



MESSAGE FROM THE TUMUAKI

Tena koutou, Talofa lava,

Again, I am writing this newsletter feeling very proud of the achievements, attitudes and ongoing hard-work of our students. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the staff here at Wainuiomata High School. We are so fortunate to have dedicated, passionate, knowledgeable and caring staff, who really do make a difference.

NCEA Review

As you may be aware, the Government is reviewing the National Certificates of Educational Achievement (NCEA). Earlier this year, the Ministry of Education appointed a Ministerial Advisory Group to identify opportunities for how to strengthen NCEA. This group have proposed **Six Big Opportunities** which form the starting point for public engagement.

Six Big Opportunities for NCEA:

1. Creating space at NCEA Level 1 for powerful learning.
2. Strengthen literacy and numeracy
3. Ensuring NCEA Levels 2 and 3 support good connections beyond schooling
4. Making it easier for teachers, schools, and kura to refocus on learning
5. Ensuring the Record of Achievement tells us about learners' capabilities
6. Dismantling the barriers to NCEA.

With these Big Opportunities now established, the public engagement process has begun. Details of this public consultation can be found on the Education Conversation website (NCEA Have your Say), www.conversation.education.govt.nz/NCEA

Learning Conferences

Thank you to the whanau who attended Learning Conferences on Wednesday. As a Manaaki teacher I really value the Learning Conference appointments.

It is a chance to reconnect with whanau and, just as importantly, it is a chance for our students to share their goals and progress.

Lots of up-to-date achievement information is also shared at these meetings. If you were unable to make it on Wednesday I suggest you make contact with your child's Manaaki teacher and set up a meeting time; it is not too late. Students are more likely to be successful when home and school are working together collaboratively with the student. It is important that we all work together to make good decisions regarding a student's education and welfare.

Kapa Haka

Congratulations to our Kapa Haka group, Te Tira Whakaau, who performed with such passion and pride on Wednesday 04 July (last week of Term 2). All of their hours of practise were certainly evident in their final performance. We were very proud of them. Thanks to all the support people who were involved.

Hillary OPC

We have numerous opportunities for students to participate in extra-curricular activities. During the first week of the last holidays 20 Year 12 students spent the week at Hillary OPC in Tongariro. Thanks to Paul Assur and Sarah Dyson who accompanied them. They had a brilliant time and learnt a lot about themselves and their limitations. Learning leadership skills was also an aspect of this trip.



Oshukan High School Tokyo

Today our 30 students from Oshukan High School, our sister school in Tokyo, left us after spending ten days with us. Thanks to our local whanau who hosted the students. They had a great time and had lots of fun practising their English and learning about life in New Zealand.



Congratulations

Olivia Martin (10AKG) has been selected to represent Wellington in the Under 15 Hockey team. We wish her all the best.



Yuki Sugito (13NMT) has been selected to speak at the New Zealand International Education Conference and Expo in August. Well done Yuki.

Jyordanna Davey (10NIN) was named MVP at the National Basketball New Zealand Under 15 National Tournament held in Auckland over the holidays. Her team also won the tournament. Ebony Vole (10AKG) was also a member of this team. Well done girls!



Uniform

A big thank you to an anonymous benefactor who kindly donated us \$2,700 to buy jerseys and socks for students who may not be able to purchase them.

This was an incredibly kind and generous donation and is enabling some of our students to remain warm over the cold winter months.

Sports

We are nearing the end of the winter school sports season. Congratulations to all the students who have been actively involved in our school sports teams.

Our teams are involved in numerous semi-finals and we wish the teams all the best with their last few games.

Grease

Unfortunately we have had to postpone Grease again. We are now aiming to perform the school production Week One, Term 2 2019.

Curriculum 19

We are holding an Information/Subject Choice Evening on Tuesday 07 August at 6:00pm in the Staffroom.

This meeting is mainly for current Year 9 whanau and Year 8 whanau from our contributing schools. Of course, anyone is welcome to attend. This will be a chance for you to hear about our plans and ask any questions.

Janette Melrose, Tumuaiki

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