

Perseverance Manaakitanga Honesty Respect Achievement



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou, Talofa lava,

The weeks are certainly racing by this term. We have had another busy and productive fortnight of teaching and learning.

In the past two weeks I have really enjoyed observing many of our students living and demonstrating our school values of Manaakitanga, Respect, Perseverance, Honesty and Achievement. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of our senior student Manaaki Leaders, and thank them. Many of these students participated in a two-day leadership training course, led and developed by Mr Phillip Kauika (Deputy Principal) at the start of the year. It is great to see these new leadership skills being effectively used across the school.

### International Students

This week we have been hosting a short-stay group of 14 students from Takada High School in Japan. They leave on Monday. It is great to see our students interacting with students from other countries and learning about new cultures. We currently have 13 International students studying at Wainuiomata High School:

Rena Ichiriki, Koki Imahashi, Ryusei Ito, Remon Kinoshita, Kotaro Maruta, Mao Okazaki, Yuiko Okochi, Yuki Sugito and Sakiho Yasuzato (all from Japan), Fiona-Helen Fischer (Germany), Jerry Zhang (China), and Dragon Phumsawai and Pat Rojanarungtawee (both from Thailand).



There is no doubt these students add to the rich culture of our diverse school. We are always looking for new homestay families, so if you would like to host an International student for a long or short term stay, please contact our Homestay Coordinator, Jody Smith by email [jodys@wainuiomatahigh.school.nz](mailto:jodys@wainuiomatahigh.school.nz) or on 04-9383224 7031.

### Learning Conferences

Thank you to the whanau who attended our Learning Conference meetings last week. There is no doubt in my mind that these student-led meetings are incredibly important. Firstly it is a chance for the Manaaki Teacher to connect/reconnect with the whanau and secondly it is a chance for every student to share their 2018 goals with their whanau. Making effective connections with our whanau is very important to us. I like to think we have an open-door policy. Please do not hesitate to contact us either via your child's Manaaki Teacher, Dean, subject teacher, main office or Student Services at any time. Your feedback, questions or concerns are important to us.

### Kapa Haka

Te Tira Whakaau, our Kapa Haka team, after placing second in the Regional Championships in 2017, have already started their preparations for the 2018 Nationals in Palmerston North in July. This weekend they participate in their second noho marae. I would like to acknowledge the many hours students, whanau and kaiako spend preparing for Nationals. If you are able to support any of their fundraising activities that would be appreciated.

### Donations

Like many schools, we ask for a voluntary donation of \$80 per student annually. This donation is tax-deductible. These funds are important to us as they allow the High School to offer a larger range of activities. Thank you to those whanau who have already paid their donation.

## Staffing

Phillip Kauika has recently been appointed to the permanent position of Deputy Principal, with responsibility for Teaching and Learning at Wainuiomata High School. Phillip has been with us since 2012. He was originally employed as a PE/Health teacher and became Apiata House Dean in 2015. He was also appointed Acting Assistant Principal in 2015.



In 2016 Phillip was appointed into the Acting Assistant Principal Pastoral role, and was made permanent in this position in 2017. In March 2018 he has been appointed permanent Deputy Principal with responsibility for Teaching and Learning ☺.

## Debating

I am delighted to announce that we now have three school debating teams. A huge thank you to Mrs Emily Goldie (Acting HOF Literacy) whose enthusiasm and passion for debating has ignited this extra-curricular activity.

The teams are:

Junior Certificate - Tamzin Toa, Zairia Tuitama, Shaa-iqah Esbach, Malachi Hune, Seti McCarthy.  
Senior Certificate - Zach Smits, Larissa Smith, Kaia Williams, Sager Sami, Callum Lawrence, Lucy Clara, Jessie Esbach, Jason Taituave.  
Premier B - Hannah Scrimshaw, Zach Smits, Sefo Soana'i, Miriam Bowles-Maxwell, Rachel Shadlow, Tessa Smoothy.

We wish them all the best for the rest of the debating season.

## Sports

It is good to see Winter Sports are getting started. Students need to keep their ears and eyes open for dates and times of various trials. A reminder for students to talk to Peter Cowan, our Sports Coordinator, or their Manaaki Teachers if they are keen to be involved in winter sports. More information on trials and trainings is on the following page.

## Grease

In August we are putting together a school production of the musical "Grease". We have not had a school-wide production for many years. A huge thank you to Miss Kirsten Coetzee (Performing Arts) for taking the initiative to produce a school production. If your child is interested in any aspects of drama, acting, lighting, make up, prop production then I encourage them to see Miss Coetzee and get involved.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

I encourage all students to get involved in at least one extra-curricular activity in 2018. There are a wide range of sports or activities like debating, music, our school production "Grease", etc. Extra-curricular activities enable students to make new friends and "work/play" alongside students with similar interests.

## Easter

Next week is Easter and the school will be shut from Friday 30 March, and will reopen on Wednesday 04 April. Enjoy the break with your child and whanau.

*Janette Melrose, Principal*

## CAREERS UPDATE

There are some important dates coming up in the Careers calendar. So far this year we have had Victoria University, Auckland University and Otago University speak to all year 12 and 13 students who in the future may be interested in attending university. Towards the end of this term we will also have Waikato University showing our Year 12 and 13 students what they have to offer.

Next term we have an amazing opportunity for all year 12 students; They will ALL be participating in MaiBiz. MaiBiz is a fun and challenging insight into life outside the school walls. Uniquely, MaiBiz blends business and essential life skills into one special 3 day event. Students attending MaiBiz can expect to learn about building a successful business:

- Business leadership, Teamwork, Financial reporting, innovation and creativity in business
- Delegation, Negotiation, Time management, Organisational skills, Goal setting, Pitching a business idea
- ...and much much more!

Maibiz is an opportunity for students to work in a team and come up with an entrepreneurial idea and then present it to a panel of judges who are successful business people from within our community.

All Year 12 students will be participating and there are credits available for them to achieve. Our focus is not on the credits but on the extra life skills which students gain from participating in Maibiz.

In Term Two we have other exciting opportunities for our students such as more visits from Universities, Wellington Careers Expo, and Weltec Open day. We would like to invite and encourage all Year 9 to 13 students to come and discuss their career goals or ideas with us. It helps with subject selection and planning of their future pathway.

*Cherie Holmes, HOF Careers*

# PI DAY ( $\pi =$ )

The third Annual Pi Day was held last week, where students compete against staff to recite the mathematical number for Pi to the longest decimal point. Congratulations to Aleisha Telea who was able to recite 85 decimal points, and to Mr Daniel Smith (Mathematics) who recited to 70 decimal points.



Special thanks to Mr John MacDonald (Mathematics) who was the losing teacher, for allowing his face to be Pi'ed as is tradition by the class representative: Aleisha Telea, Tyler Hamilton, Mere Jones, Maroussia Williams and Jone Bakani.

*Hailey Thomson, Assistant HOF Mathematics*

## SPORTS UPDATE

Pre-Season Winter Sports trials and trainings are starting up with good interest from our students. Please note the following days and times:

- Basketball:
  - Senior Boys      Mondays and Wednesdays  
4.30pm – 6.30pm
  - Junior Boys      Tuesdays and Thursdays  
6:00pm – 8:00pm
  - Girls              Wednesdays 6.30pm
- Rugby:
  - Junior Boys      Mondays and Wednesdays
  - Senior Boys      Tuesdays and Thursdays
  - Girls              Thursdays
- Hockey:
  - Girls              Wednesdays After School
- Netball:
  - Senior Trials      To be confirmed
  - Junior Trials      To be confirmed
- Football:          Registrations open
- Badminton:       Registrations open

If you would like more information about registrations, teams, timings (or if you are in a position to be able to help out with our teams), please contact Peter Cowan (Sports Coordinator) at the High School by email [peterc@wainuiomatahigh.school.nz](mailto:peterc@wainuiomatahigh.school.nz) or on 04-9383224 Ext 7028.

*Peter Cowan, Sports Coordinator*

*Wainuiomata High School  
Production...*

# Grease




*2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> of August - 2018*

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## Auditions

Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th of April, Auditorium  
Register now with Miss Coetzee