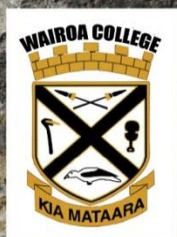


WAIROA COLLEGE

Raising student achievement through building strong foundations



Vision: Success for all | Motto: Kia Mataara - Be Vigilant | Symbol: The Rock - Building Strong Foundations

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May 3, 2018

Term 2, | Week 1

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL



Tēnā Koutou Katoa

During the holidays, Taurion and Hinehea-Rose our Head Boy and Girl attended the ANZAC ceremony at the War Memorial. It is important that our younger generation continue to remember and understand what those before them sacrificed. It was heartening to see such a great turn out.

Term 2 is looking to be a very busy term. Winter sport is underway, a big thank you to all managers and coaches who give their time to help our students. Without your assistance our students would not have the opportunity to play sport.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Term 2 is where you can make the biggest difference towards your learning. Seniors go after those credits, aim for merit and excellence. You can achieve top results if you put the work in. We are tracking on a regular basis how students are progressing. I was very pleased last term with the number of students who are striving for personal excellence.

This week in assembly Ms Mahy went over the WAI point system for Year 9 and 10. Students who pass assessments are awarded with WAI points. They strive throughout the year to gain as many as they can so they can attain their Year 9 or 10 diploma. They are also able to gain merit and excellence subject and level endorsements if they are achieving at the higher levels. Students are encouraged to keep track of their WAI points and set themselves goals.

I would like to remind parents that we do have a school uniform. Please do not let your children go to school wearing incorrect uniform. The uniform shop is well stocked with jackets, jerseys, shorts and shirts. The uniform shop is open from 1.15pm-1.45pm Monday to Thursday. The school jacket is a plain black zip jacket that is warm and looks smart. The only school shoe is a black shoe/sneaker that covers the toes. No jandals, sandals or gumboots are to be worn. Students have this week to get their uniform sorted and then consequences will be given. Students can see a Senior Leader with a note from home for a temporary uniform pass. We would like students to wear the Wairoa College uniform with pride. Please support us in trying to do this. If you need help in sorting uniform please contact the office.

Currently school starts with whanau time at 8.45am and then period 1 at 9am. From next week period 1 will start at 8.45am and whanau class will follow this. It is very important that students are in class ready to start their learning at 8.45am. If they are late you will be contacted. Students should not be arriving at school and then heading to the supermarket if it means they are late to class. This is not an acceptable excuse.

We are very fortunate thanks to Jane Body and Fruit in Schools that we are receiving fruit for all students at school from this week. Eating healthy is essential for the well-being and concentration of our learners. Year 7 and 8 students had benefited from this before and now we are very excited that all students can benefit.

I have included for you in this newsletter the Strategic Plan for Wairoa College 2018-2020. These are the goals that over three years we are striving to achieve. With each of these goals we also have annual goals that will support us to reach our targets. As a school I have to report to the Ministry on our progress towards these goals on the 1st March each year.

For us to achieve these goals we will be consulting with students, staff, whanau and community with our curriculum review, on how we can better transition students into our school and other reviews. Your feedback will be very useful in future planning. More information will come in future newsletters.

Strategic Plan for Wairoa College 2018-2022

Goal 1: To improve Student Achievement:

Develop a broad, relevant and stimulating learning environment ensuring that every student realises their highest academic potential and is equipped with essential skills and values for life beyond school.

Students set and achieve challenging personal goals. Student progress is regularly measured, monitored and reported to students and caregivers. Achievement is consistently and deliberately recognised and celebrated. All students achieve at least NCEA Level 2 before leaving school.

Goal 2: Curriculum content and delivery

The curriculum and related pedagogical practices are reviewed annually to ensure successful pathways for all students. Close attention is paid to the vision, principles, values and key competencies of the NZ Curriculum. Students are taught in a culturally inclusive manner and the learning is a partnership between teacher and students (Ako – teacher as learner and learner as teacher). We offer a creative, diverse curriculum that celebrates learning.

Goal 3: Personnel - strengthen the schools professional learning community

The positive working atmosphere is supported by effective communications, a commitment to ongoing staff development and a culture of striving for high levels of performance to enhance student outcomes and well-being. This is supported by an effective appraisal system for all staff.

Goal 4: To develop strong whanau and community relationships

To continue to develop home, school and community relationships by developing clear communication with these groups

Goal 5: Transition

Prepare students for further education, employment and training. To ensure transitions into year 7 and between year levels supports student wellbeing and achievement.

Goal 6: To ensure staff and students are equipped to meet the challenges of an increasingly technological society

Appropriate technology is available and well used for effective 21st Century learning.

Ngā mihi nui

Mrs Jo-Anne Vennell

Attendance

The Senior Management Team are continuing to focus on attendance for the remainder of the year with the aim of achieving the 85% target for all students.

The simple rationale for this is that attendance and academic success are linked.

For many years we have seen that the students with high attendance are succeeding with their courses.

We also accept that students will be away for reasons and we would like caregiver support to ensure all students can be accounted for throughout the school day by notifying the school of their child's absence.

Our actions

The school will be contacting caregivers when the school receives no notification of an absence when our roll checks indicate a student has been away.

For those who have attended some classes and have intermittent absences without reason throughout the day there will be a consequence. This will be in the form of a lunch time or after school detention.

Caregivers will be notified of this.

Late students, for school or classes, will also have a consequence. This will also be in the form of a detention.

We will also continue to acknowledge students who have achieved 100% attendance throughout the term in our house and full school assemblies.

Reporting

We will also be reporting the overall attendance trends and patterns to caregivers via the newsletter on a regular basis.

Caregivers are aware that students need to have an 85% attendance rate to be eligible for sports teams and / or school trips. Mr Hamblyn is willing to work with individual students to ensure this is achieved.

Where there is an issue with this it is up to the students to take responsibility to make a time to meet with Mr Hamblyn to sort this out.

Mr R Hamblyn
Deputy Principal

Year 7 Update

Year 7 students have settled well into the Wairoa College environment from the first day's introductory powhiri, and from mid-morning in their learning classes. Their timetable was active from after interval. Year 7 students have specialist teaching in Food Technology, Art, Textiles and Inquiry. This term Year 7 students have learned about our school and how it operates, who works and learns here and where they fit in. The Year 13's have helped the much younger students get to know them and our environment with a Wednesday programme of 30 minutes of activities and games. That has been a popular and supportive introduction to 2018 senior leaders.

Term one draws to a close with an Anzac Remembrance Service and students were able to see the Services Academy support this ceremony with the Parade, Catafalque Party and Flag Pole Guards perform their duties. Year 7 students are learning about the meaning of Anzac Day and have made Anzac biscuits in their Food Technology class.



Fruit in Schools

A BIG "THANK U" to Fruit in Schools for providing us with a variety of fruit and vegetables every morning for Whanau Class. We tried to make the letters with our Tinana that spell "THANK U". Having fruit and vegetables available is great and helps us to focus on our learning better. We really appreciate it and are very grateful we get to enjoy the kai! From MPG Whanau Class.



Head Boy and Head Girl Attend the ANZAC Day Memorial Service

Head boy, Taurion Colquhoun and Head girl, Hinehea-Rose Keil attended the Anzac day memorial service held last Wednesday at The Wairoa Memorial Hall.

It was a very moving and emotional service attended by many people where speeches were read out from the Mayor, Mr Craig Little and representatives from the Australian High Commissioner to New Zealand and the New Zealand Armed Forces.

The most honourable part for Taurion and Hinehea-Rose was the laying of the wreath on behalf of Wairoa College to honour and remember those that fought and died in the war.



Wairoa College Ball

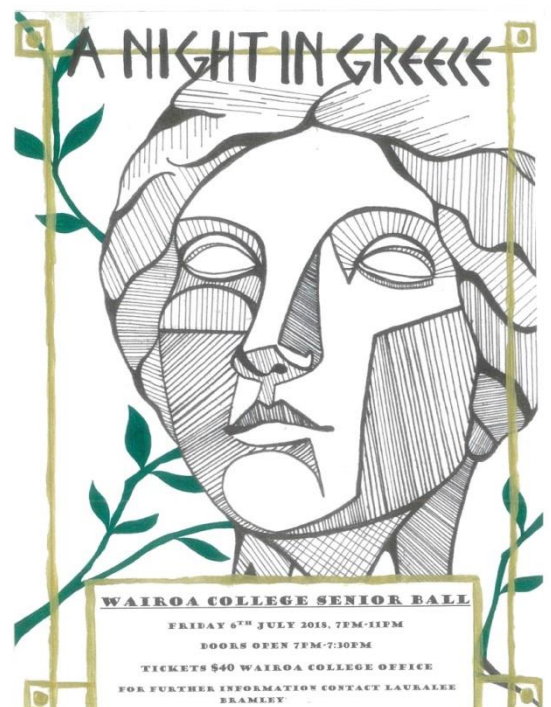
The 2018 Wairoa College Ball will be held on the 6th July in the school hall. The theme is 'A Night in Greece' However, you are not required to dress to the theme.

Tickets are on sale at the school office for \$40. Anyone who buys tickets before the 18th May will go into the draw to win a \$20 canteen voucher. But 60 must be sold before June 15th.

The Ball is for Year 12's and 13's. Year 11's are allowed to go if accompanied by an eligible senior. If you are wanting to bring someone not from our school you must set up a meeting with Mrs Vennell to ensure they are suitable and will respect the school and our morals. They must also be 19 or younger.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Thank you
Lauralee Bramley





NCEA Internal Assessments

Chemistry 1.1 – Carry out a practical chemistry investigation, with direction

Achieved with Excellent

Paora Barber	Te Rena Drysdale	Shadae Howard	Caroline Kyle
Gemma Mapstone			

Achieved with Merit

Eric Baker	Miriama Hutchins	Monique Kirwan	Georgia McCracken
Hema Men	Sebastian Sialemlisa	Hannah Simmonds	Cameron Spence
Hugh Taylor	Kelistar Te Amo	Courteney Thomas	Linda Zhuang

Physics 3.5 – Demonstrate understanding of Modern Physics

Achieved with Merit

Floyd Walker

Volleyball Success

The College's first ever volleyball team came together to compete in the Hawke's Bay mixed senior secondary schools competition. They came 3rd in their division. Well Done!



*Paige Rore-White, Jack Karekare, Bailee Carr,
Mel Folau, Zoe Burton, Tim Gledhill (coach) and
Hayley Mitchell*

Gymnastics Practice

A small group of keen students from Year 7-10 have started training for the Sport Tairawhiti Gymnastics Festival which is being held in Gisborne on 22/23 May 2018.

The team have been supported by Esta Wainohu from Sport Hawkes Bay and Mr Phil Robinson from Sport Gisborne Tairawhiti. Our gymnasts will compete in three individual disciplines (floor, vault and beam) as well as in a group rhythmic routine



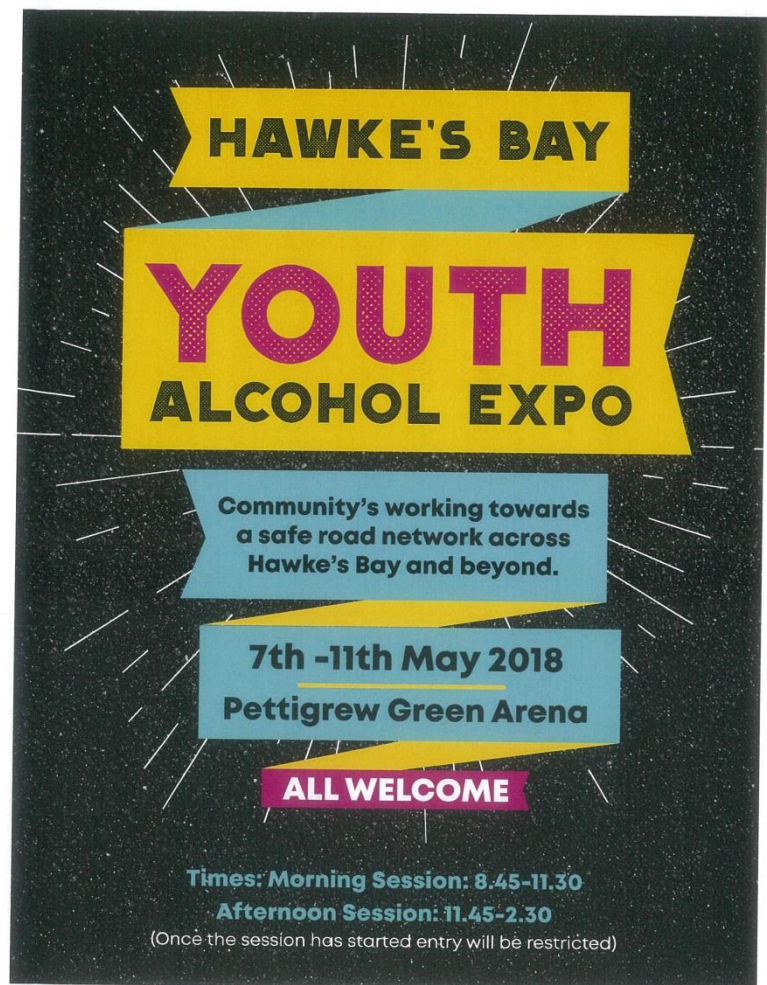
Youth Alcohol Expo 2018

This is on Friday 11 May at the Pettigrew Green Arena, Taradale – a newsletter has been sent out to parents of all Year 11 students – all Year 11 students are encouraged to attend – if unable to attend students will need to bring the slip back to me please

Thanks Ms Hayward

Coach departs 8:45 and returns by 3 pm.

Year 11 students in Miss Paku's ACL Active Leaders Group, and The EIT Agriculture group will not be going to the expo.



HAWKE'S BAY

YOUTH ALCOHOL EXPO

Community's working towards
a safe road network across
Hawke's Bay and beyond.

7th -11th May 2018
Pettigrew Green Arena

ALL WELCOME

Times: Morning Session: 8.45-11.30
Afternoon Session: 11.45-2.30
(Once the session has started entry will be restricted)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, 30 April to Friday, 4 May	Service Academy – Basic Leadership Course
Saturday, 5 May	Rugby Starts
Monday, 7 to 9 May	Sexwise Programme
Tuesday, 8 May	Barista Pro Course
Friday, 11 May	Youth Alcohol Expo, Pettigrew Green Arena all Year 11
Wednesday, 16 May	Electoral Commission Visit

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON EVENTS
DOWNLOAD THE WAIROA COLLEGE
FREE APP AND VIEW CALENDAR OR CONTACT THE OFFICE**

Web Portal

The web portal provides a lot of information that relates to your child. You can access this information by

- Use the direct link at <http://portal.wairoacollege.school.nz/student/index.php>
- Download the KAMAR app for your iPhone or Android smart phone. The server address to use is <http://www.wairoacollege.school.nz/collegeapp.html>

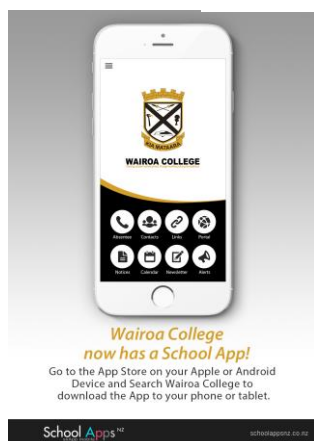
Once you reach the Web Portal, use your child's User Name and the pupil or caregiver password. This can be obtained by contacting the school office.

Web Portal Information

Using the web portal enables you to keep up to date with the following aspects of your child's education:

- School reports
- Absences and timetables
- NCEA results
- Contact detail
- Account information

Free Wairoa College App



It is here! You can download it as the link to our website. The following information can be accessed from the App:

- Your Students Absentees
- Current Newsletter
- School Trips Information
- Alerts
- Notices
- Web Portal
- School Calendar
- Contact Information

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ROAD SAFETY *Video* COMPETITION

This competition aims to promote road safety in our community.

We're giving local schools in Gisborne the opportunity to create an awesome short video that promotes Road Safety.

We want your school, your class or your school community to enter the competition and be in to win some amazing prizes.

Overall winner will receive: \$1000 worth of Noel Leeming vouchers plus a BBQ lunch for your entire school cooked by our very own mayor Meng Foon. We'll also have some cool prizes for each category.

The theme is **Distraction and /or Restraints**

Entries are Open now!!!

ENTRY GUIDELINES:

GENRE: Films can be any genre

LENGTH: Films are to be a maximum of 60secs (including end credits if any)

COMPLETION DATE: Films **MUST** be completed & received by Friday 4th May 2018, 12:00pm.

BROADCASTING: Films must not have previously been shown publicly on the internet.

ENTRY CATEGORIES: There are 2 categories of entry.

- Primary & Intermediate
- High School section

HOW TO ENTER?

- Drop us a line to let us know your school is entering the competition.
- Once completed, upload your clip to YouTube and send the link to roadsafety@gdc.govt.nz with the school you are representing in the subject line.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Constable Carolyn Hodgkinson
School Community Officer | Youth Section | New Zealand Police
Carolyn.Hodgkinson@police.govt.nz