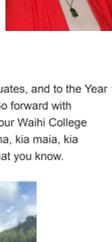


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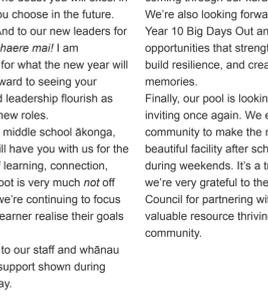
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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whānau o Waihi College. What a magnificent week of celebrations we've had! Our series of prizegivings across sport, culture, endeavour, and academic achievement truly showcased the talent, perseverance, and spirit of our rangatahi. Ngā mihi nui to the many staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make these events so special — your dedication allows our young people to shine brightly in front of their peers, whānau, and community.



We also extend our heartfelt congratulations to our Year 13 graduates, and to the Year 12 students who have completed their schooling with us this year. Go forward with confidence, courage, and kindness — you will always be part of our Waihi College whānau. To our Year 11–13 students heading into exams, Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui. You've put in the mahi — now's the time to show what you know.

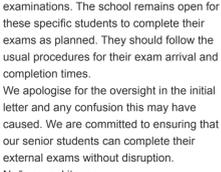
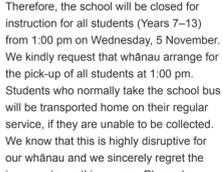


To our 2025 Student Leadership Team — my heartfelt thanks. It has been both a privilege and a joy to work alongside you. You have led with integrity, mana, and aroha, and I have no doubt you will excel in whatever paths you choose in the future. *Ka mau te whi!* And to our new leaders for 2026 — *nau mai, haere mai!* I am genuinely excited for what the new year will bring and look forward to seeing your ideas, energy, and leadership flourish as you take on your new roles. For our junior and middle school akonga, we're thrilled to still have you with us for the next five weeks of learning, connection, and growth. Our foot is very much *not* off the gas pedal — we're continuing to focus on helping every learner realise their goals and potential. A huge thank you to our staff and whānau for the incredible support shown during Junior Athletics Day.

It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, high participation, and impressive sportsmanship. We certainly have some outstanding young athletes coming through our kura! We're also looking forward to our upcoming Year 10 Big Days Out and Camp — opportunities that strengthen friendships, build resilience, and create lasting memories. Finally, our pool is looking fabulous and inviting once again. We encourage our community to make the most of this beautiful facility after school hours and during weekends. It's a true taonga, and we're very grateful to the Hauraki District Council for partnering with us to keep this valuable resource thriving for our community.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Briar Principal | Turmuaki Waihi College

SCHOOL WIDE



This letter was emailed home yesterday to all caregivers today.

This was then followed up with another letter, giving clarification around those students sitting their NCEA exams.

Kia ora e te whānau o Waihi College. This is an important notice regarding confirmed strike action by the Post Primary Teachers' Association (PPTA) this week. We have received formal notification from the PPTA that its members will be engaging in a nationwide partial strike that will take place on the afternoon of **Wednesday, 5 November**. The industrial action is scheduled from 1:15 pm – 3:15 pm. As the vast majority of our teaching staff are PPTA members, the Waihi College Board of Trustees has determined that we cannot provide adequate safety and instruction for students during this time. Therefore, the school will be closed for instruction for all students (Years 7–13) from 1:00 pm on Wednesday, 5 November. We kindly request that whānau arrange for the pick-up of all students at 1:00 pm. Students who normally take the school bus will be transported home on their regular service, if they are unable to be collected. We know that this is highly disruptive for our whānau and we sincerely regret the inconvenience this causes. Please be assured that the decision to close the school is made with the safety and well-being of our students as our main concern. If you have absolutely no alternative care arrangements for your child, please contact the school office by 3pm on November 4 so we can make arrangements for very limited supervision. Note that this will be non-instructional supervision only. We thank you for your understanding as our school navigates these national negotiations.

Following our previous communication regarding the PPTA partial strike action on **Wednesday, 5 November**, we are writing to clear up an important point for our senior students. The school will be closed for instruction for all students (Years 7–13) from 1:00pm on this day, as previously advised. We still require whānau to arrange for the pick-up of students at this time. Please note the following clarification: Crucial Exemptions for NCEA Students: Seniors who have scheduled NCEA external examinations on Wednesday, 5 November, are still expected to attend school for their external examinations. The school remains open for these specific students to complete their exams as planned. They should follow the usual procedures for their exam arrival and completion times. We apologise for the oversight in the initial letter and any confusion this may have caused. We are committed to ensuring that our senior students can complete their external exams without disruption.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Briar Carden-Scott
TUMUAKI

Don't forget we also have a **Teacher Only Day coming up on 14th November**.

SPECIAL EDITION: SENIOR PRIZEGIVING NEWSLETTER



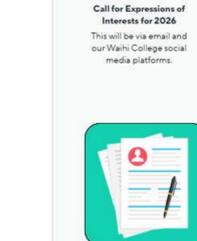
We've recently sent you a **Senior Prizegiving Special Edition Newsletter** to celebrate all the incredible achievements of our students this prizegiving season! It's packed full of highlights, awards, photos, and moments of pride from across the multiple events — a true celebration of excellence and effort at Waihi College.

Keep an eye on your emails — you won't want to miss this one!

We will also do the same for the Juniors later in the year.

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.

YEAR 7 & 8 ATHLETICS



What a beautiful day it was for our Year 7 & 8 Athletics! The sun was shining, spirits were high, and our tamariki gave it their all in every event. It was awesome to see so much energy, teamwork, and fun throughout the day. Ka pai to everyone who took part — you were amazing! As always, photos from the day can be found in our School Photos section of the website and in the Latest News area under Keeping Informed.

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!

Waihi College Sport Coach Appointments 2026

Call for Expressions of Interests for 2026
This will be via email and our Waihi College social media platforms.

Application Form Deadline
Applications for coaching positions close **FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2025**

Coaching Position Commences at the start of 2026
Trial and Season Dates confirmed. Coaches will be invited to be part of the trials and team selections.

WIFE WANT YOU!

Application Form
An application form will be sent to all those that express an interest in coaching a sporting code at Waihi College for 2026.

Coaches for 2026 Appointed
Coaches appointed by **FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2025**

Any queries please email arianat@waihicol.school.nz

SCHOOL OPEN DAY

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 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 2026 program. Please return all completed enrolment forms to the front office of your Primary School.

SCHOOL TOUR
Friday 31st October
9.00am-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.

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Waihi College
Kai Kōwhiri Tātou e tu kōwhiri

Bus stop from:

- Waihi Beach
- Waihi
- Golden Valley & East
- Boventown
- Tauranga Rd

For More Information

www.waihicol.school.nz
Ph: 07 863 8349
Briar Carden-Scott, Turmuaki | Principal

Chalk to Chromebooks!

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



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

Thank You for Your Support, Dillimores!

Waihi College extends our deepest gratitude to Nolene and her whānau as Dillimores in Waihi closed its doors for the final time on Friday. We thank them for their incredible support of our school and community over the years. It was an honour to acknowledge their contribution, with the boys from the Waihi College Kapa Haka Rōpū performing a powerful Haka Tautoko (a haka of support) as a farewell tribute.



FISH BENCHES FOR SALE

We have four fish bench/kitchen benches for sale at \$100 each. Measurements are 1830 x 510 x 40 with 100mm upstand. Please contact Mike, our Property Manager, via email on: propertymanager@waihicol.school.nz



WaihiVets

Ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at a vet clinic?

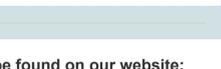
Join our Waihi Vets Clinic Open Day!

Sat, 6th Dec | 10am-12pm | 40 Kenny St

We look forward to seeing you there!

There are prizes to be won!

UNDERSTANDING STRESS AND ATTACHMENT: 11th November



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

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Ngā mihi, with kind regards
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A resource supporting the parenting of young people

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