

March 2018 Term 1 Week 6

Waiheke High School Newsletter



Kia ora koutou,

We have had a wonderful start to the school year and the school is settled and staff and students are working hard.

We are busy planning for some building refurbishments over the next three terms. A new Food room and a new Science lab is happening along with the shift of the Design and Visual Communication classroom. We are excited that the Ministry of Education confirmed that the partial rebuild will begin in the last quarter of 2018.

Growing our leadership capabilities has been an objective this year and the Class Captains and Student Council have been busy with the Whanau time programme. The Class Captains for Whanau classes this year are:

- 7C Flores Aggrey-Teehan
- 7V Rita Aggrey-Teehan/Deputy Dan Benzur
- 8H Brodie Falconer
- 8J Daniel Bim
- 8K Olivia Revell
- 8P (Terms 1 & 2) Amelie Elischer-Sproul (Terms 3 & 4) Oran MacLeod
- 9H Luka Treacy-Bond
- 9J William Harvey
- 9K Tiffen Tong
- 10S Braeden Bickerton
- 10V Ruby Ross-Hayes (Deputies are Lily Atu and Niila Marshall)
- 10W Gill Sellem
- 11C Phoebe Harris
- 11M Molly Davidson
- 11P Isabella Healy (Deputy is Ethan Douglas)
- 12C Harradon Grimsdale
- 12R Chloe Robson

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The next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 10th April, 2018, 7:00pm in the Waiheke High School board room

Term Dates

14 Mar	Academic Awards Ceremony (8:30-8:45am School Hall)	30 Mar	GOOD FRIDAY (no school)
19 Mar	Junior Parent/Teacher Interviews (1:10pm closure)	02 Apr	EASTER MONDAY
28 Mar	Senior Meet & Greet, 6:30pm	03 Apr	EASTER TUESDAY
		05 Apr	Open Day/Open Evening
		13 Apr	LAST DAY OF TERM 1
		30 Apr	FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

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12W Bonnie Curle
13D Molly Kinney
13U Courtney Briggs
WD Kingi Aupouri & Acacia Perry
WM Ngawai Kii-Keepa Grey & Nico Hemopo-Chambers

In our next newsletter we will publish our finalised academic lists and those students who have achieved Gold, Silver and Bronze academic awards.

The community has again been so forthcoming in helping and supporting Waiheke High School. The school has started a breakfast club out of F Block from 7:15am to 8:15am every morning. The breakfast club is supported by our local branch of Countdown (thank you so much to Dave and his crew) and KB Distributors. (Keith and his family have supported the school with milk for cereal) WISCA has provided the plates, cups, cutlery and a toaster and kettle. Thanks also to Andrew Walters for some more toasters.

The school had a fabulous couple of days with Beach Sports at Oneroa two weeks ago and Athletics day last Friday. I would like to thank Bruce Plested who dropped off three large boxes of Royal Gala apples from Hawkes Bay on Athletics day. Our students were delighted and raved about the apples.

Thank you to our community for supporting our school and students in so many ways.

Jude Young, Principal

- ◆ Wednesday 14th March, students who achieved an NCEA endorsement at levels 1 or 2 in 2017 will receive their academic badge (Gold, Silver or Bronze). Parents are welcome to come as audience 8.30 - 8.45 am.
- ◆ We are having our Year 7 - 10 Parent Teacher evening on Monday 19th March. Booking information has been sent out by email.

Staff Profiles

Maggie Leithwaite, School Nurse

I am Maggie, the school nurse at Waiheke High School. I have been at the school for 7 years now. I was born in Devon in England. I did my initial nursing training in Reading, England. In my mid 20's I moved to this side of the world and for next twenty years or so I worked in hospitals in Melbourne. I specialised in Critical Care Nursing and I worked in the Intensive Care Unit as the Manager at Monash Medical Centre. After my 2 kids were born I moved into an Administrative role at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. You might well wonder how I came to live on Waiheke Island. It's simple really, I am married to a New Zealander and his mother lived on this island for 20 years. In 2010 we moved as a family to the island and built a house, it was a bit of a 'Sea Change' adventure. I started working as a school nurse here in 2011. I have done further studies in Youth Health and the fact is I really enjoy working with teenagers. I have 2 of my own, my daughter is currently in her last year of school and my son is studying Physio at AUT. I feel very much part of the school community now and am happy to offer advice or assistance wherever I can. I have been a nurse for a long time now, so if I do not have an answer to a particular issue, I will be sure to use my contacts and resources to help find a solution.

Crystelle Jones, Spanish & Maths Teacher

Hola, I'm Crystelle Jones. I have come up to your beautiful island from my hometown Palmerston North to teach Spanish and Mathematics. These are subjects I have a lot of experience in. Travel has been a passion of mine, and I have lived in Spain, and spent a few months in Latin America: Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Cuba, and one afternoon in Mexico where I bought a blanket. I'm looking forward to getting to know my students and their whanau.

From the English Department

Year 8 Poems with Ms Vokes

(An image laden poem from Minerva Higgins.)

Art

As pencil meets paper, visions unfold;
bright shiny lights and the glitter of gold
a dragon's den gaping, moaning, creaking
and the silvery waves of a sea after storm

As pencil meets paper, lines start to trace;
the freckles and dimples, the shape of a face.
shading the hair, ever so slightly
adding finishing touches, ever so lightly

As pencil meets paper, the rubber comes down.
A light happy smile turns into a frown
I've done it again, I can't capture the scene.
No birds, no waves, no flowers, no trees.

The rubber descends like a hawk upon mice,
and rubs off the paper, once- and then twice.
the paper is withered, the pencil is snapped,
the rubber's exhausted
and the drawing is trapped.

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads 20 minutes each day	reads 5 minutes each day	reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

282,000 words



50th percentile

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

Junior Pop-Up Globe Trip 2018

Valentine's Day was an opportunity for a group of Year 9 and 10 students to consider the power and magic of love at The Pop-Up Globe. This year's performance, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', was packed with humour, kiwiana and energy. The star-crossed lovers were flanked with a cast of forest faeries dressed in traditional Māori costume, speaking Te Reo. The cheeky Puck held us spellbound with his athletic choreography and kapa haka. The tradesmen were modernised, wearing hard hats and hi-vis vests. This was a relevant, lively introduction to Shakespeare for our students. Like all Pop-Up to date - a truly memorable performance.

Tanique Deacon, English Teacher



Desperately seeking 2017 English text books!

We would appreciate it if all students and/or caregivers could have a good look at home for text books that were used in 2017. We really need these books and novels back in the English and Languages Faculty for future use. Please send to school as soon as possible.

From the Deans' Office

It has been a quick six weeks since school has started. Many great things are happening around Waiheke High School. We have had two school wide activities, athletics and beach sports, in which most students participated with great enthusiasm. To those parents who were able to help out we give a heartfelt thank you.

In the senior school, NCEA credits are now starting to be earned. Students need to take every opportunity to earn as many INTERNAL credits as they possibly can. These credits are earned in individual classes throughout the school year with each class offering around 20 achievable credits. Credit count updates are emailed to senior students and their parents about every 4 weeks in Terms 1 and 2 and more regularly during Terms 3 and 4. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Year 11 & 12 Dean, Bill Godbout, at

godboutb@waihekehigh.school.nz

Please help us by ensuring that your sons and daughters arrive at school on time and in correct uniform.

Shout Outs

- Year 13 prefects have done a wonderful job facilitating both beach sports and athletics.
- Matua Anton and Maria Heer's Horticulture and Viticulture classes have started the annual harvesting of the vintage around the Island with great effect.
- Mr. Walsh's Level 2 Whānau class has made him welcome in the new school environment.
- Our 20 new international students have made a great start to their time at Waiheke High School, making new friends and enjoying their new subjects. Many have enjoyed school trips and have been involved in the grape harvesting currently going on around the island.
- Heather Girvan and Kareko Pou doing a great job in Kapa Haka.
- Ms. Musson is really happy with the preparedness and the attitude of the Year 11 and 12s. They seem to have started quite positively. A good quality of work so far.
- Whaea Te Ao is loving the dedication and commitment of those students in the Piringākau Kapa Haka group for Polyfest 2018. The group takes the stage on Thursday 15th March around lunch time.
- Year 7 and 8 students have embraced the extracurricular clubs with enthusiasm and numbers. Keep up the good sportsmanship. Please do not hesitate to contact Whaea Te Ao Marama, the Year 7 and 8 Dean, with any concerns no matter how little or big you may think they are haut@waihekehigh.school.nz
- Awesome feedback from Year 9 and 10 teachers with the effort and behaviour at beach sports and athletics day. Shout out to Ashley Muitize who broke the 13 year old boys' long jump record with a massive 5.03m jump.

Year 9 Tawharanui overnight trip reminder- 20th-21st March. Students need to get their permission slips and money in to the front office asap. This trip has been subsidised by Rotary, enabling us to reduce the price from \$150 to \$75 each. Students will be learning about Biosecurity and pest control in a hands on context. Any questions please email Sean O'Toole at otooles@waihekehigh.school.nz

HarbourNet Thank you to all those parents who attended the HarbourNet introduction evening. It was great to be able to open the lines of communication that are so important in succeeding in online learning. Please remember if you have any queries or concerns about HarbourNet please feel free to contact the eDean, Kate Peterson, at

peterpersonk@waihekehigh.school.nz

Waiheke Touch Tournament



season. For those who wish to carry on with touch, Troy and Miss Pennell will continue running lunch times practices and games for anyone who is interested.

Kiera Pennell

The touch season has wrapped up for the year and will commence again in Term 4. This year we have had a number of new players who have improved throughout the season, we were just starting to hit our straps as the season came to a close. We have some promising younger players who are coming through and we look forward to next year. Highlights for this year include entering the Waiheke Tournament and getting new uniforms. A big thanks goes to Mr Carroll and Mr O'Toole for helping out this



Robotics Club

Respectable showing for Senior Robotics Team at Nationals



Mailis Herren, Toby Ryder and Ben Elwood, made up the senior team which represented the Waiheke High School Robotics Club for the first time at the annual national Vex Robotics Challenge, held this year at Pinehurst School in Albany on 23-25 February.



This year, 67 teams from around NZ came to the weekend event – organised by Kiwibots – to work with randomly-selected alliance teams against another partnership of teams to score points by

stacking cones up high and onto mobile goals. Moving the mobile goals into different scoring zones and blocking the other team from scoring was all part of the strategy.

The team has been working and refining for a good part of last year, transforming their basic “first-build” clawbot into a consistently reliable and creative performer. By attaching an extendable arm, *Gremlin*, their robot, was able to place a cone on the highest pole. Their cleverly simple goal lifter was quite a feat for a small robot, impressing the judges and worrying their opponents.

Toby and Mailis made up the drive team – practicing not only their driver skills, but also their coaching strategy at scrimmages last year. Ben was in charge of programming all the speed and actions into the controller as well as refining the code for the autonomous period – where the robot drives itself – which was difficult with limited opportunities for practice.

For most of the competition, the Waiheke High School team hovered around the middle of the rankings. Paired with some good alliance teams and working well together to score points, they saw their highest ranking at 19th position near the end of Day 1. *Gremlin*'s smaller size meant better manoeuvrability in tight spaces but it couldn't ward off the larger defensive blockers which kept it from scoring. By the second day, teams changed their play to become more defensive, and frustratingly, the Waiheke team found themselves being blocked and unable to score points or partnered with struggling teams, which resulted in the final standing at 38th place from 67 teams across NZ.

From humble beginnings, we are very proud of what has been achieved and pleased to have finished with a very respectable result at our first national competition.

The next season for WHS Robotics Club will begin at the start of Term 2. If you think your child might be interested, please send an email to waihekerobotics@gmail.com to register your interest and receive more information shortly. This is a **parent-run, school-supported club** – so **please be prepared to get involved!** We are also looking for engineering-types who can come and help with the more technical aspects – please also get in touch if this could be you.



For the first time, early childhood, primary and secondary teachers marched together in the Auckland Pride Parade on Saturday night, 17 February, 2018.

While teachers have marched in the Pride Parade in the past, this was the first time that they marched together to express collective pride in diversity. Teachers marched under the PPTA's "Teachers with Pride" banner.

Marching in the Parade is just one of the ways teachers are coming together to make schools safe and affirming environments for young people and adults alike. In New Zealand we celebrate the right of the individual's unique

identity to be recognized, respected and celebrated.

Tens of thousands of people were packed onto Ponsonby Road in Auckland to watch the event, which celebrates New Zealand's Rainbow community (LGBTQIA). In 2018 Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, became the first NZ PM to march in the Parade, setting the tone for an evening of celebration and kindness.

Photo: WHS PPTA co-chair and member of ARMC of the PPTA, Mariette Dodd, with Shawn Cooper, Avondale teacher and convenor of the PPTA Rainbow Taskforce at the start of the Parade.

Beach Sports 2018

The 2018 Beach Sports was a fantastic day at the beach enjoyed by both students and staff.

Students competed in a variety of activities including football, volleyball, beach flags, relays, tug of war, swimming, kayaking, sandcastles and fashion on the beach. The students were very impressive in their level of participation and their attitude throughout the day despite some early rain and humid conditions.

Highlights of the day included the annual Staff vs Year 13s Tug of War and the final of the senior beach flags which saw a very close finish between Jayden Lewis and Hani Girvan. Sandcastle building was very popular throughout the day and some beautiful works of art were produced by all year levels.

Rangitoto was the winning house, their students representing their house with pride in the way that they dressed and in their participation in each event.

Tony Wood, P.E. Teacher



Congratulations to Mattheus Elwood from the WHS Media Club for getting his picture from Beach Sports featured on the cover of The Gulf News. Both Mattheus and Jay Gregory-Walker's pictures featured prominently in the paper's coverage of the event. Look out for more work soon from Media Club students on their website <http://www.pumoana.nz>

Brent Simpson



Athletics Day 2018

Waiheke High School had their annual Athletics Day on Friday 2nd March. The day started out wet and rainy, but staff and students battled on and it soon turned into a beautiful day. This year there was a change to the schedule and students competing in year groups rather than age groups. The day started off with the 1500m race with clear victories from Kiwa Burke Munns and Lily Ward in the junior race, and Niila Marshall and Felix Timmins Scanlon in the senior race.

There were then track and field rotations including shot, javelin, discus, long jump, high jump, 100m and 400m. Another highlight was the 100m finals which took place in front of the whole school this year, adding to the atmosphere and overall competition. The stand out performance was the 100m senior races where Lucien Beaver won the Year 12-13 boys race and Brooke Foley and Porscha Colman came joint 1st in the girls race. The

day finished with the house relays, and finally the traditional staff vs prefects race with Mr Wood bringing home the staff win in the fourth leg.

Rakino ended up taking the Athletics Day 2018 trophy with 1384 points, followed by Pakatoa in second (1274 points), Ponui in third (1156 points) and Rangitoto in fourth (1104 points)

Rebecca Cunningham-Rose, HOD Health & Physical Education



WAIHEKE WAIATA

Waiheke Adult Learning is sponsoring a weekly course to learn Waiheke Waiata.

These are waiata that are sung on the Piritahi marae, and Maori waiata sung in the three Waiheke schools regularly. Several are written by Waiheke people and are about the island.

This is a course for all, and in particular parents and grandparents to learn the waiata their children sing in their schools and on the marae.

The course is run during term time on Wednesdays between 7 – 8.30p.m.

Sessions are held at the Waiheke Adult Learning rooms beside the library. Weekly koha collected.

Jan Newton is facilitating the course and has been involved in kapa haka since 1993. He believes singing waiata is a way forward for all to engage with Te Reo and Tikanga Maori. He began learning waiata to support his children during their schooling.

This course is designed to create confidence and skills for the participants to joyfully engage in community events.

From the Careers Office

IMPORTANT CAREER EVENTS / OPEN DAYS APPLICATION DATES 2018

Careers Evening (Tuesday 3 July 5:30 - 7:30pm):

Parents/caregivers and students Year 10 -13 invited.

Meet in the school foyer at 5:30. All presenters will be in the hall this year - EXPO style.

Career Taster Days:

Students try out a job of interest for a day.

Year 13 = Wednesday 27 June

Year 12 = Friday 29 June

Career Awareness Days:

Self assessments, career research, speakers, CV building and networking.

Year 11 = Wednesday 27 June

Year 12 = Thursday 28 June

Year 13 = Friday 29 June

Scholarship Information Session (Friday 11 May - A5 lunchtime):

Parents and students of Year 12 and 13 invited.

Write applications during Term Two and holidays.

Applications generally open start of Term Three.

Cut off dates vary for different scholarships.

Halls of Residence Applications (August 1st - September 15):

Apply online. You usually need a reference form (CCRF), apply for this online.

Some places accept applications later than this.

Subject Selection Day (Friday 7 September)

Year 11 students in the hall. Information about growth industries. Opportunity to discuss career ideas and relevant subjects with deans, HOFs and career advisors.

Loans and Allowances Seminar (Friday 14 September - A5 lunchtime):

Parents and students of Year 13 invited. Find out whether you are eligible for loans and allowances, how to apply and get started.

Tanique Deacon - Careers Advisor

Welcome to our International Students

We are delighted to welcome 20 new international students to Waiheke High School this year. We currently are at our full capacity with 33 students from Japan, Germany, Switzerland, Thailand, Brazil, Mexico, France and Austria. We love the cultural diversity and new perspectives these students bring to our island community, and the input they have to our school. A huge thank you to our homestay families who provide a great introduction to the kiwi way of life for these students. We have had a welcome BBQ at Palm Beach with our students, school staff and their homestay families, and are looking forward to taking these students to experience our Maori and Pacific Islands heritage at Polyfest next week.

Christy Ralphs, International Director





Registration Day
 Saturday 10 March
 10am-12pm
 weigh in + sausage sizzle

\$55

junior membership fee includes

- mouthguard
- free travel
- playing strip
- t-shirt
- hoodie



Rugby Fun Day
APRIL 9
 pizza + drills
 Onetangi sport park

Register by 5pm Friday 6 April to go into the draw to win a signed Blues forwards rugby shirt. Drawn 5pm 9 April.

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ENQUIRE WITHIN

Personal development and wellbeing – at a glance!
A chance to experience different and unique approaches to self-discovery.

Sunday March 11 - 1pm to 3:30pm

The Island Coaches Collective is excited to launch the **2018 Sunday Series** a FREE event for the community and guests of our island. Come for one, some or all of this event.

Brigit Rozestraten: "Be your own best friend"

Often we are our own worst enemy. Why is that and how can we change? Purpose and career coach Brigit Rozestraten will help you start exploring this topic. You'll take away some gentle exercises to break the habit of being in your own way in order to become your own best friend instead.

Awareness Coaching & Training | www.awareness.net.nz | 0210 271 5538

Mel Burdett: "More be-ing, less do-ing"

Experience how "being present in the moment" and "creating a vision" will bring more calmness and space into your day. Simply B's Mel Burdett will introduce you to these helpful techniques of traditional yoga and modern coaching.

Simply B Yoga & Coaching | info@simplyb.co.nz | 021 08376669

Linda Anderson: "It takes a village"

It is often said 'It takes a village to raise a child' but what kind of village supports a mother? Many mothers feel isolated and overwhelmed in their journey as a parent. They may appear, to those around them, to have it all under control and yet they feel quite the opposite. Join Linda Anderson (Mum and Life Coach) in this inspiring and open conversation exploring how each one of us can take small actions within our own community to provide better support for mums on the island. Our island 'village' has the power to make a huge difference to the wellbeing of others.

Linda on the Go | www.lindaonthego.com | 021 190 0234

Sunday Series upcoming events calendar

April 8: Mel Burdett - 'More be-ing, less do-ing'

May 13: Annalise Roache - 'The science & practice of Self Compassion'

June 10: Brigit Rozestraten - 'Be your own best friend'

July 8: Leslie Hamilton - 'Words Create Wonders'

August 12: Presenter to be announced

September 9: Linda Anderson

October 14: Louise Marra - 'Bringing wholeness to your life'

November 11: Presenter to be announced

All events are held in the Library 1pm to 3:30pm.

Photo Credit - Leaping Girl by Rosie Walford

Sunday March 11 - 1pm to 3:30pm



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