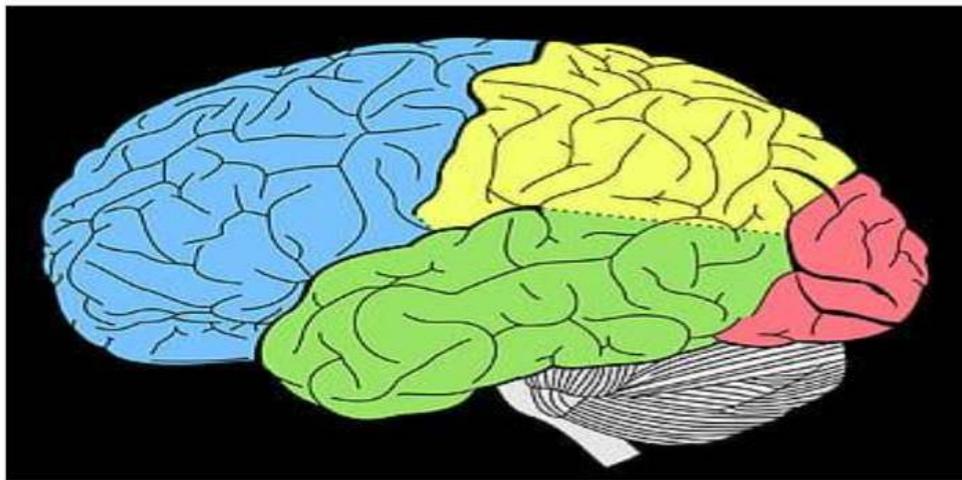
Here is the link to his give a little page if you wish to contribute to his cause. <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-wes-get-to-world-champs> Let's Back Wes!!!

AIMS GAMES

We wish all our AIMS Games students are wonderful tournament. More details will be shared in our Sports Newsletters



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** optimize adolescent brain performance.

Build Motivation the Brain Way

Use their interests – The brain lights up when learning feels meaningful.

Let them choose – Autonomy boosts motivation and engagement.

Set small goals – Achieving them releases dopamine and builds momentum.

Celebrate effort, not just outcomes – Praise persistence and strategy.

Be patient with procrastination – Teach tools, not shame.

**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)

Margie Goldsworthy | SCHOOL NURSE
WAIHI

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

WOW THEM WAIHI

Waihi Wow Them - Streetwear fashion parade. Seeking models, girls, guys, all sizes shapes, a love for fashion. Backstage set artists, makeup/hair and model co-ordinators also wanted. Talent scouts may be among us so be warned.

Performances are also welcome dance, music. What are you in for: A springtime fashion catwalk experience showcasing all that main street Waihi has to offer as well as our local fashion design talent. 3-4 rehearsals, a show in mid October date TBA, Maybe some freebies.

Let's get behind our local retailers, have some fun putting outfits together and represent! Contact Nina 021611730, nina.mcduff@outlook.com.



STREET WEAR FASHION PARADE

WAIHI WOW THEM

PERFORMANCES WELCOME
Dance, Music, entertain us!

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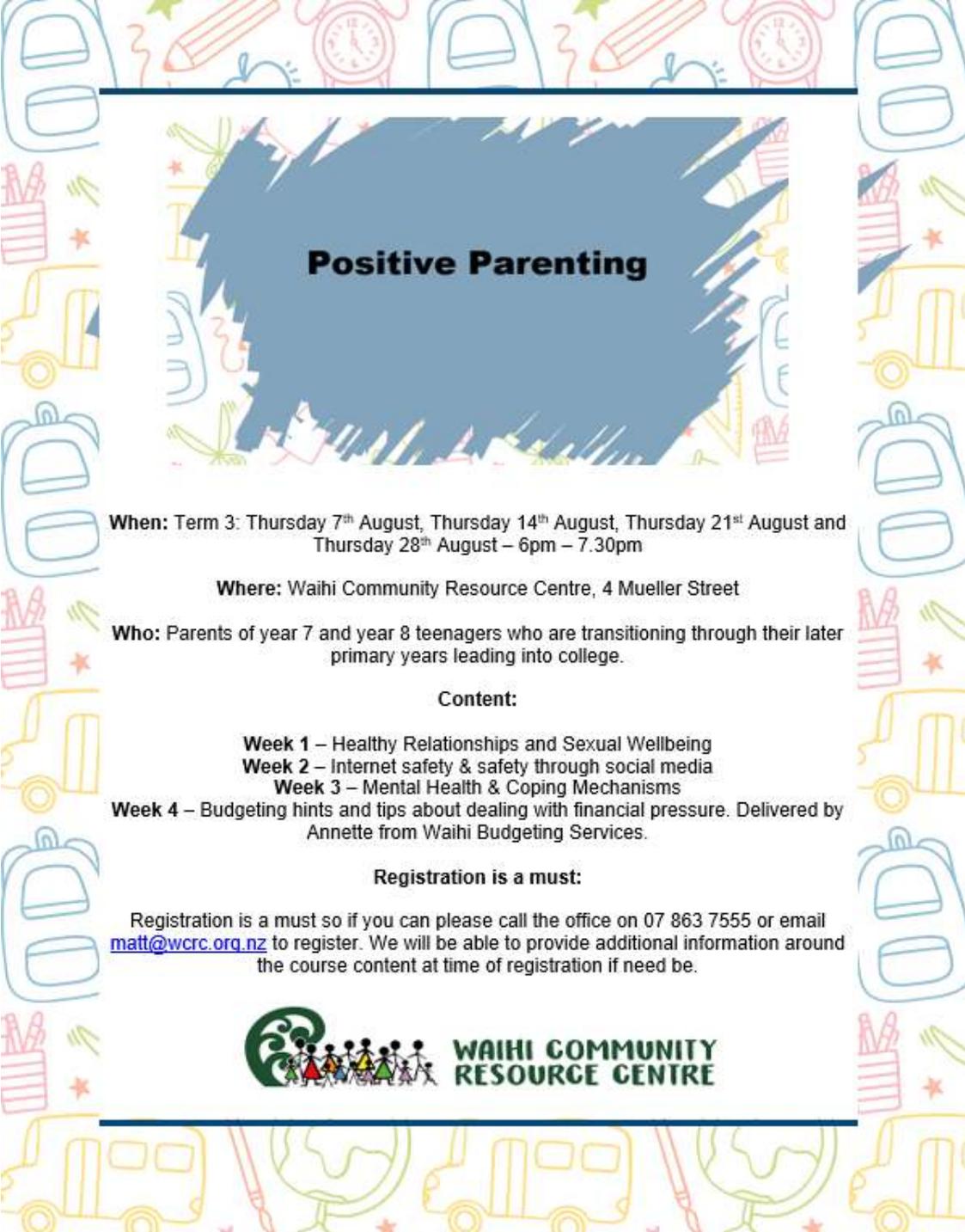
SAVE THE DATE
Mid October: date TBA

Talent scout may be among us!!

MORE INFORMATION
Nina @ 021 6111 730
nina.mcduff@outlook.com

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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 matt@wcrc.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.