

WAIROA COLLEGE

Raising student achievement through building strong foundations



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Vision: Success for all | Motto: Kia Mataara - Be Vigilant | Symbol: The Rock - Building Strong Foundations

February 1, 2018

Term 1, | Week 1

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Welcome to the 2018 year to families returning. Welcome also to families commencing your journey with us. Welcome All.

This week I was warmly welcomed with a moving Powhiri. I am honoured to be the new Principal of Wairoa College. It is a privilege. With this privilege comes a responsibility. A responsibility to ensure that our young people are achieving their potential.

The 2018 School Leader group ran their first assembly on Wednesday. Hine, Taurion, Mya and Jake will each have a different area as their focus for the year. Hine will focus on culture, Taurion on sport, Mya on academic achievement and Jake on community. These areas fit in well with this year's theme around Personal Excellence. As a school we will be focusing on raising student achievement, engagement and well-being.

Congratulations to Arianna Ormond who is the recipient of Rocket Lab's inaugural tertiary scholarship. Arianna was a year 13 student at Wairoa College in 2017. She is going to the University of Canterbury 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.

I would also like to give our best wishes to Henry Smith who has resigned from Wairoa College. He will be leaving part way through the term to take up a new position at Kaitaia College as a Building and Construction teacher.

This term we welcome the following staff:

Dinesh Venkataiya	-	Mathematics
Ashwini Venkataiya	-	English/Social Sciences
Jaesan Ryfle-Turi	-	Digital Technology
Wendy Kirby	-	Physical Education & Health
Deirdre Tomalin	-	Mathematics – short term relief
Paula Couper	-	Hard Materials – short term relief
Wendy Stone	-	returning
Yvonne Nairn	-	returning

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I wish you and your child all the very best for a smooth start to the year and for a happy and successful 2018. I look forward to meeting you at upcoming school events, please do come and introduce yourself.

Ngā mihi nui

Mrs Jo-Anne Vennell

Reminders

As a school we must ensure the safety of our students. Therefore serious consequences will be given if the following rules are not followed;

- No student is to leave school without a lunch pass or signing out at the student centre
- Students must arrive on time to class and attend every lesson
- No fighting
- No bullying
- No drinking
- No smoking, no drugs
- No vandalism

Students will be reminded regularly of the ROCK values: Respect, Ownership, Choices, Kotahitanga.

Careers and Training Update

TRADES ACADEMY - EIT - TAIRAWHITI CAMPUS STARTS WITH A WHAKATAU ON FRIDAY 9 FEB, HAWKES BAY CAMPUS STARTS ON FRIDAY 16 FEB. students will receive a newsletter shortly with info regarding buses and times. It is not too late for students to enrol in the Academy.

Driving Programmes

Restricted driving lessons resume next week. Any student who has had their learners for at least 4 months is eligible and driving instruction is provided free of charge to students.

The next learners license course will be offered in early March.

If you need further info about these, contact Ms Karen Hayward.

Message from Head of Faculty Physical Education & Health

Wairoa College is pleased to introduce Ms Wendy Kirby to the Physical Education & Health Faculty.

Ms Kirby is a keen athlete and enjoys participating in Triathlons. When she is not teaching you will find her relaxing at the beach. She joins the Physical Education & Health Faculty with a vast amount of knowledge and teaching experience.

Ms Kirby is teaching the Junior Physical Education & Health classes along with Outdoor Education on "Friday".

A big warm welcome to Wairoa College!



Message from Careers

The Whakapiki Ake Team from the University of Auckland will be visiting Wairoa College in Term 1 to recruit Year 12 and 13 Maori students for their Year 12 and 13 programmes.

1. MASH (Māori Achieving Success in Health) Year 12 exposure to Auckland Hospital and Auckland University and role models (4 day programme)
2. COACH (Creating Opportunities in a Career in Health) Year 13 preparation programme for a Faculty of Medical Health Sciences programme, University of Auckland and living in Auckland.

These programmes focus on exposure to health careers, academic support, exposure to Auckland city and University. Whakapiki Ake pays for transport, accommodation and activities. It is based at the Waipapa Marae, on the Auckland University city campus.

At Year 12 and 13 Whakapiki Ake are focused on rangatahi who are (potentially) interested in a career in health and taking ideally two science based subjects, Maths and an English rich subject (English, History, Geography). Interested Year 12 and 13 students can register their interest with Mr Body in advance of the visit.

Keep a lookout for further information for date, time and venue of this visit. Parents are welcome to attend.

2017 NCEA Achievements

NCEA Level 1 Endorsement

Merit - Anna Powdrell (Manu)

NCEA Level 2 Endorsement

Excellence - Mya Mataki (Nga Taiaha)

Merit - Lauralee Bramley (Manu)

NCEA Level 3 Endorsement

Merit - William Rangi (Patu)

Ereti King (Te Toki)

Rose Campbell (Manu)

Monique Stone (Manu)



Course Endorsements

Level 1

Shyanne Smith (Nga Taiaha): Merit Endorsement – English

Anna Powdrell (Manu): Merit Endorsement – English, Physical education

Amber Hammond (Patu): Merit Endorsement - Art

Level 2

Taurion Colquhoun (Patu) : Merit Endorsement – Chemistry

Floyd Walker (Te Toki): Merit Endorsement – Chemistry

Mya Mataki (Nga Taiaha): Excellence Endorsement – Chemistry, Art and

Merit Endorsement – English

Lauralee Bramley (Manu): Merit Endorsement – Biology, Chemistry, Geography

Level 3

Ereti King (Te Toki): Merit Endorsement – History

Caleb Ormond (Manu): Merit Endorsement – Art

Paige Heron (Manu): Merit Endorsement – English

Kayliss Mitchell (Patu): Merit Endorsement – Calculus

Monique Stone (Manu): Merit Endorsement – Geography

William Rangi (Patu): Merit Endorsement – Chemistry, Calculus, Physics

Message from the School Nurse

As we all know, the weather has been extremely hot. To help the students keep learning they need to be drinking water to reduce dehydration and prevent headaches.

With school activities young people need to wear a hat, have sunscreen and to bring a water bottle to school. Water is the best drink to bring as it has no sugar.

Also, a reminder: The Health Care Centre has a doctor clinic on Thursday mornings. To book your student in, please phone the school office to make an appointment.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, 5 February

Teachers Only Day

Tuesday, 6 February

Waitangi Day

Thursday, 8 February

Athletic Standards Day

Friday, 9 February

Gisborne Trades Academy

Tuesday, 13 February

Gideons International

Wednesday, 14 February

Athletic Champs 4pm to 7:30pm

Friday, 16 February

Napier EIT Trades Academy

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