

**July 2nd**      **Waiheke High School**  
**2015**  
**Term 2 Week 20**

# Newsletter



Kia ora koutou,

The last two weeks have been a busy time for Waiheke High School. The school has organised placement of senior students (Years 12 and 13) in “career taster” opportunities. All of these students stayed on the Island or went over to Auckland. The intention of these three days was to let students experience the world of work and focus on potential career pathways.

The purpose of a secondary school is not only to provide a holistic learning experience for all students but also to ensure that all students are following subject pathways that lead to further training and future careers.

Last week the school celebrated Matariki, which is the celebration of the Maori New Year. The school has a number of competitions that the four Houses aim to win. The competition was fierce around the academic quiz, art posters and ki o rahi games. However the House waiata and haka competition was intense. The singing and performance were strong, intense and for many “spine tingling.” Congratulations to Pakatoa who were winners for the waiata and haka competition. It was wonderful to see the passion for performance across all levels of the school.

Maori Performing Arts also presented a concert where they performed The Legends of Māui. The hall was full of spectators and I would like to thank all whanau who supported students during week-end practices with sustenance and kindness. I would like particularly to acknowledge the support of the whanau Hau and their expertise in kapa haka and Maori Performing Arts.

Over the last couple of weeks we have witnessed the FiFa Under 20 World Cup. It was great to see some of the students from Waiheke High School be flag bearers at the event. Thank you to the soccer group who enabled this opportunity for our students.

Holidays are to be enjoyed. I wish all our families a happy and safe holiday.

Jude Young, Principal

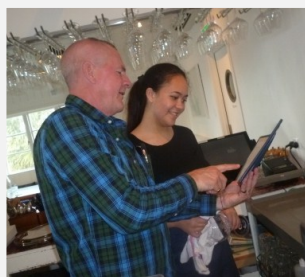
**The next Board of Trustees Meeting for 2015 is scheduled for Tuesday 28 July, 7:00pm in the Waiheke High School board room**

## Term Dates

3 Jul	END OF TERM 2	28 Aug	TEACHER ONLY DAY
20 Jul	START OF TERM 3	31 Aug	MID TERM BREAK
31 Jul	Senior Prom, Cable Bay	23 Sept	1st Y9 Mountain Trip leaves
6 Aug	Yrs11-13 Parent/Teacher Meetings	25 Sept	LAST DAY OF TERM 3
7 Aug	Yrs9-10 Reports Posted		

## Careers Awareness Days

Last week our senior students were involved in a range of opportunities to help with their career planning. On



Thursday, students attended presentations from a range of tertiary providers. Students made the most of the opportunity to get their questions answered and compare providers. Workshops were held on Wednesday and Friday to help students assess their skills and interests and write their Curriculum Vitae. In addition, Year 12 and 13 students spent one day in a business learning about a job of interest for them. Employer feedback on the students' conduct and willingness to learn has been extremely positive. Students gained much from the experience and found employers to be helpful and informative. We would like to thank the following companies and organisations for offering our students places for a career taster:

Stoney Ridge Pavers Ltd, Waiheke Kindergarten, Ray White Real Estate, Waiheke Osteopaths, Cottage Recyclers Ltd, Pumps and Plumbing, The Labour Depot, Cable Bay Vineyards, Gulf Sound and Vision, Office of Jacinda Arden, Eco Zip, Mudbrick Vineyard and Restaurant, Pukeko Signs and Graphics, Te Huruhi Primary School, Oneroa Automotive, Greenspace Landscapes, Oneroa Beach Club, Carpet Court, Te Motu, Waiheke Panel & Paint, ANZ Bank, Waiheke SPCA, Synergy Studio, Gecko Landscapes, Isle Land, Carpark Café, Wild on Waiheke, Placemakers, Double Shot, Waiheke Island i-SITE, Auckland Property Management, Island Print, Ostend Medical Centre, Enclosure Design, Oyster Inn, Vital Well Being, Gulf News, Casita Miro, Waiheke Primary School, Seaview Motors, Oneroa Dental, Gulf Valuations, Waiheke Workout, eCycles NZ, Les Mills, Rothbury Insurance Brokers, Mainfreight, Fairfax Media, Michelle Hepburn Photography, Office of Phil Goff, Waiheke Physio, Waiheke Police, Delight Café, Ostend Motors, D & A Construction, The Garden Party, Auckland Hospital, Amnesty International, TV3, Burroughs Pilcher Design Ltd, Mangere Community Law Centre, MAINZ Music, Auckland University, Auckland Sexual Health, Youthline, NZ Air Force, as well as Nicola Hambly, from Aotearoa Insurance, for her support with this initiative.

If your company or organisation would like to be involved next year, please email Tanique Deacon: [deacont@waihekehigh.school.nz](mailto:deacont@waihekehigh.school.nz)



### Financial Assistance for NCEA Exam Fee (\$76.70 per candidate)

#### Who can apply for financial assistance?

Financial assistance is available to assist with the payment of entry fees for National Secondary School qualifications. To be eligible to apply you must be the fee payer and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- ◆ Be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit (**benefit based application**)
- ◆ Have a joint family income that would entitle you to receive a Community Services Card (**income based application**)
- ◆ Be a fee payer with two or more children who are candidates, irrespective of family income (**multiple candidate applications**), where the total fees you would have to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum

Application forms are available at the school office. It only takes 2-3 minutes to complete so bring in your Community Services card as soon as possible so that we can reduce your fee to only \$20.00. **NZQA fees must be paid by 31st August.**

### FOR SALE

This Garden Arch was made by students from the Year 13 Building and Construction class and is for sale for \$300. It features fretwork cut into the ridge board and side panels following patterns drawn by Glendale Rangihaeata and representing the hammerhead shark.

Paul McKelvie, HOD



## STUDENT SERVICES CENTRE AT WAIHEKE HIGH SCHOOL

Have you ever visited our [Student Service Centre](#) at Waiheke High School? It is situated opposite the Hard Materials building and it is in fact quite hard to find if you don't already know where it is. Here is some information about the services that we offer within the [Student Service Centre](#):

### Health Clinic with Registered Nurse

Monday to Friday 8.30am until 2.30pm during term time

### School Counsellor

Monday to Friday 8.30am until  
3.10pm during term time

### Doctor's Clinic with the GP

Every Wednesday 9am until  
1pm during term time

### Careers advisor

Monday to Friday 8.30am until  
3.10pm during term time

### Clinical Psychologist Sessions

Every Wednesday 9am until  
2.30pm during term time.



The following members of staff work at the Student Service Centre;

Patricia Blair - School Counsellor/Careers advisor

Maggie Lethwaite - School Nurse

Rob Kay - School Doctor

Jens Link - School Doctor

Gudrun Court - School Psychologist

### Nurse's Clinic



The School Nurse is a Youth health Specialist who provides confidential, accessible, clinical and health promotional services for all students at Waiheke High School. The aim is to enhance the health and wellbeing of students supporting them to be engaged, connected, successful young people in the community. This includes facilitating access to other health and social agencies, promoting a healthy school environment and supporting staff to deliver the NZ Health and PE curriculum.

### Doctor's Clinic



We are very lucky to have two great doctors working for the clinic. We have Rob Kay from Ostend Medical Centre and Jens Link from Oneroa Medical Centre. Both doctors are youth friendly and very approachable. The students seem to appreciate the relaxed atmosphere within the clinic. The doctors sessions are well utilised. The aim is to have a positive impact on the student's health and wellbeing.

### Careers Advice



The Careers Advisor provides advice and information to students and their families on tertiary selection (course and subject), career choice, tertiary applications, open days at tertiary institutions and transition from school to work or further study. The Careers Advisor liaises with Heads of Faculty and Deans in order to provide assistance for all careers advice. There is a Career section in the School Library.

### School Psychologist



We would like to welcome Dr Gudrun Court to our team. Gudrun is our new Clinical Psychologist and she specialises in child and youth wellbeing. Psychologists are interested in how our thoughts, effect how we feel and behave. She provides a confidential, relaxed and safe space to share worries and concerns and to help find positive ways to cope with difficult life experiences.

### School Counsellor



The School Counsellor provides a confidential counselling service to students and their families regarding personal, family, educational, health or vocational matters. Information, skills coaching (eg relaxation, mindfulness) or referral to other agencies is also available if required. Mediations between students is also offered and can be provided by our trained Student Mediators when requested. Students can self-refer or be referred by family or teachers. Appointments can be made with the Counsellor in person, phone or email. The School Counsellor holds a Certificate of Practice with the NZ Association of Counsellors.



## Piringakau Māori Performing Arts presents 'The Legends of Māui'.



This year the NCEA Māori Performing Arts class production was based on the selected myths of Māui. Students from Year 10 to Year 13 embarked on a journey of self-discovery and cultural enrichment.

The production began with a moving karanga by three young ladies, with our leader chanting a mōteatea to initiate the arrival of the group. The lights beamed, with the group centre stage in full swing of the chant pulling pukana, whātero and actions to compliment the words. The next items were waiata-a-ringā (actions songs) and a beautiful display of skill in the female dance of poi. The first act concluded with a haka by both the girls and boys. The next performance was from selected Music students who entertained the audience with their musical talents

and completed their internal assessment for NCEA Level One Music.

The second act introduced 'The Legends of Māui', where three Year 13 students chose a myth and choreographed their pieces based on that myth. Jack Durry chose 'How Māui Found his Mother', Ted Whatarangi chose 'How Māui Found his Father' and Caleb Penetito chose 'How Māui Fished up the North Island'. Māui, the mischief God, was played outstandingly by Winter Smith. In his many quests, Māui set out to find his parents, first being his mother Taranga (played beautifully by Mōwai Hennebry) and his father Makeatutara (played nobly by Ted Whatarangi). Māui was then accompanied by his brothers (played by Caleb Penetito, Jack Durry, James Mabey, Jesse Chiplin and Pounamu Davis-Behan-Kitto) in the quest to find more fish and then in fishing up the North Island.

The class performed with ihi, wehi, wana and mana which was evident throughout their strong performance of each item and myth. For some of these students it was their first time doing a Māori dance and wearing Māori traditional clothing and moko. They were all proud of what they accomplished and are rewarded with a lifetime memory. Tau kē!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped us along the journey to creating an extravaganza night. A special thank you goes to all the whanau who came to set our stage scene and repair our kakahu and taonga and who cooked beautiful boil ups and bread. To those who travelled off island – e kore e mimiti te puna aroha mō koutou katoa.

Copies of the performance and photos will be available for purchase next term. We are fundraising towards more costumes and stage props. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on [haut@waihekehigh.school.nz](mailto:haut@waihekehigh.school.nz) or extn: 276

Nā Whaea Te Ao Hau

## TV Filming - 4:30 Show



The show will air on the 14th of August on Channel Two at of course 4.30pm. Thanks to every-

The 4.30 Show filming was a great success and enjoyed by students and teachers alike. The crew found our school to be receptive and willing to give everything a go. They said we were the best school they had been to and complimented us our diverse range of subjects.



## Year 10 Drama

The Year Ten Drama class trucked down to Waiheke Community Childcare on Thursday this week with their sweet performance of Snow White. They acted the play out as clowns and were guided in the art by special guest tutor Mark Parisian. He spent a lot of his time developing a myriad of clowning skills with the students and then they devised the performance for the creche. The play was well received by the youngsters and the students did us proud.

Monica Manning, Drama Teacher

## Matariki 2015

The Maori new year of Matariki is celebrated annually at Waiheke High School, this year on Thursday the 25th of June. At 5am, with the cluster of stars "Matariki" shining bright in the early morning sky, the lighting of the hangi pit begun with over 40 dedicated students and teachers in attendance. "It was a special moment to be shared", described prefect Kiah Mummery.

Every student had the opportunity to embrace the celebration through hands on practice and preparation leading up to the event and on the big day itself. From chopping onions to earning points for house groups Pakatoa, Rakino, Ponui or Rangitoto. There was a role for any student who wanted to contribute. House competitions were run by Prefects over the week of the Matariki celebration. Activities included a traditional Maori game called Ki o Rahi, Aotearoa quizzes or making a Year 7 time capsule, which they will receive back at the end of their last year of school. The range of activities provided the students with endless opportunities to involve themselves and understand what this time of reflection means.



On Thursday Waiheke High School had guest speakers throughout the day having whole school koro's with the English, Maths, Arts and Science Departments presenting how the new year inter relates across all areas of the curriculum. A crowd favourite was run by the Maths Department who made a coordination game involving students and teachers acting as stars and being directed to a new position in the hall, all whilst being blindfolded.

By 12:10pm the students were bubbling with excitement and were preparing themselves to face off in the waiata competition, followed by the much anticipated school haka competition. After over an hour of fierce pukana and kapa haka, the guest judges were given time to adjudicate whilst the school eagerly anticipated the results with a soft hum of student voices that bounced off the hall walls.

With decisions made, the winners of the best haka "Pua Noa" went to Rangitoto house while Rakino took out best waiata-a-ringa for both "Aroha" and "Te Wero" pieces. Pakatoa house prefect Reiana Papuni claimed the prize for best Kaitataki Wahine as well as prefect Ted Whatarangi being awarded Kaitataki Tane. Pakatoa displayed strong rangatiratanga, leading the house to an overall victory taking out Whare Tuatahi-first place overall for the haka and waiata battle. Placing close behind was Rakino, third Rangitoto followed by Ponui.



When lunchtime arrived the students poured out of the hall to receive their portion of hangi, accompanied by the ever popular fried bread. After lunch, with celebrations dying down, the school was left clear of any litter and students began concluding a memorable school day and their Matariki celebrations for 2015.

Stella Andrews, Prefect

**The Hospitality Department sincerely thanks Eco Zip Waiheke for the donation of hot chocolate powder, cups and consumables to help train our barista students. Very much appreciated!**



We would like to say a huge thank you to Tracey and Ian Weston from Weston Entertainment Limited (locally known as Video Ezy in Oneroa). These fantastic and community minded people are providing work experience for two of our students every week. On Tuesdays Otto Cooper-Davies and on Thursdays Reagan Edgecombe can be seen stocking the shelves, labelling the DVD's and welcoming customers. In the winter holiday break this would be a great place to visit.

Claire Mahaki





### Attendance Matters

Today is Friday a day after the school Matariki celebrations. For me Matariki signals a busy day – like beach sports and athletics - in that for many parents, the day seems to be of little consequence. Their children are permitted a day of absence. How many children? The absent line has 50 calls. There are another 30 that have not bothered to call which require me to ascertain their whereabouts. Some callers are candid about the reason for their child's absence. Some are genuinely ill and have been over previous of days. Most are just reported as "ill" for the day. Today, Friday, fares little better with similar numbers of absences. These wonderful school wide cultural and sports celebrations days are hugely enjoyed by the students who participate and they also bring a great sense of pride and cohesion within the school community. It is a shame that not all students get to share this experience

Graham Rook, Attendance Officer.

A poster for the Matariki celebration at Waiheke Library. The background is a dark blue night sky with the Matariki star cluster visible. The text is white and yellow. A red banner is at the bottom.

**Celebrate  
MATARIKI**  
4 TO 19 JULY

**WAIHEKE LIBRARY**

**TAKE A GLIMPSE INTO  
THE MĀORI WORLD  
THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Nighttime Matariki Celebration  
A Family Evening Event  
Thursday 9th July 7pm – 8pm  
Waiheke Library

Come along to Waiheke Library to  
enjoy storytelling, waiata, star-gazing  
and snacks. BYO torch.

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**CSI Waiheke:  
Theft of the Matariki Jewels!**  
Tuesday 7th July 3pm-4:30pm  
Waiheke Library

Consider yourself a good detective?  
Take part in our exciting crime scene  
investigation! Ages 9+

**Auckland Council**  
Te Kōwhiri o Te Matatini

**Waiheke High School would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their ongoing support :**

**Fullers**  
**Sealink**  
**Island Coffee**

**The New Hope Shop**  
**Auckland City Council**

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