

February

Waiheke High School

2017

Term 1 Week 3

Newsletter



Tena koutou,

Welcome to all parents from Waiheke High School for 2017. We are pleased to say that the school is fully staffed and that we have begun the year well. Waiheke High School has around 550 students, although I might add the school roll is still a little fluid.

“At Waiheke High School every student, every year, will strive to meet success.” The NCEA results for 2017 are still provisional but with certainty, Level 1 and Level 2 are over 90% pass rate and Level 3 is sitting in the mid 80’s. These results will be finalised by the end of February or early March and I will republish these results once this has happened. I would like to commend those students who were endorsed with Excellence and Merit in their overall certificate, but also those students who acquired Excellence in individual subjects. Congratulations.

This year, the school is offering a six subject programme for selected Level 1 students. There are also more opportunities for students to study at multi-levels across the curriculum. We will again offer the MindPlus programme for gifted and talented students, but not until Term 2 because we need to ensure that all students who wish to be in the programme have the opportunity to be involved in the selection process.

Again, we have widened the curriculum and Coding is now available at Year 9 and Health is being offered at Level 1. For the Seniors (Years 11 to 13) STAR, HarbourNet, Gateway, Primary Industries and Vocational Pathways continue to develop and it is wonderful to see some of our students being accepted for apprenticeships and trade training on Waiheke Island.

Part of the school property is undergoing a paint job that began in the Christmas holidays. A student the other day said that areas of the school look so much better and we will strategically aim to improve these classrooms and buildings over the next few years. Plans include another Science Lab, a Hospitality and Catering Suite, new offices and a Trades and Vocational teaching area. Whilst this refurbishment is happening, our Intermediate block certainly looks under loved. On this site will be the new Performing and Visual Arts block and the planning of this facility has started.

Recently I was informed that parents were concerned that there was no Hat Policy and that we needed to be mindful of this. There is a blue hat available for purchase from the Uniform Shop or parents can supply their children with a blue hat with no insignia. Sunscreen is readily available from the main reception area and the School Nurse. Students are reminded about hats, sunscreen rehydration and seeking shade. As a school we are very conscious of endorsing sun smart practices.

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The first Board of Trustees Meeting for 2017 is scheduled for Tuesday 7th March, 7:00pm in the Waiheke High School board room

Term Dates

15 Feb	School Photos	10/11 Mar	Piringakau Noho Marae
17 Feb	Beach Sports	17 Mar	Progress Reports Posted
22 Feb	Piringakau Whanau Hui 5-6pm	30 Mar	Y7-Y10 Parent/Teacher Interviews
24 Feb	Athletics Day	4 Apr	Y11-13 Parent/Teacher Interviews
		13 April	LAST DAY OF TERM 1

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Jude Young, Principal.

Some parents have also requested the use of lockers for BYOD students. We have found a solution and this should come into practice over the next several weeks.

We hope that your daughter or son has had a great start to the year and we hope that you will come and visit Waiheke High School's campus as the year unfolds.

Thank you, Jude Young, Principal

Staff Profiles - Senior Management

Jude Young, Principal

I was born in Wellington, the youngest of four children. I spent a lot of time in the Hokianga on an Angus Stud Farm. I have lived in Te Kuiti, Hamilton, Blenheim and now in Waiheke Island, and I have worked in schools for all of my working life. I am married, have a family and I enjoy performing arts, visual arts, gardening, swimming, reading and socialising. I have been Principal on Waiheke for three years and I feel privileged to have this position. It's a beautiful setting and I have met many great people.

Tony Sears, Deputy Principal

My childhood was spent in Christchurch and despite living most of my adult life in Auckland I am a staunch Crusaders and Canterbury supporter. I have been Head of Mathematics at two large secondary schools and have also taught Computing, English, Geography, Health and SeaSports. I enjoy most maritime activities and love the accessibility to the water we have on this island.

My wife and I owned a bach in Rocky Bay for a few years. We sold it and moved permanently to Waiheke in 2001 when I started at Waiheke High School. At the time I made a mental note to stay two years, four years maximum. I fell in love with the island and the school and the community and can't bear to leave. I was on the local Community Board for six years, two of them as Chair.

Suzanne Lee, Deputy Principal

At 3 Years old I neatly packed my bag and told my mum as I walked out the door that I was moving to New Zealand! At 40 Years Old I realised that it was now or never and headed to New Zealand for a second time! Mr Sears met me at the airport along with my black very well behaved Labrador called Henry and my brown Labrador called Oscar who definitely was not! I will never forget my first trip to Waiheke it felt magical with the bright blue skies, brilliant sunshine. I was greeted by little penguins and dolphins along the way! I took my first step onto Waiheke and felt like I had arrived home. At 50 years young it still feels the same!

I totally love and am passionate about teaching, learning, and the challenges that working with young adults bring. I am hugely thankful at the opportunity I have been given to grow and develop as a leader within my role as Deputy Principal at Waiheke High School. It appears a long time ago now that I was heavily involved in the development of Sports Colleges, working alongside colleagues to turn around failing schools (Ofsted term not mine!) and at the cutting edge of Advanced Skills Teacher Technology Schools.

Life has taught me it is not the journey but the people that you meet along the way! The journey at Waiheke High School has more than surpassed expectations and I would never not even for one moment change a thing!

From the Deans' Office

Years 7 and 8

Tēnā koutou katoa,

The Year 7 and 8 students have dived right into the swing of high school life. The intermediate area is a vibrant space with four Year 7 classes and three Year 8 classes this year. Our eager Year 7s have found it exciting moving around the school with their new friends and specialist subject teachers. Our Year 8s have returned with a sense of familiarity. New students have also joined our returning Year 8s, and they have quickly become a part of the cohort. The students have embraced the high school life with an overwhelming number of intermediate students signing up for sport's clubs. It looks like it will be a fun filled year of new adventures, experiences and growth.

Te Ao Marama Hau, Year 7&8 Dean, haut@waihekehigh.school.nz

Years 9 and 10

Welcome back to the students in Years 9 and 10. The first few weeks have been busy with meeting and greeting their form classes and teachers, getting used to new group dynamics and becoming familiar with new subjects and options. For Year 9s, the step up from the intermediate area offers new challenges and responsibilities. It is a good time to create learning habits that will see them through their years of learning at Waiheke High School. For Year 10s, this year is crucial in the build up to NCEA study. Remaining focused and consistent in their work habits will see them build a good foundation for their NCEA years. It is important that Year 9 and 10 students learn good self-management so that they can become independent lifelong learners. We ask that parents help the students develop these skills so that they can experience the success they are capable of. I look forward to being a part of the students' journey at Waiheke High School in 2017.

Emma Musson, Year 9 and 10 Dean, mussone@waihekehigh.school.nz

Years 11 and 12

Welcome back year 11 and 12. I hope that you have had a nice summer break. For the Year 11 students, this will be the first year in the senior school and there is much to learn about the NCEA program. It is important that all students get on board and earn those credits. At Level 1 students will need to earn 80 credits across their five or six classes, to earn their NCEA level 1. Included in this, students will need to earn 10 Literacy and 10 Numeracy credits. Level 2 students pretty much know the drill and will also need to earn 80 credits. A focus for these students is to earn their University Entrance Literacy credits. They will need to earn 5 reading and 5 writing credits. This must be completed over the next 2 years. Please work with us to develop and maintain positive respectful relationships and have your kids become life long learners. If you have issues with attendance and uniform please make sure to contact your student's form teacher. If you have any questions concerning these things, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Bill Godbout, Year 11 and 12 Dean, godboutb@waihekehigh.school.nz

Year 13

The Year 13 Group has started the year well. There are 65 in the Year 13 group this year and many of the students have returned with a clear vision of what they want to achieve academically. Please can you continue to assist us in making sure that these students are conversing with you about assessments, assignments and credits as the year unfolds.

As a minimum, to gain level 3 NCEA students must gain 60 credits at Level 3 plus the 20 credits they have gained by achieving Level 2. If students wish to enter University they require as a minimum:

- 3 x University approved subjects with 14 credits
- Level 3 NCEA
- 5 x Writing and 5 x Reading credits at Level 2
- 10 credits in Numeracy Level 1

It may be a good opportunity to discuss these goals with your son or daughter.

Jude Young, and Tony Sears, Year 13 Deans,

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Sports Update

Welcome back everyone to a very busy and hopefully successful sporting year at Waiheke High School.

Our Sports Expo was such a success, was great to see so many enthusiastic student's signing up for sports for the year. I'm very excited about the year ahead, we are offering over 25 different sports at the school this year, this includes team sports, lunch time sports and our 1 day Year 7/8 Central Zone tournaments. We have a few new sports that we are giving a go this year such as Mountain biking and Waka Ama. If you require any information regarding Sports at the School, please email Shelley.robsons@waihekehigh.school.nz

Our WHS Touch Teams have already been training hard and participated in their first tournament for the year, this was a very successful day for both teams, with heaps of team spirit and much improvement from every player. Big thank you to Mr Jacomb, Ms Pennell, Mr Wood and Mr Carroll for energy you have put into these teams.

Coming up this Term for our Year 7/8 students is the Central Zone Swimming Champs on the 8th of March, if your child signed up for this competition you will receive a parent's letter with all the required information. We also have the Central Zone Tag competition on the 29th March.

Shelly Robson, Sports Coordinator

SPORTS TIMETABLE – TERM 1 2017

	Morning	Interval	Lunch	After School
Mon	<p>Running Club 7am-8am Meet at Rec Centre (FIT, ROS)</p> <p>Rugby Academy 7am-8am Starts W3 Front Field (JAC, WOO)</p> <p>Volley Academy 7am-8am Starts W3 Rec Centre (GOD)</p>	OUTSIDE SPORTS Fields	OUTSIDE SPORTS Fields	<p>Athletics 3.15-4.15 Front Field (FOS)</p> <p>Mountain Biking 3.30-5pm Onetangi Sports Park (ROS)</p>
Tue		OUTSIDE SPORTS Fields	OUTSIDE SPORTS Fields	<p>Sailing Race Team 5.00-7.00 Oneroa Beach (HEE)</p> <p>Waka Ama 5.00-6.30 Piritahi Marae (ROS, DOD)</p> <p>Kickboxing 3.15 – 4.15 Rec Centre (JAC, HEN)</p>
Wed	<p>Running Club 7am-8am Meet at Rec Centre (FIT, ROS)</p> <p>Volley Academy 7am-8am Starts W3 Rec Centre (GOD)</p>	OUTSIDE SPORTS Fields	OUTSIDE SPORTS Fields	<p>Kickboxing 3.15 – 4.15 Rec Centre (JAC, HEN)</p> <p>Girls Football Pre-Season Training/Trials 3.30 – 4.30 1st XI Pitch (ROS, HEN)</p> <p>Kapa Haka 3.30 – 5pm D7 or Piritahi Marae (MAP, HAU)</p>
Thu	<p>Rugby Academy 7am-8am Starts W3 Rec Centre/Front Field (JAC, WOO)</p>	OUTSIDE SPORTS Fields	OUTSIDE SPORTS Fields	<p>Tennis Lesson's All Ages 3.30-5.30 Starts W4 School Courts (LORENZO)</p> <p>Touch Rugby Games 6pm-8pm Sports Club (JAC,PEN)</p>
Fri	<p>Volley Academy 7am-8am Starts W3 Rec Centre (GOD)</p> <p>Kickboxing 7am-8am Rec Centre (JAC, HEN)</p>	OUTSIDE SPORTS Fields	OUTSIDE SPORTS Fields	<p>Badminton All Years 3:20 – 4:00 Rec Centre (YES)</p>



Saturday 18th of Feb 2017

Registrations from 10.00am to 3.00pm

Back up location
Matiatia Harbour

WAIHEKE SNORKEL DAY

Explore the waters of Enclosure Bay. Find spotties, parore, goatfish and the occasional snapper. Fun for the whole whanau. Bring your own gear or get free hire of our mask, snorkel, fins and wetsuits. Recommended for everyone 5 years and up. All children under 15 years must be accompanied by an adult beach observer. Experienced guides and advanced safety procedures will be in place on the day. Koha/donations welcome.

Register at the event on the day. Sea conditions permitting. Postponements on our website www.emr.org.nz and [facebook.com/mtsct.emr](https://www.facebook.com/mtsct.emr) more info contact auckland@emr.org.nz

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Getting there
Enclosure Bay is on the Northern side of Waiheke Island – access via car or bus to the top of the hill.

A Seaweek Event

The Bobby Stafford-Bush FOUNDATION

FREE STUDENT EXCHANGE INFORMATION EVENING IN AUCKLAND

Hear from returned students, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

Wednesday, 22nd February - 7.00pm
Parnell Community Centre
Jubilee Building,
545 Parnell Road,
PARNELL

Visit www.studentexchange.org.nz
or call 0800 451 963 for more information

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 2017. 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, \$255.00 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

Shoes and safety in Science Laboratories

There has been a recent review of the Code of Practice for school laboratories, following the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.

Closed in, non-slip shoes are required to be worn during practical work. The shoes need to protect the top of the foot. This is in addition to our other safety rules which include safety glasses being worn at all times during practical work and shoulder length or longer hair being tied up. The students have all been given these instructions by their teachers.

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

<p>Fullers Sealink Island Coffee</p>	<p>The New Hope Shop Waiheke Rotary Club</p>
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