



### Surf Lifesaving New Zealand Northern Region Championships

Congratulations to Max Morley on an outstanding performance at last weekend's Northern Region Surf Lifesaving Championships!

Max achieved an impressive 1st place in the U17 Male Surf Ski event and also earned a spot in the final of the U17 Board Race.

Max's success is a reflection of his dedication and hard work, not only as a committed athlete but also as a coach in surf lifesaving. We are incredibly proud of his achievements and the positive example he sets for others in our school community. Well done, Max!



### Oceans, Junior Surf Lifesaving Nationals 2026

Last week 7 of our junior students took the challenge of competing at Oceans 2026, New Zealand's four day annual Junior Surf Life Saving Nationals.

This year the competition was held at Papamoa, hosting well over 700 athletes all aged 10 to 14. Our local surf club, Waihi Beach SLSC, brought home 10 medals across the different disciplines of Surf Life Saving, including ocean swimming, board paddling, rescues, beach sprints at flags. But in particular winning the highly prestigious U14 Male Board Relay.

Surf Life Saving as a sport teaches young athletes the skills required to be competent surf lifeguards, save lives, and serve communities around the country.

Well done to Beau Wilson, Addison Wilson, Kahu Appleton, Max Macintyre, Finn Macintyre, Nash Macintyre and Addison Macintyre



### Lunch-Time Sports

Our students are really making the most of their lunch breaks by getting active and involved in Lunch Time Sports.

To help keep everyone active we have a **Sports Equipment Check-Out Bin** available during breaks from the Sport Coordinators office. Students can borrow balls and other equipment.

It's fantastic to see so many students choosing to spend their time being active, inclusive, and supportive of one another. Keep up the great work!



### Summer Volleyball

Volleyball continues to trend upward at our school, with more and more students getting involved and developing their skills each season. It's fantastic to see the growing enthusiasm and commitment across all teams — the kids are absolutely loving it!

A huge thank you to our dedicated coaches, managers, and selectors who generously give their time to support our students. Your guidance and encouragement play a vital role in the continued success and growth of volleyball at our school.

We're excited to see this momentum continue — go teams!

### Calling all Coaches

If you're keen to coach in 2026 we have an opening for a Junior Girls Basketball Coach, as well as Year 7&8 Netball. Please email Jess O'Brien at [jesso@waihicol.school.nz](mailto:jesso@waihicol.school.nz) or Ariana Te Wake at [arianat@waihicol.school.nz](mailto:arianat@waihicol.school.nz) to apply directly.



### Uniforms

We still have a number of unreturned uniforms from 2025. Please check your children's draws, wardrobes, under beds, and school bags. Netball Dresses, Basketball uniforms, Multi Sport Tees, Multi Sport singlets.

**Waihi College Sport Coach Appointments 2026**

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



### International Netball Festival - Fiji

Well done to Dakota Cardie and ex student Palace O'Brien who competed at the International Netball Festival held in Fiji in December with their Tu Fast Netball Team.

The team faced strong competition from Australia and Fiji. The team finished 3rd in their section and missed out on top 4 by 1 point. They placed 6th overall in a challenging and highly competitive tournament.



### Thames Valley u16 Touch Nationals

Well done to Mitchell Paynter and ex student Marlo Nopper who recently competed at the u16 Touch Nationals in Christchurch with their u16 Thames Valley Touch team.

The had some very equal playing competition that were highly competitive, which resulted in a few wins, draws, and close losses - 1 try in the game.

Well done guys. Keep striving and learning.



### Thames Valley SKULKS

Congratulations and well done to Andre Buskermolen, Isla Freeman, and Jamie Hughes on your selections for the 2026 Rugby SKULKS program.

### Maori Basketball Nationals

Well done to Dakota Cardie, Jaylah Rolleston, Rylee Morgan, and ex student Aaliyah Hill who represented Hauraki u20 Waihi at the Maori Basketball Nationals in Rotorua in late January.

Day 1 saw the team divided as many were unable to get to the venue due to flooding. The team eventually re-connected, and finished 4th place overall.

Well done girls.



Do you have news to share of your tamariki and their sporting achievements, yes individual and club achievements as well. Remember we can only share what we know. Please email details through to Jess via email: [jesso@waihicol.school.nz](mailto:jesso@waihicol.school.nz)

## COMING UP

- Waihi College Athletics (Year 9-13)- Wednesday 25th February
- Thames Valley Touch - Thursday 5th March
- Waihi College Swimming - Friday 6th March
- Year 7&8 Spiker Volleyball Tournament - Saturday 7th March
- Waikato Secondary Schools Tennis Championships - Tuesday 10th March
- Thames Valley Athletics - Wednesday 11th March
- Thames Valley Senior 3x3 - Friday 13th March
- Pegasus Cup - 15th / 16th /17th March
- Thames Valley Rugby Union - Rippa Rugby Championships (Year 7&8) - Wednesday 18th March
- Waikato Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Athletics Championships - Wednesday 18th March
- Thames Valley Swimming - Thursday 19th March
- Thames Valley Tennis - Friday 20th March