



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Because it is an election year there has been a whole lot in the media about increased funding for education and the words “free education” continue to be bandied about.

Education, of course, doesn't come free but fortunately current funding levels meet the majority of our costs. However, it is all the “extras” that the High School struggles to pay for, e.g. contributing towards the costs of sports uniforms, subsidising our Year 9 Camp, running a school van, subsidising class trips, using external providers to deliver some courses, supporting our cultural groups, and the biggest vacuum of all, providing IT equipment so that as many students as possible have access to computers and the internet without parents having to contribute.

You may have also noticed that we are charging fewer subject fees; largely because the Ministry of Education has deemed that schools (all schools, not just us) cannot charge for any curriculum-related activities; this means, for instance, that we can no longer ask you to contribute towards the eggs and flour that goes into the scones our Home Economic students prepare – and eat. 😊

Therefore, the \$80 (per student) Voluntary Contribution we seek from families becomes more important for our budget. It works out to around \$2 per week, and is significantly lower than the \$100-\$600 other schools in the Hutt Valley ask for.

As such, your contribution is greatly valued, and if you are one of the many families who have paid, many many thanks.

Martin Isberg, Principal

TEACHER-ONLY DAY – MONDAY 28 AUGUST

Just a reminder that Monday is a designated Teacher-Only Day where all staff will be off-site at the Wainuiomata Marae for the day. As such the school will be closed for teaching and there will be no supervision in the Library. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

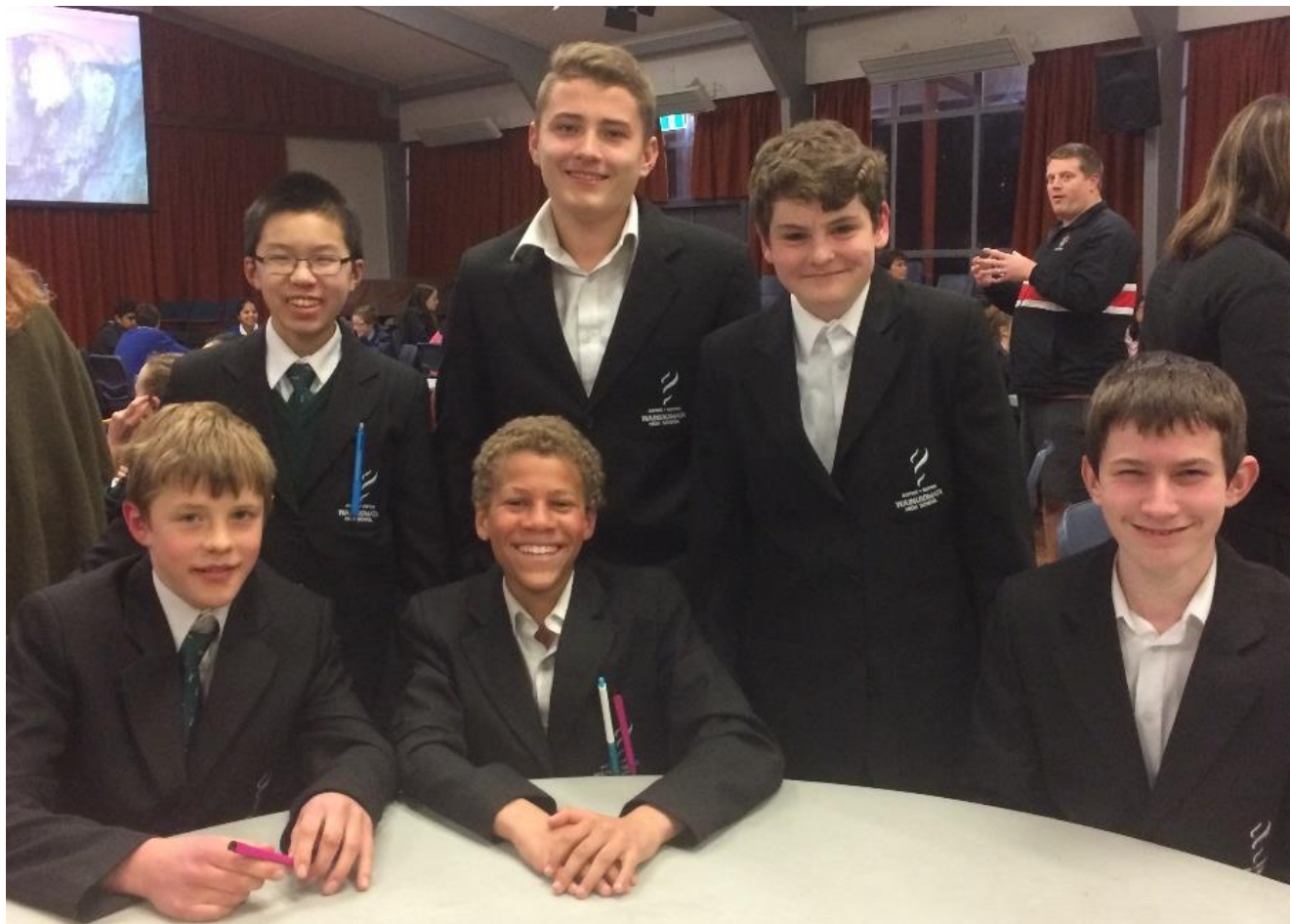
MATHSWELL ACHIEVEMENT

This week six Wainuiomata High School Year 9 students competed in the Mathswell competition against 20 other Wellington secondary schools.

The purpose of Mathswell is to promote the study of Mathematics at schools through the use of problem solving. The competition is run by the Wellington Mathematics Association annually, and school-aged students compete in team-based inter-school competition at specific year levels.

Two rounds of questions – multi choice and problem solving – are tackled by the students and two sections are selected at the halfway point of the competition – the Cup and Plate.

Our students involved (Jerry Zhu, Ocean Steer, Kieran Kydd, Andrew Beggs, Adam Odeyemi and Shamus McCormick) have been preparing for this competition in Alpha Club on Tuesdays after school. There was a range of complex multiple choice and problem solving questions in two rounds that they had to solve. Our students placed third in the Plate, congratulations! 😊



Pictured (back l-r) Jerry Zhu, Ocean Steer, Kieran Kydd, (seated l-r) Andrew Beggs, Adam Odeyemi, Shamus McCormick

Wainuiomata High School will be hosting the Year 11 Mathswell competition on Wednesday 30 August from 7:30pm in the High School Auditorium. We wish all competitors the best of luck.

Hailey Thomson, Mathematics Faculty

OUTREACH UPDATE

Kia ora whānau mā. This week our Year 12 and 13 group (run by Hine) discussed scholarships, application processes and explored career options. www.careers.govt.nz is a great site to find out what career pathways there are based on student interest and informs them about the study requirements, salary and demand for each career option. The Year 11 group (run by Ash) had many questions about University life. It's great to see their passion for the future. Have a great week! Ngā mihi

Hine and Ash, Māori Pasifika Outreach Advisors, Victoria University

PAYING IT FORWARD WITYH MAB201

As part of their MAB201 course (NCEA Level Two Mathematics with Business), students are participating in various fund-raising activities. One of the groups, in conjunction with our Student Council, organised a recent mufti day with the proceeds going to a nominated charity.

I was delighted to accompany a group of Wainuiomata High School students to the Hutt City Women's Centre, where a cheque for \$700 was passed over to the Refuge's Manager – they were delighted with the gesture! 😊



Pictured (back l-r) Philippa (Manager of the Hutt City Womens's Refuge), Jade Marriner, Chantae Barbarich, Xavier-Jade Kumar-Ngatuere, Mary Humphries (front l-r) Topaz Ruri, Paris Nevalagi.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM THREE

Monday 28 August	Teacher-Only Day (Staff offsite – School will be closed)
Wednesday 30 August	Year 11 Mathswell Competition, Auditorium, 7:30pm
Monday 04-Friday 08 September	Winter Sports Tournament Week
Monday 11-Friday 15 September	Senior Exams
Monday 11 September	Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday 18 September	Speech Competitions
Monday 18-Friday 22 September	Spirit Week
Wednesday 20 September	Sports/Cultural Team Photos
Friday 29 September	Last Day of Term Three