



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou, Talofa lava,

I hope you had a great Easter with your whanau and friends. It is hard to believe we are heading into the last week of Term One. It has certainly been a busy and productive term. The holidays start on Monday 16 April with Term Two beginning Monday 30 April.

I continue to be impressed with the efforts and progress many of our students are making and producing. The teachers set high expectations for the students and it is great to see most of our students working hard to reach these high expectations.

Many Seniors are currently involved in internal assessments. Please encourage them to be as well-prepared for these assessments as they can be.

Our 2018 goals for this year are:

- 👉 Raise student achievement
- 👉 Attract, develop and retain high-quality effective teachers
- 👉 Strengthen our community connections.

We are working hard to achieve these goals and we always welcome community and whanau involvement and suggestions. Please do not hesitate to drop by or email me if you have suggestions for improvement.

Last week I felt very privileged to meet most of the Pastors and Ministers from our local Pasifika churches, we all attended a meeting at the Wainuiomata Library. They, like us, are keen to ensure our Pasifika students are given every opportunity to achieve and be the best they possibly can. As a result of this meeting we have set up another staffing position at the High School – Pasifika Achievement Officer. John MacDonald (Mathematics teacher) has agreed to fulfil this role. Please do not hesitate to contact him at school if you have any questions, concerns or advice. John will monitor the progress of our Pasifika students.

Staffing

I just want to keep you up to date with a few staffing notices. As mentioned, John MacDonald has been appointed as our Pasifika Achievement Officer.



Marika Holloway (PE/Health) leaves us at the end of the term; she has gained a permanent position at Horowhenua College. Vinnie Miller will be replacing Marika during Term Two.

Vinnie Miller has been on staff for most of Term One in a Long Term Relieving position. We are delighted to be able to employ him for another term.



Fran Carter (HOF English) leaves us on 18 May as she has taken up a position at Trident High School in Whakatane.

We have appointed Melissa Latu (Massey High School, Auckland) as our new Assistant Principal: Pastoral. She will start with us on 28 May.



Congratulations to Roy McGrath (HOF Social Sciences) who got married over Easter.



Welcome to Rebecca Nicholas, who is the new Administration Assistant in the main school office.

Curriculum 19

The High School staff are continuing to spend many hours researching and planning for our curriculum changes (Curriculum 19) next year.

Yesterday we had four staff members visiting Campion College in Gisborne, Campion have introduced some innovative learning strategies. Phillip Kauika is leading Curriculum 19 and has organised a whanau meeting for Wednesday 11 April at 6:00pm (please see further details in this Newsletter).

While this meeting is aimed at current Year 8 and 9 student whanau, everyone is welcome to attend to hear and discuss our proposed plans.

There is certainly lots happening in the school calendar in Term Two. This will be our last newsletter for Term One, so please encourage your student to enjoy their term break and to live and fulfil our school values of Manaakitanga, Respect, Achievement, Perseverance and Honesty.

Janette Melrose, Principal

CURRICULUM 19

Do you want to hear more about what Curriculum 19 will mean for your students at Wainuiomata High School? Please come along to our Curriculum 19 Community Evening:

**CURRICULUM 19
COMMUNITY EVENING
Wednesday 11 April 2018
6:00pm-7:00pm
Wainuiomata High School Staffroom**

In 2019, Wainuiomata High School will be changing its junior curriculum, where our Year 9 and 10 students will be learning in a different way. This will involve two major changes to the current system.

Currently the school has a system where students choose optional subjects such as Music, Art, Hard Materials, Foods, Languages and ICT alongside the traditional subjects of English, Maths, Science, Social Studies and PE. We believe that this approach does not allow links to be made across the different learning areas and it makes engagement for students more difficult – we don't want students forced to select options that they don't want to do.

In 2019, we are adopting an approach that is student-centred and allows students passions, skillsets and values to be placed first.

It also allows for links across curriculums to be made and to strengthen the learning students receive. The new model consists of a mix of **Courses, My Personal Learning Day and Semester Based learning.**

Information has been emailed home this week and more will be covered at the Curriculum 19 Community Evening, which we strongly encourage you to attend.

Based on what you have read and the transition we are going through we would really appreciate your feedback. If you haven't already, please fill in the survey about Curriculum 19 using the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8XT66Q8>

Thank you for your support of Curriculum 19 and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Wednesday night.

Phillip Kauika, Deputy Principal

STUDENT SUCCESS

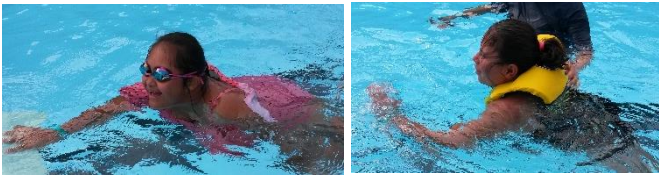
Wainuiomata High School students, Naliyah Te Maari and Taylah-Rose Brown had been preparing and training to participate in the 2018 Tri-Ability Triathlon for the first time, with the support and encouragement of their whanau, the school community and the wider Wainuiomata community.



(l-r: Naliyah Te Maari, Lynley Reynolds, Taylah-Rose Brown)

The Tri-Ability Triathlon was held on 17 March in Wainuiomata and the girls competed in a slightly modified version of the Super Sonic Distance and completed; a length of the pool, a lap around the field on their scooters, and then raced around the field.

Although both girls were a little nervous and the transitions were tricky, they were amazing and should be proud of their efforts.



Naliyah and Taylah-Rose would like to thank Sport Wainuiomata and Peter Cowan and his family, and Hutt Valley Disabled Resources Trust for organising this Community focussed event that caters for people of all abilities, and everyone who supported them with sponsorship and encouragement

Next year they hope to encourage more of their whanau and friends to be actively involved. Kia kaha, Naliyah and Taylah-Rose!

Lynley Reynolds, HOF Learning Support

CAREERS UPDATE

Inspiring young Kiwis to invent their futures TODAY!



Who? All Year 12 students
When? Wednesday 09–Friday 11 May 2018
Where? High School Auditorium

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 the building blocks of successful business:

- Business leadership
- Teamwork and Financial reporting
- Innovative and creativity in business
- Delegation and Negotiation
- Time management/Organisational skills
- Goal setting and Pitching a business idea
- Credits on offer – 8 NCEA Level Two credits

The high point of MaiBiz has students showcasing their businesses in an expo to key business people from the community (our Judges). The outcome of the business presentation allows the judges to determine the winning team, whose members will each receive a gold medal! We are proud of what our young people can achieve in such a short timeframe and value your involvement.

We invite you to come and share in the students' achievement at any time (Friday) but particularly from 12-3pm when the teams present their final project

Cherie Holmes, HOF Careers

SHEILAH WINN SHAKESPEARE

For the first time in a number of years, Wainuiomata High School have a team of performers competing against other schools in the Wellington Region in the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival, which has been running annually for 27 years.

Students perform 5-15 minute scenes from the works of William Shakespeare; where you might see anything from a steam punk Romeo and Juliet brawl scene, a Te Reo Hamlet to a classic Elizabethan The Comedy of Errors hilarity.

Our students and staff involved have been working hard to put together a competitive performance piece and we encourage whanau and friends to support our students. Wainuiomata High School take to the stage at Wellington East Girls College on Wednesday 11 April from 7pm-9:30pm. Students \$5, Adults \$12.

Emily Goldie, Acting HOF Literacy

SISTER SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Wainuiomata High School is seeking one Year 12 student who would like to apply for a scholarship to participate in a sister school exchange to Japan for three months from July this year. The school will cover all the costs (airfare, homestay, other transportation), except for personal spending. The student will need to be of a good character and have good NCEA Level One results, and is on track to pass Level Two. As this is an exchange, please note that the student's family is expected to host an exchange student from Japan.

The application will close next week Wednesday (11 April), and the interview will take place on Thursday/Friday next week. If you have a student who is interested, please send them to see the International Dean on Monday or Tuesday.

Daiji Kataoka, International Dean