

**Hiringatanga, Manaakitanga Whakapono, Whakautetanga, Whakatutukitanga  
Perseverance, Manaakitanga, Honesty, Respect, Achievement**



## MESSAGE FROM THE TUMUAKI

Tena koutou, Talofa lava,

Welcome to the second-to-last newsletter of 2018.

It is very quiet in school this week, with just the Year 9 students onsite. The seniors are on exam leave and the Year 10 students are on Work Week.

There is some outstanding teaching and learning occurring in the Year 9 trials. It is great to see the students actively engaged in such interesting student-centred learning activities.

## MANA TAGATA

Last Wednesday night I had the privilege to attend the Mana Tagata end of year Prizegiving. Mana Tagata was a pilot study programme run for 14 consecutive weeks here at the High School. Senior students were invited to the High School Library between 5pm-7pm on a Wednesday night. Teachers and resources were available and a light meal was provided.

Each session began with a karakia and an icebreaker. Students were encouraged to bring any home learning they had to do or any questions they had around the learning they were doing in class.

The turnout of students each Wednesday was great. The focus was on Maori and Pasifika students but all students were welcome to attend.

A huge thank you to Charmaine Russell and John MacDonald, our Maori and Pasifika Achievement

Coordinators. They had a vision and organised each Wednesday night.

Student feedback was very positive. The students really appreciated the time; many of them said they wished they knew about it earlier. We intend to run it again in 2019 from Term Two onwards.



On the final night a Prizegiving was held and students and whanau were acknowledged and awarded for attendance. A special aspect of the evening was the final part of the Prizegiving when some of the senior students (Sefo Soanai, Vanza Peni, Akenese McCarthy, Sareena Sefo-Pfeifer, Hezron Tuita and Doris Tagaloa) held their own prizegiving and publically thanked and acknowledged all the teachers and support staff who had been involved.

## UNIFORM

If you have a child who is leaving Wainuiomata High School or has grown out of their school uniform we would gratefully accept any uniform items that are in good condition and could be passed on to another whanau.

Please drop off any donated school uniform items to the Main Office or to Student Services. Many thanks to those who have already done so, and to those who intend to.

## JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

I extend an invitation to our Junior Prizegiving (Year 9 and 10), which will be held at 10am on Wednesday 12 December in the Auditorium. This is the last day for junior students. Students will be released to go home at the end of this prizegiving.

*Janette Melrose, Tumuaiki*

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

*At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected to the Wainuiomata High School Board of Trustees:*

**Faleono Leala**

*Hayley Lawrence, Returning Officer*

## LIBRARY UPDATE

Holiday's are a time for relaxing, and playing, and for reading. Getting out into the fresh air and doing plenty of physical activities will probably be high on any family's agenda. We recommend that providing an environment which encourages reading should also be important.

Before the school closes for the year students are encouraged to borrow books from the High School Library, to be returned in 2019 once school reopens.

There are a number of other options available; your local public library, or our e-Library at <https://wainuiomatahigh.wheelers.co> (username: *school computer username*, Password: *Library1*)

*Rosalie Carman, Librarian*

## 2018 YEARBOOKS

There are still a few copies of the 2018 Wainuiomata High School Yearbook available to purchase from the High School Office.

If you would like a copy please bring \$15 to the Office. Once sold out there will not be another opportunity for a reprint.

## 2019 START DATES

**Monday 21 January**

Wellington Anniversary

**Tuesday 22 January**

School Office Opens

**Monday 28 January**

Teacher Only Day

**Tuesday 29 January**

Student Leadership Training

**Wednesday 30 January**

Senior Course Confirmation

**Thursday 31 January**

First day for Year 9 Students

**Friday 01 February**

Timetable begins for all students

**Friday 01 – Saturday 02 February**

Year 13 Overnight Camp

There will be more detail about the 2019 dates in the final newsletter of the year.

## BEAMS FIELDTRIP

Last Thursday Whaea Charmaine Russell and I took ten Year 10 students to Auckland to participate in The University of Auckland's annual 'BEAMS' course. BEAMS stands for Business, Engineering, Architecture, Medicine and Science and is designed to give Year 10 students a taste of what university is like and what they need to be focusing on in high school to get into one of these courses. The focus was to encourage more Māori and Pasifika students to study in these areas.



Back row – Makaio Taumata, Samson Hailwood, Tyler Barton-Cooly, Layla Ririnui, Rachel Tamihere, Aleisha Telea, Kylee-Nicole Williams, Front Row – Terris Toko, Phe'nyx Psaroudakis, Angel-Adena Patterson-Liua

We also went to Rainbows End and did a bit of sightseeing around the city, including a strenuous walk up Mt Eden, swimming at the waterfront (which seemed to make us a sensation to onlookers with their cameras), and challenging some locals to a game of basketball (which we lost 3-1). We got them home after midnight on Friday due to flight delays.

All our students were inspired and had a great experience, making the trip a huge success in spite of long plane delays on both ends.

*John MacDonald, Pasifika Achievement Coordinator*

**WAINUIOMATA  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
*Junior Prizegiving*  
2018  
WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
AUDITORIUM  
10 A.M.