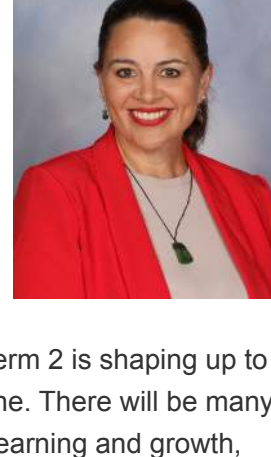


WAIHĪ COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 2026

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Waihi College, As we come to the close of a full and rewarding term, I wanted to take a moment to share some of the highlights and look ahead to what's coming.



Did you know we are fortunate to have an 11.9-hectare working farm right here on site? This is a special part of our kura, offering authentic, hands-on learning experiences for many of our ākonga. At the moment, a group of students are crafting high-quality farm gates—developing practical skills, precision, and pride in their work.

Alongside this, students are building their understanding of animal husbandry, including helping our newest additions, Ernie and Bert the alpacas, settle into their new home. It has been wonderful to see the care, responsibility, and curiosity our young people are showing in this space.

We were also incredibly proud of the students who represented us at the Shakespeare Festival this week. Their performances were outstanding, and they truly wowed with their confidence, creativity, and teamwork. Congratulations to all involved—what a fantastic achievement.

Massive thanks to our student leaders, who have championed raising awareness and acting on community needs. We have been blown away with the generosity of our kura community in bringing in dry goods to support our local Salvation Army, and boost their food drive. Well done to all, your expression of manaakitanga is amazing.

Ngā mihi nui,
Briar Principal | Tumukūi Waihi College

Looking ahead, Term 2 is shaping up to be a rich and busy one. There will be many opportunities for learning and growth, including the chance for some of our students to sit the CAA. We are excited about what lies ahead and the continued progress of our learners.

For now, I encourage everyone to take the time to rest and recharge over the holidays. Enjoy moments with whānau and friends, and return ready to make the most of all that Term 2 will bring. Happy Easter to you all!



WITH GRATITUDE AND REMEMBRANCE

Waihi College would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Harry Shepherd.

Harry was a pivotal part of Waihi College for many years through his leadership as Principal from 1984 to 2002, and a deeply valued member of our wider community for many years beyond that. His contribution and influence will be remembered by the many students, staff, and whānau whose lives he touched.



Our thoughts are with his loved ones at this time, and with all those who had the privilege of knowing him..

A Community Effort to Be Proud Of

Our recent mufti day took on a special meaning this week, as students were invited to bring along a can or non-perishable food item in place of the usual gold coin donation. The response from our school community was truly heartwarming. Thanks to the generosity of our students and whānau, we were able to collect an incredible amount of food, which has now been gratefully received by The Salvation Army.

At a time when many families in our community are doing it tough, these contributions will go a long way in providing much-needed support.

This initiative is a wonderful example of the care and compassion that sits at the heart of our school. It's about looking out for one another and stepping up when it matters most.

A special acknowledgement goes to Stella, (our Community Leader for 2026) for her leadership in organising this effort, and to our Head Students for championing such a meaningful project. Your initiative has made a real difference. To everyone who contributed—thank you.

Your kindness and generosity reflect the very best of our community.



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CHANGE OF BANK DETAILS

ACCOUNT: WAIHĪ COLLEGE BOARD
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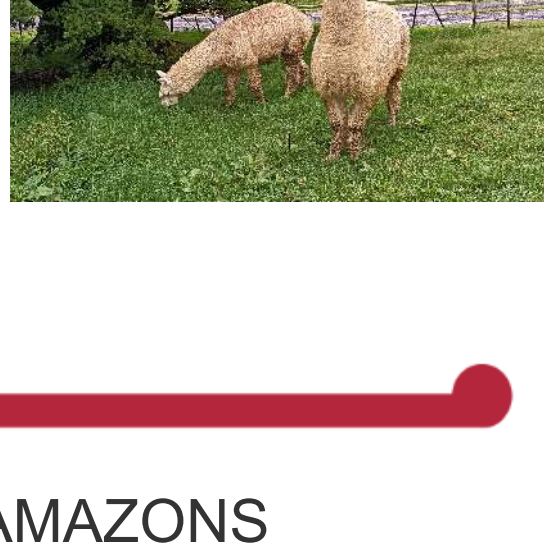
Our old school account has now closed

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

WELCOME BERT & ERNIE

Our school alpacas have arrived - they are father and son and very cute!

Please treat them kindly should you come by for a visit.



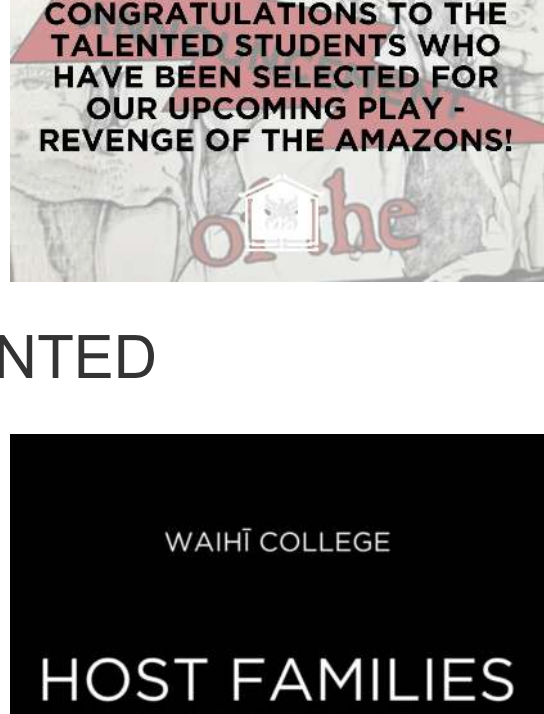
COMING UP

REVENGE OF THE AMAZONS

Rehearsals are under way and it's shaping up to be an amazing play.

We will keep you informed as we get closer to ticket selling time! They will be through Humanitix as per and we will have adult and concession prices, as well as a food stall

Keep an eye on socials, our newsletter and our website to stay informed.



HOST FAMILIES WANTED

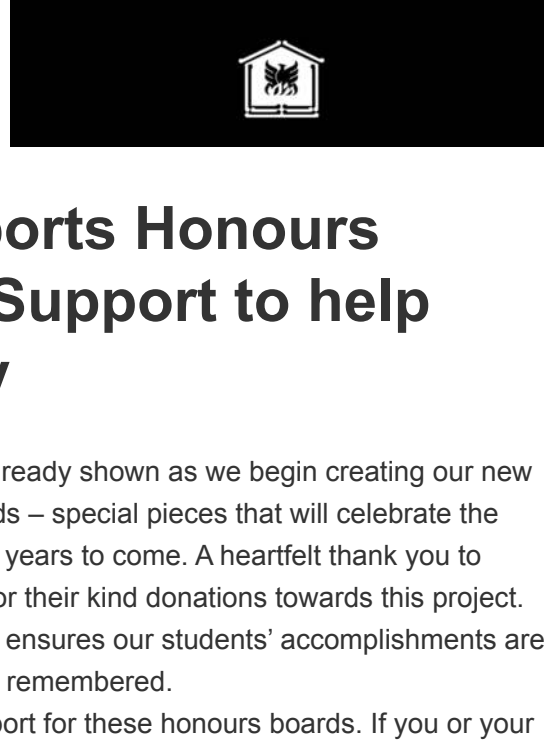
Create connections with people from all over the world

Introduce someone to your local area and traditions

Choose a hosting option that suits you, short or long term.

You Receive Weekly Payments for Hosting!

INTERESTED?
Contact: Magdeleen 021 0277 8120 or magdeleen@waihicol.school.nz



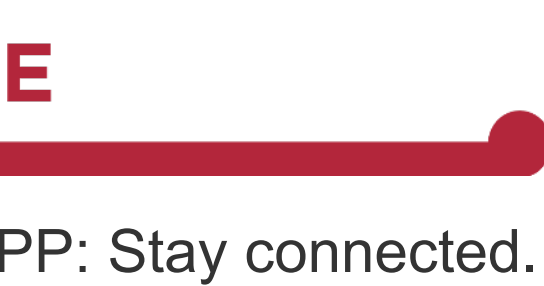
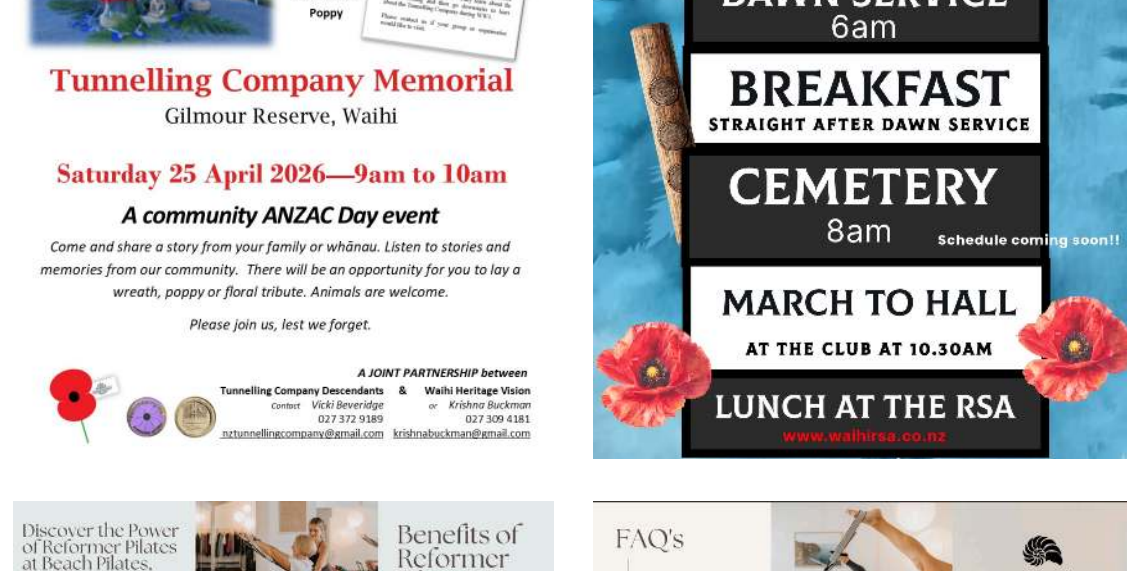
Head Students & Sports Honours Board: Community Support to help preserve our history

We're incredibly grateful for the generosity already shown as we begin creating our new Head Students and Sports Honours Boards – special pieces that will celebrate the achievements and legacy of our kura for years to come. A heartfelt thank you to **Margaret-Ellen Pipe** and **Mary Carmine** for their kind donations towards this project. Your support helps bring this vision to life and ensures our students' accomplishments are recognised and remembered.

We warmly welcome further community support for these honours boards. If you or your whānau, business, or organisation would like to be part of preserving this important part of our school's history, please get in touch at wendys@waihicol.school.nz. Every contribution, big or small, is truly appreciated.

Massive thanks to Margaret-Ellen Pipe and Mary Carmine who have stepped forward and kindly donated some funds towards this important project!

Ngā mihi nui Margaret and Mary.



SCHOOL WIDE

SCHOOL BRIDGE APP: Stay connected. Stay informed. Keep it simple

We're encouraging all students and caregivers to download the SchoolBridge app — your new first port of call for all things school-related.

- Mark absences in seconds
- Check notices and updates
- Stay in the loop wherever you are

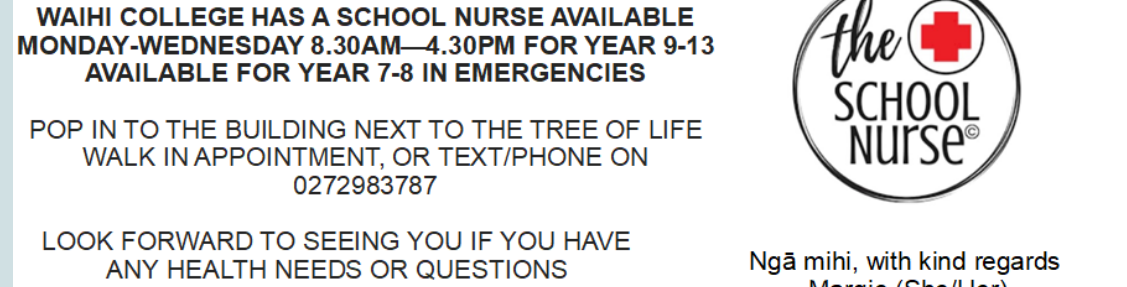
Getting started is easy:

STEP1: download the SchoolBridge App
Either scan the QR code or download via App Store or Google Play

STEP 2: Sign in with your school registered email

For caregivers, this is the email address you used when enrolling your student and for students, it is your school email address. *If you are unsure, use the 'Request a Magic Sign-in Code' option*

It's quick, convenient, and we'll be adding even more features as we go. Jump on board today and make school communication smoother for everyone!



PARENT CORNER

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

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

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



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

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