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Wainuiomata High School News

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou, Talofa lava,

We have had another busy two weeks since the last newsletter. On 02 June we had another highly successful Senior Formal at Te Papa. A huge thanks to the Formal Organising Committee (Tamara Mana, Jasmine Inthavong, Amia Feliciano, Shevana Sammons, Jordan Brown, Bree Itula, Fale Leala, Kathrine Taituave, Leon McLeod-Venu and Olivia Joseph) and to Hailey Thomson and Kirsten Coetzee, the teachers who helped organise it.



Year 9 Trials

Curriculum 19 Year 9 trials finished today, after a two week trial period. This has been an opportunity for staff and students to experience courses vs subjects. It has been a positive learning experience for all concerned. Trials will continue during the year for our current Year 9 students and their teachers.

Thank you!

Thank you to Chloe Smith from Ray White Real Estate who donated \$500 to the High School from her commission on a house sale. A big thanks to the vendor who sold their house through Chloe and nominated Wainuiomata High School to donate their funds to.



Crowned on the evening were:

- King (Year 13) Dante Kakahi
- Queen (Year 13) Kathrine Taituave
- Prince (Year 12) Te Heke Rurehe
- Princess (Year 12) Cerie Milovale.

It was a stunning night and the students were absolutely amazing. I hope they enjoyed their night.



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Congratulations Kieran Kydd – there was a delightful article about Kieran on the front page of the local paper last week. Shaving his hair and donating \$700 to New Zealand Breast Cancer Research was a truly kind and generous act.



Click to apply for a scholarship:

<https://www.discoveryforteens.org.nz/page/scholarships/>

Registration can be made online at:

<https://www.discoveryforteens.org.nz/page/apply-teens/>

October School Holidays: (Sunday 7th October – Saturday 13th October) - West Auckland. We can collect teens from the airport, bus or train terminals.

The Discovery Foundation's mission is to provide young people the skills, tools and strategies that enable them to get the best out of life. Discovery has been carefully designed to inspire strong self-esteem, personal leadership and to encourage young people to reach their full potential.

- 93% of teens increase self- esteem and confidence**
- 96% report an increase in self-motivation**
- 88% report overall academic improvement and 99% record dramatic reading speed improvements**
- 96% report having better communication**
- 91% said leadership had improved**
- 99% of Discovery parents say their teens have lifted their overall attitude towards life**

Discovery for Teens is 7-days/6-nights for 14-18 year olds run during school holidays.

One third of Discovery focuses on academic skills: study skills, speed reading and exam strategies. Two thirds focusing on life skills. The life skills components include: communication, relationships, leadership, goal setting/planning and team work. Discovery is also designed to give teens increased confidence and a toolbox of strategies to help them overcome challenges and navigate the difficult teen years.

Teens come out with improved self-confidence, motivation and commitment. Discovery is full of activity-based experiences and includes a parent's day workshop on the final day of Discovery. We have a minimum ratio of one staff member for every four teenagers, ensuring that the teens are fully supported through their Discovery journey. We are also able to accommodate special dietary requirements e.g. gluten free, dairy free etc.

For more information contact [Discovery Foundation Inc.](#) Tel: 09 376 8267 | Toll free: 0800 493 968

Sporting Success

Congratulations to Sarah McLeod-Venu (pictured right) and Charis Nuku (pictured left). These two girls have been selected for the Hutt Valley Netball Under 17 squad. We wish them all the best with their representative netball season.



Raymond Seumanu recently represented New Zealand at the Oceania Boxing Championships and placed 2nd in the Under 64kg division. Congratulations Raymond!



Everyone knows a young person who deserves to discover their potential!

Thanks to our amazing sponsors, Discovery for Teens have **60 partial scholarships for the next Discovery for Teens** running in the October 2018 School holidays. There are three tiers of scholarships available starting at \$500. Applications are now open and close on Monday 16th July.



Pasifika Power Up Hutt Valley

Pasifika Power Up Hutt Valley is an after school education programme which runs every Wednesday from 5 to 7pm at Naenae College for Pasifika students and their families.

Beginning four weeks ago, students from our school have been attending this. It usually begins with an ice breaker activity and an inspirational and helpful talk from one of the leaders or a guest speaker, followed by each group (primary, high school and parents) breaking off into separate areas to get tutoring from teachers of various subjects.

Students bring from school whatever work they want to get help with. The evening ends with a dinner and desert which is all free because the programme has funding and sponsors who support it. We would love to see more students attending this because of the positive benefits it provides, but currently have the limitation of transport availability.

If any parents would like to come along and help with transport it would be most appreciated – it is for families so young children are welcome too.

John MacDonald



Looking to the future

Our goal is to become a student-centred community connected school where students have choices and learn to learn and they leave the school with skills needed to be successful life-long learners and valuable citizens.

Our Wainuiomata High School graduate profile is “A motivated empowered life-long learner who lives their values”.

Changes Ahead

If you are not up to date with our proposed Junior Curriculum (Year 9 and 10) changes for 2019 then please do not hesitate to contact us or come in for a chat. Phillip Kouika, Deputy Principal is leading this area of change and he is happy to chat with you about the changes we are proposing.

These are well-researched changes and many secondary schools are currently heading in the same direction.

PE Uniform

We are bringing back PE uniform for the junior school. Next year it will just be for the year 9’s.

BYOD

In order for our proposed Curriculum 19 changes to be successful it will be essential for all junior students to have access to a device (not a phone) preferably a laptop. We are aware that the Intermediate use Chrome books and that some students will be bringing these with them from Intermediate and that is ok.

Research has shown that for effective cognitive development using a keyboard and a “pen” is preferable. Therefore we are currently researching and investigating the best deals we can for 2019.

In 2019 year 9 and 10 students will be required to bring their own device (BYOD).

As soon as we have more information I will share it with you. Please do not hesitate to contact us at school if you have any questions or concerns.

Janette Melrose, Principal