

WAIHĪ COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora koutou,
As we reach the end of another vibrant year at our kura, I would like to share my warmest wishes with you all. I am immensely proud of every one of our students — their resilience, growth, and achievements have shone through in so many ways, supported every step of the way by their whānau and our wonderful community. Your encouragement and aroha make all the difference.



I wish you all a safe, joyful, and restful Christmas and New Year. May your summer be filled with sunshine, laughter, and time with the people who matter most. Thank you for being part of our school whānau, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2027 for another exciting year of learning, connection, and opportunity.

Ngā mihi mahana,
Briar Principal | Tumuaiki Waihi College

SCHOOL WIDE

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.

COLOUR RUN



What an absolute treat our Colour Run was last week—beautiful sunshine, bright colours swirling through the air, and smiles everywhere. The students threw themselves into the fun with so much energy and joy, making it a day to remember. A huge mihi to our local fire brigade, who turned up in style to help shower the kids with water as they made their way through the course. Their aroha and community spirit added an extra layer of excitement that everyone loved. We're also incredibly grateful to our wonderful parent helpers and staff for keeping everything running smoothly, and a big thank you to all the students who worked so hard with their fundraising—your efforts truly paid off. The free sausage sizzle was a hit, the colours were flying, and the laughter was contagious. It was one of those days that reminds us what makes our school community so special: teamwork, fun, and a whole lot of heart.

To check out all the photos, head to the [School Photos](#) section of our website under [Keeping Informed](#).



JUNIOR PRIZEGIVINGS

Please check out of Special Edition Junior Prizegiving Newsletter with all the details - coming out soon!

WAIHĪ COLLEGE JUNIOR PRIZEGIVINGS

Tuesday 9th @ 1.45pm:
Y7-10 Endeavour & Service Prizegiving

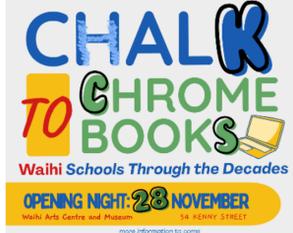
Wednesday 10th @ 9am:
Y9&10 Academic Prizegiving

Wednesday 10th @11am:
Y7&8 Academic Prizegiving

CHALK TO CHROME BOOKS

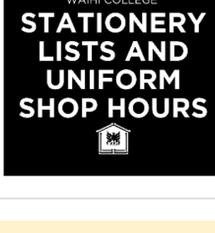
Bella Paulsen's amazing exhibition opened over the weekend and it's been a huge success. It's open all summer until 11th January. So make sure you get along and don't miss out. The museum opening times are:

- Monday 12-3
- Tuesday Closed
- Wednesday Closed
- Thursday 10-3
- Friday 10-3
- Saturday 12-3
- Sunday 12-3



Please check out our website for the updated Uniform Shop hours and the 2026 Stationery Lists.

They can be found on the drop down list under Our School or by clicking on the ticker links from the home page www.waihicol.school.nz



REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE



Please remember all school accounts need to be cleared by the end of the school year. Sue sent out invoices last week so please check your emails. Get in touch with her to make any payments or if you have any queries.

CHANGE OF BANK DETAILS

9th December 2025

Tēnā koutou Caregivers

We are writing to let you know that we have recently made the decision to change banks. Waihi College will now be banking with ASB Hamilton.

If you make any automatic or online payments to us for your school payments, we will need you to update our details so that your payment reaches us now.

The account name is now: **WAIHI COLLEGE BOARD**
Our new account number is: **12-3171-0263271-00**

In order to help us with a smooth transition, we would appreciate if you could please update your banking details from the 15th December 2025 for your payments into our new ASB account.

Should you have any questions, please contact the school office on 07 863 8349 to discuss payment options.

The School Board has made this step to improve efficiency and give our school a better financial option. Thank you for your help and support during the changeover.

Ngā manaakitanga

Briar Carden-Scott Principal
Waihi College Board

BYOD

Waihi College is a BYOD school (Bring Your Own Device). Students are required to have a device for their classes from Year 7 through to Year 13. Students and teachers are working more and more with digital platforms for the distribution and completion of work in the classroom. By students having their own device, there is a seamless link between home and in school learning and the student can personalise their device to suit their own needs.

WHAT SORT OF DEVICE DO I NEED?

For most students a standard Chromebook is sufficient. Chromebooks have already built in Google suites including Google classroom that is used throughout the College. For senior students in Year 12 and 13 who have more specialised courses or are thinking of moving on to University they may wish to purchase a laptop.

WHERE CAN I GET A DEVICE?

You can purchase a device from most electronic retailers and they often have some good sale prices (particularly Black Friday and Boxing Day deals). Purchasing a device is often something that can be financially supported by family members as a Christmas gift.

WHAT IF I AM UNABLE TO PURCHASE A DEVICE?

Waihi College will have devices available for students to lease should they be unable to purchase one themselves. Students will pay a bond to lease the device for the year, they will take the device home and use it as their own for the year. Parents/caregivers and students will sign a contract agreeing to maintain the condition and return of the device with any loss or damage charged to the student. Contracts for 2026 are available in the student centre now (devices won't be issued until the start of the 2026 school year)

PARENT CORNER

**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
Margie (She/Her)

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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wishing you a wonderful summer, and a safe and happy new year.

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