



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Firstly, I just want to thank parents/caregivers of a group of students for providing us with such positive, supportive role models who have been making the High School proud recently:

- ✿ all the students who were part of our “WHS on Tour” group, who visited the other seven schools in the Valley to perform and showcase our talents;
- ✿ the sixty or so students who put so much effort into Stage Challenge recently, including performing to our Year 8 visitors;
- ✿ the Year 12 and 13 students who acted as guides and supporters for our Year 8 visitors on Open Day;
- ✿ the students who looked great and behaved brilliantly at our High School Formal at Te Papa last weekend.

There will be a few photos of the Formal (from the many taken – to view them in their entirety visit <http://wellingtonphotos.photoshelter.com/gallery-collection/Wainuiomata-Ball-2017>) later in this Newsletter, but this one illustrates a feature of our New Zealand education system in recent years:



All of the students pictured are International Students, recognising what a popular destination New Zealand (and Wainuiomata!) has become for overseas students seeking to gain qualifications, learn English and/or experience life in a culture that's different to the one they have grown up in. Within the photo are students from Japan, Thailand, Brazil, France, Germany, Iceland, the USA, Finland and Chile (a documentary crew from Finland was here last week, to record the experiences of our two Finnish exchange students; the four girls at the right of the front row are in the Hutt Valley as part of the Hutt City/Tempe, Arizona Sister-City exchange programme).

The High School has three different groups of International Students:

- 🌿 "Fee-payers", who pay to be part of the New Zealand education system and improve their English while gaining academic qualifications, perhaps leading to a degree course at a New Zealand University.
- 🌿 "Exchange" students, who are here for 6-12 months as part of a cultural experience.
- 🌿 "Short-stays" made up of groups of students (15-25) who travel to Wainuiomata High School for 2-3 weeks, usually during their school holidays.

All of them are valued visitors, who add to the High School journey for our students. Our International Students remind our pupils that there is a big wide world beyond our shores; they make friends, and share their culture; and they contribute much to our school life, both in the class and beyond – we are enjoying having a French girl in our Girls' Rugby Team, Thai and Japanese boys playing football, a Japanese girl making an impression in the local Tennis Club, and a Japanese boy emerging as a star in our Kapa Haka group.

Remember that the High School is often looking for (paid) Host Families, either on a short- or long-term basis; please email jodys@wainuiomatahigh.school.nz if you are interested or would like more information.

Martin Isberg, Principal

YEAR 8 OPEN DAY

On Wednesday school finished early for most of our students to accommodate the Year 8 students from schools in Wainuiomata and the Hutt Valley to "sample" school life at Wainuiomata High School. Approximately 170 students attended a fun-filled afternoon, meeting Student Leaders, teachers and exploring the High School environment.



One of the highlights was starting the day watching Wainuiomata High School students perform their recent entry into Stage Challenge. We look forward to seeing all of these students attending next year as Year 9 students!

Janette Melrose, Deputy Principal

TEAM OF THE WEEK – UNDER 65KG RUGBY

On Tuesday we received an email from David Fa'atafa (Sports Manager, College Sport Wellington) regarding the conduct and sportsmanship of our Wainuiomata High School Under 65kg Rugby Team. He stated that "they are a credit to your school and the culture you have set within your rugby community – well done". The email that follows was sent to David by the Referee of the game played on Saturday against a merged Wellington High School/Rongotai College team:

"I just wanted to let you know that the WHS/Rongotai vs Wainui game I had on Saturday was played with positive spirits by all players. The players were all extremely encouraging to one another even though they were from different schools and a majority of them did not know one another. The more experienced players from both teams were very encouraging to those with lesser experience and helped teach one another things to those in new positions. They played some very good rugby and it was an absolute pleasure to be running around refereeing this group of young gentlemen.

Along with this the spirit from the sidelines was also exceptional, the positive language and cheering from the spectators was excellent. I cannot recall a game where the spectators and players all enjoyed themselves so much, not to mention the referee. Please pass on this feedback to the schools involved."

The team played on Saturday (Queen's Birthday weekend) and, as only a handful of players from the opposing team turned up, we won by default and "shared" players so they boys could play a "friendly".



The U-65 team comprises: Keanu Amiatu, Ezekiel Babbington, Jone Bakani, Opeti Bakani, Daniel Clayden, Tuhoe Davies, Isac Haberfield, Samson Hailwood, Rico Harrison, Jaden Jacobs, Callum Lawrence, Elisaia Malaetasi, Perez Matenga, Caleb Parsons-Page, Jacob Renor, Elijah Robinson, Tyson Royal, Sagar Sami, Mark James Skinnon, Jason Smith, Jason Taituave, Ramese Tualofa, Makaio Taumata, Malachi Tu, Jaia Turnbull, Te-Raina Waaka and Leo Whatuira, Coached by Paul Assur (PE/Health Faculty).



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

COMING UP

Monday 12 to Tuesday 13 June

Senior Practice Exams

Tuesday 13 June

Year 11 Ohomauri, Pasifika and Victoria Junior Day, Victoria University of Wellington

Wednesday 14 to Friday 16 June

MAIBIZ (see left)

Friday 16 June

Careers Expo, TSB Bank Arena, Wellington

Tuesday 20 June

Year 8 Information Evening, 7pm-8pm Staffroom

SENIOR FORMAL

The following pages contain pictures of our stunning students at the Senior Formal on Saturday night. The following awards were presented (voted by the students present at Formal):

King (Year 13) – Sheldon Brown

Queen (Year 13) – Annalise Richardson

Princess (Year 12) – Jasmine Inthavong

Prince (Year 12) – Cameron Sheard



