



WAIROA COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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Message From Our Principal

Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Included in this newsletter is an update on COVID-19. The Ministry of Education is sending out updates for schools on where to next. Please read the latest information. We will continue to send out messages via Facebook and our School APP. There may come a time when schools may be directed to close. As such, staff are working on how we can best cope with this scenario. It is very important that if your child is unwell that they stay at home. This is a rapidly moving situation where we all have a part to play to ensure that the spread of the virus is limited.



We have been working with the Ministry of Education and a security consultant on gaining funding to securely fence our property. Hopefully we will know in the next couple of weeks whether this will go through.

We have had some incidents over the last few weeks involving a small group of students that do not display our core values of Respect, Manaakitanga, Resilience or Kotahitanga. However, to reassure you that consequences for these students has been numerous and in some cases has led to exclusions from our school. We do not tolerate poor behaviour and we appreciate the support from the majority of our students and families. We are very proud of Wairoa College and are committed to raising good men and good women that can contribute positively to our community.

In last week's assembly we announced our Year 8 School Leaders and the swimming sports and cross country results. It has been great to see the increased participation in these events.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the community agencies that support us on a regular basis. Our community is very important to all of us and if we work together we can achieve so much more.

QRS see EPro 8 as being a great opportunity for Wairoa, careers and connections. What EPro 8 represents; aligns with their vision (professional and growing), values (Equality, Respect, Pride) and strategic plan. Exploring these relationships and synergies further has potential to grow Wairoa. QRS has kindly offered to pay;

\$690 for the first kitset purchased by each school.

The \$120 entry fee to the Gisborne finals for all teams that entered. This is a very generous offer that benefits our young people.

Ngā mihi nui,

Mrs Jo-Anne Vennell

Principal Wairoa College

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

IMPORTANT MINISTER OF HEALTH INFORMATION

Kia ora

You may have seen that the World Health Organisation has now declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic. As noted by the Minister of Health, this doesn't change what New Zealand is doing to respond to Coronavirus.

The Ministry of Health has been working through its pandemic plan since January. You will also know the Government has already implemented a range of measures to minimise the impacts to New Zealand. This includes a requirement to self-isolate on arrival in New Zealand and immediate and detailed contact tracing of any confirmed cases. It is important to note those four countries account for more than 90% of cases globally and China and the Republic of Korea have significantly declining numbers of new cases.

We have 8 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand and it is pleasing to know they are all doing well and are at home. Their children, four students at Auckland schools, continue to be well and show no symptoms. While we expect that more cases will arise, the Ministry of Health says that with continued vigilance the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low in New Zealand. We all have a role to play in this.

For our school, our pandemic plan is also ready to be implemented if needed. In the mean time we will continue to focus on good hygiene practices. Hand washing and good cough etiquette are very important tools in preventing the spread of illness including colds, flu and COVID-19.

With that, there is a good video clip from Nanogirl that will help your children to better understand the virus - YouTube clip - Nanogirl

You may have also seen the Prime Minister sat down with Dr Michelle Dickinson (aka Nanogirl) and the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor, Juliet Gerrard, to talk about coronavirus:

- o Watch on the PM's Facebook page
- o Read and watch on the Newshub website

WAIROA COLLEGE PREVENTION MEASURES

One other action we can all take is to be vigilant about our own health and the health of our children. I will be asking my staff to stay away from school if they are showing signs of illness such as coughs and colds. I ask that you please do the same with your children. Colds and flus are common in schools and by staying away, seeking medical attention and practicing good hygiene, we can all keep any spread of illness to a minimum. If we believe a student is unwell we will be contacting home and asking you to collect and keep them at home.

It is important that we have correct contact details for you and other emergency contacts. Please ring the office to update these as soon as possible. We are evaluating and waiting for more information as to whether trips and school sports will be able to continue.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Schools may be asked to close and therefore we need to be prepared to ensure that the learning of our students continues where possible. The Ministry of Education has asked all schools to survey students to find out who has internet access and computers to continue their learning. As information comes in we will communicate via Facebook, our School App and newsletters.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

The following students displayed responsible behaviour during there PAT Listening Test

Jemini Robertson	Personal Excellence x 3
Summer Akuhata-Gemmell	Respect
Miriama Hutchins	Personal Excellence
Mezmorise Anderson	Respect
Desyre Peipi	Personal Excellence
Arthur Thurston-Chandler	Personal Excellence
Dylan Adams-Gray	Respect
Tamra Stubing	Personal Excellence
Bonny Akuhata-Gemmell	Respect - Kotahitanga
Putiki Greening	Respect
Anastacia Marshall	Manaakitanga - Kotahitanga
Sefton Stevenson	Personal Excellence x 6
Kefir Kirwan	Personal Excellence x 9
Reagan Paramore	Personal Excellence
Stephany Paramore	Personal Excellence



PRELIMINARY REPORTS

All students will receive a preliminary reports on Wednesday to take home to whanau. These reports are a brief indication of how the student has settled into their learning for 2020. If you have any questions about the information provided in the report please do not hesitate to contact your student's Year Level Dean to discuss these issues further. Whanau who also have an email address on record with us will receive a copy of the report via email.

YEAR 7 & 8 DEPARTMENT

Year 8 Leaders 2020

Last week we were excited to announce our Year 8 Leaders during school assembly. We wanted their achievements to be celebrated because they have all demonstrated our Core Value of "Kotahitanga" - working together as one to show:

- Leadership in their classroom.
- Leadership in the playground.
- Representing our school with a positive attitude, manners and respect.
- Completing tasks without any hesitation.
- Showing initiative.



Congratulations to the following students – **Te Aniwa Robertson, Hunter Rangi, Grace Ismail, Joaquin Mitchell, Ash-Ley Thomson, Callum Spence, Joshua Cram and Matanui Whai.**

Teachers have been working hard to incorporate Kotahitanga into their classrooms and out in the playground. We need whānau to support us by encouraging your child or children to work well with their peers, teachers and school.

Epro8

The competition was designed to give students a fun and rewarding introduction to Science and Engineering. Each student worked well alongside their peers during the challenges requiring problem solving, innovation and teamwork. Well done!

"Scientific Nerds" and the "Mathematical Nerds" travelled to Gisborne last week to compete in the Gisborne Epro8 Finals competition between Gisborne and Wairoa schools. Congratulations to the Scientific Nerds who were placed 6th and Mathematical Nerds who placed 11th. Our students took up the challenge and are already excited about Epro8 next year.

Cross Country

What an outstanding effort from all the Year 7&8 students who participated in the school cross country.

Garden Initiative

A group of students from each of the classes spend two hours every Friday in our school garden with Teacher Aide, Miss Allison Maru. The garden initiative is driven by our students. Their focus is Kotahitanga – Working together to create their Garden Wonderland.



YEAR 7 & 8 DEPARTMENT

This term our Year 7&8 unit is based on Bees called the Bee Aware unit. Students complete a two hour block each Friday in a different classroom are taught by a different teacher. The learning is centred on Bees but it is also about the students being fully engaged in the learning classes which include

- Technology/ Science - Stop motion animation / Life cycle
- Mathematics - Navigation / Compass
- Drama & Art
- Health & P.E

2020 Anchor Aims Games

We are looking for Coaches and Managers for the 2020 Anchor Aims Games. We need coaches and managers who have the experience to get students or teams to an elite standard so that they are able to compete well against the best students in the country. If this sounds like you, please contact the Wairoa College Office and leave your name and contact details. Trials will hopefully be held in Week 10 once coaches and managers have been confirmed.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Athletics day was a success for Wairoa College this year. There was an increase in participation, due to the Year 13's gaining monetary sponsorship from local businesses in the township. We would like to acknowledge the following sponsors for their generous contribution as they made the annual Athletics more successful. Oslers Bakery, Books on Parade, Wairoa Star, Estway Sports, Farmlands, Angus Gemmells, Office Max, Wairoa Community Centre, Z Wairoa, Ponderosa, Wairoa Plumbing and Tyre General. The Yr13's hope that the leaders in the years to follow will continue to encourage students to attend Athletics Day but gaining sponsorships from local businesses. We would also like to thank the office ladies, Shelley and Bronnie for their amazing help. Thank you again for your support.

Monique Kirwan and Hannah Simmonds

RYKA SHEARING

Congratulations **Ryka Swann** on your success at the 60th Golden Shears in Masterton.

Ryka won the Golden Shears Novice round final of 68 competitors and placed 2nd in the six-shearer all-male final with a time of 6 minutes and 18.352 seconds.



SWIMMING RESULTS 2020

Junior Boys Overall

- 1st **Ronan Gemmell**
- 2nd **Moby Couper Harker**
- 3rd **Callum Spence**

Junior Girls Overall

- 1st **Rose Greaves**
- 2nd **Keira Taylor**
- 3rd **Jhalena Lafaiki**

Intermediate Boys

- 1st **James Vennell**
- 2nd **Kefir Kirwan**
- 3rd **Sefton Stevenson**

Intermediate Girls

- 1st **Kayla McMurtrie Renyolds**
- 2nd **Tiaha McMurtrie Renyolds**
- 3rd **Celine McNabb**

Senior Boys

- 1st **Nesta Wanoa Manawatu**
- 2nd **Ishmael Kirwan**
- 3rd **Quinten Clark**

Senior Girls

- 1st **Shanice McNabb**
- 2nd **Monique Kirwan**
- 3rd **Amelia Pasikala**

All of the students involved in the Wairoa College Swimming Sports represented their Houses with pride and dignity. The following is the order in which the Houses finished.

1st	Manu Korotangi	201 Points
2nd	Ngā Taiaha e Rua	192 Points
3rd	Te Toki a Tāpiri	185 Points
4th	Patu Pounamu	171 Points

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS 2020

Junior Boys Overall

- 1st **Te Ruihi Rore-Keefe**
- 2nd **Joshua Cram**
- 3rd **Moby Couper-Harker**

Junior Girls Overall

- 1st **Ashlin Swann**
- 2nd **Ceejay Marshall**
- 3rd **Maggie Powdrell**

Intermediate Boys

- 1st **Kefir Kirwan**
- 2nd **Jorden Farhmand**
- 3rd **Anaru Rore-Keefe**

Intermediate Girls

- 1st **Lily Verner**
- 2nd **Aimee MacDonald**
- 3rd **Grace Cooney**

Senior Boys

- 1st **Cameron Spence**
- 2nd **Te Mahia Keil**
- 3rd **Hemi Rore-Keefe**

Senior Girls

- 1st **Araley Rudd**
- 2nd **Bethany Kerley**
- 3rd **Bree Paul**

All of the students involved in the Wairoa College Swimming Sports represented their Houses with pride and dignity. The following is the order in which the Houses finished.

1st	Patu Pounamu	99 Points
2nd	Ngā Taiaha e Rua	87 Points
3rd	Te Toki a Tāpiri	86 Points
4th	Manu Korotangi	85 Points



HAWKES BAY ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP

ECNISS T & F Championships 2020

On Wednesday 11 March a team of 6 students travelled to Hastings to represent Wairoa College in the Athletic Championships.

Shannon Tahuri Intermediate 100m (finals), 200m

Steven Huata Intermediate 100m (finals), 200m

Kaylah McMurtrie-Reynolds Junior 200m, Shot Put (finals), Discus (finals)

Lily Verner Junior 200m, 800m

Materoa Edwards Intermediate Javelin (finals)

Outstanding Placings

Amelia Pasikala - Placed 3rd in Intermediate Javelin and 2nd in Shot Put Finals

Aprilia Huata - Placed 1st in Senior Shot Put and 1st in Senior Discus

SPECIAL OLYMPICS SCONDARY AHTLETICS DAY



The Special Olympics Athletics day was held at Campion College. The other schools that were taking part were Campion College, Gisborne Girls and Lytton High School. The events were similar to regular athletics: shot put, long jump (standing), softball throw, mini javelin, 50m and 100m walk, 100m and 200m run.

The children could enter 3 different events but on the day were able to try some of the other events. All children got a certificate regardless of their placing. Many of the Wairoa College students got 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their events.



Two students (Rankin and Zephyr) also combined with two students from Campion College for the relay and came 2nd. The day was all about taking part, having fun and encouraging one another. Everyone had a great time, including our 3 Y12 helpers: Tiana Douglas, Tamara Stewart and Coral Nepia. At the end of the day the students performed the school haka lead by Rankin, as a thank-you to our hosts.

Bernadette Reedy
Resource Teacher of Vision

HB SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

As you are aware **Kaylah McMurtrie-Reynolds** and **Nesta Wanoa- Manawatu** competed at the Hawkes Bay Secondary School swimming champs last Thursday. I would like to say it was my pleasure escorting these two students. HB swimming made us feel so welcome as always.

Results are in with **Kaylah** placing in the 12/13 Year Females: 1st 50 Freestyle and 50 Butterfly and 3rd 50m Breast stroke and 50 Backstroke gaining personal bests in Backstroke and Butterfly. As a novice swimmer **Nesta** swam extremely well in his events against top Hawkes Bay competitive swimmers.

The school should be very proud of these two students. I have attached a photo taken at the event. Please recognise these two for their efforts and achievements.

By Joanne Reynolds



WAKA AMA

The girls had an awesome day at the Hawkes Bay Regional Waka Ama event on the Clive River.

They had 2 events, the first heat was the 250m straight race and the very first race of the day. Our girls took out first place which put them through to the A Final. In the 250m straight final they came up against a strong Napier girls side who were more experienced. They placed 2nd in the final. It was a great race and the girls pushed hard the whole way.

The 2nd event for our girls was the 500m turn race. They were the first heat and were up against the same Napier Girls side that had beaten them in the 250m final. Our girls gave it everything and finished 8 seconds behind the NGHS crew. Both crews were the fastest times of the division so had to battle it out against each other once again in the A Final. Their final ended up being the race of the day. Our girls were determined to leave everything they had out there on the water in this final and that's exactly what they did. Our girls pulled off a textbook turn and coming down the home straight, were neck and neck with the NGHS crew. They pushed each other to the bitter end and finished together on the line. The official result was a 1st equal draw!

These girls have been training 4 times a week in the lead up to Secondary Nationals on Lake Tikitapu in Rotorua and the regional event has set them up with even more motivation and excitement. Bring on Nationals!

TERM 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 19 | - | EIT Agriculture |
| 20 | - | Trades Gisborne |
| 24 | - | Mates N Dates |
| 26 | - | EIT Agriculture |
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| 27 | - | Trades Gisborne |
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| 2 | - | Inzone Careers Event |
| 2 | - | EIT Agriculture |
| 3 | - | Trades Gisborne |
| 9 | - | EIT Agriculture |
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