



WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 3 September
Tournament Week

Wednesday 12 September
Senior Examinations Begin

Friday 21 September
Senior Examinations End

Friday 28 September
Last Day of Term 3

Tenā koutou katoa,

Welcome to our new design format for the Principal's newsletter! We are currently in the process of re-designing central aspects of our communication to both our school community and to the wider Whanganui regional community.

During recent weeks we have held our wonderful School Ball; two days of informative Student Achievement Conferences; Central Six Junior Tournament; Hawera High School sports exchange (9 wins and one loss); Wanganui Collegiate sports exchange (5 wins and one loss) and Future Focus Week (students and families beginning to choose courses for 2019).

Many of our first sporting teams will be competing in Winter Tournament Week during the week beginning Monday, 3 September. From Wednesday, 12 September to Friday, 21 September, all Senior students will be actively engaged in the Whanganui High School senior examinations. We are still accepting enrolments for 2019 but please be quick as available spaces are limited.

Ngā mihi nui

Martin McAllen - Principal

MEd Leadership with First Class Honours,
PGDipEd Leadership, BA, Dip Tchg

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2018

WHS ACHIEVERS

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EMELYE BROWN

Participated in the New Zealand Lions Clubs' Young Speechmaker Contest on Saturday 4th August. Thirteen contestants from throughout NZ competed and Emelye, who spoke on Animal Welfare, won first place in the national competition. Her prize includes five weeks in the USA/Canada over the Christmas break presenting to various audiences.

ACHIEVERS

DANCE NZ MADE

Congratulations to WHS students succeeding in the recent Regional Dance NZ Made Competition. With Emma Henare, Abby Squire, Lauren Phillips and Emelye Brown (Directors Nomination) going through to Nationals in September.

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KEIGHTLEY WATSON

Keightley Watson our judo superstar had an outstanding performance in the Judo Asian Cup IFJ Tournament (2 Bronzes), Waikato Comp (3 Golds), Maucau Asian Cup (1 Bronze, 1 Silver) and the recent Auckland Comp (3 Golds). Keightley is currently in the Netherlands for the Netherlands International Comp. Then he will jet off to the Sydney International, World Juniors (Bahamas), NZ Nationals (competing in 3 divisions), Perth Open and Perth OJU's Juniors, and all before the year's end!

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BRADLEY MCDOWELL

Congratulations to sharpshooter Bradley McDowell who is the world's top junior cowboy. Bradley is the Wyoming State Junior Champion, World Champion Junior Shooter, SASS World Champs (New Mexico), NZ Overall Champion, World Junior Champion and is 7th Overall in the World!



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SOPHIA 'UNGA-CRIBB

Winner of Ngā Manu Kōrero 2018 21 June 2018 Held in Waitara, Taranaki She will now go on to the National Comp which will be held in Gisborne on the 18th - 20th of September. "It was super nerve - wrecking but once I was on stage I fell into my element. Regionals was an awesome experience, and I loved getting two haka tautoko, that was super cool!"



SMOKEFREE TANGATA BEATS COMPETITION

Congratulations to WHS band "The Remnant" who are national finalists for Smokefree Tangata Beats; Cypress Kani-Hurinui, Wiremu Rogan, Toka Poa, Joshua Waitai and Chester Nevil...we are so proud of you!

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INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

This year we have had visitors from our contacts in Xuzhou, China and a visit from our sister school in Japan. Our first short term study group from Thailand was a resounding success and we have just welcomed a small group of students from our sister city - Nagaizumi-Cho. The students took part in all sorts of activities including trips to the mountain and Bushy Park, Cooking, Maori and Technology classes after school and rides on a jet boat. The students really enjoy the outdoors, blue sky and clean air in spite of the cooler weather at present.

We are always looking for homestay families who would like to share their life and culture with our international visitors. If you are interested in hosting an International Student, please contact Whanganui High School on 06 349 0178 during school hours and ask for the International Department.



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THE SCHOOL BALL

On the 7th of July 2018 Whanganui High School Year 13 students and their partners gathered to enjoy "A Night Under the Stars" at the Whanganui Racecourse. After months of preparation the venue was exactly as we - the Social Prefects had envisaged, with guests being welcomed with a dazzling array of stars that covered the entirety of the ceiling, and tables decorated in a similar stellar fashion with glittering lights and candles to further set the sparkling scene. The attendees were all dressed to match the glitzy nature of the occasion - with many a red carpet worthy ensemble. The caterers put on a delicious buffet which was well received by students and teachers alike before 'The Late Night Tales' entertained us with an outstanding performance. The crowd got up onto their feet and danced late into the night. The scene was set for a wonderful evening of revelry but it was the laughter, camaraderie and friendships formed over the years that really made the evening a memorable high school experience. A huge thank you must go out to my counterpart Kaveh Safaei Torogh (Head of Social) and the Social Prefect Team for helping me put on a night which was truly unforgettable.

Ella Towers - Head of Social

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