

COLLEGE LIFE

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Cultural Week 2013

Tatau Samoan Dance Group



Students from PIPA



Thr3 Kinds



PRINCIPAL'S DESK

TOM VANDERLAAN

Kanui te Mihi Kia Koutou - Greetings to our students, parents, caregivers and wider community

REPORTING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Senior reports are being posted out with this newsletter. There will be a **Senior Report Evening on Tuesday 2nd July**. You can book online by going to <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> and entering the following code: **722NH**. Bookings can be made after 9am on Tuesday 25th June. Students can also make bookings with their teacher.

Junior reports will be posted on Friday 28th June. The **Junior Report Evening will be on Tuesday 9th July**. Bookings can be made through the same website as above, but with the following code: **2ACEZ**. This will be open for bookings after 9am Tuesday 2nd July.

Parents and students can meet together with subject teachers to discuss progress to date in their different subjects.

SCHOOL CULTURE

Cultural week ended spectacularly with the Wearable Arts Festival once more being the highlight. My thanks to Mrs Cook and the Cultural Prefects for their outstanding leadership and organisation.

Towards the end of the term we will also celebrate Matariki and Maori Language Week. This will culminate in the annual house Kapa Haka competition. Our local primary schools are already organised and practising hard to join in and take part in the mass multi school Haka on the Friday.

Over 220 excited students are also looking forward to our annual School Ball being held this Saturday night at the Pulman Hotel in Auckland City.

CAREERS EXPO

My thanks to all the students and parents who attended the Careers Expo this week held in the school hall. It was great to once more have over 40 exhibitors and stands from a range of tertiary institutions and training providers. It is well accepted that students who have established clear career goals and aspirations, tend to have better motivation and to achieve more highly in their studies. This event certainly helps achieve that.

OVERSEAS TRIPS

Best wishes to our Gold and Silver Netball teams who leave shortly to travel to Australia to take part in an International Netball Tournament. A lot of hard work and effort has gone into the fundraising for this trip and I would like to acknowledge our School Netball Director, Mr Brian Perry for his leadership in this undertaking.

NEW STAFF

We welcomed our new Assistant Head of Maths, Mr Mohammed Jan this week. We look forward to having him as a part of our Waiuku College community. We also congratulate Ms Bernadette Corcoran on her appointment to Assistant Head of Social Sciences, replacing Mr Gowan Ditchburn who is our new Deputy Principal.

NEW CLASSROOMS

We held a short blessing for the opening of our first two new classrooms this week. My thanks to Mr Kapiera Peita from Ngati Te Ata for carrying this out for us. The four classroom block should be finished by the early next term and we have invited the Mayor of Auckland to carry out the official opening for both blocks in September.



WAIUKU COLLEGE

SYNTHETIC CANNABIS

I would just like to express my support and agreement with the concerns expressed in our local newspaper by both a local business leader and the local police about the effect of synthetic cannabis product use on our young people and more especially on their learning and relationships with teachers and parents. I unequivocally support the call to our local shops to decline to sell these products in our Waiuku Community.

FAIRPLAY IN SPORT

We have had a few incidents recently where students representing the College in sport have given cause for concern with their on and off field behaviour. I have reminded students at this week's assembly about their obligations under the Fairplay Charter as well as their responsibilities in representing their school, their community and their families when playing sport. I know I have your support as parents and spectators in ensuring that Waiuku College keeps its reputation as a school where students play hard, but play fair and are always respectful of their opponents, their supporters AND the referees.

Kind regards
TOM VANDERLAAN, PRINCIPAL

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EXPEDITION TO VIETNAM & CAMBODIA 2014

In January 2014 a group of 20 Waiuku College students will be travelling to Vietnam and Cambodia on a World Challenge expedition. However, this is no exotic holiday! As part of the programme the students are challenged to:

- raise as much of the \$7,300 cost of their expedition themselves;
- put together a detailed itinerary for the expedition;
- plan and run a short tramping expedition here in New Zealand;
- manage the expedition's funds when overseas;
- organise all transport, accommodation and catering arrangements when overseas;
- undertake a five to seven day trek;
- participate in a community or environmental project using materials and resources paid for out of the funds they have raised.

Waiuku College believes that this is a meaningful and worthwhile experience and has joined forces with World Challenge to provide a group of our young people with the chance to become potential leaders of the future. By participating in the programme students will have the chance to develop the following attributes:

- a sense of personal accomplishment
- team skills
- leadership skills
- a wider perspective on life
- cultural awareness
- financial management skills

The students have already been hard at work raising money to pay for the expedition. They took part in the Sand to Mud and ran a stall at the Family Day. They have also run a disco for pupils at Waiuku Primary and numerous sausage sizzles. On 10th and 11th July Dave Upfold the hypnotist will be performing at College with all profits going to the World Challenge group.

WHAT'S HAPPENING - TERM 2 2013

Friday 21 June	Senior Reports Issued
Saturday 22 June	School Ball
Tuesday 25 June	Thames Sports Exchange Stage Challenge
Friday 28 June	Junior Reports Issued
Monday 1 to Friday 5 July	Maori Language Week
Tuesday 2 July	Senior Report Evening
Tuesday 9 July	Junior Report Evening
Friday 12 July	Term 2 ends

ICE CREAM CONTAINERS WANTED
- PLEASE DROP AT COLLEGE OFFICE

W A I U K U
**VILLAGE
MARKET**

Sundays
10am to 2pm
Fresh Produce
Fine Foods
Arts and Crafts
Enquiries 027 210 1665
Riverlane, Waiuku

W A I U K U
Health & Fitness
LIMITED
PH 09 235 7775
Email: WHF2010Ltd@vodafone.co.nz

VIBRA-TRAIN
THE VIBRATION TRAINING SPECIALISTS

Waiuku Health & Fitness would like to support our local schools by offering

\$30 per month membership \$6.66 per week

This membership includes a monthly assessment and a Personalised Training programme

No JOINING FEES / No CONTRACTS

Join 3 friends and receive your 1st month FREE!!
10% discount for College Teachers & Support Staff

Our qualified staff are here to help you achieve your goals... weight loss / gain, sports specific, medical, nutrition or general health & wellbeing

Come meet our friendly staff and decide for yourself.

Battlefield4

Get off the couch,
turn that computer off
It's time to play for real!
Club plays every Sunday
ph021357058 www.war.net.nz

HOMESTAY FAMILIES REQUIRED

Homestay families are required for short stay international students from Japan coming to Waiuku College in August.

And for longer term German international students who would like to stay with horse riding families from Term 3 onwards.

If you are interested please contact:
Ulrike Masina, Homestay Coordinator
Tel: 235 8139 ext. 241 or 021 486 187

WAIUKU JUNIOR X FACTOR

Sunday 18th August @ 1pm
(Registration - 11.45am to 12.45pm)
at **Waiuku Cosmopolitan Club**

Seven categories:

Vocal: 10 yrs & under, 11-18 yrs
Instrumental: Solo 10 yrs and under & 11-18 yrs
Vocal Group: (2 or more) any age to 18 yrs
Instrumental Group: (2 or more) any age to 18 yrs
Dance: 18 yrs and under (up to 5 mins)

Trophy for the winning school

Entry fee \$5.00 per category

Please, No CDs with vocals - backing music only (or Band available for backing)

All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

Call Glen Thompson 235 6288 or

Bruce Robinson 027 3323929 for more details

RAFFLES * SPOT PRIZES *** SNACK MEALS**

Hosted by Waiuku Country Music Club

YEAR 12 DRAMA FUNDRAISING FOR FRANCE 2014

We would like to thank the following people/businesses for sponsoring their time and/or prizes for our Quiz night on June 14th at the Waiuku Cosmopolitan Club:

Nigel Ward (Quizmaster Extraordinaire)

Waiuku Cosmopolitan Club

TLC Firewood

Independent Liquor

VTNZ Pukekohe

Autohaus

Wild Olive

Super Liquor Waiuku

Lothlorian

Enchanted Florist

Aka Aka Allsorts

Fellow Drama students are performing over the next couple of weeks, we are asking a \$5 koha towards France 2014 Fundraising and students will be selling snacks so bring some change.

Performances are:

Friday 28th Year 12 FIND ME

Wednesday 3rd July Year 11 perform their self - created Melodrama

STAGE CHALLENGE TUESDAY 25TH JUNE

A long day and hours of practice come to fruition on Tuesday 25th June.

Our final rehearsals are: Sunday 23rd, 3pm-7pm in College Gym, and

Monday 24th, 3.30pm-5.30pm in College Gym.

Parents are invited to the final Waiuku performance of our **2013 Stage Challenge** entry at 5.20pm, Monday 24th June in the College Gym.

DIGI TUTORS offers on-line tutoring to students who either find subjects a challenge and need a boost, or are talented in a specific area and need challenging to further their learning. Through the use of digital tools, our aim is to provide fun, engaging, motivating sessions for students which complement learning occurring in the classroom and works towards achieving learning goals.

Research has shown that through the use of ICT learning is more engaging and motivating for students, therefore they experience more success and achievement.

Digi Tutors offer tutoring in various subjects and different levels. Offering this service on-line means Digi Tutors is more **affordable** than other tuition and are available **anywhere, any time**.

For more information please visit our website:

www.digitutors.co.nz or

contact info@digitutors.co.nz or ph. [02757054948](tel:02757054948)

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Daily - 8.30 am to 9.30 am

Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri - 1.30pm to 2.10pm

Wed - 12.35pm to 1.20pm

LIBRARY Opening Hours

8.30am – 4.30pm Monday to Thursday

8.30am – 3.30pm Friday

Activities after school

Monday – Junior Homework Club

Tuesday – Book Club

Wednesday – Junior Homework Club

Thursday – Chess Club

Note: The Internet is available each day during lunch and after school.

IT'S MY TURN TO COOK TONIGHT!
ONLINE & FREE 15 - 17 JULY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

BOSCH

GREAT PRIZES TO WIN
This fabulous BOSCH mixer, iPod shuffles, HOYTS movie passes, STEVENS kitchenware & CRAYOLA packs!

"Join me, and hundreds of other kids, for loads of online fun while you cook your dinner in your home!"
Claire Gourney

It's easy to register, no fuss, no fees. Go to itsmyturntocooktonight.com

BOSCH **Potatoes** **5+0 DAY**

Barfoot & Thompson

Women's Health Seminar - Thursday 27th June
Presented by **Diana Burgess**

An informative evening for women of all ages!

Topics Covered Include:

- Importance of having 'Hormonal Balance'
- Natural solutions for menopause & peri-menopause
- Understand the causes of estrogen dominance
- Info on why some hormones make fat loss difficult
- Hormonal health for teens, including info on the Pill
- Solutions for painful, heavy or irregular cycles
- Understanding the link between Adrenal Fatigue & PMS
- Info on reproductive health including IVF support
- Breast health, dietary advice and much more...

Venue: Pukeoware Hall, Cnr Waiuku Rd & Baldhill Rd

Time: 7pm to 9pm : Mix & Mingle from 6.30pm

Cost: \$10 each - No Door Sales

Tickets available from Barfoot & Thompson, 16 Queen

St, Waiuku. Phone 235 0880

ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO STARSHIP

NZQA FEES 2013

These fees are set by New Zealand Qualifications Authority.

All senior students have now received an NZQA Entry Fees Bill. This shows all the standards they are entered for and students were asked to check these for accuracy. This is particularly important if the student has had a timetable change this year. The bill is printed on bright yellow paper and you should have been handed it by your child by now. If not please check their bag.

The due date for these fees is Wednesday 10th July

You can pay by cheque, EFTPOS, cash, or make arrangements with the office to pay in instalments via your bank account. Contact the Office on how to do this and for payment through the internet.

This would be the most important invoice to pay at College as, if payment is not made in time, or not at all, your child will not get their results. This may seriously affect their future pathway.

No Payment = No Results.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Every year many families at Waiuku College are eligible for financial assistance with these fees. This would reduce the amount from \$76.70 to \$20.00 per individual or \$30.00 per family. As well, if you have 3 or more children sitting NCEA this year, you can also apply to ensure you pay no more than \$200 in total. Financial Assistance is not available to international fee-paying students.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- If you are on a Benefit - Work and Income, or Study Link
- If you have a gross family income that entitles you to have a Community Services card.
- If you have 3 or more children (includes blended families) studying NCEA this year.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Collect a Financial Assistance Application Form from the Student Centre. Fill it out with your Benefit or Community Services Card Client Number. Return to the School Office. A new Bill will then be issued.

LATE FEE

Failure to pay in time may result in a late fee of \$50 which NZQA imposes. Please try to make the due date above.

CONTACT FOR ENQUIRIES

If you wish to discuss any matters regarding these fees or NCEA in general please contact Anslie Ranson, Assistant Principal, on 235 8139 ext 220.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Ethan Wells who achieved second place in regional finals of the Lions Young Speechmaker Competition last Sunday in Papakura. He spoke very movingly about New Zealand's debt to the ANZACs. The judges and the audience were impressed by his fluency and sincerity.

He is shown here with the winner (Sahara Dhunnoochand) and runner up (Michelle Huang) both from Macleans College.



CONGRATULATIONS TO: the following ex-students of Waiuku College who graduated from the University of Waikato in April:

Neil Tymon (2005)

Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Secondary)

Juanita Maxwell (2006)

Bachelor of Arts (Hons)

Angela Morrison (2007)

Bachelor of Teaching (Primary)

Joris Suppers (2007)

Bachelor of Computing & Mathematical Sciences (Hons)

Scott Tiffany (2007)

Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary) & Bachelor of Sport & Leisure Studies

Michael Whitehead (2007)

Bachelor of Computing & Mathematical Sciences (Hons)

Brendan Sheridan (2008)

Bachelor of Arts (Hons)

Jonathan Stringer (2008)

Bachelor of Computing & Mathematical Sciences (Hons)

Emma Sixsmith (2009)

Bachelor of Teaching (Primary)

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Aaron Coe, last years Head Boy, who has been successful in being chosen for a **Placemakers Building Apprenticeship Scholarship**.

This Scholarship covers all his course fees, providing him full support in completing his apprenticeship. It will also provide him with further opportunities within the Building Industry.

Aaron is currently doing his building apprenticeship through BCITO and is employed by Glen Walworth Builders, Waiuku.

Congratulations and well done Aaron!

PEOPLE YOU MEET AT THE FIELD DAYS

The Year 12 Business Studies class recently had a trip to the Field Days at Mystery Creek



Left to right: Sam Dunlop, Jack Hardie, John Key (PM), Aaron Oliver & Adam Kennedy

CAREERS NEWS

NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITIES:

Applications for several universities will be all on-line this year. On-line applications have already opened for the University of Auckland and Waikato University.

Enrolment applications must be completed before university scholarships can be applied for. It is a good idea to apply for more than one university, and at least three undergraduate degree programmes. It is much easier to turn down an offer from a university than to be in the unfortunate position of applying late to a second university because you didn't get accepted by your first choice.

REVISION FOR YEAR 11 - PERIOD 5, WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday from now until they leave, Mrs Wells the Dean of Year 11 will be available in the library for ALL year 11 students who would like help with revision, assessments, learning styles, NCEA credit checks, revision techniques, DreamCatcher / goal setting etc.....

Please encourage your child to come along on Wednesdays period 5 if they need some extra input into their studies.

Appointments can be made, please see Mrs Wells for more details.

we@waiuku-college.school.nz

YEAR 9 NEWSLETTER TERM 2

The term 2 Newsletter for Year 9's will be emailed out in the coming weeks. Please make sure we have your up to date email address to ensure you receive a copy!

Email: office@waiuku-college.school.nz with the students name.

Kylie Wissel, Yr 9 Dean

ABSENCES

A friendly reminder that if your student is not coming in to school, to please phone the absences line and leave a message giving the students name and the reason for their non-attendance. Should you call outside school hours, a message can be left on the after-hours line. If you are unable to make a call, please send a note the day they return to school.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Science week will take place in week 8, 24th to 28th June. The science fair projects completed by all Junior students over the past 6 weeks will be displayed in the college hall from 24th to 27th June.

The presentation evening is on Thursday 27th June from 4.30pm.

WAIKATO UNIVERSITY PHYSICS TRIP

When we arrived at the university we entered the lecture room to meet our first lecturer who was a doctor of Physics. The lecture consisted of questions involving the Higgs Boson and the LHC (Large Hadron Collider). This was very interesting, especially because the lecturer would often throw chocolate fish for a correct answer to a question!

When we applauded the physicist we were allowed a ten minute break. After the break we were introduced to an astrologist who talked about meteors and volcanoes, which was quite a challenging topic to grasp.

We then went into the Electronics department where the teacher showed us what the students have to do and quite frankly I found this amazing. We also looked at the current projects involving robots and circuits.

Next we had an interesting lecture on battery cars and the positive and negative results of changing from oil to electric. I found this fun as we looked at many nice cars (which were electric).

After the lecture we had a 1½ hour lunch in which we roamed the university and checked out the many amazing things that Waikato had to offer.

Then we had the tractor pulling competition and unfortunately our year 12 group didn't finish and were disqualified but Waiuku College's year 13's won the competition outright.

Finally, after the competition we had an amazing lesson on "Why Stuff Breaks" and the lecturer explained why metal corrodes and gave us an example by putting many household items in liquid nitrogen and slamming them with a hammer.

Overall I found the day trip very interesting and I have now added the University of Waikato to my list of possible learning futures.

By participating student

SPORT

JUNIOR BOYS FOOTBALL

We have started off with great results for the start of our College Sport Junior Boys Competition, under the wonderful management of Mrs Keli Toner.

We won our first game by default against Strathallan and then won our second game against Manurewa Juniors 5-0.

This last week we travelled to Pukekohe High School and won that game 4-3. Goal Scorers were Caden Gillett, Rhys Foy, Kerry Wedding and Stuart Lusty. This is a great young team that are all coming together and playing strong Football.

Our next 2 weeks see us having a bye this Wednesday 19th June and on the 26th June we come up against Southern Cross College Junior Boys and this is being played at the Papakura Army Camp.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAM DUNLOP on his placing at this year's NZ Secondary Schools Wrestling Championships held on 13th April. At the completion of these, Sam was named as part of the NZSS wrestling squad to represent NZ at the "Downunders" International Wrestling Tournament being held in July.

This is a very tough tournament comprising of over 100 wrestlers from USA and teams from Australia. To prepare Sam will need to attend the Auckland Wrestling Championships on Sunday 23rd June and the National Training Camp on Sunday 30th June. Good luck Sam!

THE 1ST XV RUGBY

The 1st XV Rugby boys have completed their grading round undefeated, gaining a bonus point victory in every game. This means they have been promoted to play in the premier grade for the first time in recent years.

On Saturday they played their first premier grade game and lost narrowly by 23 -27 to James Cook High School. The team played well in patches but learned quickly that in this grade there is no time to relax, or the opposition will strike back.

They now face two very hard games in a week with matches against Wesley College and Manurewa High School 1st XV's. This will be a real test of character, especially as the team are carrying several injured players at present.

UNDER 16 (OPEN) RUGBY

The season has started with an enthusiastic group who show plenty of promise and who are now working hard to improve their skills. After the pre-season games it was clear there was a higher level of commitment and effort required if the team were to meet their potential and compete within this grade.

In recent weeks the effort put in at training and on game day has lifted and the improvements are starting show. We are now in the early competition rounds and with some success. The boys should be proud with parts of their performances. With continued hard work they will continue to improve.

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UNDER 16 (OPEN) RUGBY (CONT.)

The competition round is very competitive with some well organised teams. The coaching staff are working to develop a fast moving game with an athletic group of young men. We hope to see more success as they continue to work hard.

To the boys – keep up the improved commitment and discipline to training, work on your fitness and your enjoyment will grow.

Glen, Dennis, Tim and Matt

UNDER 14 RUGBY REPORT

Mid season and the Under 14 Open Rugby Team for Waiuku College is developing well as a squad.

The year started with an enthusiastic group of boys, some with a few years of rugby behind them, several with little experience and many with none at all.

After two heavy losses, the squad has now turned the corner and has since had 2 wins and draw.

The boys, to their credit qualified in the top half of the draw and progressed to the top tier for the competition round. This will be a tough challenge for the squad but all will learn and gain from the experience of playing the best locally in their age group.

Stand out performers so far include Cameron Lamont (Captain) Caden Gillett, Kyze TeAhuru, Joel Fraser and Lincoln Wells.

This week we come up against Te Kohanga Under 14 Club side over at Te Kohonga.

Colin North, Coach

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Wednesday 17th July	10.00am to 12.00pm
Friday 19th July	10.00am to 12.00pm
Wednesday 24th July	10.00am to 12.00pm
Friday 26th July	10.00am to 12.00pm

(all in Waiuku College, C Block)

Run by Counties Driving School Ltd

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