



WAIROA COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

Term 2

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Message From Our Principal

Tēnā Koutou Katoa

As we move out of Anzac weekend, I hope you spent some time with your whānau and perhaps even those in your street, to remember the Australians and New Zealanders who sacrificed their lives during WWI and all conflicts since:



*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn;
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

Alert Level 3

We are now at Alert Level 3. Due to a number of vulnerable staff, we have to keep the number returning to school in Years 7-10 under Alert Level 3 to a certain number. As such before any other children return to school at Alert Level 3 you must give 48 hours notice to me by ringing the school office or emailing me at principal@wairoacollege.school.nz. This is very important as we may not be able to accommodate them if they just turn up. We need to know exactly who is attending each day as staffing is limited. We appreciate your support with this.

A handful of students have returned to us this week as indicated by their caregivers last week. I thought it was important to share with you some of the health and safety requirements from the Ministry of Education in consultation with the health sector to keep everyone safe. As well as the Health and Safety Rules for Students below there are also some other important points

1. Each child is placed in a bubble of 10 students - these may be different year levels as we are also trying to keep families together
2. They will remain in that bubble for Alert Level 3 in the same classroom
3. They will be supervised by a teacher while they continue with their on-line learning. This may not be a teacher they have had before
4. If you are keeping your child home you must ring or email the school office and let us know by 9am
5. If a child is late they must sign in at the office
6. If your child has access to headphones can they please bring them
7. We are trying to decrease cross contamination as much as possible so can your child please bring their own drink bottle. We will provide plastic throwaway cups if needed
8. Only Tuai, Mangapoike and Mahia buses will run on the first day. This is based on the students that we know that need to return to school
9. Each day of the first week students will make their way to the hall where senior leadership will ensure they are 2m apart and escort them to their designated class. This will be the same class for the duration of Alert Level 3
10. If for some reason a student in your child's bubble becomes unwell we will ask you to keep your child at home also until we have verification that it is safe to return to school
11. At Alert Level 3 we are discouraging visitors to our school

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Health and Safety Rules for Students

These rules are in place to protect you, other students and staff. If you do these things you will also protect your home bubble.

- You must not turn up to school if you have a cough, runny nose, sore throat or any of the other Covid-19 symptoms or if you are unwell. You will be sent home if unwell
- You must not go within 2m of another person while outside of your classroom
- You must not go within 1m of another person in your classroom
- You will be allocated a seat for the duration of your time at school in one classroom
- You will be given a device and some stationery
- You will be allocated a bubble and you can not mix with other bubbles
- You will have a designated place for your breaks
- The canteen will be closed, you will need to bring your lunch and morning tea
- You must bring your own drink bottle
- You can not share food or learning equipment
- You will wipe down your desk with the disinfectant provided, chair and laptop at the start and end of the day
- You must practise good sneezing and coughing into your elbow etiquette
- You will sanitise your hands regularly throughout the day and on entry to the classroom
- You will need to sign in and out of your classroom if you are leaving to use the bathroom
- Line up outside your classroom with a 2m distance from other students and staff on entry to the classroom
- Do not bring sports equipment such as balls and skate boards as these can not be used at school

These rules are to ensure that if we did have a Covid-19 case at school we are able to do contract tracing quickly and accurately.

Devices

From the information that you provided through your whānau teachers we have been successful in getting 213 devices from the Ministry of Education for our students. 150 laptops for Years 9-13 and 63 chromebooks for Years 7 and 8. Those who will be receiving them should do so in the next week. These devices are the property of Wairoa College and must be returned to us when we return to normal schooling. I will give you more detail of this at a later time. I am sure students will make very good use of these devices. I know it has been a wait for the devices to arrive and some children are waiting for the hardcopy packs. However, we are very fortunate that our school has been granted these devices.

Distance Learning

Some students have made very good use of our on-line learning platform, Education Perfect. Every student has access to Education Perfect to continue their studies. Many students have also accessed Microsoft office 365 One Note for assignments and information as well as email and Microsoft Teams for online video lessons. I have been very impressed with how our teachers have risen to develop their skills. Other students collected hardcopy resources at the end of the term and many have received hardcopy resources that we ordered through the Ministry of Education portal. All Year 7 and 8 students should receive one of these. This will give an alternate to the on-line learning when needed. If you have any concerns about distance learning please get in contact with your child's whānau teacher.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Sparklers at Home wellbeing toolkit

Sparklers at Home, supported by the Ministry of Health, is to enable parents and caregivers to support the wellbeing of their tamariki while at home.

The Sparklers wellbeing toolkit was originally designed for classroom use but has been adapted so parents can use it at home. It's free and contains 23 fun and easy to do wellbeing activities that parents and caregivers can do with their children in their living room or on their lawn. [For more information visit the sparklers website](#)

Information to support parents

The Ministry's parent website has Alert Level 3 information and a parents' checklist. The checklist reminds parents what they need to do to assist schools with their planning. It also includes information to assist parents to prepare their child if they need to return to school.

Ngā mihi nui,

Mrs Jo-Anne Vennell

Principal Wairoa College

WELLDONE EDUCATION PERFECT USERS

In the last week, which marked the beginning of Term Two we have all been working hard online in Education Perfect. There have been 2135 logins by students who have answered a staggering

154 808 questions. A shout out to Mrs Tokona's year 7 class who have attempted 162 lessons and answered 17,248 questions in just a week. Great mahi, ka pai.

Here are some comments from our students who have been using Education Perfect.

"I love education perfect I enjoy it and I also enjoyed this competition." PJ

"This was a good lesson I learnt how wind works and how the hot air rises and the cold air falls thank you teacher." RH

"I feel really good and comfortable to work with the EP, but I am grateful to have my teacher teach me what I know to help me through this work. BIG THANKS." TW

"I like the fact of being able to learn on online and have fun activities to do and also to see how my friends are doing." KA

Well done to all of the students engaging in their mahi, keep it up.
Mrs Carmine.

STUDENT ONLINE GUIDE

Student Online Guide Week 3- Week 5 (27th April- 15th May)

1. Staff will be available for contact between the hours of 9-3pm. We have asked that you respect this and understand that outside these hours they may not respond to your emails and calls and will contact you the next day, within these hours.
2. You will have an opportunity to contact your teacher directly in the time allotted on the timetable. This might be via teams as a video conference, email or phone call.
3. The timetable outlines when you are contacting and working on each subject area. Your teacher will be in touch to explain in more detail. Please note that **Monday 27th April is Anzac day** and **Tuesday 28th April** is a Teacher Only Day so no online lessons these days.
4. **Whanau class time:** your teacher will be contacting you just to check that things are going well and that you are ok. This is who you ask questions if you need to. Mrs Vennell and the senior leadership team may also contact you as well.
5. Please check your school email. This will be our regular point of contact with you.

Year 7&8 Timetable

Time	Mon Anzac Day 27th April 4th May 11th May	Tues TOD 28th April 5th May 12th May	Wed 29th April 6th May 13th May	Thurs 30th April 7th May 14th May	Fri 24th 1 May 8th May 15th May
9:30-10:30					
10:30 - 11:30					
11-12	WHANAU CLASS	WHANAU CLASS	WHANAU CLASS	WHANAU CLASS	WHANAU CLASS
12:00-1	Numeracy (classroom program)	Literacy (classroom program)	BEE UNIT -working on set work in Education Perfect -Microsoft 365 - work sent via email	Literacy (classroom program)	Option One: Technology/ Rotations (Music, Food Tech, Textiles, Science, TRM, DIT)
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10:30- 11:30	SENIOR: YR 12 ENG JUNIOR: 9O/9K Science	SENIOR: YR 13 CALC JUNIOR: YR 10 ENGLISH	SENIOR: YR 11 SCI	SENIOR TECH: Music, Food Tech, Textiles, Hard materials, DIT JUNIOR: -YR 10 SOCIAL SCI	SENIOR: YR 11 HISTORY YR 12 GEO JUNIOR: TECHNOLOGY OPTION YR 10 (FOOD, TEXTILES)
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YEAR 7 & 8 DEPARTMENT

Since Level 4 Lockdown the Year 7&8 teachers have been working together to ensure our students have access to learning resources. The whole online learning has been a new experience for us all. The teachers have designed a Wairoa College Year 7&8 Learning site for our students to use in and out of class to access their learning.

Important info to help you:

Navigating the site:

For each subject you will need to click into the tab on the left hand side of the screen. This will open up all of the learning tasks for each curriculum area. Each student will have to choose which level they will work on - levels 1,2,3 or 4. There will be a variety of tasks, resources and instructional video clips to help with the learning.

- Completed work can either be done in a document and emailed to your teacher's email address or a presentable hard copy where you can take a photo of your work and email.
- There will be a variation of work which consists online with Education Perfect as well as other activities and links to various educational websites.
- Between 12pm and 1pm Monday to Friday you can connect with your teacher through 'Teams' for a video call. Please email your learning teacher if you have any problems or questions. We are all here to help.

It is important that your well-being comes first. There are a lot of learning activities uploaded for students to complete. It does not mean they have to finish everything. Like Nigel Latta stated: "If the kids want to do their home learning and it doesn't add stress for parents, great. If you're trying to juggle work and a bunch of other things and the kids don't want to do it and its just adding stress don't do it and it will do them no harm at all."

Take care & stay safe.

<https://sites.google.com/wairoacollege.school.nz/year7and8department/home>



YEAR 7 & 8 ANZAC POEMS

During Level 4 Lockdown our Year 7&8 students have written poems to commemorate ANZAC Day.

The Endless Battle

In the fields the poppies' lay,
the soldiers lie to rest another day.
Going to war they paid the price,
having to make the greatest sacrifice.
For if they survive the war, you'll find,
they will forever fight the conflict in their mind.
It Seems no one survives the war at all,
so many bodies buried, makes the poppies grow tall.
Rows upon rows filled by soldier's plaques,
this isn't the only way they left their mark.
For we are here because of them,
age shall not wary them, nor the years condemn.
They returned home, never to be the same,
the freedom they granted us, we must never take in vain.
Their lives they could never restart,
they will always be with us in our minds and our hearts.
Lest we forget

By Vahn

On the date 25th of April each year
A time we recall to all the people who fought in the
war in hope for a better future

Soldiers were going hour to hour
Day by day
Behind the very grit of their weapon

Terror and Boredom Increasing
rapidly by the minute
Exhaustion and Frustration
If only the world was fortunate

The Anzac poppy
representing the remembrance
of their sacrifice proving them worthy,
for our future freedom.

By Mia Robertson

YEAR 7 & 8 ANZAC POEMS

Everlasting battle

I felt like the world was ending
Like I was trapped in a maze
My hands gripped to my gun
Feeling I could never get out
My head was pounding
My leg slowly dragging behind me
Bullets were flying towards my enemies
Bullets flying towards me
My eyes were traumatized
By everything that was happening around me.
The day faded into night and night into day
I headed back to the trench to rest my weary head
Preparing for another traumatizing day.

By Te Aniwa

ANZAC Poem

Dawn of Today
The restless night seized,
but no heart could be eased.
Fate well engraved out in the haze,
the rising sun in their gaze.

Down deep in the trenches
fear and awareness
lurk in the cold.
A soldier may rest his gun,
but he will not,
for the battle has not been won.
No matter what will happen on this day,
waiting at the dawn of today.

By Elle

War

Here I am, covering in a trench, aiming my gun, shooting, missing.
Almost deafened by the high-volume gunshots and the voices of the men only getting more frustrated
by the minute.
Explosions, only by the powerful frag weaponry that both us, and the enemy, possessed.
Dirt splattering everywhere from the missed gunshots. Later, I stopped moving, I saw black.
And when I woke up, I was in a quieter, peaceful place.

By Hunter Rangī

YEAR 7 & 8 ANZAC POEMS

ANZAC

Australia and New Zealand fought together so far away.
They hid in trenches praying to live another day.
Spent months and years watching friends die.
Bombs blast the battlefield thrown by their allies.
A lot have died
Some came home but lives were not the same.
Left on the battlefield are red poppies that grow.
In remembrance we wear them on Anzac Day
Lest we forget!

By Teawhina



LEARNER LICENCE

Free online Learner Licence Course for students aged 16 and over. This course is to prepare you for sitting your learner licence test.

Students or parents/caregivers interested please contact Karen Hayward via email for more details.

kh@wairoacollege.school.nz



ONLINE LEARNING

Behaviour online

Students are encouraged to remember that the expectations of their behaviour in the online learning space are the same as they are in the physical classroom. Our Wairoa College values should underpin their behaviour at all times: **Respect, Manaakitangi, Resilience, and Kotahitanga.**

Safety Online

As you know, children's online safety is important. At school, Network for Learning (N4L) helps keep your students safe from the bad side of the internet. During lockdown, the students' place of learning shifts to their home. So N4L has worked out a way to help parents keep their children safely connected at home.

N4L have arranged a FREE safety filter that parents can set up on their child's learning devices from home. Just go to switchonsafety.co.nz to find clear instructions on how to do this.

The filter blocks websites containing known cyber threats like phishing scams, malicious content and viruses, while also protecting children from content deemed the worst of the web (like adult sites). Once a child's device is set up, all internet search requests will go through the safety filter which checks if the website they are trying to visit is safe before allowing access. If it's a website that's known to be unsafe, then it will be blocked. The safety filter is applied to the child's device, so parents' devices are not affected.

Please remember that technology is not a silver bullet and the filter should be used in combination with Netsafe's [online parent safety toolkit](#).

HOW TO LOG IN TO EDUCATION PERFECT

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Visit: <https://epforlearning.com/>

Username: **your school email address**

Password: **your first name (unless you have re-set your password)**

Where do I go if I need help with:

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- my Office 365 account/log in? Contact Guy itsupport@wairoacollege.school.nz or 0211809199
- my Education Perfect login? Contact Ms Carmine lmc@wairoacollege.school.nz
- using Office 365? You could email your teacher, Miss Mahy: ksm@wairoacollege.school.nz, or Mr Oosthuizen: jmo@wairoacollege.school.nz

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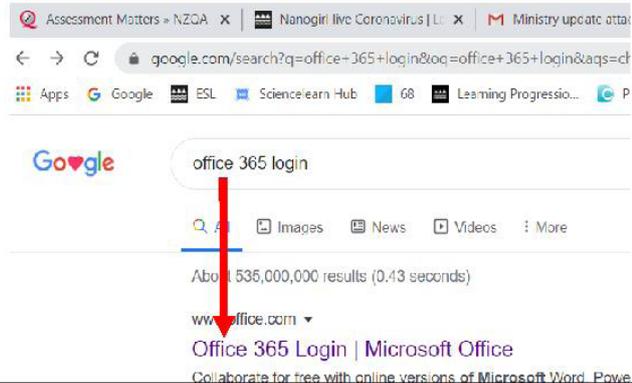


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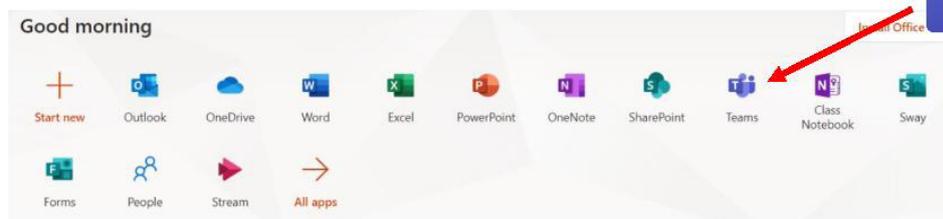
How do I log in to Office 365?

1. In a web-browser search: Office 365 Login
2. To sign-in:
Username: School email address
Password: The password you use to log in to the school network
3. This will take you to your Office 365 homepage with links to all of the Office 365 Applications

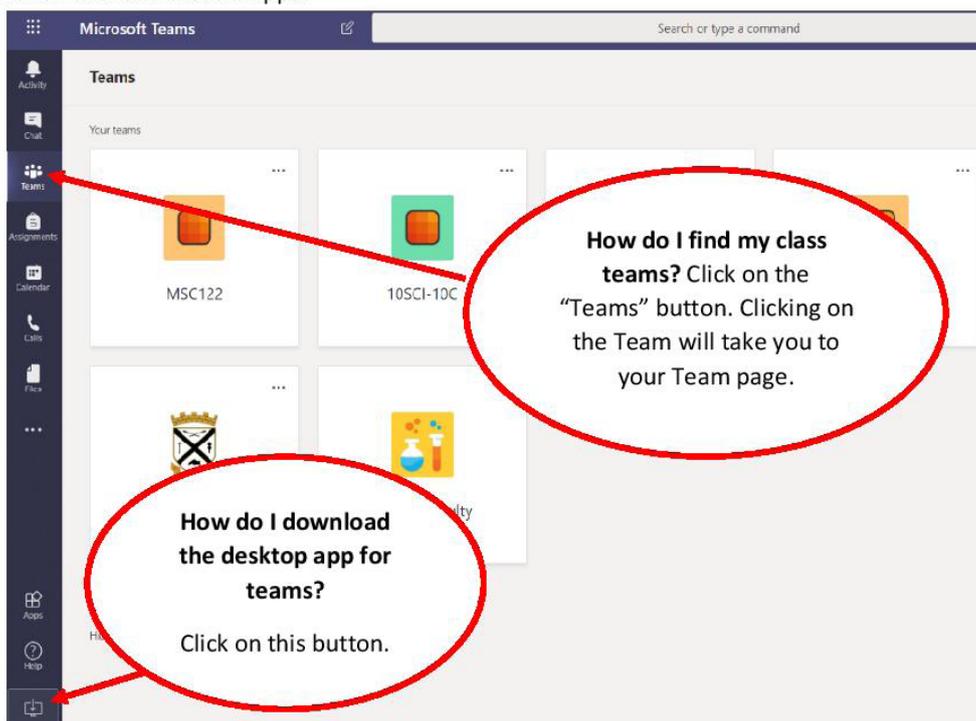


How do I find Microsoft Teams?

Once you have logged into Office 365 look for this icon on your homepage:



You will need to click on **All apps** if the Teams icon is not there. Clicking on the icon will open Teams in your web browser. **Downloading the Desktop App** will give you more tools to use. Try and use the Desktop App where possible for all of the Microsoft Apps.



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How do I join an online lesson in Microsoft Teams?

Your teacher may invite you to join a meeting with them in your scheduled learning timeslot. You will see this in your calendar. Click on the meeting and it will give you the option to join on the top right of the page



OR The meeting will show as a "Post" in your Team feed. Clicking on this event will also give you the option to join on the top right of the page.



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- Links to our website, and facebook page
- Access to the parent portal
- View Notices, Newsletters and the Calendar of events
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TIPOKI BROTHERS



Brothers on Board

HMNZS CANTERBURY was home to four sets of Navy and Army brothers for several months.

At one point CANTERBURY had Army brothers Jason and Shane Pore, members of the Ship's Amphibious Load Team (SALT); Weapon Technicians Alex and Joe Kirk; marine technicians Jacob and Ben Griffin and chef and steward Kiwi and Vegas Tipoki.

And as far as the Tipoki brothers from Wairoa are concerned, it's a great way of beating homesickness.

Able Chef Kiwi Tipoki and Able Steward Vegas Tipoki featured in *Navy Today* October 2017, owing to the rare circumstance of two brothers undertaking Basic Common Training (BCT) together. They've both been in CANTERBURY since the start of 2018.

ACH Tipoki says they have practically done everything together, including their Basic Branch Training in Waiouru for chefs and stewards after they graduated from BCT. "It's been two years today," he told *Navy Today* last month. "It's been really good. We've always been close. It's stopped us getting homesick, that's the way I think about it." He has had time away from CANTERBURY, working in an Inshore Patrol Vessel as a chef, before returning. ASTD Tipoki has been in CANTERBURY continuously. "Both of us, we've trained together, branch course together, we've got the same cabin on the ship, and now we are both on the same course at Waiouru – I'm doing my chef intermediates, and he's doing steward intermediates. What are the odds, eh?"

Leading Weapons Technican Alex Kirk shared the Weapon Technicians' office in CANTERBURY with his younger brother, Able Weapons Technician Joe Kirk.

LWT Kirk says the Weapons Technician idea was actually his brother's, but he joined first. "I thought about joining the army, but didn't want to dig trenches. The idea of travel appealed. You choose to become a WT at the end of your Electronic Technician branch training. I thought being a WT sounded more fun. You can see what you're working with, as opposed to something magical like electronics."

He told his brother about the adventures, but he knew he was always going to join. He says it was a little strange being together. "It was cool in some ways but weird in other ways. It was just the two of us here in this office. But being a WT, compared to other trades, is a lot of fun. You have normal work hours, and everyone likes guns." Joe has since left the Navy to move to Australia.

Above: ASTD Vegas Tipoki (left) and ACH Kiwi Tipoki.

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