

**March 18th**      **Waiheke High School**  
**2015**  
**Term 1 Week 8**

# Newsletter



Kia ora kotu,

The last time I wrote for the newsletter it was the day before the Beach Sports day. I always find this day to be inspirational because students happily play and compete alongside each other on such a remarkable natural landscape. My previous experience of something remotely close to this is a school swimming sports and I am converted entirely to Beach Sports - no smells of chlorine, no placing a large mass of people in a fenced off space and the use of natural shade. Thank you to the parents who attended throughout the day.

Every year there is some form of discussion around course fees and the school donation. Course fees are the fees that we ask parents to pay to provide the actual course. For instance, in Food and Hard Materials the students are issued with supplies so that they can cook and build. Recently, I have seen stools, shelves and spice racks going home. I have also been lucky enough to taste some of the wonderful dishes that our young "foodies" are producing. Other course costs can relate to take home write-on notebooks - again, essential documents that record a student's learning and the teaching around it.

The school donation is indeed a donation and is not compulsory. However, Waiheke High School depends on this donation to help fund ITC and e-Learning, new classroom and hall furniture, HarbourNet technologies, sports equipment and classroom resources. It is interesting to note that Waiheke High School has been elevated to a decile 7 status. Decile 10 is the highest and decile 1 is the lowest. The lower the decile the more the school is funded by the government, therefore the movement from decile 6 to decile 7 means a drop in Ministry funding. The school donation is referred to in other schools as a "financial contribution" Financial contributions and/or school donations are tax deductible for parents. Waiheke High School's donation is \$175.00 per year for one child and \$250 per year for more than one child. Although we would ideally like education to be free, unfortunately there are associated costs and current pedagogies, such as inquiry and e-learning, do need parents' financial support to make them possible.

This Term, we have had one parents' education night on NetSafe. Thank you to those parents who attended this. Our next parents' education evening will occur on 5th May, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. This meeting will cover i) age appropriate liberties and limits (the right age to join up to social media etc), ii) what things you should act on and what things you can relax about, iii) motivating students in their studies and iv) how to find out what you need to know to keep your child safe in a changing world. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jude Young, Principal

## Term Dates

18 Mar	Y7&8 Parent/Student/Teacher Meetings	1st Apr	Y9&10 Parent/Student/Teacher Meetings
24 Mar	Y11 Critical Career Conversations	2 Apr	TEACHER ONLY DAY (No school for students) END OF TERM ONE
25 Mar	Y12 Critical Career Conversations		
30 Mar	Y13 Critical Career Conversations		



The four new C Block classrooms are now being well utilised and much enjoyed by the Social Sciences Department.

# Music Department . Year 11,12 & 13 Performance

Wednesday 18th March, 7:00pm  
Thursday 19th March, 7:00pm  
School Hall  
\$5.00 entry

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## Sea Sports Volunteer Bosun Wanted

The Sea Sports Academy is looking for a volunteer 'bosun' to help us with our equipment care and maintenance. The Sea Sports Academy currently has 56 students enrolled. Students complete a variety of marine related theory and practical courses, including sailing, sea kayaking, Boatmaster, VHF, powerboating and engine maintenance. We have practical lessons twice a week throughout the year (excluding August and school holidays). With increasing numbers of students and a corresponding increasing amount of specialist gear we would love some help with the practical aspects of looking after all our equipment. This job would ideally suit someone who could volunteer a few hours every month. Jobs could include inspecting equipment, making small repairs, and arranging larger repairs. Arranging to keep warrants and registrations up to date on our boat trailers, and arranging regular servicing on our outboards would also be fantastic. Please contact Christy Ralphs on [ralphsc@waihekehigh.school.nz](mailto:ralphsc@waihekehigh.school.nz) or 021 1138 399 if you are interested, or for more information.

# SPORTS TIMETABLE TERM 1 (Updated)

	Morning	Interval	Lunch	After School
Mon	Running Club All Years 7-8am: Outside (FIT)	Basketball Year 9 - 13 10:40-11:00: Rec Centre (ROB)	Netball Year 9 - 13 1:10-1:40: Rec Centre (WOOD)	Athletics - All Years 3:10-4:00: Fields (ROB)
			3x3 Touch 1:10-1:40:Fields Year 9 - 13 (DURRY)	Gym Club (Community) 3:30 Onward: Rec Centre
Tues	Football Girls All Years 7-8am: Rec Centre (ROS)	Basketball Year 9 - 13 10:40-11:00: Rec Centre (ROS)	Kapa Haka All Years 1:30-2.10: Rec Centre (HAU)	Football – Senior Boys 3:10-4:30: Fields (ROS)
				Basketball Club (Community) 3:30 Onward: Rec Centre
				Waka Ama: 5:00 – 6:00pm, Piritahi Hau Ora Carpark
				Kickboxing: All Years 4.15-5.15: Upstairs Rec Centre (JAC and HEN)
Weds	Running Club All Years 7-8am: Outside (FIT)	Basketball Year 9 - 13 10:40-11:00: Rec Centre (ROB)	Netball House Tournament Year 7 & 8 1:10-1:40: Rec Centre (ROB)	Kickboxing: All Years 3:30-4:30: Upstairs Rec Centre (JAC and HEN)
	Rugby Senior 7-8am: Rec Centre (JAC)			Football Girls: All Years 3:10-4:30: Fields (ROS, KEN, HEN)
				Indoor Boys Football: Senior 3:10-4:30: Rec Centre (ROS)
				Golf: All Years 3:30-4:30: Golf Course (UPC)
Thurs	Basketball Senior 7-8am: Rec Centre (GOD)	Basketball Year 9 – 13 10:40-11:00: Rec Centre (WOOD)	Basketball All Years 1:10-1:40: Rec Centre (There’s a better way)	Running Club: All Years 3.10 – 4.30pm: Outside (ROB)
				Gym Club (Community) 3:30 Onward: Rec Centre
				Waka Ama: All Years 5:00-6:00pm: Piritahi Hau Ora Carpark
Fri	Basketball Senior 7-8am:Rec Centre (GOD)	Basketball Year 9 - 13 10:40-11:00: Rec Centre (DURRY)	Indoor Hockey Year 7 & 8 1:10-1:40: Rec Centre (ROS)	Badminton – All Years 3:10 – 4:00: Rec Centre (LEE/ YES)
				Tennis Lessons - All Years 3:30 - 5:00pm: Onetangi Sport Park



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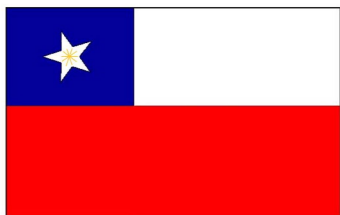
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## ¡Buen viaje!



Sixteen of our students from years 10, 11 and 12 depart on the school trip to Chile on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, accompanied by Miss Catherine Attwood and Mr Bill Godbout. They will be staying with host families from our sister school, Trehwela's School, for two weeks. During the trip, our students will be attending school, going on day trips, taking part in extra-curricular cultural and sporting activities, and experiencing all that life has to offer in Chile! We hope that our intrepid travellers have a fantastic time and we can't wait to

hear all about their adventure upon their return!

## Attendance Matters

Monday the 16th March. The day has been greeted with light rain and a light breeze. A far cry from the forecast beating we were expecting from the cyclone that had been bearing down on us all weekend. I imagine that we were all grateful that we should be spared the deluge and destruction handed to many other regions, and that in fact it should oddly be less severe than our usual northerly storms. By 11am the day is clear and calm. What cyclone? Also interesting is the school attendance for the day. A quarter of the school roll is absent. 120 students. The absent phone line has been busy – 70 calls. Four times the norm. There are a further 50 who have not contacted the school at all – three times the norm.

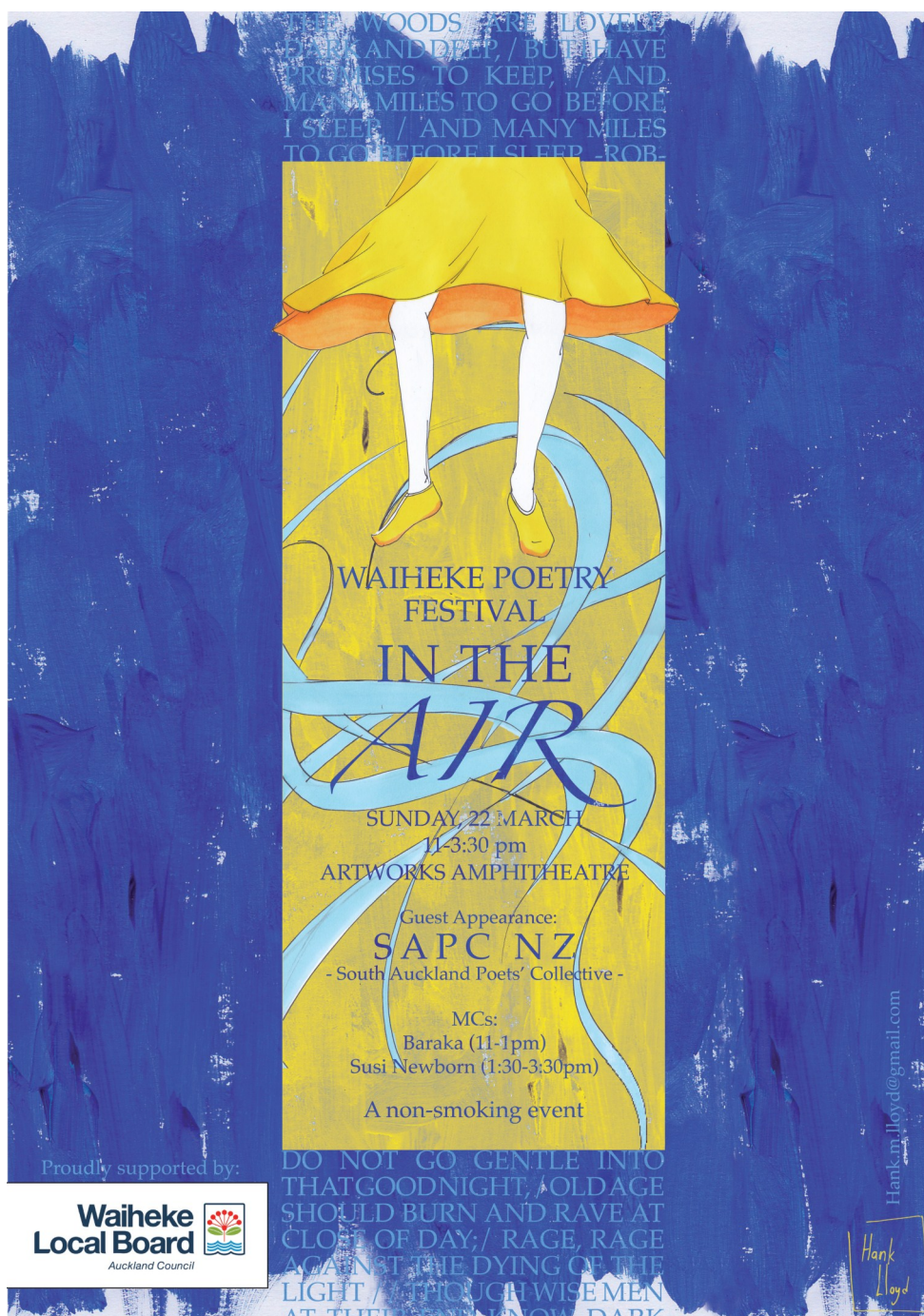
In future, if there is a cyclone warning in place, you should assume that the school will be open, and if you need confirmation you should contact us to check. If the school is to be closed for inclement weather, we will inform you via the school website.

Graham Rook, Attendance Officer

## Waiheke High School Running Club



Weekday runs from outside the Rec Centre three times a week. Monday and Wednesday mornings at 7am and Thursday afternoons at 3.20pm. Any questions see Mr Fitness or Shelley Robson. Find us on Facebook!



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

**Fullers  
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