

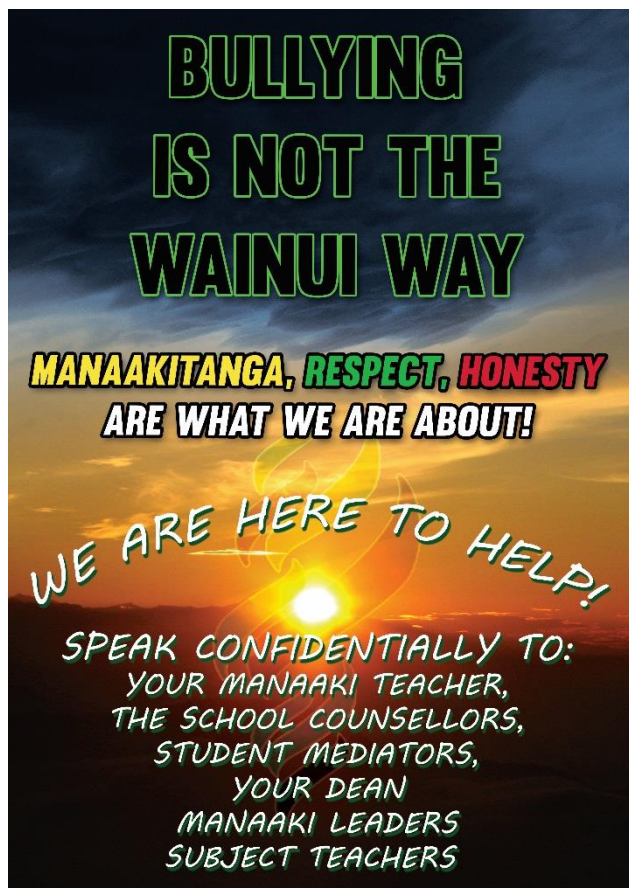


## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers

There has been a fair bit in the media recently about bullying, so I thought I would reprint the High School's position (which was in our 23 June 2016 Newsletter) to remind those who have read it, or for those who are new to our school or Newsletter:

From time to time, the High School deals with fall-out between students (who are often friends), especially with students in Years 9 and 10. Sometimes this may lead to bullying behaviours, which research tells us occurs in schools across the country (and indeed the world), hardly surprising given the age of those involved. Social media, especially Facebook, has made the issue more complicated in recent years.



The High School takes a strong stance against bullying in all of its forms (verbal, physical, isolation and cyber) and has processes in place to deal with it; bullying goes against our values of Honesty, Respect and Manaakitanga. Please note that while many students may need help from time to time with relationship issues, the majority don't bully; indeed the majority of students don't like and don't accept bullying behaviours.

Our stance revolves around the poster on the left, which appears throughout our classrooms. The key message is – **if you are being bullied, or know someone who is being bullied, TALK TO SOMEONE.** It's a simple message but if we don't know about it, we can't help.

Also, we believe there's no such thing as an innocent bystander. If students ignore bullying this encourages others to continue with their bullying behaviours. We encourage our students to tell a member of staff if they witness or know about bullying taking place.

How can we help? As a restorative school, we aim to educate our students on how to reconcile differences without resorting to bullying behaviours. Our School Guidance Counsellors and House Deans will listen to students, and try to resolve the problem. We have Student Mediators trained to reconcile differences at a low level, which has proved to be very effective in the past. Finally, repeated behaviours may result in disciplinary actions. However, I go back to the key message for our students – let someone know if bullying is taking place.

Finally, as parents, please monitor what your child is putting, or reading, on Facebook. Social media can be a wonderful thing, but unfortunately it can also be abused.

Can I please take this opportunity to remind you that on Wednesday 07 June we have our Year 8 Open Day from 11:30am until 3:00pm. This is a very important and significant date on our school calendar, where we invite Year 8 students from within Wainuiomata and around the Hutt Valley to come and experience an afternoon at Wainuiomata High School.

Because I need my staff and many of our Year 13's as guides, we need to release our students at 11:00am. Periods 1 to 3 will run as usual, although a little shorter in length. Students who wish to stay at the High School until 2:00pm (Wednesday's usual closing time) will be supervised in our Library. Thank you for your support and understanding.

*Martin Isberg, Principal*

## LIBRARY UPDATE



*Beyond the Page*, is a regional Literary Festival for young people aged 5-18 years, taking place during the July school holidays. Organised by Hutt City, Upper Hutt and Wellington City Libraries, our aim is to embrace storytelling by offering a range of events, workshops and performances that highlight story in many different forms.

Some of our key events include: writing workshops by the 2017 Storylines Margaret Mahy Medal award winner, Des Hunt, Fifi Colston wearable arts demonstrations, a live action detective experience to test team work and problem solving skills in collaboration with Escapemate, as well as Te Reo Wainene o Tua who deliver full immersion Te Reo Māori storytelling for all ages. The opening event - *Pancakes for Poetry* compered by Geraldine Brophy, is on Saturday 8 July at Petone Library.

Hutt City Libraries are also celebrating National Poetry Day on Friday 25 August 12noon - 1:00pm by hosting an event for intermediate and secondary students at the Lower Hutt War Memorial Library

*Rosalie Carman, Librarian*

## 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](http://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.

*Peter Cowan, Sports Coordinator*

## OUTREACH PROGRAMME

(For Year 11 and Year 13 students thinking of going to University – Students are still welcome to join the programme)

Kia ora whānau mā. Ash and I from Victoria University Outreach Programme are really happy with the Outreach turn out every Wednesday at 2:00pm in the High School Library. This week we discussed NCEA and University Entrance. Our active learning focused on the differences and similarities between secondary school and university where students shared their views of school and considering what university life would be like in their first year. Future planning is happening now and it's great to see the students take action in their future planning.

*Nā Hine and Ash, Outreach Advisers  
Victoria University of Wellington*

## TEAM OF THE WEEK – BASKETBALL SENIOR BOYS 2

We have had a huge interest in students keen to play Basketball this year, and we now have six teams at the High School. The Senior Boys 2 team is basically boys that haven't played before.

They have won their first two games and are top of the points table. This year Callum and Barbie Henare from Jitterbugz After School Care have sponsored the playing uniform, which the boys are thrilled with. Thank you Jitterbugz for supporting sport at our High school .

*Peter Cowan, Sports Coordinator*



*Pictured back (L-R) Robin Harris-Samiu, Leith Mohi, Daniel Oti, Devon Heath, Bernard Jones, LoganTaylor-Maxwell  
Pictured front (L-R) Deegan Giles, Cade Du Preez, Chey'D Noanoa, Te Heke Rurehe*



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## COMING UP

**Wednesday 07 June**

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

**Friday 09 to Tuesday 13 June**  
Senior Exams

**Wednesday 16 to Friday 16 June**  
MaiBiz (held in the Auditorium)

**Monday 19 June**  
Board of Trustees Meeting