

WAIHĪ COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

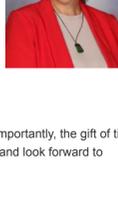
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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Tēnā koutou katoa,

International Connections

We had the absolute pleasure of hosting our whānau from our sister school in Taiwan, including our Aboriginal Taiwanese friends who brought such colour, vibrancy, and joy into our kura. Our classrooms and halls were filled with laughter, waiata, and wonderful opportunities to learn about each other's cultures and traditions.



We were humbled to be gifted many beautiful taonga, but more importantly, the gift of time together. We wish our friends well as they continue their journey and look forward to welcoming them back again in the future.

Student Adventures Overseas

Next week, 11 of our students and 3 staff will travel to Taiwan to showcase our culture and immerse themselves in learning from theirs. Towards the end of the term, another 20 students and 3 staff will head to Japan to connect with our sister and brother schools. These are incredible opportunities to grow, to learn, and to represent Waihi College with pride and mana.

We send our best wishes with you and cannot wait to hear your stories upon return.

Common Assessment Activities (CAA)

Next week also marks an important milestone for our students as they sit the Common Assessment Activities.

To each of you preparing: → Steady your hearts → Clear your minds → Back yourselves – you've got this!

We are looking forward to celebrating your results and achievements later in the year.

Celebrating Achievements

Our combined college band has done us proud, bringing home a Silver Medal at their recent competition – ka mau te wehi! Our A Netballers are competing at UNISS, showing grit and skill on the court. We are also preparing for the AIMS Games, where our rangatahi will test themselves alongside the best in the country.

Events in Our Kura

There is so much happening at Waihi College:

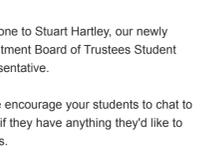
- Hosting a regional chess tournament
- Supporting Daffodil Day
- Preparing for spring activities and competitions

Each of these moments showcases the passion, talent, and community spirit of our kura.

To each of you – students, staff, whānau – thank you for your mahi, your support, and your aroha. Go forward into the rest of this term knowing that Waihi College stands with you and is proud of your achievements.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Briar Principal | Tumuaiki Waihi College



SCHOOL WIDE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Well done to Stuart Hartley, our newly appointment Board of Trustees Student Representative.

Please encourage your students to chat to Stuart if they have anything they'd like to discuss.

Waihi College
School Board Elections
Student Election Results Declaration
(no voting election required)
At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received, I hereby declare:

Stuart Hartley duly elected

Debbie Christian
Returning Officer

UPCOMING STRIKE ACTION

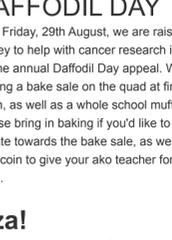
20th August - all students
15th September - Years 12&13
16th September - Year 11
17th September - Year 10
18th September - Year 9

STRIKE ACTION

Our secondary teachers will be taking strike action over the coming weeks to stand up for better resourcing, teacher supply, and the needs of our rangatahi. This included a full day strike on **20 August 2025**, and the upcoming partial strikes by year level from **15-18 September**. We know this will cause some disruption and appreciate your understanding and support as our teachers work to secure the best future for education in Aotearoa. Please see a copy of the letter emailed home to all caregivers yesterday regarding the upcoming strike. Should you have any questions, please contact us as on principal@waihicol.school.nz or reception@waihicol.school.nz

ELECTRIC BIKES AT SCHOOL

We love having the community use the school and sports fields. Unfortunately, the use of electric off road bikes on the sports fields are ripping up the grass and making it un-useable for sports. Have a chat with your students about keeping these type of bikes off the grass so we can all get the most of our lovely property.



DAFFODIL DAY

Next Friday, 29th August, we are raising money to help with cancer research in NZ via the annual Daffodil Day appeal. We are hosting a bake sale on the quad at first lunch, as well as a whole school mufti. Please bring in baking if you'd like to donate towards the bake sale, as well as a gold coin to give your ako teacher for the mufti.

Spirit Day Extravaganza!

Usually Spirit Days run over two days, but this year it's all happening in ONE epic day – Friday 19th September. Don't worry though, we're still packing in just as much fun, energy, and action! For Dress Up Day, the theme is EXTRAVAGANZA – pick a letter from the word and dress up as something that starts with it. The bigger, bolder, and brighter, the better. Let's make this one-day Spirit Day unforgettable!

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SPRIT DAYS

Friday 19th Sept

Word: Extravaganza



Shave for a Cure & Spring Concert

On Tuesday 16th September, we're combining the amazing Head Shave with our much-loved Spring Concert. If you would like to do the shave or ponytail chop, pop your name on the Sign up sheet outside Jess and Wendy's office, or head to www.shaveforcure.co.nz/join/WaihiCollege248. Let's make this year's event bigger and better than ever! More details about the concert will come out later, but look forward to a night of giving, music, fun and food.

COMBINED EVENT: 16th September at 5.30pm

SPRING CONCERT & SHAVE FOR A CURE

Help us raise money for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer NZ

<https://www.shaveforcure.co.nz/join/WaihiCollege248>

There's three ways you can help:

1. Sign up to shave or cut and start raising money
2. Donate to someone who's joined the cause
3. Come along on the night to support

Music, Food & Fun while supporting a great cause!

TERTIARY INFORMATION EVENING: 3rd SEPTEMBER @ 5.30PM

TERTIARY INFORMATION EVENING

You are invited... Parent/Guardians of Year 11, 12, 13 students who will be attending or considering tertiary education in 2026, to our information evening.

University, Polytech or Private Training Institutes.

Date: Wednesday, 3rd September, 5:30pm

Location: Waihi College Staffroom



We will be covering information on applying for courses, RealMe and StudyLink applications, fees and living costs and the understanding of the "Fees Free System". It can be daunting but we are here to reassure and guide you through the processes.



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FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS

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.



SERVICE RECOGNITIONS

The time has come to think about what students have served their school or community (in a voluntary/unpaid basis), who deserve recognition. This can be from service in areas such as Hall Tech, helping at events after hours, Leo's Club, refereeing, coaching, student council, service to marae, teaching kapa haka, service to the arts and much more. Please email us at wendys@waihicol.school.nz if you, or a student you know, deserves recognition. They will be awarded a certificate at our Service Prizegiving in Term 4.

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SERVICE RECOGNITIONS

SCHOOL TOURS & OPEN DAYS

OPEN AFTERNOON: Thursday 11th September, 3.00-6.00pm
An opportunity for parents and whānau of current Year 7&8 students as well as Year 6 students and whānau 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 our 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.

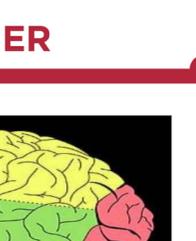
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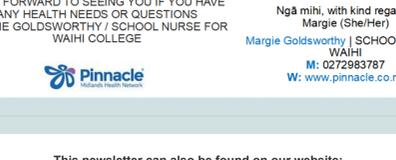
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Waihi College
Kei konei tātou e tu āua



Buses from:
Waihi Beach
Waikano
Golden Valley & East
BowenDown
Tauranga Rd

For More Information
www.waihicol.school.nz
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Briar Carden-Scott, Tumuaiki | Principal

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

Support Emotional Intelligence

Name the emotion – "Name it to tame it" helps regulate the amygdala.

Validate feelings – It rewires the brain for resilience, not fragility.

Teach coping tools – Deep breathing, journaling, exercise—simple but powerful.

Be the calm in their storm – Your nervous system helps regulate theirs.

Help them reflect – Ask "What did you learn?" instead of "Why did you do that?"

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
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