



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thank you all for your support in what has been a busy and productive term. The next two weeks will be an opportunity for our staff and students to recharge their batteries, and get ready for Term Two, traditionally a term marked by Winter Sports, Cultural Performances and lots of learning.

The High School's Head Students, House Captains and myself will be part of the Wainuiomata ANZAC Parade at 11:00am on ANZAC Day, Tuesday 25 April; all students are invited to join us, and are asked to meet at the BP Service Station, in full and correct school uniform, at 10:50am.

Most of our Seniors will have spent the last two or three weeks completing NCEA internals; and our Juniors will have been given "points" towards their Junior Certificates in each of their subjects. We will be posting out our Year 9 and 10 Junior Certificates in Week Two next term; but a reminder that all results (and attendance, and Notices, and information about fees; and a heap of other information) can be accessed through our Student Portal.

Go to our High School website – www.wainuiomatahigh.school.nz and click on Parent/Student Portal on the Quick Links note (found on the right-hand side of the website homepage); then enter your Username and Password that we posted to you at the start of the year – if you've misplaced them, please ring our Main Office (04-9383224) next term.

Enjoy the break, and we'll see your child/children back here on Monday 01 May.

Martin Isberg, Principal

PB4L TEACHER AND STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Earlier this term Wainuiomata High School's PB4L Committee implemented a school-wide reward system which acknowledges our students and teachers showing our five values – **Manaakitanga, Respect, Achievement, Honesty and Perseverance.**

Each week students in two Houses of Manaaki Classes nominate a Student of the Week (e.g. Apiata/Ngata Week A, Rutherford/Tuwhare Week B). The nominations arise from modelling our High School values. From the nominated students, there is one selected from each House by their House Captains, and the Students of the Week are announced at House Assemblies each Tuesday. Students also nominate a school-wide Teacher of the Week, who consistently displays our values. Beginning in the first Newsletter of Term Two we will be announcing each week's recipients, and why they were selected.

PB4L Committee

GET TO KNOW OUR HEAD BOY – ALEXANDER (ALEX) FAIFAILOA

What do you like best about the High School?

Getting good marks, being involved in sports, House Competitions are awesome – it was one of our goals to increase school spirit and House Comps are a great way of doing this.

What are your goals as Head Boy this year?

One of our goals is to increase school spirit. It's cool that students don't treat me any differently as a Head Student, there is great communication between the Juniors and Seniors, and no distance between School Leaders and students. Our school spirit is improving, inter-House competitions have really helped with the friendly rivalry.

How have you been enjoying the role so far?

At the beginning of the year it was challenging because there were so many new responsibilities to get used to. I am relieved now that the first House Comp and first term are completed, so we can get stuck into next term. It wasn't what I expected, I thought the role would be a busy one, but it was still a bit of a wake-up call for me.

How are your studies this year going?

Good so far; I'm on top of my workload at the moment. I've just finished three internals which is a load off my mind before the holidays.

What are your academic goals?

To gain a scholarship to attend Victoria University and University Entrance obviously. I've set myself up for Uni, I'm on the stepping stones.

How do you spend your spare time (in and out of the High School)?

I spend a lot of time with the boys 😊. We spend time together both in and out of school (more time than I spend with my family!).

What are your 2018 plans?

To get a scholarship and attend Victoria University studying Psychology and Criminology. I want to be a Police Officer; I'd always wanted to be in the Armed Forces, but have decided on the Police Force because it's physical, you have to use your brain, and think on the spot – and I want to help people and give back to my community.

What advice would you give to students?

Be humble.



HOUSE COMPETITION – TUG OF WAR!

Congratulations to Ngata House for winning the second Annual Tug of War House Competition, and congratulations also to the other three Houses for a brilliant, well-fought competition. A thoroughly enjoyable event. Big ups to all House Captains for organising their teams and to Mr Wallwork for being compere for the event. Placings were as follows:

Ngata House	1st	38 points	Rutherford House	3rd	23 points
Tuwhare House	2nd	31 points	Apiata House	4th	20 points





SPORTING SUCCESS



Huge congratulations to Joel Carman, who represented Wellington at the recent North Island Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships. The results for Joel's event (Boys 1500m Senior) were:

1 st Harrison Porritt	4:03.15
2 nd Joel Carman	4:03.17
3 rd Jack Hammond	4:04.13



"This weekend I went to Inglewood to compete in the North Island Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships 2017. I competed in the Senior Boys 1500m, which I have been training for all season. I was really pleased to finish second in a very tight finish, missing out on first place by just 0.02 of a second. I didn't know I had come second until the following day, because they had to look at the photo-finish.

It was a very fast last 200m, coming from behind to try to take the win. I'm also happy for my training partner, Jack Hammond from Hutt Valley High School, who followed closely behind in third place. 4.03.17 was a one-second personal best for me, and now I'm really keen to break four minutes."

Joel Carman, 13RFE

SPORTS UPDATE

Please note that Winter Sports fees are due for payment by Monday 01 May 2017 (Day One Term Two). Failure to pay the fee by this date could result in the student not being able to participate in their chosen sport/s.

Please note that if a student registers and pays for a sport, but for some reason the High School is not able to cater for them, then the fee will be refunded. Refunds will NOT be provided once a team has been entered into a competition or to students who drop out of a team part-way through a season.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Peter Cowan (Sports Coordinator) on 04-9383224 or email peterc@wainuiomatahigh.school.nz.

Peter Cowan, Sports Coordinator



Lower Hutt Women's Centre are running a **"Self-Esteem for Teens"** course for girls, aged 13-17 years. Beginning Thursday 11 May (from 4:00pm-6:00pm) the course runs for eight weeks and costs \$20 to enrol.

Do you want to:

- ✓ Learn more about yourself?
- ✓ Have fun?
- ✓ Be more confident?
- ✓ Develop an understanding and respect of yourself and other?
- ✓ Grow in self-respect?
- ✓ Grow in self-worth
- ✓ Grow in self-esteem
- ✓ Accept yourself as you are?

We're all different... who we are, what we like and don't like, our cultures and our backgrounds. There is no one else quite like you. Once you accept yourself there is there no reason to hold anything back. This is your world, honour it as your own and enjoy its' gifts.

Facilitators: Stephanie Brockman and Amber White
Dates: Eight weeks, beginning Thursday 11 May from 4:00pm-6:00pm
Address: Lower Hutt Women's Centre, 186 Knights Road, Lower Hutt
Enrolment: Please call (04-5692711), email (info@lhwc.org.nz) or drop in (Opening hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:00am-5:00pm and Fridays 9:00am-3:00pm).
Cost: \$20

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM WAINUIOMATA HIGH SCHOOL

