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2020

Term 3 Week 29

# Waiheke High School Newsletter



Kia ora kotoa,

How wonderful to be back at school again and we had over 90% of our school roll attending each day last week. We also welcome back a number of students who have decided to return to Waiheke High School and we're excited about that.

On the 19th August we emailed to you the Senior examination timetable that will begin this Thursday. These examinations are called the "derived grade examinations" and they are important because these grades will be used potentially as evidence if students are absent from NCEA external examinations.

I would like to thank our staff for the great job that they have done throughout the second lock-down and the general feeling was that we learnt a lot after the first lock-down and our approach was far more holistic we believe.

People have asked me questions around face coverings/masks and students may choose to wear them at school and this is absolutely no problem. However, students aged 12 and above are required to wear a face covering when on public transport but they are not required to wear one on a school bus.

I would like to congratulate the Friends of Waiheke High School for running a wonderfully entertaining Quiz Night, with a 1980's theme. I would like to thank this group for all the hard work and support they continue to show our school.

Nga mihi nui, Jude Young, Principal

## Year 7 Inquiry



While under Level 3 restrictions the Year 7 Inquiry classes with Mr Moore and Mrs Campbell converted their planned visit to MOTAT to an online Zoom seminar, being able to work with Phoebe and Kent, Museum of Transport and Technologies teachers, on their design and invention unit. The online workshop was called "Inventions, Innovations and Life Hack" and showed the students the development of NZ innovators and inventors from idea conception through to design based thinking through to product & manufacture, and has challenged the students to come up with their own 'problem solving solutions' now that we are back at school. In a couple of weeks the students will bring this virtual learning into the classroom holding a workshop via video conference with Luke Nola (creator of Let's Get Inventing, Nanogirl and the Imagonauts, and Kea Kids News) to get his feedback and guidance on next steps with their inventions.

Gareth Moore, Teacher

**The 2021 subject choice forms are available for all Year 8 - 12 students via the Waiheke High School Webpage.**

**We would like all students to have selected their 2021 options by Friday 18th September.**

**Any questions can be directed to Mr Knighton - Deputy Principal (knightonp@waihekehigh.school.nz).**

## Term Dates

9-15 Sep	Senior Assessment Week	12 Oct	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
21-25 Sep	Year 9 Mountain Trip	26 Oct	LABOUR DAY
23 Sep	Senior parent/teacher interviews (virtual)	10 Nov	Senior Prizegiving
25 Sep	LAST DAY OF TERM 3		(LAST DAY FOR SENIORS)

## Message from the Student Support Centre

It is so great to see the students back at school. Just to walk around at break times and see the students connecting with each other once again is lovely to see.

The Student Support Centre is here to help students get back into the swing of school. We are working within the Level 2.5 restrictions. We are seeing students who have pre-arranged appointments. Anyone can contact us via text or email or simply request an appointment via the Appointment box. The system appears to be working so far.

### Contact details:

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### A reminder to students to stay at home if feeling unwell.

It is very easy to arrange a Covid swab on the island. We encourage anyone with any of the following symptoms to phone their GP and book a swab, or phone the Healthline: Tel 0800 358 5453

- a new or worsening cough
- a fever of at least 38°C
- shortness of breath
- sore throat
- sneezing and runny nose
- temporary loss of smell



Everyone is responding differently to the Pandemic and Lockdowns. Below are some useful resources and phone numbers, some of which are available 24/7:

### Emergency 111

**Your GP** - Oneroa (09) 372 311

Ostend (09) 372 5005

Piritahi Hau Ora (09) 373 0022

**Crisis team** (24/7) 0800 800 717 - mental health emergency number

**Kari Mental Health** (9-5) (09) 623 4646 –Youth mental health support office hours

**Need to Talk** (text or call 24/7) 1737 – you will talk to a qualified counsellor

**Whatsup** 08009428787 [www.whatsup.co.nz](http://www.whatsup.co.nz) - Barnardos helpline/webchat for children & teens

**Youthline** 0800 376 633 free txt 234 or [Youthline.co.nz](http://Youthline.co.nz) - focus on young people

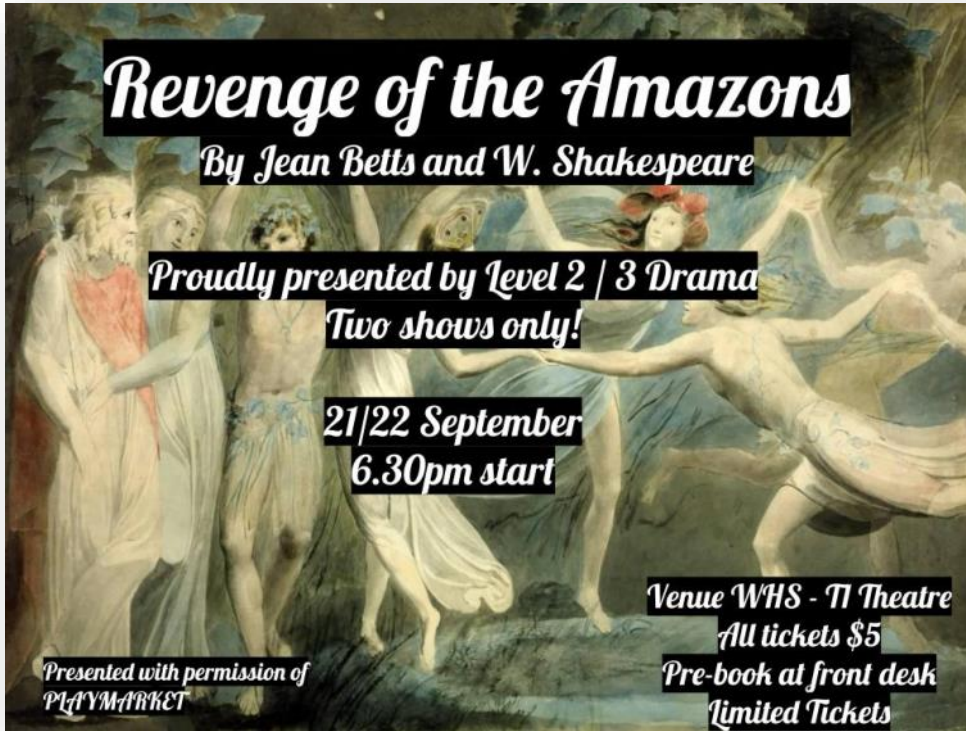
[TheLowdown.co.nz](http://TheLowdown.co.nz) or free txt 5626 – phone/call or chat online if anxious/down or depressed

**Aunty Dee** <https://www.auntydee.co.nz/> - Aunty Dee is a free online tool for anyone who needs some help working through a problem. It doesn't matter what the problem is, you can use Aunty Dee to help you

**Rainbow Youth** <https://www.ry.org.nz/what-we-do>, has a number of resources and LGBT + counselling services as well as their own support teams available 3-5pm every week day



Waiheke High School's Pride Group had its first meeting last Wednesday. The group meets once a week and its aim is to provide a safe space for LGBT+ students to hang out with their peers and talk about their unique experiences. LGBT+ students, teachers, allies, and friends of all year levels are welcome, provided they are kind and respectful.



**Revenge of the Amazons**  
 By Jean Belts and W. Shakespeare

Proudly presented by Level 2 / 3 Drama  
 Two shows only!

21/22 September  
 6.30pm start

Venue WHS - TI Theatre  
 All tickets \$5  
 Pre-book at front desk  
 Limited Tickets

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**SCENES FROM A  
 QUARANTINE**

A VIGNETTE PLAY IN ONE ACT BY LINDSAY PRICE  
 PRESENTED BY LEVEL 1 DRAMA

THURSDAY SEPT 17TH  
 6.30 START

VENUE: WHS - TI THEATRE  
 ALL TICKETS \$5

PRE-BOOK AT FRONT DESK - LIMITED SEATING

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  
 Waiheke Local Board—Bronze Award

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