



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou, Talofa lava,

Welcome to our first fortnightly Newsletter for 2018. We have had an absolutely stunning start to the year. We have enrolled more year 9's than we had anticipated and have come back to the great news that our interim NCEA Level One results are higher than the National Average. Other exciting news regarding NZQA results is that our Maori achievement at Level One and Level Three is above the National Average – at Level One significantly so (76.3% WHS compared to 61.7% Nationally). Please remember that these are currently interim results and will be finalised by NZQA by mid-March.

It was wonderful to welcome 140 Year 9 students last week. When we enrol a student we enrol their whole whanau. We encourage all new whanau to make meaningful connections with all the staff at the High School – especially with their Manaaki Teachers.

I feel incredibly privileged to be given the opportunity to be the Principal of Wainuiomata High School. I am a born and bred Wainuiomata girl and I did all my schooling in Wainuiomata. I have an open-door policy and encourage you to come and talk to me about how you think the school is going.

We are currently in the middle of a curriculum review and in 2019 we intend to roll out some significant changes to our Year 9 and 10 programme.

Staff have spent a lot of time planning and researching these changes. At the end of last year we had four research trips around New Zealand:

- 🌿 11 staff to Bay of Plenty to visit four schools (Te Puke High School, Golden Sands School, Papamoa College, Hauraki Plains College);
- 🌿 12 staff to Christchurch to visit three schools (Haeata Community Campus, Rangiora High School, Rolleston College);
- 🌿 13 staff to Auckland to visit three schools (Albany Junior High School, Ormiston Junior College, Ormiston Senior College);
- 🌿 Eight students and four staff to visit two schools (Haeata Community Campus, Rangiora High School).

These trips centred around looking at how other schools in New Zealand have changed their curriculum and their buildings to suit the needs of 21st Century learning. Students need to be the centre of their learning; they need to have choice; and the learning needs to be relevant and meaningful to them. Effective community connections and partnerships are crucial for the success of our students. Developing these connections will be a priority for us in 2018.

At the end of 2017 the Education Review Office (ERO) visited us again. They have highlighted three areas we need to focus on and we will be addressing these this year.

I am delighted to welcome five new staff members – Anthony Powell (Computing), Hazel Fenemor (Music), Matt Wood (Apiata House Dean and PE/Health), Katie Glover (Social Sciences) and Marika Holloway (PE/Health) – I know they are looking forward to making connections with you and working alongside you to ensure your child meets their goals.

I encourage you to attend our “Making Connections” Evening on Thursday 22 February from 4:00pm-7:00pm. This will give you an opportunity to meet your child’s teachers and to have a look around the High School.

Please remember we have just started the process on how to spend \$20 million to upgrade our buildings. Your input will be essential for this and we look forward to sharing our plans with you so we can make the right decisions. I am really looking forward to working with you all this year.

At the moment I have put aside four evenings this term as “pop-ins” to meet me and have a chat:

Thursday 15 February, 4:00pm-6:00pm
Wednesday 28 March, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Tuesday 06 March, 4:00pm-6:00pm
Thursday 12 April, 4:00pm-6:00pm

These “pop-ins” will be in the Staffroom. Please come and have a cup of tea and a chat with me. I look forward to meeting you.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, by phone (04) 9383224 Ext 7003, or email me at jmelrose@wainuiomatahigh.school.nz.

Janette Melrose, Principal

NCEA ENDORSEMENT RECIPIENTS

2017 Wainuiomata High School NCEA Excellence and Merit Endorsement Recipients



Congratulations to the following students for receiving endorsements in their 2017 NCEA results:

NCEA Level Three Excellence Endorsement

Annalise Richardson

NCEA Level Two Excellence Endorsement

Dorothy Ong

Jasmine Inthavong

Shevana Sammons

Claudia Nicholas

Michela Marris

NCEA Level One Excellence Endorsement

Miriam Bowles-Maxwell

Katie Attwell

Rachel Shardlow

Eva-Jayne Bryant

Chantelle Collins

NCEA Level Three Merit Endorsement

Kaylee Burt

Joel Carman

Shannon Collier

Alexander Faifailoa

Nina Kaiwai

Lily Mason

Faizah Nisha

Patricia Ong

Roger Pambala

Pearl Philavong

Vanessa Shardlow

Joseph Tunupopo

Sarah Ward

NCEA Level Two Merit Endorsement

Kyle Clapperton-Hayes

Alice Denmark

Belle Dickson

Liam Edginton

Amia Feliciano

Kevin Gona

Olivia Joseph

Jamie-Rose Kydd

Daniel Leteu

Tamara Mana

Giovanni Mercury

Isabella Mohi

Anthony Nelson

Dragon Phumsawai

Maaririe Puketapu (Y11)

Joseph Quinlan

Kaya Ririnui

NCEA Level One Merit Endorsement

Jamie Adaway

Lydia Belworthy

Javin Bridgeman

Ruby Clark

Reuben Cutts

Elijah Gilsenan-Hailwood

Timothy Heremaia-Waru

Zane Humphrey

Brock Kilburn

Kristy Lee

Jilia Mangalit

Isaac Martin

Cerie Milovale

Alyssa Morgan

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MAKING CONNECTIONS

We are holding our annual "Making Connections" Evening on Thursday 22 February, which is an opportunity for you to meet your student's subject teachers.

There is no need to make an appointment – feel free to wander around the school with your student to see their classes and meet their 2018 teachers.

We will also be writing to you shortly about our Learning Conferences, which are scheduled for Tuesday 13 March.

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

MAKING CONNECTIONS EVENING

COME ALONG AND MEET YOUR STUDENT'S TEACHERS!
FIND OUT WHAT THEIR COURSES INVOLVE THIS YEAR

THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2018 4PM-7PM
WAINUIOMATA HIGH SCHOOL

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

YOUR STUDENT WILL SHOW YOU AROUND THEIR CLASSES ON THE NIGHT SO
YOU CAN MEET AND GET TO KNOW OUR FANTASTIC STAFF
WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU IN OUR SCHOOL

We see both of these meetings as highly important steps towards gaining academic success in 2018. I hope to see you at both meetings.

YEAR 9 CAMP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service consists of supervised groups of our Year 9 students participating in volunteer activities in our community. If you have any jobs you need doing (painting, cleaning, gardening) that you would like help with please make contact with the High School by calling Hazel Reddington on 04-9383224 or by emailing hazelr@wainuiomatahigh.school.nz.

All Year 9 students will be bringing home today the Camp Information. The forms and information will also be emailed to all caregivers this afternoon. If you require additional copies of this information you can pick up a printed copy from the office or download a pdf version from our website.

Camp week is Monday 26 February to Friday 02 March, with girls camping for two nights, Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 February, and boys camping on the nights of Wednesday 28 February and Thursday 01 March. While the girls are on Camp for the first two days, the boys will participate in Community Service; likewise, when the boys are on Camp, the girls will participate in Community Service.

WAINUIOMATA HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

If you haven't checked out our High School website in a while, now would be a good time to familiarise yourself with the great information and pictures online. We post updates regularly and every newsletter is available in colour for you to share with friends and family. The website address is www.wainuiomatahigh.school.nz.



We currently have 1,788 people following our Facebook page. Are you on Facebook? If so, search for Wainuiomata High School and LIKE the school's official Facebook page. Wainuiomata High School has so many great things going on that we want to share with you and the community, so Like us to keep up-to-date with information and photos!

You can also check out information on your student by using our KAMAR portal. The link is on the High School website and passwords will be sent home to you next week so you can track progress and attendance, and also see upcoming events.

COMPLAINTS POLICY

If you are unhappy with something the school has or hasn't done we have a procedure to try and address this. The Board of Trustees has a Complaints Policy which explains how parents can deal with any concerns they have, and we publish this at the start of each year.

Complaints are taken seriously and most are able to be easily resolved, but in some cases matters are referred to the Board. The guidelines are:

1. Each year the Complaints Policy outlined below will be published.
2. All complaints will undergo the following procedures:
 - They will be referred, in the first instance, directly to the Principal (or BOT Chairperson if the Principal is the subject of the complaint),
 - The Principal or BOT Chairperson will examine the complaint and determine the next course of action,
 - At all times relevant parties will be informed of the progress of the complaint and its outcome and will be treated with dignity and respect,
 - At all times complaints, their nature and the parties involved, will be confidential to those directly involved,
 - Should any party not be satisfied as to the outcome of their complaint then they should be informed of their right to contact the Board of Trustees which will then deal with the matter in closed sessions or contact the Ministry of Education.

Lynda Koia, Board Chair