

Issue 3 - 2 March 2023

WHAKATANE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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.

The recent cyclone has been a challenging time for people across New Zealand. I recently heard about the effect of the cyclone on schools in the Hawkes Bay. Schools are dealing with damage to their school buildings and supporting students and families who are now homeless. Our thoughts go out to those people who have been affected.

I have been encouraged by the community's efforts to support those affected. Thank you to all who donated food and items that have now been trucked to Gisborne. Our students have been busy fundraising through bake sales and mufti this week. We will combine the monies raised by all schools in our community to support Wairoa.

Student success: Challenging students to achieve

We recently held our achievement assembly, celebrating students who had achieved Merit and Excellence NCEA endorsement in 2022. Last year we had our best rates of NCEA endorsement for a number of years, over 50% of our year 11 (level one) students achieved Merit and Excellence endorsement. 33% of students at year 12 (level two) and 28% at year 13 (level three). These results are higher than schools of a similar decile. We will publish the full NCEA results as soon as they are available from NZQA.



HUGE CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students who gained

Scholarships and Excellence Endorsement for 2022

University Scholarships

\$171,500 of University Scholarships between the following students:

Ethan Burke
James Elliffe
Tahu Weenink-Smith
Luke Berquist
Lara Longney
Eva Badger
Kayleigh Garner
Mia Shepherd
Molly O'Leary
Anchal Sharma
Laura Theobald
Ashlee Waikawa
Te Ariki Te Tawhi
Taylor Moore
Finn Tailby

NCEA Scholarship

James Elliffe – Calculus, English, Physics and History
Lara Longney – Physical Education and English
Abby Gow – English
Tahu Weenink-Smith – English

NCEA Excellence Level 3

Tahu Weenink-Smith
Hazel McAnulty
Neva Clyde
Abby Gow
Fletcher Nolan
Eva Badger
James Elliffe
Kayleigh Garner
Ryan Schwass
Mia Shepherd
Ryan Berghuis
Aria Gibson
Lara Longney
Eden Moloney
Anchal Sharma

Excellence Level 3, as

Year 12 students

Hawk Bendikson
Charles Santos
Jonghyun Yun

NCEA Excellence Level 2

Charlise Basire
Fearghus Byers
Aurora Finch
Callum Giles
Ashley Giles
Sieanna Hughes
Grace Iremonger
Anna Isaac
Emi Jones
Jamie Julian
Evia Linnell-Olsen
Lulu Morgan
Olivia Nolan
Sophie Peat
Noah Pendleton
Maia Purcell
Jordyn Rhodes
Londie Rika
Rhys Robertson
Hunter Samson
Kobe Shilton

NCEA Excellence Level 1

Kenna Baker
Liam Bowers
Dani Capill
Emily Chan
Joanna Chan
Levi Clements
Charlie Cowdery
Ani Doherty
Matthew Edlin
Fjord Hagger
Charlotte Hallberg
Laura Hamill
Caleb Hanlen
Jewels Hata
Vaughan Hathaway
Nathan John
Lucy Jones
Summer Jones
Lauranze Juan
Isaac Lamb
Katie Lawrence

Kate Lee

Maddison Lynch

Kendall McKane

Kithmini Melville

Shannon Mika-Peck

Ella Murphy

Marten Pack

Bella Paterson

Maia Patterson-Foster

Autumn Pendleton

Katelyn Peterson

Fifi Portsmouth

Ryan Pryde

Xavier Reid

Natalia Ropiak

Emilie Rosset

Jordan Schick

Niamh Steens

Daniel Warner

Daniel Zhang

52 students also gained Level 1 NCEA with Merit, 34 gained Level 2 NCEA with Merit and 16 gained Level 3 NCEA with Merit

In addition, there were numerous Sport and cultural badges presented to students. From Rowing, Get2Go, Volleyball, Hockey and Rugby. We are fortunate to have so many talented athletes that are an inspiration to their peers and new students to the school.

Our direction in 2023

In 2022 the BOT consulted around its vision and strategic direction. This work has enabled the school to set the direction for the school over the next three years. [This full document is available here.](#) We will as a school meaningfully acknowledge Te Tiriti, with a curriculum that develops understanding of Mātauranga Māori me mana ōrite and Ngāti Awatanga.

We have four areas of focus.

1. Powerful partnerships with students, whanau and the community.
2. Ensure our students thrive in the future of learning and work
3. Quality teaching and leadership
4. A relevant and connected curriculum

Student Council 2023

At WHS we believe that the students should help inform decision making across the school. We know we are doing well when our students tell us! The student council is really important in giving our students a platform to express their views about what is going well and what we need to get better. We are currently looking for students to join the student council. If your child is interested, get them to complete [this form](#).

Te Aka Matua camp and year 9 Marae day 2023

Te Aka Matua camp was hosted at Rewatu marae this week. A really important opportunity for our senior students (Tuākana) to show leadership through their support of the teina (younger students). Students learned about the whakapapa of the marae, learning Ngāti Awa history and tikanga. As always supported by our kaiako and whānau. Thanks to Matua Dwayne, Koro, Whaea Hema and Alexis for all your coordination of the camp. Thank you to Ngāti Rarawhati for hosting us.



On Wednesday the 15th of March we will host all our year 9's at Wairaka Marae, an important day to share local history, Ngāti Awa knowledge and learn about Marae protocol. This day supports our strategy in ensuring all students can walk comfortably in bi-cultural New Zealand. More details will be shared early next week.

Fingers crossed that the weather aligns for our year 9 BBQ and Athletics Day next week. Wishing you a sunny weekend.

Ngā mihi nui

Martyn Knapton
Principal

NEW DATE

ATHLETICS

FOR ALL STUDENTS

Friday, 10 March

Come in your house colours and get ready to support your house on one of the school's biggest days of the year.

Athletics is about getting out there and giving things a go. Every event you enter equals points for your house.

Remember to **be sun smart, bring water and wear appropriate clothing** to run, jump and throw.

And, most importantly - HAVE FUN!!!

Young Neurodiversity Champion

Congratulations to Charlotte Billings who has been selected to be a young neurodiversity champion. This means she will be part of a campaign to bring about awareness and changes for neurodiverse individuals in the education system. They will be going to parliament on the 16th of March for sessions with MPs and present a white paper.

STUDENT MENTORING INTERVIEWS

15 March - 3.30pm-7pm
17 March - 8.30am-4.30pm

**Book online at
www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
using code 82raa**

*Book now to set goals
for 2023*

Junior Physical Education

Adventure Based Learning (ABL) is a key component of the Physical Education junior start up programme.

Here, Mr Pinckney is leading a Year 9 Physical Education class through some cool activities involving a parachute. In a quick interview with HoD Mr Hanlen, he explained that ABL games are powerful activities to use with our junior school as the students learn more about themselves and each other as well as enhance their abilities to communicate and work cooperatively.

They overcome challenges (as individuals and in groups), increase their awareness of, and respect for, each other's strengths, develop better relationships with each other and their teacher, develop their confidence and self esteem, experience different teaching styles and learning contexts and develop their team leadership skills.

Plus, it's fun!



Class Photos - 23 March

Class photos will be taken on 23 March.

You can order your photos online [via this link](#) or by using the hard copy order form that will be handed out by the end of next week. Spare hard copy order forms are available at the office.

Surf Lifesaving

Four students recently competed in Oceans 23. Oceans is a festival of Junior Surf Lifesaving. It is the biggest junior carnival of the season and aims to provide an opportunity for junior members to compete, challenge themselves and celebrate the camaraderie of surf lifesaving in a fun, exciting and safe beach and surf environment. The competition was held in Mount Maunganui over four days.

Students competing were Summer Pearson, Ollie Peat, Coco Wren and Ariana Dawson who won three of the four medals for the Whakatane Surf Lifesaving Club. Full results were:



Beach sprints - U13 girls field of 102 athletes

- Ariana Dawson - 1st GOLD medal
- Coco Wren - 4th
- Ollie made semi finals in a field of 71 male athletes

U13 mixed beach relay - 27 teams

- Team of Ollie Peat, Coco Wren, Sachin Marsdon from Trident, Ari Dawson - 1st GOLD medal

Run-swim-run - U13 girls

- Coco Wren - 3rd BRONZE medal in a field of 100 athletes
- Ollie and Summer made their semi-finals

Beach flags - U13 girls

- Coco - 11th in a field of 102 athletes

Diamond - U13 boys and girls

- Ollie and Coco made their respective semi-finals

Board Race - U13 girls

- Coco finalist - placed 5th in a field of 98 athletes
- Ollie made semi-finals in a field of 70 boys

Surf Race - U13 girls

- Coco finalist - placed 16th in a field of 100 athletes
- Summer made the semi finals
- Ollie made his semi finals in a field of 70 athletes

Tube Rescue - U14 girls

- Coco and teammate Lily Hipkiss from Trident made the semi finals - 84 teams

Fabulous results team!



Rowing

A fabulous result for the WHS rowers this weekend with 4 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze medals in the AON Junior regatta held in Karapiro over the weekend. WHS took gold in the U16 Coxed Quad Sculls, U16 Double Sculls, U18 Novice Coxed Quad Sculls and U16 Single Sculls. Full results from the weekend were -

- GOLD - Travis Talpos, Alex Iremonger, Micah Harrison-Walker, Leon Mahy and cox Hamish McPherson (U16 Coxed Quad Sculls)
- GOLD - Travis Talpos and Alex Iremonger (U16 Double Sculls)
- GOLD - Leon Mahy, Ash Schutz, Jonathan Hyde-Nathaniel, Luka Hewitt and cox Hamish McPherson (U18 Novice Coxed Quad Sculls)
- GOLD - Travis Talpos (U16 Single Sculls)
- SILVER - Shaun Snow (U18 Single Sculls)
- BRONZE - Luke Berquist (U18 Single Sculls)
- BRONZE - Shaun Snow and Luke Berquist (U18 Double Sculls)
- Shaun Snow & Luke Berquist - 7th in A final, U18 Coxless Pair Oars
- Ash Schutz, Jonathan Hyde-Nathaniel, Luka Hewitt, Ryan Pryde and cox Grace Iremonger - 4th in A final, U16 Coxed Quad Sculls
- Ella Cowdery and Aleisha Warneford - 7th in heat, U18 Novice Double Sculls
- Ryan Pryde and Jack Boyde - 6th in heat, U17 Double Sculls
- Ryan Pryde and Jack Boyde - 7th in heat, U16 Double Sculls
- Ella Cowdery and Kayla Billings - 7th in B final, U15 Double Sculls
- Kayla Billings and Aleisha Warneford - 8th in heat, U16 Double Sculls
- Micah Harrison-Walker - 7th in A final, U16 Single Sculls

Fantastic results for the team as they build up to participate in the Maadi Cup to be held in late March. Awesome work team.



Triathlon

Port Ohope was the location of the BOP Secondary Schools Triathlon Championships on Tuesday. Coco Wren and Nikkolas Brown entered as individuals along with 3 teams consisting of Zane Pearson, Jai Julian and Sam Littlejohn, Tyler Macy, Finn Jones and Ben Peat and Kaylee Lawlor, Brooke Nolan and Cole Broadmore.

Coco was in action first in the U14 Girls division. Coco performed well in a large field finishing in 6th place.

Next up was the U16 division with the 3 WHS teams and Nikkolas taking the start line. Zane and Tyler had fantastic swims exiting the water with Zane in 2nd and Tyler in 4th place. Kaylee and Nikkolas also had great swims finishing in the top half of the field. Jai, Finn and Brooke were next up on the bike leg with Jai keeping pace with the leaders right to transition. Finally Sam, Ben and Cole took on the run leg. Sam ran well to secure the win for his team.

U14 Girls

Coco Wren - 6th

U16 Boys

Nikkolas Brown - 4th

U16 Teams

Zane Pearson, Jai Julian and Sam Littlejohn - 1st

Tyler Macey, Finn Jones and Ben Peat - 2nd

Kaylee Lawlor, Brooke Nolan and Cole Broadmore - 4th

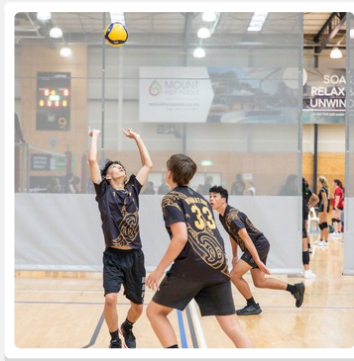
Well done to all competitors and a special thank you to Mr Manning for helping out on the day.



Volleyball Selections

Huge congratulations to Jamie Julian, Mia Cole and Ani Doherty for their selection to the Aotearoa Maori Poiwera (NZ Maori Volleyball) teams.

Jamie gained selection to the U20 Tane team with Mia U20 Wahine and Ani U17 Kotiro.



Volleyball

Volleyball for our Senior teams kicked into action over the weeknd. WHS has 7 senior teams playing in the Bay of Plenty championships - 4x girls and 3x boys teams.

It was fantastic to see teams back on court and watch some awesome volleyball.

Results were:

- Girls senior A - The girls had good wins over Taupo A 3 - 1, Katikati A 3 - 0 and Western Heights A 1 - 3 and a loss to Otumoetai College A 1 - 3
- Girls senior B - Senior B girls had wins over Tauranga Girls Development 3 - 2 and Trident B 3 - 1, with losses to Papamoa A 2 - 3 and Western Heights B 1 - 3.
- Girls senior C - The Senior C team had a 3 - 0 win over Opotiki College B and a 3 - 1 win over Mount Maunganui College with losses to Aquinas A 1 - 3 and John Paul College R 1 - 3
- Girls senior D - A good win for the D girls over Papamoa B 3 - 2 with losses to Opotiki A 0 - 3, Western Heights C 0 - 3 and Rotorua Girls B 1 - 3.
- In the Boys competition, the Senior A boys had solid wins over Trident A 3 - 0, Otumoetai College A 3 - 1 and Tauranga Boys College B 3 - 1 and a close 2 - 3 loss to Western Heights A.

- Boys senior B had a tough weekend being placed in a pool with all A teams, however the boys showed determination and a never give up attitude. Losses to Mount Maunganui College A, Papamoa A, Bethlehem College A and Tauranga Boys A.
- Boys senior C - The C boys took 3 - 0 wins over Trident B and Taupo A and 0 - 3 losses to Te Puke A and Otumoetai College B

Huge thank you to all teachers and parents who are supporting our senior teams this year. The teams now get back into training before the next weekend of games in a fortnight.



Equestrian

Members of the Equestrian team have been busy recently with riders competing in a few events. Amy Fleming recently competed in 2 events over 1 weekend with her mount an OTT Throughbred-Tough Kid - Jeff.

On the Saturday Amy represented the WTBPC at the Bay Gymkhana held in Reporoa and placed 2nd in the Best Pony Club Mount as well 2nd in team games. Then on the Sunday Amy competed in the Eastern Bay Dressage Group annual Dressage Show where she achieved 3rd place in the OA test and 4th place in the OB test

Abby Hindmarch recently competed at the Takapoto Showjumping and she came 1st in the 1,10 out of 76 riders.

Well done Amy and Abby on some awesome results.





Orienteering

32 students, including six international students, headed to Rotorua for another awesome race this week. The winners this week were Ashley and Luka.

Ex-WHS student Sophie Hart was part of the winning team (Avaya) in the Godzone race. Sophie and her team travelled 568km all around Fiordland in four and half days.



**WE ARE A
VAPE FREE
SCHOOL**

**Whakatāne High School is a
vape free/smoke free school.**

Students under 18 are not legally allowed to vape. Any student caught vaping in school or in our uniform outside of school will have their vape confiscated and whānau will be informed. If students are caught vaping a second time, they risk being stood down for continual disobedience.

Please help keep our school vape free.



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Scholarship opportunity

KidsCan are excited to announce a special scholarship opportunity for youth ages 16-18. At KidsCan, the voices of young people are at the centre of our decision-making. In New Zealand, and especially in our smaller communities, schools are often the heart of the community. Therefore, the programme has targeted schools in order to promote and elevate the voice of the students. We are taking this opportunity to invite young people to join the collective voice of KidsCan in the second year of our KidsCan Youth Council. This is an opportunity for youth to represent their whānau, family, school, and wider communities and help us understand the ever-evolving needs of students.

What it includes:

- 1-year long scholarship programme that supports individual youth success and provides community engagement.
- Youth Development programme with YMCA Raise Up to equip students with professional development, entrepreneurship and real-life skills that will help them enter the workplace.
- 3-day Leadership and Character Development Camp with Adventure Specialities Trust
- A platform for KidsCan to engage with up to ten Year 12 and 13 students ages 16-18 from KidsCan schools across NZ.
- Two in-person meetings at our Auckland National office and two virtual mid-year. Costs of travel will be funded by KidsCan.
- KidsCan will provide professional development, educational courses, career progression, and mentorship.
- A \$500 scholarship from KidsCan to be spent on enhancing student wellbeing.

Ideal applicants:

- Year 12 and 13 students ages 16-18 that would benefit from an opportunity and feel empowered by a leadership role.
- Students who may be struggling to know what their next step is, who are looking for or need support and inspiration in extracurricular pursuits that give back directly to their local communities.
- Students who are community focused and have the desire to help others.
- Students from a wide range of regions across New Zealand with diverse backgrounds, who have been underprivileged, come from resilient backgrounds, or who have benefitted from the KidsCan programmes

[Read more about the Youth Council here.](#) Applications close **Friday the 17th of March.**

Email youthcouncil2023@gmail.com for application information.

The expectation of the school is that all students will be challenged to achieve to their potential and that all students have the ability to achieve an academic qualification. This means that after a student has completed five years of secondary school education they should have at least achieved the National Certificate of Educational Achievement Level 1, and most will have achieved the National Certificate of Educational Achievement Level 2 or Level 3. [Read more about Whakatane High School's Assessment Policy and Procedures 2023 here.](#)

Top Awards

The top academic awards in Years 11-13 have a number of criteria. Here's how we determine who is awarded these titles each year:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FVpUWNzdjWGovq7RzkOBUIcAhOM0DzfwxRzvt2zOWps/edit?usp=sharing>



**WHAKATĀNE
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Welcomes

**INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS IN 2023**

and we need you!

"We have been really blessed to have Alicia become part of our family. She fitted in right away as she is friendly, helpful, respectful and participates happily in family activities. I thoroughly recommend hosting an international student to other families with teenagers at high school."

Wei Mei Leong, Host Parent



Contact us now!

Email michelle.cossey@whs.co.nz

Phone 027 287 6570



Whakatāne District Youth Council

Do you want more input to decision making in the Whakatāne District? Do you want your voice heard on issues like climate change, learn more about local government leadership and develop your leadership skills, help create youth events, all whilst learning about how you can get involved in your community.

Applications close for Whakatāne District Youth Council on FRIDAY this week. If you want to apply look on Facebook at [whkdyc](#) or [Whakatāne.govt.nz/youth-council](https://www.whakatane.govt.nz/youth-council) for more Information or see Mrs Bonne at lunchtime on Friday in Room B7.

CYBERSAFETY CORNER



Last night TikTok announced that accounts owned by those under 18 will automatically have a one-hour daily limit, which cannot be overridden.

TikTok then goes on to say users can choose to disable the limit, but they will be prompted to set a daily screen time limit for themselves if they use TikTok for more than 100 minutes per day.

Help keep your child safe on social media, read more...



UPCOMING EVENTS

Below is a small list of events coming up.

For the full calendar of events, check out this link:

<https://portal.whakatanehigh.school.nz/index.php/calendar>

- **Mufti Day for Wairoa** - 3 March
- **ID Photo Catch Up Day** - 8 March
- **Year 9 BBQ** - 9 March, 5.30pm
- **Athletics Day** - 10 March
- **Student Mentoring Interviews** - 15 and 17 March
Book here: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/82raa>
- **PPTA Strike Day** - 16 March
- **Class Photos** - 23 March
- **Meet the Teacher** - 23 March
(booking link advertised at a later date)
- **Last day of Term 1** - 6 April

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Student Health Notice

Health services provided FREE in school:

- School Nurse: daily except Wednesday morning
- School Doctor: Tuesdays P2

Visit the Student Office to make an appointment.

School bus information

If you require information about your student/s bus route or timetable for any in-zone routes, please contact Go Bus directly on: 07 846 8796. If you're wanting information for out-of-zone bus routes, please contact Uzabus on 07 308 6169.



Rangiatea Whakatane School For Young Parents

Check out the Rangiatea Facebook page and see what our fantastic teachers have been up with with our young parents:

<https://www.facebook.com/RangiateaWhakatane/>

WANT TO JOIN A CLUB?

Club	Venue	Meeting times	Extra info
Enviro	B3	Wednesday lunchtime - Week B only	Everyone welcome
Chess	Library	Monday/Tuesday lunchtime	All students and staff
Mural	C2	Thursday lunchtime	Everyone welcome
Debating	B4	Wednesday	Everyone welcome
Robotics	T5	Thursday 3-4.30pm	Years 9 and 10
Rainbow and Diversity	B3	Thursday lunchtime	Everyone
English Scholarship	B4	Monday lunchtime - Week A only	Year 12 and 13s
WHS Interact	B7	Friday lunchtime	Everyone welcome
Yoga Group	Hall	Tuesday lunchtime	Everyone welcome, bring PE gear + water
Young Enterprise	B8	Friday lunchtime	Everyone
Mountain biking at Onepu	Field	Friday 3pm-6pm	Bring bike, helmet, water. Cost: \$5 to cover van
EPro8 - Science and Engineering group	L4	Monday and Wednesday 3-4.30pm	Everyone
Surf school	West End	Thursday 3-5pm	Limited numbers must sign up - to sign up, email james.hagger@whs.co.nz
Iti Pounamu	Staffroom/ Library	Wednesday after school	Everyone welcome. Just meet in staffroom
Writer's Club	B3	Monday lunchtime - Week A only	Everyone welcome
Pasifika	Careers Room	Wednesday lunchtime- Careers Room	Students who whakapapa Pasifika and anyone who wants to learn more
Build-a-bike	T2	Term 2 & 3 - Wednesdays - 3-4:30pm	Seniors
Kapa Haka	Te Katau	TBC	
Acoustic guitar group	Music Room	Friday lunchtime	Everyone welcome
Improv Club	Drama Room	Monday lunchtime	Everyone welcome

2023 Term Dates

Term 1 - Wednesday 1 February to Thursday 6 April

PPTA Strike Day - Thursday 16 March

Online Learning Day - Friday 17 March (*Student Mentoring*)

Term 2 - Wednesday 26 April to Friday 30 June

NCEA Teacher Only Day - Monday 1 May

Term 3 - Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September

Teacher Only Day - Friday 21 July

Online Learning Day - Thursday 7 September (*Student Mentoring*)

Term 4 - Monday 9 October to Tuesday 12 December

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