WAIHI COLLEGE

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora e whānau

Welcome back to the final term of the school year, we have a busy and exciting term ahead. Over the coming weeks, we will be sharing information about our Senior Prize Giving, our Year 13 Leadership Camp, our Senior Production, our Senior Ball, our Senior Leaver's Dinner, our Senior Leaver's Assembly and the date we will be having our Senior Leaver's Day (which is the day before our Senior Prize Giving).

The Heart of Manaakitanga

Manaakitanga is the heart of everything we do. We breathe life into our values and our actions — allowing manaakitanga to shape how we learn, how we lead, how we care for one another, and how we show up in times of stress or pressure. Since small moments of kindness can mean everything, we want to share some of the ways we have been living our values this week. The Week of Kindness — a reminder that genuine care is at the core of our culture, and that small acts of kindness can change someone's day.

Manaakitanga in Action at Waihi College

We are so proud of our students for living out our values through acts of kindness:

- **The Cup Club:** after scoring for a goal through senior football practice and community events.
- **Kaya Waihi Beautifier:** showing manaakitanga by caring for our environment and making our school grounds shine.
- **Peer support and student leaders:** who reach out to ensure their peers aren't left feeling isolated and excluded.
- And countless others who quietly and kindly have lifted others, helped someone in need, or simply been good people.

These young people remind us that leadership is not about titles — it's about actions, compassion and integrity.

Relationships and Reconnection

Relationships are the foundation of everything we do. It's also a time to reflect on the relationships we have — the people we want to keep in lifetime — if we want them to last sometimes, just a little nurturing means **keeping short accounts**. Not holding grudges, not letting small things build up, and being willing to reconnect. Life has a funny way of bringing people back into our lives. Welcoming someone back with open arms and always leaves better than ignoring the past. That's manaakitanga in action — and it's how we build a strong community.

Looking Ahead

Please **keep an eye on our school calendar** — this has the events we filter with students and staff, and it's the most up-to-date place to see what's happening. We'll also continue sending reminders just as upcoming events, from photographs and expectations for senior dress and grooming. Thank you in advance and support make these moments even more meaningful for our students.

In Closing

As we enter this busy, sometimes stressful time, let's all hold fast to manaakitanga — kindness, connection, and care for one another. It's the heart of our school and it's what makes our school and our wider Waihi College the special place it is.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. Together, through manaakitanga, we will make this term one to remember.

Ngā manaakitanga
Alan Principal | Kumuhau Waihi College

SCHOOL WIDE

PPTA STRIKE ACTION

This letter was sent home yesterday via email, to all caregivers as always, a copy is also posted on our website, under the "Parents" tab.

Kia ora ki te Whānau o Waihi College

I am writing to provide a definitive and important update regarding the industrial action that teachers and other staff are affiliated to have taken this week. This action, which involved teachers leaving their classrooms to participate in a national strike, has been strong mandate from members, and the decision to participate was made after careful consideration and with the interests of our students at the forefront.

The decision to strike, and therefore to cancel classes, was made by the Waihi College Board of Trustees at their Board meeting last Tuesday. The Board's decision was made after careful consideration of the PPTA Teachers' Collective Agreement and the Ariso Collective Agreement for Principals and Deputy Principals.

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