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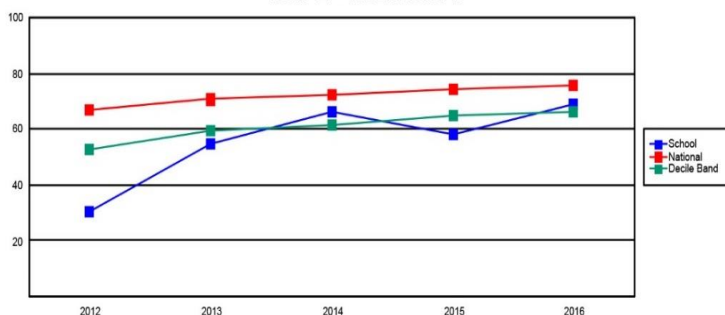
Dear Parents/Caregivers

I was somewhat bemused to read an article in this week's Wainuiomata News under the heading "Student Achievement", which carried the line quoting an analyst stating that "Student achievement in Wainuiomata had been declining". Either "fake news" is alive and well in the Nui, or the analyst has been reading our results upside down!

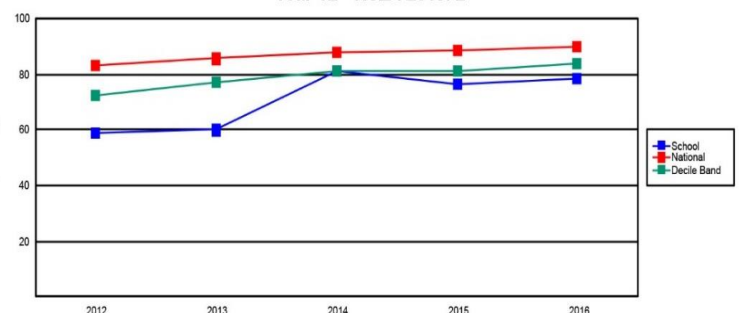
Below are three graphs, prepared not by us but by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority, showing the High School's NCEA results over the past five years. The red lines are the National averages, the green lines the average for the "Decile Band" the High School sits within (comparing similar schools within one of three bands) and the blue lines are our results.

What the graphs show is a reflection of the effort we have put into place in recent years to change the culture of the High School – from a place where students could come and make friends, play sports and be part of extra-curricular activities, have a good time, and oh, perhaps gain academic qualifications; to one where academic achievement is valued and celebrated and where students are part of a vibrant and supportive school.

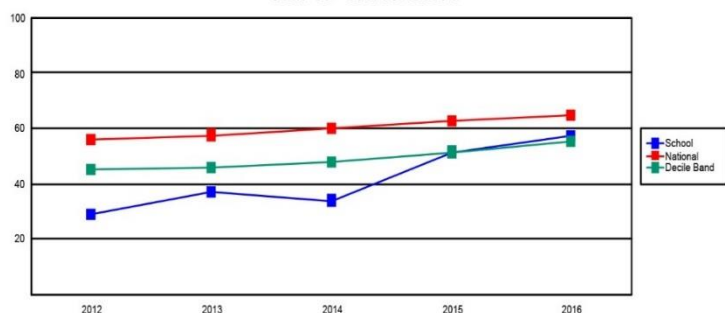
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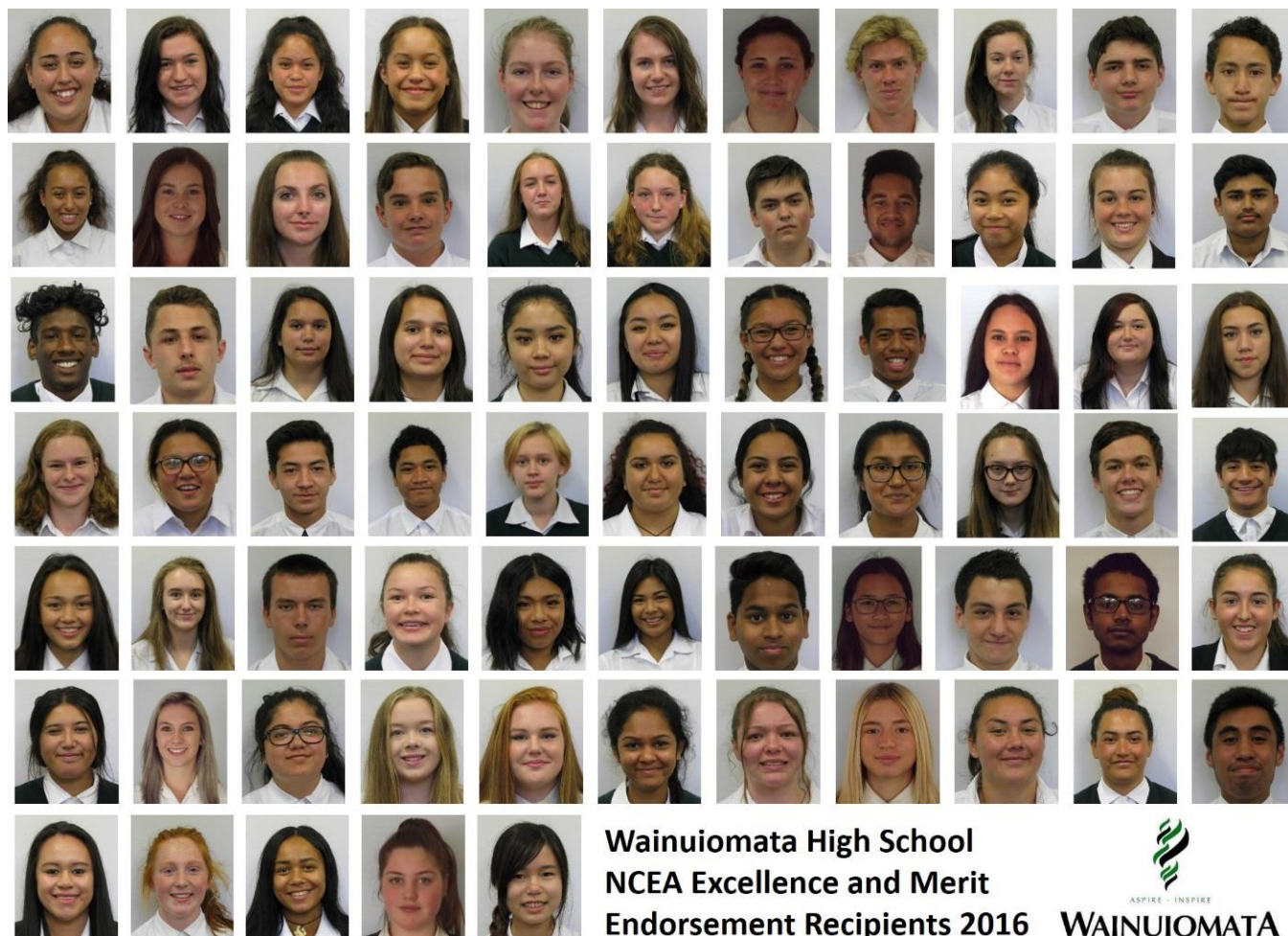


Year 13 - NCEA Level 3



At Year 11 (NCEA Level One) and Year 13 (NCEA Level Three) our results have been steadily improving to a point where we are "punching above our weight" and close to the national averages; and results have been improving in Year 12 (NCEA Level Two) and are close to national results.

Remember too, that the graphs show averages – we are also proud of the increasing number of our students who are gaining “Excellence” or “Merit” endorsements for their NCEA qualifications – from 33 in 2014, to 44 in 2015, to the 71 (shown in the photographs) in 2016.



You will be aware of some of the many strategies we have put into place to achieve this improvement in results – introducing Longer Learning Times; setting up a Manaaki Class structure which mentors and supports students; introducing PB4L; making sure we have a variety of subjects so all students can enjoy success as they move through the school; a range of pastoral services in place to support our students; celebrating success; to name a few. Most importantly however, is an increasing belief our students are developing that they can succeed, and the increasing engagement and effort they are putting into their studies.

In Week Three of Term Three, on Wednesday 09 August, we are having our second round of Learning Conferences. Please attend and join the High School (with your child’s Manaaki Teacher) in making sure your child sets their goals high, and is focussed on their achievement this year. We will also be talking about the 2018 Subject Choice process that will take place later in Term Three, with a focus on the pathway your child will need to follow over the next 3-5 years to achieve their academic and career ambitions.

Martin Isberg, Principal

COMING UP

Friday 07 July
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Monday 24 July
Wednesday 09 August

Regional Kapa Haka Competition, Walter Nash Stadium
Term Two Ends
Term Three Begins
Learning Conferences (rescheduled from 02 August)

LIBRARY UPDATE – EBOOKS!

Wainuiomata High School now has an eBook platform that will enable our students to borrow and read books electronically. Below is an example of the front page of the website, showing examples of some of the great books on offer.

To get started go to <https://wainuiomatahigh.wheelers.co/> and click on the Get Platform link, giving you options to download the app as Apple, Android or Windows. Once the app is downloaded to your device (which can be a phone, iPad, tablet, laptop or eReader) you can browse almost 1,200 amazing eBooks in multiple genres, including fiction and non-fiction, which can be borrowed to read.

Every student can borrow up to two books at a time, for up to two weeks each. If not “returned” before the two week borrowing period is complete, the eBook will become unreadable and will need to be re-borrowed if you want to continue reading it.

For students to log in they need to use their school computer network username (all lowercase) and use the case sensitive password **Library1** to access the database. If you have any queries about how to use the app, or logging in, please see Mrs Carman in the Library.

Rosalie Carman, Librarian

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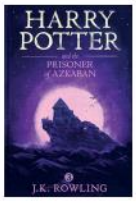
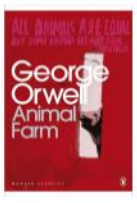
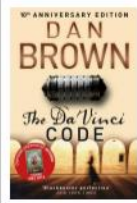
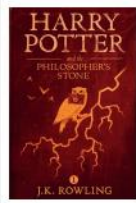



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OUTREACH PROGRAMME

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

As we near the end of the term, workload is high and hard work needs to be recognised. It's half way through the school year and I'm so proud of how far the Outreach students have come. They are monitoring their NCEA credits and can see their goals in sight.

We carried out a learning style survey which helped identify ways that we learn best and some of us were surprised to find out that we are actually a combination of a few or favoured unexpected types over others. Today, we incorporated the Reader/Writer learning style into practice and wrote reasons why we love life and things to look forward to in the future.

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

TEAM OF THE WEEK – HOCKEY 1st XI GIRLS



The Hockey 1st XI Girls Team pictured (Back row l-r) Nikita Mephram (Pukeatua), Olivia Martin (9AMI), Laney Rawiri (12AHP), Kesiah Paki (10RKC), Shaolin Paul (11NDK), Zara-May Blake (13TJD), Brooke Ruawai (Intermediate). (Front row l-r) Talyse Tipene-Sialava'a (12NJR), Amy Paku (12RDN), Chase Foster (11NPH), Alice Denmark (12NSG), Eva-Jayne Bryant (11RDN)

The Wainuiomata High School Girls' 1st XI Hockey Team have had a great start to the season; placing second in the grading round and are holding second place in the current round. We have played eight games so far, winning six of them. The team is a mixture of Senior and Junior High School students, with Brooke from Wainuiomata Intermediate and Nikita from Pukeatua Primary; who have merged well with us all. Our team bond is strong and unbreakable, and I couldn't ask for a better bunch of girls to play Hockey alongside.

On behalf of the Hockey girls, I would like to say a big "Thank you!" to our Coach, Ngaire Blake, our Manager, Keri Coleman, and to all of our supporters and family. We couldn't have made it to where we are without all of your support.

