

# WAIHĪ COLLEGE



## SPORTS NEWSLETTER

Issue 8

### PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

*Tēnā koutou katoa e te whānau o te Kura Tuarua o Waihi,*

It's been a fantastic season so far for sport at Waihi College – and I want to begin this pānui with a heartfelt **congratulations to all of our ākonga** who have represented our kura with pride, passion, and determination across a wide range of codes. Whether you're on the field, court, track, or supporting from the sidelines, every effort matters.

Your dedication to training, teamwork, and showing up for your teammates reflects the true spirit of **whanaungatanga** and **manaakitanga** that we value so strongly at Waihi College.

### Thank You to Our Sports Whānau

Behind every game, training, and tournament are the people who make it all possible. A huge **thank you to our amazing coaches, managers, staff, and volunteers** who give so generously of their time and energy to support our rangatahi. Your mahi is often behind the scenes but never goes unnoticed — *ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa*.

From transporting teams to early morning training, to washing uniforms and mentoring our young athletes — you are the backbone of sport at Waihi College.

### Positive Sidelines – Let's Keep the Wairua High



Sport is about much more than winning – it's about growing character, resilience, and community.

### Coming Up: Finals Season

- We're **looking forward to the finals** approaching across many of our codes – good luck to all teams heading into semis and championship games. Play hard, support each other, and represent our kura with pride.
- **Katikati Sports Exchange** – what a brilliant opportunity for friendly competition and whakawhanaungatanga with our neighbors across the hill. Well done and thank you to all who turned up, showed mana, and let Waihi College shine!

*“Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini” – My strength is not mine*

As we head into the **business end of the season** with finals coming up in netball, rugby, football, basketball, and more, we remind all players, coaches, and supporters to **uphold the values of kotahitanga and respect**.

Let's:

- Cheer *for* our teams, not *against* others
- Show respect to referees, opponents, and whānau on the sidelines
- Role-model the positive attitudes we want our young people to carry beyond sport



## Positive Vibes Only

**Don't forget we are a 'positive vibes only' school now.**

So help spread the word and bring a positive vibe to all our sports codes.

We know that the top reasons young people play sports are to have fun, be with their friends, develop, and learn new skills.

***Positive Vibes Only is about creating environments that are enjoyable for all, whether you are a player, coach, referee, administrator, or supporter it is a Cultural change for all.***

*alone, but the strength of many.*

Together, we celebrate the wins, learn from the challenges, and keep moving forward as one proud kura.

**Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui**

Briar Carden-Scott  
*Principal – Waihi College*



## Aims Games

AIMS Games 2025 – Here We Come. We're excited to announce our school's participation in the AIMS Games 2025, one of the largest intermediate-aged sporting events in the Southern Hemisphere! This year, we're proudly entering teams and athletes in Netball, Football, Rugby 7s, Surfing, Cross Country, Gymnastics, and BMX.

With 428 schools from across New Zealand and internationally set to compete, it's going to be a jam-packed full-on week of action, passion, and unforgettable sporting moments. This event is a massive celebration of youth sport, and our students are gearing up to represent with pride, determination, and school spirit.



## Waihi / Katikati School Sports Exchange

On Thursday 31st July hundreds of students and supporters filled Katikati College for this year's Sports Exchange. With the sun shining and the energy high, teams battled it out across five sports — volleyball, netball, basketball, ultimate frisbee and football. It was a day full of school spirit, teamwork, and friendly rivalry.

An awesome day all round – big ups to all the players, coaches, and supporters. Bragging rights this year goes to Katikati College. Thank you to Katikati Sport Coordinators Juliet and Kylie for your background mahi.

### 2025 RESULTS

Football / Futsal:

KK Year 7/8 v Waihi U14 Girls Football: 6-0 to Katikati

Year 7/8 Boys Football: 25-0 to Katikati

1st XI Girls Football: 7-1 to Katikati

Senior Boys Futsal: 10-5 to Katikati

Netball:

KK Year 7/8 vs Waihi Year 7/8 A: 27-11 to Katikati

KK Year 11 vs Waihi Year 10 A: 25-7 to Waihi

As we count down, please keep an eye on your emails for further information leading up to an exciting week of competition at the 2025 AIMS Games!

Congratulations to all students who are competing at Aims Games this year.

### AIMS RUGBY 7S 2025



KAHU APPLETON  
SONNY BUSKERMOLEN  
LOGAN COOPER  
JOEL CROCKETT  
LACHLAN HEWLETT  
JORDAN HOLMES  
NOAH MCNEIL  
TAYLOR SYLVESTER  
LEBRON TAULU  
ELI TEMPELMEYER  
REGGIN TIKAKI

COACH: JOE APPLETON  
MANAGER: JESSICA CROCKETT

### AIMS NETBALL 2025



JVĒDAH - TE WAIROA AKUHATA - GREEN  
POPPY BOLDERSTON  
OLIVIA CALLAGHAN  
EMMA CLARK  
SONNY FITZGIBBON  
CARTER HEWLETT  
RIKKI MORGAN  
POPPIE NEWING  
ALAYNA NG WUN  
AMETHYST OTENE  
GEORGIA SANDERSON

COACH: TUI AKUHATA - GREEN  
MANAGER: ILLOUSKA CALLAGHAN

### AIMS CROSS COUNTRY 2025



KAHU APPLETON  
PIPPA BARTRAM  
EMMA CLARK  
JOEL CROCKETT  
CARTER HEWLETT  
LACHLAN HEWLETT  
NOAH MCNEIL

KK Year 12 vs Waihi Senior Development: 22-11 to Katikati  
KK Junior Green vs Waihi Year 9 Development: 38-18 to Waihi  
KK Junior Black vs Waihi Year 9 A: 19-17 to Waihi  
KK Prem A vs Waihi College A: 30-20 to Waihi

Volleyball:

Senior A Girls: 65-34 to Katikati  
Senior A Boys: 71-61 to Katikati

Basketball:

Year 8 Boys: 94-44 to Katikati  
Year 10 Boys: 82-31 to Katikati

Ultimate Frisbee:

Senior Boys: 15-3 to Katikati  
Senior Girls: 11-6 to Waihi



## Inline Hockey

Declan Coxon was selected to represent New Zealand in a 4-day Inline Hocket tournament versing Australia. Declan played for the U15s team and U17s team, with both teams coming away with silver medal placings. Each grade was made up of 2 teams from NZ and AU, the teams were Kiwi Blacks, Kiwi Storm, Aussie Roos, and Aussie Blaze.

## AIMS BOYS FOOTBALL 2025



TAYLOR BIGHAM  
DANIEL CARSON  
ZAHVIUS CRAWFORD  
CALEB GILES  
JONAH JAMES  
SUTEJ JASSAL  
BRODY NICHOLS-DE BOER  
TE WĀNAKA OSBORNE  
TE WHAKAWA OSBORNE  
KOBI PICARD  
RONAL PRAISE  
JIMI RANDELL  
HEATH SAMMONS  
DANIEL TITCHMARSH  
REGAN WICKHAM  
  
COACH - RICHARD JAMES  
MANAGER - JOSEPHINE CARSON

## AIMS BMX 2025



TYLER COCHRANE

## AIMS SURFING 2025



JACK KAYES



## 1st XI Girls

On Thursday 24th July our 1st XV Girls beat Mercury Bay Area School securing a spot in the semi-finals. The girls played Paeroa College in a semi-final on Thursday 31st July. It was a tight match, with all girls from both teams playing with heart and hunger. Our girls went down 26-24, finishing the overall Thames Valley Secondary Schools Competition in 3rd Place.

A huge mihi to coaching and management staff, parents who helped with after match feeds, setting the field up and transport to and from games and of course all of our sponsors who contributed to things like our new playing kit, balls, and cones.

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## New Zealand Secondary Schools Surfing Championships

The Waihi College Surf team recently attended the NZ Schools Surfing champs in Raglan from 29-31st of July.

The event is run by the Raglan Surfing Academy, attracting school teams to compete for individual accolades, as well as overall top school. All of our students competed very well, with many using the event to continue to develop competition experience.

Most of the boys advanced through the early rounds, many of which competing against athletes up to three years older than themselves. Mace Harries surfed through multiple rounds, qualifying for finals day in the U18 division.



## WBOP Netball Tournament

On Wednesday 23rd July we had 2 teams enter the WBOP Year 7&8 Netball Tournament in Tauranga. It was looking to be a hectic start to the day when the traffic build up put us behind our original arrival time. Apart from this the weather was glorious and a fabulous day fixed ahead.

Our 7&8 Development team had tough opposition to start with but managed to push through Section A finishing up 5th overall with 4 losses and 1 win. Year 7&8 Kereru had a great streak of 4 wins and 1 loss finishing the campaign winners in Section B.

Well done to all our netballers and thank you to our Coaches / Parent Coaches and umpires who made it possible for our tamariki to compete.




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## NZ Esports Nationals 2025 WANT YOU!

The NZ Esports Team are excited to invite Waikato schools and kura to the inaugural

Unfortunately, he was unable to continue as the event was cancelled due to the Tsunami warning threat. Although disappointing, the organisers made the right call to ensure all athletes were safe.

Congratulations to all competitors who represented Waihi College with pride.



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## Term 4 Sports

In week 6 this term, from Monday 18th - Friday 22nd August students can look forward to a Sports Sign-up / Information Week where we will have a variety of sports such as Touch, Spring Netball, 3x3 Basketball, Volleyball, and Softball with all information relating to the sport. More information coming soon, keep an eye out in the notices and sports noticeboard.



## North Island Junior Netball Representative Nationals

During the Holidays we had 10 of our Waihi College students head to Taranaki to compete at u14 Nationals. The girls were: Aaliyah Houston, Indie Pickard, Zoe Shave, Nahlani Ngatokorua, Poppy Shave, Tegan Clare, Isla Freeman, Waikawa Ranga, Jorja Watson, and Tiara Buskermolen.

New Zealand Secondary School Esports Nationals! Get ready for four days of esports competition, wrapping up with a medal ceremony to celebrate game title champions.

**When's it all happening?** Tuesday, 23 Sept - Friday, 26 Sept in Auckland

As this is the pilot year, the focus is on giving every student, no matter their skill level, the chance to experience an in-person esports event. It's about showcasing true esports sportsmanship beyond the screen.



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## u18 Representative Netball Nationals

From Monday 7th through to Thursday 10th July Brea Peka, Dakota Cardie, and Reese Neame competed at the Netball New Zealand u18 Nationals in Waitakere. The team was seeded in the top division for day 1&2 of round robin for Waihi's 1st representative campaign. It was tough competition, but our girls did not let this deflate them. Working with 4 new players with x1 training was a challenge but nonetheless our ladies played and adjusted well.

What an incredible experience for our young ladies both on and off the court. It was an epic campaign with lots of learnings, takeaways, and overall, some amazing highlights.

Our young athletes showed grit, enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and determination to do their best.

They finished their campaign 13th in B Grade with a final game on day 3 against Dannevirke and came away with a draw. This was a great way to finish the championship.

## 1st XV Boys Rugby

1st XV Boys were blessed with a new Haka and new Kakahu!

Our boy's season has ended in a loss in the semi-finals in Whitianga to Mercury Bay 41-10. The team went up under a cloud of illness with a large number out sick and unable to play. They fought hard right to the final whistle and finished what was an amazingly successful first season back in the Coulter Cup competition for a number of years.

A huge mihi to the coaching and management staff, parents who helped with after match feeds, setting the field up and transport to and from games and of course all of our sponsors who contributed to things like our new playing kit, training kit, after match dress shirts, balls, cones, bottles etc. We look forward to 2026!



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## Thames Valley Secondary Schools Badminton Championships 2025

They wrapped up the final day with a win against Maniapoto and a loss against Northland finishing 14th place in middle 16, and a total overall placing of 30th of 35.



## Year 9a Netball Success

A big congratulations to the Year 9A Waihi College netball team! After being moved up from the B grade to the highly competitive A grade in Friday Night Netball, they've risen to the challenge brilliantly and are now sitting in third place. With playoffs just around the corner, we couldn't be prouder of their hard work, teamwork, and determination.

Well done, girls – you've earned it!

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## Waihi College Football

This year 420 games of Badminton were played on Friday 1st and Tuesday 5th August with a great spread of players across all schools; 250 participants!! This is a record setter for Thames Valley Badminton.

We had 3 senior students compete on the Friday, and 6 junior students compete on Tuesday. All students had tough competition and some really close games.

Congratulations to Jenny Yeh who took out the Junior Girls Division. A huge mihi to Lucia for your support with both grades.



## College A Netball

Our College A Netball ladies are in strong form as they prepare for their 2025 UNISS Campaign.

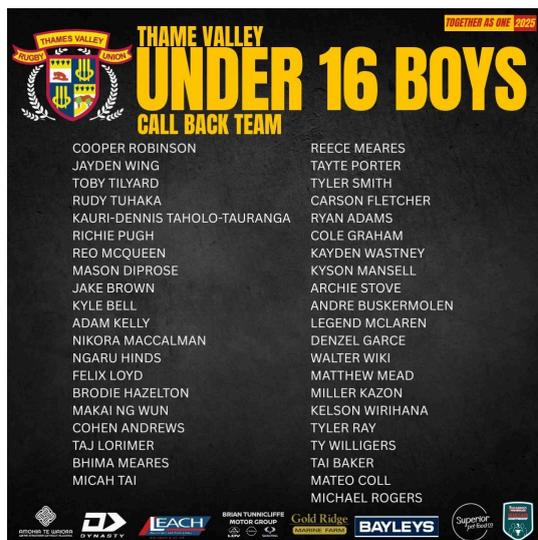
Competing in the Tauranga Netball League, the team started the season in Grade A, finishing their starter rounds in second place. They then went on to claim first place in Round 2 of Grade A and are now sitting in 3rd place in the Championship Round.

This week, they head into a crucial playoff match against MMC Junior Prems, 2nd vs 3rd play-off with the winner booking a spot in the final on 22 August.

It was great to see the girls in action at the recent Katikati School Sports exchange. Some beautiful lines, momentum,

Waihi College Footballers have had a jam-packed season so far, filled with plenty of games, great goals, and even greater learnings! Some scoreboards have told the story of our hard work, while other games have been all about what we've taken away to improve for next time.

From the first whistle of the season to now, the growth across all 3 teams has been huge. All teams are looking forward to finishing the season strong, creating more memories, and building connections for the future of football at our kura.



## Thames Valley u16 Representative Rugby Boys

Congratulations to all our boys for making it through to the next phase (call back) of the Thames Valley u16 Representative Trails.

Best of luck to you all as you go through the final stage of this journey this Wednesday 13th August at Centennial Park, Paeroa 4-6pm.

communications, and the girls know their roles on the court.

With all players and their coach working hard on and off the court, the team's preparation is looking sharp. If this season so far is anything to go by, UNISS 2025 is shaping up to be an exciting and competitive tournament for our College A ladies.



**THAMES VALLEY RUGBY** **UNDER 14 BOYS** **SQUAD 2025** TOGETHER AS ONE 2025

ALON BUCHANAN WHANGAMATA AREA SCHOOL	MITCHELL PAYNTER WAIHI COLLEGE
ARCHIE STOVE THAMES HIGH SCHOOL	NATE BARRIBALL HAURAKI PLAINS COLLEGE
CJ THOMAS WHANGAMATA AREA SCHOOL	NELSON BARFOOT WHANGAMATA AREA SCHOOL
COOPER FITZGERALD HAURAKI PLAINS COLLEGE	OLLIE MCLOUGHLIN TE AROHA COLLEGE
ERIC POLLARD TE AROHA COLLEGE	QUADE JOHNSON WHANGAMATA AREA SCHOOL
JAKOB MATETAKA WHANGAMATA AREA SCHOOL	RAYMOND COLLIER WHANGAMATA AREA SCHOOL
JAYDEN BEATSON WHANGAMATA AREA SCHOOL	RILEY KOPPENS HAURAKI PLAINS COLLEGE
JAXIN PARORE TE AROHA COLLEGE	RILEY SILVESTER WAIHI COLLEGE
KOBE LEENEN HAURAKI PLAINS COLLEGE	RYDER HOLTZ-TAYLOR WAIHI COLLEGE
KALEB FOOTE TE AROHA COLLEGE	SOL BARSHAI-SHERROCK HAURAKI PLAINS COLLEGE
LIAM CLOTHIER MERCURY BAY AREA SCHOOL	TOBY KEMBLE HAURAKI PLAINS COLLEGE
LOCKIE YULE WHANGAMATA AREA SCHOOL	WILLIAM SPILSBURY HAURAKI PLAINS COLLEGE
MILLER STRATFORD HAURAKI PLAINS COLLEGE	

ATHLETIC TE UPONUI HOKITIKA COLLEGE STARBUCK LEACH BRIAN TUNNICLIFFE Gold Ridge BAYLEYS Support your team

## Thames Valley u14 Representative Rugby Boys

Congratulations to Mitchell Paynter and Ryder Holtz-Taylor on your selection for the Thames Valley u14 Representative Rugby team for the 2025 season.

Do you have news to share of your tamariki and their sporting achievements, yes individual and club achievements as well. Remember we can only share what we know. Please email details through to Jess via email: [jesso@waihicol.school.nz](mailto:jesso@waihicol.school.nz)



## COMING UP

- Monday 11th & Thursday 14th August - Thames Valley u19 Girls Representative Rugby Trials

- Wednesday 13th - Thames Valley u16 Boys Representative Rugby Call Back
- Sunday 17th - Cambridge Netball Tournament
- Monday 18th - Friday 22nd Term 4 Sports Information/Sign-Up week
- Friday 22nd - Pre-Aims Games Tournament
- Sunday 24th - Tauranga Netball Tournament
- Sunday 24th - Friday 29th - College A UNISS Campaign