



# Whanganui High School

## NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2016 FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the School,

I would like to thank the Whanganui High School Community for its ongoing support for the School throughout the 2016 school year.

My words for students who will leave the school are these:

Your success will be difficult to win and there will be speed bumps and turbulence along the way. You will enter a national pool of talent that will challenge your very best efforts as trainee builders, nurses, farmers, chefs, students, hairdressers, service and sports men/women, pilots and musicians. To prosper you will have to be focused, dedicated, tenacious and resilient.

You will have to bounce when you are down..... That's life..... get up and live it.

No matter where you find yourself in 2017, you will still need to be smart, very smart, street smart, study smart, dress smart, socially alert, be well read, as well as techno and business savvy. You will need to be interesting and interested, you will need to be organized and innovative, with your eyes firmly fixed over the horizon.

The Danish philosopher, and theologian Søren Kierkegaard once said:

"Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards."

But you will do well to reflect on your time at school, know what leads to success and understand that another ladder of life begins again for you, and that you are on the bottom rung of that ladder. If you are joining the workforce, listen, be on time, be patient, show initiative, and keep your sense of humour.

Doing the right thing will guide you but won't guarantee you, that will require perseverance and personality, which all of you have developed over your five years at high school.

Over the last month we have acknowledged, via a range of prizegivings, an outstanding group of young people who have been recipients for prizes and awards in a vast range of activities. Most notable has to be those who have won National awards, team selection and importantly University Scholarships.

At the Year 13 Prize-giving we were able to acknowledge recipients for over \$300,000 worth of tertiary awards and this reflects strongly on the quality of teaching and pastoral support in the School. Congratulations to all of those who have worked so hard for our young people.

The staff of the School would like to congratulate the winners of the 2017 Whanganui High School Year 8 Scholarships. A large number of students challenged themselves in the assessment process and we are delighted with the high calibre of the 2017 recipients. We all have great faith that in 2021 they, too, will lead the School as others have before them.

The selection of student leadership and prefect positions for 2017 have been completed and, again, one is to be impressed with the high calibre of the students who have been considered for these positions. I have no doubt that those selected will be well supported by able Lieutenants, and the School leaders will be able to enhance the work of those that have gone before them. Those in the Senior leadership roles for the School for 2017 are - Head Boy - Jack Southee; Head Girl - Jackie Hazelhurst; Deputy Head Boy - Nusr Ghamri; Deputy Head Girl - Mikaya Teki.

At this point, I would like to acknowledge those who have been involved in the School's International programme. Whanganui High School has hosted approximately 60 students throughout the school year. They have lived in Whanganui homes and enjoyed the School and the Community at large. This is a significant group of young people and their presence provides the opportunity for a number of staff to be involved in different teaching programmes. They are a long way from home and I would like to acknowledge the staff who have interacted most closely with them, particularly, their home-stay families. Thank you for extending a warm Kiwi welcome to these young people.

During the Christmas break the School will undergo a further development of its facilities, in particular, the construction of a purpose-built Art and Media Design Centre. This has been the combination of a significant effort on behalf of the Board of Trustees to ensure that this project comes to fruition.

I would like to, on behalf of the School Community, thank Mr Southee for his effective leadership of the Board of Trustees, and I know that they are all anticipating the arrival of Mr McAllen and his wife, Sandy, in early January.

Enjoy the holiday break, you deserve it, enjoy the sun and surf. Enjoy your Xmas dinner, be safe on the roads and cyber space, be safe on your horses, be safe at the beaches and on the bikes, in rivers and lakes, and look after your friends.

Finally, I would like to wish the school the very best for 2017 and beyond.

Po marie ..... Ka kite ano

Ross Brown  
Principal

### Y8 Scholarship Winners 2017

Confucius Prize <b>Angus Dalgleish</b>	Mathematics Scholarship <b>Harry Newrick</b>
Cultural Scholarship <b>Emma Henare</b>	Science Scholarship <b>Evan Lawler</b>
Cultural Scholarship <b>AJ Malili-Malo-Lauano</b>	Social Studies Scholarship <b>Jeffery Lin</b>
English Scholarship <b>Katrina Anderson</b>	Sports Scholarship <b>Paris Munro</b>
Ivan Higgins Scholarship <b>Troy Brennan</b>	Sports Scholarship <b>Nathan Cohen</b>



### 2017 Return to School

<b>Tuesday 24 January</b> Course Counselling	<b>Monday 30 January</b> Year 9 and new students from all other year levels begin
<b>Wednesday 25 January</b> Course Counselling	<b>Tuesday 31 January</b> All year levels

### Achievers 2016 (Updates up to 14 December 2016)

Tom Adkins	13	WSS Sports Awards - Contribution to Sport (Hockey)
Kara Adrole	9	Rugby - NZSS Condors Sevens Nationals Open Girls Constellation Cup - Runner Up
Javontae Alabaster-Wroe	11	Athletics - WHS Intermediate Boys' Shot Put New School Record (12.35m)
Sophie Andres	9	Athletics - NZSS Junior Hammer Girls 12th, Junior Girls Javelin 9th
Rebecca Baker	10	Athletics - Junior Girls 1500m 8th
Travis Bayler	10	Athletics - NZSS Top Qualifier Junior Boys 800m Heats
Rebecca Bengel	11	Equestrian - NZ U17 Team
Ally Bennett	12	Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award - Silver, WSS Sports Awards - Contribution to Sport (Rowing)
Ayzak Bennett	13	Touch - WSS Sports Awards Team of the Year, Rugby - WSS Sports Awards - Recognition of Performance in Local Sport
Jimi Blinkhorne	11	Roller Hockey - Trans Tasman Cup NZ U16 Team, Roller Hockey - National Champs Junior Title (Captain), Top Tournament Goal Scorer 3rd, Selected for Australian Day Cup
Jeanne-Marie Bonnet	13	Monetary Policy Challenge - Distinction, Regional French Speaking Competition (Concours Oral) 1st, PwC Accelerate Programme, Sonja Wilson Competition (Intermediate Piano) - Highly Commended, Otago University Academic Excellence Entrance Scholarship, Victoria University Vice-Chancellor's Excellence Scholarship
Dylan Bowater	13	Touch - WSS Sports Awards Team of the Year, Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport
Christopher Breuer	13	Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport
Hamish Broadhead	13	Touch - WSS Sports Awards Team of the Year, Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport
Sophie Brooke	10	Kayaking - Blue Lakes 1 Sprints U14 K2 200m 1st, U14 K2 500m 1st, U14 K1 200m 1st, U14 K1 500m 2nd, U14 K4 200m 1st, U14 K4 500m 1st
Charlie Brown	10	Football - WSS Awards Whanganui Regional Youth Official of the Year, Whanganui Top 2nd Year Official, James Cup Referee, Sam Heirangi Memorial Cup: Whanganui Top Youth Official
Jack Clifton	10	Kayaking - Blue Lakes 1 Sprints 6 x 100m Relay 2nd, K2 200m 2nd, K2 500m 2nd, K4 200m 2nd, K4 500m 2nd, K1 500m 4th
Jordan Cohen	11	Touch - WSS Sports Awards Team of the Year
Vincent Collins	12	Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand - Performance of Winning Piece at Government House
Zara Collinson	13	Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award - Gold
Kohlh Coveny	12	Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport
Amelia Cronin	9	Swimming - NZSS Champs 13yo Girls 100m Freestyle 7th, 400m Freestyle 8th, 200m Freestyle 10th, 200m Individual Medley 10th, Relay Girls 15+ 4 x 50m Freestyle 5th, Swimming - National Short Course 13yo Freestyle 100m 10th, 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay 10th
Griffin Culver	12	Touch - WSS Sports Awards Team of the Year, Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport
Robbie Douglas	11	Confucius Institute International Youth Test in Chinese Language - Excellence
Elena Egorov	11	Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award - Silver
Jayden Erceg	13	Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport
Niamh Flower	12	Netball - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport
Elena Forlong	13	Swimming - NZSS Champs Girls 16yo+ 200m Butterfly 2nd, Girls Relay 15yo+ 4 x 50m Freestyle 5th, 100m Butterfly 8th, Swimming - National Short Course Champs 17-18yo 200m Butterfly 5th, 200m Butterfly Open Final (Ranking 8th Fastest Overall in NZ), 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay 10th, 'Swim Wellington' Team - Selected for Queensland State Champs, NZ U18 Swim Team
Katie Foster	9	Kayaking - Blue Lakes 1 Sprints K2 200m 1st, K2 500m 1st, K4 200m 1st, K4 500m 1st, Mixed K4 200m 1st, K1 500m 3rd, 6 x 100m Relay 2nd
Caitlyn Friedel	12	Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand - Performance of Winning Piece at Government House
Tiaho Hamahona Taiaroa	11	Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport
Tom Healy	12	Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport
Wiremu Hiri	13	WSS Sports Awards - Contribution to Sport (Softball), Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport
Louis Hogan	13	Athletics - NZSS Snr Boys 6km Road Race 12th
Niamh Hogan	11	Swimming - NZSS Champs Relay Girls 15+ 4 x 50m Freestyle 5th
Kelly Houltham	12	Touch - WSS Sports Awards Team of the Year
Tyrone Houltham	12	Touch - WSS Sports Awards Team of the Year
Aiden Hunter	13	Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport, Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport



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Abby Hurley	13	Kayaking - Blue Lakes 1 Sprints Mixed K4 200m 1st			
Jazmine Jones-Collings	12	Confucius Institute International Youth Test in Chinese Language - Excellence			
Phoenix Kairimu	11	Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport			
Matt Kleinsmith	12	U Skills Whanganui Award for Outstanding Top Student, Athletics - NZSS Senior Boys Heat 5 Preliminary's 200m 5th			
Apenisa Kuruwaca	13	Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport			
Michael Lai	13	Confucius Institute International Youth Test in Chinese Language - Excellence			
Cameron Lawrence	12	WSS Sports Awards - Contribution to Sport (Rowing)			
Sarya Lower	10	Swimming - NZSS Champs Girls 15yo 50m Freestyle 3rd, 50m Breaststroke 3rd, 100m Freestyle 4th, 100m Breaststroke 4th, 200m Individual Medley 7th, 200m Breaststroke 9th, 50m Butterfly 10th, 200m Backstroke 10th, Relay 15+ 4 x 50m Freestyle 5th, Open 50m Breaststroke Skins 5th, Swimming - National Short Course Champs; 15yo 50m Breaststroke 4th, 100m Medley 5th, 50m Freestyle 5th, 200m Medley 5th, 100m Breaststroke 7th, 400m Medley 10th, 200m Freestyle 11th, 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay 10th, Open Age Group Finals; 100m Medley 18th Overall, 50m Breaststroke and 50m Freestyle 27th Overall. Whanganui Open and Age Group Records in 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 100m Medley, 200m Medley	Vitek Sosnowski	12	Open One Regional Dance Champs; (Junior Level 1,2,3,4,Open) New Vogue, Latin, Std 3rd, River City Regional Champs; (Junior Level 1) Ballroom & New Vogue 1st, Latin 2nd, (Junior Level 2) Ballroom 1st, Latin & New Vogue 2nd, (Junior Open) Ballroom 1st, Latin & New Vogue 2nd (Junior Open) Ballroom 1st, Latin & New Vogue 2nd, Jimmy James Regional Champs; (Junior Level 1) Latin 2nd, New Vogue & Std 1st, (Junior Level 2) Latin, New Vogue, Std 1st, Wellington Metro Regional Champs; (Junior Level 1) Std 2nd, Latin & New Vogue 1st, (Level 2) Std 1st, Rose City Dancesport Regional Champs; (Junior Open 1) Std 1st, Latin & New Vogue 2nd, (Junior Open 2) Std & New Vogue 1st, Latin 2nd, (Junior Open 3) Std 1st
David Mariner	13	Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport	Kahurangi Sturmey	13	Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award - Silver
Iriaka Mason	11	Athletics - WHS Intermediate Girls' Javelin New School Record (22.81m), Rugby - NZSS Condors Sevens Nationals Open Girls Constellation Cup - Runner Up	Taliah Su'a	12	Touch - WSS Sports Awards Team of the Year, Rugby - NZSS Condors Sevens Nationals Open Girls Constellation Cup - Runner Up
Brayden Maua	13	Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport	Lika Suzuki	12	Netball - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport
Raumati McDonnell	13	Rugby - NZSS Condors Sevens Nationals Open Girls Constellation Cup - Runner Up	Diana Taha Williams	13	Confucius Institute International Youth Test in Chinese Language - Excellence
Bradley McDowell	10	NZ Junior Speed Shotgun Champion, WSS Sport Awards Junior Sportsman of the Year	Polly Tai	11	WSS Sports Awards - Official of the Year
Magnus McLaughlin	13	Touch - WSS Sports Awards Team of the Year, Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport	Anastasia Tamaniyaga	13	Confucius Institute International Youth Test in Chinese Language - Excellence
Mahinarangi Millar-Potaka	12	Touch - WSS Sports Awards Team of the Year			Netball - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport, Rugby - NZSS Condors Sevens Nationals Open Girls Constellation Cup - Runner Up
Mitchell Millar	13	Touch - WSS Sports Awards Team of the Year, Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport	Ruhia Tamati	13	Touch - WSS Sports Awards Team of the Year, Netball - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport
Kerwyn Morgan	11	Netball - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport, Rugby - NZSS Condors Sevens Nationals Open Girls Constellation Cup - Runner Up	Mairangi Tamehana	12	Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport
Thomas Nathan	13	Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport	Cambell Tanner	12	Kayaking - Blue Lakes 1 Sprints 6 x 100m Relay 2nd, K4 1000m 1st, K4 200m 2nd
Brylee Noble	13	Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award - Gold	Renee Teers	9	NZ Junior Speed Skating Title
Blair Osborne	13	Touch - WSS Sports Awards Team of the Year, Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport	Kate Thomas	11	Confucius Institute International Youth Test in Chinese Language - Excellence
Daina Pa'a	12	Rugby - NZSS Condors Sevens Nationals Open Girls Constellation Cup - Runner Up	Jessica Thompson	9	Kayaking - Blue Lakes 1 Sprints K2 200m 3rd, K2 500m 3rd, K4 200m 1st, K4 500m 1st
Sheldon Pakinga-Manhire	13	Touch - WSS Sports Awards Team of the Year, Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport	Kristin Thompson	10	Netball - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport
Forest Palmer	11	Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport	Lucas Thompson	10	Kayaking - Blue Lakes 1 Sprints Mixed K4 200m 1st, K2 200m 2nd, K2 500m 2nd, K4 200m 2nd, K4 500m 2nd, K1 200m 4th
Te Miringa Parkes	12	Touch - WSS Sports Awards Team of the Year	De-Ann Tyrell	12	Touch - WSS Sports Awards Team of the Year, Netball - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport, Rugby - NZSS Condors Sevens Nationals Open Girls Constellation Cup - Runner Up
Jackson Pene-Herewini	13	Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport	Keilani Tyrell	10	Netball - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport, Rugby - NZSS Condors Sevens Nationals Open Girls Constellation Cup - Runner Up
Gabrielle Penn	13	Debating - SPCA Great Debate (Guest Debater)	Montel Vaiao Aki	10	Netball - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport, Rugby - NZSS Condors Sevens Nationals Open Girls Constellation Cup - Runner Up
Methmi Perera	13	Confucius Institute International Youth Test in Chinese Language - Excellence	Eva-Rose Wakefield	9	Dancesport - Spirit of Ballroom Regional Champs; (Junior Level 1) Std & New Vogue 1st, Latin 3rd, (Junior Level 2) New Vogue 2nd, Std & Latin 3rd, Kapiti Coast Regional Dance Festival (Junior Level 1) Std & Latin 2nd, New Vogue 1st, (Junior Level 2) Std & Latin 2nd, Harbour City Regional Champs; (Junior Level 1) New Vogue & Std 2nd, NZ Open One Dance Regional Champs; (Junior Level 1) New Vogue 2nd, Std 3rd, (Junior Level 2) New Vogue 2nd, Std 3rd, (Junior Level 5) New Vogue & Std 3rd, (Junior Open) New Vogue & Std 3rd, River City Regional Champs; (Junior Level 1) Ballroom & New Vogue 2nd, Latin 3rd, (Junior Level 2) Ballroom & Latin 3rd, (Junior Open) Latin 3rd, Wellington Metro Regional Champs; (Junior Level 1) Std 1st, Latin & New Vogue 2nd, (Junior Level 2) Std, Latin & New Vogue 2nd, Rose City Dancesport Champs; (Junior Level 1) New Vogue 2nd, (Junior Open 1) Std 2nd, Latin 3rd, (Junior Open 2) New Vogue, Std & Latin 3rd, (Junior Open 3) Std 2nd, Capital City Regional Champs; (Junior Level 1) Latin 2nd, New Vogue & Ballroom 1st, (Junior Level 2) Latin, New Vogue & Ballroom 2nd
Charis Perofeta	13	Rugby - NZSS Condors Sevens Nationals Open Girls Constellation Cup - Runner Up	Jessica Watkin	13	Whiteferns High Performance Squad, WSS Sport Awards - Senior Sportswomen of the Year
Jack Pilet	13	WSS Sports Awards - Contribution to Sport (Hockey)	Kasey Watson	12	Judo - North Island Champs Cadets U73kg 2nd, Judo - NZ National Judo Champs Cadets 73kg under 2nd, Cadets Open Weight 2nd, Junior Men 73kg under 2nd
Kaewa Potaka	11	Netball - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport	Keightley Watson	10	Judo - North Island Champs Cadets +90kg 1st, Cadets Open 1st, Judo - NZ National Judo Champs Cadets +90kg 1st, Cadets Open Weight 1st, Junior Men +81kg 1st, Junior Men Open Weight 1st
Zane Puklowski	12	Rugby - WSS Sports Awards- Recognition of Performance in Local Sport	Tristan Wilson	11	Confucius Institute International Youth Test in Chinese Language - Excellence
Emma Rainey	12	Junior Black Stick Womens Squad	Cindy Xu	12	Confucius Institute International Youth Test in Chinese Language - Excellence
Maia Ramis	10	NZ U16 Basketball Academy	Eli Zinsli	9	Roller Hockey - NZ U16 Team
Joseph Redpath	13	WSS Sports Awards - Contribution to Sport (Hockey), Athletics - NZSS Snr Boys Triple Jump 15th			
Te-Wai Robertson	9	Rugby - NZSS Condors Sevens Nationals Open Girls Constellation Cup - Runner Up			
Ethan Ross	12	Kayaking - Blue Lakes 1 Sprints K4 1000m 1st, K4 200m 2nd			
Serah Sali	11	Confucius Institute International Youth Test in Chinese Language - Excellence			
Nanea Schurhammer	10	Kayaking - Blue Lakes 1 Sprints 6 x 100m Relay 2nd, U16 K2 500m 2nd, U16 K2 200m 2nd, U18 K4 200m 3rd			
Jared Sim	9	Dancesport - Spirit of Ballroom Regional Champs; (Junior Level 1) Std 3rd, New Vogue & Latin 2nd, (Junior Level 2) Std, New Vogue & Latin 2nd, Kapiti Coast Dance Regional Festival; (Junior Level 1) Std, New Vogue & Latin 1st, (Junior Level 2) Std & Latin 1st, Harbour City Regional Champs; (Junior Level 1) New Vogue 1st, Std 3rd, Latin 2nd, (Junior Level 2) Std 1st, New Vogue & Latin 2nd, NZ			