

**May 1st**      **Waiheke High School**  
**2015**  
**Term 2 Week 12**

# Newsletter



Kia ora,

The school has begun well for Term 2 and classes are settled, on track and enjoying the learning.

I would like to thank the number of parents who have come into the school in support of what Waiheke High School does in the way of preventing and educating against bullying. As a school, several years ago, our statistics were poor in regards to stand downs and suspensions. Last year, the school had three stand-downs and we were proud that we had worked hard to lower to this rate. The measures the school has taken against bullying have aided this statistic.

The mantra at Waiheke High School is "positive, respectful relationships" and we dialogue with each other in a respectful way. We also teach students that their perceptions of something may be very different to someone else's perceptions. Therefore, to get clarity on an issue, at least two sides or different points of view over the issue are sought.

Restorative practice is one of our chosen tools and philosophies that allow people to have their point of view heard. This has been used many times over the last five terms and, in the main, the success rate of this practice to enable conflict resolution has been excellent. Many of the staff have been trained and are highly skilled restorative practitioners.

During this year the school has developed a cyber-safety/digital citizenship course for parents and students in Years 7 to 10. Also the school has entered a Ministry of Education contract and, in conjunction with Te Huruhi Primary School, we are embarking on the Positive Behaviour for Learning contract. The objectives of these programmes, such as Restorative Practices, Positive Behaviour for Learning and Responsible Digital Citizenship Education, is to eliminate and educate students about bullying. Bullying is unacceptable in this school community, but bullying is a family issue, a school issue and a community issue. Bullying occurs not only through school years but has the ability to surface again in adulthood.

Recently it was commented on that Waiheke High School had done little about bullying over the last four years and when these comments are made our staff gets concerned about the destructiveness of such comments. We work hard to eliminate bullying in our school community. We work hard at building positive, respectful relationships. We are in a learning and teaching organisation and we aim to continue to improve. As always, the school is open to dialogue. However we will not engage in one sided, inaccurate put-downs about our organisation, which is truly making a difference. Trial by social media, inaccuracies, gossip, blatant bullying and blaming and shaming by adults does little to role model responsible and respectful relationship building to our young people.

Jude Young, Principal

## Term Dates

20 & 22 May	NCEA Music Concert, 7:00pm	2 - 4 Jun	Senior Assessment Week cont...
28 May	Senior Assessment Week begins	25 Jun	Matariki Celebration
29 May	TEACHER ONLY DAY	3 Jul	END OF TERM 2
1 Jun	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY	20 Jul	START OF TERM 3



# HAMLET

Thursday 21st May, 12:10pm

Students must purchase tickets from the front desk before

**Thursday 7th May.**

**Selling fast, so be in quick to see this comedy event!**



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S  
**HILLARY AWARD**

The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award is the same award as the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Next month the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award is to be offered to 20 Year 10 students. This award is about individual challenge and, with the guidance from adults, each Year 10 student is encouraged to reflect upon their interests, abilities and ambitions and then set themselves challenges in the four different sections of the Award. These sections include:

1. Service - where you do something for someone else
2. Adventurous Journey - where you plan, prepare and participate in a venture of some sort
3. Physical Recreation - where you participate in some form of physical activity
4. Skills - where you participate in some interest area other than physical activity

This prestigious award aids young people in the development of:

- Self-belief and confidence
- A positive and realistic self image
- A sense of responsibility towards others
- An independent and self-motivating attitude
- Connections to the broader community
- Making a plan and making it happen
- Lifelong interest.

To enrol in this programme students must be available on the following dates:

May 7	Sign up presentation to all Year 10 students
June 2	1:50pm to 3:10pm, training session with 20 Bronze participants
June 4-5	Overnight tramping expedition (Waiheke Island)
June 15	1:50 to 3:10pm, training session with 20 Bronze participants
June 18-19	Overnight tramping expedition (Waitakere Ranges)

## Language Perfect World Championship



The annual highlight for learners of languages around the globe is coming soon! The Language Perfect World Championships kicks off on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May for 10 days, and is open to all students who study a language at WHS, including every student in Years 7 and 8. The competition is often fierce for the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards, and WHS has an excellent track record of beating much bigger schools from around the world. Good luck to everyone competing in this year's global competition!

Cath Attwood, Spanish 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.

## Careers Taster Days - Years 12 & 13 Students



Over the last 15 months Waiheke High School has looked at the New Zealand Career Benchmarks. The Career Benchmarks signal how prepared a school is for students to experience and inquire about possible careers.

Waiheke High School propose that Year 12 students go on a career taster day, on Wednesday 17th June and Year 13 students go on a career taster day on Friday 19th June. Both groups will be at school on June 18th for a Provider Expo where a number of tertiary providers will present talks and offer guidance and support to students for selecting study courses for 2016 or 2017.

A career taster day means that students are not paid but attend places of work where they shadow other workers in an observation and/or hands on role, where they will develop an understanding of particular careers that they are interested in.

We are looking for help in this area. If your business or organisation can accommodate a student/students in looking at potential career pathways could you please contact Tanique Deacon by email at [deacont@waihekehigh.school.nz](mailto:deacont@waihekehigh.school.nz) with your business or organisation's name, contact person's name, phone number and email address

## Attendance Matters

A wee reminder about reporting and recording of daily absences. Parents of absent students who have not contacted the school absence line -and thank you to those that do- informing of their child's absence for the day (and each day they are absent) are now contacted personally during the morning of the day concerned. Students of parents who do not respond to phone messages to contact the school or are not contactable will continue to be recorded as being truant during their absence. The immediate early contact underlines the schools (and parents) responsibility in ensuring your child has arrived at school safely, and that the school is aware of their whereabouts as is our obligation. Unfortunately, there are still a considerable number of parents who do not contact the school at all and who are often difficult to contact once the working day progresses. I would encourage and remind parents to ring the school absent line (**371 9000 press 1 - or you can call or text the attendance officer on 027 487 0297**) and leave a message - student's name, and a brief reason for absence. This would be very much appreciated so that the whereabouts of absent students will be known by 1<sup>st</sup> period and no action needs to be taken in phoning parents at work or having to leave messages on cell phones etc.

Persistent late arrival to school by some students continues to create issues around class disruption, student learning and impositions/detentions. It has also come to the attention of the Auckland District Truancy Service who view persistent lateness as a form of truancy and is encouraging the school to take proactive steps to encourage students (and parents) to ensure arrival times at assembly and classes are met. Some parents have been reminded by letter recently of their responsibilities (with a copy of their child's attendance record) and were invited to meet with class deans to discuss the issue. We will continue to encourage students to be here when required and discuss any ongoing issues with parents.

Graham Rook , Attendance Officer

## Speech and Drama tuition at WHS

**Don't miss out – book now for 2015!**

Lucinda Peterken will be offering Speech and Drama tuition for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 – starting this term! The classes will take place during school hours on Tuesdays, initially. The first lesson will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

For enrolment forms, further information and to secure a place for your child please email Lucinda on [l.peterken@xtra.co.nz](mailto:l.peterken@xtra.co.nz). Enrolment forms must be completed and received by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Lucinda Peterken (qualified English and Drama teacher and director) has put hundreds of students through Speech and Drama exams over the years, in the UK and in Kenya, as well as Waiheke. The interest for Waiheke students to take up this opportunity is growing.

Study strands include Speech and Drama, Individual Acting, Shakespeare, Choral Speaking and Public Speaking. Over the year students explore a variety of these skills and then focus on one area of particular interest. Students have the option to work towards an exam that is held in Term 4. Whether a student is in need of some extra help in an area, or whether they want to extend an existing passion, the classes can be a fun and stimulating experience. All students will build their confidence in the skills needed for effective communication.

Trinity College London is an international exam board that offers a choice of qualifications for students and teachers of drama and speech subjects at all levels of experience and ability. Each year over 600,000 candidates in over 60 countries take a Trinity assessment. Exams can be taken by individuals, pairs or groups. A number of schools throughout NZ have been offering this subject for many years. See their website for more details <http://www.trinitycollege.com/>



## Year 8 Travellers Programme

Waiheke High School is delighted to be able to offer the *Travellers* programme to our Year 8 students. *Travellers* is a small-group programme about life's journey and how young people can be supported to face challenges in their life. *Travellers* has been running in a number of NZ secondary schools since 2001. Our school supports the implementation of the programme as a part of our school's ongoing commitment to supporting the emotional well-being of our students.

All Year 8 students will complete a short *Travellers* online survey during this term and following this, some students will be offered the opportunity to take part in the programme. The groups meet during school time with the minimum disruption to students' academic commitments. Should your student be invited to take part in *Travellers*, both you and your son/daughter/child in your care will receive further information about the programme.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Tricia Blair, School Counsellor

## Careers EXPO

For all parents and students who would like to explore a range of Career possibilities there will be a Careers Expo at the ASB Showgrounds in Greenlane on May 28-30, 10am – 3pm each day and 5-7pm on Thursday evening. This is a free event and details of exhibitors can be seen on their website [www.careersexpo.org.nz](http://www.careersexpo.org.nz)

Waiheke High School is organizing a Tertiary Awareness Day here at school on June 18 when all Year 11-13 students will have the opportunity to attend presentations by NZ universities. More details of this programme will be in a future Newsletter.

Remember that the Careers Service also has a comprehensive website for all Careers related information and interactive tools at [www.careers.govt.nz](http://www.careers.govt.nz)

For Scholarship information "Break Out" is a website that is available free of charge through our school website and is situated under our Moodle link.



## Spanish lessons for Kids

**The Sports Pavilion:**  
Donald Bruce Road  
**Sundays: 10:45 – 11:15am**

Two groups: 4-6year olds and 7+years  
\$10/lesson or \$40 for five lessons

**contact:** deacont@waihekehigh.school.nz

## NCEA SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES



Come along and see the best of our talent  
**Wednesday 20th May and Friday 22nd May**

**7:00pm in the School Hall**

**\$5.00 entry to fundraise for more musical equipment**

### HPV Vaccination Survey – Participants Wanted.



*Parents and caregivers of children and young people aged 9 – 23* years are invited to participate in a survey investigating knowledge and attitudes around HPV vaccination. The survey is anonymous and should take 5-10 minutes. Please access the online survey at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9K657Z7parentscaregivers> or request a hard copy by calling 04 979 3106.

The researcher is a PhD candidate at the Centre of Public Health Research, Massey University. For further information please go to <http://publichealth.massey.ac.nz/home/research/recruiting-projects/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccination-study/> or contact k.page@massey.ac.nz.

**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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## Coaching Your Teenagers: *Helping them get the most from life*

with  
**John Cowan**

**Tuesday 12 May 2015, 7.00 - 8.30pm**

Waiheke High School, Donald Bruce Rd, Waiheke Island

Balancing a teenager's (or soon to be teenagers) need for freedom with boundaries to keep them safe is tricky. John Cowan from The Parenting Place has decades of experience helping parents with their teens. You will go home with a head full of ideas for handling challenges, from hormones, peer pressure, bullying, to technology and modern youth culture. Love, fun and encouragement are amazingly potent tools for parents of teens. Not only do they work, you enjoy the parenting ride so much more.

6.30pm - doors open

7.00pm - 8.30pm John's presentation

Tickets: \$5 single, \$8 double, pay at the door

Information available at Waiheke High

School office contact:

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### 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.