

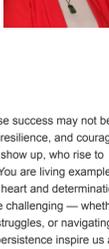
WAIHI COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora e te whānau o Waihi College,

As we move into this exciting time of year, I want to take a moment to celebrate and acknowledge our amazing young people. Next week, we will gather for our Senior Prizegivings to recognise the achievements of our Year 11-13 students. Congratulations to all those who will be receiving awards and prizes — your hard work, commitment, and perseverance have not gone unnoticed. You have earned this recognition, and we are incredibly proud of you.



At the same time, I want to acknowledge the many students whose successes may not be measured by trophies or certificates, but by their everyday effort, resilience, and courage. Success looks different for each of us. To those who consistently show up, who rise to each challenge, and who give their very best — *ka mau te wehi*. You are living examples of what it means to strive, to grow, and to take learning risks with heart and determination. I also want to give a special mihi to those for whom school can be challenging — whether it's finding the motivation to come each day, managing personal struggles, or navigating the complexities of life beyond the classroom. Your bravery and persistence inspire us all. We see you, we value you, and we are proud of you.

As we celebrate our senior students, we are equally excited to continue the journey with our Year 7-10 ākonga over the next few weeks. This is your time to shine — to dig deep, turn up, make the most of every opportunity, and keep going strong. To our Year 10 students in particular, I remind you that you will be stepping into leadership roles for the next little while. I have high expectations of how this will look, and I am confident you will rise to the occasion with pride, integrity, and aroha.

As a kura, we remain committed to creating a space where every learner feels safe, supported, and able to thrive — a place that reflects our values of *manaakitanga*, *whanaungatanga*, and *kotahitanga*.

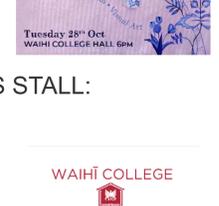
Ngā manaakitanga,

Briar *Principal* | *Tumuaki* Waihi College

SCHOOL WIDE

STRIKES, PUBLIC HOLIDAY AND ACCORD DAY

Just a reminder that PPTA members will be striking on the **23rd October** so there will be no school for any students that day.



This term we also have **Labour Day** on the **27th October** and an **ACCORD Day** on **14th November**.

The best way to keep informed with dates and events is by using the Portal and viewing our School Calendar. If you need help logging into the Portal, contact us at office@waihicol.school.nz or on 07 863 8349.

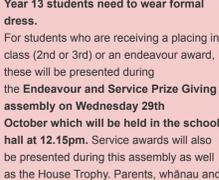
ART EXHIBITION AND CULTURAL PRIZEGIVING: 26th OCTOBER



Come along to our Art Exhibition and Cultural Prizegiving next **Tuesday, 26th October**. The Art Exhibition is held in the Hub at 4pm and the Cultural Prizegiving is in the Hall at 6pm.

PERIOD PRODUCTS STALL: WEDNESDAY 22nd

This Wednesday (the 22nd) we will have a stall outside Margie's office (across from the Hall), giving away a ton of period products. Stock up before the holidays! Remember you can take as much as you need to use at home, not just for use at school. This is such a great resource so make sure you make the most of it as we have so much product on hand.



Products can be collected anytime from the Student Centre too, but this stall is to encourage girls to come along, see what's on offer and stock up before the holidays



WAIHI COLLEGE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

A letter went home recently with important information regarding our seniors. Please see a copy below. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Ms Howell via email on joh@waihicol.school.nz or by phone on 07 863 8349.

We are approaching the last few weeks of timetabled classes for students who are in Year 11-13. The senior prize giving will take place on the 30th October and, after that, there will be no more timetabled lessons for senior students as the NCEA examinations begin. Please read through the information below to find out about the organisation for these last few weeks:

- Subject Selection 2026**
Students in Year 11 and 12 will complete subject selection on **Thursday 9th October** in the school hall. All students will complete this even if they are leaving Waihi College at the end of the year. We will complete their exit interview at the same time.
- Senior Academic Prize Giving and Graduation**
I would like to take the opportunity to invite all parents, whānau, friends and community members to the Senior Prize Giving on **Thursday 30 October at 6pm** in the Waihi College school hall. During the prize giving we will celebrate the learning achievements of students who have gained a 1st in class award, 1st in Year award, scholarships, student leader positions and the prizes for special character. Students in Year 13 who are graduating will also be presented with their certificates. If your student is receiving an award for this prize giving, or if they are involved in the Year 13 Graduation, you will receive an email from me in the next few weeks. Students will be expected to be in school at 5.40pm so that they can be seated at 5.50pm for the 6pm start.
Year 13 will go straight to the hall Year 12 will meet in B9 with Mr Budgen (Kaiarahi) Year 11 will meet in B8 with Whaea Tracy (Kaiarahi)
- Leavers Breakfast and Last day of School (Year 13 only)**
On the morning of Thursday 30th October, we will host the traditional Year 13 Leavers Breakfast in the school hall. This will start promptly at 8.00am. Following the breakfast all Year 13 students are invited to attend a final Year 13 trip to Tauranga completing a range of activities together. Students will leave after the breakfast and return to school by 3pm. Students will go in school transport and are not permitted to take their own vehicles. You will receive a permission slip and more information about this trip from Mrs Morley soon. There will be no timetabled lessons for Year 13 on this day.

A reminder that students are not permitted to complete pranks. Over the last few years students have been very respectful of this and it has ensured a pleasant last day for everyone.

Yours faithfully,
Ms Joanne Howell

- Students in Year 11 and 12 will need to wear school uniform (no jackets or jerseys as it gets very hot in the hall). Year 13 students need to wear formal dress.**
For students who are receiving a placing in class (2nd or 3rd) or an endeavour award, these will be presented during the **Endeavour and Service Prize Giving assembly on Wednesday 29th October which will be held in the school hall at 12.15pm**. Service awards will also be presented during this assembly as well as the House Trophy. Parents, whānau and caregivers are welcome to attend this prize giving if they would like to.
- Sports Awards**
The Winter Sports Prize Giving assembly will take place on **Tuesday 28th October at 9am**. The Sports Awards Dinner and Special Prizes will be the following day, **Wednesday 29th October** at the Waihi Beach RSA from 5.30pm
- Art Exhibition and Cultural Prize Giving**
An opportunity to see some of the amazing talents that we have at Waihi College will take place on **Tuesday 28th October**. This will include performances in music, art, photography, kapa haka and culinary arts as well as awards for each of these disciplines. The Art and Photography Exhibition will take place in the **Senior Hub from 4.00pm** through the 5.45pm. The performances and awards will start in the **school hall from 6.00pm**.
- Study Leave**
All students in Year 11-13 are eligible for study leave from **Friday 31st October**. This means that students will not be required to attend school unless they are completing an NCEA examination (timetable for exams is attached to this email). The senior hub will be open from **Monday 3rd November** for students to study for their exams or to complete internal assessments that are still outstanding. Students who are attending school will need to be wearing school uniform (Year 11 and 12)

FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS

Don't forget we have **FREE** period products here at school.



On Wednesday 22nd at first lunch, we will have a stall outside Margie's office with a ton of product to give away. **Stock up before the holidays!**

WAIHI COLLEGE COLOUR RUN - IT'S BACK!!

We are so excited to be hosting the Waihi College Colour Run again this year! Last year's event was a huge success — we raised money towards the playground and had an absolute blast doing it. It was the perfect way for our juniors to finish up the school year. This year's Colour Run will be held on **Friday, 5th December**, and we're welcoming all our juniors (as well as any seniors who have left but would like to come back and join the fun).



Parents and community members who'd like to help out on the day are warmly invited to get in touch with Wendy at wendys@waihicol.school.nz.

Sign up brochures will be given to Ako teachers to hand out in the next few days, or pop in and see me (Wendy) for more information. Like last year, there are amazing prizes up for grabs for our top fundraisers! To sign up, head to www.funrun.co.nz, click "Student Sign Up" to create your fundraising page, then share your unique link with friends and family through social media, text, and email. Get ready for colour, laughter, and community spirit — it's going to be another fantastic day!

SCHOOL TOURS & OPEN DAY

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.

WAIHI COLLEGE TOURS & OPEN DAYS

OPEN AFTERNOON
Thursday 11th September
3.00pm-6.00pm

An opportunity for parents and whānau of current Year 7&8 students as well as Year 8 students and whānau to visit the Year 7&8 classrooms, where students will be presenting information and answering questions to the new entrant of your Primary School.

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.

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Waihi College
Kei konei tātou e tū āno



Buses from:

- ✓ Waihi Beach
- ✓ Golden Valley & East
- ✓ Bowenfoun
- ✓ Tauranga Rd



For More Information
www.waihicol.school.nz
Ph: 07 863 8349
Briar Carden-Scott, Tumuaiki | Principal

Chalk to Chromebooks!

Opening Night is **28 November** at the Waihi Arts Centre & Museum, 54 Kenney Street.



Come explore decades of memories, stories, and school spirit - we can't wait to see you there!

YEAR 12&13 LEADERSHIP CAMP



Provide the opportunity to grow into a cohesive team, and learn what it is to lead, self and others. The camp aims to foster leadership skills, self-awareness, and cohesion among students. Reflecting our school values into who we are, and how we act!

Grow your leadership skills
Support your House
Have fun activities
Get to know your senior school peers
Enjoy camp life
Swim and connect with others
Amazing food
Great weather

KEEN TO VOLUNTEER OVER SUMMER?

Would you like to volunteer at the local SPCA Op Shop? They are getting pretty busy and require more hands on deck. You'd help with keeping up with donations, in-store processes and have fun. At this stage it will be voluntary positions but going forward I would like SPCA to support a Summer job program. Anyone interested can apply online www.spcan.zk.nz/opshop/volunteer or pop in and say hi.



UNDERSTANDING STRESS AND ATTACHMENT: 11th November



This workshop addresses the hidden stressors that often beset your daily life and gives you the tools to break the cycle. It's a practical, personal, and useful in-depth workshop. You'll have helpful ideas, tips, and more in control of your own health and well-being.

What People Are Saying
Mina is a parent and Early Childhood Education (ECE) manager, phone her experience.
This knowledge and insight Donna presents is utterly refreshing and exactly what all parents need to hear right now!
We both as a parent and an ECE manager, her courses have profoundly impacted from it, both me and my parents. I now understand how my own beliefs and behaviours shape the environment I create for my children, both at home and in my professional setting.
Donna teaches us to view behaviour differently, not just as children but as people. Her words are so reflective, resonant with who we are, and move forward with authenticity and awareness.
She helps unravel the behaviours that challenge us most, guiding us back to connection and helping our children thrive in their own sense of self.
These are the only parenting courses I would recommend, if you have the opportunity to speak with Donna one to one, guarantee your relationships, both personal and professional, will be transformed.

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PETS

A reminder that if you are walking your dogs on the school grounds to please clean up after them. Our staff have better things to do than pick up poop.



Thanks folks.

PARENT CORNER

SCHOOL TV

Don't forget to check out what's happening this week on School TV.



<https://waihicol.nz.schooltv.me/>



INTRODUCING SchoolTV

A resource supporting the parenting of young people





Little lessons from Learning Support

5 Weeks of Study Skills Advice for Parents

A 5-week series giving parents clear, practical ways to support their child with study at home.

Time Management

- Help your child set a weekly timetable including school, study, sport, and downtime.
- Encourage breaks for movement, snacks, and stretching.
- Notice signs of overload and suggest shorter sessions if needed.
- Support them in using apps or timers to manage time.
- Reinforce the value of consistency over cramming.

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

Ngā mihi, with kind regards
Margie Goldsworthy | SCHOOL NURSE
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LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IF YOU HAVE ANY HEALTHY NEEDS OR QUESTIONS MARGIE GOLDSWORTHY | SCHOOL NURSE FOR WAIHI COLLEGE

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