

February 12 2020 Term 1 Week 3

Waiheke High School Newsletter



Kia ora and welcome to 2020,

Waiheke High School has begun the year well with three Teacher Only Days and the induction of four new members of staff; Fran Carter second in charge in the English Faculty, Avi Duckor-Jones, English and Business Studies, Svetlana Parmenter, Junior Art and Stu Halstead, who is teaching Business Studies.

The school roll is approximately 450 students and as I went around classes it was good to see students hard at work and enjoying their learning.

Our NCEA results for 2019 are very good. Levels 1, 2 and 3 results are in the high 80's percentile and we are hoping that Levels 2 and 3 results will tip over the 90% pass rate with the reconsideration of some external papers. These results are draft results.

Our University Entrance pass rates at Level 3 for 2019 have again improved and they are currently just under 70% These results will be confirmed in late March and we will publish them again then.

On Tuesday, Mia Mason, as a Year 12 student, achieved a Scholarship grade in Year 13 History. Congratulations—this is a great result!

Over the summer holidays the building activity has been full on. An outside basketball court, handball courts and utility court has been completed and it is being well used by our students.

The new Arts block is certainly moving ahead and the end of March could look like well within the realm of possibility as a completion date. Once this is completed the ongoing refurbishment of our existing buildings and gardens will continue.

This school works hard at opening our gates to our community and this week we have our Meet and Greet Evening from 6.30pm until 8.00pm on Thursday and then our Athletic Sports on Friday. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jude Young,
Principal

Family and Whānau Evening 2020

On **Thursday 13th 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 6.30pm 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 8pm.

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

See you there.

The next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 26th February 2020, 6:00pm in the Waiheke High School board room

Term Dates

13 Feb	Family Meet & Greet Evening 6.30pm	26 Feb	PhotoLife Catch-up Photo Shoot
14 Feb	Athletics Day	6 Mar	Beach Sports
19 Feb	PhotoLife Student Photo Shoot	26 Mar	Parent/Teacher Night
20 Feb	SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 1:10PM	10 Apr	GOOD FRIDAY—END OF TERM 1
24/25 Feb	Year 7 Camp	27 Apr	ANZAC DAY
		28 Apr	FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

Novel Coronavirus—What you need to know

While we are still learning more about this new virus –

We do know the risk of the virus spreading in New Zealand is very low How worried should I be?

- Your chances of catching the coronavirus in New Zealand are very low.
- It is highly unlikely you will catch the virus walking down the street
- Coronavirus appears to be as infectious as the flu and the symptoms are similar - fever, cough and shortness of breath. You are only likely to catch it if you are near to someone with the virus. Most people catch the virus from someone at home, a close workmate or someone they spend time with.
- People will not be moving around the community if they are suspected or confirmed of having the virus – they will be in isolation. Their family and anyone they may have infected will also be asked to stay at home.

How serious is coronavirus?

- People are being infected, mainly in China, but only a small number of those with coronavirus have died.
- Most people have a mild to moderate illness with flu-like symptoms
- People of all ages are being infected, but older people and those with medical conditions seem most likely to get seriously ill.

How do I protect myself and my family?

Everyone should protect themselves from the virus, as you would for the 'flu -

- Washing your hands regularly, or using hand sanitiser, is the best way to avoid this illness.
- As with other illnesses, do not go to work or school, or see visitors if you are sick.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or clothing, and wash hands afterwards
- Avoid being near to people who are sick
- Washing your hands often and covering coughs and sneezes will do more to protect you from the virus than a mask.
- If you are sharing food, use utensils to serve the food and keep your personal spoon, fork, or chopsticks separate to avoid transmission through saliva.

What should I do if I think I could have coronavirus?

- If you start to experience mild symptoms, then stay at home and call Healthline for advice: 0800 611 116. Interpreters are available on request.
- If you start to experience more severe symptoms arrange to see a doctor urgently. Call ahead and mention your travel history. Difficulty breathing requires immediate medical attention and can be a sign of pneumonia.

Where can I find more information?

Information is updated regularly on the [Ministry of Health website](#)

Friends of Waiheke High School

As the new Chairperson of the Friends of Waiheke High School I look forward to supporting the school in fundraising and building on the good work of the previous committee's successful events. I see the function of the group as helping bridge the gap between the community and our school and I look forward to doing even more this year.

I have two children (and a teacher) at the high school and hope that bringing my experience as an event organiser and fundraiser will help the Friends of WHS committee. I have organised several events on the island and have been the event manager and fundraiser for the Jassy Dean Trust's Waiheke Garden Festival for the past ten years.

I'm looking forward to working alongside Tim Kay, Director of Fundraising at WHS as well as the current and new Friends of WHS committee. We would love to boost our membership. Please come along to our first committee meeting on Wednesday, 19 February at 6 pm in the school board room.

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Bring Your Own Device – BYOD



Waiheke High School has introduced BYOD over the last five years. In 2016 students in years 7 and 9 were invited to join BYOD classes. In 2017 and 2018 there were BYOD classes in all of years 7 to 10.

Last year we had all year 7 students in BYOD classes and this year all year 7 and 8 students are in BYOD classes. By the end of 2022 we expect all junior students in years 7 to 10 will be bringing their own device to school.

Most of the students who were in junior BYOD classes continue to bring their own device to their senior courses so by the end of 2020 all students should in fact be bringing their own device. Teachers appreciate that there will be students using laptops or Chromebooks in pretty much all their subjects and classes. Many subjects now rely heavily on digital media for lesson material, assignments and assessments. NZQA has been introducing digital examinations and quite a few of our students last year sat some NCEA examinations digitally.

We are aware that some parents may feel concerned about the amount of time that their sons or daughters are spending on devices. Students themselves, however, are positive about the experience and recognize the advantages of preparing and storing work digitally. There will always be some activities which do not lend themselves to the use of digital devices. Often courses have a balance of pen and paper along with electronic media.

A survey of students' use of digital devices for classwork and homework was taken in July last year. When students were asked how often they would use digital devices such as laptops, Chromebooks or desktop computers for classwork, students were evenly split into four almost exactly equal proportions. A quarter said almost always, a quarter said more often than not, a quarter said roughly half the time, and a quarter said sometimes, rarely or vary rarely.

The use of devices went up further when students were doing homework or assignments. Almost half, 44.5%, said they almost always use digital devices, and another 26.8% said more often than not. 15.8 % said about 50% of the time. Only 11.5% said sometimes and just 1.3% of students said rarely. It is clear that the use of digital devices for classwork and homework is well and truly the norm.

In the same survey 65% of students said that they would prefer to use their own device than use a school computer or Chromebook. Only 16% would prefer to use school-owned devices. There are good reasons for this as students with their own device are more familiar with it, know the easiest way to print and save their work and can have their own favorite applications loaded on the device.

While we encourage all students to bring devices to school, we do not normally allow students to use their mobile phones as devices and we consider that iPads have limitations that preclude them from being used as devices at our school. However Chromebooks are perfectly adequate and we recommend them as they are relatively inexpensive, with many available for between \$290 and \$350. They are also relatively sturdy and few students have hardware issues with them.

If you are interested, PB Tech in Queen Street has a good range of suitable devices at competitive prices. Check their website: <https://www.pbtech.co.nz/>. Click on the BYOD tab and choose Waiheke High School. You will see a range of BYO Devices recommended by our school. Don't be put off by some of the prices of the models at the top of the page. There are many much cheaper Chromebooks further down.

Alternatively, the local shop: The Island's Computer Guy Ltd, 23b Tahi Rd, Ostend, sells Chromebooks and Laptops and has promised us that they will match any of PB Tech's prices, which means buying locally might actually save you time and money.

If you have any questions about BYOD, feel free to contact me.

Tony Sears
Deputy Principal
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From the P.E Department

Sports and P.E.—Expectations and Kit

Shoes

Closed shoes (i.e. not sandals or jandals) are to be worn during all outdoor PE lessons throughout the entire year. During the winter months we encourage students to bring an alternative pair of shoes for PE lessons to keep their main pair dry. Shoes for PE lessons may be any colour but must be suitable for vigorous physical activity (running shoes would be ideal).

Sun Safety

Our Physical Education Faculty strongly encourages good habits related to sun safety. We provide sunblock to all junior PE students during term 1 and term 4. Students are asked to apply sunblock at the beginning of every outdoor PE lesson. In addition to this we allow and encourage any hat to be worn during outdoor activities, as long as it provides sun protection. Each student must also have a drink bottle with them during lessons to ensure that they remain hydrated. During the summer months our PE teachers always ensure that lesson times are divided between some time in the sun as well as time in the shade.

Valuables

In order to keep valuables safe during PE lessons, we encourage the use of student lockers located in the Rec Centre building. Students need to purchase a padlock themselves, ideally one with a number combination rather than a key. At the start of each lesson the students will have an opportunity to lock their valuables away - it will be their responsibility to do so. Students may choose to share a locker with 2-3 friends but must always make sure that one person has a lock. At the end of each lesson, students will be able to collect all valuables. This system has proven to be very effective and is the safest way of protecting items of value.

SPORTS TIMETABLE – TERM 1 2020			
All activities start Week 2 unless otherwise stated			
	Morning	Lunch	After School
Mon	Volleyball - Year 10 - 13 (GOD) Rec Centre 6:45 - 8am	Basketball - Years 7-10 (Dan and Allison) Rec Centre starts Feb 10	
Tue	Volleyball - Year 10 - 13 (GOD) Rec Centre 6:45-8am	Sports Prefects Activities (varied) Rec Centre starts Feb 18 Ultimate Frisbee - All Years (Dan Tisch) Lower Sports Field starts Feb 18 Touch - All Years (JAC/WOO) Sports Field (last practice 3 March) Running Club - All years (ROS) Meet at Rec Centre starts Feb 18 Orienteering - Yr 7-8 (RIC) Meet at Rec Centre steps	Sailing/ Team racing Experienced sailors All Years (HEE and MOO) Palm Beach 4:30-7:00pm. Kickboxing (JAC) Upstairs Rec Centre 3:15-4:15pm. Starts Feb 11
Wed	Volleyball - Year 10 - 13 (GOD) Rec Centre 6:45-8am	Badminton (RIC) - All Years Rec Centre	Girls Football - Year 9 -13 (ROS) Football Pitch 3:10 - 4:30pm. Starts Feb 19 Rugby summer training squad - All Years Boys (WOO) Sports Field 3:10-4:30pm Starts Mar 11 Rugby summer training squad - All Years Girls (DEL) Sports Field 3:10-4:30pm Starts Feb 19 Kapa Haka - All Years (HAU) 3:10-4:30 Room D7
Thur	X Fit All Years (ROS) starts Feb 13 Rec Centre Gym 7-8am	Volleyball Year 9 - 12 (GOD) Rec Centre Netball - Years 7-9 (OGI) Bottom Courts starts March 12 Cricket - Years 7-8 (KEN) Sports Field starts date tbc - listen for notices	Touch Rugby Competition 6:00-7:30pm Ostend Sports Park (last game 5 March)
Fri	Volleyball Year 10 - 13 (GOD) Rec Centre 6:45-8am	Volleyball - Yrs 7-9 (RIC) Middle Field Yoga (CAV) - All Years Drama Room Badminton (ROS) - All Years Rec Centre Girls only gym time (ROS)	

Athletics Day—School Field 14th February (parents welcome)

Events (in year groups - boys/girls)						
Time	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12-13
8:30 - 8:45	Assembly (Sit in usual assembly seats for roll call)					
8:45 - 9:15	1500m (Whole School) Junior (Y7-9 Yrs), Senior (Y10+) and Fun Run					
9:15 - 9:30	Roll Check with Year Group Marshall Meet teacher at first event straight after 1500m.					
9:30 - 10:00	High Jump	Javelin	Discus	Long Jump	Shot Put	100m 400m
10:00 - 10:30	Javelin	Discus	Long Jump	Shot Put	100m 400m	High Jump
10:30 - 11:00	Interval					
11:00 - 11:30	Discus	Long Jump	Shot Put	100m 400m	High Jump	Javelin
11:30 - 12:00	Long Jump	Shot Put	100m 400m	High Jump	Javelin	Discus
12:00 - 12:30	Shot Put	100m 400m	High Jump	Javelin	Discus	Long Jump
12:30 - 1:00	100m Finals (Y8-13): Y7 is after lunch All students to watch before lunch. Staff supervise and keep behind rope.					
1:00 - 1:45	Lunch: Prefects on duty on the field					
1:45 - 2:00	Roll Check with Year Group Marshall - Please be prompt. Meet teachers at first event.					
2:00 - 2:30	100m 400m 100m Final	High Jump	Javelin	Discus	Long Jump	Shot Put
2:30 - 3:00	4 x 100m Relay Year Group House Relays (Y7 first, finishing with Y13) Staff V Prefect Relay					
3:00 +	Rubbish Pick Results					



International Students 2020

Welcome to our 14 new international students who joined our school last week. We are delighted to have students from Austria, Colombia, Germany, Japan and the United States of America. Students all received an orientation to help them get settled into life in New Zealand and then were formally welcomed during the powhiri on the first day of school. Students are with us for a range of different periods from just 9 weeks to a whole year.

Our new students are:

Tiemo Tuechler (Austria), Agustin Soto Mejia (Colombia), Benedikt Huchler (Germany), Helena Lueck (Germany), Gesine Mueller (Germany), Hanna Saridakis (Germany), Carla Stehr (Germany), Matti Zeh (Germany), Johanna Ziegler (Germany), Satsuki Goto (Japan), Daiki Ito (Japan), Toshiteru Iwasaki (Japan), Mikumo Higashira (Japan), Jess Shepherd (USA)

We also welcome back our returning international students:

Agathe Peleman (France), Matilda Gross (Germany), Fiona Helmke (Germany), Yukan Omura (Japan), Jesper Saey-Aspli (Norway), Pat Apinanpisut (Thailand)



Career Education at Waiheke High School

At Waiheke High School, we have career education from Year 7 through to Year 13. We have two qualified Career Advisors, Tanique Deacon and Liz Morris, who are available for appointments with students, parents and staff.



Our students are fortunate enough to have access to Dream-Catcher as a career management tool. It is their own career planning portfolio that stays with them until they leave school. Students use DreamCatcher to set academic, personal and career goals and input extracurricular activities, including work experience. They research occupations linked to their interests and are able to save information about jobs and where to train beyond school.

We provide students with a range of career exploration opportunities including: Career Taster Days (Year 12 and 13), Careers Evening (Years 10 - 13), Gateway Work Experience (Years 11 - 13) and STAR short courses.

If you would like to know more, please email Tanique Deacon: deacont@waihekehigh.school.nz



Speech and Language Therapy sessions every Friday on Waiheke Island:

Weekly sessions available with a Speech and Language Therapist specialising in working with children and adolescents with speech sound disorders, language delays, social communication difficulties and Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Price: \$145 per session incl. GST

Location: Waiheke Library

Please contact Cherry-Beth on charwood@acornautism.co.nz to discuss further and book in your appointment.

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

Countdown Supermarket - Matariki

Gulf Foods - Matariki

Humble Pie Village Butcher & Deli- Matariki

Waiheke Local Board—Bronze Award

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Speech and Drama Tuition at WHS - 2020!

Need help in gaining confidence in effective communication?

Passionate about performing and want to further your skills?

Effective communication is often taken for granted and some people are naturally gifted in this area. However, in today's high tech environment many of these basic skills are becoming lost and our day to day functioning requires less and less face-to-face communication. 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 just want to further their skills and experience and, perhaps, gain an internationally recognised qualification by taking a Trinity College examination.

Lucinda Peterken will be offering Speech and Drama tuition again this year. Normally the classes take place during school hours on Thursdays. However, due to lack of teaching space whilst the building work continues, there will be AFTER-SCHOOL classes on THURSDAYS during Term One, which will be reviewed from Term Two.

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

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 NZ. She also co-founded the Waiheke Theatre Co. and regularly directs plays on the island. In 2019 she directed both 'ART' and 'Wind in the Willows'.

Study strands include Speech and Drama, Individual Acting, Shakespeare, Choral Speaking and Public Speaking. Over the year students explore a variety of drama skills and then focus on one area of particular interest. Students have the option to work towards a Trinity exam that is held in Term 4. Senior students CAN choose to take an exam in August to avoid clashing with external exams later in the year. There is an additional fee payable to the exam board.

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. See their website for more details
www.trinitycollege.co.uk

Waiheke United Football Muster Day

If your child is interested in playing football in the 2020 season please come along on Sunday February 16th from 9am to 1pm at Onetangi sports park. Mini-football games, coffee, and second hand gear swap while you register your child. Club representatives on hand to answer any questions. 9 to 17 year olds welcome to join teams as part of the Auckland Football Federation competition starting on April 4th. First kicks/fun football on island for children aged 4 to 8 years.

