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## Principal's Message

E ngā reo, e ngā mana, rau rangatira mā, ngā matā waka, tēnei te mihi nui atu ki ā koutou katoa. Ko te wawata me te tumanako ka noho ora mai koutou katoa.

### Senior Exams

Senior students are currently sitting examinations or coming into school to complete workshops. Just a reminder that all students attending school are to be in the correct school uniform.

Senior students are released on examination leave through until Wednesday 23 September. All senior students are required back at school on Thursday 24 September and Friday 25 September.

These last two days of term will allow senior students the opportunity to go over their examinations with their teachers. While not all examination papers will be marked at this stage, teachers will be able to indicate to students areas that need attention. These two days are critical, as it will identify areas students need to focus their study on over the holiday break.

### Enrolments

On Tuesday 15 September Whakatane High School held its open day and open evening. Thank you to all those who attended these successful sessions. The feedback the school received was excellent.

Whakatane High School is now taking enrolments for 2016. Enrolment appointments can be made online via the following website [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz). The school event code is – **BZPCU**, or contact the school office for an appointment time on 308 8251.

### End of Term

The last day of term is Friday 25 September. I wish all students a relaxing break and thank them for their excellent efforts over this last term.

It is important senior students commit some time to study over this holiday break. On return to school on Monday 12 October, students will only have three and a half weeks before Senior Prize Giving after which they are released for external examinations. Senior students need to be focused and committed as they work towards their external examinations.

### Congratulations

Tori Robinson has recently been named in the NZ Junior Hockey Squad. Congratulations to Tori on this recognition of both her skill and commitment at a national level.

Jean-Daniel Rosset swam at the recent NZ Secondary Schools Championships and was

successful in gaining a bronze medal in the 50m Butterfly event. Olivia Hay also achieved outstanding results in the paralympic class winning two gold medals, 5 silver and one bronze.

Reece Hendl-Cox recently competed in the NZ Junior Rota X Go Karting Series. Reece won the last round and this moved him into third place overall for this six race series.

### **Conclusion**

Thanks to all parents and caregivers who supported the school and our students over the last term. I wish you a relaxing holiday break and look forward to your involvement once again in term four beginning on Monday 12 October.

**Chris Nielsen**

**Principal**



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## **Whakatane High School Swimmers Bring Home Medals**

The Whakatane High School swimming team competed in the NZ Secondary School Championships last weekend achieving outstanding results. The team of Jean-Daniel Rosset, Anais Magner, Caroline Paulsen, Olivia Hay, Ava Andersen and Emily Julian competed from 11-13 September in Hamilton.

The team turned in strong performances with several swimmers achieving personal best times and placings at the national event. The girls' team achieved 10th place overall from 68 teams with the boys' team coming 57th out of 69 teams.

### **The following placed in the top 10 for their age group nationally:**

- **Olivia Hay** - swam in the paralympic class and came away with fantastic results; two gold medals, 5 silver and 1 bronze and lots of points for the school.
- **Jean-Daniel Rosset** – bronze medal in his age group for 50m butterfly.
- **Ava Andersen** – 8th in 200m breaststroke, 7th 50 m breaststroke, 8th 100m breaststroke.
- **Emily Julian** – 5th in 50 m butterfly.

**Pictured from left:** Jean-Daniel Rosset, Ava Andersen, Caroline Paulsen, Anais Magner, Emily Julian.



## Tori Robinson Selected for NZ U19 Hockey Squad

Congratulations to Tori Robinson for her inclusion in the NZ Juniors' Hockey Squad for 2015. Having recently completed another season representing the Midlands regional hockey team, Tori's hard work and dedication has been recognised and rewarded at the national level. The NZ Junior Squad will attend a Hockey NZ training camp in Auckland from 47 December, leading into the Junior Series

## Silver Medal for Whakatane High School Girls Basketball Team

The Whakatane High School Girls Basketball team recently returned from Rotorua after a very successful tournament playing teams from the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions. The girls played incredibly well and came away with a Silver Medal! Their coach, Lisa Korenhof, was very proud of the team's efforts during tournament week.



## Rotorua Spring

vs Australia U19s in January 2016 on the Gold Coast.

Good luck, Tori!

## Mikayla King Selected for BOP Interprovincial Golf Championships

Mikayla King has been selected to represent the Bay in the BOP Interprovincial Golf Championships. These will be held from 28 September to 2 October 2015 in Rotorua. The Bay team is a team of six. After a very nerve wracking trial session last weekend, Mikayla is excited to be selected.

## Football

- 2nd XI Girls beat Whakatane Hot Shots 4-2.
- 1st XI girls beat Tauranga Girls College 2-1, with goals to Teiria Barsdell and Teina Davis.

## Spectacular Equestrian Success for Hannah Van der Horst

Hannah and I Romulus took the huge step to Level 5 at the recent Rotorua Spring Spectacular Equestrian Event. They placed 2nd on 62.36% in their first test, and experienced a few challenges in the second test, coming away with 57.07% and 3rd place. Hannah also competed on her horse Bear and was pleased with his performance.





## Dance Scholarship Awarded to Elisa Gates

I was awarded a dance scholarship during my recent examination. I was taught the examination dance through Steps Dance School. We were graded by examiners according to the quality of our performance as follows:

- Good
- Very Good
- Great
- Excellent
- Outstanding

The examiners have the opportunity to select dancers who display the highest quality of performance and enter them into the master class/scholarship.

The scholarship/master class will be held in Wellington on the 7th of November 2015. It is held by the New Zealand Association of Modern Dance. The dancer must be 13 years and under 21 years.

At the very end of the master class, once the dance we have learned from a world class teacher has been performed to the top examiners, the finalists will be chosen. The finalists are to perform the dance they have learned in the master class one by one at the evening performance. The winners of the finals will be awarded prizes at the end. The prizes are cheques and a sash, but all finalists are awarded a certificate.

I am nervous yet so excited. I can't wait! I would like to thank my dance teacher Kirsty, from Steps Dance School, for the hard work she has put in and for helping me get to where I am today...THANK YOU!

**By Elisa Gates**

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## **Whakatane High School Young Performers Shine**

Whakatane High School students performed recently at the Whakatane Music Society Young Performers' Concert. Singers were; Johnny Searle, Elisa Gates, Tyler Thompson, Melissa O'Rourke, Lauren Beukes, Katie Reid. Pictured is Lauren Beukes.



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## **School Notices**

### **New Website**

Check out our new website designed to improve school communication:

<http://www.whakatanehigh.school.nz/>

### **New Digital Newsletter**

Please share the link for subscription to our new digital newsletter (also available from our Twitter feed on the WHS website homepage):

<http://school.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=7a8de4d035f421cc09f405b3b&id=bc36853f59>

### **Senior Prize-Giving 2015**

Could all cups and trophies please be returned to the school office asap. Thank you.

### **Whakatane Swimming Club**

#### **Open Evening / Mini Club Night**

24th September 6pm-7.30pm

WSC Invites all new swimmers and returning Summer swimmers to come in and secure your

place in a lane this Summer. Come on down have a chat or a swim with our members and see if it's for you! Free sausage sizzle! Also welcoming expressions of interest for adult swim groups.

### **Summer swimming starts on 12 October**

*Registration forms will be available or email [club.captain8@gmail.com](mailto:club.captain8@gmail.com) for registrations or information*

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Friday 18 September**

- Enrolments
- Senior Examinations
- VLN Exams

### **Saturday 19 September**

- Enrolments

### **Sunday 20 September**

- Enrolments

### **Monday 21 September**

- Enrolments
- Senior Examinations
- Auckland University Visit
- Victoria University Course Planning

### **Tuesday 22 September**

- Enrolments
- Senior Examinations

### **Wednesday 23 September**

- Enrolments
- Senior Examinations
- Trades/Gateway Trip
- Year 10 Subject Selection

### **Thursday 24 September |**

- Enrolments
- Year 10 Subject Selection
- Massey University Course Planning

### **Friday 25 September**

- Enrolments
- New Caledonia Trip
- School Cross Country

- Songfest Last Day Of Term

## Saturday 26 September

- New Caledonia Trip

## Sunday 27 September

- New Caledonia Trip

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# 2015 Term Dates

## Term 3

Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

## Term 4

Monday 12 October - 11 December



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