



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou, Talofa lava,

Term Two

In many ways Term Two is seen as the “engine room” of the year. It is a time when students really focus on work productivity and progress, participation in school-related activities and living our school values of Manaakitanga, Perseverance, Achievement, Respect and Honesty.

Connections and Academic Progress

I encourage you to check on our Portal on a regular basis to track your child’s academic progress. There are no formal reports this term but I encourage you to make connections with Manaaki Teachers and subject teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

We are aiming to develop effective relationships with all our whanau. We all want the same for your child and that is for them to achieve their dreams and be the best they possibly can. This is a three way partnership – school-student-whanau and we all need to work on this relationship.

We really encourage and appreciate your feedback. If there are things you can see we could do better, please let us know. If there are things we are doing well, then we would also appreciate knowing about it.

As mentioned in our first Newsletter of the year, our interim 2017 NCEA results were the best ever for Wainuiomata High School. We now have confirmed results which are summarised further in this Newsletter. We are working hard to ensure that we continue to improve our NCEA results.

The key to improvement is ensuring our students are engaged and interested in their learning and, of course, good attendance is essential.

We have produced a predictive tool to ensure all senior students are on track to success.

With Year 9 and 10 students we use our Junior Certificate grades to monitor progress. These Junior Certificate grades will be posted home soon.

Coming Up

Wednesday 23 May

Students will be released from school at 12:25pm. This is to enable staff to attend a Paid Union Meeting.

Wednesday 30 May

Students will be release from school at 10:55am to facilitate our Year 8 Open Day.

Building Programme

We are finally starting to make some progress as we now have a draft master plan. At present the designers have indicated that A, B, C, D, E blocks, Students Services, Tractor Shed and Boiler House will be demolished. This means the only buildings that will remain in the rebuild are the Library, Gymnasiums, F Block, Admin Block, the Wharenui and Auditorium.

On Tuesday 22 May we invite you to come along to the High School Staffroom, anytime between 5pm-7pm to see our draft master plans. Meet the designers, landscape architects and engineers, ask lots of questions and offer lots of suggestions.

There will be no formal presentation – just a chance for you to have a look, share your ideas and ask questions.

Everyone is welcome. This is OUR new school.

Sports

It is great to see so many of our students involved in Winter Sports. Apart from being active and keeping fit, students learn many valuable life skills from participation in sports, including team work, collaboration, time management, social skills, and how to win and lose respectfully. Many life-long friendships are formed from participation in sports.

A huge thank you to all our whanau who volunteer by coaching, refereeing, washing kits, providing kai and supporting our teams. Your help is much appreciated.

Just a friendly reminder that when you are watching our sports teams play, please be polite and respectful supporters. Good spectator behaviour is essential.

Janette Melrose. Principal

Curriculum 19 Update

We will be undergoing a "Curriculum 19 Trial" practice period in two weeks time for Year 9 students to experience part of what school will look like for them as Year 10's next year.

We have had a fantastic set of teachers put their hands up to get involved in the practice and they have planned and organised some very exciting and engaging content. The focus for this period will be our courses approach so that we get some specific feedback about courses from the students and their teachers as to how things go which will help us to make 2019 even better.

We will be doing a trialling week in Term 3, focused on MPLD and finishing the year with a practice period of courses and MPLD running at the same time.

If you are interested in hearing more or have any questions feel free to email Phillip Kauika (Deputy Principal). Phillipk@wainuiomatahigh.school.nz

Phillip Kauika, Deputy Principal

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Jyordanna Davey (10NIN) who has been included in the New Zealand Under 15 Girls Basketball Squad.

We wish you all the best for your upcoming Basketball season and look forward to sharing your success.



Child Asthma Study – Massey University

Massey University is conducting a study looking at the different types of **asthma in children** aged **8-18**. The aim of the study is to improve the understanding of childhood asthma and develop better treatment options for all asthmatics.

The study involves a lung function test and a short questionnaire. If your child is between 8 and 18 years old, the researchers would be very grateful if you could take part.

They are looking for children **with** and **without asthma** to participate.

Please contact:

Jean Feary McKenzie

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Draft Master Plan Wainuiomata High School

5:00pm-7:00pm

Tuesday 22 May 2018
High School Staffroom

Come along and hear
about our building plans!

STEPHENSON
& TURNER



local
landscape
architecture
collective

50+

WHS FORMAL

Saturday
2nd June
2018

OCEANIA ROOM
TE PAPA

DOORS OPEN 7PM
DOORS CLOSE 7:30PM
FINISHES 11:30PM

TICKET SALES
FROM MAIN OFFICE
26 MARCH - 18 MAY
\$100



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2017 NZQA Results

Above the National Average!

2017 was the best year ever for Wainuiomata High School students and their NCEA results. Confirmed results indicate the following:

NCEA Achievement	Wainuiomata High School	National Average
Level One (Overall)	79%	74.6%
Level Two (Overall)	72.5% <small>(the closest we have been to the National Average)</small>	78.5%
Level One (Maori)	81.4%	64.2%
Level Three (Maori)	62.5%	56.7%
Level One (Male)	77.2%	70.2%
Level One (Female)	81.4%	79.2%

These are stunning results and reflect the hard work and good choices our students, whanau, teachers and support staff made last year. Congratulations to the students, whanau and community who supported our young people.

We are incredibly proud of these results and will continue to work hard and encourage our Rangatahi to be the best they possibly can and produce the best results they can.

We interviewed many of our successful students and their comments around the reasons for their success include the following:

- Help from whanau
- Good relationships with Manaaki Teachers, who helped set goals and monitor them
- High expectations from teachers
- Having teachers who are passionate about teaching.

We will continue to support our students to be the best they can and to achieve great results.

Janette Melrose
Principal
Wainuiomata High School