

**March 4th**      **Waiheke High School**

**2015**

**Term 1 Week 5**

# Newsletter



Kia ora,

This Term has started well. Waiheke High School has had three parent/form teacher meetings and the number of parents who came to the Year 7 & 8 and the Y 9 & 10 evenings was impressive. Unfortunately there were very few at the Year 11, 12 and 13 evening and we can either assume that there is less of a need to meet form teachers at this stage. However these evenings can be hugely beneficial to help in understanding the idiosyncrasies of NCEA and what is expected in the way of assessments. If you are unsure about NCEA please have a look on the NZQA (New Zealand Qualifications Authority) website.

Currently there are thirty four students who have opted for HarbourNet and their feedback has been positive. HarbourNet has certainly been a wonderful enhancement to give breadth to our school curriculum. It's good to see that Digital Technologies, Web Design, Art History, Classical Studies, Economics, Japanese and Te Reo are part of our senior timetable.

This week has been a week of celebrations. As I mentioned in our first newsletter of the year Waiheke High School results have been very good. Students who were endorsed with Merit and gained 1 to 24 Excellence Credits were awarded a Waiheke High School Bronze Academic Award. Students who were endorsed with Merit and gained 25 to 49 Excellence Credits were awarded with a Waiheke High School Silver Academic Award. Students who were endorsed with Excellence were awarded a Waiheke High School Gold Academic Award. Thank you so much to those parents who were invited in to the Awards ceremony. It was great to see you there.

Our four new classrooms were opened on Monday 23rd February. There is a lot of envy around the school because the Ministry of Education has also provided us with a grant that has given us Modern Learning Environment (MLE) furniture. I hope that this will be a good omen as we continue to await news on our new school.

I have taken up the position this year of Year 13 Dean and it has been great to see the Year 13 students settling into course work and rising to the challenges and expectations. As I pointed out to them, they need to work on time management and organisational skills and balancing a successful school year with part time work and a social life. Students have also been informed that there are some requirements from them if they wish to attend the school prom. These requirements include 90% attendance and 100% completion of all internal work.

Last year Waiheke High School held a parents' education evening about "Raising Teenagers". We would like to progress these evenings this year and at 6:30pm on Tuesday 10th March a parents evening on Cybersafety will be held in the High School hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jude Young, Principal.

## Term Dates

10 Mar	Cyber Safety Talks 6:30pm	1st Apr	Y9&10 Parent/Student/Teacher Meetings
12 Mar	Progress Reports posted		
18 Mar	Y7&8 Parent/Student/Teacher Meetings	2 Apr	TEACHER ONLY DAY (No school for students) END OF TERM ONE
24 Mar	Y11 Critical Career Conversations		
25 Mar	Y12 Critical Career Conversations	20 Apr	START OF TERM TWO
30 Mar	Y13 Critical Career Conversations		

## School Trips

Last year there was a query from a parent regarding the cost of school trips. Waiheke High School adds the cost of relief for staff members onto the total cost of the trip. The cost is shared by the students who go on the trip. This is common practice in many schools because during a teacher absence a reliever has to be employed.

Thank you for your support of the Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) programme at Waiheke High School.

Jude Young, Principal

## Science trip to Rotoroa Island

One senior and two junior classes made the trip to Rotoroa Island last week. This island is our closest neighbour, being just 2 km from Waiheke. It is now declared a pest-free island and strict precautions are taken to ensure it stays that way. We are studying ecology and we had plenty of opportunities to see how it worked in real life.

We walked through bush trails and were shown the traps that are used to catch any pests that arrive on the island. We were also shown nesting boxes that are used for the reintroduced birds to help them get started.

Our walk also included being shown the kiwi-locating aerial and we practised using it with a locator beacon that one of the pupils hid in the scrub. We had to locate it using the RDF aerial and it took just a few minutes to find. Some of the native

birds that are now on the island are: saddleback, whitehead, kiwi, weka and paradise ducks. Later this year there will be further releases, extra kiwi, takahe and also Tuatara that also contribute to the diversity of life in our islands.



Using the RDF to locate Kiwi



Regenerating bush

After lunch we were taught to use hand-held GPS units then

went out to find various targets with only the GPS coordinates to guide us. We also had a session learning how to band birds. These bands are used to identify birds to see which are breeding, how much they move around and to identify any that have died. A number of birds that we saw had these bands on their legs.

This trip is part of the Biodiversity Unit done in Junior Science in Years 7 through 9. The boat runs only two trips a week and doesn't go at all through winter so we were very lucky to be able to do this trip and have such a fantastic learning experience. It also made us think a lot about how we deal with pests on our island as we are close to Rotoroa and rats can swim 4 – 5 km easily. That means that they could easily re-infest Rotoroa!

Tom Mulvey, Science Teacher

## Building & Construction Projects for Sale

The Y13 Building and Construction class has two garden sheds for sale.

The gable roofed shed for \$700 and the lean-to roofed shed for \$500. Both sheds are built of components that are easily dismantled and reassembled and can be handled by two men. Dismantling would be completed by our students prior to your pickup. A trailer or pickup truck would be required to transport them. There will also be another wooden garden pagoda available for sale in the near future, which will be displayed in the school foyer

Any enquires to Paul Mckelvie, 371-9000, ext 290



## **Competitions in the ARTS World:**

1. Sheila Winn Shakespeare – see Monica Manning.
2. Headland Sculpture on the gulf – Photography – See Pia in the Library.
3. Canon Photography competition – See Annie Melchior in B6 Art room.

Also:

4. Auckland Secondary School Art Competition – see Annie Melchior
  - Students may apply for as many artworks as they wish as long as the artworks have been completed within 12 months (up to 14 May 2015).
  - Forty finalists will be chosen for the exhibit. Only one artwork per artist will be accepted.
  - Registration is FREE OF CHARGE and is open until 27 April 2015. Students can apply and upload their images online.
  - Finalists may also choose to sell or not to sell their work especially if the artwork is required for their NCEA portfolio for the year. If they choose to sell it, the artwork must be priced within the art sale price range of \$100 - \$5000.

The top three winners will receive cash prizes sponsored by AUT toward their future studies; first place \$1,000, second place \$500, and third place \$250.

Be In to win!

Annie Melchior, HOD Art Department

### **Library Corner:**

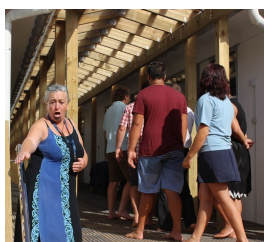


Waiheke High School Library is excited to be participating with Auckland Libraries to get every one of our students a public library card for free.

An Auckland Libraries card can be used in 55 libraries across Auckland and provides free access to a wide range of books, eBooks and educational databases. We are particularly interested in the online links that our students will get to larger reputable databases via the library website to enable them to explore in depth information. With a library card, students will also be able to access the eBook collection for reading with various devices. With our new Waiheke Library, this is a great opportunity for our students to use this new space and discover all it has to offer.

In conjunction with Auckland Libraries, we will soon be offering a bulk registration to all of our students, an easy way to obtain a Library card to last a lifetime.

Watch this space for more details in the near future – Pia Mancina, Librarian



Monday the 23rd of February saw the Tuwhera - opening of four new Social Sciences classrooms. It started with a korero by our Kaumatua, Pita Mahaki to outline the Tikanga, followed by our Tumuoaki – Principal, Jude Young moving up the access way to cut the ribbon with Whaea of Piringakau - Claire Mahaki i takahi te whare tuatahi. Pita Mahaki, Teddy Koro Whatarangi, Bella Joseph and Piringakau called sacred chants that rang out through the whare, while a collective of students and staff all proceeded to takahia- moving through each room going from east to west. Everyone gathered in the last room in a large circle where mihi mihi were completed along with a waiata 'Aroha' from Piringakau and Kaiako Whaea Te Ao. Peter Mahaki acknowledged Koro Kato Kawhata in his final korero as he had blessed the last whare that were opened at the school. The last speaker was our Principal emphasising and paying respect to the 'huge heart' and commitment of students and the Waiheke community, which she had experienced over her first year with us, thus completing the circle of korero for our ceremony. Finally, with the Tikanga set and the Ceremony complete, a kai tahi- morning tea was partaken by all involved.

### **Kia ora ma tatou! Huhana Davis**

The opening of the new Social Science block of four new classrooms was a special moment for myself and the other Social Science staff. For years the Social Science teachers (Social Studies, Geography, History, Business Studies and Classics) have been spread throughout the school and it has been very difficult to have a collegial faculty. Now we not only have all our rooms contained in one block, they are a fantastic environment for both teaching and learning. Modern, insulated, double glazed, technologically capable and fitted with comfortable, funky furniture that enables us to create a learning environment for the 21st century – it allows the teacher and students to interact in a variety of ways and enhances collaboration. After only one week both the teachers and students love the learning atmosphere they have helped create. We can now only wish that the rebuild of the entire school gets underway so everyone can enjoy the benefits of a new, modern learning environment.

**David Kennedy, Social Sciences Head of Faculty**



The Year 8 students were fortunate to go on a trip organised by Ms Melchior, Head of Arts, to Sculptures on the Gulf. Here is a report of this trip by Poppy Blakey of 8C.

### Sculptures on the Gulf

On February the 9th class 8C did a sculpture walk (otherwise known as Sculptures on the Gulf) around the headland down by Matiatia ferry terminal. The walk consists of beautiful sea views, amazing sculptures, dodgy cliffs and very narrow paths, but that is Waiheke for you! The walk is free and takes around an hour and a half if you keep quite a steady pace, but then again it's nice to take your time, chill and cruise.

Creative sculptures are spread out all around the walk, there are around 32 sculptures mostly made by locals. As well there are 12 colourful, funky shaped sticks that you can enter a competition to win if you take selfies with them, but they are hidden in certain places. Lots of these sculptures are ridiculously overpriced for what they are. There were some dull ones but there were also some that really stood out for me. My favourite ones were the stainless steel dandelion flowers which were very delicately placed together and towered over me as they swayed and moved around in the wind. There were also some tall box shaped sticks with mirrors on all four sides which was a bit scary and trippy when you walked through them.

I disliked the revolting dump site which people were able to wreck and add to. Most of the girls thought that it was disgusting while most of the boys were playing and mucking around with this art piece, if you can even call that art! There were also these decorations made out of zip ties and peg baskets which were very cool but not really worth \$1900. We also saw a little shack made out of old bits of ply which was only about the size of a big sized flat screen TV!

Altogether it was a great walk especially when you are doing it with your family and friends. It also provided a good level of exercise. I recommend doing the Sculptures on the Gulf because it's a great outdoor activity with a variety of stimulating artworks.

Poppy Blakey



### Beach Sports 2015

Another wonderful beach sports day was held last Friday.

The winners were:

Rangitoto	1446
Pakatoa	1216
Rakino	1117
Ponui	1040



## From the Deans' Office



### Emma Musson, Year 9-10 Dean.

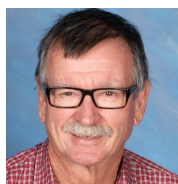
It has been a positive start to 2015 for both Year 9 and Year 10. There was great participation on the school Athletics Day where a large number of Year 9 and 10 students showed their house spirit and athletic prowess in the events. I am sure we will see the same enthusiasm this Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February for Beach Sports.

The introduction of Class Captains at each year level has seen the opportunity for leadership roles to develop for the students in both their form classes and their subject classes.

This is an exciting opportunity for those who wish to work as a leader and part of a team to ensure the best learning outcomes for themselves and other students.

It was fantastic to meet some parents at the 'Meet the Form Teacher' evening in early February. This was the first time we have done this and we hope that it will continue. It was great to touch base with parents early on and have an open discussion about expectations from both sides.

I look forward to a very positive year with Year 9 and 10 in 2015.



### Bob Upchurch, Year 7 & 8 Dean

Our year 7 and 8 classes have made a great start to the 2015 year. The year 7 students have settled in to following a timetable for the first time and everyone seems to be getting to the right class on time. The three year 8 classes now have 30 students each and all classes are working very well.

There are a few housekeeping procedures to follow that would help your child's teachers:

- If your child is not going to be at school could you please phone in and leave a message on the attendance line. This will then be entered onto the class roll. If there is no call or no note then the student will be recorded as being truant and the form teacher will be calling you to explain the reason for non-attendance.
- Students are expected to be in uniform but there are times that your student cannot be in full correct uniform. If this is the case then please write a note for the student to give to me and I will issue a pass for the day.
- If you have any queries about your child's schooling then your first contact is with your child's form teacher. Form teachers meet regularly with subject teachers to discuss the learning progress of students in their form class and would have been notified if there are any issues that need to be dealt with.



### Bill Godbout, Year 12 & 13 Dean

Both Year 11 and 12 have got off to a great start for 2015. After a very positive year at Level 1, this years Level 2's have hit the ground running. Many credits are on offer during the next couple of weeks. Year 11 English teacher Emma Musson suggests that the Year 11's have done well in their reading response assessments with many merits so far.

A number of students have put their names forward to become the first ever class captains.

These students will work as a team and help their class run more smoothly. Athletics Day and Beach Sports day have come and gone with great excitement and participation by all levels.

As we head into the sixth week of school it is important that all Year 11 and 12 students know when the tasks of their assessments are due. All students have a booklet with the due dates of any and all assessments. It is important not to be absent on any of these days. I will be sending out emails on a regular basis to let students and parents know the number of credits earned. If you have any questions about NCEA, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## Athletics Day 2015



SPORTS TIMETABLE TERM 1				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Basketball (GOD)</b>	<b>Basketball (ROB)</b>	<b>Netball Y9/13 (WOOD)</b>  <b>3x3 Touch Tournament Y9/13 (DURRY)</b>	<b>Athletics - All Ages (ROB)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Indoor Football Girls -All Ages (ROS)</b>	<b>Basketball (ROS)</b>	<b>Kapa Haka</b>	<b>Basketball Club (Community)</b>  <b>Waka Ama</b>  <b>Kickboxing 4.15-5.15 (JAC and HEN)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Basketball Y11/13 (GOD)</b>	<b>Basketball (ROB)</b>	<b>Netball House Tournament Y7/8 (ROB)</b>	<b>Kickboxing 3.30-4.30 (JAC and HEN)</b>  <b>Golf (UPC)</b>  <b>Indoor Football Senior Boys (ROS)</b>  <b>Girls Football (ROS, KEN, HEN)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Indoor Football Senior Boys (ROS)</b>	<b>Basketball (WOOD)</b>		<b>Running (ROB)</b>  <b>Gym Club at 3.30</b>  <b>Waka Ama</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Basketball Y11/13 (GOD)</b>	<b>Basketball (DURRY)</b>	<b>Basketball Y7/8 (WOOD and DURRY)</b>	<b>Badminton (LEE and YES)</b>  <b>Tennis (Students must be paid up and signed up for this)</b>

#### Extracurricular Clubs/Groups for Term 1

If you would like further information on these activities could you please contact the staff member overseeing:

#### **Sports:**

**Rebecca Rose**

**roser@waihekehigh.school.nz**

#### **Arts:**

**Vicki Walker**

**walkerv@waihekehigh.school.nz**

#### **Also:**

**Spanish for Travellers**

**Wednesday Lunchtime in A10**

**Ms Attwood**

**Spanish for Small Children**

**Pavillion, Sundays 10:45 to 11:30am**

**Ms Deacon**

ARTS TIMETABLE, TERM 1	
	<b>Lunchtime</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Drama Club Drama room. B3 1.20</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Kapa Haka - Recreation Centre</b>  <b>Movie Club for juniors run by year 12 Girls - B3 Drama Room</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Painting and Photography. Art room. B6, 1.20.pm</b>  <b>Chess Club - E1</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Comedy Club. Hall 1.20pm</b>  <b>Bridge Club - D2</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Friday Library</b> <b>English help for juniors and seniors</b>

### Attendance Matters

We are now into our fifth week of the first term. Attendance is beginning to drop off – many with stomach bugs, some with early winter sniffles and a few unjustified. But the figures are interesting. Week 1- 5 absences. Week 2- 10 absences. Week 3 – 18. Week 4 - 30. At the time of writing- the first day of week 5 there are 40. This would be considered high end of the scale for mid-winter attendance but not uncommon. I find this somewhat disconcerting, or indeed questionable, given that we are still in high summer mode here on our sunny isle. One has to question the veracity of the escalating numbers as the weeks progress. A reminder to parents to please call the absent line 371 9000 - press 1, each day your child is to be absent.

Graham Rook, Attendance Officer



We are currently recruiting Volunteer Support Workers to provide practical and emotional support to victims of crime and trauma, full training is given. If you are a good listener and communicator, computer literate, have a full driving license and a car and can commit to being on call for one shift per week day or night and interested in working in the Community Please phone 0800 86 58 68. Thanks in anticipation.

**ALL STUDENTS EXITING THE SCHOOL BUS BEFORE THE ROCKY BAY TURNOFF ARE ASKED TO USE THE ROCKY BAY BUS PLEASE, NOT THE ONETANGI BUS**

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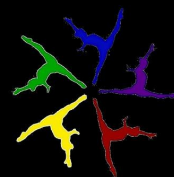
**Island Coffee  
The New Hope Shop**

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- ★ Live Music    ★ Games    ★ Ice-Creams    ★ Water fun
- ★ Gold Coin Entry



March 8th 2015  
10:30am - 2:30pm  
15 Tahi Road

[www.kaleidoscope-waiheke.co.nz](http://www.kaleidoscope-waiheke.co.nz)

### Waiheke Hockey Club 2015 Muster & "Have a Go" Day

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2pm-4pm at Onetangi Sports Ground

Saturday competition starts Term 2



Sprats – Years 3-4

Snappers – Years 5-6

Kingis – Years 7-8

Tuesday Training will commence on 17<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm-4:30pm for both the competition teams as well as for kids wanting to train & learn the game but not play in the Auckland comp.

Any queries email Rebecca at [rgoodenough@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:rgoodenough@vodafone.co.nz)