



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Some years ago, when I was HOD Commerce at another school, one of my staff got Sir Robert (Bob) Jones in to speak to his Economics students. (Bob Jones insisted that it be out of school hours, so that those student who he spoke to were there by choice ☺). He challenged one of the students attending as to why the boy wasn't wearing his school uniform; the boy explained that he had left school – he was there with his girlfriend – and now mowed lawns for a franchise.

When Sir Robert asked him if he liked the job, the boy replied that he loved the job, but hated his boss; so Sir Robert asked why he didn't borrow \$200 from his parents, buy a lawnmower and ask everyone in neighbouring streets if they'd like their lawns mowed.

The student followed the advice given, and saved enough after three years of mowing lawns to attend a Plumbing course at WelTec; he is now a self-employed plumber.

From that experience, I am always keen to promote events within the High School that allows students to think of themselves as entrepreneurs or being self-employed, rather than being an employee. We are all aware that the "world of work" is rapidly changing, and perhaps being "your own boss" is the way of the future. The following articles are about MaiBIZ, the BP Challenge and Young Enterprise; if your child wasn't involved this year, perhaps they should think about joining in 2018?

Martin Isberg, Principal

Please note that we had previously indicated our second round of Learning Conferences would be held on Wednesday 02 August, i.e. Week Two of Term Three.

We have been advised that ERO will be visiting us in that week, and therefore we will need to reschedule our Learning Conferences to Wednesday 09 August, i.e. Week Three of Term Three.

We will be writing to you in the next fortnight to confirm this and to let you know how to make appointments.

MAIBIZ

MaiBIZ is a fantastic three-day business simulation programme which was hosted at Wainuiomata High School last week, with 40 students from Years 12 and 13 taking part in six teams. The teams have to come up with a business focussed idea, design a webpage, provide a good marketing proposal and present this to a panel of five judges. The judges were stand-out people from our community, including National MP Chris Bishop, and they were all extremely impressed with the level of work presented by our students.



Our winning team was presented with medals and certificates and also stand a chance to attend an additional “all expenses paid” programme in Auckland.

Lisa Fraser, Careers Administrator

BP CHALLENGE AND YOUNG ENTERPRISE TRUST

Wainuiomata High School were fortunate to win the right to host the BP Challenge (presented by the Young Enterprise Trust) for our Year 11 students at the start of March. Both the Mathematics and Technology Faculties pooled resources to gather the students for a three-day Business Challenge to create a product, then design and market the same product.

The process involved the students in a “Real World” scenario that required them to not only think of an idea but how it would affect the market, the potential profit and to present this package to a panel of professional business people/judges. This process involved both Design and Mathematics together with computer skills to work out cash flows and profit statements

This competition is the start of the process where the students of the school are challenged to understand how the various areas of learning relate to each other in order create a business – through this process they gain an understanding of the New Zealand marketplace, their place in it and the role of both employees and employers.



We are extremely pleased to advise that we won a place into the Regional competition for the second time in two years. It is fair to say that we nearly had a second team in the Regionals being PMP – this would have been their second regionals – the competition is so fierce that the separation of points was only 0.3.

Pearl Philavong and Vicki Krech made their way to the Regional competition with one of the higher scores attained by the competitors.

Pearl and Vicki presented a novel and socially important business called Moblizr (and no that's not a spelling mistake) where they intend to match sports clubs and other fundraisers with clients drawn from the community. Their motto is "Community for Community".

They came fourth in the presentation winning a cash prize to the value of \$400.00 to assist in continuing their business proposal. Neither they, nor our other business groups in both Year 12 and 13 are stopping here and have their sights on winning the Nationals in September of this year. The ladies were supported (as always) by members of the Year 12 and 13 PBT classes.



Enterprise in Action 2017

This is a good place to mention that Pearl Philavong and Nikeel Kumar have won places in the EIA to be held in Wellington in August. Winning this will give them the opportunity to be chosen to attend a Young Enterprise Competition in The USA – location to be announced.

The Future for 2018

Our Year 12 students are already planning their domination in the 2018 competition and from feedback received from the Judges we have a good chance

Simon Croft, TIC Hard Materials

TEAM OF THE WEEK – BASKETBALL JUNIOR BOYS



Pictured (L-R) Ocean Steer, Dimitrious Lenihan, Aleki Leala, Jason Taituave, Malta Blake, Jessie Esbach and Chad Kahukiwa-Smith. Absent – Nathan Iafeta and Tavita Tauaneai.

This year Wainuiomata High School Basketball have a great group of talented basketball players who have come together and made an amazing Junior Boys team.

They have played four games and won all of them with their latest game, played on Tuesday night at home against Aotea College, a real nail biter. The team went into the fourth quarter 15 points down and won 63-59. Thanks to Coach, Renee Olsen and Referee, Raewyn Cairns.

Peter Cowan, Sports Coordinator

COMING UP

Monday 26 June

Friday 30 June

Friday 07 July

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Board of Trustees Meeting

Japanese Speech Competition, Wellington High School

Regional Kapa Haka Competition, Walter Nash Stadium

Term Two Ends