

February Waiheke High School  
 2018  
 Term 1 Week 2 **Newsletter**



Tena kotou,  
 Welcome back to Waiheke High School for 2018. The year has started very well and our school is fully staffed. We have heard from Mr Yesli who was appointed Head of Mathematics at Marlborough Girls College. He is enjoying Blenheim and sends his regards to our community.

I informed you all last year that Mr Fitness was taking up a position at Taradale High School, however he applied for a further position in Hawkes Bay and he was actually appointed Deputy Principal at Dannevirke High School.

We have welcomed several new staff this year. Paul Knighton, our new Deputy Principal, comes from Kapiti College where he has worked in the area of Social Sciences, Special Needs and Acting Deputy Principal. Tim Cook has come to us from Albany Senior High School and he takes over as Head of Technology from Paul and Linda McKelvie who are on refreshment leave for 2018. Liz Morris is our new Guidance Counsellor. Liz came to us from Diocesan and she will work with Phillip Symonds who will continue to work in our school one day a week in the guidance network. Mike Walsh comes to us from ACG and he replaces Nick Fitness in Social Studies and History. Crystelle Jones is replacing Neil Johnson who is on refreshment leave for 2018. Crystelle will be teaching Mathematics and Spanish. Suzanne Miller is back with us, teaching Junior English and Art.

Last year our results again, were outstanding. Our aim as a school was to get Level 1,2 and 3 around the 90% achievement. At present we are waiting for all marks to be finalised but our unofficial 2017 NCEA results are:

Level 1 - 93%      Level 2 - 90%      Level 3 - 85%

We are delighted also that our University Entrance level has gone up by 17% and is sitting just under 70%. Our students continue to achieve outstandingly well. The number of Excellence and Merit endorsements has risen again from the 2016 results. We will publish all results fully when they are confirmed.

I hope you are enjoying our wonderful summer evenings and I look forward to meeting many of you in our upcoming Meet and Greet evenings.

Thank you,  
 Jude Young, Principal.

**The next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 27th February, 7:00pm in the Waiheke High School board room**

Term Dates		19 Mar	Junior Parent/Teacher Interviews (1:10pm closure)
13 Feb	Junior Meet & Greet, 6:30pm	28 Mar	Senior Meet & Greet, 6:30pm
20 Feb	Photolife Student Photos	30 Mar	GOOD FRIDAY (no school)
23 Feb	Beach Sports	02 Apr	EASTER MONDAY
27 Feb	Photolife Catch-up Photos	03 Apr	EASTER TUESDAY
02 Mar	Athletics Day	05 Apr	Open Day/Open Evening
09 Mar	Progress Reports Emailed	13 Apr	LAST DAY OF TERM 1
16 Mar	Beach Sports Rain Day	30 Apr	FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

## Staff Profiles

### Mariette Dodd: HOD English & Languages

I was born in Johannesburg in Gauteng, South Africa. My parents were both teachers and my grandfather was a school principal for many years. I completed my BA Honours in French at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in Port Elizabeth, and my ATCL Diploma in Drama through Trinity College, London. I am also the proud mommy of two gorgeous young women, Sarah and Michaela. The Dodd family relocated to New Zealand in 2003 and I was appointed as HOD Drama at Marlborough Girls' College in Blenheim in 2005. I fell in love with Waiheke Island when I was interviewed for the position of Acting Head of Faculty for English and Languages in 2012. I have never looked back! In 2015 I completed my BAppSci via distance learning. In 2016, I returned as a full-time student to the University of Auckland to complete my BSc Honours in Psychology. The year away from the classroom was invaluable in bringing me up to speed with issues young people face both in the classroom and in society in general. I am passionate about education, waka ama, photography, poetry, animals, iced coffee and life in general. I believe that teaching is about more than imprinting knowledge and continue to fight tirelessly to end both rape culture and the stigma surrounding mental health issues.

### Paul Knighton, Deputy Principal



I am originally from Bristol in the South-West of the UK, growing up in the small seaside town of Clevedon. My parents are Ed and Geoff Knighton, originally from Ashton on Mersey, between Sale and Altrincham. In 2011 I married my wife Stephanie, who is an early childhood teacher. I have a daughter, Ella, who will begin at Te Huruhi later in the year. I also have a son Archer who is three.

This year I have been appointed as Deputy Principal of Waiheke High School. I am very excited about the opportunity to be part of this unique community, and supporting the learning of our students. My background prior to arriving at Waiheke is as a school dean, through years 9 - 13, a head of learning support and acting DP at Kapiti College. I have also completed my Masters of Education in Administration and Leadership, where my final thesis looked at ways schools can better support dyslexic learners. I am looking forward to lending my skills to the school in interpreting special assessment conditions and how best to personalise learning for students who identify with learning differences. I will also be supporting staff with data tracking and the use of evidence to appropriately support and extend our learners.

### Suzanne Miller

Kia ora koutou. I have returned to Waiheke High School this year as teacher of Year 7 English and Year 8 Art. I have previously taught at Waiheke High School and I am returning after maternity leave and caring for and educating my two young children. Through my children, I have been very involved in the local Playcentre. I have previously been a Head of Faculty, second in charge of department and have taught in schools in Auckland and the United Kingdom. I am excited to be back at Waiheke High School and I am looking forward to helping build success for all of our students.

## EOT Permissions Update for Beach Sports

We are attempting to digitally update our blanket consent process, we are particular keen to do this prior to beach sports on the 23rd Feb. If you haven't done this already, could you please click on the following the link and complete the google form.

<https://goo.gl/forms/7MsRrLWizFTFerc82>



## From the English Department

The Charles Brasch Young Writers' Essay Competition is an annual award run by Landfall for writers aged 16 to 21. Essays can be up to 1500 words long on a topic of the author's choosing. The winner receives \$500, a subscription to Landfall and their essay will be published in the journal. Entries close March 31.

[http://www.otago.ac.nz/press/landfall/awards/otago625789.html?utm\\_source=Starling+Mailing+List&utm\\_campaign=22533e5e4b-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2018\\_01\\_28&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f5711ee927-22533e5e4b-168436653](http://www.otago.ac.nz/press/landfall/awards/otago625789.html?utm_source=Starling+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=22533e5e4b-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_01_28&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f5711ee927-22533e5e4b-168436653)

The National Schools Poetry Award will soon be open to Year 12 and 13 high school students. Only one poem per student may be submitted. Entry information will be available on the website in March.

[https://www.victoria.ac.nz/modernletters/about/events/schools-poetry?utm\\_source=Starling+Mailing+List&utm\\_campaign=22533e5e4b-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2018\\_01\\_28&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f5711ee927-22533e5e4b-168436653](https://www.victoria.ac.nz/modernletters/about/events/schools-poetry?utm_source=Starling+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=22533e5e4b-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_01_28&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f5711ee927-22533e5e4b-168436653)

## Polyfest 2018

This year Waiheke High School Kapa Haka group will take the stage at this year's ASB Polyfest competition in Manukau.

The competition begins 14<sup>th</sup> March to the 17<sup>th</sup> March. The Kapa Haka group will begin after school practices from 3:30 – 4:30pm in D7 on the 7<sup>th</sup> February and continue weekly at the same time. Weekend trainings will begin Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 9am – 4pm.

Weekend Wananga will not be overnighters and will be held here at the High School in the hall from 9am – 4pm unless stated otherwise. Please ensure your child comes with a water bottle and lunch for the day. If they miss a practice, it is up to them to catch up on what has been taught. The group is open to all students of Waiheke High School.

It is expected that all students in the Piringakau whānau classes participate in this journey. Whānau are also encouraged to come and support the journey by preparing the behind the scene stuff.

**If you require more information, the Whānau hui is on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February (potluck) in D7 from 5:30 – 7pm. Nau mai, hāere mai. Contact Whaea Te Ao on [haut@waihekehigh.school.nz](mailto:haut@waihekehigh.school.nz)**

Ngā manaakitanga,

Whaea Te Ao Marama Hau



## Careers 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 DreamCatcher 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](mailto:deacont@waihekehigh.school.nz)

## Speech and Drama Tuition

**Don't miss out – book now for 2018!**

After eighteen months away (sailing a boat 12,000nm from the Caribbean to NZ) Lucinda Peterken will again be offering Speech and Drama tuition for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 – starting this term! The classes will take place during school hours on a rotating timetable. There will be up to four students to a group, with each session lasting 50 minutes, allowing for changeover between classes. For enrolment forms, further information and to secure a place for your child please email Lucinda on [l.peterken@icloud.com](mailto: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 on Waiheke. The interest for Waiheke students to take up this opportunity is growing. Study strands include Speech and Drama, Individual Acting, Shakespeare, Choral Speaking and Public Speaking. Over the year students explore a variety of these skills and then focus on one area of particular interest. Students have the option to work towards a Trinity College exam. Whether a student is in need of some extra help in a particular area, or whether they want to extend an existing passion, the classes can be a fun and stimulating experience. All students will build their confidence in the skills needed for effective communication; invaluable life skills. 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. A number of schools throughout NZ have been offering this subject for many years.

See their website for more details: <http://www.trinitycollege.co.uk/>

### Lost and Found

There is a box full of dishes in the front foyer which have been brought to school for various "bring a plate" events last year. If you think one of them could be yours, please come and collect, or have your child collect, some time in the next two weeks. After that, they will be donated to the Hope Shop.

**Know of someone who is feeling stressed or anxious or out of their depth?**

Let them know where they can go to get help for the tough times. These websites are designed especially for 12-19 year olds – and there's useful information in there for parents and whānau, too.



[thelowdown.co.nz](http://thelowdown.co.nz)



[youthline.co.nz](http://youthline.co.nz)



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[commonground.org.nz](http://commonground.org.nz)



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**EMAIL: [info@waihekedental.co.nz](mailto:info@waihekedental.co.nz)**

Did you know that **free dental treatment** is available for students starting Year 9 until their 18th birthday, under the government funded scheme?

Here at Waiheke Dental Centre we have a full-time Oral Health Specialist, Melanie Mitchell, who specialises in adolescent dental care and hygiene treatments. Melanie is here Monday to Friday.

All you need to do when moving from year 8 to year 9 is to contact us on **372 7422** to register. Don't worry, we will sort out the paperwork!

If you know someone that goes to another school, or is already working (& under 18), that lives on the island they are welcome to have their **free dental care** with us also as there are no 'zones' as to where you can attend.

Waiheke Dental Centre has been offering this service for over 20 years and we pride ourselves on our proactive, preventative and educative approach to adolescent oral health.

Interested in getting braces? We also do **free FastBraces orthodontics assessments** for those of you who want to straighten out a few wayward pearly whites!

If you would like to know more about Fast Braces give us a call and we can book a **free assessment** where Dr. Mike can walk you through the options and discuss whether Fastbraces are the right option for your child (or even yourself!)

### **Friends of the Street**

Friends of the Street is a taxi service for teenagers. It is run by about 16 volunteers and picks up young people on Friday and Saturday nights between the hours of 10.30 pm and 2 am. Teens give a gold coin donation for using the service. We have been running for the past 16 years and have helped thousands of our young people get home when taxi services are too expensive for them and they would be faced with a long walk on our dark windy roads.

We are always looking for more volunteers and especially looking for someone who would like to take on the roster each month. If you are able to help, please phone Russell 027 204 2817.

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

**Fullers**  
**Sealink**  
**Island Coffee**

**The New Hope Shop**  
**Waiheke Rotary Club**  
**Gulf Photography**

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Must have a child or secondary student concession applied to an AT HOP card.

Terms of use for AT HOP cards are available at [AT.govt.nz/athop](http://AT.govt.nz/athop). Fares and discounts are current as at 29 January 2017.



## # Waiheke squad goals

### Summer challenge – get island fit

WAIHEKE sports teams have been challenged to keep their fitness levels humming over summer by signing up for the Fullers Wharf2Wharf fun run and walk, on March 17.

Our athletic island already punches above its weight competitively, but the call is out for locals to sign up with teammates to train and motivate one another for the iconic event which caters to all levels from a 25km, 12km and 5km run or walk to a dash for the little ones.

Moving the date of the event from January to March is expected to suit residents more, as is the slightly cooler weather.

Heaps of prizes are on offer for fastest runners, team with most entries, best-dressed team and spot prizes.

So muscle your mates, gather your girlfriends, pick a distance, get your team signed up and start training; your future self will thank you!

#### Distances/Events

- 25km Wharf2Wharf, Orapiu to Matiatia
- 12km Sand to Sea, Onetangi to Matiatia
- 5km Beach to Barbeque, Surfdale to Matiatia
- Keas Kids Dash around Matiatia for ages 5-8 years.

Entries from \$50 for adults, \$20 for juniors and \$5 for kids.

All money raised through the event is channelled back to worthy island causes through Waiheke Rotary and Waiheke Sea Scouts.

To enter, go to: <http://www.wharf2wharf.co.nz>

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