



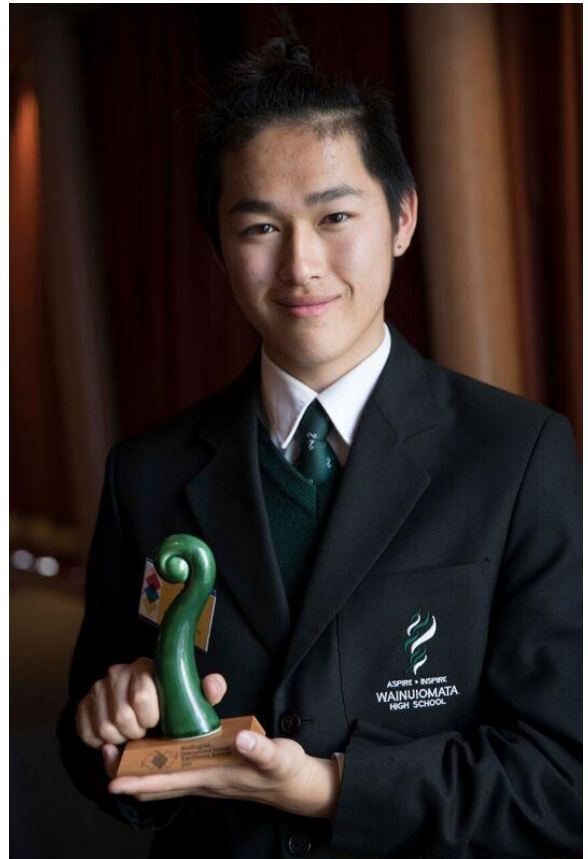
MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Firstly, congratulations to Yuki Sugito (12TVW), one of our Japanese Fee-Paying students, who first arrived at the High School at the start of this year from his home in Tokyo. Yuki's aim was to attend the High School for a year to improve his English, and quickly established himself as a most pleasant and personable young man; he also demonstrated his prowess in both our 1st XI Football team, and the High School's Futsal team, where he played for the High School in Nationals earlier this year. However, it was a question from Mr Kataoka – "would you like to learn to do the haka like the All Blacks" – that led Yuki to join the High School's Kapa Haka group, which eventually saw him being in the performance group that were runners-up in the recent Regional Kapa Haka Championship, which in turn qualifies them to compete in next year's National Championship.

Because of this outstanding contribution to the High School's co-curricular life, Mrs Wilson (our International Dean) and I joined Yuki at the recent Wellington International Student Excellence Awards 2017, where Yuki was one of two Award Winners in the Arts and Culture category.

Yuki (pictured right) has enjoyed his year so much, and is so looking forward to attending the Kapa Haka Nationals in 2018, that he is busy working on his parents to fund him for a second year at the High School – and we will be delighted to have him here again next year.



While on the topic of success, can I repeat my invitation to you to our upcoming academic award ceremonies:

- 🌿 **Sports Prizegiving, 7:00pm, Thursday 02 November**
- 🌿 **Year 11 Prizegiving, 11:20am, Tuesday 07 November**
- 🌿 **Senior Prizegiving (Years 12 and 13), 7:00pm, Tuesday 07 November**
- 🌿 **Junior Prizegiving (Years 9 and 10), 10:00am, Thursday 14 December.**

Martin Isberg. Principal

INNOVATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT – EXCITING TIMES AHEAD!

For nearly a year now, a group of staff have been researching and planning how Wainuiomata High School could offer a collaborative 21st Century community-connected and resourced curriculum.

With the announcement of our \$20 million rebuild we realised we had to firm up our curriculum changes, as a basis for designing innovative learning spaces to fit with our new innovative curriculum.

Here are some of the proposed changes we are looking at:

- 📖 Semester-based Courses – this means Senior students would choose 12 half-year courses a year, not six full-year courses
- 📖 Integrated Learning – students will no longer do just Mathematics or English or Science; instead students would be learning subjects within contexts relevant to them
- 📖 Flexible Learning Times – the High School would be open 7am-9pm. Students and teachers are not expected to be here all that time; instead students are here when their courses are being run
- 📖 Community Courses – Not just for our Year 9-13 students, but for all of our community
- 📖 My Personal Learning Day (MPLD) – All students have one day per week where they undertake their own personal community-based learning programme
- 📖 Diverse Pathways for all students – leading to University Entrance, WelTec or employment.
- 📖 Collaborative and independent learning – where students learn how to learn and gain the skills required to be life-long learners
- 📖 All of the above based on our Graduate Profile – “A motivated life-long learner who lives their values”.

It is time students, staff and our community have a school curriculum and buildings that they deserve and are proud of. We recognise community input into these changes is essential, and very soon we will have something to share with our community – your voice is incredibly important to us. We look forward to soon sharing our exciting new curriculum changes, and hope you are as excited as we are about our proposed changes.

Janette Melrose, Deputy Principal

STUDENT SERVICES REQUEST

If your child is going to be late to school, needs to leave early or will be absent, it is really important that you let us know as soon as you can. You can keep in touch with us by:

LANDLINE call 04-9383224 and follow the voice prompts

EMAIL studentservices@wainuiomatahigh.school.nz

TEXT 021-0299-6391

WRITTEN Write us a note and have your child drop it into Student Services when they sign in.

The computer texting system will always let you know if your child has been marked absent. Please note you cannot always reply to these texts, hence the number given above. Please ensure your child's uniform is marked or named as we have items in lost property that have no form of identification. Thank you.

Leah Harrison, Student Services

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 30 October	Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday 01 November	Level 3 Portfolio Art Exhibition, 5:30pm, Art Rooms
Thursday 02 November	Sports Prizegiving, 7:00pm, Auditorium
Tuesday 07 November	Year 11 Prizegiving, 11:20am, Auditorium
Tuesday 07 November	Senior Prizegiving, 7:00pm, Auditorium
Wednesday 08 November	Level 1/2 Portfolio Art Exhibition, 5:30pm, Art Rooms
Thursday 09 November	NCEA Examinations begin
Monday 20 November	Junior Exams begin
Wednesday 22 November	Junior Exams end
Friday 01 December	NCEA Examinations end

SUPERHERO

Fun Run, Walk or Wheel

FOR HEROES OF ALL ABILITIES

Saturday 4 November 2017, 8.30am
Wainuiomata Recreation Area, Witcher Grove, Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt



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