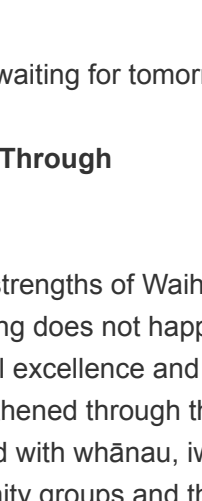


WAIHI COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Waihi College, Learning, Growing and Building a Legacy Together. As we move through another busy and exciting term, I have been reflecting on a question inspired by Legacy by James Kerr:



What kind of legacy do we want to leave behind, and what are we prepared to do about it?

Legacy is not something that appears at the end of our journey. It is built every day through who we are, what we are prepared to sacrifice, and the language we choose. It is shaped by how we treat others, how we respond to challenges, and how willing we are to keep learning and growing.

At Waihi College, our legacy will not be found in programmes or initiatives alone, but in the people we develop, the relationships we nurture and the collective spirit we create. If we lead authentically, serve humbly and strengthen our sense of *kohahinga*, we will leave something that endures long after our individual roles have changed.

In our current context, this means continuing to be learners ourselves. It means choosing curiosity over defensiveness, embracing feedback, and asking, "How can I make a difference

today?" rather than waiting for tomorrow.

Creating Pathways Through Partnerships

One of the greatest strengths of Waihi College is that learning does not happen in isolation. Educational excellence and future pathways are strengthened through the relationships we build with whānau, iwi, businesses, community groups and the many people who generously support our young people.

Whether it is students restoring Hollis Bush, caring for the new beehives (coming) on our farm, participating in sports exchanges, preparing for international experiences, developing leadership skills, or expressing themselves through the arts, our students are learning in authentic ways that connect them to their futures and to their community.

Together, we are creating pathways that prepare young people not just for employment, but for life.

Revenge of the Amazons – Opening This Week!

Excitement is building as our talented cast and crew prepare to bring *Revenge of the Amazons* to the stage this week.

Months of dedication, creativity and teamwork have gone into this production, and it truly reflects what makes Waihi College special. Students, staff, whānau and community supporters have all played a part, demonstrating that great things happen when we work together.

I warmly invite our community to come along and support our students. This promises to be an epic show filled with laughter, drama and plenty of talent.

Revenge of the Amazons @ Waihi College

Tickets can be booked through Humanix. Simply head to www.humanix.com and search for "Revenge of the Amazons – Waihi College", or follow the link shared on our Facebook page and school website. Bring your whānau, invite your friends and enjoy an evening celebrating the creativity and courage of our young people.

As a community, we are all writing our legacy together. May it be one characterised by service, learning, connection and hope. A legacy that says we cared deeply, gave generously and worked together to ensure every young person could flourish.

Ngā mānaukātanga,
Brian Principal | Tumuaiki Waihi College

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that every day at Waihi College, our students are building more than qualifications?

Through kapa haka, performing arts, sports, leadership opportunities, vocational pathways, outdoor education, mentoring, community projects, and classroom learning, our young people are developing the skills, confidence, resilience, and relationships that will shape their futures.

Whether they are performing on stage, supporting younger students, working towards NCEA, representing the school, caring for our environment, or exploring future careers through Gateway and workplace experiences, our students are learning what it means to contribute to something bigger than themselves.

At Waihi College, success isn't measured solely by results. It's also measured by the kindness shown to others, the courage to try something new, the willingness to learn from mistakes, and the positive difference our students make in our school and wider community.

Every day, our students are writing their own legacy—and we couldn't be prouder.

Calling all Bakers!

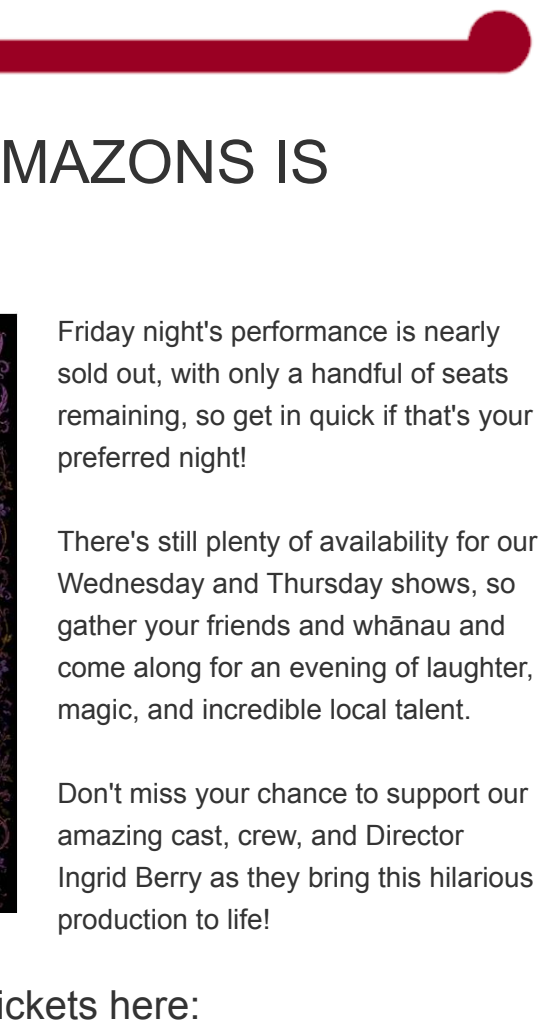
We're putting out the call for homemade goodies to help stock the food stall at our production of *Revenge of the Amazons*!

Rather than buying food to sell, we'd love donations from our amazing kura and wider community. Every muffin, slice, brownie, biscuit, cake, or sweet treat helps raise funds to cover the costs of the play and support our Drama Department.

And because we're a competitive bunch... we're turning it into a baking competition! Each night we'll have a "People's Choice" vote, with audience members able to cast their vote for their favourite baking creation. The winning baker each night will take home a prize!

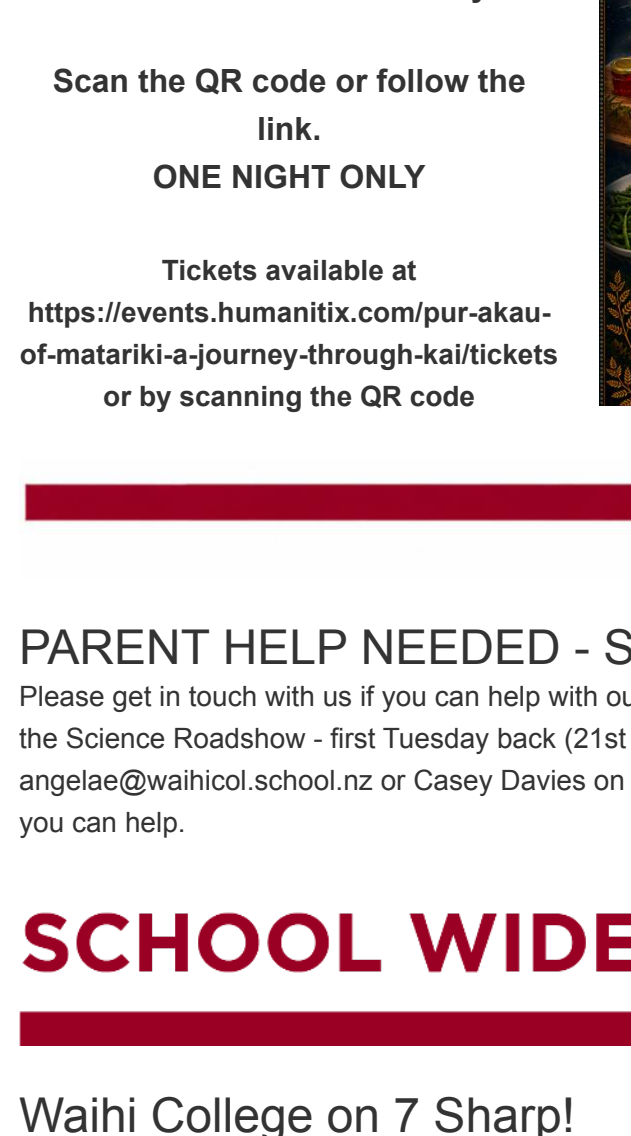
Baking can be dropped off each day from Wednesday 24th, through to Friday 26th at either the Front Office or the Student Centre, and will be proudly displayed (and hopefully quickly sold!) that evening.

So dust off those recipe books, fire up the oven, and help us make our food stall as spectacular as the show itself. Thank you for supporting our talented cast and crew — we can't wait to see what you bake!



COMING UP

REVENGE OF THE AMAZONS IS ALMOST HERE!



Friday night's performance is nearly sold out, with only a handful of seats remaining, so get in quick if that's your preferred night!

There's still plenty of availability for our Wednesday and Thursday shows, so gather your friends and whānau and come along for an evening of laughter, magic, and incredible local talent.

Don't miss your chance to support our amazing cast, crew, and Director Ingrid Berry as they bring this hilarious production to life!

Get your tickets here:

<https://events.humanix.com/revenge-of-the-amazons>

The Purākau of Matariki - a journey through kai: 24th July

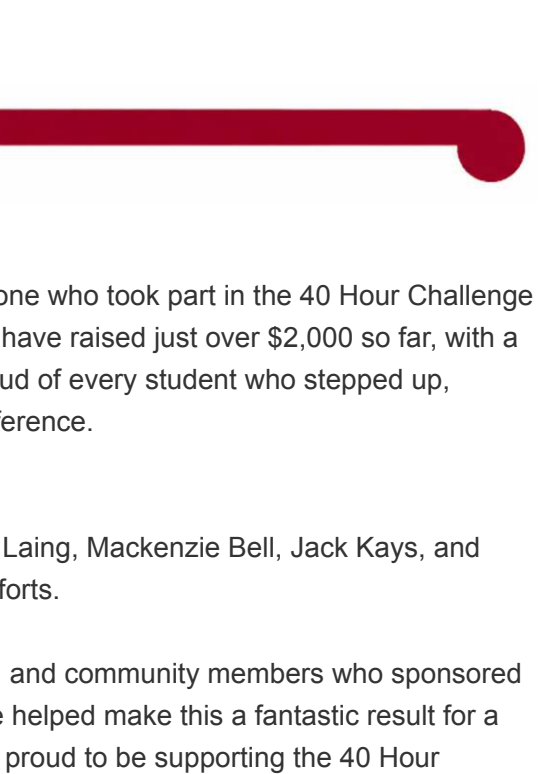
Only 15 tickets left - buy yours now so you don't miss out.

Ticket sales close 2nd July!

Scan the QR code or follow the link.

ONE NIGHT ONLY

Tickets available at <https://events.humanix.com/pur-akau-of-matariki-a-journey-through-kai/tickets> or by scanning the QR code



PARENT HELP NEEDED - Science Roadshow

Please get in touch with us if you can help with our Year 7&8 trip to Paeroa next term for the Science Roadshow - first Tuesday back (21st July). Email Angela Edwards on angela@waihicol.school.nz or Casey Davies on caseyd@waihicol.school.nz if you think you can help.

SCHOOL WIDE

Waihi College on 7 Sharp!

Check out the special story on our incredible Jump Start Driving Programme on 7 Sharp. Last week, Daniel Faitaua and the 7 Sharp camera crew spent the day with Mrs G, our Jump Start driving instructors, and local Police, capturing the impact this fantastic programme is having in our community.

Thanks to the dedication of everyone involved, Jump Start has now helped 200 students gain their restricted driver's licence - opening doors to employment, further education, and greater independence.

A huge thank you to all those who have supported the programme over the years.

TOI Wearable Arts Competition

Following on from the success of our own UNHEMMED Wearable Art event, several Waihi College students recently travelled to Tauranga to take part in the TOI Wearable Arts Competition. It was an incredible evening, with our students proudly showcasing their creativity, talent, and hard work on a larger stage. The garments looked fantastic, and our students received wonderful feedback from judges and audience members alike.

We were also thrilled to bring home a number of awards on the night: Mahana and Grace - Outstanding Stage Presence, Aleera - Outstanding Stage Presence, Zoe-Beth and Ruby - Excellent Garment Construction, Breeze - Innovative Use of Materials, Cleopatra - Powerful Storytelling. The biggest accolade of the evening, Star of the Night, was awarded to Zoe-Beth Naisby (modelled by Ruby) for the second year in a row - an outstanding achievement.

Congratulations to all of our students who participated. We are incredibly proud of the creativity, confidence, and dedication they brought to both Unhemmed and the TOI Wearable Arts Competition. You represented Waihi College brilliantly and should be very proud of your achievements.

40 HOUR FAMINE

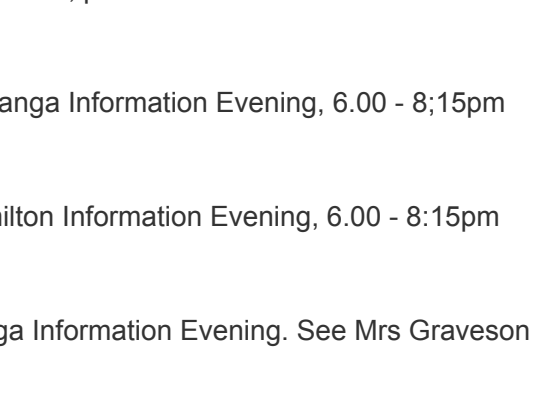
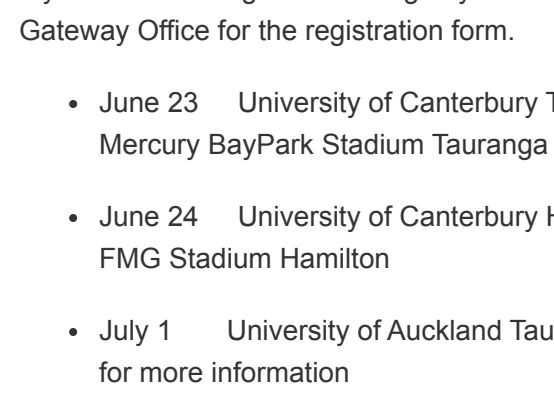
A huge congratulations and thank you to everyone who took part in the 40 Hour Challenge over the weekend! Our Waihi College students have raised just over \$2,000 so far, with a little more still trickling in. We are incredibly proud of every student who stepped up, challenged themselves, and helped make a difference.

A special shout-out goes to Ivy Benfield, Owen Laing, Mackenzie Bell, Jack Kays, and Whaea Te-Awhi Cooper for their outstanding efforts.

Thank you also to all the whānau, friends, staff, and community members who sponsored our students. Your generosity and support have helped make this a fantastic result for a very worthy cause. Ka rawe, everyone! We are proud to be supporting the 40 Hour Challenge and the positive impact it has around the world.

LESSONS FROM WAIHI TYRE SERVICES

A huge shout-out to Mike and Hayley from Waihi Tyre Services! Thank you for popping into Waihi College recently to give our students a hands-on lesson in changing a tyre. It's one of those practical life skills that can make a real difference when things don't go to plan on the road. This workshop was organised through our Students Against Dangerous Driving (SADD) committee, with the goal of helping young drivers build confidence, knowledge, and safe driving habits. We're incredibly grateful to Mike and Hayley for sharing their time and expertise with our students. Your support helps equip our rangatahi with valuable skills that could one day keep them safe on the road. Thank you!



Kura Kai - Help Us Keep Cooking!

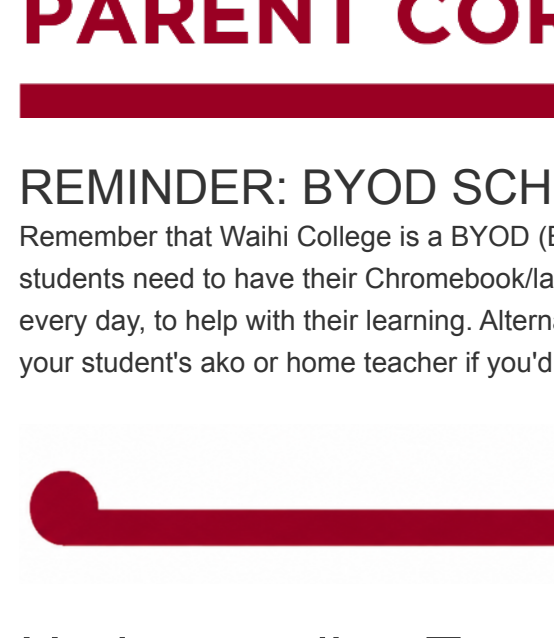
Our first Kura Kai cook-up was a fantastic success, and we were delighted to prepare so many meals to support our school whānau. The generosity shown by our students, staff, families, and wider community has been incredible, and we're excited to keep the initiative going.

We're still collecting paper bags, which the team at Waihi Beach Garden Centre are kindly exchanging with us for fresh vegetables. The more paper bags we can collect, the more Kura Kai meals we can cook! If you have any spare paper bags at home, please drop them off at the Student Centre, Front Office, or with your ako teacher. Every bag makes a difference and helps us continue providing meals for members of our school community. A huge thank you to Waihi Beach Garden Centre for their ongoing support, and to everyone who has contributed so far.



MEET OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Over the next few weeks, we're excited to introduce you to our amazing Board of Trustees by sharing a little about each of them and the passion they bring to our kura.

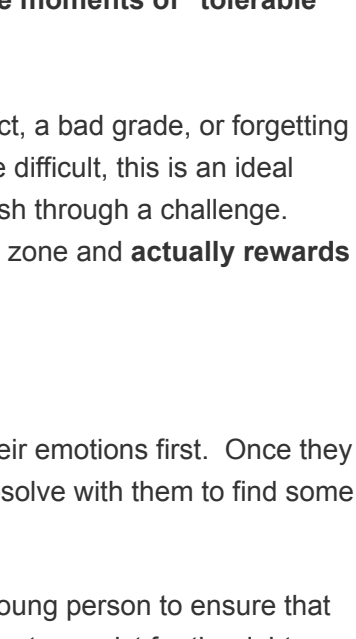


As you know, our Board of Trustees for 2026 consist of: our Presiding Member, Tineke Iverson, our Parent Representatives Victoria Menary, Gemma Staffen, Cat Sole and Karyn Williams, our Staff Representative Tracy Te Wake, and our Student Representative, Stuart Hartley.

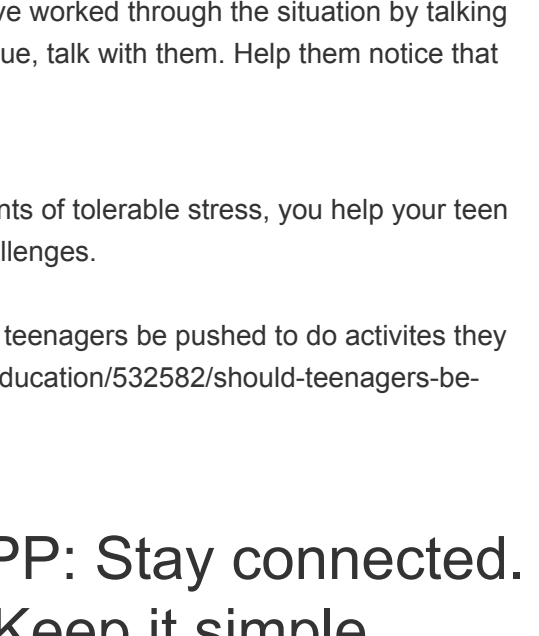
It will be great to get to know them all better and support their visions for our kura.

CROCS ARE OUT...

From the last day of this term, we will no longer be allowing crocs as part of the school uniform. Please check out our uniform policy on our website or contact us if you have any questions



FUTURE PATHWAYS WITH MRS GRAVESON

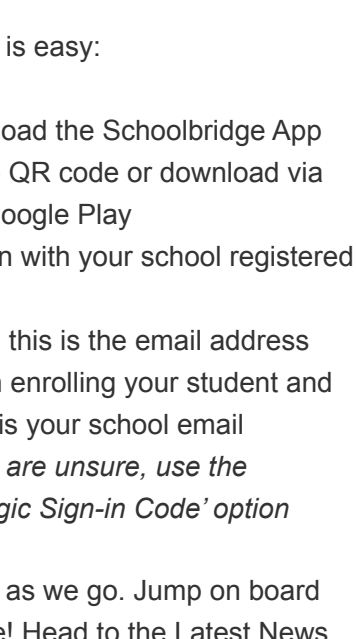


University Information for Parents/ Caregivers and Students. If you are attending on any of these events, please see Mrs Graveson in the Gateway Office for the registration form.

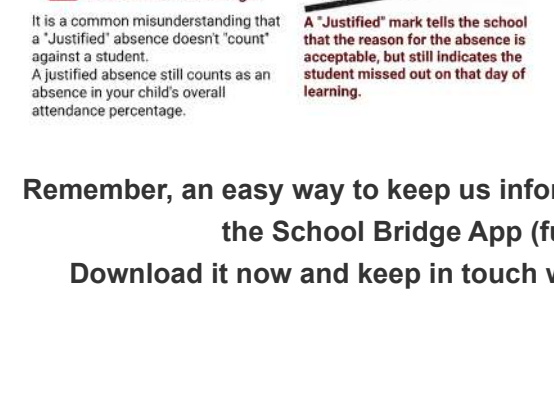
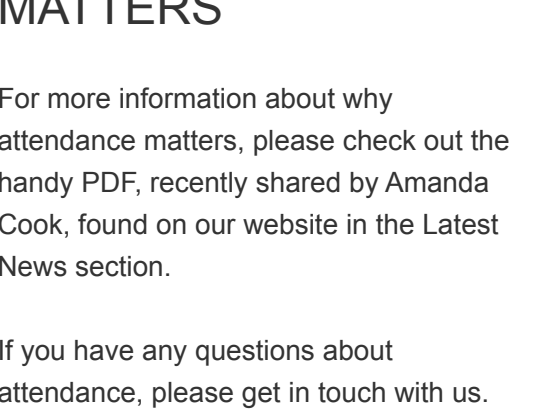
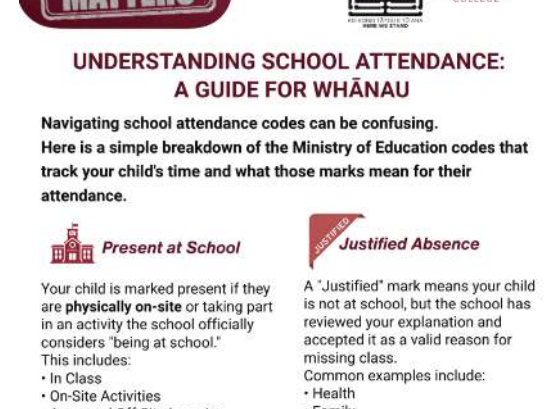
- June 23 University of Canterbury Tauranga Information Evening, 6.00 - 8:15pm Mercury Bay Park Stadium Tauranga
- June 24 University of Canterbury Hamilton Information Evening, 6.00 - 8:15pm FMG Stadium Hamilton
- July 1 University of Auckland Tauranga Information Evening. See Mrs Graveson for more information
- July 2 University of Auckland Hamilton Information Evening. See Mrs Graveson for more information

An Otago University Information hui is being held for whānau and ākonga. Date: Thursday 25 June. 6.30 - 7.30 pm Venue: Tauranga Boys' College Graham Young Youth Theatre

The evening will cover: Otago Overview: What the University of Otago can offer you, Accommodation - Life in a Residential College, Admission, Scholarships and Costs and Study Options - Arts, Law, Business, Sciences and Health Sciences.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



ATTENDANCE MATTERS
For more information about why attendance matters, please check out the handy PDF, recently shared by Amanda Cook, found on our website in the Latest News section.

Remember, an easy way to keep us informed about your student's attendance is via the School Bridge App (further details shown above). Download it now and keep in touch with all things going on at Waihi College.



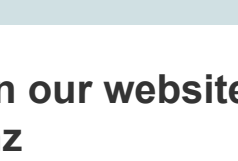
Tēnā koutou parents/guardians/caregivers and students, This is a reminder that Waihi College has an agreement with Pinnacle Midlands Health Network and Te Whatu Ora to provide free, on-site nursing services. The health and wellbeing of your child at school is important to us. Earlier this year a letter was sent home outlining the wellbeing review being offered to students. This review does not include giving any vaccinations.

Our approach is guided by Te Ōkaiapō, which upholds the ao Māori values, and uses the HEADSSS framework, a globally recognised tool for working with young people.

Your student / rangatahi may or may not yet have had their wellbeing review completed by this stage, as they are seen throughout the year, and not every student will have a wellbeing review.

If you have previously opted out, this will not be applicable to your young person - this will already be on record. If you have questions or you would like to choose to opt out, please contact your school nurse via email margie.goldsworthy@pinnacle.health.nz or phone 027 298 3787.

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



LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IF YOU HAVE ANY HEALTH NEEDS OR QUESTIONS MARGIE GOLDSWORTHY | SCHOOL NURSE FOR WAIHI COLLEGE Ngā mihi, with kind regards Margie (She/Her) Margie Goldsworthy | SCHOOL NURSE M: 0272983787 W: www.pinnacle.co.nz

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