



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Here's a little quiz on NCEA – see how you go:

My child is working on NCEA Level One in Year 11 this year, how many credits do they need?	<i>Eighty credits at Level One or higher.</i>
A friend's child got 70 credits at Level Two in Year 12, but didn't get Level Two – how come?	<i>Possibly because they haven't got the required Level One Literacy and Numeracy credits.</i>
My child is in Year 13, and keeps talking about "Level Three" and "UE (University Entrance)" – aren't they the same?	<i>No: Students need sixty credits at Level Three or better to gain Level Three; they need Level Three <u>and</u> other requirements for UE.</i>

On Wednesday night Whaea Charmaine Russell held an event in our staffroom called "Whanau and NCEA" and whanau of our Maori students enjoyed a presentation by NZQA on how NCEA works.

Given that NCEA has been with us for 15 years, and given that many of our students have had older siblings work within the NCEA environment, I was surprised when a quick survey at Wednesday's event indicated that those attending were still a little unsure about NCEA.

So – I will run an **NCEA Information Evening** on **Tuesday 30 May**, in our staffroom from **6:00pm-7:00pm**, on how NCEA works. I guess I am targeting current Year 11 students, and Year 10 students who will meet NCEA next year, but anyone is welcome.

Here's some promises:

- ☞ Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided
- ☞ We will finish at 7:00pm
- ☞ You can ask any questions you like (and hopefully I'll have the answer)
- ☞ You can bring your child with you (and hopefully they won't laugh at your questions)
- ☞ I'll stick to the main points, and lightly touch on detail.

At Wednesday's meeting NZQA provided what they called their "Top 5 Study Tips for Parents":

1. Provide a suitable study environment

Students need a quiet, organised and well-lit space to study for NCEA.

2. Balance study with free time

It is important that students remain in a positive frame of mind and keep relaxed. In addition to studying, ensure your child is sleeping well, taking regular breaks, eating well, getting fresh air and staying in touch with their peers.

3. Talk to your child's teachers

Your child's teachers know what is happening at school and how your child is progressing. Ask for guidance when you need it – teachers know how NCEA works and they understand it well.

4. Know the exam timetable

NCEA exams are national exams. Students across the country do the same exam at the same time no matter where they live. Make sure you know what exams your child is sitting, and when, so that you can support them beforehand and talk to them about how they went afterwards.

5. Double check your child's presentation

Make sure you and your child know how they are going to get to their exams and what the exam rules are. Allow plenty of time to get to exams early and plan for what you might do if something unforeseen happens – e.g. alternative transport plans in case of bus or train delays.

They also provided three useful links:

www.nzqa.govt.nz/how-ncea-works

A little video you can watch about NCEA (if you don't want to listen to me 😊)

www.nzqa.govt.nz/mobile-app

An app on NCEA for your mobile phone – useful for parents

www.nzqa.govt.nz/student-app

An app on NCEA for your mobile phone for students, which will also help them track their credits.

Finally, a note on a couple of upcoming events:

Next Friday (26 May) we are having "Pink Shirt Day", which is a global Anti-Bullying event. A gold coin donation is required if students want to wear mufti.

On Wednesday 07 June, we have invited Year 8 Students, Parents and Caregivers to our Open Day from 11:30am to 3:00pm. Students will experience being in High School classes for the day while parents and caregivers attending will be given a guided tour by the Principal (if they wish). Current Wainuiomata High School students will be released from school at 11:00am on Wednesday.

Martin Isberg, Principal



**WEDNESDAY
24 MAY 2017!
HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM
10:00AM – 3:00PM**

Our annual Careers Expo is coming up and we will have approximately

30 providers attending. This is a fantastic opportunity to see what's out there, what courses are available and to make plans for YOUR future! Parents/caregivers are welcome to pop in – we'd love to see you there.

GET TO KNOW OUR DEPUTY HEAD GIRL – RUBY GARDNER

What do you like best about the High School?

My favorite part is definitely getting to know a range of students from all walks of life; from exchange students who have traveled from Europe, to kids who have spent their whole lives in Wainui, there are all sorts of creative and brilliant personalities attending this High School.

What are your goals as Deputy Head Girl this year?

One of my main goals is following our Head Student motto, “First, we change ourselves, and then we change the community”. This year I am focusing on the students and how we can take our High School to the next level. I want to create a safe and fun learning environment. Students should feel happy about attending Wainuiomata High School and not ashamed. Our school is an amazing place and I am a witness to all the great things we have produced, but I want to be able to give students the same awesome experience that I have had here.

Luckily, I work with an awesome team of Head Students, and we all share the same goals and dreams for Wainuiomata High School.



How have you been enjoying the role so far?

Although stressful at times, it has been full of wins and memorable experiences. I am loving being Deputy and working alongside Alex, Shiloh, and Joseph. The great part about our team is that we were all friends before this, so now we get to hang out together and do amazing things for our school. Term One was really to figure out how to approach this role, what I wanted out of my time as Deputy and how we, as a team, could move forward, with Terms Two and Three to put words into action. I am super excited to see what the rest of the year has in store for me.

How are your studies this year going?

Everything is going great so far, the stress of handing in Term One internals was left behind in the holidays, and I get to start fresh this term. So far it's been filled up with poring over new information for the second lot of internals, and focusing on trying to balance work, Head Student duties, and downtime. I have found it easier to adjust into work mode, I think I'm a lot more used to it as a Year 13 than I was as a Year 11. It's still hard not to think about sleep while writing essays though.

What are your academic goals?

I want to achieve NCEA with an Excellence endorsement and gain University Entrance, but as always, I want to achieve as much as I can, without causing any unnecessary stress or harsh expectations of myself. I will achieve as much as I can, and aspire to my goals, while also being mindful of my mental wellbeing.

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

A lot of my spare is taken up with extra-curricular activities like Football. I also spend a lot of time on Stage Challenge which I love doing every year. I do, however, somehow between everything, find time for sleep and catching up with friends and family. I produce AV and work with the lighting technician team at my Church most Sundays, which is always a highlight of my week. If I manage to find a spare moment between all that, I catch up on TV shows and films. I am a bit of a nerd when it comes to TV, so I enjoy criticizing director's questionable choices. I am a self-admitted workaholic though, so often you'll find me catching up on work, or leaving school later than normal because I have been busy planning for the next few terms.

What are your 2018 plans?

I am currently exploring two options, both of which include a degree. The first would be moving down to Canterbury to study History and Teaching. I love both History and working with students, so studying to

be a History teacher would be a logical choice. However, I also have the opportunity to go into an internship here in Wellington, focusing mainly on producing and production, which is something I am passionate about. The internship would hopefully eventually lead to producing films and TV shows. The internship is the slightly riskier option, so I have to decide if I want to play it safe and go to University, or take a leap of faith and go into producing. Either way, I will get a degree and enjoy either of the two options.

What advice would you give to students?

My advice is pretty simple - enjoy your time, and make the most of every opportunity presented to you. We are very fortunate here, whether we realize it or not. So even when school seems a little boring, keep going and keep persevering. Eventually, you will reach the end and you can look back and be proud of everything you have accomplished. So every time you feel like giving up, or skipping a class, just think about the end result, and how if you miss out on this opportunity, it will be one less thing you can be proud of. Something that got me through NCEA and when school got really hard was this verse. "Rise up, take courage, and do it". I think that is what got me to where I am today. So it's down to you, rise up, take courage, and do it. You won't ever regret it.

TEAM OF THE WEEK – JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our Wainuiomata High School Junior Girls Basketball team, who got off to a great start with a good win over Wellington Girls 3 (56 – 21) last Tuesday night.

Our team is made up mostly of new players, with a few experienced Basketballers. One of the highlights of the game came from Gemma putting up one of her first shots.

After the first quarter the team was ahead by quite a few points so Coach Joe Hemi saw this as a great opportunity to give our new players some court time. We had some great defence from all new players (Lucy, Paige, Elesha and Tayla).

It's still a big learning curve for our new girls but our more experienced players gave guidance while on the court. Our experienced girls (Tory, Ake, Jyordanna and Ebony) got in some great shots and some good fast breaks, at the same time supporting our newer girls as well.



Ngahuia Riri, Team Manager

Pictured back (L-R) Gemma Warrender (10TKS), Lucy Beggs (10TFT), Jyordanna Davey (9NIN), Ebony-Shevaugn Vole (9AMI), Akenese McCarthy (10ATG), Paige Te Paa (10ASH), Pictured front (L-R), Elesha Kirk (9TFT), Tayla Puha-Smith (9RJM), Tori-Anne Tuirirangi (9TLB).

SPORTS DRAW AND RESULTS

Reminder that College Sport Wellington have provided Wainuiomata High School with a link on our High School website to easily track our upcoming games and results in the Winter Sports Season.

To access the draws and results, by team or sport, go to www.wainuiomatahigh.school.nz and click on the "Sports" tab, then select Draws and Results. The page that shows is specific to Wainuiomata High School and our teams, showing a fortnight of upcoming games and the results of previous games.

In addition to this we have two photo folders set up on our Facebook page for Sports Draws and Sports Results, which are updated weekly. If you LIKE our “Wainuiomata High School” Facebook page you will receive notifications as these draws and results are uploaded.

Peter Cowan, Sports Coordinator

OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Kia ora whānau and families. It's Hine and La here from Victoria University Outreach Programme. It has been amazing getting to know your children over the weeks and their aspirations for the future. The focus of the week is setting goals. We will be working closely ensuring that your tamariki are measuring and monitoring their set goals. If your child attends the Outreach Programme we will be in touch with you soon about an information evening.

*Hine Funaki, Māori Pasifika Outreach Advisor
Victoria University of Wellington*



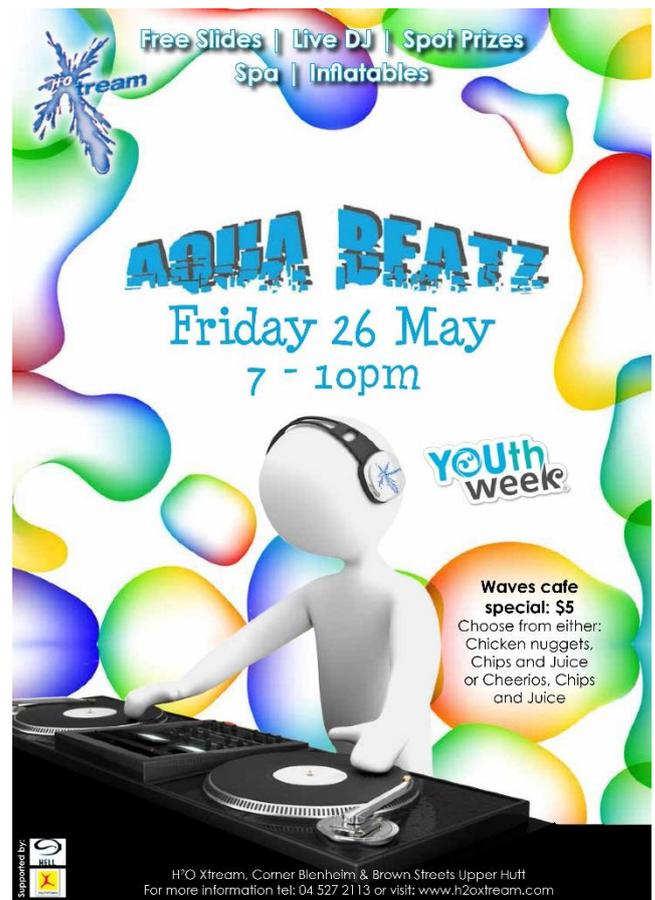
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Students attending MaiBiz can expect to learn the building blocks of successful business:

- Business leadership
- Teamwork
- Financial reporting
- Innovative and creativity in business
- Delegation
- Negotiation
- Time management
- Organisational skills
- Goal setting
- Pitching a business idea
- ...and much much more!

Students in Year 12 & 13 can register their interest at CAREERS.



Note: MaiBiz runs 14-16 June 2017.

COMING UP

Wednesday 24 May

Friday 26 May

Tuesday 30 May

Tuesday 30 – Wednesday 31 May

Thursday 01 June

Friday 02 June

Saturday 03 June

Monday 05 June

Wednesday 07 June

Friday 09 to Tuesday 13 June

Careers Expo, Auditorium (10:00am-3:00pm)

Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Mufti Day)

NCEA Information Evening, Staffroom (6:00pm-7:00pm)

Wainuiomata High School “On Tour”

Wellington Regional “Stage Challenge”

Teacher Only Day

Senior Formal at Te Papa

Queen’s Birthday

Year 8 Open Day (school finishes at 11:00am for most students)

Senior Exams