



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers

You may have seen in the media yesterday a Press Release from the Ministry of Education, announcing that \$12 million has been allocated to the High School for “property redevelopment”.

A few years back, the Ministry of Education undertook an investigation into the state of the High School’s property, which indicated that the school didn’t meet Ministry Code, particularly around weather-tightness but also in terms of other areas of infrastructure such as drainage. Unfortunately the Christchurch earthquakes, and then the Wellington earthquake lowered the High School’s level of priority, but the solution is now firmly in sight.

It’s an exciting time for us, as we have been recently reviewing our curriculum with a view to ensuring 21st Century teaching and learning is taking place at the High School. Often such a review is constrained by the fact that a school may change its curriculum and/or delivery, but still has to use the property you have got. The property development is a fantastic opportunity to not only address issues around the state of our buildings but also “tweak” our facilities to suit a modernised curriculum.

At a Powhiri yesterday the Associate Minister of Education, the Honourable Tim Macindoe, made the point that amongst the students attending, it would be the current Year 9 and 10 students who will benefit the most from the redevelopment.

The next few months will see us undertaking a Property Review, where we get to scope what we would like the High School’s learning spaces to look like in the future, and next year the Ministry of Education’s architects will come up with various options given our Review, the size of the school, and the \$12 million available. Once that is finalised, building is likely to begin around the start of 2019.

Rest assured, we will be working hard to capture student, staff and community voice about our property redevelopment over the next 18 months, so please be prepared to be part of the consultation if you wish to do so. The High School is proud to be able to serve our community, and an upgrade of our learning spaces can only enhance the teaching and learning that we offer.

Also, because we now know exactly where we are in terms of redevelopment, we can implement some interim measures to address areas of concern, including the state of the student toilet areas. Relief is in sight 😊.

Martin Isberg, Principal

LEARNING CONFERENCES

Our second round of Learning Conferences are coming up soon (Wednesday 09 August) from 9:00am until 6:00pm – classes will not run as usual on the day. We really think it is important that you spend the time with your child, their Manaaki Teacher and yourselves, working through your child's goals this year.

In previous years we gave you a time but feedback has indicated you prefer the freedom to make a time that suits you. If you haven't already made your appointment online, you can do so by going to the website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code **nyndt** – then select a suitable time. If you don't have access to the internet, please ring the High School office on 04-9383224 and we will be happy to make an appointment for you.

GET TO KNOW OUR DEPUTY HEAD BOY (AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE) – JOSEPH TUNUPOPO

Joseph has two important roles as a Student Representative for Wainuiomata High School; Deputy Head Boy and Student Representative on the Board of Trustees. This is the second year that Joseph has been elected (by the students) for the Board, where he brings maturity, an inquiring nature, honesty and a very strong student voice to the Board meetings. He is not afraid to either ask questions or be questioned and he is very thoughtful and articulate when speaking. The Board of Trustees are very proud of Joseph and his accomplishments to date.

Lynda Koia, Board Chair

What do you like best about the High School?

Definitely the people. Everyone gives off a super welcoming and fun vibe and it's really cool. It's not just the students either, the teachers are awesome. Our school has a really strong community where everyone's involved and that's probably the best part.

What are your goals as Deputy Head Boy this year?

One of our goals for this year is to increase school spirit. It's really cool being in a position where you can see the school changing for the better. Another goal was to have more fun with assemblies and I feel like we're starting to improve on that as well. I feel like the main goal is to grow the sense of brotherhood we have at school and to get everyone hyped.



How have you been enjoying the role so far?

I didn't realize how many things you had to do when you became a Head Student. On top of things you had to do, there are a lot of things you want to do in regards in to trying to better the school, so it was definitely a wakeup call. But I love it, its super fun.

How are your studies this year going?

They're going alright. I'm currently in a rush to finish all my internals, but luckily my teachers have given me the two week holidays to do them so it's all good. I'm also just trying to better my time management this year.

What are your academic goals?

To get an excellence endorsement and to gain UE. I'm also applying for a lot of scholarships so it would be really good if I got one of them.

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

I spend most of my time with the boys, both in and out of school. I probably see them more than I see my family. When I'm not with the boys I'm probably sleeping.

What are your 2018 plans?

I have no clue what I want to do when I leave school. So I'm just trying to get the best qualifications that I can this year so that when I do decide, I'll be able to follow through. Hopefully though, in 2018 I'll be enjoying myself and having fun.

What advice would you give to students?

Enjoy your high school career while it lasts, because 5 years will disappear in no time. Obviously do your work to the best you can, but make sure you enjoy yourself as well. Make connections and be nice to everyone.

BLITZ CHESS

The House Blitz Chess competition will run from Weeks 3-7 (Monday 07 August to Monday 04 September). Blitz chess, also known as Speed Chess, is a fun, fast chess game. Each game takes a maximum of 10 minutes – 5 minutes per player. Apart from the speed, the standard rules apply. However, if you take too long over your moves and the time runs out, you'll lose. You should only take a few seconds at most to make a move. Ways of winning include:

- Mating (checkmating) the king, by threatening to capture him on the next move in such a way that he cannot escape.
- Your opponent can resign if there is no way to win.
- Your opponent's time runs out before yours, indicating that he/she has run out of time. However, he/she can keep playing until you notice their time is up and comment on it.
- You notice that your opponent has made an illegal move before your next move. This includes if your opponent makes a move before you pause your clock.

Each House can enter a maximum of 10 competitors, two at each year level. Each week a different year level will compete starting with Year 9 students. The competition will be played over five weeks in the Library during Manaaki time on Mondays.

Monday 07 August (Week 3)	Year 9	Monday 14 August (Week 4)	Year 10
Monday 21 August (Week 5)	Year 11	Monday 28 August (Week 6)	Year 12
Monday 4 September (Week 7)	Year 13		

Peter Free, HOF Mathematics

STAFF NEWS

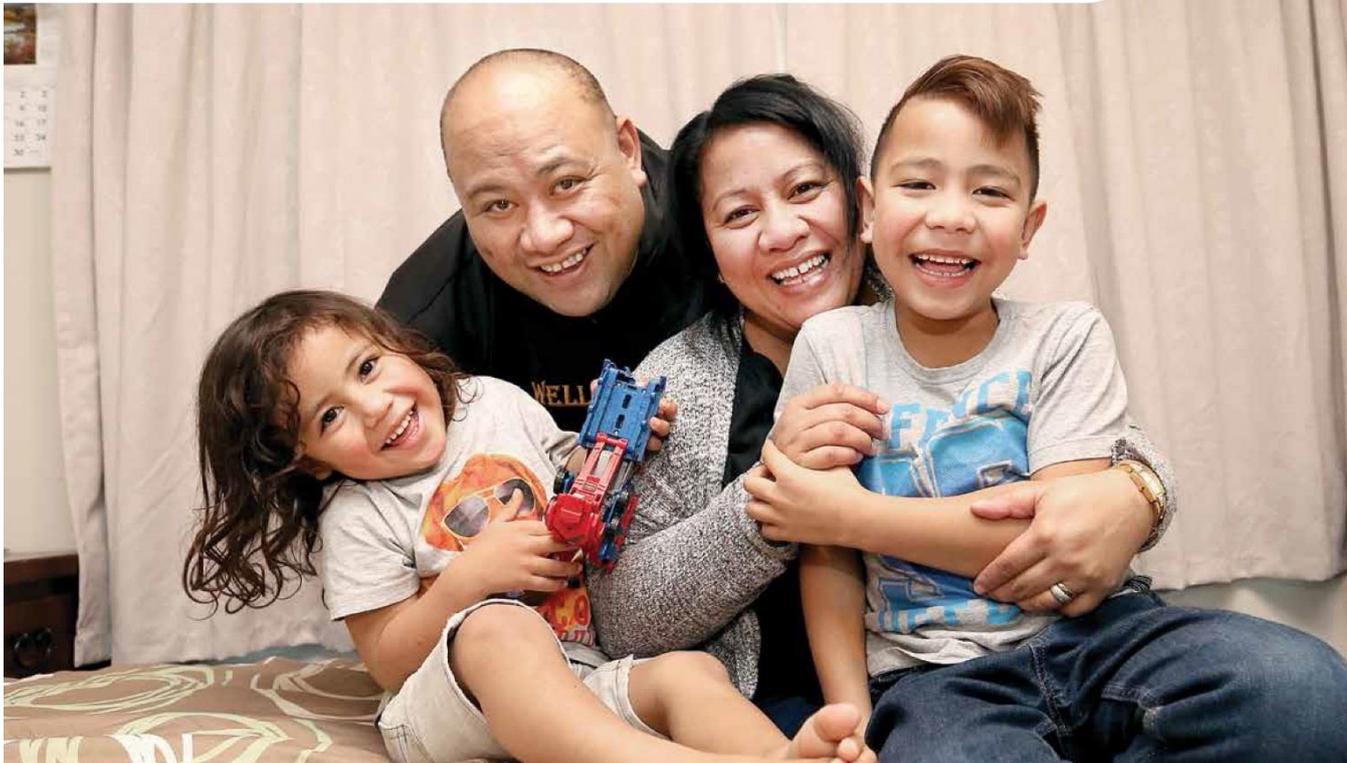
We would like to welcome two new staff members to Wainuiomata High School this term, Mathew Hoyes (Music) and Emily Goldie (English). Congratulations to Sarah McIntyre (PE/Health) who gave birth to a baby boy during the holidays.

COMING UP

Monday 31 July	Waikato University will be here at lunchtime for any interested students
Tuesday 01 August	Otago University will be here at lunchtime for any interested students
Thursday 03 August	Year 10 trip to Whitireia
Monday 07 August	Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday 09 August	Learning Conferences (school closed for regular lessons)
Monday 28 August	Teacher Only Day

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