

7 December
2020
Term 4 Week 40

Waiheke High School Newsletter



Kia ora koutou

Please excuse my lateness around getting this newsletter out, it seems to have been an unusually busy time in and around the school and this newsletter has fallen through the gap.

All Senior students are well on the way to completing the external examinations for Levels 1, 2, and 3. Generally the feedback from the students has been the externals have been fair and students have been confident.

The Senior Academic Prizegiving was a hugely successful evening and Mia Mason was awarded the Dux of Waiheke High School 2020. You may remember Mia; she was awarded an NZQA Scholarship in History when she was a Year 12 student.

Bill Godbout and Tony Sears have worked hard at organizing, training and then announcing our prefects for 2021.

The 2021 Prefects are:

Rebecca Campbell	Lily Atu	Ruby Ross-Hayes	Teeana Kara
Carlos Raymond	Max Halstead	Maya Compton-Bin	Kyle Edwards
Ocean Griffiths	Ben Tauarea	Stella Mares	Gill Selem
Manoela Porto	Marlena Koeninger		

I would like to congratulate the Year 13 2020 class for their tireless work around making the best of a difficult year where the COVID-19 pandemic meant that many of the events that they wanted to run had to be cancelled. Thank you for your efforts.

It is always sad to announce the retirement of long standing staff members. Linda and Paul McKelvie have been in our school for a total of over 40 years. Linda has been a responsive and creative Faculty Leader of Visual Arts and Paul has been future-focused on creating hard material programmes. We thank them for their hard work and dedication to our students.

Next year Demelza Round, a former Head Student at this school will take on the role of Faculty Leader of Creative Industries and we also welcome, Oliver Stretton-Pow as an Art and Building and Construction teacher.

There is also a change in our Dean's line up for 2021, as follows:

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Term Dates

9 Dec	Junior Prom	11 Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM 4—HALF DAY (Busses leave at 12:00pm)
11 Dec	Junior Prizegiving, 10:30am, School Hall	2 Feb	FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 - 2021

Years 7 and 8	Vanessa Carnevale
Years 9 and 10	Jonny Keevill
Years 11 and 12	Sean O'Toole
Year 13	Bill Godbout
Associate Dean	Te Ao Marama Hau

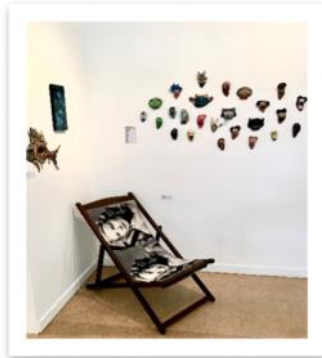
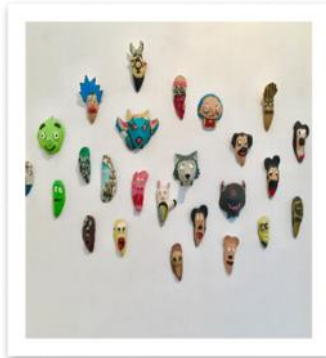
I would like to thank the students, whanau and families who have contributed to Waiheke High School in 2020. You make our school the special place it is.

Have a very Merry Christmas, a memorable and fun holiday and keep safe. See you all in 2021,

Ngā mihi nui
Jude Young

Junior Arts Department

Year 9 and Year 10 exhibits in the 'Reclaim to Fame' Exhibition, at the Waiheke Community Art Gallery 19th November – 13 December



Our Year 9 and 10 Art classes are currently exhibiting small sculptures at the Waiheke community Art Gallery in the 'Reclaim to Fame' exhibition.

The Year 9 works are small papier mache and plaster reliefs built on mussel shells, which are a response to Dick Frizzell's appropriation of the Hei Tiki and Pop Art; some works are recognizable cartoon characters wearing the moko or have koru patterns as part of their composition.

The Year 10 works consist mainly of upcycled picnic paper cups, plates and wooden cutlery (all hopefully biodegradable) created with a theme based on the human figure, in response to a one-hour sculpture workshop. The resulting small sculptures seem to have unique personalities and all students had fun making them.

There is also a little group of upcycled works featuring a figure created from a kitchen grater, by Ambrose Burke-Munns, a teddy bear inspired sculpture by Ruby Davidson, a mother and child work created from an old candlestick by Kara Boal-Smith and two action figures by Cole Annabel and Miles Mason. Jack Shirley has also created an unusual reclining figure with fireball.

Svetlana Parmenter, Waiheke High School Art Department.

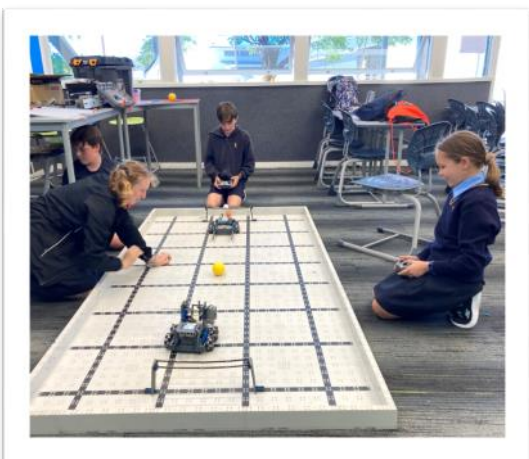
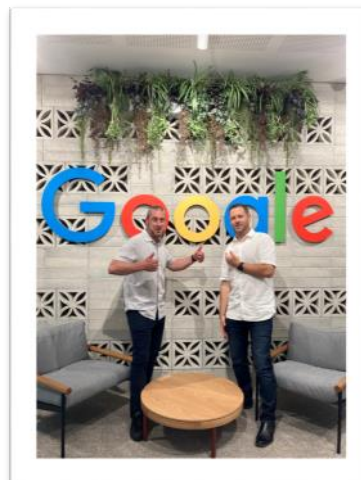
GREENACRES TRUST APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING OPEN TO WAIHEKE YOUTH.

If you are looking at an exciting opportunity and need some financial help, Green Acres Trust is here to help you. Applications are now open, If you are aged between 10 and 18, are from a single parent family resident on Waiheke Island Application forms are available online at www.greenacreswaiheke.co.nz or phone 372 7614.

Applications close 31/1/2021.

Robotics Club

During the second half of 2020 the Waiheke Robotics club has been full steam ahead on Wednesday afternoons, engineering and building robotics challenges such as 'building a bot that can climb a ramp, pick-up a ping pong ball, omnidirectional drive tracks and the all popular Robot battles and Bot-ball'. The enthusiasm of the kids inspired their teacher, Gareth Moore, to apply for a Google Internship during 1 week in November, and he now plans to build a full maker space for the WHS students merging Robotics, E-Textiles, SPFX and Junior design based learning from Term 1 2021. Watch this space!



Student Loans and Allowances



Students planning to continue study after they leave school have a lot of decisions to make. [StudyLink's website](#) is a great place to visit to get you thinking about what it will cost to live and study.

A little effort, planning, and commitment now can turn into exciting jobs, higher wages, and only having to pay back what you really needed to borrow to get there.

There is a Parents' Section on [StudyLink's website](#). Scroll down to use the parental income calculator to find out if your son or daughter is eligible for a student allowance.

Tanique Deacon, Careers Counsellor

Electric Island Expo [Sunday 28 Feb 2021](#) - save the date!

Entry is free and open [from 10am – 3pm](#) at the school. The Expo will showcase Waiheke as an island free from the pollution, noise, emissions and costs of petrol and diesel engines. There will be demonstrations and seminars throughout the day along with a BBQ and entertainment for the family – full programme to come.

Electric Island Waiheke is a charitable trust with the vision to accelerate Waiheke towards the goal of being fossil fuel free by 2030. This is the second year of the annual Expo, so join in to support the vision and have a great day out.

The High School in addition to hosting the event is looking at engagement ideas with our students, more to follow.
Look forward to seeing you there.

Message from the Student Support Centre

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
Waiheke Local Board—Bronze Award

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