



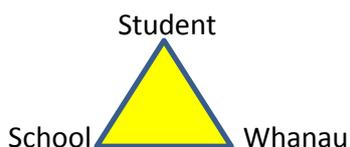
## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou, Talofa lava,

It is hard to believe we are already halfway through Term Two. As I mentioned in the last Newsletter, this term is seen as the “engine room” of the year.

It has certainly been a busy term so far with lots happening. I continue to be impressed with the academic progress most students are making. Staff are constantly monitoring and encouraging every student’s progress.

We are using a new tracking system to predict Senior student (Years 11-13) achievement and I am confident that we have a reliable predictive tool. If you have a child in Years 11-13 and are keen to hear how your child is tracking please contact your child’s Manaaki teacher. I am sure I don’t need to remind you that your child’s success is dependant on a 3-way triangle:



We all need to work together

Junior Certificate Term One results were posted last week. If you have any questions regarding these, then again please contact your child’s Manaaki teacher.

### Curriculum 19

For the next two weeks we have suspended the Year 9 timetable. All Year 9 students will be participating in a Curriculum 19 trial (see information further in this newsletter).

### Draft Master Plan

Kia ora to all the whanau who turned up on 22 May to have a look at our Draft Master Plan. A lot of

valuable feedback was shared and the Designers have now gone away to develop a “new” plan. We will keep you informed.

### Senior Boys Basketball 2

I have included an email I received last week from the Principal of Porirua College, Ragne Maxwell:

*“I just want to pass on a huge thank you on behalf of Porirua College for the way your students and staff treated our basketball team last night. You probably know that our teams were in a playoff to see who was going forward. We were half an hour late because our school van had been taken out to carry a marquee to the home of our student who died last weekend. We should have forfeited the game and lost our place, but your school showed the most amazing sportsmanship.*

*Our team not only got to play the game, but also experience a karakia from your kaumatua, a minute’s silence in respect and the most amazing support from the crowd. We can only apologise for having narrowly won the game!*

*Please pass on our appreciation to your Head of Sport, kaumatua and students. We owe your boys a great feed when they are next playing here.”*

Our students are amazing young people. It is great to see them live our school values and be recognised for doing so.

### 13 Reasons Why

As you may have heard, Netflix has released Season 2 of the popular teen drama *13 Reasons Why*. We’re sending this special notice so parents, guardians, whānau and other support people are aware the show is out and we know some viewers may be distressed while or after viewing it.

The show is about a 17-year-old girl, Hannah Baker, who dies by suicide. Season 1 explored the 'reasons' why Hannah felt she had to kill herself and Season 2 features a trial between her parents and her school trying to decide who's to blame.

The show features graphic scenes. [The chief censor has rated it R18.](#) In partnership with other organisations, the Mental Health Foundation has developed an [information hub](#) for viewers of the show and their support people, that includes:

[Tips for supporting viewers;](#)

[Answers to frequently asked questions about the show;](#)  
[Information; helplines and resources for some of the specific issues covered in the show](#) (such as having suicidal thoughts, rape and unhealthy relationships),

[A series overview;](#)

[Episode recaps](#) and

[A discussion guide](#)

Most young people may not be distressed after watching the show but the issues it explores do affect young New Zealanders. Statistics show 20% of viewers will have experienced a mental health problem in the last year, 1/3 female viewers and 1/5 male viewers will have been sexually assaulted and many will have been bereaved by suicide. For these people, viewing *13 Reasons Why* may be a deeply distressing or traumatising experience.

### Year 8 Open Day

On Wednesday this week we welcomed over 145 prospective Year 8 students to Wainuiomata High School. They arrived at 11am and spent most of the time experiencing what life would be like as a Junior student at Wainuiomata High School.



A huge thank you to the 20 Year 13 students who acted as guides/ambassadors for the day.

We thoroughly enjoyed hosting the Year 8 students, and we hope that these students choose Wainuiomata High School as their school of first choice.

### Senior Formal

This Saturday is our Senior Formal at Te Papa. We have sold over 180 tickets and look forward to

another successful and fabulous evening. Our students have always been well behaved and we look forward to sharing some of their photos with you in the next newsletter.

*Janette Melrose, Principal*

### Outward Bound

Earlier this year two of our Year 12 students, Tessa Smoothy and Thomas Lawrence attended a 21-day Outward Bound Strive Course at Anakiwa in the Marlborough Sounds.



Both Tessa and Thomas were given the opportunity this week to attend a Strive Celebration which recognised the generous support and donations from organisations who have helped fund students from Wainuiomata High School to attend Outward Bound courses.

### Year 9 Trials

Kia ora koutou, next week we are very excited that we will be doing our first trial of courses, one of the two models we will be using with juniors in 2019.

The trial will go a long way to ensure that our proposed plan will be successful. We will also identify the aspects that our students really enjoy about courses so that we can make 2019 as smooth as possible.

I would like to publicly applaud all our staff members who have offered to take part in the trial. They have put a great deal of energy and enthusiasm into planning and I know that our students are going to enjoy what they have designed.

Teachers are Simon Croft (CR), Sam Feisst (FT), Jocelyn Reddy (JR), Paripurna Verma (PV), Dan Smith (SH), Sarah O'Neill (SO), Adam Weir (WE), Petra Herings (PH), , Matauranga Te Rauna (MT), Charmaine Russell (CE), Nick Bell (NI), Huia Puketapu (HP) Hazel Reddington (HR), Yonina Jamieson (YJ), Roy McGrath (RM) and Fiona Waitere (FW).

If parents/caregivers have any questions or would like to know more please send me an email to: [phillipk@wainuiomatahigh.school.nz](mailto:phillipk@wainuiomatahigh.school.nz)

*Phillip Kauika, Deputy Principal*