



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Last week, we were visited by a Facilitator of the PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) team, who reviewed the High School's implementation of our PB4L programme using the School-wide Evaluation Tool they have developed. PB4L is a Ministry of Education initiative, designed to help schools reduce negative behaviour; the High School is in its fifth year of running the programme – in our case, it is based around our five High School values of Honesty, Respect, Perseverance, Achievement and Manaakitanga.

Previous scores have been 35%, 77.5%, 90%, 91% - and this year 96.4%! They noted *“This SET visit highlights the hard work that the PB4L team have put in over the year. Students and staff continue to have a good understanding of the school expectations and there are systems in place for teaching and reinforcing these expectations”*.

The score was hardly a surprise for us as we have enjoyed a notable decline in pastoral “events” over recent years, and increasingly positive behaviour from our students.

PB4L also fits well with us being a Restorative School for the past 12 years. A Restorative School is one which deals with negative behaviour not in a punitive (punishing) way, but restoring the relationship between a student who has done something wrong, and the other student, staff member or party (e.g. the High School) involved. They are forced to focus on what harm they have caused, the effect of the harm, what they need to do to put it right, and how they (and the High School) can help prevent such behaviour in the future. As a teacher of many years, Restorative Practices were – and still are – a revelation to me, in the power they have in addressing negative behaviour and how they force the student to focus on what they've done wrong, rather than the punishment they have received. (As an aside, I was explaining to an old friend how Restorative Practices work; he said “I was caned lots of time at school and it never hurt me”, to which I replied “And clearly it never caused you to change your behaviour”).

And – while on the subject of students doing the right thing – we have our Junior Exams next week. The programme is printed on the following page; please ensure your child prepares/studies for their exams, comes to school at the right time for all of them, and does their very best in them – there will be plenty of pay-back for doing well.

Martin Isberg. Principal

JUNIOR EXAM SCHEDULE

Junior Exams Term 4 2017 (20 - 22 November)

Monday 20 November		
Exam	Venue	Time
9asTTle	Gym	8:45am-9:45am
10asTTle	F Block	8:45am-9:45am
9SCI	Gym	11:20am-12:30pm
10MAT	B Block	11:20am-12:55pm

Tuesday 21 November		
Exam	Venue	Time
10MAT	Gym	8:45am-9:50am
9SOS	F Block	8:45am-9:50am
10SOS	Gym	11:20am-1:25pm
9ENG	Gym	1:35pm-2:40pm

Wednesday 22 November		
Exam	Venue	Time
9MAT	Gym	8:45am-9:50am
10SCI	Gym	10:45am-11:50am

If a student is not in an exam, they are expected to be in their normal timetabled class.

RSIS PROGRAMME COMPLETION

Last week saw the completion of the “Red Shirts in Schools” (RSIS) programme, which sees Senior students completing work placement and training at The Warehouse.

The programme is funded by the High School and is run through the Gateway Programme, enabling students to complete a 12-day work experience, achieving 22 Level Two NCEA credits in the workplace.

Congratulations to Shem Lealaiauoto-Peters (12RHT), Taj Yee-Rewiti (12AYJ), Vanza Peni (12RJM) and Cody Herman (13ACH) – pictured left to right.



YEAR 10 WORK WEEK

As mentioned in the last two Newsletters, our Year 10 Work Week runs from Monday 27 November to Friday 01 December.

We would like to thank the many Wainuiomata and Hutt businesses who have offered a work place to our Year 10 students and would also like to encourage other businesses to get on board. We rely on the goodwill of local businesses to give our young folk these first impressions of what the working world looks like.

Please contact the High School Careers staff, Lisa or Liz, by email (lisaf@wainuiomatahigh.school.nz or lizg@wainuiomatahigh.school.nz) if you have an opportunity for one of our students.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Wainuiomata High School.

Virginia Wilson, HOF Careers

XC RUNNING CLUB

Our first Wainuiomata High School Junior Cross-Country (XC) Running Club activity took place on Monday this week. From 3:30pm (after school) on Mondays, Junior students and staff of all levels of fitness (from plodder to chiseled athletes) are welcome to come along and to improve their fitness, wellbeing and to make friends. Any Junior students wanting to join need to see Tryfan Ephraim to fill out a permission form.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 20 to Wednesday 22 Nov	Junior Exams
Monday 27 Nov to Friday 01 Dec	Year 10 Work Week
Friday 01 December	NCEA Examinations end 😊
	Official Farewell for Martin Isberg
Monday 04 December	Swimming Sports
Tuesday 05 December	Cultural Day
Thursday 07 December	Tabloid Sports
Friday 08 December	Rangatahi Learning Centre Prizegiving 10:30am, Louise Bilderbeck Hall
Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 Dec	Junior Activity Days
Thursday 14 December	Junior Prizegiving