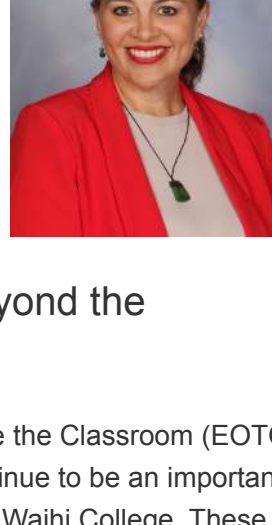


WAIHĪ COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 4 2026

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Kia ora e te whānau o Waihi College, It has been another full and positive week across our kura, with many opportunities for our young people to connect, participate, and challenge themselves.

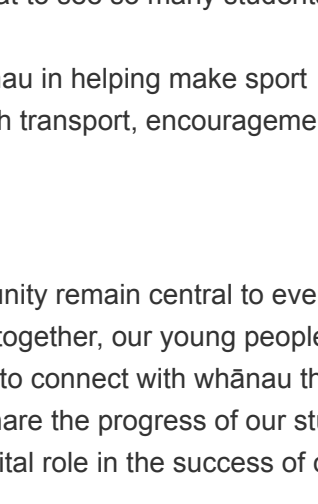


Celebrating Success

Congratulations to all students and staff for a fantastic Swimming Sports Day last week. It was wonderful to see so many students enthusiastically supporting their houses, competing with pride, and contributing valuable points. The energy, encouragement, and house spirit on display made the day a real celebration of participation and community. A special thank you also goes to our Year 8 teachers and the parents who supported the recent Year 8 camp at Maratoto. It was an epic few days for our youngest students, filled with learning, challenge, and connection in the outdoors. Experiences like this help build confidence, resilience, and strong friendships. It was particularly special to see our Year 13 students stepping into leadership roles, providing fantastic tuakana-teina support and guiding our younger students throughout the camp. Their leadership and care for our Year 8 students truly reflect the values we want to see across our kura.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) opportunities continue to be an important part of learning at Waihi College. These experiences provide powerful opportunities for students to grow, connect with others, and develop new skills. As always, these events rely on a number of factors including weather conditions and external circumstances. At times plans may need to change at short notice, so please keep an eye on school communications, newsletters, and emails from staff for updates. Your flexibility and understanding help ensure we can continue to provide these opportunities safely.



Sport at Waihi College

Sport is also well underway for the year, with many trials and team selection processes currently taking place across a range of codes. It is great to see so many students putting themselves forward and giving things a go. We are always grateful for the ongoing support of whānau in helping make sport accessible for our young people, whether that is through transport, encouragement, or time given to support teams and events.

Whānau and Community Partnerships

Strong relationships with whānau and our wider community remain central to everything we do. When schools, families, and communities work together, our young people thrive. Over the coming months we look forward to continuing to connect with whānau through events, celebrations of learning, and opportunities to share the progress of our students. Your support, encouragement, and partnership play a vital role in the success of our rangatahi.

Looking Ahead

As the year unfolds there will be many exciting events, learning opportunities, and celebrations across the school. I encourage our community to stay connected through our newsletters and school communications so you can share in the journey alongside our students. Thank you for the continued support you give to Waihi College. Together we are building a school where every young person feels valued, supported, and inspired to achieve their goals.

Ngā mihi nui,
Briar Principal | Tumuaiki Waihi College

CHANGE OF BANK DETAILS

WAIHĪ COLLEGE
CHANGE OF BANK DETAILS
ACCOUNT: WAIHĪ COLLEGE BOARD
NUMBER: 12-3171-0263271-00

Please check that you've updated our kura bank account details.

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

Our old school account is due to close at the end of this month, so please update ASAP

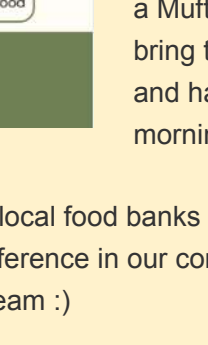
COMING UP

WAIHĪ COLLEGE ST PATS DAY: 17TH MARCH

CELEBRATE SAINT PATRICK'S DAY BY COMING TO SCHOOL IN GREEN, YELLOW, OR RAINBOW COLOURS! STUDENTS MAY WEAR MUFTI WITH A GOLD COIN DONATION.

WE'LL ALSO BE HOLDING A BAKE SALE ON THE DAY. IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP OUT, FEEL FREE TO BAKE SOMETHING AND BRING IT TO THE STUDENT CENTRE. ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS PROTECTING OUR VERY OWN HOLLIS BUSH!

GET INVOLVED, HAVE FUN, AND SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE!



Saint Patrick's Day

Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day on 17th March by coming to school in green, yellow, or rainbow colours! Students may wear mufti with a gold coin donation. We'll also be holding a bake sale on the day. If you'd like to help out, feel free to bake something and bring it to the Student Centre. All money raised will go towards protecting our very own Hollis Bush! Get involved, have fun, and support a great cause!

FOOD DRIVE

Join Waihi College in supporting families in need this month by donating non-perishable food items to our Reception or Student Centre between 23rd and 31st March. We finish off with a school MUFTI DAY on 31st - bring a coin instead of a gold coin.

MUFTI DAY 31 March

ITEMS NEEDED

- Canned goods
- Nice pasta & grains
- Hygiene products
- Cereal & baby food

Waihi Leadership
World College members,
Student Centre or Info Desk

Help us support our local community with our upcoming Food Drive and Mufti Day!

Instead of bringing a gold coin, we're asking students to bring a can or any non-perishable food item like pasta, tinned tuna or tomatoes, cereals etc. From Monday 23rd March, Waihi College will be a community drop-off point, where donations from the community can be placed in the Student Centre or at the Front Office. On Tuesday 31st March, we will be holding a Mufti Day. This is when students can bring their non-perishable item to school and hand it to their Ako teacher in the morning instead of a gold coin donation.

All food collected will be donated to local food banks to help support families in need. Thank you for helping us make a difference in our community! Waihi College Student Leadership team :)

WAIHĪ COLLEGE JUBILEE

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF WAIHĪ COLLEGE BEING A YEAR 7-13 SCHOOL

18TH MARCH AT 10AM
WAIHĪ COLLEGE STAFF ROOM

YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF WAIHĪ COLLEGE AS A YEAR 7-13 SCHOOL

THIS YEAR MARKS 50 YEARS SINCE WAIHĪ COLLEGE WELCOMED FORM 1 AND 2 STUDENTS - NOW OUR YEAR 7 AND 8 AKAHUA - BECOMING THE FULL COLLEGE OUR COMMUNITY KNOWS AND LOVES TODAY. WE WARMLY INVITE PAST STAFF, FORMER STUDENTS, WHĀNAU AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO JOIN US FOR A JUBILEE MORNING TEA.

10:00 AM
10:00 DRAAM
WAIHĪ COLLEGE STAFF ROOM

COME AND RECONNECT AND SHARE STORIES OVER A CUPPA. IT'S A CHANCE TO CELEBRATE THE PEOPLE, THE MEMORIES, AND THE GENERATIONS WHO HAVE SHAPED OUR KURA OVER THE PAST 50 YEARS. WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE.

You're invited to celebrate 50 years of Waihi College as a year 7-13 school: 18th March

This year marks 50 years since Waihi College welcomed Form 1 and 2 students — now our Year 7 and 8 akihua — becoming the full college our community knows and loves today. We warmly invite past staff, former students, whānau and community members to join us for a Jubilee Morning Tea: **18th March, 10am in the Waihi College staffroom**

Come and reconnect and share stories over a cuppa. It's a chance to celebrate the people, the memories, and the generations who have shaped our kura over the past 50 years.

We would love to see you there.

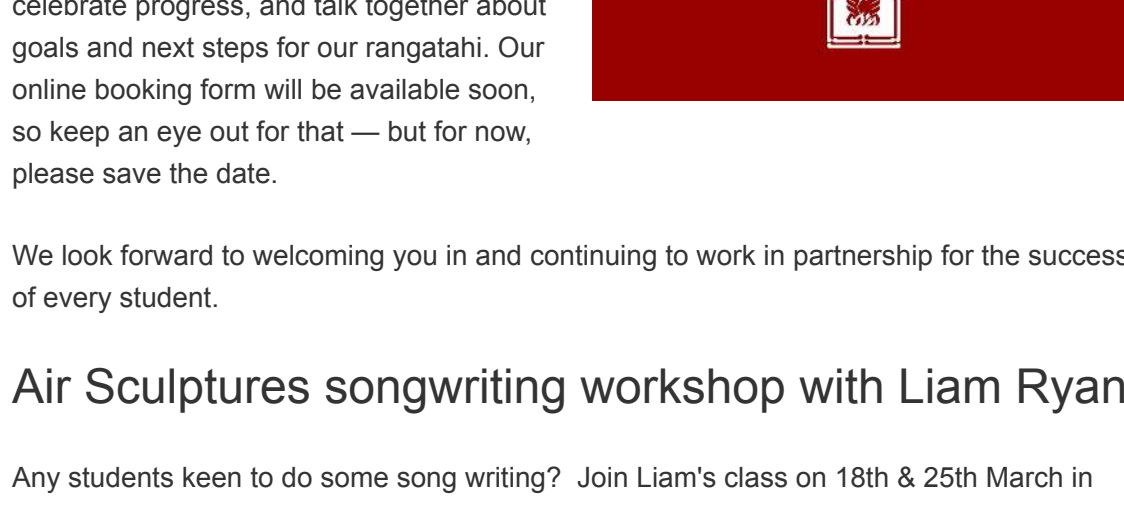
Waihi College Students Explore Career Pathways in Mining

Thirty-six Waihi College students were invited onsite for our annual Careers Day, gaining firsthand insights into the diverse range of professions within the mining sector and the necessary training to get there.

In partnership with Alton Drilling, students heard from team members at our Moresby office working across accounting, environmental management, projects, community development, human resources, and geology. From there, the group headed behind the gates to meet with our tradespeople and an underground service crew member, each a former Waihi College student themselves.

Hearing directly from people who once sat in the same classrooms helped bring these career pathways to life.

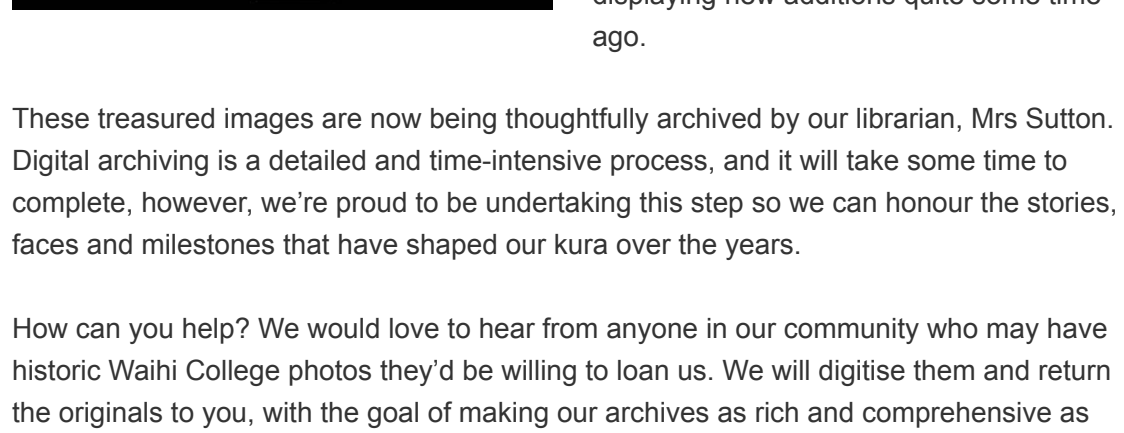
"The opportunity for students to explore future positions within a company that employs more than 560 people locally is incredibly valuable" said Community Development Advisor Phil Salmon. Students were also introduced to the Mining Skills Development Course. Those selected for the programme will have the opportunity to build practical skills in areas such as manual driving, working at heights, and visiting the underground mine environment to better understand what working onsite involves.



YEAR 8 CAMP

Last week, Te Arawa Waka (Year 8's) went on camp for 3 days, 2 nights to the beautiful Maratoto Valley. The weather played its part, scorching hot during the day and freezing cold during the night and early mornings. Our tamariki were challenged by long walks through streams and mud puddles.

They enjoyed swims in the river, playing camp games, eating crickets and sitting around the camp fire. A huge thank you to the teachers, parents and of course Mr Tai's Year 13 Outdoor Education class who came along to support our ākonga.



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS: 14TH MAY

Whānau, please pop this one in your calendars: Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held next term on 14 May, from 2.00pm to 6.00pm.

WAIHĪ COLLEGE
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

WE ARE HOLDING PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS NEXT TERM, 14TH MAY FROM 2PM-6PM

SAVE THE DATE

ONLINE BOOKINGS AVAILABLE SOON SO KEEP AN EYE OUT!

This is a valuable opportunity to connect, celebrate progress, and talk together about goals and next steps for our rangatahi. Our online booking form will be available soon, so keep an eye out for that — but for now, please save the date.

We look forward to welcoming you in and continuing to work in partnership for the success of every student.

Air Sculptures songwriting workshop with Liam Ryan

Any students keen to do some song writing? Join Liam's class on 18th & 25th March in the Waihi theatre. **See Mr Randall for details**

DIGITIZED ARCHIVING

WAIHĪ COLLEGE
OLD COLLEGE PHOTOS??

WE ARE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR HISTORIC WAIHĪ COLLEGE PHOTOS

GET IN TOUCH WITH US AT WENDYS@WAIHICOL.SCHOOL.NZ

Waihi College is currently working on a very special project — building our digitised archives through the [library link](#) on our website. In 2023/2024, our hall underwent a significant upgrade. The project included a full repaint, the installation of beautiful Matariki constellation feature, refreshed values posters, and new electronic blinds. As part of this upgrade, the historic photographs that once lined the hall were carefully removed. Many were beginning to fade, and we had reached capacity for displaying new additions quite some time ago.

These treasured images are now being thoughtfully archived by our librarian, Mrs Sutton. Digital archiving is a detailed and time-intensive process, and it will take some time to complete, however, we're proud to be undertaking this step so we can honour the stories, faces and milestones that have shaped our kura over the years.

How can you help? We would love to hear from anyone in our community who may have historic Waihi College photos they'd be willing to loan us. We will digitise them and return the originals to you, with the goal of making our archives as rich and comprehensive as possible. Please get in touch with Wendy at wendys@waihicol.school.nz

Together, we can preserve and celebrate the history of Waihi College for generations to come.

Head Students & Sports Honors Board: Community Support to help preserve our history

As part of our ongoing work to update and preserve the history of our kura, we are hoping to fill a small but important gap in our records.

We are currently seeking the names of our Head Students for 1974 and 1975 so we can complete our beautiful new Head Students Board, which will be proudly displayed in the school hall. If you're able to help us fill in these missing details, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Wendy at wendys@waihicol.school.nz.

We are also welcoming support for the creation of our new Head Students and Sports Honours Boards. If you or your whānau are interested in sponsoring one of these special pieces of our school's history, please let us know at wendys@waihicol.school.nz — we would be truly grateful for any contribution that helps bring this project to life.

Massive thanks to Mary Carmine who has already stepped forward and kindly donated some funds towards this important project! Ngā mihi nui Mary.

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WAIHĪ CLUB - WAIHĪ RSA
ANZAC DAY SATURDAY, 25TH APRIL
Dawn Service 6am
Breakfast Straight After Dawn Service
Cemetery 8am
March to School (schedule coming soon!)
At the Club at 10.30am
Lunch at the RSA

WAIHĪ CLUB - WAIHĪ RSA
THE MILITARY EX-SERVICE SOCIETY N.Z.
Come and experience an exciting Military Display with incredible entertainment at the RSA on the 25th April. Reserve your place today!
Get ready for an action-packed day at the Waihi RSA!
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• Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner available
• FREE entry for all
Bring the family, bring your friends, and don't miss this fantastic community event. It's going to be a great day out!

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PARENT CORNER

WAIHĪ COLLEGE HAS A SCHOOL NURSE AVAILABLE MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 8.30AM-4.30PM 9-13 AVAILABLE FOR YEAR 7-8 IN EMERGENCIES

POP IN TO THE BUILDING NEXT TO THE TREE OF LIFE WALK IN APPOINTMENT, OR TEXT/PHONE ON 0272983787

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IF YOU HAVE ANY HEALTH NEEDS OR QUESTIONS MARGIE GOLDSWORTHY / SCHOOL NURSE FOR WAIHĪ COLLEGE

Ngā mihi, with kind regards Margie (She/Her)

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