



WAIROA COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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Message From Our Principal

Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Welcome to returning students and also to families commencing your journey with us.
Welcome All.



Last week we started with a Teacher Only Day preparing for an exciting year ahead. Year 9 students had their orientation day on Tuesday 29th which was a great success. The following day we warmly welcomed with a Powhiri new students and staff to the school. Then Friday we had our House Day. This day is about building House spirit and having fun. Our senior students built relationships with our junior students as they helped run activities throughout the day.

As a school we will be continuing to focus on raising student achievement, engagement and well-being. Personal excellence and what that looks like will be discussed frequently. Results have not yet been finalised for 2018 but at this stage it looks as though we will have an approximate 10% increase in Level 1 pass rates with Level 2 and Level 3 tracking with the previous years. We will build on these results this year as we continue to lift expectations for teaching and learning.

Congratulations to Mya Mataki who was the 2018 recipient of Rocket Lab's Tertiary Scholarship. Mya was a Year 13 student at Wairoa College in 2018. She is going to Auckland University to study a Bachelor of Engineering. The Scholarship covers up to \$20,000 of tertiary education fees for up to four years of study, and also includes hands-on mentoring from Rocket Lab. What an amazing opportunity. This is a reminder particularly to our Year 12 and 13 students that through hard work and perseverance they too have the potential to gain scholarships.

ATHLETICS DAY



WEDNESDAY 13
FEBRUARY

This term we welcome the following staff:

Lisa Carmine	Deputy Principal and Teacher of Physics
Georgia Wallace	Teacher of Music
Gareth Waldron	Teacher of Health and PE
Di Broomfield	Teacher of Science and Mathematics
Deirdre Tomalin	HOF Mathematics Term 1

I wish you and your child all the very best for a smooth start to the year and for a happy and successful 2019. I look forward to meeting you at upcoming school events, please do come and introduce yourself.

Ngā mihi nui,

Mrs Jo-Anne Vennell

Principal Wairoa College

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Welcome to 2019!! It was my great pleasure to attend the Powhiri last week to welcome our new students and teachers to Wairoa College.

We have filled nearly all our vacancies for teaching staff, and have a new DP, Lisa Carmine. Mr Hamblyn (Milky) has also taken up his new position as Home Liaison Officer.



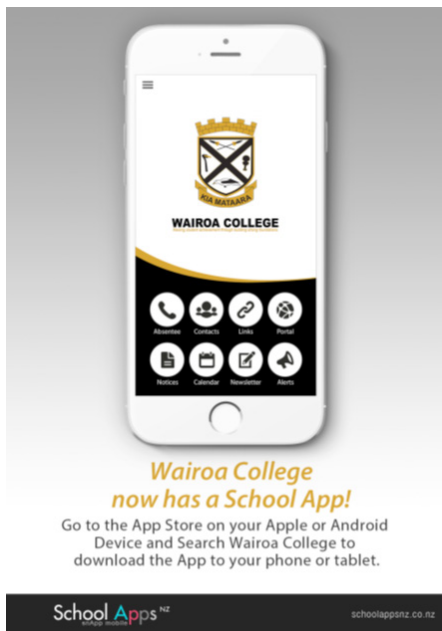
The Board's first meeting of the year is late February where we will be looking at the school charter for the year. This is due at the Ministry of Education in March 2019.

This year is Board elections, if you are interested in becoming a board member, but want to discuss the role with someone, please see one of the existing board members to answer all your questions. We have two vacancies so please give some serious thought to standing this year.

I look forward to another exciting year along with the Principal and staff.

Ms Karen Burger
Board of Trustees Chairman

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Download the Free school App to:

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- View Contact numbers for the school
- Links to our website, and facebook page
- Access to the parent portal
- View Notices, Newsletters and the Calendar of events
- Subscribe to receive Alerts direct to your phone on events and information at the school.

Go to the App store on your Apple or Android phone and search "Wairoa College" to download the app to your device.



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INTRODUCING NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Lisa Carmine

*Deputy Principal,
Teacher: Physics*

Lisa was born in Wairoa, and has taught up and down the East Coast over the last few years. Lisa is excited to be back home in Wairoa, as the Deputy Principal of Wairoa College.



Di Broomfield

*Teacher: Maths and Science,
Leader of Patu House*

Di has worked around the Wairoa District for the last 15 years as an RTLB teacher. Di has a passion for student wellbeing, and positive education.



Deirdre Tomalin

Teacher: HOF Maths

Deirdre is returning to Wairoa College as the HOF for Maths. Deirdre has lived in Wairoa for over 30 years, and has often taught here at the College. Deirdre is looking forward to being back again this Term.



Gareth Waldron

Teacher: PE and Health

Gareth has recently moved to Wairoa. He has been heavily involved in many coaching and sporting positions, in particular Rugby. Gareth is excited to get involved with sports within the community and school.



Georgia Wallace

Teacher: Music

Georgia has recently moved to Wairoa. She has taught, conducted, and performed throughout NZ and is looking forward to supporting the students in their musical endeavours.



Vision: Wairoa College, the school of choice by engaging students in an innovative, future focused curriculum that inspires personal excellence

Mission: Through Manaakitanga we will create a supportive environment, setting high expectations that will inspire lifelong learning.

2019 SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



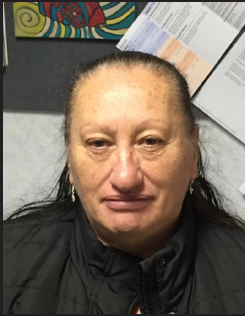
Jo Vennell

Principal



Lisa Carmine

Deputy Principal



Mereana Gaven

Pastoral Year 9 - 13



Andy Hardie

Pastoral Year 7 - 8



Kimberley Mahy

Academic

YEAR LEVEL DEANS

Year 7



Sandy Hardie

Year 8



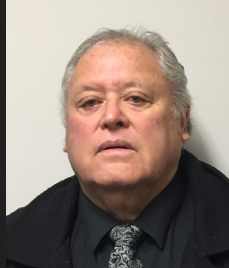
Jane Body

Year 9



Reg Keil

Year 10



Trevor Galvan

Year 11



June Norris

Year 12



Dave Ryan

Year 13



Karen Hayward

ABSENTEES

Reporting an absence:

Could parents/caregivers please ensure they send an explanation when their child is absent from school.

To report an absence please either:

- phone the office 06 838 8303
- send a text message 027 808 3670
- email: info@wairoacollege.school.nz
- via the College app.

Your child's success in school depends on having a solid educational background - one that can only be gained through regular school attendance.

"Children can copy notes, or make up an assignment, but they can never get back what's most important: the discussions, the questions, the explanations by the teachers, and the thinking that makes learning come alive".

ATTENDANCE COUNTS



EVERY DAY, ALL DAY

UNIFORM SHOP

Please do not let your child come to school wearing incorrect uniform.

Uniforms teach students to dress smartly and take pride in their appearance. It offers a sense of belonging and keeps them focused on their education, rather than worrying about what they look like compared to their peers.



**The uniform shop is open Monday - Thursday at the start of lunchtime:
1.15pm-1.45pm**

If you need help in sorting uniform, please contact the school office.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM HOUSE DAY



A very successful House Day last Friday, where students of all ages got involved in their house games, and activities. Each house prepared a new chant ready for the upcoming Athletics Day. There were also human pyramids made, BBQ's, an amazing race challenge, slip and slides, egg and spoon races, and many more fun activities. It was great to see everyone getting involved, and the Year 12 & 13's really stepping up as leaders.

It was a very hot day, and we would like to thank all of our tamariki who participated in the day.



FEB

- 6 - Waitangi Day - Public Holiday
- 7 - Year 7 Morere Trip
Parent Presentation CACTUS
- 8 - Trades Academy Starts in Gisborne
- 11 - CACTUS Starts
- 13 - Athletics Sports Day
- 15 - Trades Academy Starts in Taradale
- 25 - Edmond Otis Presentation to Parents on Resilience
- 27 - Swimming Sports

MAR

- 11 - Service Induction Course
EPro8 Challenge

Important information regarding Athletics Day

Wednesday, 13th February
Starting at 9am.

Whanau are encouraged to come along and support all of our students.

- All events are final events there will be no finals evening this year.
- There will be a BBQ that will be running all day for students to purchase food. The canteen will also be open but only from 12.15pm – 1pm.
 - Please ensure students bring a hat, water bottle and any medication (if required).
- Students to make an effort to come dressed in their House colours and participate in as many events as possible as House points are accumulated and awarded for each event.
 - Nga Taiaha E Rua (Gold)
 - Manu Korotangi (Black)
 - Patu Pounamu (Green)
 - Te Toki A Tapiri (Orange)

Any queries please see Toby Taylor or Miss Goldsmith

Thriving through Change, Challenge and Stress

RESILIENCE is the ability to bounce back and move forward from adversity, anxiety, trauma, loss and disappointment; and the intensity of just being, in today's world.
'Ultimately, RESILIENCE is going to be the only ability that counts.'

Parent and Community Information Evening

In response to a request from school principals

6.00pm - 8.00pm, Monday 25th February 2019

Wairoa College

Lucknow Street

Presenters:

Edmond Otis - Health Educator & Licensed Psychotherapist

Ashley Macpherson - Clinical Psychologist

Followed by 'On the couch with experts' Q & A Session for Parents

Dr Russell Wills, Edmond Otis, Ashley Macpherson,

Marion Terry, Jo Vennell, Ra Walters, Tafadzwa Mavhunga (CAFS), MoE rep



FROM THE CAREERS DEPARTMENT

Programme Incubator

Interested Year 12 and Year 13 students will be participating in Programme Incubator again in 2019.

This programme is for students interested in a career in the Health Sector. The programme is facilitated by the Hawkes Bay District Health Board at Hawke's Bay Fallen Soldiers' Memorial Hospital in Hastings.

Students and parents can get further information from the website:

<https://www.programme-incubator.com>

or, the facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Programme.Incubator.NZ/>

Students can see Mr Body for enrolment details.

Youth EnviroLeaders' (YELF)

In partnership with The Ministry for the Environment, we run a programme for year 11-13 secondary school students - the Youth EnviroLeaders' Forum (YELF). YELF brings together 55 secondary school students who are passionate about the environment for a week-long leadership development adventure! Delegates will have the opportunity to address topical environmental issues facing our country, and develop strategies to address them. YELF 2019 is from 12-18 April 2019, and will be in Waikato and Rotorua. The week will focus on different environmental issues related to climate change, our oceans, freshwater and biodiversity. By working with other up and coming youth environmental leaders, delegates will leave YELF fired up, with improved leadership capabilities, inspired and ready to create change.

This fully funded programme (including travel) will allow students to learn more about the environmental issues related to climate change, our oceans, freshwater and biodiversity.

Develop leadership skills while participating in outdoor activities.

Meet and engage with inspiring and informative speakers, including experts from the Ministry for the Environment, Sir Peter Blake Trust alumni, local and national politicians, business and community leaders, and like-minded peers.

Delegates to YELF are eligible to join future Young Blake Expeditions as student voyagers.

We would be delighted to receive applications from your students, and encourage all those interested to apply. Applicants should be ready for action, have a passion to make a difference, show leadership potential and have a sense of adventure!

The application process can be done by the students directly online. Because it's a two part process that requires a reference letter, we urge students not to leave this until the last minute. **Applications close midnight 22 February 2019.**

For more information, to watch our apply now video, and to send your application, go to:

<https://sirpeterblaketrust.org/youth-enviroleaders-forum>