

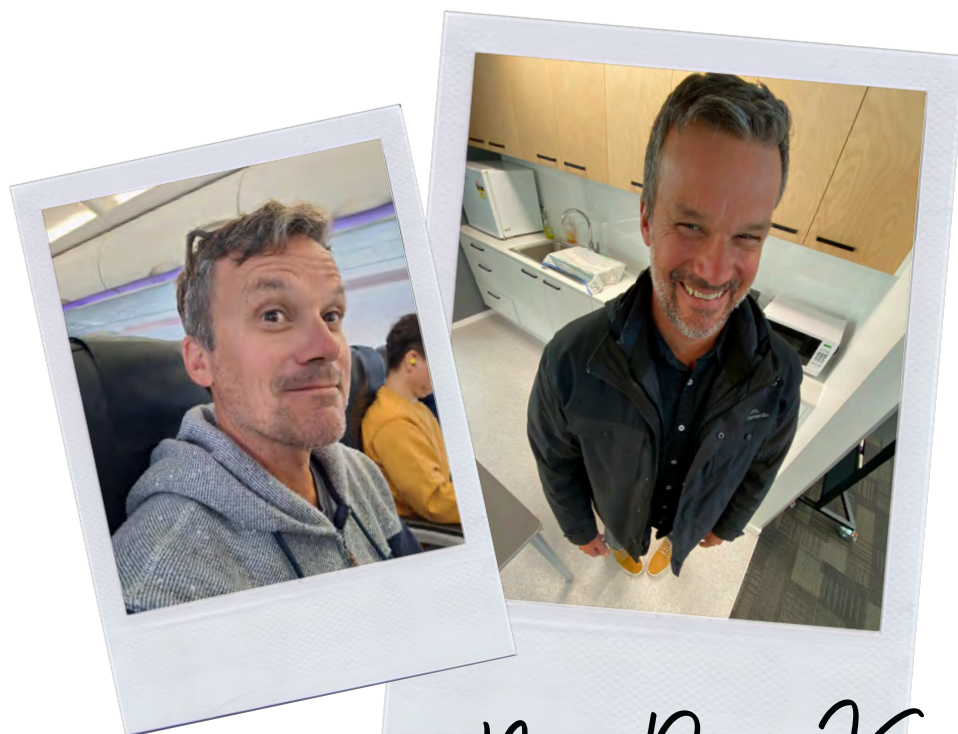
# REO MANO 2024



KEI KONEI TĀTOU E TŪ ANA **HERE WE STAND**

*Ko toku reo toku ohooho,  
ko toku reo toku mapihi maurea.*

My language is my awakening,  
my language is the window to my soul.



## *Dedicated to Mr Ben Kayes*

“Mr Kayes, you have truly made a huge impact on our lives at Waihi College. Not only do you consistently make a huge effort to ensure we all understand what it is you are teaching, but you bring fun and laughter to us every morning (typically in the form of Dad jokes). Since Year 9, you have joined us on school trips, camps, and have organised many amazing Geography trips for us to go on. You push and encourage us to do our best, and are more than willing to help all of us with absolutely anything we need - even if we don't have a class with you. You're an icon, we will miss you.”

- Class of '24

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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Do the best you can until you know better.  
Then when you know better, do better. - Maya Angelou*

This quote is precious to me - and a sentiment I have leaned into heavily, over my first year here at Waihi College. There has been much to learn, and many complexities to unravel, in order to know how best to serve this amazing community of kaiako (teachers), rangatahi (students) and whanau. There is still much to learn and to understand!

I am eternally grateful to those who have reached out to encourage, challenge and walk beside me, as I lead an incredible education community, whose passion runs deep, to see our young people shine.

I have been deeply impressed, and moved by our rangatahi over the course of the last few terms, and getting to know them. As a community, we can hold a huge amount of hope for our collective future, and know that the young people who step out from Waihi College, will have had the opportunities to grow deep roots, and an understanding of who they are, grow their sense of turangawaewae (where they belong), and know that we deeply care about their trajectory, their challenges and their successes.

There are so many opportunities for our young people to follow their dreams, and I am in awe at the kaiako, who lay out various options, contort timetables, craft standards to achieve, and utilise opportunities within our community, to round out pathways for our students to have the very best possible chance, to be all they can be. We thank our community partners in particular for your loyalty and care to seeing our students grow.

This year, we have seen the Library and Hub rebuild finally open, resulting in a fantastic space for our senior students to work in, akin to a young university. The new Library space is where our students can go to work quietly, or just be. Our beloved Whare Maia, has been recloaked in her beauty with the carvings lovingly restored and her stories told once more; a freshen up across the school with the continuation of our signage, and plain old elbow grease, to bring up a shine on our buildings, and we have in the pipeline plans to improve, fix and restore more areas.

The farm and kiwifruit orchard have been super productive, and have contributed hugely to the life of the school, where many students are

fortunate to spend time, and learn about hard work and nurturing, to help things grow. We have carved a path through the ngahere (bush), to a permanent hangi pit out on the farm, for us to host and feed people.

As a College, we have hosted many events, and brought a huge raft of people from our community through the gates, to be celebrated, or to celebrate with us. I thoroughly relish the opportunities to grow this further, and have our incredible kura, beating as the heart of our community.

We have started some exciting new initiatives, including our version of Positive Behaviour for Learning, an official Sports Committee to oversee the huge undertaking of sport in our region, an overhauled Pastoral Support system, massive growth in our International School and opportunities, and so much more. It is quite amazing how each of these threads, when woven into the fabric of our kura, start to craft a rather spectacular tapestry!

We have had new faces join us, and some cherished ones will be leaving to retire at the end of the year. Each of these people have left their footprint in the life of Waihi College, and I want to extend my thanks and appreciation for your incredible contributions.

Looking back at 2024, I have a deep sense of gratitude, of pride and excitement for what life together, for 2025, will bring!

To our students who have left to go and spread your wings, don't forget your beginnings my friends ... we will keenly watch to see where life might take you. Please know this is your space, come back and share with us, when you can.

To our students coming back in 2025 - buckle up! It is going to be a fantastic year!

With great appreciation and thanks to each one who are a part of our Waihi College ... kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui.

*Briar Carden-Scott*  
Principal Tumaki

# WORDS FROM LEADERSHIP

Wow, what a year! Moving from a classroom teacher into the senior leadership space has been a crazy ride. This transition has resulted in a realisation of one of my career goals and an opportunity to help more of our rangatahi at Waihi College in multiple ways.

This year's focus has been on attendance and uniform. After introducing the Attendance and Engagement Strategy in 2023, the Ministry of Education launched a daily data reporting regime in May as part of plans to tackle the nationwide "attendance crisis". The evidence is very clear that attendance is a key driver of learners' achievement, their wellbeing, and their lifelong outcomes. This evidence shows that attendance is directly related to how well learners achieve. The more learners attend, the higher their achievement. This is what we want for the young people of Waihi College. As a kura, this has resulted in an increase in communicating with whanau, parents and caregivers around unexplained absences and truancy from class. Although slow going, we are beginning to make improvements in this area with regular attendance increasing by 5% over the year.

Our uniform has seen changes this year also, with our new logo now on all new clothing items and our new senior shirt. When I see rangatahi in their uniform, it gives me a sense of pride and whanaungatanga.

In term two, when the colder weather came in, we had a focus on the non-uniform sweatshirts, encouraging the students to wear our school sweatshirts and jackets. This was successful in two ways, firstly tamariki began to wear the correct uniform and secondly, we were given important feedback about our uniform items. Please know that we have heard you. Another new uniform implementation this year was mufti every Tuesday. This was introduced to allow for consistency and fairness, as many seniors and juniors were already wearing mufti for their Super Tuesday classes.

We understand that traditional schooling isn't for everyone and I am excited by the various programmes we have been able to offer our students, so that school can work for them. These programmes include limited timetables, work experience, working at the farm unit, assisting Grant Watson, our property manager and more.

This has been an exciting year for me and I am looking forward to continuing to work with tamariki and their whanau next year. Have a safe and happy holiday and see you in 2025!



*Amanda Cook*  
Deputy Principal



2024 has been another year of change at Waihi College for our senior students, most specifically the Year 11 students who entered into the 'new' NCEA. This was a challenge for teachers, whanau and students to get their heads around but, thanks to some good planning and great resilience from our students, we all learned together and hopefully found a way to achieve some new learning and skills.

2024 also saw our second year of completing the NCEA Common Assessment Activities for Literacy and Numeracy. I would like to thank all the students who took part in the assessments for your maturity and determination to succeed. For those who haven't quite gotten there yet, I encourage you to keep going and try again: with the right attitude and working together, we can get there.

One of the biggest celebrations for the senior school was the opening of the Senior Hub in the newly designed open plan building. Students now have a place to learn in a way that reflects the diverse learning styles and requirements of seniors that are preparing to transition from school to the workforce or tertiary education. Here we now have students learning as a whole class, a small group, working online or studying independently – it really is a place for all of our students to use as a base for their learning at Waihi College. Thank you to all who have contributed to the design, concepts, build and teaching in this space. I would especially like to thank Mr Alistair Cochrane, Mrs Kate Morley and Mrs Carolyn Graveson for their input and contributions to the building process and the programmes that are running in the Hub.

I would like to thank all of the students in the senior school for their contribution to school; be it through student leadership, participation in house events, or just turning up each and every day; all of these things make you better learners and makes relationships in our school stronger.

Have a great summer break, good luck and a fond farewell to those who are leaving this year. For those returning to Waihi College next year, I look forward to sharing your success again next year.

*Jo Howell*  
Deputy Principal

The Junior School had a busy start to the year, with Year 7 and 8 camp at Maratoto. Whilst the weather was not the best, the students still had lots of fun. The Year 7 and 8 Super Tuesday programme continued this year, where students have participated in activities such as Forest School, Sports Academy, EPro8 and other project based learning.

The Year 9 and 10 cohort learning programme has used Ngā Atua Māori as themes to help integrate learning across core subject areas, and corresponding EOTC activities were organised to help compliment the in class learning.

The Year 9 classes had a Tangaroa Day where they spent the day at Waihi Beach surf casting, studying different species in the rock pools and other beach based activities.

The Year 10's had class trips to Waitangi, and Rangiriri to learn about Aotearoa New Zealand History and to the Oceania Gold Mine where they looked at the different types of minerals and rocks that are mined from our local mine. They also went to Rotorua, to Whakarewarewa Village, where they were able to see their learning from the classroom about geology, and volcanic activity in action.

The Year 10 cohort have also been able to participate in the Literacy and Numeracy Common Activities Assessment (CAA) again this year. The targeted Literacy and Numeracy classes at Year 9 and 10 have been a success in helping these students prepare for the CAA. The end of the year sees Year 9 Day Trips and Activity Week and the Year 10 Camp at Opoutere and a transition programme into NCEA for 2025.

Lastly I would like to give Mr Shannon Smith a massive shout out for stepping into the role whilst I was on maternity leave at the beginning of the year. Ngā mihi Matua.

*Ariana  
Te Wake*  
Deputy  
Principal



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As we bid farewell to another school year at Waihi College, and reflect on the many academic, cultural and sporting achievements of our students, 2024 stands out as a pivotal moment in the leadership journey of our school.

This year, we warmly welcomed our new principal, Briar Carden Scott, whose vision and leadership have already begun to inspire our school community. With a commitment to fostering cultural inclusivity and academic excellence alongside student wellbeing, Briar has taken a fresh approach to the strategic plan & charter, and initiated exciting changes that will shape

Being a student representative turned out to be a surprising mix of challenges and rewards, all centered around working with fellow students.

From brainstorming sessions to organising events, I had the chance to collaborate with a diverse group of people. Whether it was rallying support for new inventions or simply listening to concerns, the real highlight was the people I worked with. Each conversation and event taught me a lot about teamwork, creativity, and perseverance.

There were plenty of hurdles, but working alongside students made the journey both rewarding and enjoyable.

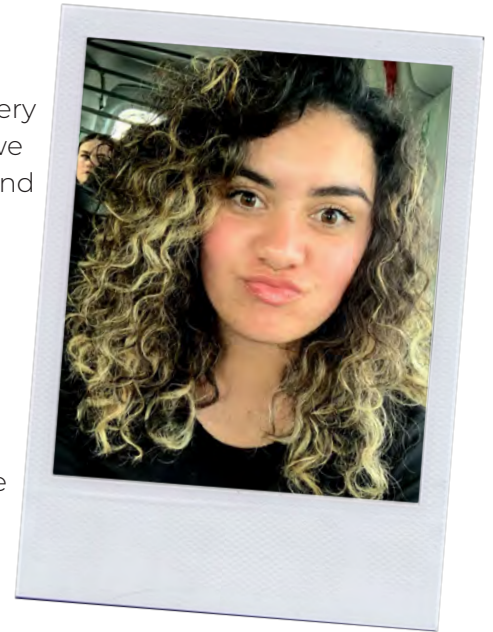
our learning environment. I am looking forward to seeing the growth and transformation of Waihi College over the next few years as we start to see the results of these initiatives.

2024 saw the completion of refurbishing the library building to incorporate a new senior learning hub. Investment into this learning space, provides senior students with valuable life skills that they will use, regardless of whether they enter tertiary education or enter the workforce.

2025 will see us continue to embrace new challenges and opportunities as we move forward into another promising year at Waihi College.

*Tineke Douglas*  
 Presiding Member,  
 Waihi College Board of Trustees

We might not have solved every problem, but we made strides and had some fun along the way. Here's to the shared experiences, the laughter, and the occasional slice of pizza to celebrate our small victories.



*Ana Whataru*  
 BOT Student Representative



# STUDENT LEADERS

Wow, what a crazy year 2024 has been. It's been a year filled with laughter, challenges, new friendships, new adventures, and memories that will last a lifetime. Having the opportunity to be the Service Leader this year has been an absolute honour and privilege. As a leadership team, we have been able to achieve many different things, including successfully running fundraisers, mufti days, and other fun activities for our kura. I have loved being able to give back to our students and school community. This year, I had the privilege of being a part of the Ball Committee, University of Waikato Leadership Academy, Waikato Youth Secondary Tertiary Advisory Group, working backstage during the school production, participating in the amazingly talented Kapa Haka Roopu, and so much more.

Thank you to my fellow leadership team; it's been an honour to work alongside you and build new friendships. Thank you to Whaea Briar for taking on the challenge of leading our Leadership team and doing an excellent job at it.

Thank you to all of the students, teachers, and my closest friends/family who have supported me throughout my journey. Without your support, I don't think I would be standing where I am today. I would like to especially thank my mentor this year, Mr. Smith, who has supported me since I first started at college in Year 7 and has constantly

This year has flown by! I am very grateful for the opportunity and experience of being the sports leader for 2024. I am a firm believer in the benefits that sport brings to both individuals and the school community. It has been rewarding working alongside the sports committee (Jess, Chantelle,

Briar, Matt and Jo). The amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to keep sport alive and thriving at Waihi College is remarkable. I have also enjoyed teaming up and supporting the other Waihi College leaders.

I want to congratulate those who got involved

encouraged me to strive for my goals, making sure

I don't have too much on my plate. Wendy, for supporting me throughout my journey as a student leader. I wouldn't have been able to get through these past 2 years without you.

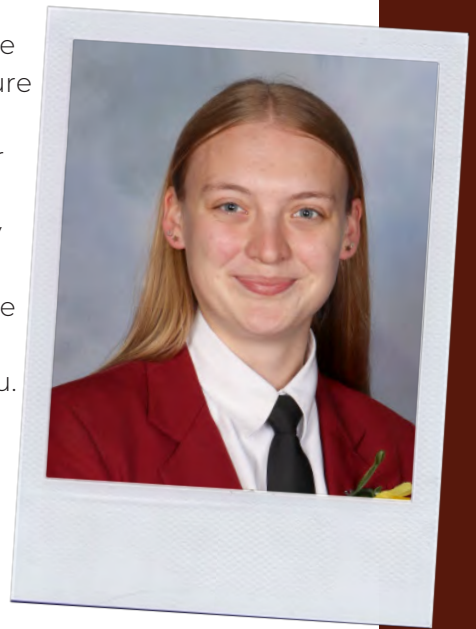
Whaea Tuihana and Mrs. Fitz, who have been my rock and saviours. Thank you for reassuring me through the tough times and constantly inspiring me to achieve my goals. Mrs. Morley and Mrs. Graveson, thank you for all your support and being my biggest cheerleaders. I couldn't have done it without you. It is honestly crazy to think my journey here at Waihi College has come to an end. These past 7 years have truly been a rollercoaster of fun, but I'm excited to see what the future holds. Thank you Waihi College for the incredible adventures and memories. I wish the students for next year good luck, have fun, be yourselves, and make your own memories to last a lifetime. Always remember that "the sky's the limit."

*Maya Dodd* Service Leader

in sport this year and especially those who tried something new. Well done to the students who took up the challenge and participated in school events and in the wide range of teams. Whether you were playing competitively or just for fun, you contributed to the positive sports culture at Waihi College. Keep up the great work, and I encourage you to continue pushing yourselves in the years to come. Give everything a go!

Thank you to those who stepped up to coach, manage, umpire and ref. Along with the endless amount of cheering on the sidelines. Your support goes a long way to make sport possible and enjoyable. It is fantastic to see some of our own Waihi College students giving back to sports they love as well. I look forward to seeing the continued growth of sport at Waihi College and am excited for what the future holds.

*Brooke Kelly* Sports Leader



I can't believe that it's the end of 2024 already. It still feels like the first day of term one was yesterday, and like we should only be in June right now. If I could do anything to buy more time for this year, I would do it without hesitation. Even though it feels like it's barely started, I have loved every second of my time as the Leader of Environment and my entire journey at Waihi College. From meeting new people such as exchange students, to participating in fundraisers, to creating videos about the environment, and so many more things. Every moment has been so different and enjoyable during my time this year.

I would love to thank everybody who has supported me during my time at Waihi College. Thank you to Whaea Briar and the other student leaders, for supporting me and working together this year. Thank you to Miss Weller for igniting my love of science and inspiring me to pursue a future, caring for the environment. And finally, my friends and family for constantly being with me through the ups and downs at Waihi College. Without the people around me constantly pushing me to be a better person and without all the moments we've had together, I would have become a completely different person.

I like to think that if you told year 7 Hamish about the person he has become at Waihi College, that he would be proud of the person that he is today. If I had to give any advice to any future student leaders, or really any students at Waihi

College, it would be to try anything and everything. By saying yes to so many more things, you unlock so many opportunities for yourself, to meet new people and to grow into a better person. My only regret during my time at Waihi College was not trying enough things, so make sure to always put yourself out there. You never know what opportunities might come your way. Even though the end of my time at Waihi College doesn't seem real, I look forward to what lies ahead, and will always be fond of where I've come from. Good luck to everybody with school next year and make sure you relish every moment before it's gone. Good luck to everyone leaving school this year and make sure that you all live your best life. Lastly, good luck to everyone else who has supported me, and please continue to support others in the same way you supported me.



*Hamish Mudford*  
Environmental Leader



8 THE BIG CLEAN UP 25th September 2024

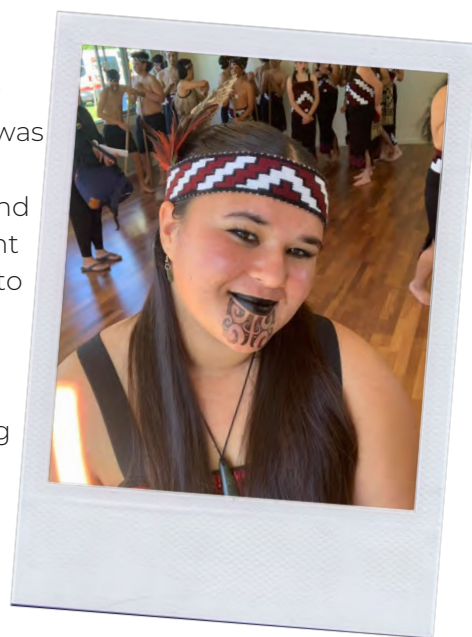
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 He kōrero turuki turuki paneke paneke,  
 turuki turuki paneke paneke, whano whano  
 haere mai te toki haumi e hui taiki e.  
 Ki Ranginui tena koe, ki Papatuanuku tena koe,  
 ki te whare e tu nei ko Whare Maia tena koe.  
 Ka tau taku manu ki te maunga o Mauao, Ka  
 titiro atu ki nga wai o Waiao, Ka hurere atu ki te  
 iwi o Ngai Te Rangī, Ka peka atu ki te hapu o Te  
 Whanau O Tauwhao, Ka tau taku manu ki te ata  
 o Tamaoho.

I was planning to do my whole tuhinga  
 i roto te reo Māori, but I want everyone to  
 understand what I am writing, so english it is lol.

Ngā mihi nunui kia koutou katoa  
 to the teachers, students, helpers, and the  
 groundskeepers for their hard work this year. I  
 would especially like to mihi kia Whaea Tuihana  
 Jack-Ainsly for looking out for me and for putting  
 up with me since year 7. This kura and Whare  
 Maia will miss you deeply.

This year went super duper fast. I barely  
 remember some of it haha. This year I have had  
 the privilege to do karanga for every single  
 powhiri at this kura. I did the start of the powhiri  
 welcoming our new year 7's. We had 3 groups of  
 Taiwanese students come to our kura this year  
 and we also had the Kyoritsu girls visit too. This  
 year, our kapa haka roopu was having a mean

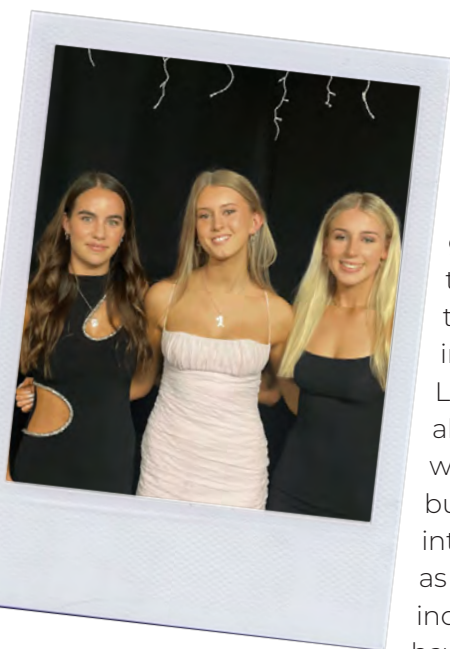
as comeback. Our  
 kapa haka roopu was  
 thriving with new  
 tamariki joining and  
 new kakahu. I want  
 to do a shout out to  
 a former Waihi  
 College student,  
 my sister Marino  
 Magee, for helping  
 us make our new  
 maro for Te Ara  
 Poutama. I want  
 to do another  
 shoutout to our



crazy, mentally ill tutor, Naelene Donaldson. This will  
 be her last year torturing us! She has been torturing  
 us for 4 years now and I would like to mihi kia koe  
 Naenae (she didn't actually torture us) (yes she did...)

Lastly, I would like to mention frybread  
 Friday. I want to give a big mihi to everyone who  
 ever bought our frybread on Friday. Your money is  
 going to help our kapa haka roopu Te Ara Poutama  
 so much with new kakahu, new poi and hopefully  
 new puipui, No reira tēnā koutou tēnā koutou tēnā  
 tatou katoa.

*Moana Magee* Te Ao Māori Leader



What a year! Truly  
 an opportunity that  
 I'll hold onto for  
 life. It may sound  
 cliché, but I'm so  
 grateful to have had  
 this experience. At  
 the beginning I was  
 incredibly nervous.  
 Leadership was  
 always something I  
 was passionate about,  
 but I'd never stepped  
 into a role as a major  
 as head student. I'm  
 incredibly thankful to  
 have taken the chance,  
 to push me out of my  
 comfort zone, as my  
 younger self would  
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the senior and junior school. Give them someone to  
 look up to.

What an honour to work with Whaea Briar! I  
 feel so lucky to have had the time I've had alongside  
 Briar. She is incredibly passionate about what she  
 does, and feels very deeply for the students. Her  
 presence, words and smile allowed all of us student  
 leaders to feel comfortable and confident.

I've gained an abundance of knowledge and  
 made new friends for life. The student leadership  
 team connected me with people I'd never worked  
 with, and opened doors to new opportunities. I  
 was able to see another side of school life, and was  
 exposed to the planning and work that goes into  
 Waihi College. Be proud of our Kura! High school  
 isn't forever, make the most of it. Be kind, try new  
 things and most importantly be proud of yourself!

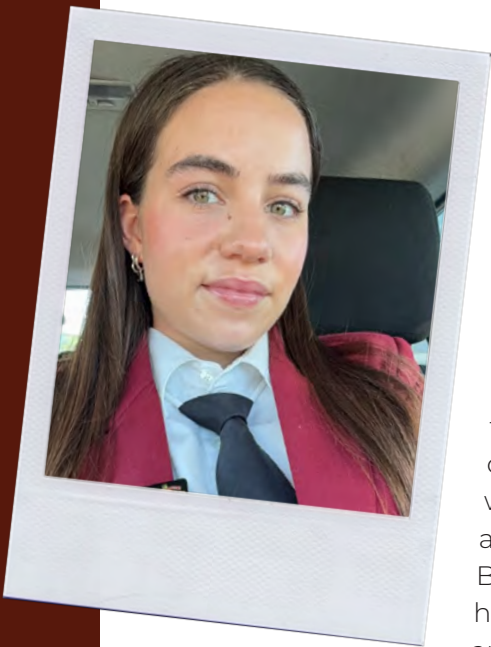
Thank you!!

*Zara Davies-Young*  
 Wellbeing Leader

Damn, 2024...what a year you have been! If I could only have one word to describe this year, I would say it was eventful. I was part of the craziest student leader bonding trip to the Waitomo Caves with Mr Cochrane Jnr, worked closely with three different groups of Taiwanese students, was chosen to be part of the University of Waikato's Leadership Academy as well as chosen to work under the Ministry of Education as a member of the Waikato Youth Secondary Tertiary Advisory Group, planned and set up for the annual college ball, made some finger-licking good dishes at the Culinary Fare, hosted a Spelling Bee for the Year 7s and 8s, and oh so much more!

It has been such a privilege to have worked alongside my fellow student leaders. We had a few changes with who was overseeing the team, but I am happy to say Whaea Briar has done an exceptional job at ensuring every one of us had what we needed to be the best leader and member of the college that we can be. To next year's student leaders, remember to have fun with it. The more fun the better!

Massive shout out to every single teacher I have had throughout my time at Waihi College, and to those who never taught me but somehow still managed to have a huge impact on my life.



being able to give back to the Waihi community I grew up in. It truly does take a village to raise a child and in my last few months of school, I am feeling very appreciative of the many people who have been a part of my journey to get here. It has been so special to have Briar as our principal in my last year at school and it feels like a full circle moment, knowing she's

While looking back on this year and all my time at school, I am feeling very grateful. I am so honored to have been the Waihi College Community Leader in my last year at school. It has been full of so many great opportunities that I wouldn't have been able to do otherwise. Being a head student has been so much fun and I have enjoyed

A special thanks to Ms Kingston for being my mentor this year and consistently encouraging me to be the best version of myself, Ms Umbers for teaching me invaluable life skills and giving me the chance to have the deepest chats, Mr McKechnie for quite literally being more than willing to help me



with anything and everything, Mrs Graveson for being like my own personal cheerleader, and of course, Mrs Fitz, who has done nothing but support me through everything, and always leaves me feeling empowered. To my best and closest friends, thank you for always giving me a reason to laugh and smile, and to continue to look forward to every school day, even after 13 long years. I can safely say that whenever I look back on my time at Waihi College, it will be with the biggest smile on my face and the warmest feeling in my heart. I wish you all the absolute best. Thank you for everything xx

*Hayaat Dass* Academic Leader

been there for me since my earliest days at East School. We honestly couldn't have asked for a more passionate and loving rangatira for our school.

This season I have played alongside an amazing team of girls for our College A. I am very grateful for the friendship I have found in these girls. These connections have made my last year at school so enjoyable and I am so proud to have got to play with them all season. Thank you to my coaches this year you have been some of the best I could have ever asked for. Your unwavering encouragement has made my season so good. My cup is truly full.

I would finally like to thank my parents always, for their constant love and support. I honestly wouldn't be here without them and I feel so blessed to have the most amazing role models in my life. It feels so bittersweet knowing that my time at this school is over but so exciting as I head off to University next year. Cheers Dub C you've been so good.

No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

*Sabine Rush* Community Leader

To say that 2024 went quickly would be a complete understatement, as time has practically flown by. As goofy as 2024 has been, I can't believe my time as leader of Arts and Culture at Waihi College is nearing the end. The memories and friends that I have made through my passion for the arts, will be forever-lasting and I am thoroughly grateful for that. All the opportunities I have had, mentoring the junior rock band and seeing them do so well at band quest, vibing with the Taiwanese exchange students, speaking at public events and most importantly having weekly meetings with Briar, has been amazing. I am so proud of what our peeps have accomplished throughout the year. I can't wait to see where these energetic kids and the school will be in years to come!

The year has been full of craziness, especially in the music room during lunch times and with meetings and assessments which felt like everyday. But amidst this. I have thoroughly enjoyed representing our school and being a role model to others. I never would have realised just how much of an impact I could have had on others, which has been truly humbling.

One memory that I will honestly never forget is turning up to bandquest, to then have all my year 7 & 8 rock boys screaming "Hamish, you're here!" All to be jumping with excitement. Seeing that much excitement, accompanied by a little bit of nervousness, reminded me of when I first took part in rockquest, doing the same to Mr Randall.

I have loved being a part of the concert band and encouraging the kids to perform at assemblies, although they may slightly hate me for it. Seeing the kids grow in not only their level of playing, but also their confidence. I am extremely proud of the concert band peeps and what they have achieved this year, especially the bronze award at the Hamilton Concert Band Festival - GO YOU'S. Also taking part in the two drama plays and seeing the hours and hours of work that goes into getting them running and seeing the kids in their natural habitat on stage, has been such an amazing experience.

I wish I could've had more time, but in saying that, I am truly proud of the impacts I have made and the advocacy I have presented for our school and the arts.

Can't wait to see you all in the near future. Get out there and go be you!

*Hamish McKinnon*  
Arts & Culture Leader



## LEARNING AREAS

# IN THE WAKA

### SPELLING BEE

Our Academic Leader, Hayaat Daas, organised a Spelling Bee at the beginning of Term 3 with the assistance of the waka teachers. Every student took a spelling test, and the top spellers from each class were identified. These top spellers then participated in a waka-level Spelling Bee, where the four best spellers from Tainui and Te Arawa were selected for the finals. The finals were held within the waka, and the winners were Jimi Randell for Year 7 and Daniel Te Rire McNeil for Year 8.

### SUPER TUESDAY

Super Tuesday offered students a diverse range of activities, from art and technology to sports and outdoor skills. Popular highlights included spending time with friends and discovering new talents. The Sports Academy challenged students physically but also taught them new games and skills. Students appreciated the opportunity to build connections and collaborate on projects like EPro8 and coding. The creative workshops, including mosaicing and storytelling, encouraged students to express themselves. Scratch Creative combined creativity with computer programming.



### MUSEUM TRIP

As part of our unit on Hauraki's natural treasures, we studied the impact of gold mining on our town. Our Year 7 and 8 students visited the Waihi Museum, where a knowledgeable guide, Debbie, shared information about the history of gold mining. They learned about mining practices, like extracting gold from quartz and the challenging working conditions. Highlights included the jail, miners' thumbs, and a model stamper battery. The model of Waihi in the 1920s and the display of tunnels under Pukewa were also fascinating.

Tuna class was fortunate to go on a mine tour at the end of the term. Supported by Eddie Morrow and Phil Salmon, the tour provided a unique look at mining from inside the mine.



## AIR FORCE VISIT

In Term 2, Year 7 and 8 students learnt about the science of flight. As part of the programme, Year 8 students participated in a special program with the Royal New Zealand Air Force. They gained hands-on experience with aircraft maintenance, learned basic tool identification and control, studied the principles of flight, and participated in a survival workshop. The workshop helped them develop teamwork, communication, and leadership skills. They also learned about various careers in the Air Force.



## WAIHĪ HIKOI

At the beginning of the year, we took all Year 7 and 8 students on a hikoī around Waihi. This was a wonderful opportunity for our Tainui and Te Arawa waka groups to spend time together. We explored significant landmarks such as Pukewa, Motukeho, Motumanawa, Ohinemuri, Gilmour Lake, the Tunnellers Memorial, the Cornish Pump House, and the Poppet Head. Along the way, Whaea Tuihana shared a local pūrākau with us. Before returning to school, we stopped at Coffey's Creek swimming hole - we have some confident and brave jumpers amongst us. Many students enjoyed the excursion and some even discovered new parts of Waihi. For me, one of the highlights was seeing the students have fun at the Rocket Park.



## SEVEN SCHOOLS SING

Earlier this year, the call was put out for any student who loves to sing, with a good attitude, and openness to doing and learning new things. A commitment to attending all rehearsals and learning the songs is required. After the initial interest, the number of Year 7 & 8 students involved settled at about 20. Together with 6 other schools in our area, they created a choir led by Roshan Tuivavalagi. In the end, their hard work and dedication resulted in a wonderful performance.



## LEADERSHIP

Throughout the year, we have offered several leadership opportunities to our Year 7 and 8 students. These opportunities have included leading assemblies, mentoring incoming Year 6 students, and organising lunchtime games. Students have also stepped up to thank guests and speak on behalf of the group. It's inspiring to see students take on these leadership roles, and we look forward to offering more opportunities next year.



Lastly, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the whānau who supported us this year. We are a team who together are working towards supporting our tamariki in the best ways we can. - Casey Davies



From March 4th to 8th, lots of our Year 7 & 8 students had a cool time at Waipaheke Farm in the Maratoto Valley. Even though it rained a bit at the start, our students were still excited and ready for camp fun. This wasn't just about having a good time; it was also about learning important values like being connected, caring for the environment, working together, and being kind.

During the week, students slept in tents, went on hikes, had morning swims, and worked in teams to create a fire, build a bivouac and do some adventure based learning activities. These activities helped them to try new things, make friends, and exercise some resilience.

We were also lucky to have fourteen older students join us on camp. They led activities, joined in the fun, and made the experience even better. The younger students really appreciated their help and thought they were great. The older students were awesome leaders and got along great with the younger ones. They made camp more enjoyable for many and have enjoyed connecting with our Year 7 & 8 Students back at school.

Finally, a big thank you to our awesome Kaiako who worked hard to make this camp happen. They were a big part of why it was such a success. And we're grateful to all the whānau who helped out by donating, supporting their kids, baking treats, giving rides, or lending a hand in other ways.

- Casey Davies



# 7&8 CAMP

# ENGLISH | INGARIHI

This is our second year of dedicated literacy classes, where time can be devoted to strengthening our basic skills in reading and writing. In English, we put those skills into practice and the recent speech competitions for years 7-9 have been a great success, with some very impressive performances.

We like to give our students every opportunity to shine, and Year 9 classes have been taking advantage of the wonderful natural environment that we have here, and used Hollis' Bush as a creative backdrop for their poetry work and areas of Waihi Beach for narrative writing.

We are delighted to have the new library up and running. It is a beautiful space for research, for quiet reading and Mrs Sutton still has the very popular puzzle and games tables. Whilst the National Library books in each classroom have been a great way to provide every class with books to read, nothing beats having a whole

library to choose from. This year the writing competition has been extended to include the whole school, and the standard is incredibly high. At the time of writing the winners have not yet been announced, but congratulations to all the entrants, you are a fabulously creative group of people. Ka pai!

Keep reading over the summer! It is the best way to broaden your vocabulary and find out about the world.

- Jacqui Barrow



## TE PĀTAKA PUKAPUKA

### A NEW TAONGA FOR WAIHI COLLEGE

After five school terms of anticipation, our new library has finally opened, and Librarian Michelle Suttons says it's more than just a space for books. "It's a warm, welcoming, and inclusive taonga - a treasure for both students and staff." Local iwi elders have gifted the space its new name, **Te Pātaka Pukapuka**, which translates to the treasured house of books. Mrs Sutton says her vision was that the library is a place where knowledge is gathered and shared in many forms - verbally, visually, and through written words. "What makes this space so special is the way it feels like home. It's not just a library; it's a warm, inviting place where students can truly make it their own."

Mrs. Cochrane's Year 7 class were some of the first to experience the new space. Lucas described it as spacious, comfy and safe, while Kate thought the layout was cool as well as a nice open space. Everyone in the class pretty much agreed that it's a pretty cool spot!

Expect lots of exciting new things ahead in this new hub of learning and connection.

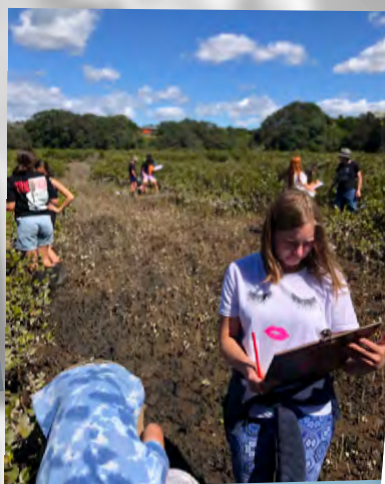
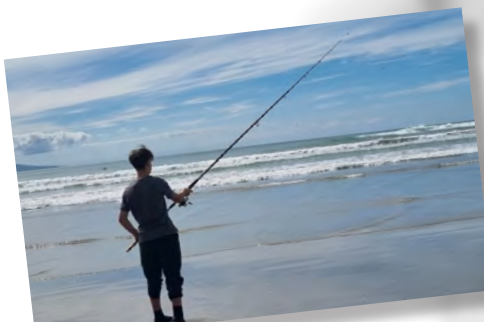


# TANGAROA DAY

The Atua of the sea, Tangaroa, ensured every day was magical, as Year 9 classes ventured to Waihi Beach and Anzac Bay on various days in March. Here, subjects like science, English, social studies, and history came alive for our akonga.

While every student agreed that hot chips was a favourite, other fun activities saw them creating stories from things found on the sand, while others loved learning the difference between our native land crabs and Asian paddle crabs who are invading our shores or discovering the sea life in the rock pools and mud flats. Mr McKechnie's many pairs of gumboots came in very handy for the transects in the mudflats!

A massive thanks to our Leader of Te Ao Māori Moana Magee, our local fisheries officers, and Reon Tuanau from Otawhiwhi Marae, for their contributions to the Tangaroa days. – *Kate Rigg*



## WAITANGI

This trip started forming in Term 4 2023 where as a class we were learning about financial literacy and tourism and incorporating it into planning for a Waitangi trip the following year when they would be learning about The Treaty of Waitangi in more depth.

Students started offering ideas about how long to go for, what they would like to do on the way up or down, how much to pay and where to stay.

We finally sorted our dates and were lucky to include their Year 10 Kaiarahi - Whaea Te Awhi, who whakapapas to several Northland hapū. Mr Micalchuk from Canada, who is their Science teacher, also came along and learned a fair bit about the students and the Treaty.

Our activities, other than kai & wharepaku, were Goat Island, Waitangi Campground, Waitangi Mountain bike park, Haruru Falls walk, Waitangi Treaty Grounds, Te Korowai waka up the Waitangi River, fishing off the wharf, team building, Manea Footprints at Opononi, Tane Mahuta in the Waipoua Forest, Kai Iwi Lakes. Many thanks to the parents that helped us Mr & Mrs Paulsen and Jethro Meares. – *Dot Carter*



# JUNIOR SOCIAL SCIENCES

## RANGIRIRI

The overarching theme of term 1 for year 10s was Tūmatauenga. Tūmatauenga, amongst many other characteristics, is known for his riri/anger and his battle-ready ability. He, in traditional stories and songs, represents war and battle.

In March, 4 classes of our students went to Rangiriri, where the 1863 Land Invasions took place. This was absolutely significant as we were looking at the consequences (negative in this particular case) of the Treaty / te Tiriti from a Māori perspective. We talked to the descendents of some key people who attempted to defend their lands then. They took us through the chain-of-events / historical accounts. They showed us around the trenches, old and new and the students listened and took part in some games there.

What an amazing day! I would love to thank Matua Woody, Mrs. Carter, Mr. Kayes, Miss O'Hagan, Mr. Hallam, Nikau, Manuka, Totara and Puriri for participating and making the trips fun! Ka rawe! – *Whaea Vicky*



# HISTORY | HISTORI

What a fabulous year of History unfolded! The 2024 Level 2 class was a boutique experience, fitting onto just one table and excelling at all times in everything. Great use was made of the dress up box, we didn't get to Wellington but did make it to Te Awamutu instead, which of course was far better. Sadly the Level 3 rabble was less exclusive, much noisier and difficult to contain at times, largely because Luke Brown decided to take up History (and we all know how disruptive he can be.) Nevertheless some sort of learning happened, we journeyed to Waitangi and enjoyed ferry ride at sunset followed by takeout, which is pretty much all you need on a field trip. I'm still not quite sure how I got talked into jumping off the pier just because Oliver did, but you were all very convincing at the time.

Thank you for all the jokes, I really did enjoy your company, and please accept my apologies for the times I got grumpy ... and to be honest, your writing isn't as bad as I made out. xxx - Mrs Morely



# GEOGRAPHY

## YEAR 13 SOUTH ISLAND TRIP

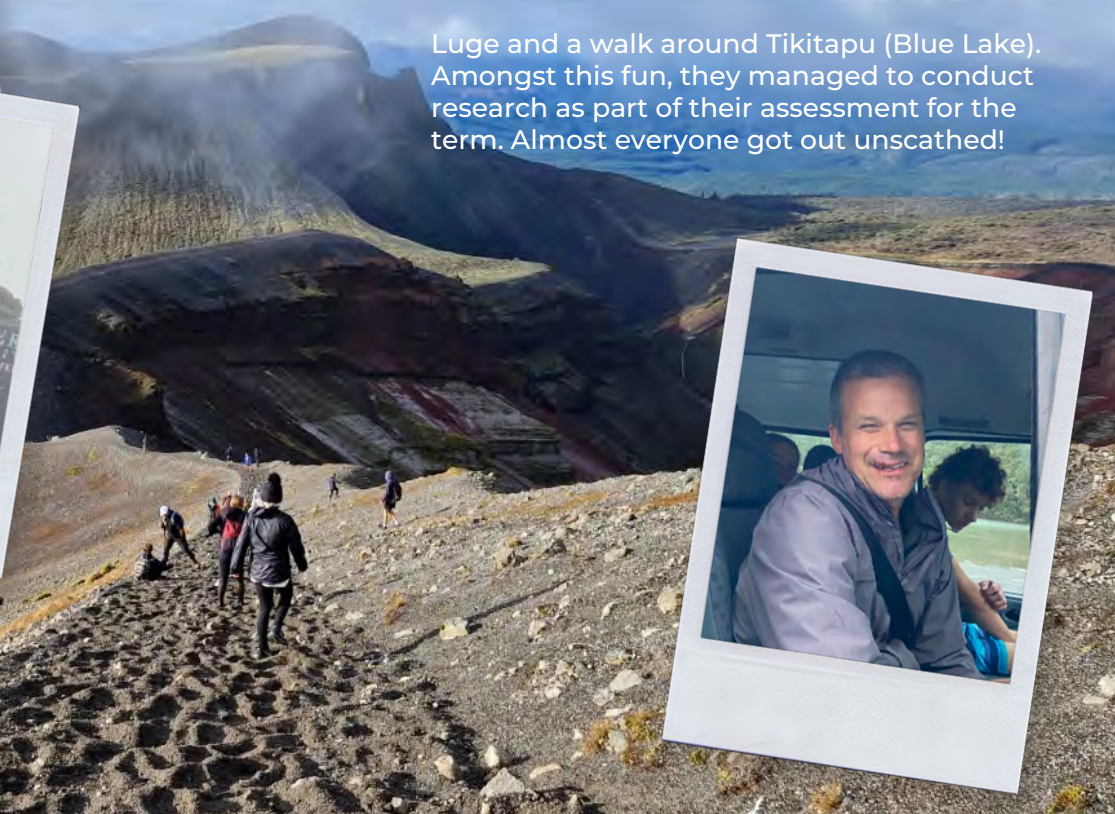
An amazing trip and for the first time ever we managed to have beautiful sunshine throughout the whole 5 days. Students were able to experience glacial processes and tourism first hand. We saw Tasman Glacier up close at Mt Cook, went Jet boating at the Shotover River, Lugging in Queenstown and climbed Roys Peak (1258m) at Wanaka. Students conducted surveys throughout the trip and all were exemplary ambassadors for Waihi College. A fantastic time had by all and hopefully some life-long memories.



## YEAR 12 ROTORUA TRIP

The 2GEO class had a great trip to Rotorua for three days where the ākonga were able to experience a raft of tourist attractions including white water rafting, a beautiful trip up Mt Tarawera and the Redwood's Treewalk after dark. An added bonus was a visit to the

Luge and a walk around Tikitapu (Blue Lake). Amongst this fun, they managed to conduct research as part of their assessment for the term. Almost everyone got out unscathed!



# MATHS | MATATIKI

A big focus with seniors has been the new Level 1 NCEA course and preparing for the assessment. It's been a learning curve for all Level 1 teachers and students, but everyone has risen to the challenge! It's also been a logistical jigsaw ensuring Level 1 students were taking the course that best suited their needs, balancing the new Level 1 requirements and preparing for the Numeracy CAA in term 2. For Year 12 and 13, it has been business as usual with teachers continuing to build strong relationships with students.

Maths Week was the highlight for Year 9 and 10 during Week 4 of Term 3. Maths Mind is an annual junior mathematical competition. Each team has 20 problems to solve in the allocated 45 minutes. The winners are the teams with the highest number of points. Each team has four members. One is appointed the 'runner' and has the task of taking written answers to the nearest judge. The judge then records a correct answer, or hands the question back and the team has another attempt to obtain the correct answer. Students completed a number of specifically designed activities and challenges, all provided by the official NZ Maths Week website.

Year 7 and 8's went first. The live leaderboard and countdown timer added extra suspense. For a long while, it was a very closely fought contest and a tight finish for the final podium placing.

## YEAR 7 & 8 RESULTS

**1st:** Owen Laing, Beau Wilson, John Graham

**2nd:** Ryan Fletcher, Connor Hallett, Brooklyn Archer, Aubree Leslie

**3rd:** Scarlett Holtz-Taylor, Poppy Bolderston, Emma Clark, Reuben Carey

The following day it was Year 9 and 10s. This consisted of two separate competitions that were running simultaneously and there was a maximum of two teams per year class based on performances in competitions that took place the previous week.

## YEAR 9 RESULTS

**1st:** Patrick Pedersen-Semmens, Tahlia Mudford, Flynn Adlington

**2nd:** Eli Townsend, Truman Alexander

**3rd:** Tanekaha Nepia, Anakah Lewis, Zariah Brewerton, Daria Galey

## YEAR 10 RESULTS

**1st:** Jessica Yeh, Charisse Mercader, Clarisse Mercader

**2nd:** Nikora MacCalman, Logan Prouting, Saffire Walters, Sami Hug

**3rd:** Ben Paulsen, Makai Ng Wun, Ashtyn Jacob, Elaj Stockman

A big well done to all students involved! Also a big thanks to the Year 12 and 13 students who were our judges for the competition and to their teachers for allowing them to be out of class. Finally a big thanks to all other staff involved with any organisation and support. I'm sure the students involved appreciated it immensely!

- Matthew Hallam



# BOP MATHSMIND

The Bay of Plenty Maths Mind Competition took place late August at Trident School in Whakatane and we sent a contingent of Year 9 and 10 students to compete. Those students were Eli Townsend, Patrick Pedersen-Semmens, Flynn Adlington and Travis Nagel. The year 10 students who went were Jessica Yeh, Charisse Mercader, Clarisse Mercader and Carlee Huang.

Both teams did the College proud and finished comfortably within the middle pack. The Year 9s also won a spot prize but were less impressed when they found out what it was; a set of calculators!



# SENIOR HUB

Senior Hub began 2024 in the mud behind wire fencing, dump trucks and non-stop power tools, and finished the year in bougie accommodation with air conditioning, kitchen facilities and flip up furniture! Moving an entire block in August was always going to be a mission - thank you to you all for pitching in and moving boxes and transferring all the plants to their up scaled abode. Please do come and see me now for your Senior Hub 2024 souvenir: it will be a tiny piece of D block!

We've been out and about heaps - heads up to the Hub Project crew who did a heap of community service and hands on learning. The Hub Learners showed us what independent study should look like, Hub Sorted, Life and Work thrived under Macca's boundless energy whilst Level 3 Level and Work were very grateful to Ms Umbers who held space and walked alongside for them whilst they worked out what life might look like after Waihi College.

However, the 2024 Hub Class of the Year can only be Level 3 Finance. This arsenal of academic weapons stormed through the standards and made the calculators quake with anticipation. Credit, debt, or starting a business was a walk in the park for this squad, although it was a bit of a shame that someone drove the uninsured burger van home in a cyclone. Oh well, there's always one!  
- Kate Morely



# MUSIC | RANGI INAKI

2024 was a great year for the Music Department. It started off with a big surprise when we were donated a beautiful black Yamaha grand piano by the Morgan family. What an amazing gift! This piano will give joy to many students over the years to follow. The group of Y13s in the picture helped me move it to where it stands in our newly refurbished hall.

For the first time in years we had a combined junior choir project with the local primary schools in Waihi called Seven Schools Sing. This project was led by Roshan Gul who teaches music around Waihi at different primary schools and our Y7s and 8s also collaborated with them in a great night of singing. There were about 60 kids on stage and it was a fabulous night of music. The concert band opened the evening. Bayley Goddard and Jules Lovell also performed at this event and Nealene Donaldson accompanied Ko te ako o te Aroha.

In August our junior rock band, Don't Fret, performed at the Bandquest competition in Tauranga. They practiced really hard for this competition and performed like rock stars on the night. The band included Jimi Randell, Reuben Carey, Noah McNiell, Thierry Smith, Beau FitzGibbon and Samuel Davison. They performed Summer of 69 by Bryan Adams and One Day by Matisyahu. Samuel received the prize for the best special instrumentalist on the tambourine!

Our concert band also performed for the first time at the Hamilton ITM Band Festival at the Gallagher Academy for the performing arts. Together we performed Eye of the tiger, Waltz nr 2 and In the mood. The band performed really well and we received a BRONZE award! The students could also go and see what other schools are doing and our students were impressed by the guitar ensembles and jazz bands.

- Edwin Randell



# DRAMA | WHAKAARI

At any moment in the Drama room, you may find yourself amidst daring heroes battling cunning villains, or a comic foray at a hotel where everything goes wrong. Students from years 7 through to 13 participated in Drama classes this year, honing

improvisation skills, crafting scenes, and enacting characters. A highlight this year was the Drama trip to Auckland. where students participated in a stage combat workshop and went to a live physical theatre production. - *Ingrid Berry*



Year 9 Languages is a rotation that lasts a term. Students find out a bit about culture, language and try to have a conversation. In term 1 we were lucky enough to have Haruka McKenna who worked with the group of Japanese learners. At the end of each Yr 9 rotation the students share kai and try to bring or make food from the culture they are learning.

Term 2 and 4 students got to experience the "With the World" Zoom interaction with many school students from different countries. They all get fancy certificates afterwards. The point of that is for overseas students to interact in English with our students. Year 10's learn languages for two terms and visit the local shops to experience different kai -French, German, Korean, Turkish, Japanese, Chinese are popular choices. At the end of the rotation they often choose to go to a Food Court at Bayfair or The Crossing at Tauriko.

Both Year 9 and Year 10 groups engaged in activities with the Taiwanese Ahurea exchange programme. Playing cards, board games, and various ESOL activities, such as speed introductions and directions. Thanks again to Haruko McKenna for assisting in language classes with students learning Japanese and the Japanese and Taiwanese exchanges. Her assistance is invaluable. Engaging in these programmes has inspired a new interest among students to look for exchanges to other countries. - *Dot Carter*



LANGUAGES | INGA REO

# TECHNOLOGY | HANGARAU

It has been a busy year in the Technology department with Junior classes focusing on our school values. Classes have been using our values to design their own unique outcomes and we have really enjoyed watching their creativity blossom.

Seniors have been mainly focused on building and honing their kete of practical skills, helping to get them ready for further education. or for the workplace. It is always great to see our Akonga flourish and gain apprenticeships and full time employment in our community.

Kia ora whanau, ka pai to mahi.  
- Siobhan Fitzgerald





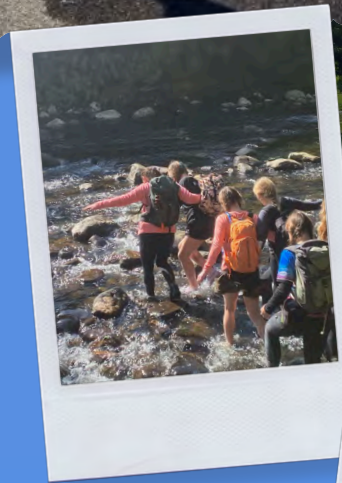
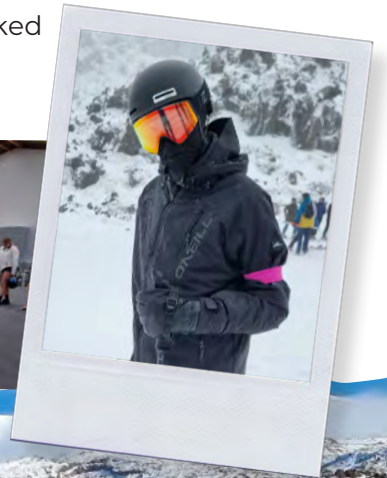
# HEALTH & PE

## HAUORA KORITINANA Ā WAHO

This year the Health, PE and Outdoor Education department have been very busy. We have been getting stuck into the new NCEA standards at year 11 which has been incredibly rewarding, especially for the students as there is a lot more practical, hands-on learning which is what our students have loved. There have been

lots of trips and activities going on throughout the year such as; Snow trip to Mt Ruapehu, tough guy & gal challenge,

mountain biking, tramping & camping, white water rafting and kayaking to name a few. We love being able to provide our students with a range of outdoor experiences to support the work and learning they are doing in the classroom. We hope to see more students back in 2025 for another action packed year! - *Chantelle Archer*



# OUTDOOR ED

# SCIENCES | PŪTAIAO

There have been many fabulous experiences across the sciences this year, starting in January with Miss Clare on the School to Skies/Seas teacher camp with the NZ Airforce and NZ Navy as part of promoting STEM subjects. In the April school holidays, two of our own students, Evah Carey and Izzie Cannell, got the opportunity to go on the students' version of this camp. The aim of School to Seas is to get young women interested in an exciting STEM career, both within the Navy and the wider marine industry. We want to see more women thriving in our maritime industry as engineers, technicians, operators and more.

We welcomed two new science teachers to our team, Jess Michalchuk, from Canada, and Saleszni Ram. Thank you to all our science teachers for a great year of learning.

Year 7 and 8's got to connect with the NZ Airforce as part of a unit on flight. The Defence Force came down with a plane to build and sit in to use the flight controls. They learned how to use some tools and had a session on survival and leadership. This experience supported the learning in class around the principles of flight and led in the students building and flying paper kites and then traditional Māori kites, manutukutuku, made from raupō, toetoe, and harakeke.



Some Year 7,8 and 9 classes have been learning about growing their own kai in the garden, learning about looking after soil, composting, mulching, sowing and germinating seeds, transplanting, weed identification, and working together as a group to get the job done. There has been great delight from being able to harvest their own homegrown kai and share it with whanau. Many have exclaimed how much tastier the vegetables are than the supermarket bought ones, and many have had the opportunity to try vegetables that they have never had before.

As part of Year 9's Tangaroa term, they carried out science investigations in our local awa Mangatoetoe, gathering data on freshwater macroinvertebrates to determine the quality of water and then again at Waihi Beach where they were looking at patterns in marine life in the rock pools.

The Year 10 Raumoko term saw them visiting the Oceana Gold core shed to investigate earth science further and connect with local geologists. This was followed by a trip to Whakarewarewa Village in Rotorua to see how Māori continue to use geothermal resources in their day to day life and witness first hand the awesome forces of geysers and geothermal activity.

The highlight for some students was the annual newborn lamb invasion, offering an opportunity for students to pat and feed a lamb and for some to hold while they did their school work. - Nicole Clare



# GATEWAY & TRADES

Wow, what an incredible amount of opportunities our rangatahi have been able to experience this year.

## GATEWAY

We have placed over 80 rangatahi in our community with employers, gaining valuable work skills and knowledge of the world of work. A key element to the Gateway program is that no matter where you are working, there are valuable skills to be learnt, that are transferable to other career pathways. Thank You to the employers who give of their time to help our rangatahi discover a career pathway that suits them.

## SCHOOLWIDE CAREERS

We are continuing to introduce Careers education through connecting and collaborating with other core subject areas across the school to give all rangatahi the opportunity to explore career pathways, make decisions and take action. Senior students are involved in regular catch ups with Mrs G and whanau are invited to attend. We held a Trades Introduction evening, Tertiary Transition evening early in Term 2 and a Year 10 Future Planning for Year 11 and NCEA early in Term 3. These evenings were successful with great participation and we look forward to beginning more opportunities for whanau to be involved in supporting their rangatahi.



## TRADES

This year we have had 25 rangatahi involved with Waikato Trades Academy at the Kopu, Rotokauri or Hamilton City campuses. The courses include Construction and Infrastructure, Manufacturing and Technology, Building, Mechanical Engineering, Automotive and Social and Community. In Waihi 18 rangatahi have attended PCTI Food and Manufacturing held at Oceana Gold, 15 rangatahi have participated in Hair and Beauty Course at Waihi College and 6 rangatahi have participated in a Landscaping course improving our school gardens.

## JUMPSTART DRIVING

Our grateful thanks to Oceana Gold and Phil Salmon who financially support this program for our Learner drivers each week. Our team of volunteer navigators who so willingly give of their time to teach, encourage and support our rangatahi with driving lessons is truly amazing and we all appreciate what you do. Big celebrations, as since starting in May 2023, we have had our 100th person pass their restricted licence in September, which is an incredible milestone. We have also been able to offer some funded learner licence spots and Defensive Driving courses which help our rangatahi have the opportunity to work towards gaining their full licence. Application forms are on the coffee table in the Gateway Office, come on in and help yourself.

## TRIPS

This year we have continued to build our Oceana Gold Pre-Start Employment Skills course with 24 rangatahi having the opportunity to learn more about Oceana Gold's career opportunities and go underground. 'Girls in Hi Vis' and 'Girls in Technology' were two other exciting courses offered to our girls, where they got to meet other students from a variety of schools and learn about different industry careers. Open days at Waikato University and trips to Toi Ohomai and Wintec and Career Expos are always well supported and give our rangatahi the opportunity to discover what is available outside of Waihi. - Carolyn Graveson



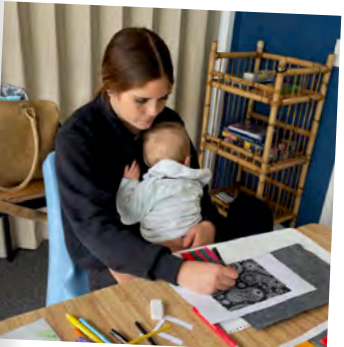
# TE ARA HOU & E TIPU E REA

2024 has seen us continue to work with students with a programme that involves time outside of the regular classroom accessing education from outside providers, attending Gateway or work experience placements and/or transitioning in or out of school. We continue to work closely with the Future Pathways coordinator to allow students to access relevant vocational opportunities based on their goals. The programme focuses on tautoko students navigating the changing educational and vocational landscape and making decisions about their future. We have had students in the following Trades Courses: Hair & Beauty, Building and Infrastructure, Manufacturing and Technology and Food and Beverage Manufacturing. Thank you to the many businesses that have provided opportunities for our students to gain real-world vocational knowledge and experience in the following industries: Education (Early Childhood and Primary), Building, Electrical, Green-Keeping, Butchery, Concrete Installation, Painting, Windshield Repairs and Retail.

Glenn and Tracy Te Wake, Korrina Lindsey, and Shannon Smith have staffed the programme for 2024. Te Ara Hou has also accommodated the Alternative Education programme and provided opportunities for students to access learning onsite as and when required. We continue to look for ways to build connections with mainstream classroom teachers to tautoko both staff and students to find success in their learning goals. Term 3 saw the start of the E Tipu E Rea initiative spearheaded by Whaea Ari and Shannon Smith. This programme targets some of our Year 10 students as they prepare to transition into senior school. This cohort of students has access to an alternate learning programme that better suits their needs and learning styles.

"Your transition out of school and into your future pathway begins with the decisions you make today!"

- Tracy Te Wake



# SUPER TUESDAY

## SUPER TUREI

### CLUELESS COOKING

A fun and collaborative learning space where students had the chance to explore their cookery skills. We also worked with the Sparks Fly team who created a Technology Style Bbq. This has meant fun meals shared together and will culminate with a monster cook up!



### ADVENTURE TOURISM

This year Adventure Tourism was run by Mr Kayes and Mr Wall. We did a variety of different things from walking Mt Karangahake, surfing Waihi beach, kayaking to Orokawa, taking a glass bottom boat tour around Whitianga and even snorkelling around Cathedral Cove.

This was an amazing way to spend our Tuesdays and it's safe to say everyone enjoyed themselves. Our class was offered heaps of new opportunities which gave us some awesome memories. We definitely recommend it for anyone thinking about taking it next year. We would also like to thank all staff members involved with helping to make it all happen!



### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Dungeons and Dragons had 18 creatively minded students learn the ups and downs of roleplay games. We spent the first term learning the basics and planning great adventures, intriguing characters, and monstrous enemies before the fun could start. Term Two meant the students could get into self chosen groups and play away. There were journeys through dungeons, towns, meadows, and circuses; and it was a pleasure to see the customary smiles, shouts of despair, and most importantly great communication.

# GO GIRL!



## SHARK TANK FOR GOOD

Waihi College Super Tuesday students presented their business ideas to a panel of experts for their Shark Tank for Good programme, modelled after the TV series. Students spent time in their classes developing their ideas with a focus on giving a percentage of their profits to a charity which incorporates our school values of Whanaungatanga and Kaitiakitanga. The panel, comprising professionals from various business backgrounds, evaluated the teams, to determine which product had the most investment potential. The business ideas presented included beaded bracelets, dog walking services, guitar picks made from recyclable plastic, and a clothing range branded with the local area phone code. It was a close competition, but there could only be one winner. Congratulations to Ana Whataru and her product, "The 863 Club," which earned her the first prize of \$200. The judges praised Ana's passion and vision, as well as the excellent research, quality, and scalability of her idea. Well done to Ana and all the participants who also earned ncea Achievement Standard credits in this course.



## DUKE OF ED

DOE Super Tuesday saw 22 students take on the challenge to complete their Bronze by the end of the year .... 2024's not done yet, so watch this space to find out whether they made it! Award Leader Gerry Purcell put teams Alpha, Bravo and Charlie through their paces with a grueling training session at Dickey's Flat, which included dealing with a tent on fire, plus two overnight tramps to the Wairoa Shelter and Te Whare Okioki Hut. Navigation improved dramatically, scenario management was ok, however camp cuisine definitely needs some more work! Looking forward to seeing you all back for Silver in February!



# VISUAL ART | TOI ATAATA



Lydia Pennell



Natalie Harper



Zara Davies - Young



Leslie Brilliantes



Kiara Armstrong



Madi Muir



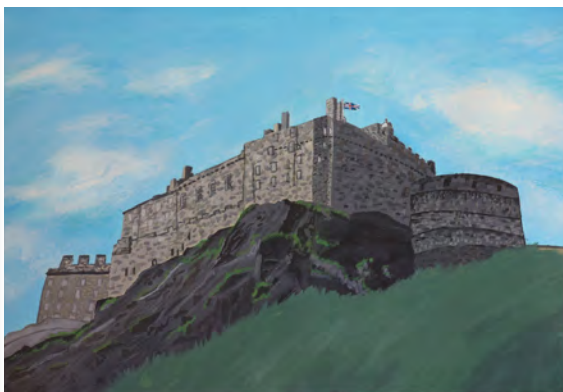
Hamish McKinnon



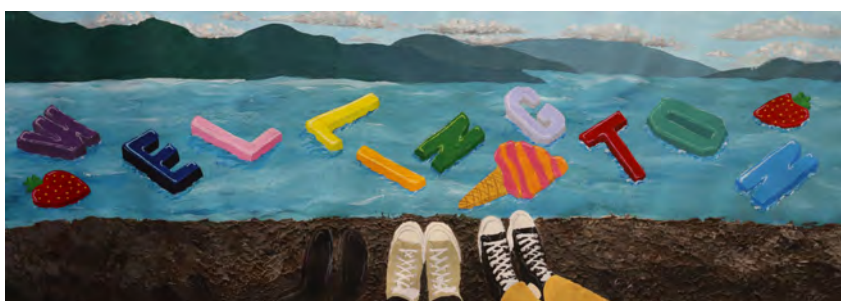
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Makiyla Liakimatagi



Scarlett Chambers



Amy Harris



Maddie Oliver



*Charlie Joyce*



*Bella Paulsen*



*Emily Davison*



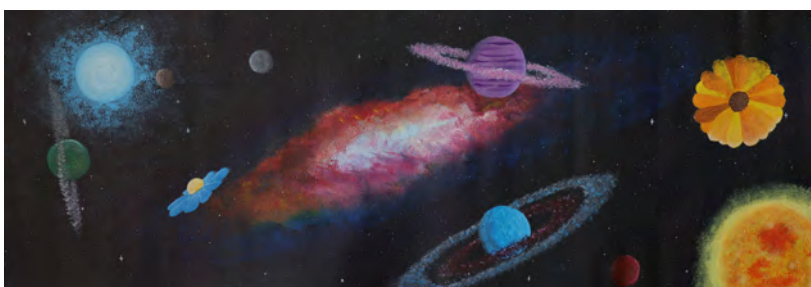
*Lilly James*



*Erana Telekolio*



*Sarah Harper*



*Kyle Sorley*



*Ata Keelan*

Not all superheros wear capes and this is especially true of the teacher aides at Waihi College. This **Truely Amazing** group of people are the core of learning support and seen as educational rockstars by both teachers and students alike.

This is the incredible team who helped students towards their dreams in 2024. Through their many contributions they are the champions of knowledge who inspire, encourage and make a positive difference to the lives of those they work with.



# LEARNING SUPPORT

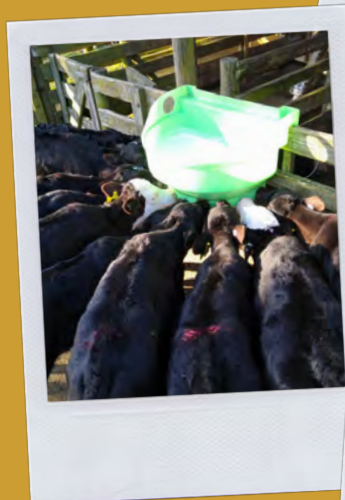
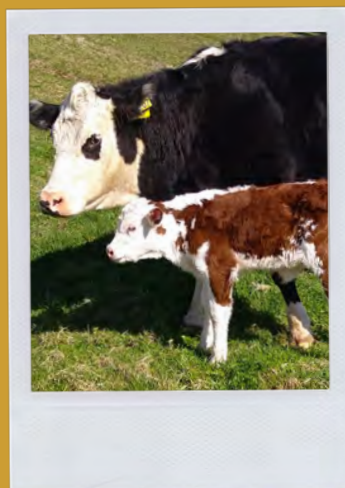
# FARM UNIT

It's always a busy time on the Waihi College Farm Unit. Our photos here show Cuddle Bunny & Ignah & some of the Spring 2023 calves and also this year's calves being fed.

A new greenhouse was finished in September for the Horticulture classes and pine trees have been removed from the end of Kensington Road and sent out as logs. Larger wood chipped & smaller branches stockpiled for burning.

In October the top orchard block was stripped and transferred to help nursery and new farm orchard access from Thorn Road. The Hollis Bush track was prepared for manuhiri to walk through to the new hangi site that has been prepared. Exciting!!

- Geoff W



## BEHIND THE SCENES

Behind every great school is a team of unsung heroes who give a huge amount of their time and energy to ensure the smooth running of Waihi College. These people always go the extra mile and we pay tribute to them in our College. This includes our office and admin team, nurse and caretaking cavalry and farming team.

They are the quiet achievers, the backbone of our Kura, who simply get on with their day to day mahi, exuding our school values of Manaakitanga, Kotahitanga, Kaitiakitanga and Whanaungatanga. Our Kura couldn't exist without them - Nga mihi nui.



# PŌWHIRI

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi. With your contribution and my contribution, the people will prosper. Te Powhiri mo tenei tau.

The powhiri this year was ataahua, the weather was perfect and the kai was delicious. The combined mana of the space created to welcome our new whanau was significant and we will be richer for it.

- Moana Magee



# INTERNATIONAL

WOW What a year 2024 has been! The International program has gone from strength to strength. (11 from Germany and 5 from Japan) Excitement was everywhere as we welcomed the new students into our school and shared cultures and understandings.

2024 also saw 4 short stay programs add to the collage of international cultures. Kyoritsu from Japan, and Chung Shan, Ahurea and Indigenous groups from Taiwan. It was great to see our student buddies and other students actively mixing and enjoying each other's cultures and customs and making longtime friends.

It has been a joy to see international students getting into the Waihi Way (From the School Ball to Spirit Days and everything in between) and making the most of the time here in Waihi NZ. (Iconic NZ experiences to field trips and excursions)

I would like to thank all our wonderful host families for sharing their homes and hearts with these wonderful students from abroad and Magdeleen Green for her organisation and care.

Making memories always fills the heart. May the sun always shine warmly on your face and the wind blow gently at your back. - *Alistair Cochrane*



## The tamariki in Te Ara Poutama 2024 are MAGNIFICENT!

Tutor / Taura Extraordinaire - Naelene Donaldson  
This young lady has lead by example. Naelene has performed in Te Iti Kahurangi Tainui Regional this team is 1 of 5 representing Tainui on the Matatini Stage next year. Big Ups for Naelene!

Te Ara Poutama is made up of Yr 7 - 13. These tamariki practice year long on their items they perform for the following kaupapa throughout the year

- Ra Whakangahau
- Heatherington House
- Taiwanese Visitors
- Powhiri a kura
- Hauraki Festival

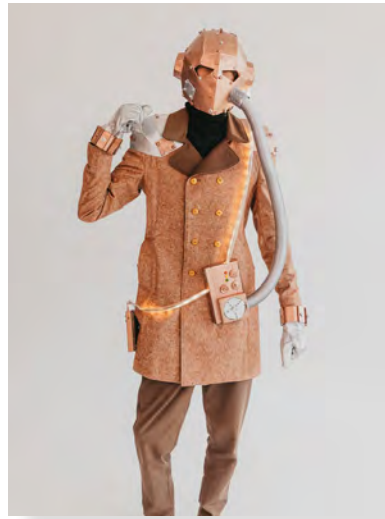


# TE ARA POUTAMA

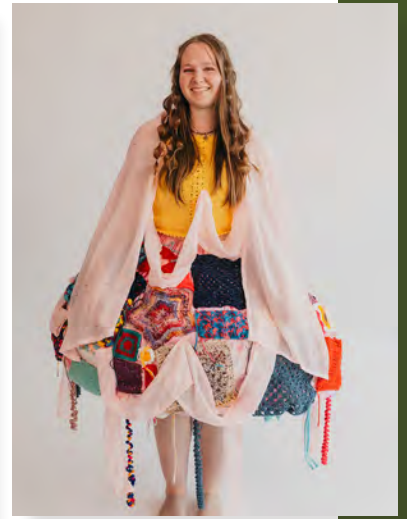
# TOI

## WEARABLE ARTS COMPETITION

This wonderful group of students had a fantastic day and night at Mercury BayPark competing with other student designers from across the region in the Bay of Plenty Toi Wearable Art Competition. Many hours of work went into these innovative and creative designs and they each shone on stage.



Designed by Kyle Sorely  
*Awarded Excellent Garment Construction and Finishing*



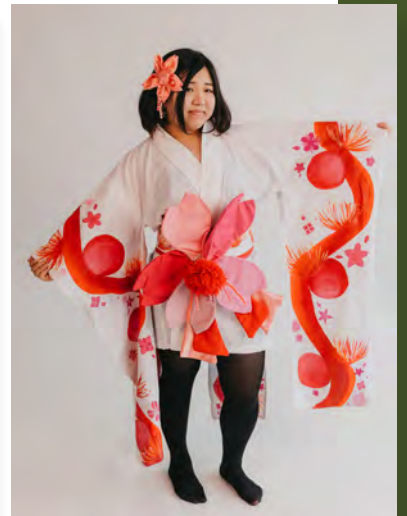
Designed by Amy Harris



**Zoe-Beth Naisby**  
*National Finalist and National winner of Open Section*



Designed by Aysheia Domasing



Designed by Yukumi Kato



Designed by Kate Townsend & Izzie Cannell



Designed by Abi-Mae McHardy



# CULINARY FARE



Another fabulous day at the Waikato Culinary Fare. Super proud of your results taking home a total of 8 Golds, 20 Silver and 2 Bronze.

**Ceylin Bektas:** Cafe Cake Silver, Creative Pizza Silver.

**Logan Brady:** Cafe Cake Silver, Creative Burger Silver.

**Luke Brown :** Cafe Cake Gold, Creative Burger Silver.

**Hayaat Dass:** Barista Silver, Cafe Cake Gold, Creative Burger Silver, Creative Pizza Gold.

**Zara Davies-Young:** Cafe Cake Gold, Creative Burger Silver, Dessert Silver.

**Luisa Fassel:** Cafe Cake Gold, Creative Burger Silver, Dessert Silver.

**Bayley Goddard:** Cafe Cake Silver, Creative Burger Silver.

**Saki Izutsu:** Cafe Cake Silver, Chicken Dish Bronze.

**Freddy Ohlhoff:** Cafe Cake Gold, Creative Pizza Gold, Dessert Silver.

**Deva Muhlemann:** Cafe Cake Gold, Chicken Dish Silver.

**Sean Todd:** Cafe Cake Silver, Creative Pizza Silver, Creative Burger Bronze.

**Romain Wiki:** Cafe Cake Silver, Dessert Silver.

# RĀ WHAKANGAHAU

Photos by Hamish McKinnon

This year we had no Matariki concert, but decided to do a Rā Whakangahau instead.

The Rā whakangahau was held at Waihi College during the day. Rā whakangahau translates to A day of noncompetitive kapa haka. It's a day where we celebrate and watch kapa haka, plays, and listen to waiata. We started off our day with Te kohanga reo o Pukewa, then Te Wharekura o Te Waitangi o Ohinemuri, then Waihi Central and St Joe's. They were all in the first concert. We then had a little break and had a kai fundraiser outside for our Aims Games kids. We had sausage sizzle, drinks and baking. We want to thank everyone who bought something. After our break we had the second concert, starting off with Waihi East then Waikino then Waihi Beach and lastly our very own Te ara Poutama. We finished our day with a Karakia from a Waihi beach tamaiti. We loved every performance from all the schools. Everyone did amazing and we can't wait for next year to see everyone perform again!

- Moana Magee - Te Ao Māori leader

**Ko taku reo taku ohooho,  
ko taku reo taku mapihi mauria.**  
*My language is my awakening.  
My language is the window to my soul.*



# WHEELER'S LUCK

After two terms of hard work, the cast and crew of Wheeler's Luck pulled off an entertaining production that had audiences laughing from go to "whoa". Performed over two nights in the hall on the 7th and 8th of August, Wheeler's Luck, directed by Ingrid Berry, was unlike anything the school had tackled before.

The 'rural comedy' follows a savvy developer, played by Dylan Purvis, attempting to turn a scenic beach into an exclusive resort. However, he faces resistance from the town's quirky postman, played by Luke Stephens. The cast included students spanning years 7 through to 13. Students rose to the challenges presented in this play, such as, interchanging between the 54 characters, executing an exciting town brawl, and navigating the complex staging of a horse race along the beach. The students' comedic timing and dedication made the show an absolute delight, while the dedicated backstage crew, led by Kate Morley worked seamlessly to transform the set. A live band, led by Hamish McKinnon, enhanced key moments throughout the performance.



# WHARE MAIA'S NEW CLOTHES

By Moana Magee

At the end of last year, Whare Maia's carvings were taken down to be repaired. This was a very tapu thing to do and we had to make sure we did it properly. Firstly we had karakia early in the morning for the carvings, then the boys started taking them down, and then we waited and waited until they were ready!! In Te Ao Māori doing this is also a very spiritual thing, it's like we are taking the kakahu (clothes) off Maia and then when they were done it was like putting her kakahu (clothes) back on. When this happens, she is in a very vulnerable state and we have to be there for her when we take the carvings off and when we put them back on. When it was finally time to put her kakahu (clothes) back on. It was a very beautiful morning and we had karanga and kōrero and Maia's clothes came on a truck so she could be clothed in all her splendor again. It was a very emotional morning, but still lovely. We had kai afterwards and then watched the boys put the carvings up. They did a very good job.

Kia kaha, Kia Maia, Kia and Manawanui.



# DISCOVERING LIFE IN JAPAN



Waihi College students traveled to Tokyo, Japan in the last few weeks of term three, on a school exchange with our Wahine visiting Kyoritsu Girls High and our Tane, Seibu Gakuen Bunri Boys High. Students were accompanied by teachers Nicole Clare and Jay McKechnie and even our Principal Whaea Briar, joined the group in the first week. In her leaving speech, Ms Clare says Ceylin summed up the experience beautifully, by describing it as unforgettable. She went on to say "From

exploring the vibrant streets of Tokyo, to sharing laughs and stories with our new friends. Each experience has taught us something valuable and has left a lasting impression on us. This trip has broadened our horizons and deepened our appreciation for different cultures. We are truly grateful for the friendships formed, the knowledge gained, and the memories created. Thank you all for making this journey so special. Here's to the bonds we've forged and the lessons we've learned."

- Kate Rigg



# SPRING CONCERT

# SERVICE EVENTS

BY MAYA DODD - SERVICE LEADER

## VALENTINE'S DAY

We started this year off with a bang by holding a fundraiser for Valentine's Day to raise money for the Children's Heart Foundation. Students had the opportunity to purchase "love notes and chocolates", which cupids then personally delivered. Many hours were spent behind the scenes working on putting each individual card together and making sure it had the right message. Despite all the stress, it was easy to say that the day was filled with love and laughter. Thanks to everyone's enthusiasm and generosity, we were able to raise an impressive \$660 for the charity.



## ST PATRICK'S DAY

To celebrate St Patrick's Day, I organised a "Dress up in Green Day", where students and teachers were able to dazzle themselves in their best green attire. We also held a sausage sizzle at lunch, where everyone was able to enjoy delicious treats whilst soaking up the festive spirit. The Year 7 and 8 students were also able to showcase their creative talent in a colouring competition, where the winners were awarded delicious prizes. Altogether we were able to fundraise nearly \$300, which will be donated to one of the local charities.



## DAFFODIL DAY

A huge success this year, with the school fundraising just under \$700 for the Cancer Foundation. We held a bake sale at lunchtime, alongside Fry Bread Friday, which was very popular and successful. Students were also encouraged to wear yellow on the day to show their support in raising awareness about Cancer.

These are only a few of the fundraising events we as a school have held this year, along with the Talent Quest and Colour Fun Run that

will happen more towards the end of the year. I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has been involved and contributed to these events this year, especially Wendy, Briar and the Student Leadership team who have dedicated their time into helping successfully run these events. We wouldn't have been able to make them happen without all of your support.



## LEO'S

This year the Waihi College Leo's Club has developed hugely, reaching the most members we have ever had with students from all different year groups. We have, 25 Leo's members with a new Treasurer and Secretary as well. This has been such a success because some of our Leo's will get to be a member of the club all through their time at Waihi College, which is awesome. This year we have done lots as a group. Some of the main things include the ANZAC day memorial in Waihi, where we lay a wreath for the Waihi Lions and a few of our members talked about what it meant to them, or they recited an ode. Then during the Waihi Lions annual book fair, we set up all the tables for them and helped with all the heavy lifting, which was a huge help for the Lions. A few of us helped sort through books during the week, to get them ready for the fair. We are currently planning an afternoon at Rocket Park for young kids to enjoy. We plan to paint rocks and hide them around the Park for people to find. This has been something that has happened in Waihi since I was little, but



it hasn't happened for a while, so I think it would be special to bring it back. I always found it so much fun. In December, we will decorate the annual Santa parade float that we do each year, which is always a fun one. I am very happy and proud of the Leos club this year because we have grown so much and I know that carrying on, they will do great things and continue to expand even more. As always I would love to thank Anne Marie Spicer for her continuous support and dedication to the Club as our advisor. Year after year she commits so much time and passion for it and we are so so grateful for her, The Leo's Club would not be able to do it without her. I have so enjoyed my time with the Leo's Club over the past few years and definitely recommend it to everyone. *Sabine Rush - Community Leader*

# A night in Italy

"Il bel ballo."  
 Waihi College students experienced a taste of Italy at their annual school ball on May 18th. Hundreds of students gathered at the Waihi Beach Surf Club for a memorable evening themed "A Night in Italy."

The event featured lively music, fun photo booths, and delicious food, making it a massive hit. "It was an awesome venue for dancing – people were on their feet from start to finish," said Ana Whatarau, a Year 11 student and Board of Trustees student representative. Jack Carpenter, also a Year 11 student, agreed, noting that everyone, whether in a group or with a ball partner, had a fantastic time. For Year 13 student Lydia Pennell, the evening created special memories as she finishes her last year at school this year, a sentiment shared by many of her Year 13 peers.

Special mention and massive thanks to Wendy Shave and the Ball Committee, who worked tirelessly to make this special event happen.  
 - Kate Rigg





## SPORT

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Ko Taranaki te Maunga  
Ko Tokomaru te Waka  
Ko Urenui me Te Awaroa nga awa  
Ko Urenui me Te Upoko o te Whenua nga Marae  
Ko Ngati Maru me Ngati Mutunga me Tamatoa  
nga iwi  
Ko Jess O'Brien toku ingoa

Part-Time Sports Activities Coordinator, Full-Time mama, Part-Time Raranga (weaver) Kaiako, Waihi Netball Centre Vice President/Draw Steward/Representative Coordinator/Uniform Coordinator, Netball Coach/Manager, Waihi Touch Coordinator Assistant, Student, and Waihi Mini Ballers Coordinator.

2024 sees me wearing multiple hats and still loving the flexibility of my roles and all that it endures. My motive this year was growth, not only in sports codes within our school teams but outside in the community.

I stepped up on all levels with growing my own knowledge and skills by enrolling in a New Zealand Coaching Level 3 Course. I believe these skills can be transferred and utilised in all sports codes within our school, and sports I am involved in within the community. As a coach we all have different coaching styles and I particularly love the development side of coaching. To see our tamariki given equal opportunity, as well as to

improve on their skills week to week, means I have succeeded as a coach. The wins are just the icing on the cake.

Whilst we have seen some numbers drop with basketball and netball this year, it is interesting to see other codes grow such as; Volleyball and Golf. Volleyball has taken a huge interest with our tamariki although it has taken a few years to get to this stage. It is also wonderful to see Golf blooming, with lots of students keen to get involved.

Opportunities are everywhere and as long as we are behind the wheel to drive the bus, our tamariki will get involved. Thank you to all our volunteers for all you have done for our tamariki across all codes for 2024. We cannot do this without you and appreciate your time, efforts, and dedication time and time again.

For those of our students who are in their final year at Waihi College, I would like to wish you all the best for your future endeavors, whatever that may be. Let us not count the minutes but make the minutes count.

*Jess O'Brien* - Sports Coordinator



# MOTOCROSS

Our Waihi College Motocross Team focus for 2024 was more on Whaanau inclusion rather than Competition.

The Riders have taken part in numerous rides from New Zealand's Famous Berm Busters, through to Maize paddock scrambles with their friends and family.

A select few have competed in Regional and National Tournaments and have walked away with some impressive results placing in the Top 4 positions.

We have welcomed both genres of motocross and have enjoyed widening our horizon of riders and ability levels to our school team.



# BOXING

Waihi College Boxing has seen a good group of committed athletes both current and also past students. Coached by Matua Ben, the team has grown into a close-knit group, driven by a shared passion for the sport. It's great to see the boys supporting each other in their training sessions, creating a strong team spirit. - Ben Hur



Beau



Max

# SURFING

This year the boys competed in multiple local comps but by far the highlight of the year was going to Raglan for New Zealand Secondary Schools surfing champs. Beau made it to the semi final and Max made it to the second round of heats. Shout out to Darren Butler for taking everyone over and judging the tea towel whipping competition. - Macca



Aidan



Jack



Mace

# NETBALL

This year the College A Netball looked a little different for Waihi College. As a coaching team, we decided to take the girls through to Tauranga to play in their junior premier grade, as we saw it as the next step in their growth and development. This helped the girls, as they were able to see a range of skills to improve their game being demonstrated by people their own age. The team had some amazing growth and came out third in the grade.

This set them up nicely for the Upper North Island Secondary School Netball tournament, which was held in Waitakere this year and saw them come 11th out of 28 in their grade. It has been great to see the girls come together and bond which really started to show on the court. They played some great netball and should be really proud of their year. As coaches these girls made us incredibly proud, the support and encouragement they had for one another, on and off the court was unbelievable. Playing that much netball over 5 days can be a lot but they showed their resilience and determination, day after day. These girls have worked so hard all year to get to this tournament and it was very rewarding to see them take all their learnings and put them on the court game after game. It was an amazing way to end the season, being able to show their growth and development of the game and finish strong as a team.

Our girls from little old Waihi made waves as they played their way to the Top 12 of 28 teams in D Grade. The girls finished their UNISS Campaign 11th in their grade, what an achievement girls - well done! Now they've had a taste of elite level netball, a lot of them are keen to back that up and go again next year, hoping to finish higher in our grade and work towards getting up into C grade. I can't wait to continue to see their skill, passion, and development of the game continue to grow in 2025!

This year Waihi College's A netball team played indoor over in Tauranga on a Thursday night. It was a huge step up from the normal Waihi Tuesday night league and meant there was much more competition for us girls. We were all very grateful for this opportunity. Playing against a wide variety of new teams, helped us to improve at the game and as a team. With many fresh faces, we started this new journey as a group of girls who hadn't played much together before. It took time to learn from each other, understand each other's playing styles, strengths and weaknesses, along with finding our rhythm and flow. We finished third overall in this league which is a wicked accomplishment!

Throughout the year we participated in a few tournaments in the area. The farthest and most major one we took part in was the Upper North Island Secondary Schools (UNISS) netball tournament in Waitakere. Despite some challenging games, this team showed remarkable resilience and growth in every game. Not only on court, but off court as well. Many bonds were formed. This made a positive and more enjoyable atmosphere at games and training.

A huge shout out to all the people who supported us through the endless amounts of fundraising. We could not have gone anywhere without your help. Your contribution goes a long way. Also a massive thank you to all three of our coaches Chantelle, Leah and Phoebe. We appreciate your knowledge and guidance that has helped us develop as players. It has been an honor and pleasure stepping into the captaincy role. I am really proud of the girls who stuck it out the entire season. While we may not have always won, I have no doubt that with a continued effort, this team will only get stronger in the future.

Bring on the 2025 season!! - Brooke Kelly



I am really proud of how far our senior development team has come this year! We started on a rough patch at the start of the season, but over time every time we bonded, our team would grow stronger and stronger. Massive thank you to our Coach Jess, Manager and our parents/supporters who we had on our side for every game and tournaments! We finished our very last time as a team together at a 2-day tournament in Rotorua. Coming back with big smiles, laughter and more memories to hold. I loved every little moment we had together, on or off court.

As our team captain and with Jess as our coach, we made sure to uphold these values and lead by an example, making sure our girls, regardless of their skill level, felt good to play on our team. Having all different skill sets in our team made the journey more entertaining and enjoyable. I am looking forward to seeing what next year has for our girls and hope to watch them continue on and grow stronger and stronger with their netball skills and knowledge. Captain - Brea Peka



**10/11 NETBALL**

Being part of the Year 10/11 netball team has been an awesome experience. Each game taught us more than just how to play netball. It taught us about resilience, teamwork, and the importance of supporting each other no matter the outcome. Each week we gave our best despite not having any practices and sometimes being down players. I am proud how well we did in the end. *Captain - Ashleigh Pullen*

**7/8 PIWAKAWAKA**

Tēnā koutou katoa!

Our goals for the season were Communication, Participation and Having Fun. To accomplish these goals we had team talks after training, just about how our last game went, how we felt about it and what we could improve. Also learning to talk to each other on the court. Making sure everyone felt included, showed up for our team and supported each other in games helped a lot. Having fun was easy, learning and playing in new positions was really fun and getting to play with some cool people. Just having a laugh with each other at training and warm-ups helped us interact and enjoy it. Thanks to the team for all your hard work, and to our coaches and our whānau for all your support.

*Coaches - Reese Neame and Shayla Roycroft*

**7/8 A /AIMS NETBALL**

Coaching this year has been such a great experience. My team of girls are a perfect example of how team chemistry coupled with a willingness to learn can result in success. This team had so much personal growth and team growth through the season. We were representing the school at the AIMS games so with that in focus I wanted to give them lots of opportunities to grow, so we entered many tournaments and entered into the Tauranga competition on Saturdays. A first for the school. The competition was fierce and every week they were pushed to give everything they had. I structured their training to focus on mastering their basic fundamental netball skills and understanding positions, and their roles on court, and introduced tactical thinking drills with growth being our goal. Our defensive game all season was so strong and our attack game showed massive improvement during our first rounds, as we found our flow and moved the ball fluently down court to our shooters. We ended the season with a Championship division win in Tauranga and 1st in the round robin rounds in Waihi and we gave every team we played a run for their money at AIMS taking 5 out of 10 wins and some very close margins. I'm so incredibly proud to be their coach and can't wait to do it again next year. *-Elaine*

# BASKETBALL

Our College A Girls team had a bumpy start to the season, with inconsistent numbers and several players dropping out. However, we managed to stabilise the team, and they pushed through to complete the season finishing Runners Up in A Grade.

On the boys' side, both our College A Boys and Senior Boys Development teams faced challenges. The College A Boys had a rough season due to many injuries and were at risk of folding altogether. Additionally, the Senior Boys Development team almost didn't go ahead due to no coach or manager.

The Junior Boys teams growth and development has been great to see. Half way through the season saw our Junior A Boys split among College A and Senior Boys Development, this was huge for us as a Sports Committee and Person In Charge to consider. The benefits the boys had was learning new skills and

teachings. I'm no Basketball Coach but you can modify drills from Netball, Rugby, and Volleyball to incorporate into basketball sessions - which is what my Senior Boys Development team got.

Our Year 7&8 teams had a great season of development. The 7&8 A Boys had a variety of skill level and this showed during their games that I managed to watch through the season, at the Katikati Exchange, and World Cup. Development is huge for me especially for our younger players as the foundation the coaches set is what keeps our tamariki interested in the sport.

Our Year 7&8 Development Boys and the Year 7&8 Girls had a wonderful season of growth and development. The hunger, fun, and relationships built from the first trials to the end of the season was exceptional.

Despite many challenges, the passion for basketball remains strong in our school, and we are committed to rebuilding and fostering a positive basketball culture. - Jess O'Brien

Over the years there have been many highs and lows for Waihi College basketball, some years some age groups have had to miss out on playing. Luckily this year we managed to combine the junior girls team and senior girls team to play in the senior girls A grade in Tauranga on a Wednesday night. We placed 2nd this year! We were able to accompany two German exchange students during this year teaching one of them how to play and watching her amazing development and the other showing her the New Zealand way of the sport. We have seen amazing development throughout our team playing at all different kinds of levels. We have had many bumps in our journey this year but have had amazing times showing leadership and have grown as a whole team.

*Emily Davison - College A Girls Captain*



COLLEGE A GIRLS

# 7&8 BASKETBALL

Waihi College Y7&8 Development Bball team had an awesome season, with regular training & steady improvement throughout the year.

We had to work hard for wins, but managed to pick up a few, along with one nail biting draw at the 'World Cup' tournament. The highlight for the season was a comeback victory. Down 12 at half time, we ended up victorious 27-24, only allowing the opposition to score 4 points in the entire second half. Our parents were often there to support us, and were very excited at the conclusion of the comeback win.

A big thanks from us to our manager & driver Mr Kayes (Ben) & Coach Kris!



# COLLEGE A BOYS



# FOOTBALL

2024 has seen Waihi College have 3 Football teams competing across the Waikato and BOP.

Our Senior Girls competed in Division 3 and have been improving throughout the season ending up in 6th place. There has been a real positive atmosphere among the team which is great to see. Thank you to Dave and JC for coaching the girls and to Ange for managing the team over the season.

The Senior boys also competed in Division 3 having a mixed year in terms of results. They finished 4th in a challenging competition which saw some really close results between all the teams.

The Year 7 and 8 Team have also had a challenging year with a lot of their players playing competitive football for the first time. This has not stopped them from having fun and learning along the way. A big thank you to Richard for giving up his time to help these players learn and develop throughout the season.

A big thank you to Matty Match who always went out of his way to provide excellent pitches to play football on, we really appreciate what you do for the school and football.

- Karl Budgen



As the season wraps up, our girls' football team looks back on an incredible journey filled with hard work, teamwork, and unforgettable moments. From having some wins and some losses, each player has shown tremendous growth and spirit. We've made lasting friendships, celebrated everyone's achievements, and supported one another every step of the way. A huge thank you to our coaches, families, and fans for your unwavering support! Here's to a bright future and even greater adventures ahead. I am super proud of everyone in our team and I can't wait for next year. Next year we will get all our PKs in lol. It's been super fun being your guys captain can't wait for next year to see yours then. *Moana Magee - 1st VI Girls Captain*



This season has been one to remember for the boys. It's been filled with great moral and amazing results. Being placed in a division higher than any other team in the Thames valley is an achievement we are all very proud of. Ending the season in 4th and a dominant 3-1 victory over st john place the boys have all enjoyed the season and can't wait for the opportunities next year will bring. *Farish O'Flaherty - 1st VI Boys Captain*

# 7&8 FOOTBALL

As another football season approached, the mission was to form a team for the first time in 2 years for this age group. We began the season with just enough players and as the season went on, the numbers grew, with a good mix of boys and girls playing in the Waibop 13th grade mixed grade, where it turned out we were the only mixed team in the competition.

For many of the players it was their first year playing in a team sport let alone a league competition. This meant we had many learnings not just on the field but off the field to learn how to be good team mates and support each other in the journey.

We began the season with the grading games in which we had two losses and 1 win and a loss which put us into the bottom half of the division

As the season went on the players started to grow in their abilities and by the end function as a team unit and play some really nice football for the most part in games. This year was a big learning experience for the team that they can be proud of.

I am very proud of the teams attitude and drive to learn and grow and it's been a pleasure coaching them this year. I hope they are all thinking of playing again next year, where bigger and better things are ahead for them in their football journey! *Rich James - Coach*



# AIMS GAMES

The annual National/International Tournament was held in Tauranga from the 8th to the 13th of September this year. Our tamariki have put in an incredible effort, showing resilience, teamwork, and sportsmanship across all their games in their respective codes.



## RUGBY

Our Rugby 7s boys trained hard leading up to the tournament, even incorporating farm workouts and team-building exercises to condition their bodies ready for Aims Games. Their mornings started with training sessions followed by hearty breakfasts or hot chocolate, provided by the parents. They were placed in a challenging pool, as the team was seeded based on last year's results. Despite the tough competition, they wrapped up their week with a great win and celebrated with a hike up Mount Maunganui.



## SURFING

Jack Kayes showcased incredible resilience and determination in surfing. On Day 1 the surf was almost non-existent, but that did not deter Jack. Despite the little surf he remained focused and managed to secure a spot in the finals.

On the final day, the surf conditions weren't much better than the day before. Yet he surfed with passion and heart, demonstrating his skills and determination was a pleasure to witness. Jack's hard work paid off, and he proudly secured a silver medal.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Our Cross-Country runners faced a tough start with a crowded field, getting ahead early in the race was critical. Those who didn't manage to break away from the pack were faced with the added challenge of being cut off or tripped by other runners. Despite this, our tamariki showed resilience and determination, pushing through the difficulties and giving it their all.

**Results:**  
 Pippa Bartram 136th  
 Emma Clark 137th  
 Lachlan Hewlett 129th  
 Brielle Michalchuk 104th  
 Tane Whaanga 126th



## NETBALL

Our Netball tamariki did an outstanding job, competing across six days in all kinds of weather. Playing 10 games across 10 days is tough for our Year 7 and 8 athletes but they rose to the challenge. The team was also joined by Sam Manukonga on day 4 who slotted in nicely and contributed to their fantastic run. By the end of Aims Games, the team finished at the top of their pool and ranked 121st overall.



## BASKETBALL

Our basketball girls came into this season eager to learn and develop new skills. Despite being new to the sport, they played with hunger, passion, and heart, and their improvement from trials to the final game was outstanding. The girls' determination and positive attitude were the real highlights of the tournament, and their efforts were rewarded with a 29th place overall. A fantastic achievement for our girls. Tino pai rawa atu!!!!



## GYMNASTICS

Day 1 Gymnastics Results saw Neo Morais secure a bronze medal in the Twisters Novice Artistic - Beam and placed 5th overall which was a wonderful start to Aims Games. On Day 2 Neo Morais came away with a silver medal placing in the Trampoline Twisters. He came 4th Overall and 2nd equal for Mini Tramp. On day 3 Neo continued to shine, finishing 3rd overall in the Twisters Tumbling event.

Our girls Ava Englander and Georgia Sanderson may not have placed with medals but their performances were nothing short of amazing. They competed with grace and gave it their all, making us incredibly proud.



# VOLLEYBALL

The growth of volleyball at our kura since 2021 has been tremendous. Back then, we started with just a few social teams, but today, we proudly look forward to the Summer Volleyball League with 10 teams competing. This expansion reflects the increasing interest and dedication among our students to the sport.

Our teams have shown remarkable progress in both skill, technique, and teamwork. We are very lucky to have had New Zealand

Development Coach Keith Marsh come into our space to run a workshop as well as Matua Greg, to show our tamariki the basics of volleyball. We look forward to Keith coming back to run several more sessions.

As we continue to grow the sport, I am excited about the opportunities that Summer League will offer, fostering both competitive spirit and camaraderie.

I look forward to another successful season ahead!

It was a fun yet tough year of rugby this year, with heaps of new people coming in. Despite their inexperience with the game, they were quick to learn and good - so good that near the end of the season, we were needing them more and more, on the field.

The season was busy, with training every Tuesday and Thursday and games every Saturday. We started the season with a big loss, 43 to 14, against Hauraki Plains College. But the boys kept their heads high and just focused on the next week and improving.

In our second game, we took on Katikati at home. The boys came out with a good win, 37 to 24. The boys carried on attending training and getting better by the week. It was time to take on Hauraki Plains College again. The warm-up was serious with everyone focused on the game. We wanted to eat them alive after the last time we had met.

The game was fast, intense, and physical, but in the end, the boys came out with a huge win making their mark with a 38-22 victory.

In no time, it was finals. We needed to beat Katikati to secure our spot in the final. It was a similar morning as to when we took on Hauraki. The boys were serious, ready for the game, and once again, the boys pulled through. We won the game, 34 to 19.

Before we knew it, finals week was upon us and again we were taking on old rivals Hauraki Plains. Even though we had beaten them twice before, we knew it was not going to be easy. The boys went to training as normal, and in the blink of an eye, Saturday arrived. The boys were nervous; there wasn't much talk during the warm-up, just focus on their game.

As the kick off whistle sounded, our nerves started to show and we made early mistakes. However, after a few minutes we scored and our nerves disappeared giving the team confidence. The game was like no other. It was the best I've seen the boy's play. Everyone was connecting after that first try.

WE WON! The final score 36 to 20. The boys were ecstatic cheering and celebrating. In the end we had a very good season, only losing 2 games and having the honour of being named the Thames Valley Under-15 Champions for 2024.

- Ryan Adams



# U15 RUGBY

# SURF LIFESAVING

## 2023 - 24 National Results

Max Morley: Surf Sport  
U15 Board - Gold  
U15 Ski - Bronze

Aidan Butler: IRB Racing

Luke Butler: IRB Racing

Luke Butler and Aidan Butler: Surf Boats



# EQUESTRIAN

2024 has been a slightly quieter year for our team, but that doesn't mean it has been short of success! Our girls have been competing in multiple different disciplines this year, all of which we have come home with a ribbon or two to be proud of!

This year, three of our senior girls went to the incredible Takapoto show grounds in Cambridge for the Pegasus Cup. Daisy, Evah and Briar represented Waihi College and produced some very tidy rounds leaving them just out of placings. The girls were able to spend two days competing at one of New Zealand's best show grounds, which is such an amazing opportunity for the team! We also loved having the younger girls staying with us to support. It was one of the highlights of the year!

Our Girls have also been competing at St Peters this year for Show-jumping, Show Hunter and Dressage days. We have been very successful with these events, coming home with firsts and placings in most of the classes the girls rode in! Most recently, Isabelle and Tayha competed at their Showjumping final in August where their team placed first overall!

This year has had its ups and downs but overall the Equestrian team has had a very good year, growing in numbers and successfully representing our college in the equestrian scene!

— Evah Carey



# THAMES VALLEY TENNIS

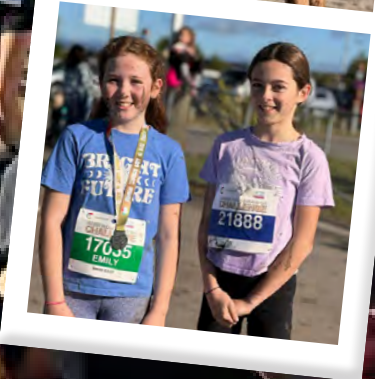
It was mid-winter tennis for the Thames Valley Tennis Championships, hosted at the picturesque Waihi Beach Tennis Club on the 20th of June. Entries were high with 45 boys and girls competing for doubles and singles titles.

Waihi College collected two titles with Nivek Smith winning the senior boys singles and younger brother Terry taking out the junior boys.

A big shout out to the Waihi Tennis Club who made their courts and clubhouse available for what was a very successful day - *Kevin Wall*



# TOUGH GUYS AND GALS



# WAKA AMA

When I heard there was going to be a Waka Ama team at Waihi College, I signed up straight away! I have paddled at Waka Nationals before when I lived in Wellington and I missed going out on the water for a paddle. Six of us made up the team and our coach Rangi told us that we were going to represent our kura at Secondary School Nationals. We only had a few weeks to train. Most of us were new paddlers so we had our work cut out for us. We were the first Waihi College Waka team to paddle at Secondary Nats. We trained after school and there were some early morning weekend training sessions too, with the help from some of the Hauraki Waka Ama club members. Some of the training was a bit chilly. My favorite part of all of the trainings was the tip out drill. Where you have to flip the waka over and then get back in and bail out the water. Soon it was time to head to Rotorua. We all got to stay in a big house for two nights and miss out on some school. The first race was early in the morning and it was so cold. The water was freezing! We had our 500m turn race first. We just had to put in what we had practiced. We were so excited to make a semi final! Next up was the 250m straight race. Semi final again!

What a great start to our time on the lake. We got to go back to the house and get warm, have a kai and do a round of mini putt before resting up for our races the next day. Another early morning start the second morning and it was so cold again! There was even mist on the water. Our turn semi was up first and we raced as hard as we could. When we finished they had said We were DQ because we had finished out of our lane. Luckily our coach went and protested and they had a look at the footage and it was removed. Thanks Rangi! That morning while we waited for our next race we went for a kai to refuel and then off for a round of bowling. We headed back for our last race of the day, the 250m semi final. Guess what we made it to the FINAL! We were so proud! The parents were proud. The final was another early morning race and it was delayed because the mist was coming off the mountain down to the lake. We finally got to paddle out to the start line and took off. We ended up coming 12th in the country. We celebrated with some Mcds and a ride on the luge before heading home. Huge thanks to Rangi who we wouldn't have been able to achieve this without. All our parents and the supporters who made it possible for us to go to Rotorua, and lastly my team which consisted of Isaac Honey, Jacob Adams, Lachy Sole, Blake Silk, Hale Nand and myself. Hopefully we can do it again next Year! *Lockie Patea - Captain*



## HOUSE EVENTS

# AMARANTH

1<sup>ST</sup> IN COMPETITIVE SPORT, 1<sup>ST</sup> IN SCHOOL VALUES

We have had a year of pure enjoyment and leadership in not just the house leaders, but our fellow tamariki stepping up and showing manaakitanga. For 2024, Amaranth was in the hands of Maddie Oliver, Luke Butler, Oliver Goddard, and Alyssa Mouat.

This year we have once again proven that we are the sports champions, taking first place in swimming sports, athletics, cross country and the triathlon. We also took first place for attendance, keep it up Amaranth!

As house leaders we would like to give a big thanks to our fellow Amaranth whanau, for the participation and giving everything a go. We also thank the teachers involved, making it a whole lot easier for us. We are grateful for the challenge this year has given us and that we will take a lot of skills and lessons with us into the future. Hoping for even bigger and better things next year so get excited, Up the mighty Amaranth!!!





# ROYAL

2<sup>ND</sup> IN LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES,  
2<sup>ND</sup> IN LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

# DOMINION

This year Dominion house started off strong with swimming sports, off the back of a strong finish from last year's spirit days, giving everyone a great morale boost. The next event was athletics which had an amazing participation rate, which resulted in great points for us. The triathlon and cross country was really successful too and it was amazing to see the amount of people that gave it a go - either for the sake of a personal goal or to get house points. House day was another great day for the Green machine, placing high in some of the events and being consistent with the points. Dominion also had a high rate of participating in the school production Wheeler's Luck, without the incentive for house points. Overall it has been a great year and a lot of fun and we cannot wait for what next year will bring with new house leaders.






# EMPIRE

1<sup>ST</sup> IN LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES,  
1<sup>ST</sup> IN LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT,  
2<sup>ND</sup> IN COMPETITIVE SPORT,  
2<sup>ND</sup> IN SCHOOL VALUES,  
OVERALL HOUSE WINNERS FOR 2024

# Swimming SPORTS





The Swimming sports was a huge success this year! It saw us combine the fun of the house events with the competitive nature of the serious events with students, staff and whānau commenting on what a great event day they had. This saw a huge increase in the number of students participating as well as the lift in house spirit. Students couldn't wait to cheer and encourage their fellow housemates to do their best in the races and they lined the edges of the pool in their house colours. The PE department did an amazing job putting the day together, and we can't wait to do it all again next year, maybe with a few different fun events.

- Chantelle Archer



# TRIATHALON

Wednesday the 21st February 2024 was the perfect day for Waihi College to hold a competitive and fun Triathlon event for all age groups. After a few years of having no triathlon or modified and junior only events, due to Covid and other things, it was great to see a full triathlon with all age groups involved .

The morning saw all of the year 7 & 8 students starting at the pool, biking around the fields and courts, and then running on the top field. The young ones show great participation, with many students taking up the challenge of doing the whole thing themselves.

In the afternoon the junior, intermediate and senior age groups hit the local streets and our internal school road, to run and bike, before finishing at the pool. Plenty of house points were gained through participation and placings. This event is rebuilding back into a big one where we hope to see more and more individual triathletes having a go in 2025! Awesome effort from everyone involved including all the marshals and helpers. - *Shar Kelly*

## Individual Results

### Year 7

1st: Emma Clarke, 2nd: Olivia Callaghan, 3rd: Slavador Lovelock

1st: Jack Kayes, 2nd: Beau Wilson, 3rd: Joel Crockett

### Year 8

1st: Lexie Davies-Young, 2nd: Isla Freeman, 3rd: Breeze Clothier

1st: Thierry Smith, 2nd: Tobin McArthur-Dye, 3rd: Tane Whaanga

### Junior

1st: Leah Kelly, 2nd: Zariah Brewerton

1st: Stanley Anderson, 2nd: Evan Joyce, 3rd: Eli Townsend

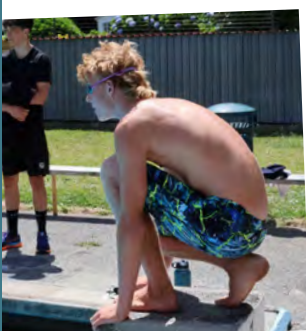
### Intermediate

1st: Aidan Butler, 2nd: Max Morely, 3rd: Nivek Smith

### Senior

1st: Emily Davison

1st: Ben Jarvis



# CROSS COUNTRY

For the first time in many years, the sun was shining and there wasn't a drop of rain in sight for the Waihi College Cross Country. This year the event coincided with Pink Shirt day, which meant lots of students were sporting their pink shirts or their house colours for a morning run in the sun. We had a great turn out from our junior school, with lots of students taking on the challenge and starting their day with a run in the sun. There weren't any records broken this year, however we have a few runners to keep an eye on over the years to come. A huge thank you to the PE department for their set up and organisation of the day, our senior students who assisted with marshaling out on the course, Jess for calculating points and the whānau who came along to support our rangitahi.

- Chantelle Archer

## Year 7 Girls

1st: Emma Clarke,  
2nd: Pippa Bartram,  
3rd: Sonny Fitzgibbon

## Year 8 Girls

1st: Brielle Michalchuk,  
2nd: Jenny Yeh,  
3rd: Lexi Davies-Young

## Junior Girls

1st: Rylee Kuizinas,  
2nd: Elizabeth McHardy,  
3rd: Zariah Brewerton

## Junior Boys

1st: Stanley Anderson,  
2nd: Blake Smith,  
3rd: Jamie Hughes

## Intermediate Girls

1st: Charlie Joyce,  
2nd: Nevaeh Vautier,  
3rd: Asha Davies-Young

## Intermediate Boys

1st: Aidan Butler,  
2nd: Lachy Osbourne-Sole,  
3rd: Samuel Corns

## Senior Boys

1st: Cassidy Shaw,  
2nd: Hamish Mudford

## Year 7 Boys

1st: Lachlan Hewitt,  
2nd: Noah McNeil,  
3rd: Jack Kayes

## Year 8 Boys

1st: Lortress Thompson,  
2nd: Zoren Wallace,  
3rd: Tobin McArthur-Dye



# ATHLETICS DAY

Athletics day was an amazing sunny day full of house spirit and competitiveness. There were some tightly contested events throughout the day and it was brilliant to see all the support students and staff were giving each other. Amaranth was the victorious house in 2024! A massive thank you to everyone involved in running the day, it is really appreciated. - Karl Budgen





# Spirit Days





# HOUSE DAY

On the thirteenth of may House Day made its return to Waihi College and it was a blast. We had heaps of activities that were made for all the students and Ako teachers to enjoy. There were eight different activities that each Ako would make their way around and play to either score house points or just have fun. The reason house day was created was so mid year all the students don't lose their house spirit.

It was great seeing everyone getting involved with their Ako classes and giving it a go. Everywhere around the school you could feel the drive and spirit from each house no matter what activity it was. The students had a lot to say about house day and all the things they enjoyed.

One student stated "It was a super exciting thing to be a part of. I had lots of fun and can't wait for next year." while a leader said "I could tell it was fun for everyone, I really enjoyed the smiles on the students' faces". Other students thought that this was a great way to get more spirit in the school and connect people who normally wouldn't have anything to do with one another, as well as getting them to overcome different challenges and obstacles.

The house and student leaders as well as teachers deserve a pat on the back for stepping up and organizing each activity and looking after everyone as well as running each circuit. They made it look easier than it really was and we appreciate them. We hope to see house day make its return next year as everyone can agree it was a great way to show house spirit! - Maddie Oliver



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Absent: Jules Lovell, Sienna Troughton



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Absent: Brock Dodd, Tamsin Douglas



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Absent: Ella Haysom



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### EJCO

Back Row: Kobi Picard, Elijah de Ocampo, Lex Nidogma, John Graham, Daniel Carson

3rd Row: Xavier Motley, Lyrical Hamiora, Lachlan Hewlett, Cole Walker, Owen Laing, Wairua Tui

2nd Row: Tamatea Wicks, Salvador Lovelock, Poppie Newing, Abby Dodd, Mere Kena, Zeplyn Mckenzie, Jennifer Cochrane (Teacher)

Front Row: Sophie Perkinson, Zoe Healy, Porsha Cochrane, Scarlett Holtz-Taylor, Scarlett Mansell-Hogg, Marlie Cochrane



### EPRY

Back Row: Callum Morgan, Erikah Martin-Dinnan, Lukas Kennerley-Williams

2nd Row: Ryder Holtz-Taylor, Samuel Cornes, Rian Morgan, Harlem Field-Hargreaves, Elijah Cornes, Peter Roy (Teacher)

Front Row: Bella Neame, Reese Neame, Deanna Dodd, Chenelle de Lange, Amber Payne

Absent: Ashton Credo-Greenfield, Kohu Nathan, Cole Nidogma



### ESKE

Back Row: Stanley Anderson, Paige Hermond, Harry Cameron, Zoe Shave, Thomas Carson

2nd Row: Matthew Hallam (Teacher), Piper Elmsly, Wesley Cameron, Ari Pillai, Stella Shave, Sharlene Kelly (Teacher)

Front Row: Samara McHardy, Lily Jackson, Ava McHardy, Sophia Pillai, Poppy Shave

Absent: Tayah Bryan, Summah Mathers, Paitoa Peka, Elliott Pilkinton-Brodie, Rā-Anthym Selwyn, Cassidy Shaw, Briar Somers, Sianna White



**RJMK**

Back Row: Evan Joyce, Hannah Bismark, Charlie Joyce, Zoe-Beth Naisby, Dominic Bismark  
 2nd Row: Ezra Sargent, Yuan Cruz, Max Morley, Declan Coxon, Jay McKechnie (Teacher)  
 Front Row: Ivy Guiton, Lilly-Grace Naisby, Ruby Sargent, Ruby-Rose Sandford, Lily Sargent  
 Absent: Willow Holland, Blake Sturgess



**RKMO**

Back Row: Whetu King, Sylvan Gadd, Brody Orchard, Jacob Jackson, Kate Morley (Teacher)  
 Front Row: Olivia East, Rose Mathis, Hayaat Dass, Louise Miller-Lonergan, Holly Orchard  
 Absent: Logan Freeman, Rylee Kennerley, Kyra McElroy, Jayne Pervan, Grace Searancke, Ruby Searancke, Josh Smith, Arashjot Sunner



**RKWL**

Back Row: Dylan Mills, Lenē Jooste, Charlize Moore, Kevin Wall (Teacher)  
 Front Row: Makai Ng Wun, Romain Wiki, Dylan Purvis, Emily Davison, JJ Rankin-Quensell  
 Absent: Evie Bartley, Koda Churcher, Asha Gray, Mika Gray, Keeley McGee, Maddox Pearson



**RPDA**

Back Row: Blake Oates, Kate Townsend, Alex Townsend  
 2nd Row: Reef Frewin, Hoani Pollock-Wilson, Brooklyn Frewin, Elijah Capper, Phil Davison (Teacher)  
 Front Row: Eli Townsend, Hunter Oates, Paige Capper, Alexis Hughes, Matthew Olsen  
 Absent: Jamie Hughes, Daisy Lewer, Jake Peden



**RPKI**

Back Row: Tessa Menary, Joel Ellender, Indie Pickard, Haarlem Laman-Trip, Nicita van der Merwe  
 2nd Row: Regan Marshall, Chirawat Upex, Blake Silk, Shakia Laman-Trip, Paige Kingston (Teacher)  
 Front Row: Luisa Fassel, Isla Menary, Justin Silk, Luke Stephens, Saki Izutsu  
 Absent: Tayha Lysaght



**RSFI**

Back Row: Kade Bate, Aysheia Domasing, Rynae Bain  
 2nd Row: Jessica Yeh, Cade Tucker, Ella Ford, Deva Mühlemann, Alex Hickson, Siobhan Fitzgerald (Teacher)  
 Front Row: Briar Hickson, Narisa Cox, Jenny Yeh, Michaela Wickham, Raina Runga



**RSRA**

Back Row: Aiden Pemberton, Blake Christensen, Connor Peters, Hannah Bourke, Sami Hug  
 2nd Row: Patrick Pedersen-Semmens, Xavier Bower, Kingston Courtney, Lachlan Osborne-Sole, Saleshni Ram (Teacher)  
 Front Row: Elizabeth McHardy, Leslie Brillantes, Zoe Hug, Ata Keelan, Sarah Gearon  
 Absent: David Gearon, Erana Keelan



**RZTE**

Back Row: Callum Bower, Daniel Titchmarsh, Taylor Bigham, John Brillantes, Jimmi Courtney  
 3rd Row: Jaycee Serenado, Steven Sandrino, Jordan Holmes, Jackson Van Etten, Lennox Fathers, Logan Cooper  
 2nd Row: Leo Joseph, Ryden Bryan, Alayna Ng Wun, Bailey Rota, Olivia Petterd, Zac Te Wake (Teacher)  
 Front Row: Emma Clark, Ruby Mikkelsen, Amelia West, Kimiora King, Pippa Bartram, Natalie Connolly  
 Absent: Parkes Atkins-Barnes, Kahli-Rose Nilsson, Tyla Price-Jones, Georgia Sanderson, Maia Whaanga



**INTERNATIONAL**

Back Row: Kota Sasaki, Luisa Fassel  
 2nd Row: Magdeleen Green (Homestay Coordinator), Yuan Cruz, Frederik Ohlhoff, Alistair Cochrane (Director)  
 Front Row: Yukumi Kato, Utane Nakada, Deva Mühlemann, Ceylin Bektas, Saki Izutsu



**WHANAU**

**BACK ROW:** Hemikupa Aupouri-Ederveen, Aleesha Leaf, Zoren Wallace, Legend Rolleston, Zadia Wallace  
**4th Row:** Hirini Leaf, Dallas Tither-Runga, Sam Manukonga, Maeva Ainsley, Rylee Morgan, Joshua Ulrich, Tanekaha Nepia, Lortress Thompson  
**3RD ROW:** Ocean Wallace, Joey Peka, Mitchell Paynter, MJ Vehikite, Meihana Iti, Leonardo Sydney, Jacob Adams, Kevin Ainsley, Nia Tawhiti  
**2ND ROW:** Whaea Tuihana Jack-Ainsley, Tane Whaanga, Peyton Kaipo-Pourau, Ngatara Magee, Tiarna Masters, Hineira Pio-Ainsley, Anahera Osborne, Alizah Crawford, Jonah Maxwell, Matua Greg Oudes  
**FRONT ROW:** Whaea Vicky McMillan, Mahana Magee, Lani Maxwell, Tiiaho Jensen-McMillan, Moana Magee, Naelene Donaldson, Brea Peka, Lorqueta Thompson, Whaea Te-Awhi Cooper  
**ABSENT:** Tiana Ainsley, Mahinerangi Dean, Quinita Gage, Kaden Heemi-Awheto, Te Koha Karu, Emaraina Kingi-Stafford, Nikora MacCalman, Chassidee Martin, Hakopa Martin, Tarnica Martin, Huatahi Maunsell, Angel Nicholas, Tuhoro Osborne, Grace-Kelly Rawiri, James Rawiri, Te Ata Rawiri, Manaaki Riri, Charlee Rolleston, Jaylah Rolleston, Unique Shaw, Tigerlilly Tipene



**HOUSE LEADERS**

**BACK ROW:** Naelene Donaldson, Alyssa Mouat, Romain Wiki, Maggie Gerbich-Burroughs, Phoebe Buchanan  
**2ND ROW:** Chantelle Archer (Teacher), Tuihana Jack-Ainsley (Teacher), Oliver Goddard, Toby van der Zwan, Luke Butler, Campbell Douglas, Jay McKechnie (Teacher)  
**FRONT ROW:** Daisy Burgess, Louise Miller-Lonergan, Izzie Cannell, Paige Capper, Ceylin Bektas, Emily Davison, Maddie Oliver

## YEAR 13 LEAVERS - DOMINION



Naelene Donaldson



*The person next to me is taka*

**Favourite moment at college** - When the clock says 3:10pm

**Dream Job** - Māori creative/performing arts

**Plans after WC** - University of Waikato doing a full immersion te reo class for my first year then doing māori teaching studies

**Advice for other students** - Survive



Luke Brown



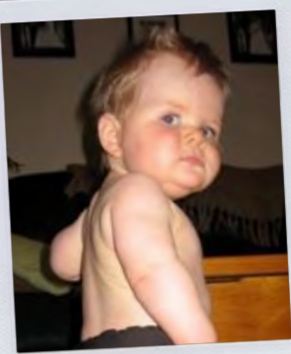
*I'm not special.  
I'm just special edition!*

**Favourite moment at college** - Buying the last Feijoa Charlies drink in-stock before the canteen shut down!

**Dream Job** - Professional Cow Connoisseur.

**Plans after WC** - I have to leave? I thought this went on forever!

**Advice for other students** - Mrs Morley's Hub Finance comes 1st then worry about the rest! Also, Ben Kayes has the best AKO!



Campbell Douglas

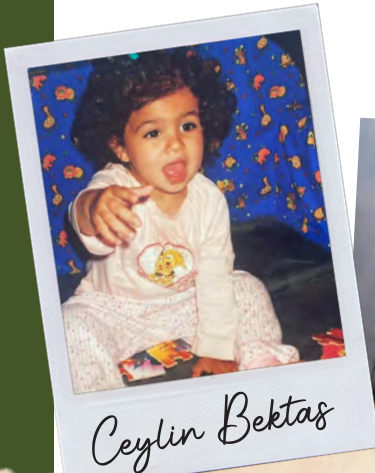
*Sometimes you face difficulties not because you're doing something wrong, but because you're doing something right*

**Favourite moment at college** - Kidnapping Luke Brown

**Dream Job** - Explosive Ordnance Disposal Specialist

**Plans after WC** - Going to university

**Advice for other students** - Forget the negative stuff and focus on the positive



Ceylin Bektas



*Successful is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful*

**Favourite moment at college** - When learning how to use the coffee machine and making it for the teachers

**Dream Job** - To work for international students in New Zealand. I am passionate about supporting and empowering international students to succeed in their educational journey and contribute to the diverse and inclusive community in New Zealand.

**Plans after WC** - After Waihi College, my plans include doing an internship at SIEBA a few days a week to gain valuable experience for my future career. This opportunity will allow me to immerse myself in the field, learn from professionals like John van der Zwan, and expand my knowledge in supporting international students.

**Advice for other students** - Stay curious and find joy in your pursuits. When you're genuinely interested in what you're doing, it transforms studying or working into a source of pleasure rather than a chore. Embrace that sense of enjoyment, and you'll see how it can make all the difference!

*I forgot*

**Favourite moment at college** - When me and Ava stole chocolate from the cooking room and shoved it down our pants

**Dream Job** - Recruit minions and steal the moon

**Plans after WC** - Study nursing at Toi Ohomai

**Advice for other students** - When you hit bedrock, the only way to go is up



Ava Hodgson



*St Patrick's Day*



*"Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought" - JFK*

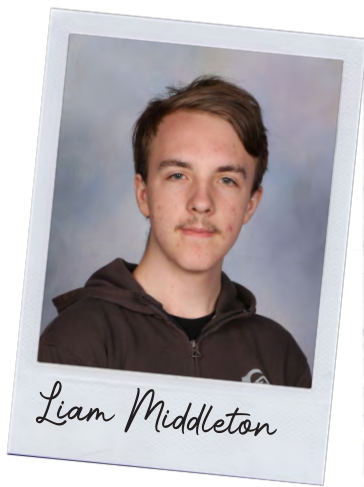
**Favourite moment at college -**

Year 10 camp

**Plans after WC -** Earn some money and maybe travel abroad

**Advice for other students -**

Don't make excuses, make it happen



*Liam Middleton*

*Born to scroll on instagram reels.  
Forced to submit my assignments on time*

**Favourite moment at college -**  
Filming Besties at First Sight with Rueben Snow and Luke Brown

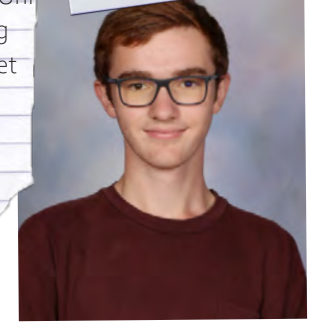
**Dream Job -** Test subject

**Plans after WC -** Going to Waikato Uni to study Environmental Engineering

**Advice for other students -** Don't let other people's expectations define who you become



*Hamish Mudford*



*Rueben Snow*



*If you're gonna be late you might as well go grab some breakfast and make it worth it*

**Favourite moment at college -** Making great friends along the way

**Dream Job -** Famous actor

**Plans after WC -** To go to university and get a bachelor in the arts

**Advice for other students -** Follow the herd it's easier that way



*Mario Newton*

*profoundpondering8575*

**Favourite moment at college**  
Maths in year 10 and 11

**Dream Job -** MMA Fighter

**Plans after WC -** Be a professional fighter

**Advice for other students -**  
Don't vape, you might die



*Sania Kumar*

*Keep calm and carry on*

**Favourite moment at college**  
House days

**Dream Job -** Flight attendant

**Advice for other students -**

Be kind and helpful to new students

*Hate has four letters, but so does love. Enemies has seven letters, but so does friends. Negativity has ten letters but so does positivity. You always have a choice, so choose the better side of it.*

**Favourite moment at college**  
Playing MUSIC and being a part of the Grease production in 2023!

**Dream Job -** Professional Musician

**Plans after WC -** Study Electrical and Electronics or Mechanical Engineering, hopefully at Waikato

**Advice for other students -**

Time may be relative to velocity and mass, but the time you spend and the memories you make at school are relative to what you make it. Finish school in a way you will remember, make friends, get out there, go be you, and most importantly respect your teachers as they do a lot more than you think! Also, please don't shoot the pianist, he's doing his best!



*Hamish McKinnon*



*Ikenoor Kaur*

*Be grateful for everything*

**Dream Job -** Accountant

**Plans after WC -** Hopefully doing online courses

**Advice for other students -**

Be kind and helpful



Logan Brady



*Cut all the strings with people who are holding you back*

**Favourite moment at college** - My favourite moment in all my school time was definitely when me, and Freaky Freddy, would compete against each other and try to get a better result in culinary and then we would both mess it up.

**Dream Job** - To be a head chef at a five star restaurant

**Plans after WC** - I would like to do three years at Wintec training to be a chef then go traveling across to Germany see Freddy and the other exchange students

**Advice for other students** - You miss 100% of the shots you don't take; give everything a go and give it all you've got. You might not get a chance again to be young; truly live your life and don't just be alive.

*We all die. The goal in life isn't to live forever, but to create something that will*

**Favourite moment at college** - Everything

**Dream Job** - Chiropractor

**Plans after WC** - Go to chiropractor college or uni for a year. Then buy a Porsche

**Advice for other students** -

Try your best at school while having fun, or leave

*"I didn't choose the skux life... the skux life chose me" - Ricky Baker*

**Favourite moment at college** -

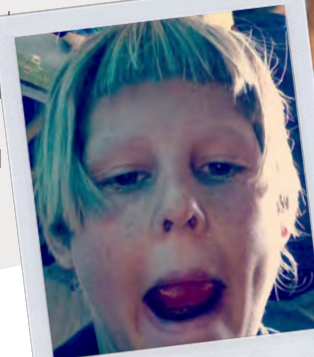
When Toby farted and sneezed at the same time

**Dream Job** - Air New Zealand International Airline Captain

**Plans after WC** - Flight School

**Advice for other students** -

Study hard so you can get out of hair like a bald man



Roman Harries



Jack Hensley



William Krause

Chama

**Favourite moment at college** -

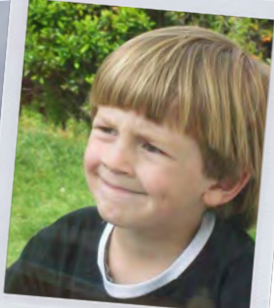
Grappling at Year 10 Camp

**Dream Job** - K-1 kickboxer

**Plans after WC** - Toi-Ohomai

**Advice for other students** -

Mind your own business



Oliver Goddard

*"I be taking naps" - Kanye West*

**Favourite moment at college** -

Being with the boys

**Dream Job** - Prime Minister

**Plans after WC** - Camp America

**Advice for other students** -

Go outside



Tiare Parker

Mufti Day



*You will realise how important time is when you reach year 13*

**Favourite moment at college** - Outdoor tramps with the trio

**Dream Job** - Victoria Secret Angel

**Plans after WC** - Work in the mine for a year, then buy a van and travel Aotearoa

**Advice for other students** - In reality the only way you will ever be poor is if you are unhappy in life



Kyle Sorley



*"I understood the assignment. I just didn't do it"*

Favourite moment at college - Yr 13 Geo trip

Dream Job - Deadpool

Plans after WC - Work for a year, then go somewhere wonderful

Advice for other students - Sometimes it is better to just pass your assessment than to run out of time making one part perfect and failing the rest

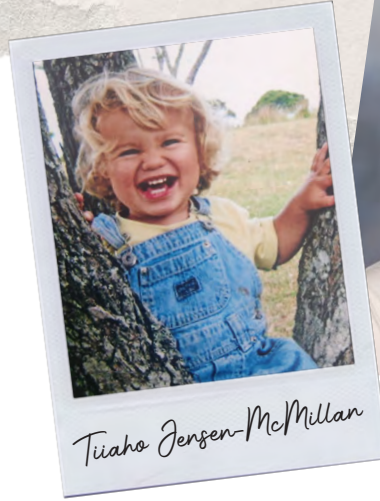
*No - Rosa Parks*

Favourite moment at college - Catching a wicked snapper on the kayak trip haha year 13s will know

Dream Job - SAS

Plans after WC - Military

Advice for other students - Hydrate



Tiaho Jensen-McMillan



Sabine Rush

*Don't follow your dreams. follow me on instagram @sabinelrush*

Favourite moment at college - Brooke Kelly

Dream Job - WAG

Plans after WC - After Waihi College I plan to go to University and study a degree in business majoring in marketing and management.

Advice for other students - I can, I will, I did

*Life always offers you a second chance. it's called tomorrow*

Favourite moment at college - Yr 13 History trip

Dream Job - Nurse

Plans after WC - Attend Waikato University

Advice for other students

Always do your work on time



Lydia Pennell

*Oh well... it is what it is*

Favourite moment at college -

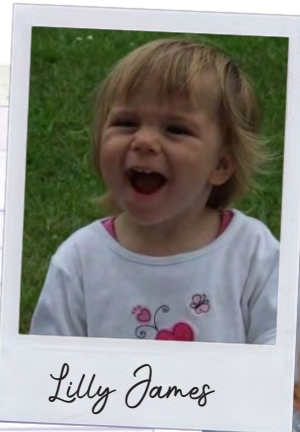
Yr 13 History trip

Dream Job - Teacher

Plans after WC - Teacher aiding

Advice for other students -

The only thing that feels better than succeeding, is succeeding when nobody thought you could



Lilly James



*Pink Shirt Day*





Deanna Dodd



*"Leave me alone. I know what I'm doing"* - Kimi Räikkönen  
 Favourite moment at college - Yr13 South Island Geo trip with Mr Kayes  
 Dream Job - Criminal/Forensic Psychology  
 Plans after WC - Gap Year  
 Advice for other students - Don't leave everything to the last minute



Scarlett Chambers



*The end of an era*  
 Favourite moment at college - School camps  
 Dream Job - Architect  
 Plans after WC - Architecture at Uni of Auckland and get rich  
 Advice for other students - Never underestimate the importance of studying



Maya Dodd

*"Be the change you want to see in the world"* - Mahatma Gandhi

Favourite moment at college - Lunch Dates with Hayaat  
 Dream Job - Millionaire  
 Plans after WC - Study a Bachelor of Law at the University of Waikato  
 Advice for other students - Be yourself. Have fun and enjoy it while it lasts

*Nothing is easy but who wants nothing?*

Favourite moment at college - Building the shed in year 12 building and condition  
 Plans after WC - Travel  
 Advice for other students - Don't be like David Gearon



Kodie Honey

Plans after WC - Probably just gonna get really rich  
 Advice for other students - You're probably gonna be okay so don't worry so much



Maggie Gerbich-Burroughs



*Beach School kids know what's up!*  
 Favourite moment at college - Mr Tait deciding to take a tiki tour to a cemetery during the Year 13 Geo trip and missing one of our activities  
 Dream Job - Ramen chef  
 Plans after WC - Study Neuroscience at Otago  
 Advice for other students - Go hearty in all your subjects, there's nothing more rewarding than a trophy



Kohu Nathan



Amy Harris

*Never be so kind you forget to be clever.  
 Never be so clever you forget to be kind.*  
 Favourite moment at college - Year 13 Geo trip  
 Dream Job - Spiderman  
 Plans after WC - Camp America and travel  
 Advice for other students - Take Level 3 Geography

*Tradie Day*





Cassidy Shaw

*"I have no wings, so I guess I'll look up at this sky, and crawl along the earth"*

**Favourite moment at college** - When me and my good mate Tii had a wicked time on the battle station! Haha!

Only year 13s will know!

**Dream Job** - Some kind of performing

**Plans after WC** - Keep it lowkey Fr as always, keep it baller as still tho

**Advice for other students** - Become the beast, let it consume you

*I never broke any rules.*

*I just saw how far they'd bend*

**Favourite moment at college** -

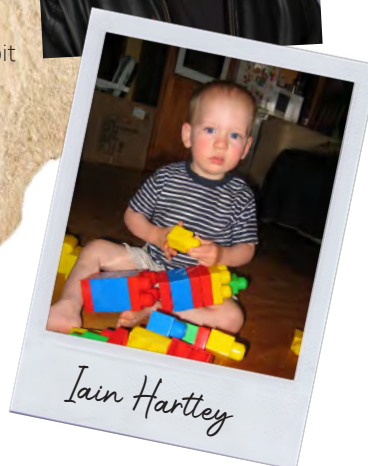
Winning most outstanding music producer trophy

**Dream Job** - Cargo Pilot or Music Producer

**Plans after WC** - Do my thing for a bit

**Advice for other students** -

Most of what you'll learn isn't on the board



Iain Hartley



Toby van der Zwan

*Don't be the class clown...*

*otherwise you'll end up like Phil*

**Favourite moment at college** - Proposing to Oliver with a piece of gum at senior camp

**Dream Job** - Fishing TV show **Plans after WC** - Camp America

**Advice for other students** - Make sure you're on the teacher's good side



Sam Morrow



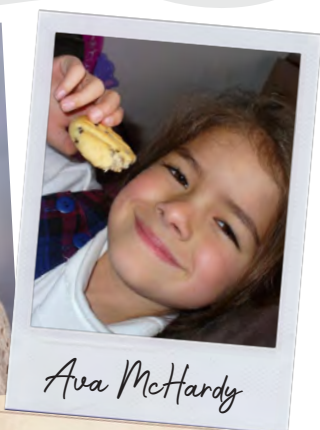
*"You have a lot of work to do Sam, get fracking to it!" - Ben Kayes*

**Favourite moment at college** - There are so many!! The Year 13 Geography trip was awesome, especially playing Catan and only putting my settlements on brick which made for a hilarious game

**Dream Job** - Kung Fu Panda

**Plans after WC** - Bachelor of Science at either Victoria or Waikato

**Advice for other students** - "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." - Maya Angelou



Ava McHardy

*Everyone should be their own biggest fan - Kanye West*

**Favourite moment at college** - Year 13 History trip with Mrs Morley, I very much enjoyed the Caledonia Dairy portal

**Dream Job** - Selling fake gucci tracksuits for a lot of money

**Plans after WC** - Work for the first half of the year and then study at Toi Ohomai

**Advice for other students** - Have fun

*863 Neva folds*

*- a very wise man*

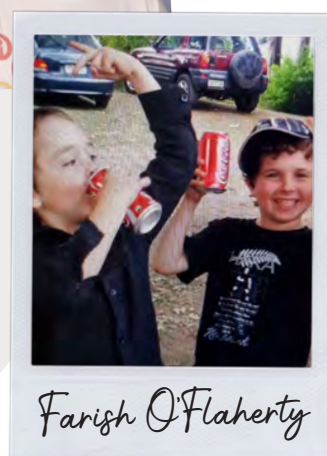
**Favourite moment at college** - Hanging out with the boys

**Dream Job** - Politician

**Plans after WC** - Go overseas for a year then join the Airforce

**Advice for other students**

School is only as fun as you make it so take every opportunity that is available to you



Farish O'Flaherty



Paige Capper



*I appreciate my friends and family so much but you won't catch me saying that out loud so I'll put it here lmas*

**Favourite moment at college** - Karaoke in room 3 and Caledonia Dairy portal

**Dream Job** - Real estate agent

**Plans after WC** - Working and making bank

**Advice for other students** - Attend classes

*I'd rather be happy on the weekend than do homework*

**Favourite moment at college** -

This is my favorite moment

**Dream Job** - Billionaire

**Plans after WC** -

Racking up student debt studying psychology

**Advice for other students** -

Take Level 3 Geography.



Thalia Trepels



*For four years I had my AirPods in and nobody knew...*

**Favourite moment at college** - Service with a Smile trip to the Hamilton Zoo

**Dream Job** - Own a cat café

**Plans after WC** - Study Mechatronics Engineering in Tauranga

**Advice for other students** -

Take Culinary Arts - Fitzys the best



Hayaat Dass



*Monkeys - Zak B*

**Favourite moment at college** -

Most hated year 7 class

**Dream Job** -

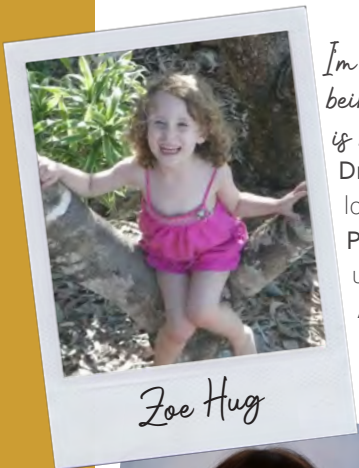
General Manager at Krusty Krab

**Plans after WC** - Mechanic apprenticeship

**Advice for other students** - Take outdoor



David Gearon



Zoe Hug

*I'm one step away from being rich, now all I need is money*

**Dream Job** - Winning the lottery

**Plans after WC** - Go to university in Perth

**Advice for other students** -

Take Level 3 Finance

*I'm back bogos, told y'all it wasn't cancer!*

**Favourite moment at college** -

Dropping out in year 10

**Dream Job** - Batman

**Plans after WC** - Become a black belt in martial arts

**Advice for other students** -

Don't drop out



Zoe Malcolm



*Pajama Day*



*Saved the best Davison for last*  
Favourite moment at college -

Having the three coolest Davisons at school all at once

**Dream Job** - Nursing and beauty therapy - an industry where I can help others and make others feel better whether its to help them when they are sick or help them feel better about themselves

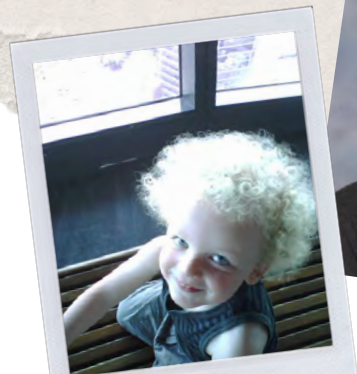
**Plans after WC** - Study for three years at Toi Ohomai doing a Bachelor of Nursing

**Advice for other students** -

Be nice to your teachers, they are the ones that pass you



Favourite moment at college - Every Spirit Days  
**Dream Job** - Animator/Character Artist  
**Plans after WC** - Art University



Egra Sargent



*Live life and quit school*

Favourite moment at college - Signing out

**Dream Job** - Librarian

**Plans after WC** - Studying Electrical at Toi Ohomai

**Advice for other students** - Leave as soon as you can

*Fortuna verissima est mundi monete*

Favourite moment at college - Watching Transformers: The Movie (1986) between rounds of hammering my spearhead into shape, for an entire day

**Plans after WC** - Move to Hamilton, volunteer at an op shop

**Advice for other students** - The more something matters to you, the less you should trust anyone else to do it



*Girls I'm not looking at you.*

*I'm looking at your boyfriends*

Favourite moment at college -

Food Manufacturing in Year 11

**Dream Job** - Mirabel in Disney On Ice

**Plans after WC** - Business at University

**Advice for other students** -

Don't do the wordle in class



*Class of 2024*





