



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou, Talofa lava,

We continue to have a settled start to the year. Students and teachers are certainly focussed on teaching and learning. It has been a great start to the year.

At our first Tuwhare and Rutherford Assembly we recognised and acknowledged, 7 Year 10, 8 Year 11 and 16 Year 12 students and 9 Year 13's who had performed exceptionally well last year. They were all presented with Academic Badges congratulations to:

Liam Edginton (13RDN), Jamie-Rose Kydd (13RHT), Shevana Sammons (13RJM), Belle Dickson (13RWE), Claudia Nicholas (13TDT), Anthony Nelson (13TDT), Michela Marris (13TFC), Jasmine Inthavong (13TVW), Dragon Phumsawai (13TVW), Eva-Jayne Bryant (12RDN), Chantelle Collins (12RDN), Danny Saengpanya (12RMH), Jamie Adaway (12RWE), Jayden Westby (12RWE), Tessa Smoothy (12TDT), Reuben Cutts (12TDT), Ruby Clark (12TJD), Timothy Heremaia-Waru (12TJD), Promise Tuari (12TLB), Isaac Waiwai (12TRS), Zane Humphrey (12TRS), Alyssa Morgan (12TSD), Sefo Soanai (12TVW), Javin Bridgeman (12TVW), Isaac Martin (12TVW), Jessica Agius (11TRS), Ivy Beck (11TVW), Lucy Beggs (11TFT), Kyralee Kaukau (11RHR), Puaga Kupa Vakai (11TDT), Callum Lawrence (11RDN), Jorja McCarthy (11TFT), Sarah McLeod-Venu (11RFE), Anthony Bennett (10TEG), Sonia Gounder (10RJM), Suave Mohi (10RHR), Molly Neill (10TDT), Carl Olivar (10RJM), Tori-Anne Tuirirangi (10TLB), Sophie Wilkinson (10TJD). We will do the same for Apiata and Ngata on 06 March.

I wish the Year 9's all the best for Camp and community Challenge. These two activities are all about making connections with other students and getting to know each other, senior students and staff. It is a chance to learn and live our school values of Manaakitanga, Perseverance, Achievement, Honesty and Respect.

I look forward to hearing and sharing with you about the great adventures the students had at Camp. Community challenge is a chance for us to do something for our community. Making connections with, and serving our community are two areas we want to make some real progress in.

Today was our full school Athletics/Sports day and it was great to see so many students dressed and ready to fully participate in the day. Well done! The House Captains: Dante Kakahi and Ravin Lal (Rutherford), Kathrine Taituave and Willie Fagugata (Apiata), Johanna Schreuder and Logoaina Lauama (Ngata), Sareena Sefo-Pfeifer and Daniel Oti (Tuwhare) were doing an awesome job encouraging all their students in their Houses.

If you have any second-hand uniform you would like to donate to the school we would really appreciate it. If you can help, please contact any of the House Deans – Sarah O'Neill (Rutherford), Charmaine Russell (Ngata), Adam Weir (Tuwhare) or Matt Wood (Apiata) – or simply drop the uniform off at Student Services.

We are making progress with preparing for our new buildings. The designers have now been appointed (Stephenson & Turner) and we have already had our first meeting with them. Staff are busy finalising plans for changes in how we are going to deliver our teaching and learning. Very soon we will have a model to share with you so that you can tell us what you think.

Last night was our Making Connections Evening and it was great to see so many whanau here between 4pm-7pm, making connections with teachers.

School events and messages are posted on our website and Facebook page. We are keen to hear from you so please ensure you contact us if you need clarification, are unhappy about anything or would like to acknowledge anything you think we are doing well. We are here to serve our whanau and our community. Your feedback and comments are important to us.

Today we sent a school-wide mailout, which included our School Calendar for 2018, a list of email and phone contacts for staff, and your instructions and password to access our portal.

Also, can I please remind you that I have put aside four evenings this term as “pop-ins” to meet me and have a chat, with the next date being **Tuesday 06 March, 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.

Janette Melrose, Principal

YEAR 9 CAMP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

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.

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.

LEARNING CONFERENCES

On Tuesday 13 March we are expecting to see you all at our Learning Conferences. We recognise the importance of the High School working in conjunction with our parents/caregivers to support our students in their learning, and the Learning Conferences provide the forum where your child outlines their academic plans for the year.

Please note that the school will be closed for learning on that day. Appointments will run for 25 minutes from 9:00am until 7:00pm. Again this year we will be using School Interviews to schedule the appointments. Please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code **hvgmc** then enter your details and select your student's Manaaki Teacher. If you are able to attend during the day – please do so – and leave the evening slots for those who may not be able to take time off work during the day. If no time suits you on Tuesday 13 March, please let your child's Manaaki Teacher know so an alternative time can be arranged.

If you do not have internet access, please contact the High School office on 04-9383224 (or come into the school) and we will be happy to make an appointment for you.

For those of you who haven't been to Learning Conferences before, or for those of you who have forgotten what happened last time the format will be as follows – and led by your child:

- 👤 The meeting will be between the Manaaki Teacher, the student and their parents/caregivers and is timetabled for 25 minutes.
- 👤 Your child will talk about a “snapshot” of where they see themselves currently in terms of their academic place at the moment, how they are meeting the High School's values, what sporting/cultural goals they may have and their thoughts on a possible future career.
- 👤 A Progress Report will be available that shows, for each subject, your child's attitude to learning, completion of tasks, how well they are prepared for learning, how they learn with others, and how well they are displaying the school values.
- 👤 The student's attendance record for the year to date will be available.

- Year 9 and 10 students will have samples of their work.
- Senior students will have a NCEA Credit Tracking sheet, plus a personalised assessment calendar.

All of these will then be the basis for discussion around your child's goals for this year (academic, values, and sporting/cultural), with discussion around the steps your child needs to take to reach their goals and what support they will need from their family/whanau and their Manaaki Teacher to achieve these goals.

Please note that we have a second round of Learning Conferences scheduled for early Term Three (Wednesday 01 August) where progress towards the student's 2018 goals is reviewed and new steps put in place if necessary. I look forward to hearing of successful Learning Conference discussions and can I thank you again in advance for your attendance.

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ID PHOTO CATCH-UPS

L C Scott will be back in school on Friday 09 March at lunchtime to take the remainder of the ID photos for students who were absent. Students need to assemble at the Auditorium at the start of lunchtime on Friday 09 March if they didn't get their ID photo taken. If you would like to order a student ID Card, please contact the office.

PASIFIKA FONO EVENING

Thank you to the families who attended the Year 11 NCEA Pasifika meeting last week. Our next NCEA facilitated Pasifika meeting is on Tuesday 15 May, from 6:00pm-7.30pm in the High School Staffroom.

A couple of tips from NCEA Pasifika:

- Ask your child to explain to you how NCEA works - most students understand it well.
- Make sure your child attends school every day.
- Encourage your child to study English, mathematics and Science.
- Provide support (e.g. time, space, homework help) to help your child study - remember they will be assessed throughout the year, not just in final examinations.

If you have further queries please speak with your child's Manaaki teacher or Dean. You can also contact NCEA via pasifika@nzqa.govt.nz



WaiPESI Series of consultation evenings with families
'NCEA Ma le Pasifika'

An information evening presented by NZQA

Open to our families and the community with years 10 -13 children or anyone interested

Wednesday 6 March 2018
6-7.30pm

Wainuiomata Library Hub
Queen Street, Wainuiomata. Email Lou:
loutoo@hotmail.com Cell: 0212422762

Evening starts with dinner
RSVP for catering purposes

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Ebony-Shavaugn, 10AKG and Jyordanna Davey, 10NIN (pictured left to right) who both played in the New Zealand Maori National Basketball Tournament in January. Jyordanna was also selected to trial for the NZ U16 team last year, qualifying for the next trial in April 2018, which will include 50 girls nationwide. Good luck with your trials Jyordanna.



CAN YOU HELP US? READING ROOM TUTORS

We are short of Reading Tutors this year. If anyone could volunteer a couple of hours a week to help support and strengthen our students' reading and confidence, please contact Sue Wade (Reading Room Coordinator) by email suew@wainuiomatahigh.school.nz or call 04-9383224 Ext 7203, or Emily Goldie (Acting HOF Literacy) by email emilyg@wainuiomatahigh.school.nz or call 04-9383224 and leave a message at the Office. Thank you.

Dona Keyes, Acting Assistant Principal: Pastoral