

April 2nd **Waiheke High School**
2015
Term 1 Week 10 **Newsletter**



Tena koe,

Term One has rapidly disappeared and I would like to thank those parents who attended our Critical Career conversations from Years 11-13. Again, I understand about the frustrations of parents missing out with interviews in the junior school. I apologise for this as I did last year, because clearly this is not working well. Last year we provided "meet the teacher" and progress reports in Term 1. This year we have provided "meet the Form teacher", progress reports and "meet the teacher", but still there are families missing out. Please, if this is you, contact the teachers directly and they will get back to you.

I would like to again reiterate that school donations are just that - donations. Waiheke High School has one of the cheapest school donations compared to other schools and again, I would like to reiterate, such donations enable funding for computers, sports equipment, sound systems and innovative classroom furnishings. Modern pedagogy (experiential or hands on) cites more practical lessons are better for our learners because it makes the learning real and contextualised. Our free system of education does not enable the amount of experiential learning that we, as staff, feel is adequate for our learners. Seeing and doing is connectivity of the learning for the real world.

I would like to wish Julia Crawford a wonderful time next term as she completes her Waiheke High School Staff Scholarship for mathematics differentiation across the New Zealand curriculum framework. We look forward to Julia's return in Term 3. Julia's replacement is Steve McIntosh who has been a Head of Department at St Andrew's college in Christchurch. Sheridan Hancock is also leaving us for a couple of terms, as she goes on maternity leave. We wish Sheridan and her partner wonderful times with their first child. Sheridan will be back and Kim Etty will replace her while she is on leave.

Again, I would like to thank all our visitors into the school this term and in particular Sir Graeme Henry, who gave an inspired motivational talk to our students.

Have a wonderful Easter and April holidays.

Jude Young, Principal

Term Dates

2 Apr	TEACHER ONLY DAY (No school for students) END OF TERM ONE	28 May	Senior Assessment Week begins
		29 May	TEACHER ONLY DAY
		1 Jun	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
20 Apr	START OF TERM TWO	2 - 4 Jun	Senior Assessment Week cont...
27 Apr	ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY	3 Jul	END OF TERM 2
		20 Jul	START OF TERM 3

Sports at Waiheke High for Term One.

We have had a had jam packed term full of sporting events, within the school, as well as Central Zone competitions in Auckland.

Our Athletics day and Beach sports were very successful with all the students participating, doing their very best for their houses, and they all showed up wearing house colours, which is great to see.

Its all about participation and having a go, but we also need to recognise those students who get a placing, break records, and get selected to represent their school in Central Zone events, so well done to those students.



Some other sports that took place in Term One have been kickboxing, badminton, golf, running club, tennis, waka ama and sea sports.

We had a Year 7/8 swimming team participate at the Central Zones Competition. We had a great day, and were very proud of all the swimmers. The competition was extremely tough.

Our Year 8 Girl's Tag Team came runners up in the Central Zone Competition at Cornwall Part last Friday. This was an outstanding effort as it was the first time these girls had played Tag. Well done to them all. Most valuable player was Alice Hailstone for outstanding play on attack and defence.

The Recreation Centre is being well used, with early morning, interval, lunchtime and after school sports and training. The students are now in training for their winter codes. The school has 4 soccer teams this year which is great to see. We have an U17 boys basketball team getting ready for their Competition which kicks off early next term. We also have our boys rugby team getting ready for another big season. Our keen netballers will get a chance to show off their talent on court next term with a couple of one day netball tournaments coming up. We may even try out a little bit of Rugby 7's, boys and girls.....

I am looking forward to an active Term Two. Thank you to all the wonderful teachers who put in so much energy to make all these different sporting events happen at Waiheke High.

Shelley Robson, Sports Co-ordinator

Hamlet 2015

A lively group of Year Ten Drama students headed over to the Sheila Winn Shakespeare Festival at Auckland Boys Grammar on Friday the 27th of March. They performed in the 5 minute student directed scene with a swashbuckling rendition of Hamlet. Nicholas Burdett directed the piece and Oscar Moon provided the props and choreographed the swordplay. The students were very nervous but excelled in the face of adversity to perform a highly entertaining scene where most of the characters were killed off at the end. A fantastic start to the year for them and they certainly rose to the occasion. A big thanks to Otherworld Productions who supplied the magnificent costumes and to Ms Dodd our lovely patron.



Monica Manning, Drama Teacher



Year 8 Social Studies

Poppy Blakey, Brooklyn Allen, Tiana Mataa, Jess Driver, Olivia Pope, Isabella Healy and Andrew Koves of 8C Social Studies.

They are displaying a selection of work done to show how people established the first settlements on Te motu arai roa (Waiheke Island).

Neil Johnson, Social Studies Teacher

House Winners!



Whaea Huhana wishes to acknowledge the awesome Team Work of Rangitoto which culminated in Term One, 2015 - winning both Athletics and Beach Sports!

We are all looking forward to putting our Green on and doing it for Matariki!

From the Science Department



Two of our top science students, Felix Knight and Tadhg Connolly were sponsored by Rotary to the National Rotary Science and Technology Forum. They stayed for two weeks in Auckland in the University Hall learning about university life and the many sciences on offer. It was a great experience. They learnt a great deal and made many connections with academics and leading industry figures too. This scholarship was a very special award and they would recommend that any aspiring science student apply for it when it next comes up later in the year.

Tom Mulvey, Science Teacher



ICAS–International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

We are again offering students the chance to take part in the ICAS English and Mathematics exams. There is a cost of \$8.50 for each exam which must be paid to the office before the closing date of June 1.

The sitting dates are: English Tuesday 28 July and Mathematics Tuesday 11 August.

The benefits of entering these exams are:

- Students receive an assessment of their strengths and weaknesses.

- An understanding of the student's performance at cohort and national levels.

- This is an independent source of recognition for the student's talents and achievements.

- This is great preparation for a variety of exams and assessments.

For further information please talk to your student's English or Mathematics teacher.



Vietnam History and Geography Trip July 2016

"AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED"

PRESENTATION EVENING:

**Thursday 23rd April at 6.30pm in the School Hall
(Week 1, Term 2)**

Please register your interest with Mr. Fitness



Participants will have the opportunity to stand in the footsteps of history and see for themselves things that a textbook cannot come close to! Amazing food, sights and adventure, this is a life changing experience in the making.

Waiheke Poetry Festival In the AIR



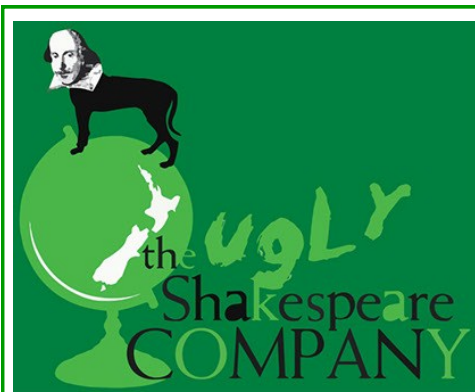
Dietrich Soakai Josh Denize and Reuben Shortland



Jacob Legge



Reuben Shortland



Back by popular demand, The Ugly Shakespeare Company are coming back to Waiheke. This time they will perform a version of **Hamlet** on **Thursday 21st May**, during school time. The show lasts for approximately an hour so students will be coming out of class in Period 4. The Shakespeare group is sponsored by Waikato University and was thoroughly enjoyed by Waiheke students last year. We had to turn some students away because they didn't pay in time, so remember, first in, first served. The cost will be \$5.00 and students should bring their money to the front office before school or in break times before **Monday 4th May**. Posters advertising the event and notices will go out within the school during the first weeks of Term Two.

Greetings from Santiago de Chile!



Finally, we have arrived! After the initial 16 hour flight delay and the overnight stay in the hotel, we got up at 3.30am to return to the airport, boarded the flight at 7.30am, only to sit on the aircraft for two and a half hours while the engineers dealt with "technical issues". We eventually arrived in Chile at 4.30am Saturday morning Chilean time, and then onto the coach to Trehwela's School where our host families were waiting for us at 6:00am.



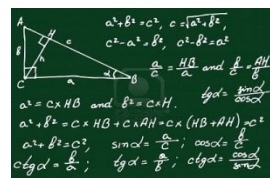
All students were great on the flight, some managed to sleep, some not so much. They were all incredibly excited when we arrived in Santiago! Lots of hugs and kisses with host brothers/sisters and parents when we arrived at school.

On Monday we had our first day at school. Trehwela's had organised a welcome ceremony for us and the American high school group who are also here on exchange, followed by a formal breakfast. This was a lovely introduction to the school for our students! On Tuesday we went on our first excursion out of the city, to Pomaire, a rural village famous for its pottery. We took part in a pottery workshop, both by hand and using the pottery wheel. A group lunch was followed by time to explore the village and buy some souvenirs before returning to Santiago. Today we are having a guided historical tour of the city with Head of History and Deputy Principal Patricio Cortés. This was a real highlight of our last trip two years ago, so we're looking forward to it!

Cath Attwood, Spanish Teacher



From the Head of the Mathematics Department



I will be on leave during Term 2. During this time I will be undertaking research and developing a school wide planning document for Mathematics & Statistics for Year 7-10. I will also be travelling to Europe to visit family.

Steve Macintosh will be joining the Mathematics & Statistics Faculty for Term 2 to teach Level 2 & 3 Statistics, Level 1 Numeracy Projects and 10D Mathematics. Mr Macintosh was the Head of the Mathematics Faculty at St Andrews's College in Christchurch. We are fortunate that Steve is available to teach Statistics and Mathematics while I am away.

Fionn Crawley will be taking on the Head of Faculty role. Please make contact with Mr Crawley crawleyf@waihekehigh.school.nz or your son/daughters Mathematics teacher if you have any queries.

Julia Crawford, HOD Maths & Statistics

Maths Buddy for Seniors



Maths Buddy is a online support programme. Practice exercises and online video tutorials help support your learning.

Only \$25. Payment to the office.
Optional for all Year 11-13 Mathematics students.

For students interested in creating the next generation of bags!

Starting the second weekend of the holidays, students (13 years plus) will get the chance to construct a new type of multi purpose bag.

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sapphireeyes@hotmail.co.nz

or text at:

021 0252 4204

This is a 5 day course, costing \$80.00 per student

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Waiheke Judo Club



Class Times:

Monday and Wednesdays during school term.

Junior class: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Senior class: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Dojo:

Te Huruhi Primary School Hall
Donald Bruce Road
Enquires Ph Kiri on 372 4116

Kip McGrath EDUCATION CENTRES

ANNUAL TALLEST SUNFLOWER COMPETITION CLOSING CALLING IN ALL COMPETITORS

Weigh in day approaches as summer comes to a close, plants slow down and drop their seeds. The sunflowers are drooping and getting SHORTER! If you have grown a sunflower this summer it's time measure it up, send me a photo or drop into the Kip Centre at WHS by Saturday 4 March. So far Robert from Te Huruhi and India from Waiheke High School are in the lead. With lots of TLC their sunflower is an impressive 2.8m high. Can you beat it?



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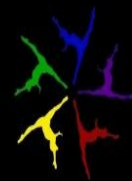
Ages 10+, bookings essential.

Thursday 16th April 3pm- 5:30pm

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Using masks and videos and you will
interview suspects in order to find out
which mask hides the killer!

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

AGES 7+

Monday April 13 - \$35

9am – 12pm

Tuesday April 14 - \$35

9am – 12pm

Wednesday April 15

(off island \$80)

Depart: 9am – Matiatia

Arrive: 3:35pm – Matiatia

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