

June 16th
2015
Term 2 Week 18

Waiheke High School

Newsletter



Kia ora koutou

Senior students have been working diligently after the senior examinations. They have been reminded that they must continue to focus and achieve well in their internal assessment work.

Waiheke High School has been on a journey over the last year. At the beginning of last year we were told as a school that we had to work hard around devising a Modern Learning Environment (MLE) that espoused 21st century pedagogy (or modern learning and teaching theory). However the MLE and the new school building has currently been put on hold and other schools have snatched headlines with the state of disrepair around their buildings. Obviously this is a national problem and perhaps we need to celebrate the positives about our wonderful high school.

Waiheke High School celebrates diversity, academic success, inclusivity and individualism. Our pedagogical (learning and teaching) curriculum clearly embraces all learners. We have worked hard to ensure that all learners have pathways through secondary school. Academically, the school has achieved exceptionally well. Sixty percent of students at Level 1 gained an endorsement of Merit or Excellence, 40% of our Level 3 students have gone to University in 2015 (the national average is 33%) and Level 2 results improved by nearly 10%.

I have been asked how do we travel along a path of achievement for all. First and foremost, all students have the right to a course of learning and teaching that best fits their needs. Some students are more academically able and these students have had opportunity to grow their academia through the Gifted and Talented Conference, the Genius Project, HarbourNet and working at different levels across and up the curriculum strands. The growing work around personalised and individualised programmes, where students can talk about their learning and at what level they are operating along the curriculum framework, is a developing dialogue.

Our students have a need to be on a pathway where their learning is more experiential or hands on. Many young people need to connect and contextualise their learning to the world around them. An inclusive school develops pathways for those learners as well.

Currently, we have introduced semesters into the school. Semesters provide choice for senior students, particularly to study a broader range of subjects. During the semester changeover there is a vocational opportunity for Years 11 to 13.

Years 12 and 13 have a day where they are placed into career tasters. This gives students a little bit of experience.

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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

17 & 19 Jun	Vocational Career Taster Days	3 Jul	END OF TERM 2
18 June	Tertiary Provider Presentations	20 Jul	START OF TERM 3
25 Jun	Matariki Celebration		

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perience around possible career choices. Years 11 to 13 will be able to go to a tertiary providers' day that will be held at Waiheke High School on Thursday 18th June in the school hall. Tertiary providers such as Otago, Auckland, Canterbury and Victoria Universities, AUT, The Armed Forces and Study Link will be attending. Students will have direct access to these providers and what they offer in the way of degrees, diplomas and certificates. This is a fantastic opportunity and we hope that parents may want to come in at 2:00pm if they are interested in learning more about further study.

Students and parents have been highly receptive to our work around vocational learning. Under the Career Benchmarks for Schools, Waiheke High School will endeavour to bring academic and experiential vocational opportunities to all of our students.

Jude Young, Principal

Senior Social Studies Trip to MUNA

On the 22nd and 23rd of May, a team of History students from Waiheke High School travelled to Auckland Girls Grammar School to attend the annual Model United Nations Assembly (M.U.N.A). This event simulates the workings of the United Nations by having teams of three students debate current social and political issues from around the world. The purpose is to enable students to improve their public speaking and debating skills and to encourage students to make informed comments on world affairs.



The Waiheke team was comprised of **Luke Johnson**, **Dominique Orange** and **Mata Roche**. They were designated the country of Jordan, a member of the Security Council. Of the six remits, the team spoke on two; Luke spoke on foreign intervention in Iraq, and Dominique and Mata spoke on the issues surrounding cyber espionage and attacks. Throughout the two days there were many robust discussions mediated by the Secretary General, Former Labour MP Ross Robertson QSO.

The Waiheke High School M.U.N.A team would especially like to thank the Waiheke Rotary Club for sponsoring the team and Sherryn El Bakary for providing the costumes.

Mr. N Fitness, Social Studies Teacher

Language Perfect World Championships – Results!

The Language Perfect World Championships ten day competition has now finished! Over 190 million questions were answered globally, with over 160,000 of those questions answered by students of Waiheke High School. Our final global ranking for Spanish, for small-to-mid-sized schools, was 8th - out of 192! Globally, we ranked 26th out of 785 schools who competed in Spanish!

Our students earned nine Credit awards, four Bronze awards, four Silver awards, one Gold award and, for the first time in Waiheke High School history, two students earned Elite awards for earning over ten thousand points! Congratulations to our top three students:



Elite Award	Courtney Briggs	10,001 points – 1st place
Elite Award	Taylah Webster-Mason	10,000 points – 2nd place
Gold Award	Aine Barton	5,804 points – 3rd place

Well done to all students who took part! Certificates will be received and presented to the twenty students who won awards, including our first ever Elite awards recipients, at the end of this term.

Catherine Attwood, Spanish Teacher.

The 4.30 TV Show is coming to Waiheke High School on Tuesday the 30th of June to film a segment on our school. If you would rather your child is not filmed can you please contact the school office. This is an exciting opportunity to showcase our super students and diverse subjects.

Soccer Season at Waiheke High

Our Soccer teams are proving that hard work and commitment pays off as all four teams are having a great 2015 season so far.

Our Boys 1st XI team (sponsored by Dragonfired and Waiheke Pools and Spa) are having a tough year, with some very strong opponents but they turn up each Saturday and give it 100%. These boys are heading off to do a training day, run by FIFA on the 18th June, at Seddon Park. I'm sure this is going to be a fun day for them and they will walk away from it having learnt a few new skills to put into action on the soccer pitch.

Our girls 1st XI team are having a strong season, sitting in 5th place on the points table at the moment. These young ladies are in a very tough grade but they are showing that their abilities are right up there with the best in Auckland. Our 1st XI girls are heading to Hamilton in the third term for a Secondary School Soccer Tournament. We will be holding a Year7/8 School Disco on the 26th June to fundraise for the trip.

The 2nd XI girls are outstanding. They have won all their games and are sitting at the top of the table for their grade. These girls are training and playing so well as a team and their great team work really shows on the pitch.

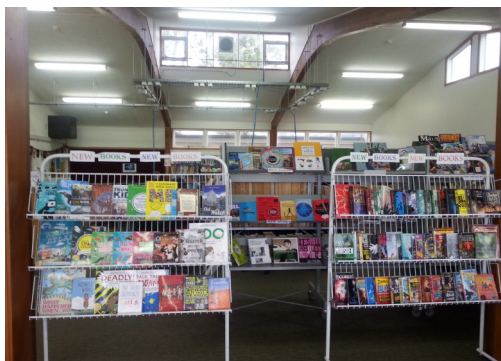
The U15 Girls (sponsored by WAI-RD Electrical) are sitting in 4th place on the Junior B Grade table. These young girls are doing so well. They improve with every game, they train hard, and are keen to learn.

The game times and results will be advertised in the Gulf News each week, so we would love to have parental and community support at our home games. Keep training hard, play hard, play fair, and best of luck teams for the rest of the season. For any further information on any of the soccer teams, draws, results, or any other sports at Waiheke High School, please contact Shelley Robson, Sport's Co-ordinator at robsons@waihekehigh.school.nz.

Shelley Robson, Sports Co-ordinator



From the Library



Over the last two terms, I have been busy buying new fiction and non-fiction books to upgrade our collection. I love my job! I am really pleased to say that we have a lot of overdue books – you may find this an odd thing to say, but I look at it as a positive that shows our students are interested in books and enjoying reading.

Reading – it is such an important part of a person's development. It allows us to use our imagination, create images, escape to other places and learn. In this day and age of modern technology, a lot of us are losing touch with the concept of sitting down and absorbing oneself in a good old fashioned read.

I would really like to urge parents and caregivers to encourage your children to pick up a book, fiction or non-fiction and enjoy what is out there. There are so many good books available!

Bulk registration – we had a good response to our offer of a free Auckland Library card – congratulations to those of you who took the time to register – the cards will be arriving next week and I will be giving them to those students who applied. If anyone is still keen to get a free Auckland Library card, please come see me in the school library and I will be more than happy to help out.

Future upcoming projects: I am looking to organize some student librarians, as well as getting students interested in writing book reviews. I see this as a way to encourage other students to read books, by helping to direct them to books they may want to read depending on what genres interest them, as well as looking at what other students are reading.

Please encourage your children to come to the library, have a look around, pick up some books, read the back cover and check out a book that interests them – there is so much in the Library just waiting to be enjoyed.

Happy reading, Pia Mancia, Librarian



Piringakau Māori Performing Arts presents

THE LEGENDS OF MAUI

Waiheke High School

TUESDAY 23RD JUNE

START 7PM -9PM

WAIHEKE HIGH SCHOOL HALL

\$5 ADULTS & \$3 KIDS (5-10YR) 0-4 FREE

Physics at Electronic Kart Race Track

The Y12 and Y13 Physics students went for a field trip to EKarts this week. These Karts are astonishingly fast and the boys were able to experience a variety of physics concepts in action. As they raced around the corners and tight hairpin bends they were able to experience the realities of very high coefficient of friction where it is almost impossible to make anything slip on a surface. With a team of experienced racers (Jake Legge, Sam Marshall) and some gung ho types (Trent Colman and maybe Reuben Burke-Munns) it was thought that the leaders would come from this group. Instead fastest time in qualifying, and overall winner was the quiet and self effacing Tadhg Connolly who stayed calm and focused throughout to claim the top place on the podium.



Who learnt the most? Possibly the teacher, Mr Mulvey who decided that field trips can be great learning as well as outright fun. And that age and cunning can't really match youthful exuberance when it comes to the racing track! Are we going again next year? You betcha!

Tom Mulvey

From the Office of the Deans

"Shout Outs" from around the school

- Level 2 Physical Education:- following the surf trip to Raglan as part of Level Two Physical Education, students were required to analyse the application of the risk management strategies used throughout the trip. Congratulations to Louis Davidson, Tahnee Hadfield, Tamaara Nicholson and Tatjana Timmins Scanlon who gained Excellence in this Achievement Standard.
- Year 10 Business Studies:- the class have just started doing some work at NCEA Level 1 standard and Amanda Raymond and Anna Russell both attained Excellence in their first attempt!
- NCEA Level 1 English Class:- Mrs Musson's NCEA Level 1 English class for consistently working at a high level.
- Year 9 Class Captains: Kahn Nicholson, Presley Cox, Tawera Caius, Charlie Rutland-Coutts, Jay Seren, and Bridey Newell for doing an excellent job in organizing and putting on the lunch time multi-sport tournament
- Level 1 Physical Education:- Jessica Wineera, Sam Wainwright, Lorenzo Fini, Eli Timmins-Scanlon for achieving Excellence grades in their last two Achievement Standards.
- Level 1 English:- Ollie Jacomb - for valiant efforts to try to help me fix my laptop...Amara Sidibe - for doing so well in his English examination and for working hard all the time.
- Level 1 Math:- Doing well in algebra- Eden Taitera. Fin Mountfort, and Brody Musson
- Outstanding assessment work in DVC Spatial Design:- Eva Blok, Milo Inglis, Leo Tomczyk, Leslie Han and Trelise Von Sturmer
- Fantastic work for Product design:- Thomas Codling, Reuben Shortland, Tatjana Timmins Scanlon and Sahaara Adams
- Fantastic work on the tree house Design Unit in 10 DVC:- Wonderful models especially Tanya Lloyd, Betty Han, Arno Knight, Carlo Edwardes, Gabe Fraser Hoult, Georgia McNally, Edda Black, Bella Hessel, Nina Alison, Nathan Burgess, Amberlee Redmond and Melody Linder
- Nurse:- Thank you Lauren Williams for helping the Nurse get ready for the audit.
- Library:- A good thing - shows our students are reading and enjoying books! But we would like them returned... 220 overdue library books.

Second Term

We have just completed mid-term exams for the seniors with some very positive results thus far. During the week of the 22nd of June the whole school will be celebrating Matariki. This will include our traditional haka and waiata competitions and a Maori games tournaments for all levels. Years 12 and 13 will be participating in "Career Taster" programs during the week starting 15th of June.

Senior reports will be sent out at the end of the term. Parents and students will receive a credit update during the last week of the term.

Please remember to be vigilant about excellent attendance and the prideful wearing of the school uniform as we wind down to the end of Term 2.

If you have any questions concerning the Office of the Dean please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Bill Godbout, Y11 & 12 Dean

Attendance Matters.

"If you do not change direction you may end up where you are heading". Lao Tzu

I have often spoken about the number of children being unjustifiably absent from school. The reasons are many- some are on extended overseas holidays (weeks or months), some head for warmer climes either side of the term breaks (cheaper air fares, but don't get me started on that) or for matters closer to home, Fridays or Mondays as a long weekend or simply doing something else. As I write this it is a Friday. I have 30 calls on the absent line (and another 20 who have not bothered to call their child in absent). The numbers are not unusual for the onset of winter with the usual spread of gastro bugs and flus about. What is unusual about today is the number of unjustified absences - 50% of those on the absent line. Ministry of Education guidelines regard unjustified absences as those where a parent has informed the school that their child will be absent and the school has accepted the reason but the reason does not meet with the Ministry or this school's absence policy. Going to the city for the day, to Agriculture Field Days, a neighbouring island or a long weekend off island are deemed by the Ministry to be activities that should be undertaken on the weekends or in school holidays; not during school time. Unjustified absences do a child no favours as a day lost from the classroom is never regained. Sooner or later the losses accumulate to a point where the impact will be life lasting.

Graham Rook, Attendance Officer

YEAR 7 AND 8 DISCO

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FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

6:00PM-8:30PM

ENTRY FEE: \$5

WAIHEKE HIGH SCHOOL
HALL

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN ON A
GROOVY EVENING AND A CHANCE
TO SHOW OFF THOSE DANCE
MOVES!

FOOD WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE!

ICAS - International Competition and Assessments for Schools



If you have not yet registered your student for the English and Maths ICAS tests there is still time as we have extended the registration date to the end of next Tuesday, June 23.

ICAS is open to students of all levels from Year 7 through to Year 13. The cost is \$8.50 per subject which can be paid into the School office. Information forms can be obtained from Mr Upchurch.

The tests are of 45 minutes to 1 hour in length. English will be held on Tuesday 28 July and Mathematics on Tuesday 11 August. Students will receive a certificate and a summary of how they compare to students of the same age throughout Australasia and the Pacific.

Music News



Liam Smith, Dion Musson and Josh Denize competed in the Auckland finals of the Smoke free RockQuest, competition last Friday 12th June. They did well but did not proceed to the National Finals unfortunately.

Canto Isola attended the Big Sing Secondary Schools Choir Festival. They performed their repertoire with confidence under the baton of Rose Treadwell in the Auckland town hall on Thursday night 11th June.

Annie Melchior, HOD Arts Department

Photo: John McDermott

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TOUR OF WAIHEKE

SAT 20TH OF JUNE: 2:30PM MORRA HALL
7:30PM PALM BEACH

SUN 21ST OF JUNE: 2:30PM ONETANGI
7:30PM ROCKY BAY

ENTRY BY DONATION / BYO

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.**

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