

# December 2017 Term 4 Week 40

# Waiheke High School Newsletter



Kia ora koutou,

What wonderful news we have because of the outstanding performance of some of our students.

The Waiheke High School Blue Light Police Challenge Team of Cody Coxhead, Georgia Ivory, Emma Wilton and Leroy Lewis flew down to Wellington for the PCT Blue Light Police Challenge because this team had won the Auckland regional competition. This team competed against 19 other teams and came second. This was a fantastic achievement for this group and teacher/coach, Kiera Pennell was delighted.

Waiheke High School robotics Club gained second place at the annual Vex IQ National Competition in Rotorua. This team of Braeden Bickerton, Fionn Lawley and Connor Wilton competed against 35 teams and Physics teacher Tom Mulvey and coach Kelly Bickerton had hoped that the team might be placed in the top half of the competition because this was the first time that this club had entered into such a competition. To have gained second place was another fantastic result.

Our Senior School students (Years 11-13) have now finished their external examinations and we have been busy timetabling for 2018.

At this time of year we have the resignations of some staff. Jessica Tibbetts will take up a full time Primary position at Waiheke Primary School. Monica Manning takes up a promotion position at Motueka High School and Rebecca Chamley is going to A.C.G. Fortunately we have been able to cover these positions with Kim Etty, Emma Musson, Vanessa Carnevale and Suzanne Miller. These teachers know our school well and we look forward to them being around the campus more often.

I would like to thank our school community for supporting the school so well. We are so lucky to have organisations like Rotary, New Hope, the Local Board and individuals like Jane Scarles, Kelly Bickerton, the Portelli family and the many others who have helped coaching, transporting and caring for our students.

Last week was the Year 7 and 8 Prom. The students looked wonderful and very grown up. It seems that the tie and bow tie are making a come back. Thanks to all the parents who came in to look at the hall, the supper and the dancing. This is a wonderful school tradition and its great to see the Chachacha, Jive and Gay Gordon's performed with such enthusiasm and skill.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New year. Enjoy the sun, Waiheke Island, family and friends.

Thanks again for your support of Waiheke High School,

Jude Young, Principal

## Term Dates

12 Dec    LAST DAY OF TERM 4 (Half Day)    30 Jan 2018    FIRST DAY OF TERM 1

## Waiheke High School Robotic Team Place Second at Nationals!



Thirty-five energetic and determined teams from around New Zealand convened at the Rotorua Energy Events Centre on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> for the annual Vex IQ national competition. Waiheke High School Robotics Club, in their first year competing, took their junior team (up to year 9) – accompanied by physics teacher Tom Mulvey and their coach Kelly Bickerton – with the goals of gaining competition experience and placing in the top half.

Regular team members Fionn Lawley, Braeden Bickerton, Connor Wilton, and Tom Anderson (unable to participate in this particular event) have been working steadily since

term 2 on their robot. However, in the last few weeks, they took the initiative to innovate a new base for better manoeuvrability and speed. Working right up to the last minute to get it structurally sound, there was little time for driver practice. Some last minute technical challenges meant the team had to work frantically to find effective solutions and they arrived at the competition unsure if they could get their bot working – and nearly didn't pass inspection as their robot was oversize by half a centimetre!

The main event – a “Teamwork Challenge” – consisted of eight qualifying one-minute matches. Two randomly selected teams work together as an alliance for a combined score. The Waiheke team performed consistently at a high level with all scores over 100 points. Kelly and Tom were very impressed with the way the boys worked together as a team and positively with their alliance partners.

Then, with two matches to go, disaster struck! Their robot was dropped and fell to pieces! The team had less than 10 minutes to work quickly to undo the damage and replace parts – which they just managed to do.

An amazing 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the end of the qualifying matches had the whole team highly focussed going into the final. The team was also only one of three teams selected to be interviewed on the quality of their engineering notebook – they impressed the panel enough at what they had accomplished as a first-year team to be presented with the “Judges Award” at the closing ceremony.

They kept their cool under pressure and were super excited with their fantastic result – finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> place in all of NZ with their best result of the day – 148 points. The winning team scored 171 points and a trip to the World Vex Event in the USA in April.

We wish to thank our local sponsors – Waiheke Rotary, Waiheke Local Board, and New Hope Op Shop for helping us get there! The club's senior team (Y10+) will compete in their national competition team late February next year.

Kelly Bickerton, Club Coach



## Thursday Night Touch



The WHS team has been competing in the local Waiheke Touch Competition on Thursday nights. It has been great to have some new and up and coming talent in the team this year. It has also been good to see lots of Waiheke High School students and teachers participating in a number of different teams in both the competitive and social grades. We have had some good wins so far and look forward to the second half of the season next year. The competition resumes on the 11th of January. Please check the WHS Sport Facebook page for updates on the draw.

Kiera Pennell

## 2018 Piringākau Whānau Form Class at Waiheke High School

*“What’s good for Māori is good for everybody”.*

*Tēnā koutou e te whānau whānui o te kura tuarua o Waiheke. E tika ra me mihi kau ki te kaupapa e rauhi nei i o tātau tamariki ki raro i te tuanui o Piringākau. Nau mai, haere mai e te kaupapa ki te whatitoka o taku whare, Piringākau, Piritahi, ko te kainga e!*

This letter is to inform you the Board of Trustees of Waiheke High School and the Senior Lead Team have approved the reintroduction of a Piringākau whānau form class for 2018.

This initiative is a culmination of ideas, proposals, and recommendations from several sources namely;

- Waiheke High School’s mantra to promote student success
- ERO findings for improving Māori Education
- The “Piringakau Parent Education Plan 2017” compiled with Piringakau whānau,
- Parent aspirations from a recent survey presented to the BOT by Elisha Scott.
- Findings of the research document An Island Approach by Claire Mahaki “2013”,
- Effort’s from Piritahi marae and Te Kāhui Kuaka to include a seamless Māori Education plan from early childhood to high school.
- MoE initiative of Tātaiako and Ka Hikitia, “Allowing Māori to achieve as Māori”.

We use the aphorism and catch-cry coined by Emeritus Professor Russell Bishop’s “What’s good for Maori is good for everybody” as a reminder of this aspiration.

There are permutations to this proposal but in the first instance, the target group for enrolment will be the kapa haka group as we build on and capture their interest and success as a co-hort. This initiative is inclusive in its proposal and is available to all students. To this end, wherever there is student interest we will endeavour to embrace their enthusiasm. The optimum for this proposal is for two Piringakau vertical form classes with up to 26 students in each; one at years 7 & 8 and one at years 9 & 11. With a male and female balance of kaiako or teaching staff, we believe that the timely re-introduction of this proposal will enable us to;

- Provide an environment where tikanga and te reo Maori is the normal practice
- Enrich and extend student learning through regular cultural practices.
- Scaffold support structures with regular opportunities to monitor Maori student achievement

### How will it work?

- Two vertical form classes established with the balance of kaiako Maori as form teachers for these classes one being a whaea for one class, (say Year 7 / 8 class) and another with a matua for the other (say Year 9 / 11 class).
- Tikanga Maori and cultural values will underpin behaviour expectations. Where possible, Piringakau form classes will meet during form-time, and study as a whānau extension group in a tuakana, teina programme.
- Liaise with other departments and tertiary institutes such as the particular focus on Tuakana Putaiao run by the Science department in conjunction with Auckland University as well as other solution based educational initiatives for Maori students.
- Liaise with other departments to develop a strategy to build literacy and numeracy levels from year 7 - 11.
- Piringakau form classes would ideally be placed in close proximity for example D7 and D6 to enable shared karakia, waiata and manaakitanga.
- Piringakau kaiako Māori, Te Ao Mārama, Huhana Davis, Claire Mahaki, Anton Forde and other staff will be accessed where possible to tautoko this kaupapa and strengthen our whānau base.
- Form time utilised for mentoring students, goal setting, monitoring and tracking student achievement, developing leadership skills and team building.
- Students selected into PNK will continue to be included throughout the school for their core curriculum and optional subjects.

### How will students benefit from being in a whānau class?

- Greater home / school communication through
- A dedicated teaching team targeted with the responsibility of monitoring and mentoring each student’s education with study skills seminars

- Regular parent hui throughout the year to outline programmes and events, as well as to celebrate student achievements.
- Access to Kapa Haka and cultural workshops e.g. Waka Ama, weaving, Visual and Performing Arts.
- Inclusion in participation to visit significant Māori events, or sites

#### Expectations and Responsibilities:

Education is a partnership between home, school and student; we all have a vital role to play in ensuring that our students are supported and informed.

School	Student	Home
Teaching team	Attend daily	Communicate with school
Home contact	Correct uniform	Attend hui
Mentoring students	Complete homework	Ensure students attend on time
Cultural workshops	Exemplary behaviour	Check homework diary

Years 7 / 8	Years 9 /11
Maintain connection to year level programmes and options	
Form class in D6	Form class in D7
Meet as whānau for karakia, waiata and pānui in the morning	
Attend timetabled cohort and Dean's assemblies	
Attend Piringakau Whanau form Classes for specific instructions	
Attend all core and option classes	

#### If student interest or numbers are low, what happens?

Waiheke High School has a policy on the optimum class sizes but If enrolment numbers are between 26 to 30, the management will support the establishment of one form class. All expectations and responsibilities will remain the same and students are expected to maintain a high degree of behavioural and academic success. We ask you discuss this initiative and consider this as a viable option for 2018.

***Kāti ra ka whakairia ake ngā pitopito kōrero mo tēnei kaupapa ki te tuanui o tōku whare. Ko te manako ka tahuri mai koutou e te whānau ki te tautoko mai i tēnei tono mā o tātau tamariki te tikanga. Na reira ka tukua atu te mānuka kia takoto, ka riro mā koutou hei hiki. Mai konei ka tau ko au.***

***Nāku na tō koutou ponongā na Pita Mahki***

## Year 9 Drama Production

Just thought to mention that Monica's Year Nine Production last week was a fabulous treat. It was delightful to see so many really tiny people get swept up by the sheer magic of it all. The script also ensured that the "grown-ups" had much to giggle about. It was colourful, engaging, and fun. The students clearly loved every minute of being part of it. What a delightful way to end the year for our Drama students!

Mariette Dodd.





## PCT Blue Light Police Challenge



Last weekend Cody Coxhead, Georgia Ivory, Emma Wilton and myself - Leroy Lewis flew down to Wellington for the PCT blue light police challenge because last year we won the Auckland regional competition representing Waiheke High School. We competed against 19 other teams in Wellington doing the main obstacle course that all of the Police Recruits have to do every two years. It included a 200 metre run, pushing a trailer, jumping over a wall, climbing a fence and crawling under a frame of metal. The next day there was four other activities that we took part in. These consisted of teamwork and problem solving challenges, similar to amazing race and survivor challenges. These tested us both physically and mentally. First we did this water related task where wore helmets that had cups on top of them and we had to fill them up and then pass them to our team mates without touching them with our hands. At the other end we had to pour it into a bucket, we had 8 minutes to fill the bucket with as much water as we could. There a challenge called 'Minute to Win it' and there were 4 things you had to complete in 8 minutes. The next challenge was a memory test. There was a room with 40 items in it and each member of your group would go in one at a time and try to remember as many items as they could and then write it on a bit of paper but you could not talk to any of your team mates before they had all been in the room. Then the last activity was called Blast and this was all about teamwork. At the start the instructor judged us both on how fast we could do the challenge and he also gave us points for how we worked as a team. A few months ago our team got to go to Auckland again to practise the course a couple more times with Constable Jude our School Community Officer. We had trained lots for

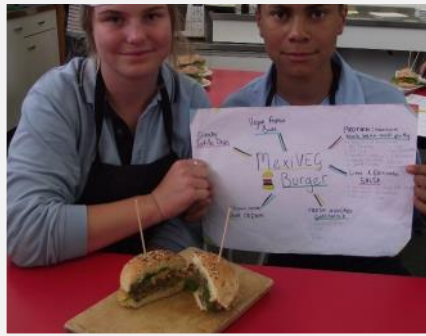


the competition every Tuesday morning before school at 7.00am. We practiced fitness, problem solving and teamwork at our trainings. It was such a great experience and yesterday we were told that we got 2nd place in New Zealand. We were all so stoked. I would like to thank Ms Pennell for training us every day and sorting everything out. She was such a good help and we couldn't of done it without her.

Leroy Lewis (Year 8)



## Year 9 & 10 Hospitality Burger Competition



So the winning burger this round was Alice and Salif with their MexiVEG Burger with Lime & Coriander Salsa and Avocado Guacamole, the combined flavours of Mexico. Second was the V.K. Burger by Loyal and Travis - venison and local Tamarind Chutney

flavours with zesty kumara and local salads. Has this got your taste buds flowing? Finally, third place went to the Pisces Burger by Grace & Georgia. Obviously a fish burger, but not just any fish was it. Tempura gurnard fish done in a ginger marinade with their grandmother's secret Tatare sauce. Totally divine combined flavour, served with salads.

Winners this year all came from Year 10 so come on Year 9's for 2018. You'll have to seriously think outside the square and step up in preparation for our Waiheke High School representative going to the Secondary School Regional finals next June!! But credit to all Year 9 Food too. There were many top vegetarian burgers in Year 9's as well. Woop! Woop! Quite overwhelming actually to have so many of our students diets changed to vegetarian; this is certainly a good thing for our Hau Ora!

So big ups to all our Judges, Whaea Monica, Whaea Te Ao, Adam Hogan, Sam Carroll, Matua Pita, Whaea Claire, and Whaea Kay- a job well done! And to our winners, looking forward to what you all might create next year! And lastly, paying homage and gratitude to our Whaea Terisa. This was her last big gig for us all in over twenty years of doing these and the many guest dinners for our school amongst her many other jobs being our Food Technician. I for one will seriously miss her. THANK YOU WHAEA TERISA from all of us!!!

Whaea Huhana, Whaea Monica and the Food Technology and Hospitality Department for 2017

All burgers required a minimum of 5 local food products which included produce such as Francos buns and breads and Wild on Waiheke sponsorship sauces like Horopito and Beetroot chutney and Spicy Coriander and Chillie sauce - awesomely delish!



## Host an International Student

Thought about hosting an International student but don't know how it works or who to contact?

Waiheke High School is looking for wonderful Waiheke families to take care of our students arriving in 2018. We have a range of students coming from around the world, some staying for a few months, others the whole year. You will be paid of course, \$260.00 per week tax free, and in return you will give these students a real taste of Waiheke family life.

Interested? Contact Bridget on 022 641 9804 or email [international@waihekehigh.school.nz](mailto:international@waihekehigh.school.nz)

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## Entries Invited for The Royal Easter Show Art Awards 2018

The Royal Easter Show Art Awards 2018 are delighted to offer 'free to enter' competitions that are ideal for budding young authors, artists and photographers.

The Royal Easter Show Write a Children's Short Story Competition is open to youngsters in three divisions, aged 5-9; aged 10-14 and aged 15-18. Stories must be original, not exceed 1,000 words and can include illustrations. They must be suitable for children and contain no offensive words. The winning story in each division will earn a prize of \$100.

The Royal Easter Show Young Photographer of the Year 2018 has a theme of "Summer Holidays" and has been designed to encourage young photographers to enter their favourite summer holiday photos. There are two age divisions: Youth aged 5-11 and Youth aged 12-18. Each photographer can submit three photos and the winner of each division will receive a \$150 prize. For the overall award for the Best Young Photographer in this section, a camera will be donated by the Auckland Agricultural and Pastoral Association.

There are also opportunities for young Artists to enter our Open Youth Art Competition and also our Ceramic & Pottery competition (Open to 10-18 years of age).

Entries are now open. Please do not hesitate to contact the 2018 Royal Easter Show Art Awards office (phone 09 638-9969) for further information or email [artentries@asbshowgrounds.co.nz](mailto:artentries@asbshowgrounds.co.nz)

The winning entries will be on display at the 2018 Royal Easter Show at the ASB Showgrounds in Greenlane Auckland, 29th March to 2nd April 2018. All winners will also be invited to attend a special Royal Easter Show Prize giving on Sunday 1st April 2018. Details will be forwarded upon receipt of entries.

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

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**Waiheke Rotary Club**  
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