

WAIROA COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

Message From Our Principal



Tēnā Koutou Katoa,

This week we welcomed some of the Year 6 students into our school to partake in an orientation morning. They attended some classes, met staff and students and had a very nice morning tea put on by Mrs Murphy and her team.

Seniors have been busy studying and completing their examinations. I wish them well for a lovely summer break and will see them again in the new year.

Over the next few weeks there are some activities and experiences planned for Year 7-10 students. It is important that junior students keep working until the end of the school year to ensure they are prepared for next year.

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.

I wish you all well for the end of term.

Ngā mihi nui,

Mrs Jo-Anne Vennell

Principal Wairoa College

JUNIOR PRIZE GIVING WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER, AT 1PM

Upcoming events for Year 7 - 10 Students:			
Date	Event		
Mon 26th Nov - Tues 27th Nov	Volvo - Have a go Sailing!		
Wed 28th Nov - Fri 30th Nov	Science Wananga		
Friday 30th Nov	Silver Fern Rally Cars		
Mon 3rd - Fri 7th Dec	Explore the 1931 Earthquake		
Friday 7th Dec	Splash Planet Trip		

SCIENCE WANANGA

The University of Otago are facilitating a Science Wānanga programme for Year 8 and 9 students from schools in our district. It is being held at the Takitimu Marae, on Wednesday 28th November.

The purpose is to provide students with an opportunity to gain practical scientific skills and knowledge in real-life contexts, working alongside university scientists, postgraduate students and the local Māori community as inspirational role models who respect the mātauranga that students bring.

PE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Week 4

- 7C **Mersaydez Culshaw,** for 100% effort and teamwork in Bench Ball
- 9C **Phillippa Mason,** for strategy and 100% effort in Ultimate Dodgeball
- 9K **Aaron Crayford,** for 100% participation and having a great attitude in PE
- 90 **Nikita Jope,** for strategy and 100% effort in Ultimate Dodgeball
- 10C **Amelia Paskiala**, for being an amazing role model and positive leader in PE
- 10K **Angel Hammond,** for using your initiative and getting things done in PE
- 100 **Hirini Mcllroy,** for outstanding dodging and strategy in Ultimate Dodgeball
- 10R **Awatea Christie,** for 100% effort and commitment in Netball

Week 5

- 7C **Rawiri Warner,** for excellent selfmanagement and participation
- 9C **Pahauwera Hungahunga,** for improved self-management and 100% effort
- 9K **Danikah Wilson,** for always encouraging others and being positive in PE
- 9R **Cara Turipa-Hook,** for consistent participation and a positive attitude
- 10C **Pollyanne Tuahine,** for consistently trying your best and being an amazing role model in PE
- 10K **Tiana Runga,** for consistently giving things a go and always actively participating in PE
- 10R **Ruby Mildon,** for consistently demonstrating excellent leadership
- 100 **Rogan Baty**, for consistently giving 100% and great teamwork



KAPA HAKA



Wairoa District Schools Kapa Haka festival was held last week. Our Year 7 and 8 students performed 6 waiata and were part of celebrating the 150th year of Frasertown Primary School. The students performance was dedicated to Papa Malcolm Tuahine. What a great day out at Frasertown School, and a fantastic performance by our Year 7 and 8 Students.







Wairoa College Students' Design Wins at Pet Day

Year 10 students, Tiana Douglas and Ruby Mildon, helped Frasertown School student, Motana and her dog Shadow, take out a win at Frasertown School Pet Day last Friday.

Ruby and Tiana designed a special 'Super Dog' cape for Shadow as a special project in their Textile Design Class with Ms Hayward. It came complete with a hood, red lining and Superdog emblem.



Shadow was very proud to wear it on the day and Montana is sure it helped him win first place in the large dog category.





VOCATIONAL STUDIES

Throughout the year, our Year 12 & 13's have had the opportunity to participate in a Tertiary Level course that is of interest to them.

Some of the courses are run by outside providers, like the **EIT Trades Academy**. This year, every Friday students have travelled to either the Gisborne or Taradale EIT campus' to attend some of the following courses which they run:

- Level 3 hospitality

- Automotive - Animal Care

- Building - Forestry

- Agriculture

- Hair and Beauty

- Health and Fitness

A popular **STAR** (Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resource) course students select is Tourisim, the units come from the NZ School of Tourisim.

STAR Hospitality



"I have always loved working with food and people, so next year I am going to PIHMS, which is a Hotel Management School in New Plymouth. From Year 9, right through to Year 13 I have done Hospitality at school. In my last year I did Level 3 Catering and Level 3 EIT Catering in Gisborne. The best part about Level 3 Catering is learning how to make barista coffee, and becoming a qualified barista. The best part about EIT catering is cooking for other people. I have found a job in the hospitality Industry as a waitress at the Wairoa Club. All these things I have accomplished in Level 3 Catering, and L3 EIT Catering, along with my job at the club will give me experience for PIHMS"

by Te Rapa Bayly

STAR Agriculture

On Friday 16th November, we had a group of Year 10 students head out to a farm taster day at the Swanns' farm, on Cricklewood Road. The hope is that these students will be able to do a STAR Agriculture Course next year and travel out to farms each friday where they will experience all the day to day work that happens on a farm - today they did calf marking and all had a go at shearing. The visit was organised by STAR coordinator Karen Hayward and the students supervised by Toby Taylor and the farmers Paul and Sonya Swann. Another group will travel to the farm next Friday. A great time was had by all these very hard working students, and they are commended for the effort and interest they have shown.











GATEWAY PROGRAMME

Gateway is available to Year 11, 12 and 13 students who are interested in doing work experience in a career they may be interested in when they leave school.

This year we had over 25 students out in local workplaces gaining work experience and devloping skills and knowledge in a career that was of interest to them. Some of the work places our students had the opportunity to visit were: Earlychildhood Centres, Automotive businesses, local farms, Hairdressing Salons, Hospitality businesses, work experience with the Police, the Wairoa Hospital, a Beekeeping business, and the Limery.

These programmes are a great way for students to get a taster of specific professions they are interested in, as well as gaining credits for their studies.

"I started Gateway 8 or 9 months ago. It has opened a door into my future, enabling me to gain some inside experience into a mechanical career.

Since my work placement at the local garage, I have applied for a placement and a scholarship in a Level 3 Mechanical Course at EIT.

I have been accepted into the course which starts in Feburary 2019. I would not have been able to get to where I am now, had I not had the opportiunity and been accepted into the Gateway Programme".

- Byron Drysdale



Current student Byron Drysdale, who gained Level 2 in Automotive through the Gateway Programme.

DEPARTMENT FOCUS: ENGLISH

Throughout the year, students in English classes have been producing outstanding work. They have crafted excellent pieces of writing, delivered oral presentations that have commanded attention from audiences and designed static images that have conveyed deep messages. As we fast approach the end of the 2018 school year, we'd like to share some amazing student work with you. We hope you enjoy them as much as we in the English Department have.

A piece of crafted writing:

To my younger self

This piece was written for the younger generation, more specifically myself imagined as a naive preteen. I wanted to express how hardships are inevitable, but if you stay true to yourself, they will mould you into a mature adult. Stars; shoot for them. You will not only land among them but become one if you try your hardest. Honestly, be honest in every aspect of your life and to people around you. Your word is your greatest asset and will take you to the ends of the earth. But most importantly, be true to yourself. If you lose yourself, who do you become? Be the leader elders pray for in the following generations. You were born to be a leader. A leader who does not follow the crowd but chooses her own path in life. And your own path is a rational option. Every opinion you make is rational and important. Your emotions are important. They are not silly and should not be misjudged as weakness. Do not punish yourself for these feelings, and for ultimately being yourself. Do not allow people to disregard your values as immature feelings because these values will mould you into the person you are meant to be. You will mature early, and obtain wisdom thrice your age in comparison to your peers. People will hate you for it, in fact everybody will hate you for it. But stay true to it soldier; because these people will be your foundation for pure happiness. Stand tall and hold on tight, you are so beautiful. Do not let anyone tell you you're not.

- Written by Mya Mataki-Wilson, Year 13.

A few outstanding sentences from a Year 9 writing assessment on 'Being a good friend'.....

A good friend is everything. Look, I'm a bossy person but I've managed to pull my head out of the clouds and THINK about my friends and how I treat them. Being a good friend is being considerate of others. Be you. Be yourself, because everyone else is already taken.

Friendship is more than just the company you have - it's the people you can reside with and trust. You shouldn't have to hold up a false facade for someone you are supposed to trust. You should be yourself and no one else.

Anyone can become your friend but it takes the ones who protect and defend your name when you're not around to be a good, trustworthy friend. Finding a good friend is like 'family by choice'. I can be a good friend by always checking up on them. I usually remind them about their self-beauty. Everyone deserves to be reminded of how great a person they are.

Being someone's friend is a privilege. It can be tough at times, but if you are a true friend you will stick by their side through thick and thin.

Good friends. We know they exist but how often do we think about what a good friend really is? A good friend is a friend that is above the rest. They are someone who can keep you grounded.

My friends trust me with their secrets and rely on me when they are vulnerable.

A toxic friend is a friend nobody wants to have. Toxic friends will not ask you how your day was, or give you compliments. A toxic friend will want something from you. Toxic friends are not good friends to have. They manipulate the situation to make it about themselves. Surround yourself with amazing friends who help you, make you laugh, make you smile. You know your friends are forever when they bring out the best in you.

TERM 4 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM FOUR

Week Six

Mon	19-23	NCEA External Exams
Mon	19	Transition Day
Thur	22	White Ribbon Event

Week Seven

Mon	26-30	NCEA External Exams
Mon	26-27	Volvo Sailing
Tue	27	BOT Meeting
Wed	28-30	Science Wananga
Fri	30	Silver Fern Rally cars

Week Eight

Mon	3-7	Dec	Explore the 1931 Eathquake
Fri	7		Splash Planet Trip

Week Nine

Wed	12	Junior Prizegiving
Thur	13	Last Day of School

2019 IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1: 29th January – 12th April

Jan	Week 1	Tue	29	Term 1 Starts
Feb	Week 3	Wed	13	Athletics Day
	Week 5	Wed	27	Swimming Sports
Apr	Week 10	Fri	12	Last Day Term 2

TERM 2: 29th April – 5th July

April	Week 1	Mon	29	Term 2 Starts
May	Week 3	Wed	15	Cross Country
July	Week 10	Fri	5	Last Day Term 2

TERM 3: 22nd July – 27th September

Jul	Week 1	Mon	22	Term 3 Starts
Sep	Week 10	Fri	27	Last Day Term 3

TERM 4: 14th October – 9th December

Oct	Week 1	Mon	14	Term 4 Starts
Dec	Week 9	Mon	9	Last Day Term 4

PRIZEGIVING CERTIFICATES FOR COLLECTION

There are a number of prizegiving certificates that have not yet been collected, could the following students please come to the School office to collect their certificates:

Te Rapa Bayly Lauralee Bramley Kanisha Culshaw-Kaisa **Dustin-Jack Dale Ouinn Down** Alexandra Eketone-Edwards Kauri Gray Elise Hagen Maungarongo Hempo Valerie Karaka Jacquin-Silas Kawana

Gabriel Keefe Danni Kelsey Cherry Mason Jaelyn McCafferty **Brooklyn Morris-Wallace** Kapene Munro Cyrus Paul **Brooke Pullar** Ebony Te Kahika Hemi Thompson Georgina Tipuna

Te Huiariki Tuahine Zane Wairau Nesta-Teruru Wanoa-Manawatu Galaxie Waihape Raukura Waihape Clay Wesche Sio Westerlund Tye Wild

FROM THE CAREERS DEPARTMENT



INFORMATION & ENROLMENT EVENING

Meet the friendly staff, and plan your path to the career you really want. There are over 130 certificate degree and post grad programmes all right here on your doorstep.

Wednesday, 5 December, 5.30-7pm

Maia Gallery, 80 Cobden St Toihoukura

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JOB VACANCY



Mohaka Orchards is looking for students for weekend work fruit thinning, parents welcome too.

This is paid work.

Please phone Russ 0275335037