

WAIROA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Message From Our Principal

Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Term 4 is a very busy term with seniors preparing for their external examinations, completing internal assessments, prizegiving, reporting, Prefect selection for 2020 and the list goes on. We have wonderful students at Wairoa College who have excelled in their learning, sports, service and leadership. We will recognise these achievements at our senior prizegiving. At this prizegiving we will also be announcing our prefects and their roles for 2020.



Kitea Tipuna and Rebecca Everson have joined our board as one newly elected and one co-opted member. I know they will both bring strengths to our board and I am looking forward to working with them.

During the school holidays the Kahui Ako (learning cluster of local schools) participated in an expo. This expo recognises the successful educational programmes and initiatives from early childhood to secondary school that have been happening across our district. Staff feedback has been very positive about this event. The three guest speakers Alex Mahe (Tatau Tatau), Hinerangi Edwards (Aatea Solutions) and Lisa Carmine (Wairoa College) were fantastic. They all spoke of common themes around education and student engagement.

At the end of this year we will say farewell to Trevor Galvan, Lynda Wilson, Sandy Hardie, Hugo Roberstshawe, Deidre Tomalin and June Norris. We will welcome Reece Harrison (Year 8 teacher), Paul Quesnell (Science), Turina Paku (Science) and Sandi Hickey (Art). Makareta Keil will become the new Head of Faculty for Year 7 and 8. Dianne Broomfield will be our new Learning Support Coordinator. I have 2 positions to fill of which one should be filled this week. I have also advertised for expressions of interest in Teacher Aiding at Wairoa College. If you are interested please send your curriculum vitae to dgh@wairoacollege.school.nz by Tuesday 29th October.



Year 11-13 students will be on study leave from the 2nd November. Some students will be required to stay on at school until some assessments have been completed. Ms Mahy will send letters home regarding which students are required to still be at school. Teachers will still be available in their classrooms week 4 for students to complete some study for externals. We know most students have been working very hard. We wish them all the best in their external examinations.

Ngā mihi nui,

Mrs Jo-Anne Vennell

Principal Wairoa College

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NCEA EXAM TIMETABLE

2019 External Examination Timetable

All exam sessions are 3 hours long and are held in either the hall or the boardroom.

Ensure you arrive on time and that you have your admission slip with you.

AM exams: Arrive by 9.10 am (start at 9.30 am) **PM exams:** Arrive by 1.40 pm (start at 2.00 pm)

Day	Time	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Friday 8 th November	AM		Physics (SAC*)	
	PM	Geography (social science)		
Monday 11 th November	AM		Music	
	PM		Chemistry	
Tuesday 12 th November	AM		English (SAC*)	
	PM		Te Reo Maori	Biology
Wednesday 13 th November	AM	English (SAC*)		
	PM			
Thursday 14 th November	AM	Science (SAC*)		
	PM	Te Reo Maori	Geography	Chemistry
Monday 18 th November	AM			
	PM			Economics
Tuesday 19 th November	AM		Biology	Geography
	PM			
Wednesday 20 th November	AM	Mathematics (SAC*)		
	PM			Physics (SAC*)
Thursday 21 st November	AM		Mathematics (statistics and calculus) (SAC*)	
	PM	Music	Accounting	History
Friday 22 nd November	AM			English
	PM			
Monday 25 th November	AM		History	
	PM			
Tuesday 26 th November	AM		Business studies	Calculus
	PM	Economics		
Thursday 28 th November	AM			Statistics
	PM			
Friday 29 th November	AM			Music
	PM	Health (SAC*)		Te Reo Maori

^{*} SAC – Special assessment conditions

REVISION TIPS FOR EXTERNAL EXAMS

- 1. Create a timetable to make sure you revise and prepare for all of your external exams
- 2. Choose a guiet place to revise away from all distractions (including tv, cell phones)
- Use resources FROM Education Perfect (you can still login from home) and https://learncoach.co.nz a 3. free study resource for all NCEA external assessments
- 4. Work through past exam papers. Education Perfect has exam modules for all external exams with model answers. Test yourself and attempt each question as if you were sitting the exam. Check the model answer and write down the parts you couldn't remember. This shows you what you need to learn next.
- 5. Break up revision with short 10 minute brain breaks and get moving every hour at least even if it is a quick walk around the block listening to music. Your brain will work more effectively than sitting still for long periods of time. Eat well, keep hydrated and have plenty of sleep to keep your brain in peak performance. Good luck!!

NCEA EXCELLENCE AWARDS

These students have exemplified our message of personal excellence by achieving excellence certificates in their learning.

Excellence in Music 1.1 Perform two pieces of music as a featured soloist

Hema Men

Excellence in Mathematics and Statistics 2.5 Apply network methods in solving problems

Caroline Kyle

ATTENDANCE DRAW

At the last assembly of Term 3, all students who had an attendance rate of 90% or above were put into an envelope and the following names were drawn, and these students were awarded wtih their choice of a sports ball.

> **Te Aniwa Robertson Tito Wild Tamara Stewart** T J Raroa **Henry Taylor**

CORE VALUES

The following students were awarded this week for displaying one of our core values of: Caring for each other (Manaakitanga), Working together (Kotahitanga), Respect (Whakamana), and Resilience (Aumangea).

Te Aroha Robertson

WOW TRIP



Last term, 10 students from Year 10 – 12 had the opportunity to travel to Wellington to watch the World of Wearable Arts Show, with Miss Hayward and Mrs Gavan.

We left school at 8:30am and arrived at the Cambridge Backpackers around 3pm. This year's theme was "Out of this world."

As we walked into the show we were surrounded by the amazing colours, the bright flashing lights and the band playing, which gave an awesome feeling and atmosphere of the wearable arts. As each model walked out onto the unusual shaped stage they strutted their stuff in their creative and unique outfits.

If you are ever given this rare opportunity, I suggest you take it. The experience was 'out of this world!'

By Tiana Douglas

SLC

The students in SLC have been making mats this term with Bernadette Reedy from BLENNZ. They had to make the pompoms and with the help of the adults thread them into the mat baking. They have done a fabulous job with many of them planning on giving them to family members.



Victor Grant



Zephyr Stevenson



Manaia Ferris-Reynolds

PRIZEGIVING

Prizegiving is the time of year when we celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students. This may be academic, cultural or sporting achievements. These students aren't lucky, they have reached this level of success through hard work, persistence, long hours after school and every effort during school. These are the students who have stayed behind at lunchtime to ask extra questions, turned up to training in the wet and cold and have travelled away to represent the school. They have been resilient and when things have not gone well they have asked for help and have not given up. We celebrate these students and recognise these achievements by singing well, preforming our Haka well and being respectful during assemblies.

SPORTS NEWS



Kaylah McMurtrie-Reynolds competed at the NZ National Surf lifesaving

rescue champs in Auckland during the holidays. This was a new experience for Kaylah, she was a member of an amazing relay team which took the national title for U14 medley relay, also winning silver in U14 brick relay and U 14 obstacle relay. Kaylah also competed in



UPDATE: UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS



THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN EVERY THURSDAY 1:15pm - 1:45pm

Payments for school uniform can be made at the school office during normal office hours however, collection of uniform will only be available on Thursdays.

As in previous years, at the start of the year there will be extended uniform shop open hours which will be advised early in 2020.

NEWS FROM THE DEANS

YEAR 7 and 8

The year has gone so fast and Term 4 is really busy. This term, some of the students will be involved in the District Kapa Haka Festival on November 22nd, the District Athletic Sports on November 26th, and sailing at our Yacht Club on November 4th and 5th.

SPORT HAWKES BAY PROGRAMME

A group of students have been involved with Sport Hawkes Bay in a programme which is run on a home and away basis. One fortnight they travel to the Hastings Sports' Park and the other fortnight the coaches come to Wairoa College. Further to this, all classes have been invited to travel to the Hastings Sports' Park on Tuesdays to participate in the programme. Each class will get two trips between now and the end of the year.

LEADERSHIP

We have been looking at developing leadership within the Department and giving students the opportunity to step up into the role of a leader. These students have already shown potential in leadership and opportunities will be given for them to further develop their skills.

The students recommended so far are:-

- N1 Ayla Ranganui, Lochie Unwin, Levi Manuel
- N2 Ivan Smith, Bayly Winiana, Breannah Clough
- N3 Runic Keefe, Samantha Beer, Kaylah McMurtrie-Reynolds
- N4 Rhylie Hartley-Horua-Edwards, Te Awina Robertson, Kaydin Edwards
- N5 Grace Ismail, Shahwaiz Mohammed, Lyrix Rowlands
- N6 Callum Spence, Carmen Hayes, Keira Taylor
- N7 Kasia Maehe, PJ Johnson, Joaquain Mitchell' Congratulations to those students.

SPLASH PLANET

We will be taking the students in our Department for an end-of-year trip to Splash Planet. Students will be asked to pay \$20 and we will fundraise the rest of the costs. The date is yet to be confirmed.

TRANSITION VISITS

Year 6 students from contributing schools will be visiting the College as part of their transition process. These will take place in week 4, Tuesday 5th November 9.00am -12.30pm and week 7, Wednesday 27th November 9.00am - 12.30pm

DEPARTMENT INTEGRATED STUDIES

The Year 7 & 8 Department are working together on a "Kaitiakitanga" unit – Caring for our environment. Classes have taken their own approach to the study, incorporating studies about Tuna, Growing and caring for plants and seeds, Endangered species and also involving people in the community to help us out.

CELL PHONES AND LOLLY POPS

Most students are doing very well abiding by our new department rule regarding the banning of these two items. There have been fewer problems and the lollypop sticks are not littering our courtyard as much. Keep up the good work students!

UNIFORM AND BEHAVIOUR

Students - keep your standards high in both areas. Do your best to have "Personal Excellence" in both of these areas.

As this is the last year of my teaching career, I would like to wish the students and caregivers all the best for a wonderful future. Your children will be left in the very capable hands of Mrs Keil as our Department Leader and I have great confidence in her leadership and care of the students. We will also be welcoming Mr Reece Harrison as a teacher in N6.

By Sandy Hardie

YEAR 9

Throughout the year students have been involved in a variety of Year 9 co-curricular activities. Some of the activities were shampoo experiments, setting up of a Hāngi, making reti boards and museum visit. The feeling and participation from the students has been an amazing experience. Many students have performed well in their classrooms academically. It was also good to see some students represent the school in sports throughout winter. There were also a large number of Year 9 students involved with CACTUS during Term 1 and 3. A special acknowledgement must be made to these students and their efforts for CACTUS. Overall the year has been awesome for Year 9 students and it will be good to carry this through next year at Year 10.

By Reg Keil

NEWS FROM THE DEANS

YEAR 10

Wairoa College is very proud to name its first cohort of Year 10 student leaders for 2019:

Custom-Lee Rigby Grace, Bethany Kerley, Araley Rudd, Kamryn Down, Jayden Tangiora, Quentin Clarke, Will Taylor, Jeffery Ismail, Aaron Crayford and Starnce Hiko.

We wish to develop and nurture leadership across the entire Year 10 cohort in preparation for Years 11, 12, 13 and beyond. This focus on the development of leadership skills over a period of time will support these students to grow into well rounded and balanced young men and women. A Wairoa College student leader knows their Tūrangawaewae and has a strong sense of 'community'.

First and foremost, they are positive role models and lead through doing, not only from the front but from the back as well. They live and promote our school values of manaakitanga, kōtahitanga, resilience, respect and personal excellence. Students, Senior Leadership and Teaching staff all had input into the makeup of this group before an initial selection was made. The ability to positively model our school values was a critical selection factor for both students and staff.

The group will be mentored and supported in their roles and will work in partnership with staff and the wider community to promote student engagement, achievement and wellbeing.

As the Year 10 student leaders develop their leadership skills, they will design, create and implement special initiatives that support their own growth as well as the growth of others. The Year 10 Leadership team, supported by their Dean, will undergo further consultation with the Year 10 students around how we can best support them to achieve personal excellence and around the opportunities they would like to see at Wairoa College.

We welcome any member of our community who would like to support the school in this endeavour. Please contact the Year 10 Dean, Mr Waldron, if you would consider sharing your experiences as a leader, becoming a mentor or have any initiatives for student leadership.

By Gareth Waldron

YEAR 11

Hot from the Year 11 Dean's Desk. Year 11 student leaders wrapped up a busy Term 3 with a Teachers' Fun Fact Quiz at our last Year 11 assembly. They interviewed staff members for little known facts they could include in the guiz and pulled these together in a Kahoot presentation hosted by Tamara Stewart and Ruby Mildon. Prize winners were Aaron Stafford, Shechinah Brown and Hunte Storey. Wairoa College has registered for the Student Volunteer Army Service Awards and a number of Year 11 students and leaders joined the movement for volunteering initiated by students in Christchurch following the earthquakes in 2011. Students were awarded a member's pin and created a profile online for logging volunteering hours at school, in the community and at home in a single record of service. Bronze, silver and gold award pins are awarded when students log 32 hours, 250 hours and 500 hours respectively. For more information https://service.sva.org.nz. To register see Mrs Broomfield or Ms Carmine. Teachers and students are busy over Term 4 working together to complete NCEA assessments and prepare for the external exams. Students need a minimum of 80 NCEA Level 1 credits including 10 numeracy and 10 literacy credits to pass NCEA level 1. Students needing additional opportunities to gain credits to achieve Level 1 should continue to attend school after prize giving. Letters will be sent home for those students. I would also encourage

students sitting external exams to make good use of

the study provisions at Wairoa College and the

availability of subject teachers to help with their

By Diane Broomfield

revision.

NEWS FROM THE DEANS

YEAR 12

All of the Y12 students at Wairoa College are switching into external examination mode, the last internal achievement standards are being completed, assessed and moderated and the classroom work and learning activities have changed into exam study.

Over half of the Y12 students have now earned themselves NCEA Level Two which is a fantastic achievement from an amazing group of student. Many are now focussing on increasing their grades to Merits and Excellences, trying to earn the University Literacy requirements a year early and earning themselves subject and NCEA over all endorsements.

The majority of the sports codes have now wrapped up for the year and many students are beginning to talk about summer jobs.

All Y12 students were given the opportunity to become Prefects in 2020, interviews for the Head Girl and Boy roles have taken place and the 2020 prefects will be announced at this year's Senior Prize giving on November 1st. Parents of the selected prefects will be given an invitation to attend the prize giving.

By Dave Ryan

YEAR 13

My role as Dean of Year 13 will come to an end this year, as Mr Dave Ryan moves to Year 13 with his year group. At the moment I look after a group of 33 Year 13 students. We only have a couple of weeks left and some of us are very busily trying to gather those last few credits so that we can get a pass in NCEA Level 3. Congratulations to those that have already achieved Level 3.

A few of our Year 13's have left this term to go off into the world of work, some are heading to the armed forces. Others are applying for further training at University and Polytech. Some are

leaving to travel overseas. Others are sticking around to help whanau. Some are returning to school for a further year. Whatever the plan - I wish everyone all the best.

We are planning a Leavers dinner on Wed 30 October at the club. This is for students and teachers. Cost per student is \$15 and can be paid at the main office. (Teachers are \$25.) We have ordered our Leavers Hoodies and these will be given out at the dinner. We also have a couple of industrious and creative students working on a special Year 13 Leavers magazine.

By Karen Hayward

CONGRATULATIONS



Tom Kerley, Aimee McDonald, Kefir Kirwan, Robina Pene, Owen Verner, Ashley Atkinson, Rawiri Haliburton, Arna Everson, Mason Daley-Hayes, Ryka Swann and Reagan Paramore.



Custom-Lee Rigby Grace, Bethany Kerley, Araley Rudd, Kamryn Down, Jayden Tangiora, Quentin Clarke, Will Taylor, Jeffery Ismail, Aaron Crayford and Starnce Hiko.

CONGRATULATIONS

William Rangi, who was the recipient for the Genesis Energy Scholarship in 2017 as a Year 13 Student has accepted the opportunity to take up a Mechanical Engineer Summer Internship with Genesis this summer break.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCT

Thu 24 Manual for Contributing Schools

Fri 25 School Closed - HB Ann.

Mon 28 School Closed - Labour Day

Wed 30 Year 13 Dinner

Thur 31 Senior Minor Assembly

NOV

Fri 1 Senior Prizegiving

Mon 4 Study leave for seniors

Manual for Conrtibuting Schools

Wed 13 Age Concern Catering

Fri 8 NCEA Exams Begin

Thu 14 Year 9 Self Defence

Fri 15 Manual for Contributing Schools

DEC

Tue 3 Manual for Contributing Schools

Fri 6 Junior Prizegiving



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