



Wanganui High School

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the School,

We have had a very busy and productive eight weeks of this 11 week term. Much has been achieved both in and out of the classroom.

At the beginning of each year we run assemblies to celebrate achievements in the NZQA examinations. Our top academics take much pride in wearing the ties and badges they have been awarded. In this newsletter I have acknowledged the recipients of Academic ties, Excellence ties and Centurion Award badges. These students thoroughly deserve congratulating.

The School is very proud of our exceptional Scholarship results gained from the NZQA examinations. Twenty-three scholarships were achieved, four of which were Outstanding. All four of these were gained by our Dux, Amaan Merchant, who achieved seven subject scholarships in all, which placed him in the top 10 nationally as a Premier Scholar. Amaan is an outstanding young man.

Our results in the Cambridge Mathematics examinations were again outstanding with a 100% pass rate at Year 11 - seven students gained A grades and four students were awarded A+. Years 12 and 13 are combined into one course and two students in this group were awarded A grades at the AS level.

In the sporting arena, we have run very successful swimming sports and two athletics events - Junior and Senior. Teams were selected from these events to compete at the various Wanganui Secondary School meetings in which our athletes achieved

some excellent results. Our mixed tennis team - Sam Russell, Vitek Sosnowski, Gabrielle Hiri and Paris Butters - have beaten Wanganui Collegiate School to qualify to play in the Nationals.

The School's mixed touch team are the current National champions. Recently, staff member, Sean Brown took a girls' team and a mixed touch team to the lower North Island competition. Both teams have qualified to compete in the National Tournament in December. I would like to acknowledge the time and effort put in by Sean who is an exemplary coach and role model. He commands the respect of his players and the results reflect this.

In the debating arena, the School has again won the Russell McVeagh Central North Island Regional debating competition. Four of our debaters were selected for the development squad to go to the National Competition in Wellington. Congratulations, Gabrielle Penn, Jackie Hazelhurst, Alister Hughes and Jeanne-Marie Bonnet, who I know will be fine ambassadors for the School.

Clearly, this has been a fine start to the year. I am conscious that we rely heavily on your support in a wide variety of ways, be it just ensuring that your son or daughter gets to school on time correctly dressed, or assisting in some capacity on the sports field, or supporting the students to try their best. It is all important and appreciated. Thank you.

Elizabeth Spooner
Acting Principal

Excellence Ties Academic Ties

An excellence tie is awarded to a student who has achieved 50 or more Excellence credits for the second time.

Baxter, Bailey
Bonnet, Jeanne-Marie
Butters, Paris
Chileshe, Nyasha
Collinson, Zara
Davey, Regan
De Vincentis, Jesse
Dempsey, Emily
Denzel, Kate
Dudley, Rylee
Elliot, Stephanie
Gammeter, Josiah
Gaskin, Tegan
Hackett, Jorja
Hamlin, Isiah
Henderson, Isabella
Herdman, Libby
Jones, Grace
Lillington, Harry
Lockwood, Stephanie
Loveridge Mills, Grace
Manning, Millie
McDonald, Kato
Noble, Brylee
Orchard, Hypatia
Penn, Gabrielle
Perera, Methmi
Pilet, Jack
Poa, Poipoia
Russell, Tessa
Simon, Sapere
Smith, Dayna
Wang, Alan
Wright, Matthew
Xie, Jessica

An academic tie is awarded when a student student has achieved 50 or more excellent credits.

Bates, Sophie
Bennett, Ally
Booth-Richards, Caitlin
Bourne, Danielle
Buchan, Abigail
Caird, Olivia
Clifton, Louise
Collins, Hugo
Collins, Vincent
Douglas, Elly
Dykstra, Paige
Elliot, Tim
Flanagan-Connors, Boston
Friedel, Caitlyn
Ghamri, Nusr
Gray, Ryan
Hadley, Brenna
Harrison, Samantha
Hawkins, Shaila-Anne
Hazelhurst, Jackie
Herdman, Sarah
Hove, Taku
Howard, Jessamine
Hughes, Alister
James, Angus
Jones, Liam
Kennedy, Libby
Lewis, Hannah
Mackenzie, Holly
Marks, Richard
Mey-Ou, Deve
Minnell, Kate
O'Connor, Chelsea
Price, Meghan
Prince, Millie
Ranginui, Tibet
Rei, Tazman
Robertson, Ben
Ross, Brianna
Rowe, James
Satherley, Jesse
Shen, Helen
Somerville, Isobel
Sosnowski, Vitek
Souness, Kasey
Southee, Jack
Su'a, Taliah
Teki, Mikaya
Thompson, Danielle
Van Niekerk, Julia
Wilkie, Dylan
Wright, Grace
Yu, James

2015 Scholarship Results

23 Scholarships - 4 outstanding

English

Katherine Ball
Benjamin Clow
Hashini De Silva
Sarah Miller
Grace Thurlow
Alexander Torrie

Biology

Kyle de Koning
Hashini De Silva
Methmi Perera
Benjamin Schmidt

Chemistry

Amaan Merchant (Outstanding)
Methmi Perera

Physics

Amaan Merchant (Outstanding)

Earth and Space Science

Amaan Merchant

Statistics

John Hughes
Amaan Merchant (Outstanding)

Calculus

Amaan Merchant

Music

Amaan Merchant

Geography

Waimarama Matena
Alexander Torrie

Economics

Amaan Merchant (Outstanding)

Classical Studies

Leticia Pritchard

Physical Education

Waimarama Matena

2016 Athletics Day

We held two days of athletics this year with the Y9-10 compulsory day of over 600 students taking part and competing in their form classes throughout the day. This was once again a huge success with form teachers, peer mentors and form classes working together competing at all disciplines. Our Senior Athletics day was also a successful day with over 500 students taking part in the day. This year we also bought our top 10 junior athletes in all disciplines to compete at the senior athletic day.

We had 4 WHS records broken on the day:

Mitchell Millar - 14.15m in Shot Put for Senior Boys
Briella Maua - 9.28m in Shot Put for Intermediate Girls
Javontae Alabaster-Wroe - 14.18m in Shot Put for Intermediate Boys
Sophie Andrews - 26.94m in Discus for Junior Girls

WHS also represented the school well at the Wanganui Secondary School Athletics Champs with 110 athletes competing.

This year we have 7 students representing the school at the North Island Secondary School Champs in Auckland on 2nd-3rd April. They are **Javontae Alabaster-Wroe, Sophie Andrews, Rebecca Baker, Max Campbell, Louis Hogan, Matt Kleinsmith** and **Maria Williams**.



Centurion Award

A Centurion award is given to a student who has achieved 100% of 100 or more credits. The student has not failed any assessments. If a student does this for a second year the award is Endorsed.

Andrews, Kaylee - Endorsed
Bates, Sophie
Baxter, Bailee - Endorsed
Boniface, Chloe
Bonnet, Jeanne-Marie - Endorsed
Chileshe, Nyasha
Bourne, Danielle
Clifton, Louise
Collins, Hugo
Collins, Vincent
Collinson, Zara - Endorsed
Davey, Regan
Dempsey, Emily - Endorsed
Denzel, Kate
Dunn, Alannah - Endorsed
Elliot, Stephanie - Endorsed
Elliot, Tim
Flanagan-Connors, Boston
Friedel, Caitlyn
Ghamri, Nusr
Gilligan, Ana
Goldfinch, Cameron - Endorsed
Gray, Ryan
Hadley, Brenna
Hazelhurst, Jackie
Henderson, Isabella - Endorsed
Herdman, Libby
Hughes, Alister
Hurley, Abby - Endorsed
James, Angus
Jones, Grace - Endorsed
Jones, Liam
Lewis, Hannah
Lockwood, Stephanie - Endorsed
Mackenzie, Holly
Manning, Millie
McDonald, Kato
McPake, Ciara
Nevil, Abigail
Noble, Brylee - Endorsed
Orchard, Hypatia - Endorsed
Park, Bridget - Endorsed
Penn, Gabrielle - Endorsed
Perera, Methmi - Endorsed
Poa, Poipoia
Price, Meghan
Rainey, Emma
Robertson, Ben
Rofe, Sophie
Ross, Brianna
Russell, Tessa - Endorsed
Simon, Sapere
Simpson, Liam
Southee, Jack
Su'a, Taliah
Teki, Mikaya
Tijssen-Cox, Ben
Turner, Kati
Van Niekerk, Julia
Viljoen, Adriaan
Watson, Kasey
Wright, Grace
Xie, Jessica - Endorsed
Yu, James