

May  
2017  
Term 2 Week 15

# Waiheke High School Newsletter



Kia ora,

I had planned to write this newsletter at the beginning of last week but there have been a number of activities that have occupied a great deal of time.

As you will know, Waiheke High School has an e-coli problem. Last week the school was notified that there was a reading of e-coli in our water. The school notified the necessary authorities immediately, ordered fresh drinking water in and notified our school community. First and foremost was the wellbeing of our students and staff. When the school found out the readings we notified parents that afternoon and we will continue this until resolution has been found. Currently the e-coli count is still present and we are eliminating some areas. However to resume our water supply we have to have three clear tests and we are hoping to achieve this by the end of this week. We are being vigilant and we have been well supported by the Ministry of Education and the Auckland District Health Board.

At the beginning of the term Waiheke High School, Te Huruhi Primary and Waiheke Primary School became an official COL, or Community of Learning. We are the smallest COL in New Zealand and our aim is to work collaboratively to provide seamless education which enhances and develops student achievement and engagement on Waiheke Island. This is an exciting step for the three schools and we look forward to developing and progressing good and best practice around writing/mathematics and areas within the special needs umbrella.

Often I am asked about the success of students at Waiheke High School and so often I hear parents who are having conversations with each other about the merits of the school, our academic pass rates, our progression of students to universities, the range of subjects that the school provides to students and the quality and calibre of teaching staff. I would like to thank some members of the community that have come in to discuss some of these concerns and I would like to encourage all parents, or potential parents, to make an appointment to see me.

So, what is the success of students at Waiheke High School? In the 2016 our NCEA results were:

	Waiheke High School	National Average
Level 1	93.5%	86.5%
Level 2	94.5%	90.0%
Level 3	83.3%	83.7%

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**The next Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 30th May, 7:00pm in the Waiheke High School board room**

## Term Dates

26 May	Pink Shirt Day (see Page 2)	23 Jun	Art Exhibition, Artworks Oneroa
31 May	Mufti day for Matariki (\$2.00)	4 Jul	Careers Evening
17/18 Jun	Piringakau Noho marae	7 Jul	LAST DAY OF TERM 2
22 Jun	WHS Matariki Celebrations	4 Aug	Senior Prom

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Our Level 1 and Level 2 results were outstanding and we were thrilled with how all our students performed. At Level 3, Waiheke High School was tracking for a very good solid 88% pass rate but unfortunately two students left in Term 4 and this affected us gaining another high pass rate, but the school still performed at a very high level.

In our recent curriculum review I made mention that students are establishing pathways that suit their needs. A great percentage of our students have gone to university this year, six of them have apprenticeships and some are taking what is known as a GAP year which is an appropriate action for some who will choose to do further study but want to consider their options, choices and finances more carefully. The range of subjects have enlarged greatly with the use of Harbournet and Te Kura. Over the last three years many of our senior students have had excellent results in Classical Studies, Media Studies, German, French, Art History, Japanese and Digital Technologies.

Our teaching staff are professional, qualified and continue to develop 21st century pedagogies that put our students right at the centre of all that we do.

I would like to reiterate that we are very proud of how our school is developing and I would like to thank the support of so many members of our community. The RSA has opened an opportunity for a youth between the age of 16 and 18 to attend Anakiwa on an annual basis. A member of our wider school community has offered a Spirit of New Zealand tour annually to a senior student. The Rotary Club of Waiheke has provided sponsorship to our Duke of Edinburgh/Hillary Awards students. Thank you to our community.

Congratulations must go to Georgia Halstead who was selected for the Whakapito Ake COACH (Creating Opportunities for a Career in Health) programme. She was one of 50 students who were selected from schools around New Zealand to attend a Saturday workshop at the University of Auckland.

I would like to also thank Jane Scarles from Harcourts who ran a super competition for Mothers' Day, where 37 of our students contributed and the winner was Christopher Anderson.

Thank you, Jude Young, Principal

## **Pink Shirt Day is Celebrated in New Zealand Schools this Year on Friday 26 May.**



Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students, David Shepherd and Travis Price, took a stand against bullying after a new year 10 student was harassed and threatened for wearing pink. David and Travis bought dozens of pink shirts and distributed them to their male classmates to wear the next day. The word got out online and hundreds of students showed up in pink, some from head-to-toe, to stand together against bullying.

Pink Shirt Day has been celebrated in New Zealand since 2009 and is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting positive social relationships.

It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, or cultural background.

On Pink Shirt Day we ask our students to Speak up and Stand together to Stop bullying.

We encourage Students at Waiheke High School to participate in Pink Shirt day by wearing something pink. On Friday May 26, if students wear a pink shirt or blouse, skirt, pants, jumper or jacket, they may wear other mufti clothing. Otherwise students need to be in school uniform unless they are in Year 13.

There is no mufti-day charge on this day provided a major item of clothing is predominantly pink. Shoes, socks, gloves, headbands etc. are not considered major clothing items.

## From the Deans' Office

### Year 9 and 10

As we delve further into our school year, it is important that students in Year 9 and 10 remember that keeping up with class work and homework is an important factor to their success at Waiheke High School. With sports practices and games in full swing, now is a great time for the students to learn to manage their time so that they have a 'little bit of everything' and a good balance. They can seek advice from their teachers and deans how best to manage this.

Year 10 students are working towards their Year 10 Certificate. They should be well on the way to gaining points to contribute to this. Some subjects also offer NCEA standards for the students. It is important that Year 10 students keep focused as their success this year will contribute to their success in Level 1 and beyond.

Congratulations to our Duke of Edinburgh participants who completed their first overnight camp in Week 3.

All in all, a positive start to Term 3!

Emma Musson

### Senior School

Hello All! Term 2, Week 3 has gone very quickly! Here we are in the midst of many internal assessments taking place during this time at Levels 1, 2 and 3. It is very important that our students stay focused on what they need to do. Parents and students have been advised of their progress through an email that was sent at the end of the holidays. If there are any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate contacting either myself or Jude Young regarding a student's progress.

Critical conversation meetings will be taking place on 24th and 25th May. If you have not booked an appointment yet please feel free to do so at [www.schoolinterviews](http://www.schoolinterviews), Code # teq6v. Senior exams will be taking place during Week 6 of this term. Please remember that these examinations are important in that every year, due to unforeseen circumstances, these results sometimes have to be used to determine a derived grade.

### All School

It is important during the winter months that our students to manage themselves in regards to their uniform. Our uniform guidelines are clear and can be found on the school website or you can contact the Year Level Dean for clarification. If a student is out of uniform, there must be a valid reason and a note must be obtained from home.

As we embrace technology more and more, there are still issues concerning the misuse of devices and phones. Students should not have their devices or phones out during class time. They are allowed to use them with the permission of the teacher. Continued misuse can result in confiscation or banning for a time.

If you have any questions regarding any pastoral issues please contact the appropriate Dean:

Year 7:	<a href="mailto:haut@waihekehigh.school.nz">haut@waihekehigh.school.nz</a>
Year 8:	<a href="mailto:henwoodd@waihekehigh.school.nz">henwoodd@waihekehigh.school.nz</a>
Year 9-10 :	<a href="mailto:mussone@waihekehigh.school.nz">mussone@waihekehigh.school.nz</a>
Year 11-12:	<a href="mailto:godboutb@waihekehigh.school.nz">godboutb@waihekehigh.school.nz</a>
Year 13 :	<a href="mailto:youngj@waihekehigh.school.nz">youngj@waihekehigh.school.nz</a>

Bill Godbout

### Year 13

There has been a bit of movement around the Year 13 group. This means that some students have come back from other schools, some students have come back to gain University Entrance and some have come back for changed career aspirations.

University Entrance has meant that students must:

- ◆ Gain Level 3
- ◆ Have at least 14 credits in three university approved subjects
- ◆ Have UE Literacy in Level 2 Reading and Writing
- ◆ Gained the 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1.

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Some members of our community have asked about Waiheke High School's approach to students gaining University Entrance. We believe that everyone capable of gaining University Entrance should be placed on the pathway so that they are given the choice.

I am currently teaching a university approved Classical Studies course and I would definitely expect that 80% of this class have and will gain the prerequisites for University Entrance and they will attend University. Equally, there may be another class at Year 13 where the course is not a University Entrance pathway but is a pathway to an apprenticeship at Level 4, 5 and 6. It is important that all Year 13 students keep focussed, particularly with mid-year assessment week coming up.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr Sears if you have any concerns.

### **Possible University Entrance standard review changes**

Some review of the University Entrance standard has taken place and some queries from some stake-holders have been put forward. Some of the issues that have been looked into include:

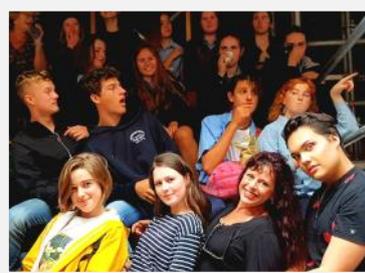
- ◆ Should the Literacy requirement be at Level 2 or Level 3?
- ◆ A review of the list of 150 plus current standards that can be used as evidence of literacy skills for University Entrance will take place.
- ◆ There has been considerable discussion on the merits and disadvantages of raising numeracy requirements but not all degree level programmes require higher level numeracy skills and raising the requirement might act as a barrier to entry. Currently, 43% of NCEA Level 3 graduates achieve 14 or more credits at Level 2 Mathematics.
- ◆ Changing the name of University Entrance to possible "Degree Level Entry."
- ◆ Improve the presentation of the approved subject list.

Once the findings from this have come out and if they have any changes to University Entrance, these changes would be communicated to the senior secondary school well in advance. The changes and the implementation would occur in 2020. NCEA will be reviewed in 2018.

Jude Young

## **English Department**

### **Senior English visit to Pop-up Globe performance of "Othello"**



### **Auckland Writers' Festival, Schools Programme**

Here is some information on the writers we saw today on May 17th:

- Glenn Colquhoun: Accompanied by foot-high totems of NZ historical figures, and inspired by the likes of Robbie Burns and Te Rauparaha, Glenn used song and poetry to explore our history;
- Jennifer Niven: New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Niven tackled hard issues through poignant and exhilarating stories which have resonated with YA readers around the world. "All the Bright Places", which received acclaim and is being made into a film, explores mental health issues and "Holding Up the Universe" looks at grief and body issues;
- Amie Kaufman: Amie Kaufman has featured in the New York Times bestseller lists for her game-changing fantasy and science fiction writing. She has been published in 30 countries and has three of her series in development for the screen. Students found Amie's presentation entertaining and inspiring;
- Ivan Coyote: Ivan Coyote is a remarkable writer and storyteller - the author of 11 books, creator of four short films and co-producer of three albums combining storytelling with music.

Mariette Dodd, HOD English

## Staff Profiles

### **Huhana Davies, Teacher, Food and Hospitality**

Kia ora mai tatou, Ko Pirongia toku Maunga, Ko Waipa toku Awa, Ko Tainui te Waka. I whanau mai ahau kei Te Kuiti, Ngati Maniapoto me he uri o Ngati Whanaunga, Ngati Paoa, Pare Hauraki hoki. Tena Tatou.

Waiheke Island has been home to me for over thirty years. I have raised a large family, now with over twenty grandchildren and a great grandchild at school. I have taught education throughout these many years and am qualified in Primary and Secondary teaching and certificated in Tertiary education.

I have been teaching at Waiheke High for over fifteen years, initially as a Kaiako mo Te Reo Maori and Social Studies with over ten years in Hospitality, Food Technology. Through these many years of dedicated service to our community and particularly Piritahi Marae, I continue to be Trustee to Piritahi Marae and Hau Ora, of which I am a founding member. I am recognised as a Whaea of Piritahi Marae. I am also an Independent Wedding Celebrant.

### **Annie Melchior, HOD Arts**

I was born Annette Betterton in Auckland, aka Nettie. My schooling took place in Grey Lynn Primary, Papatōetoe East and Epsom Girls' Grammar with tertiary study at Auckland University's, Elam School of Fine Arts, from where I graduated 1971. I gave birth to my son Perrin during that final year. I then attended Auckland Teachers' Training College but postponed my teaching commitment while I travelled through Asia, the Middle East, Europe and Britain. On return to New Zealand my second child Amy was born in Wellington. We lived in Hawke's Bay for 20 years, where initially I concentrated on being a mother and wife to my husband Steve as well as working as a shepherdess. Later I took up my teaching obligations, first at Hastings Boys High then on to Havelock North High. These were great years, enjoying the landscape of Kahuranaki, Te Mata Peak, the cold waters of the rivers and huge seas of the East Coast.

I came 'home' to Waiheke Island in 1995, to live in the bach my grandfather and father built in the 1930's. Steve built a palace for me and his grandchildren on this land in 1997. I feel centred and solid on this island. Knowing that generations have walked the path from my house to the beach is a golden feeling. Sadly Steve died in 2013 however I gain strength from the landscape and know I am blessed. I thoroughly enjoy the Island, the arty people, the school, my colleagues and the wonderful students entrusted to me in the ART Room.

### **Pia Mancía - Library Manager**

I am originally from San Francisco and have lived on Waiheke for 26 years. I have a Bachelor degree in Speech Communications and in my days before being a Librarian, I worked for Greenpeace for over 25 years. I have a daughter here at the High School who is in Year 9 and I love seeing her enjoy the high school and all of her great friends and teachers. Running the Library at our High School is a fantastic job and being able to interact with students from our island community is a bonus.

### **Tanique Deacon, Teacher and Careers Advisor**

I studied at Waikato University and then completed my Bachelor of Social Science and Education at Reading University in the UK. I spent my first year teaching in Japan and then travelled back to London. It was here that I developed an interest in career education while working for Kent County Council, supporting young people into employment. Returning to New Zealand in 2005, I taught at Marcellin College (Hillsborough) and Rangitoto College (Mairangi Bay). After starting a family, I decided to return to Waiheke, where I had lived during my university holidays.

I feel lucky to be part of such a special community and love working with the staff and students at Waiheke High School. I completed a Diploma in Career Guidance with Distinction in 2015 and have been a Careers Advisor since. I feel it is a privilege to work with students as they explore options for their future and I look forward to supporting students in developing awareness of themselves and the world of work.

## 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](mailto:international@waihekehigh.school.nz)

## Careers Information

### Waiheke High School Career Taster Days

*Designed to give our senior students a taste of a career of interest to help with future decision making.*



**Wednesday 28 June and Friday 30 June 2017**

Please encourage your son/daughter to approach a company of interest. You will be emailed a link to a page with the companies offering placements in a few weeks. Please take time to look through these options with your son/daughter. Encourage them to consider options for part-time work or a placement linked to career ideas for the future.

If you are able to accommodate a student, or students, please email [deacont@waihekehigh.school.nz](mailto:deacont@waihekehigh.school.nz)

## CAREERS EVENING AT WAIHEKE HIGH SCHOOL TUESDAY 4th JULY

All students, parents and caregivers Years 10 - 13 invited  
5:30pm: meet in the hall, 6:00pm-7:30pm: parents & students  
meet with tertiary and industry providers

**SELECT THREE OPTIONS: EACH SESSION ½ HOUR**

Otago University	Waikato University
Victoria University	Auckland University
Unitec	Tai Poutini Polytechnic (MAINZ)
Massey University	Media Design School
Canterbury University	Auckland Uni of Technology (AUT)
Queenstown Resort College (QRC)	NZ Institute of Sports (NZIS)
NZ College of Chiropractic	Yoobee School of Design
International Travel College (ITC)	Futureintech
Samala Robinson Academy (SRA)	Defence Forces
AFS Intercultural Programmes	Camp Counselors USA

**Please note: Year 10 students will be choosing their 2018 NCEA subjects later this year. This is a great opportunity to think about the future and subjects they need to take.**

## Sports and Physical Education



Winter sports have started and the seasons have begun for our netball and football teams. The first and second XI girls football teams played their first matches this week, our new hockey team has started their season in Auckland, and the girls netball teams have dominated their grading matches at North Harbour. Although we have not entered a boys rugby team this season, 7s training is going well and both the boys and girls rugby teams are training hard for some friendlies lined up this season.



A number of teams have also competed in Auckland this term, with the Central Zone competitions for Year 7 and 8 boys Futsal and boys Rugby taking place last week. The intermediate and senior running club also competed in the Central Eastern Zone Cross Country competition this week and there are many more AIMS competitions lined up for term 3.



We are always looking for parents helpers to attend our sports matches, and welcome all supporters to Wednesday afternoon football matches at home and to our hockey and netball away fixtures. Please contact our Sports Coordinator Shelley Foster at [fosters@waihekehigh.school.nz](mailto:fosters@waihekehigh.school.nz) if you are interested in helping with our ever growing sports teams.

If you would like to keep up to date on all sports events, trainings, results and photos then please follow our Waiheke High School Sport Page, like our WHS Instagram and regularly check out our Sport Website which can be found on the WHS website.

Rebecca Rose, HOD Health & P.E.

### Eastern Zone Cross Country Champs



On Thursday 18 May three students from Waiheke High School competed at the Eastern Zone Cross Country Champs, held at Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga. Paris Robson (Year 10, Junior Girls race) competed strongly, finishing the 3km loop in a very respectable time of 14:20. Next up was Lisa Kremmer (Year 12, Intermediate Girls race) and she finished in a steady time of 20:10 for her 4km race. This was pretty impressive considering she was the youngest runner to complete the Waiheke Half Marathon just two weeks ago. Elijah Timmins-Scanlon (Year 13 Senior Boys race) ran quick from the get-go, and was up against some of the quickest boys in Auckland. He finished in a commendable 12th place overall, completing the 6km course in a blistering 22:57 .



Well done to all of you.

Nick Fitness, Waiheke High School Running Club

# Waiheke High School Year 7 & 8 Social



**What**  
There will be live music including school bands and DJ's



**When**  
Friday 30th June  
6.30pm - 8.30pm



**Where**  
Waiheke High School Hall

## Tickets



This will be a fundraising event for the Year 8 Blue Light Police Challenge Team who will be competing at the Nationals in Wellington in November. Tickets can be purchased from the front office from week 9.

Tickets  
\$5

## What to bring

Students are to please bring a plate of food to share for supper.



## What to wear

Dress code is casual wear. The theme for the night is Neon.



## Visual Arts

The sculpture and painting work of Year 9 Art students is currently on show at the Waiheke Community Art Gallery in "Jostle" which opened Friday the 19th May and runs till the 19th of June.

The work entitled "Fantastic Beasts" includes clay and wire sculptures as well as computer modeled, 3D printed creatures and the student's conceptual artwork.

Come and see the fabulous work of our creative young artists!

Linda McKelvie.



## Waitakere Ranges Duke of Edinburg Trip 2017



On the 3rd of May, a group of 22 Waiheke High School students set off on their adventurous journey for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award. The tramp consisted of a 3 day hike through the breath-taking Waitakere Ranges. We started our tramp at the Arataki Visitor Centre and we walked the Hillary Trail leading to our finish point, Piha.

The tramp held challenges for everyone as the majority of the tracks were slip 'n' slide. However, everyone worked together, took leadership roles and we were able to conquer the challenges as a team. The track varied in terrain with dense native forests with historical Kauri trees, larger valleys, jagged

mountains, wild river crossings and beautiful black sandy beaches.

After each walking day which ranged from 5-7 hours, we would pitch our tents in one of the lush campsites, which both happened to be by rivers. These rivers supplied us with our day to day drinking and cooking water, which we were very grateful for. We also had the luxury of quality cookers supplied by our local organisation Potiki Adventures, which we used to cook our dinners. As this was our qualifier we had to lead ourselves through the tramp learning both valuable mapping and leadership skills. Ultimately it was about bonding and having fun with our peers, whether it was trudging through muddy bush, sliding down black sand dunes or swimming under icy cold waterfalls.



This trip would not have been possible without our expert facilitators, Ami and Bianca of Potiki Adventures and on behalf of the silver participants at Waiheke High School, we thank them whole heartedly. Sophie Lewis, Year 11.

## Performance Arts



Year 11 Performing Arts class attended this year's Shakespeare Festival in Auckland, where they won the award for best costume design.



Now is the time that you can have the most impact to help your child to learn, grow and reach their full potential, and ICAS is here to help.

Our school is taking part in ICAS in 2017. This assessment can help benchmark and track learning progress. It can help identify the true capabilities of students so that we can work together to help your child to reach their full potential. Your investment in education is valuable and we want to help your child to be the best they can be.

Entries for the English and Mathematics ICAS tests are open now and will close on 16<sup>th</sup> June. The test dates are 1<sup>st</sup> August for English and 15<sup>th</sup> August for Mathematics. The cost for each test is \$9.50. Entry forms are available from school reception.

Louise Emma Academy  
Of Dance



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★ SHOWCASE ★

25TH-27TH MAY 2017

ARTWORKS THEATRE - WAIHEKE

Tickets available through  
[www.artworkstheatre.org.nz](http://www.artworkstheatre.org.nz)



Winter Series & Coaching Clinics

2017

Juniors & Intermediates

Optimists, Starlings, P Classes, BBYC 420s

Series Dates: 13th, 20th, 27th August &  
3rd September 2017

To register and more information please visit our  
website

<http://www.bbyc.org.nz/wintercentreboard.php>



## Year 9 Drama Production

Bad Jelly the witch, takes the viewers on a journey through the woods with some unexpected turns along the way. Not your "classic fairy tale"

Actors: Year 9 drama students  
Location: Waiheke High School Hall  
Date: Wednesday, 31st of May  
Time: 6:30pm to 7:30pm  
Cost: \$5 for an Adult,  
\$2 for under 16's,  
\$10 for a family



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