



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers

What a great start to 2017, with so many students arriving looking great in their uniforms, and bringing positive and confident attitudes with them. We are fully staffed, and the timetable is up and running. Our Head Students and House Captains have been busy making plans for the year; and we are currently hosting 24 International Students; including 12 students from Japan, 3 from France, 2 each from Iceland, German and USA, and 1 each from Thailand, Finland and Chile.



A highlight for me was being able to attend a Waitangi Day Reception at Government House last Monday, accompanied by our two Head Students – a great occasion to get to know them and hear of their goals and plans, as well as enjoy the Governor General’s hospitality 😊.

(Pictured left: Head Boy – Alexander Faifailoa, Governor-General of New Zealand – Dame Patsy Reddy and Head Girl – Shiloh Babbington)

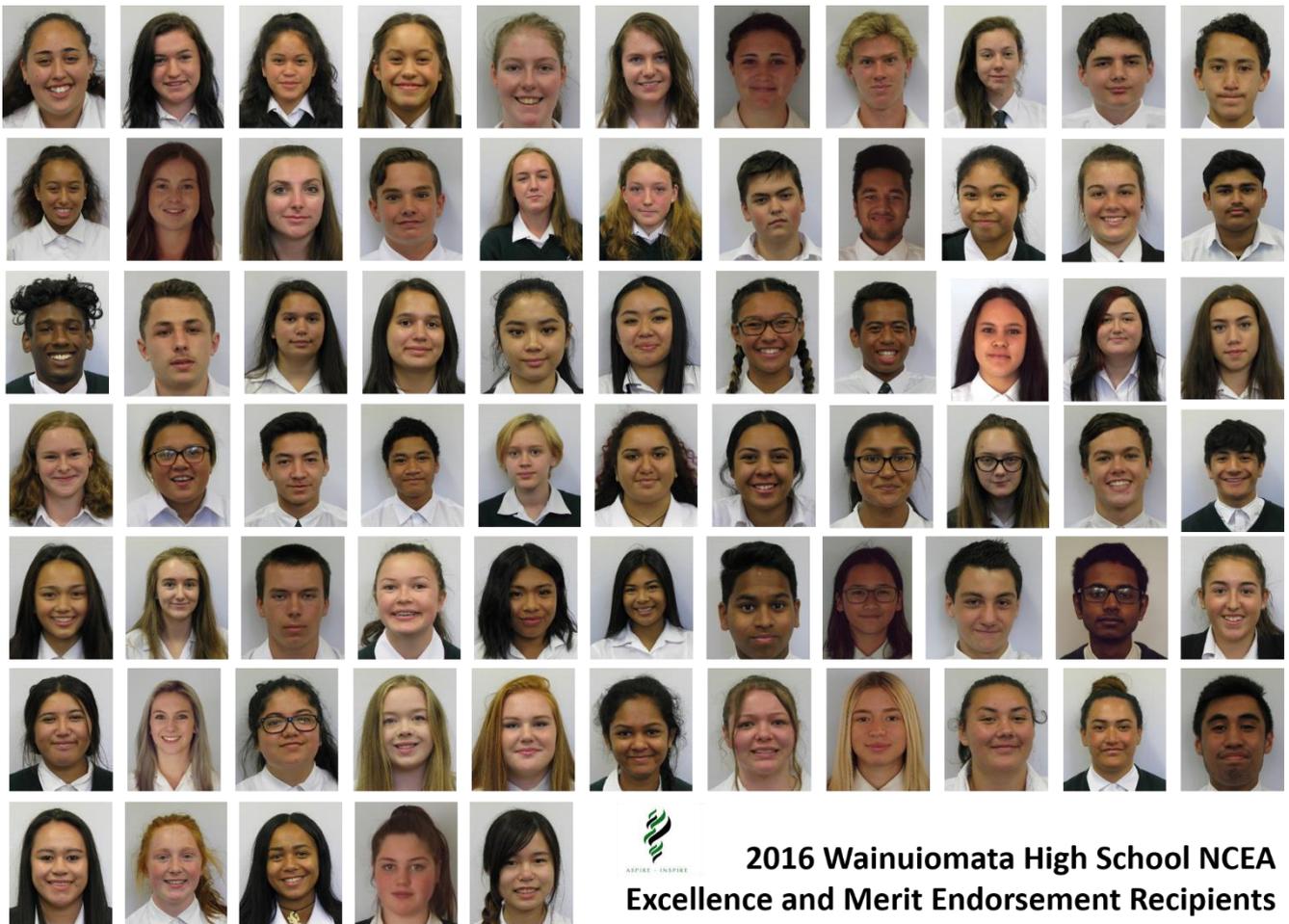
Our results from 2016 are still “provisional” with the NZQA files closing on 28 February. Some students are working their way through resubmissions or completion of internal assessments; a reminder that if you child has sat external exams (and got their papers back) if they wish they can apply for a review of a paper (if they think part hasn’t been marked, or results are incorrectly recorded; no charge) or a reconsideration (the paper is re-marked, \$20.40 for each paper, refunded if the grade changes) but must do so by **17 February**. If you wish to apply for a review or reconsideration you do so through the NZQA website; contact Mr Robb if you want further details.

However, we are excited by two sets of results:

- 🌿 Harrison Leach and Ashlee Metcalfe received Scholarship passes in Accounting and Design (respectively), the highest level of achievement a New Zealand Secondary School student can achieve; and
- 🌿 The large number of students who gained Merit or Excellence Endorsements in their NCEA levels last year. At Assembly on Tuesday I presented the Apiata and Ngata students with a Certificate and Academic Badge and commented how proud of their achievement the High School is, and this was reflected in the reception of the student body (this will also occur next week at the Rutherford and Tuwhare Assembly). All students have the potential to gain an endorsement and we will continue to encourage our pupils to set their sights high.

Martin Isberg, Principal

NCEA ENDORSEMENT RECIPIENTS



Congratulations to the following students for receiving endorsements in their 2016 NCEA results:

NCEA Level Three Excellence Endorsement

Sandi Buck	Rachel Hema	Olivia Inthavong	Harrison Leach
Ashlee Metcalfe*	Ash Moore	Keshav Raj	Arisha Singh

NCEA Level Two Excellence Endorsement

Kaylee-Anne Burt	Joel Carman	Pearl Philavong	Joseph Tunupopo*
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NCEA Level One Excellence Endorsement

Olivia Coffey	Jasmine Inthavong	Jamie-Rose Kydd	Claudia Nicholas
Dorothy Ong			

NCEA Level Three Merit Endorsement

Darci Buck	Nimish Gounder*	Ethan Hakaraia	Stephanie Hema
Nadia MacDonald	Prabhjeet Manak	Michael Martin*	Ariana Randall*
Brooke Tauaneai	Angelique Te Rauna	Sapina Vailima	Mengzhen Zhan

NCEA Level Two Merit Endorsement

Shiloh Babbington*	Emelia Beyer	Jaymie Brown	Jessica Carter
Shannon Collier	Alexander Faifailoa*	Ruby Gardner*	Nina Kaiwai
Patricia Ong	Roger Pambala	Annalise Richardson	Alyssa Swift-Cooper
Georgia Taiapa	Sarah Ward		

(* 2016 or 2017 Head Students)

NCEA Level One Merit Endorsement

Jordan Brown	Kyle Clapperton-Hayes	Jordan Clarke	Alyssia Cody
Jay Coote	Alice Denmark	Belle Dickson	Liam Edginton
Amia Feliciano	Kevin Gona	Bree Itula	Tremain Jacobs
Chelsea Kirk	Awhina Lambert	Daniel Leteu	Kiyi Louwrens
Tamara Mana	Michela Marris	Alexis McGruddy	Giovanni Mercury
Anthony Nelson	Joseph Quinlan	Laney Rawiri	Kaya Ririnui
Shevana Sammons	Hannah Scrimshaw	Toniann Williams	Whaakirangi Williams

MAKING CONNECTIONS

It's our "Making Connections" Evening on Thursday 23 February, an opportunity for you to meet your student's subject teachers; we will also be writing to you shortly about our Learning Conferences on Tuesday 14 March – we see both of these meetings, led by your student talking about their academic goals this year, as a highly important step towards their gaining academic success in 2017. I hope to see you at both meetings.

Martin Isberg, Principal



YEAR 9 CAMP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service consists of supervised groups of our Year 9 students participating in volunteer activities in our community. If you have any jobs you need doing (painting, cleaning, gardening) that you would like help with please make contact with the High School by calling Louise Berry on 04-9383224 Ext 7007 or emailing louiseb@wainuiomatahigh.school.nz.

All Year 9 students will have received today their Camp Information during Manaaki Time. If you require additional copies of this information you can pick up a printed copy from the office or download a pdf version from our website.

Camp week is Monday 27 February to Friday 03 March, with girls camping for two nights, Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 February, and boys camping on the nights of Wednesday 01 and Thursday 02 March. While the girls are on Camp for the first two days, the boys will participate in Community Service; likewise, when the boys are on Camp, the girls will participate in Community Service.

WAINUIOMATA HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

If you haven't checked out our High School website in a while, now would be a good time to familiarise yourself with the great information and pictures online. We post updates regularly and every newsletter is available in colour for you to share with friends and family. The website address is www.wainuiomatahigh.school.nz.



We currently have 1,689 people following our Facebook page. Are you on Facebook? If so, search for Wainuiomata High School and LIKE the school's official Facebook page. Wainuiomata High School has so many great things going on that we want to share with you and the community, so Like us to keep up-to-date with information and photos!

You can also check out information on your student by using our KAMAR portal. The link is on the High School website and passwords will be sent home to you next week so you can track progress and attendance, and also see upcoming events.

UNIFORM REMINDER

A reminder that the Board of Trustees has asked that all boys who wear shorts to the High School, also wear the correct banded long socks. These can be purchased from the High School's main office for \$14.50 or are available through Argyle schoolwear online at www.argyleonline.co.nz.

COMPLAINTS POLICY

If you are unhappy with something the school has or hasn't done we have a procedure to try and address this. The Board of Trustees has a Complaints Policy which explains how parents can deal with any concerns they have, and we publish this at the start of each year.

Complaints are taken seriously and most are able to be easily resolved, but in some cases matters are referred to the Board. The guidelines are:

1. Each year the Complaints Policy outlined below will be published.
2. All complaints will undergo the following procedures:
 - They will be referred, in the first instance, directly to the Principal (or BOT Chairperson if the Principal is the subject of the complaint),
 - The Principal or BOT Chairperson will examine the complaint and determine the next course of action,
 - At all times relevant parties will be informed of the progress of the complaint and its outcome and will be treated with dignity and respect,
 - At all times complaints, their nature and the parties involved, will be confidential to those directly involved,
 - Should any party not be satisfied as to the outcome of their complaint then they should be informed of their right to contact the Board of Trustees which will then deal with the matter in closed sessions or contact the Ministry of Education.

Lynda Koia, Board Chair

COMING UP

Tuesday 14 February Rutherford/Tuwhare Assembly (Period 2)
Wednesday 15 – Friday 17 February Tongariro Crossing
Monday 20 February Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday 21 FebruaryApiata/Ngata Assembly (Period 2)
Wednesday 22 FebruaryAthletics Day
Thursday 23 FebruaryMaking Connections Evening (4pm-7pm)
Friday 24 February..... Year 9 “Top Town”
Monday 27 February – Friday 03 March.....Year 9 Camp