

10 February
2021
Term 1 Week 2

Waiheke High School Newsletter



Kia ora koutou,

Our School has settled well into the year with students motivated and settling well into the routines of school life.

In last week's email, I mentioned our spectacular results in NCEA for 2020. As a recap, our draft results were:

92% at Level 1

92% at Level 2

85% at Level 3.

Each year these results have steadily increased overall. Our students are focused on achieving and have shown resilience throughout the COVID-19 lockdowns of 2020.

Further to these results, we also gained four scholarships in Drama, Geography, History and Classical Studies. This is another phenomenal result and congratulations to those students—Mia Mason and Felix Blaha. Congratulations also to those teachers who supported them in these achievements.

The school roll has grown this year and we have welcomed both new students and returning students from Auckland schools.

Liz Morris, one of our school guidance counsellors is dealing with a medical concern and her attendance at school this term will be interrupted. During her absence, we have welcomed Annah Winheld as a relieving counsellor.

This year I have the pleasure of being the lead principal for our Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning), WaiCoL. I look forward to working with a small team of teachers across all schools, including early childhood centres to develop a seamless transitional pathway for our tamariki on the Island.

As part of the Kāhui Ako, we are bringing Nigel Latta to our motu and he will be speaking at Waiheke High School on 16 March and tickets will go on sale in the next week or so.

Ngā mihi nui
Jude Young
Principal

Term Dates

17 Feb	Photolife school photos	19 Feb	Athletics Day (more information in this newsletter)
18 Feb	Whanau Meet & Greet (information further on in newsletter)	24 Feb	Board of Trustees Meeting at 6.00 pm
		5 Mar	Beach Sports

Family & Whānau Meet & Greet evening

On **Thursday 18th February**, Waiheke High School will be holding our annual family and whānau evening for all ākonga, parents, caregivers and greater whānau in 2020.

The evening will begin at 6.00pm with an address from our Principal, Mrs Young, in the High School Hall. This will be followed by an informal meet and greet with student's whānau teachers. Following from this families are welcome to explore the school and meet subject teachers both junior and senior in an informal way.

As this is not a formal parent-teacher evening, no appointments are necessary. The evening will conclude at 7.30pm.

We are excited to both welcome back returning families as well as greet our incoming whānau.

Athletics Day 2021

The annual Waiheke High School Athletics Day will take place next week on Friday 19 February on the school fields. This is a whole school event that will run throughout the normal school hours. The event is an inter-house sports competition, and all students are expected to participate in as many events as possible to contribute to their house points.

Students are not required to wear school uniform for the day but should wear appropriate sports clothing to compete in the events and house colours are encouraged. They should also bring sufficient food and drinks for the day, although the tuck shop will also be open as usual.

As the event is based outside, it is important that all students are conscious of sun safety. A number of gazebos will be provided for shade, and sunblock and extra drinking water will be provided throughout the day. First aid will also be provided in the pavilion should there be any medical issues. We expect students to wear hats and apply sunblock before the day begins.

Athletics Day is an open event, and parents are welcome to spectate and support our students. If you have any questions, please email Rebecca Rose on roser@waihekehigh.school.nz

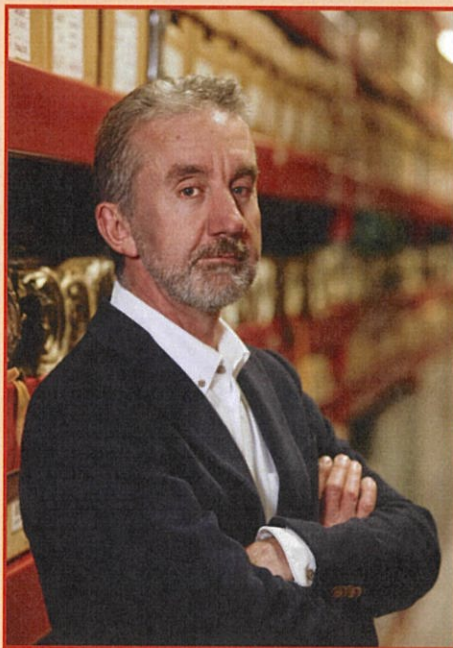
Vision Testing for Year 7 students

All Year 7's will have the opportunity to have their Vision tested by the Wellness Child Nurse at school in Term 1. Further information will be sent out to families via an email.

SAVE THE DATE—Nigel Latta 16 March 2021

The Waiheke Island Schools' Community of Learning have the
pleasure to present

A Parents' Evening with Nigel Latta



When: 16th March 7 – 8.30pm

Where: At Waiheke High School Hall

\$10 entry fee (Entry is by ticket only)

Keep an eye on the school website and Facebook page.

Tickets will go on sale soon.

Speech & Drama tuition with Lucinda Peterken—2021

Need help gaining confidence in effective communication? Passionate about performing and want to further your skills?

Effective communication is often taken for granted. Whilst some people are naturally gifted in this area, others may feel anxious or apprehensive when asked to speak in public. The ability to communicate effectively and confidently is more important than ever in our highly digitalised world.

Some students will already have a passion for performing and may want to further their skills and experience by taking a Speech & Drama exam, competing at SAPAC, or getting some further performance experience. Classes will be tailored to suit the needs of the students.

Topics include: voice and diction, public speaking, improvisation, theatre games, mime, scriptwork, character work, devising, poetry, sight reading.

Years 7 to 9 - sessions will take place during school, at Waiheke High School, on Thursdays, on a rotational timetable. There will be up to four students in a group.

Year 10 and above will have sessions after school on Thursdays – with a possible Tuesday after-school option.

Spaces are limited, so booking is essential.

For enrolment forms, further information, and to secure a place please email Lucinda on l.peterken@icloud.com

Sports Information



Years 7 & 8

Our year 7/8s are right into the swing of things with central zone tennis, cricket, swimming and orienteering on offer this term. Notices for sign ups have gone out and the sports department have the lists of students who want to take part. It's not too late to get your child to sign up - so just contact Nicky Ogilvie on ogilvien@waihekehigh.school.nz.

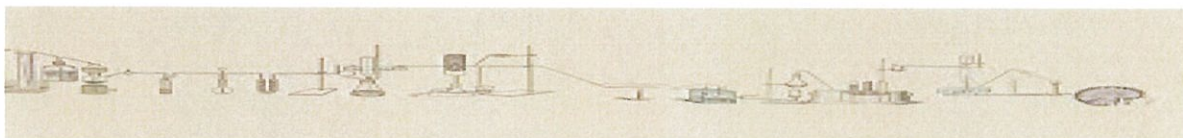
Year 9—13

We are calling for Year 9 and above for College Sport Athletics and Swimming this term, as well as sign ups for Girls Football, Boys Rugby, Boys Football. We are also looking for a girls U17 Basketball team and a Boys U17 Basketball team (applies to students who turn 15,16 and 17 this year).

We will be looking for Year 9 and up to sign up for Badminton training and games with one of our parents who has offered to coach them. We will look to spend Term 2 with drills, training and games and then offer a Year 9 and up Badminton league for Term 3. Ask your child to listen out for notices.

Our sports timetable is coming out this week - so check it out on our Facebook page, website and all around school. We look to offer lots of fun, social and sporty options before, during and after school for everyone.

Gil Sellem at the National Rotary Science and Technology Forum



During the summer holidays, I was lucky to be able to attend this forum. It was a really great way to meet people working in different scientific fields ranging from nutrition to neuroscience. They all truly loved their work and were really keen to share with us some of their research and experiences. Many of them even guided us through fun practicals relating to their fields of interest, whether that be a sheep heart dissection or the construction of an autonomous robot. In addition to the great modules that we were able to attend, the programme of the forum also included a beach day, an explore Auckland day, a disco and a huge volleyball competition. These were all great opportunities to form strong friendships with the other students. The forum gave me great insights for future directions for my own studies and it was a great privilege to attend.

Vaccinations at School 2021

Childhood Intermediate Vaccinations available at school during 2021

Boostrix for Year 7 students

Year 7 students will have the opportunity to have their Boostrix vaccination in Term 1 at school. This is one injection that covers Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus:

***Diphtheria** affects the throat, making it hard to breathe and swallow. It may also affect the nerves, muscles, heart and skin.*

***Whooping cough (pertussis)**, this disease damages the breathing tubes. Affected children may vomit and find it difficult to breathe when they cough.*

***Tetanus** is a disease that can enter the body through a cut or a graze. It causes muscles to stiffen and spasm. It may affect the breathing muscles*

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) x2 injections for Year 8 students

Year 8 students will have the opportunity to have their Human Papillomavirus HPV vaccinations in Term 1 and then in Term 4 at school. Students need two doses of this vaccine, at six months apart.

HPV immunisation helps protect against a virus that causes several cancers affecting both men and women. The vaccine is recommended to be given to children aged 11-12 years.

During 2021 Years 9 to 13 will be offered Catch Up immunisations: Further information will be sent out to parents.

USEFUL NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

Emergency 111

Your GP

Oneroa (09) 372 311

Ostend (09) 372 5005

Piritahi Hau Ora (09) 373 0022

Crisis team (24/7) 0800 800 717 - mental health emergency number

Kari Mental Health (9-5) (09) 623 4646 –Youth mental health support office hours

Need to Talk (text or call 24/7) 1737 – you will talk to a qualified counsellor

Whatsup 08009428787 www.whatsup.co.nz - Barnardos helpline/webchat for children & teens

Youthline 0800 376 633 free txt 234 or Youthline.co.nz - focus on young people

The Lowdown at TheLowdown.co.nz or free txt 5626 – phone/call or chat online if anxious/down or depressed

Aunty Dee <https://www.auntydee.co.nz/> - Aunty Dee is a free online tool for anyone who needs some help working through a problem. It doesn't matter what the problem is, you can use Aunty Dee to help you

Rainbow Youth <https://www.ry.org.nz/what-we-do>, has a number of resources and LGBT + counselling services as well as their own support teams available 3-5pm every week day

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

Fullers - Travel
Sealink - Travel

Waiheke Rotary Club - Science/Robotics
Gulf Foods Waiheke Island

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What is NCEA?

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Who is this factsheet for?

Students, parents and whānau, people considering teaching in New Zealand, and employers.

National Certificates of Educational Achievement (NCEA)

National Certificates of Educational Achievement (NCEA) were introduced between 2002 and 2004 and they are the main secondary school qualifications in Aotearoa New Zealand. Every year, around 120,000 students gain an NCEA qualification.

NCEA is:

- three separate qualifications - NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3. Students usually begin studying for NCEA Level 1 in Year 11 and continue through Years 12 and 13 (from ages 15 through to 18). NCEA enables students to prepare for the full range of pathways that lead to further study, training and employment. NCEA Level 2 recognised as the key foundation level qualification.
- a flexible qualification designed to recognise student achievement across a wide range of contexts and for a wide range of purposes. NCEA challenges all students, including the most able and highly motivated. NCEA also provides schools and kura the flexibility to develop a range of courses and programmes to suit the needs of their students.

- based on assessment standards that each have a defined credit value. Assessment standards describe what students must know or do to achieve credits. Standards are used to assess different areas of knowledge and skills at the three levels of NCEA.
- a qualification listed on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework. As with all listed qualifications, it is regularly reviewed.

It is important that students select their courses and standards carefully, so that their NCEA qualification supports them in their preferred future pathways. The **Vocational Pathways** and the **University Entrance requirements** – available on our website – provide helpful information about the skills and knowledge that employers, universities and other tertiary education organisations are looking for.

The education system and NCEA

The Aotearoa New Zealand education system is an internationally acknowledged high performing system. The **New Zealand Curriculum** and **Te Marautanga o Aotearoa** are together recognised as a broad and enabling framework. NCEA recognises achievement in both curricula, and together they are the key elements of Aotearoa New Zealand's student-centred education system. The curricula equip schools to provide for the diverse needs of learners and enable students to gain qualifications that prepare them for a full range of learning pathways and employment beyond school.

Assessment standards and NCEA

There are two types of assessment standards in NCEA – achievement standards and unit standards. The Ministry of Education develops the achievement standards, which are based on the achievement objectives of the New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. Achievement standards can be assessed internally (by the school) or externally (by NZQA).

Industry Training Organisations and NZQA develop the unit standards. Unit standards are competency based – they recognise capability and competencies in real or realistic settings in mainly vocational areas of learning. All unit standards are internally assessed.

Credits and NCEA

The NCEA qualifications are based on credits. Every standard has a defined credit value; one credit represents approximately 10 hours of teaching, learning and assessment. This includes teaching time, homework and assessment time.

Students need a total of 80 credits for each NCEA qualification:

- **NCEA Level 1** – 80 credits at any Level, including 10 credits in literacy and 10 credits in numeracy.
- **NCEA Level 2** – 60 credits at Level 2 or above, plus 20 credits from Level 1 or above (the Level 1 literacy and numeracy requirements must also be met).
- **NCEA Level 3** – 60 credits at Level 3 or above, plus 20 credits from Level 2 or above (the Level 1 literacy and numeracy requirements must also be met).



More about NCEA

Find out more about how NCEA works on our website at www.nzqa.govt.nz/how-ncea-works, where you can also watch a short animated video on how NCEA works or download our brochure 'Understanding NCEA'. NCEA is well-recognised overseas - see www.nzqa.govt.nz/international-recognition-of-ncea for more information.

International students can also download the 'Study in New Zealand' brochure. The brochure is available in English and translated into six languages.

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