



WAIROA COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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Message From Our Principal

Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Year 6 students have had another successful transition visit. I am looking forward to seeing our new students in 2020. This week we also had caregivers in giving valuable input about their children with teachers.

Our Aspiring Leaders had their last session on Friday for 2019. I know they have gained some valuable skills for fitness, healthy living and leadership. On Wednesday our Year 9 and 10 Leaders ran a Fun Day for the whole school. They should be very proud of their efforts in organising a big school event. There were lots of activities that the whole school enjoyed. Well done to you all.

Staff have been working hard completing reports, marking final assessments and planning for next year. I would like to thank them for all the work they have done this year and will do over the next few weeks.

As this is the last week of school for 2019 I would like to thank students, caregivers, the community and staff for another successful year.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.



Ngā mihi nui,

Mrs Jo-Anne Vennell

Principal Wairoa College



**Junior
Prizegiving**



**Friday 6 December
1:00 PM**



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KAPA HAKA

Kia Mataara! Hi! Hā!
Rūana te whenua!
Whakapau werawera!
Tihei Mauri ora!

Once again Ngāti Kahungunu whānau whānui came together to showcase the awesome talent we have here in Te Wairoa. Proud moments for schools, tamariki, staff, parents, kaumatua alike, as each kura graced the stage with their hard work, dedicated hours, perseverance, tears, laughter and pride. Mihi atu ki tō tātou Kura Kaupapa Māori O Ngati Kahungunu ki Te Wairoa for hosting our annual event. A day of whanau, a day of awesomeness and a day of kōtahitanga. Mauri Ora!



OTAGO UNIVERSITY SCIENCES ACADEMY 2020

The Otago University Advanced School Sciences Academy is an exciting programme aimed at Year 13 students with a passion for science and the potential to excel in their final year in NCEA.

Caroline Kyle and **Te Rena Drysdale** have both been offered a place in the Science Academy (OUASSA) 2020. In addition, Te Rena was also awarded one of only two scholarships offered to Science Academy students by the Dodd-Walls Centre for Photonic and Quantum Technologies.

Both girls had to answer questions telling the University about themselves and why they wanted to join the academy, and also write an essay about their thoughts on Science in the 21st Century.

Caroline and Te Rena will attend two residential science camps on the University of Otago, Dunedin, campus, a summer science camp in January and a winter science camp in July.

Following the July camp they will be supported by online tutors, who will present 10 online tutorials targeted at NCEA/scholarship physics, chemistry, and biology in the run up to the external examinations at the end of the year.

Both girls are very excited about this wonderful opportunity and we are very excited for them! We are looking forward to hearing about their first camp when they come back to school in Term 1, 2020.



STAFF FAREWELLS



Many of our permanent long serving staff members have been farewelled this week.

Sandy Hardie
Christine Lister
June Norris
Lynda Wilson
Brent Mokomoko
Hugo Robertshawe

Wairoa College Staff, Board of Trustees and Students wish them well on their chosen journey.

SAILING

Thursday 21st November, 9 O class travelled to Ahuriri as a part of our Ocean Sailing cross-curricular unit. When we arrived students explored the different designs of boats found in the harbour with specific interest in Te Matau a Māui, a sailing waka. After completing the set activities around the marina we were ready to get on a waka of our own.

Before we embarked on our sea journey, we were introduced to our personal world class sailing coach, Orestes – all the way from South America! We were prepped and quizzed with the theory of sailing, life jackets on and in the boat.

The first day of sailing, students familiarised themselves with the makeup of the boat and had turns doing different jobs within the boat. A highlight from the first day of sailing was sailing next to a departing cruise ship from the Napier Port.

Thursday night, we set up camp at Kennedy Park Resort, Napier. Students enjoyed evening activities including pizza on the beach followed by a long soak in the water at Ocean Spa.

The second day of sailing, all hands were on deck. Students were enjoying the freedom of sailing a yacht as a team and racing each other. After a morning spent sailing at sea it was time to pack up and head home.



SPLASH PLANET

As an end of year celebration all Year 7 & 8 students were invited to go to Splash Planet for the day last Monday, November 25th. We left around 7.30am and returned around 5.15pm. We needed to take three buses and the College van as we took 130 students, Year 7 & 8 teachers and a parent helper. It was a great day.

Sorry no photos everybody was having too much fun to take them!

SPORTS PHOTOS



1st XV Rugby



Netball Seniors



Basketball Senior



Mixed Hockey



Rugby Sevens



Rugby Sevens



Rugby Under 15s



Volleyball



Basketball Snrs



Badminton



Netball Mystic

SPORTS PHOTOS



Basketball



Basketball



Swimming AIMS



Basketball Rockets



Netball Te Tahī



Netball Yr 7 & 8



Basketball Jnr



Swimming HB



Touch Junior



Basketball AIMS



Netball Te Aka Matua

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEC

Thu	5	Minor Junior Prizegiving Junior Boys Touch
Fri	6	Major Junior Prizegiving

2020 start dates

JAN

Thu	23	Office Opens 8am - 3:30pm
Fri	24	Uniform Shop 1pm - 5pm
Mon	27	Uniform Shop 8am - 5pm
Tue	28	All Year 9 Students - Orientation Day with subject teachers and prefects
Wed	29	Full School starts 8:45 whanau time New students to Library 8:45am Powhiri starts 9:30am

2020 term dates

Term 1

Tue	28	January
Thu	9	April

Term 2

Tue	28	April
Thu	2	July

Term 3

Mon	20	July
Fri	25	September

Term 4

Mon	12	October
<i>last day to be confirmed</i>		

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