



## SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

March 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers

### CONSULTATION

#### The inclusion of the 'h' in the spelling of Wanganui High School

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2014 the Board of Trustees made a decision to support, in principle, the inclusion of the 'h' in the spelling of our School's name. This decision was at the request of our Māori community who have been frustrated by the spelling of the Māori word over a long period of time.

The spelling of Whanganui is of great significance to our Māori students and our Māori community, therefore, as a state school committed to the bicultural partnership in Aotearoa New Zealand, we are demonstrating respect for our partner of te Tiriti o Waitangi.

This spelling is in alignment with that of our river, our city and other educational institutions committed to lifting the academic achievement of Māori, while also supporting young people of all cultural backgrounds to succeed in every facet of their education.

As part of the process we wish to consult our School community  
and the wider community.

If you wish to comment on this change  
please email your view to: [office@whs.ac.nz](mailto:office@whs.ac.nz) by Friday, 18 March 2016.

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