



Wellington High School Newsletter

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Nga Korero o te tumuaki

I have just returned from a wonderful week at French Pass with Tukutahi, one of the Yr 9 classes. Four teachers, including me, six parents and 48 students all had a wonderful time in a truly idyllic spot where the rest of the world seems irrelevant. We kayaked in groups of 18, swam with seals and snorkelled along a reef off D'Urville Island, bivouaced overnight on D'Urville and cooked tea over a fire – sausages, baked beans, banana and a moro and marshmallow galore, had magic conversations on the beach around the camp fire, fished off the wharf - spotties and one small Kawhai were caught - walked up hills and down to beaches, swam and washed little. Apart for day one when it poured all day and put a dampener on activities, the weather was calm and clear. The students slept marae style in the school or in tents. We ate outside and feasted on chicken satay, fruit, macaroni cheese, salads, nachos, burgers, sausages and spuds in many guises.

We are truly lucky to have this place and I hope that we will be able to keep it beyond the five years we currently have. Just about all -over 95% - of the Yr9s have been this year and that has been made possible by willing staff and parents who have at times worked hard, looking after students 24/7. Thank you all. We also have a couple of staff at school who do a considerable amount of work; Karen Goodall, who oversees the risk assessment and organisation for all camps and fieldtrips and Sean O'Connor, who has taken responsibility for the care and maintenance of the facility. He and one of our caretakers, Ben Warmouth, have spent time at French Pass completing basic maintenance and each group that goes helps by doing routine jobs and leaving the place spotless.

The underlying themes of French Pass are sustainability – ukaukatanga - and stewardship – looking after our place and leaving it better for those who follow - kaitiakitanga. One can so easily actively follow these values and goals at French Pass. After the bivouac a group of us

did a beach cleanup on the shores of the little bay while awaiting the boats to take us back. We were staggered to find many, many little lengths of black rope with a knot in the middle. They looked a little like sea weed until we realised what we were looking at. We collected almost a rubbish bag full. Danny our boatman told us the knots were from the mussel farms. When they got back a group kayaked round to the nearest farm to see if they could see how they were used and what processes led to the knots were floating around the sounds. The students were indignant with some talking about doing more investigative work back at school then doing something about this pollution. I hope they do.

Final NCEA results are out and while we do have plenty of individual excellence only two of our many results exceeded the national average – level 1 numeracy and level 2 merit endorsed certificates – new this year. While many of these results are equal or better than 2006 they are still not good enough. The staff continually dissect results of set work to see why results are as they are. They adjust their approach if they find a way to present or assess more effectively. They moderate so standards are consistent and they have upped contact with home when students are at risk of non or under achievement. I believe now that there are really only two more things we need to improve.

First is student attendance. We have started frequent checks of patterns of attendance and those seniors whose attendance is telling us they are not serious students will be asked to reconsider their attendance at High – we will help them find something more appropriate. I've talked to students about this – they know the score. Please help them.

The second is commitment to whatever they do, be it; studies, sports, productions, music – whatever they do, they need to stick at it and do it as well as they can. This includes practice in everything. It feels good to win.

Have a happy holiday with your corker kids.

Kia kaha Prue Kelly

NOTICES

STAFFING

Megan Southwell, Geography and Social Studies teacher, will begin maternity leave at the end of the term. We wish her well in this exciting venture and look forward to her return. Head of Technology, Peter Jessop, has returned to England and is replaced by **Barry Boothby**, transferring from St Marks Senior College. **Allie Rutherford** has been appointed as the new Gateway/Careers Administrator.

BOARD NEWS



BOARD OF TRUSTEES CASUAL VACANCY

A casual vacancy has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative. The board has resolved under Section 105 of the *Education Act 1989* to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten percent or more of the eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Karen Day, Chairperson, Board of Trustees, Wellington High School, P O Box 4035, Wellington 6140
by 18 May 2008.

Board of Trustees meetings are held in the Staffroom usually on the last Monday of every month. Staff and interested parent/caregivers are welcome to attend. Meetings are held in the staffroom and start at 6.00pm. Any issues may be raised through the staff representative or Board member. Board of Trustee minutes are available to view from Margi. Please contact the Board Secretary if you would like to attend.

The Board of Trustee meeting dates for 2008 are as follows:

- 12 May (combined Annual & monthly meeting)
- 30 June
- 28 July
- 25 August
- 22 September
- 28 October (note: this is a Tuesday)
- 24 November



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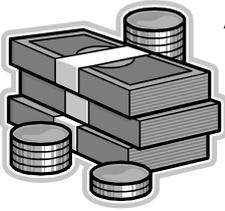
ANNUAL MEETING

Monday 12 May 2008 7pm Annual meeting in the staffroom

The new curriculum, Tukutahi and where we are headed

Come and discuss our future

NOTICES



All of you will have received invoices for 2008 and we would like to explain the reasons for the assistance we request.

Firstly, many students are in classes with fees. These are permitted to be charged where there is a take home product, workbook or a field trip. These fees must be paid unless you apply to the Principal to waive the fee. Then there are school-wide donations we call fees and levies. They are tax deductible. Usually only about 2% of families pay these – a higher proportion would be great.

School activities fee

This is a donation we ask you to make to pay for the many things the school provides that we cannot afford from government funding: eg some sports gear, school magazine, first aid, extra library books and magazines, the café, minibus, musical instruments etc.

Technology levy

To ensure we maintain our edge in information technology by providing computers, digital cameras, camcorders and projectors so that teachers and students can use modern learning technologies. All students get an internet account that permits them a year's research and \$5 for printing.

Building levy

To date this levy has been used to help refurbish the science labs, toilets, classrooms and plan a new gym. We ask you to pay these fees and levies so that we can maintain a high standard of resources for your students. We have no other school wide- fundraising activities.

Sport Fees

Thank you to the many students who have registered for Winter Sports and paid fees. If your child has registered to play a winter sport, remember to pay the fees or the child may not be able to play in matches.

Entertainment books - fundraising

Here is your chance to buy one of these really useful and



money-saving entertainment books. For \$55 you get a whole heap of reduced prices and other great deals (2-for-1-price tickets to the movies, 2-for-1-price meals at many restaurants including top venues, great massage, bowling, hotel deals and many more). This year the group fundraising is the French trip.

If you want to support our students while having a good time, please call Ruth Jeffery 385 8911 x 877 or email her at ruth.jeffery@whs.school.nz

Friends of Base 1

Congratulations to **Chelsea Gowran** (13NEM) for initiating a meeting of students interested in spending time with the ORRS-funded special needs students and including them in activities out and around the school during the lunch-hours. Our thanks go to the 16 students who have volunteered at lunch-time and become part of the roster - you will make a real difference! If other students are interested in becoming part of this group, see Chelsea, or Ann MacGregor and Brian Cast in M404.

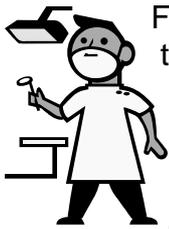
Homestay families wanted

We need warm, inclusive families to host German, Italian, Chinese or Korean students coming in July for six months. We especially need homes willing to host a vegetarian student, or a student with food allergies. Full board paid.

If you want a new experience, and can help, please call me for further information. Amanda 3858911X897 or email her at amanda.pickett@whs.school.nz

NOTICES

Free dental care for teenagers



Free dental care is available until the age of 18 in New Zealand.

To receive this free treatment you must enroll with a dentist who provides this service.

Lists of dentists in your area who provide this service can be obtained from your Public Health Nurse or from the Adolescent Oral Health District CO-ordinator—phone 570 9048

It is time to start thinking about enrolling Yr 8s for 2009

We always give siblings special treatment and invite you to start enrolment early. Sibling enrolments will take place on the 5-7 August 2008. Enrolment packs will be posted out during the month of June.

Lost Property

We have a large number of items of clothing found and handed in to Student Services. If your student loses something at school he/she should ask at Student Services as it may have been handed in or you may phone them on 3858911 ext 802 or 873. After the holidays we will donate what is left to a local op shop.



Boarding Request from a parent

Boarding required for well behaved and responsible year 13 male student. Please phone Sharon on 0212 648544.

Needed for French Pass

The following items are sought for our Outdoor Centre at French Pass –

10 foam rubber mattresses

6 single and one double reasonably good innerspring mattress. If you can help, we are able to collect the item/s, please phone the Principal's PA on 3858911 ext 824.

Sleep research

In March Massey University's sleep researcher, Brigid Borlase, conducted the first part of this year's sleep wake research

project by testing her questionnaire with two groups of students from Year 9 and Year 12. Their responses will help her to modify the questionnaire, which will be given to all students in Years 9, 11 and 12 (except those whose families opt out).

We will be sending out information sheets and consent forms during term 2. The results of the survey will be reported back to the students and families before the end of the school year.

Brigid and the Sleep Wake Research team want to thank all the students and families for participating in this project. As you know, Wellington High School is extremely interested in this research, as we are constantly seeking to meet the needs of our students so that they reach their personal best. If you have any queries about this research, please get in touch:

385 8911x 822 or

elaine.lynskey@whs.school.nz



WHS Intranet

Intranet informs our students about everything that is happening at school e.g. when sports practices will be held, drama auditions, new library books or information from the careers advisor. The daily student notices can now be found on the school's Intranet. This is updated every morning. Parents too can now be informed by logging on to our website, www.whs.school.nz and then click on the *WHS Intranet* link found on the top panel of the home page.

WELL DONE

High entered four year 9 students in the Regional Spelling Bee competition held on 17 March - **Phoenix Connolly (9TKT)**, **Oska Rego (9TKT)**, **Zhana Baker (9BSA)** and **Kelsey Jack (9TKT)**. Although we did not win the event we did particularly well with all of them getting through the initial written round and then the first oral round- the only school to achieve this!

CONGRATULATIONS TO

The Great Welly High Bridge Building Competition.

Thirty six year ten students entered in this competition which was held on Friday 11th April. Students had to design and construct a bridge in 40 minutes using straws, sellotape and card. Winners in the strength section were **Hayden O'Niell, Sam Pruden** and **Miles Christison**. Winners in the creativity category were **Ronan Binding, Angus Webster** and **Toby Dykes**. Winners in the aesthetics section and overall winners were **Jesse Beaumont, William Griffin** and **Tom Leslie**. This team goes on to represent the school in the Wellington competition in term 2 with master bridge designer and physics teacher, Felix Olsson, as their coach. Good luck to our team of future engineers.

Katie Teau-Ropata (10HNC) is representing New Zealand in the under 16 Waka Ama IVF Va'a World Sprint Champs in Sacramento California this coming August.

Mother Courage and her Children

Congratulations to Year 13 Drama, and their teacher Roger Mantel, for their heart-stopping production of Bertolt Brecht's *Mother Courage*. This ensemble piece was of the highest order. The students coped magnificently with the complexities of meaning and dialogue. One outstanding feature was the singing. Music teacher Fritz Wollner, who composed the music, trained the students to sing as part of their performances, and the results were very impressive.

All the cast can be delighted at the maturity and impact of their performances. Imogen Zino was especially strong in the long and demanding role of Mother Courage, but all performers impressed with their dedication and intensity.

Report by Elaine Lynskey

High bowler Year 13 student **Raymond Martin** has won the 2008 College Sport Wellington Senior boys' singles Lawn Bowls Championship. More about this later one in our Sports Section.

2007 Scholarship results

Well done those NCEA level 3 students who entered and sat the scholarship examinations. Results were down a bit this year but some great results were achieved and **Lani Buchanan** was awarded outstanding in Geography as well as scholarship in English.

Name of Student	Scholarship Subject	Outstanding
Lani Buchanan	English	Geography
Alex Dale	Physics	
Dinh Nam Nguyen	Calculus	
Hannah Salmon	Media studies	
Rohan Cahill Fleury	Media Studies	
Amy Lim	Technology (Foods)	
Rehua Wilson	Visual Arts	
Pranil Bhikha	Biology	
Anindita Candrika	Graphics	
Danielle Lyndsay	Biology	
Elitsa Petkova	Graphics	

DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Term one has been exceptionally busy for drama students.

Our term started with an event organised by Paul Sullivan. The Macleans Comedy Club gave students an insight into the hilarity of stand up comedy during a lunchtime performance. Students could then take part in a workshop exploring some of the skills needed for this craft.

The International Festival of the Arts has come and gone but not before our drama students saw over eight main bill performances. Every drama student went to at least one show and the spin off has been great.

Year 13 students put on "Mother Courage and her Children" by Bertolt Brecht. Music was composed by our very own Fritz Wollner and with my very limited musical ability , it was solely due to his musical genius that the singing was up to performance level. "Mother Courage" took Brecht eighteen months to rehearse we did it in eight weeks. Understandably the students were stretched but their dedication and persistence resulted in a provocative piece of theatre, these students are all 'gold".

Shakespeare Society is up and running at full steam with "Pericles" set to storm the stage in week four of next term. **Imogen Zino** and **Genevieve Krefft** have put together a stellar cast full of ability and commitment. This is sure to be a winning show. Book early!

The Massey University Sheilah Winn Festival of Shakespeare in schools competition has some pretty big pay off for performers who make the grade. The competition entails schools from around the country performing an extract from one of Shakespeare's many plays. At the end of the competition a trip to the Globe Theatre in London lies waiting for those who make it through. Last year Fran Olds won herself a trip to the Globe Theatre.

Max Hardy and **Ailsa Krefft**, two talented ex High students, have returned to direct a 15 minute piece from "Julius Caesar". They have also enlisted the help of Louise Burston who directs another 15 minute entry from Hamlet. Both these performance have been rehearsed and polished to an extremely high level. With the help of these dedicated directors our students have a better than odds on chance of making it through to the national competition next term. Keep watching.

Written by Roger Mantel roger.mantel@whs.school.nz



Photo - Mother Courage and her Children

LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Kiryu Minami High School Visit



10 students and 2 teachers from Kiryu Minami High School in Japan visited High for 10 days over Easter. During this time they had English classes, sat in on classes with their host student and visited some of the sights around Wellington. For most of these students the highlight was spending Easter with their host family. Easter is a holiday that most Japanese know little about, so it was a great opportunity for them.

The Kiryu Minami High School students visit High every two years. In the in between years a group of students from High goes to Japan for 3 weeks, and spend some of that time being hosted by families in Kiryu which is about 2 hours by train west of Tokyo. This time one of the students who went to Japan last year hosted the person she stayed with in Japan. The next Japan trip is in 2009, and we hope that this sort of cultural exchange can continue.

Report written by Japanese Teacher Sharon Henry

2008 French trip



In the holidays a group of Wellington High and St Patrick's students head for France to practise their language skills and to experience French culture in Paris, Tours and the south of France.

We have been invited by the New Zealand embassy in Paris to attend the commemorations for Anzac Day. We go to Le Quesnoy in the Somme region, a town liberated by the Wellington regiment in WW1 where many of the streets are named after New Zealand places. Then we go to Longueval: the unknown soldier now lying in the war memorial near Wellington High was repatriated from Longueval.

We hope many students are encouraged to take on the challenge of learning a foreign language - these travelling students are reaping the benefits of learning French at Wellington High!

LIBRARY NEWS

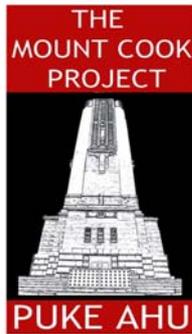
Library Lovers' Day

This year we turned Valentine's Day into Library Lovers' Day and decorated the library appropriately. We had a quiz for each year level that had questions based around the theme of 'love'. The year 9 students particularly embraced their quiz and we had a queue of about 100 students stretching out of the library at interval. Senior students joined in during the lunch break. Everyone who participated got a Hershey's Kiss or a Glow Heart lolly while the first student at each year level to answer a quiz question correctly received a slice of Chocolate Mud cake made in the shape of a heart by the Food Technology students.

The second most popular activity was *Blind Date with a Book* where about 80 books were wrapped in brown paper and put in a large basket. They had no identifying marks on them other than their barcode. Students (and Prue) borrowed them with no idea of what book they were taking. They often ended up with a title they would never have chosen themselves. It was great to expand their reading this way.



NEWS UPDATE – THE MOUNT COOK PROJECT PUKE AHU



Thanks to all who attended the open reading on Monday 31 March. Wonderful to have residents of Arlington Street flats and a student from Whiteirea.

Kia ora to Ben Tangere and Morrie Love for their support and help so far. Lynda brought us the makings of a fine script with plenty of very strong, vibrant and interesting characters.

Our story is based around the two Taniwha, Ngake and Whataitai. Ngake the Taniwha who originally escaped from Wellington Harbour, returns and is understandably upset by the changes that have occurred. Whataitai tries to explain that he needs to understand the humanity and the history and that he is part of what is here. There is cannibalism, soldiers, a chorus of roses, earthquakes, war, fire...The characters are equally interesting, a resident who lived in the area for 108 years, an Irish defector, a Russian captain, a Maori refugee, to name a few.

Next step, casting- there will be information soon about auditions. There are several ways people can be involved.

- Main characters – audition
- The residents chorus, open entry.
- The neutral chorus –students, open entry.
- The Parade which will take place around Mt Cook prior to opening night, open entry.
- Making the Taniwha, designers (apply) and open entry to helpers.
- All backstage roles costume, set, lights, props, etc.
- Administration – promotion, sponsorship etc.
- Musicians – audition

Support so far is promising- Massey. IHC, Toi Whakaari, Arlington Street Flats and the Mt Cook Mobilised resident's association, Mt Cook Primary School and Wellington High.

We have a grant from Wellington City Council for \$8,000

A residency at Mt Cook Primary School for Lyne Pringle choreographer.

A residency at Wellington High School for Strike.

Grants in to Creative New Zealand, Lotteries commission.

Two grants creative communities one for making the Taniwha the other to make banners for the streets based on the characters in the script.

For further information or if you have anything you would like to offer

Contact belinda.carey@whs.school.nz

TRAMPING NEWS

Ngauruhoe and Ruapehu tramp report.

The second tramp of term one took place on March 28 -30 with the group consisting of 22 students and 5 adults. Many of the students who had missed out on a place on the first tramp were here although they brought the experience of up to 4 tramps in the Tararuas last year.

The group left High after school on Friday and reached the Puketoi Mountain Club lodge on Mt Ruapehu around 10pm. By 8.30am some were well rested and all were packed and ready to climb a mountain. Five hours later most of the group were sitting on top of Mt Ngauruhoe looking down on a blanket of cloud covering much of the North Island and dropping large amount of rain on Wellington. After lunch and the application of more sunscreen the group discovered the joy and speed of scree sliding. If the weather had been bad the backup plan was the hot pools but with a water shortage at the lodge we decided to go there anyway.

The plan for Sunday was to climb Mt Ruapehu from the top of the waterfall chairlift but the chairlift was closed due to poor visibility. The backup plan was used again and this meant a drive to Turoa for a tramp to Lake Surprise. The route took us first to a mineral water cascade that looked like milk but tasted much sweeter, then on to the Mangaturuturu hut and up to Lake Surprise. On the way back as some swam in the cascade, one group tramped right off the mountain to Horopito to the bush. The vans were not back in Wellington until 9.30pm on Sunday, but on Monday morning there were very few missing from Roopu.

Thanks to all the teachers and parents for making this tramp happen and let's hope for more great tramps throughout the year.

(Report by Teacher Murray Chisholm)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Parent-teacher evenings

Enclosed in this newsletter is an appointment sheet for you and your student to complete. Yr 10 & 11 Report Evening to discuss reports will be on **Thursday 8 May** between 3.00 - 7.00pm in the Riley Centre. The Yr 12 & 13 meeting will be held on **Tuesday 13 May** between 3.00 – 7.00pm.

Personal Learning Objectives 2008

Year 9 students* and parents/caregivers/whanau are invited to a 15 minute meeting with the roopu teacher on 15 May. (No year 9 classes will run on that day.) The times for students' interviews are on their progress reports. If you wish to change your time, please contact your student's roopu teacher.

At this meeting, you discuss your student's learning.

At this meeting, you all discuss your student's learning.

PERSONAL LEARNING OBJECTIVES (PLOs)

Kia ora tatou

WHS last year trialled Personal Learning Objectives for year 9 students to set them on track for the new Aotearoa/New Zealand Curriculum. This new curriculum has a focus on personal learning. It points out that students who can manage themselves well are those who "...establish personal goals, make plans, manage projects, and set high standards." These are skills which will take the student well beyond school.

This year, we have refined our PLO practices.

There will be a lot of preparation at school for this meeting!

Each year 9 student will have set personal learning objectives for each core subject and for languages.

Students will have no more than two PLOs per subject.

The student and class teacher will negotiate which objectives will suit the topics the class is studying at the end of term 1 and start of term 2

Roopu teachers will be prepared to discuss with whanau how each student is working

towards achieving each objective, or is ready to move on to the next step

Personal Learning Objectives and the meeting link with the other ways we report on students:

- the end-of-term 1 progress report, which indicates how each student has started the school year
- the end-of-year curriculum report, which shows in detail how each student has achieved in relation to expected levels of different aspects of the curriculum for each subject.
- the Junior Certificate of Learning Skills (credit report) which suggests areas where each student is using good learning behaviours to achieve PLOs and also areas where students could improve learning behaviours to achieve their PLOs.

Note*: this applies to students in 9BSA, 9SNP, 9HEZ and 9HNB; 9TKT works on a continuous parent-feedback model, but their students will also work at home on 15 May as none of their option classes will be running.

If you have any comments or queries, please email

elaine.lynskey@whs.school.nz

SPORTS NEWS

SPORTS CAPTAINS

Recently letters of application were sought for Sports Captains and Wellington High School has now appointed three Sports Captains for 2008.

These students will assist to generate interest and enthusiasm for sporting activities at High. They will take on responsibility for various sports promotional activities and sports organisation, working closely with the Sports Coordinator.

We are excited and delighted to congratulate – **Sam Feeney, Lydia Pawson & Eru Rautahi.**

If the students have ideas or suggestions regarding sport at WHS these are the students you should see.

SAILING

Four of our students competed in the Wellington Secondary Schools Sailing Championship held at Plimmerton Boating Club on Tuesday 8 April. Congratulations to **Chora Carlton, Tom Leslie, Vivienne Christy-Jones and Alice Leslie** who sailed in the Sunburst class and achieved two 2nd places. The conditions were very cold and uncomfortable with a very brisk 25knot wind. This is a fantastic result.

HANDBALL

The Oceania Mens Handball Qualifications have just been played in Wellington.

One of Wellington High's past students – **AJ Hart** is the Goalkeeper in the New Zealand team and competed in this tournament. A number of staff were able to get along to support AJ.

CROQUET

We have had 6 students representing Wellington High in the secondary school croquet competition played at Wellington Club on Alexandra Rd. The team led wonderfully by **Nita Blake-Persen** have thoroughly enjoyed their games. The highlight of the competition was of course the game they won.

BOWLS

WHS has had one team competing in the CSW Bowls competition in term 1.

Congratulations in particular to **Raymond Martin** for his achievements.

These include:

- Winner of the CSW Bowls Championship
- Wellington representative in the NZ U18 Champs
- On Monday 21 April Raymond will represent Wellington in the Bowls NZ Region 4 playoff to be held in Wanganui.

UNDERWATER HOCKEY

Yes Wellington High is back in the water competing in the Wellington Secondary Schools Underwater Hockey League. We have a mixed team playing in the Senior Open Grade. The team is fortunate enough to have **Lizzie Cobledick** as coach. We would love to have more players so if you are interested please see Di Jordan.

PAINTBALL

A first time Wellington Schools paintball competition has been established at Thunderball Adventure Games in Manor Park. Wellington High has a team entered in this competition and will take battle in their first game on Sunday 11 April. Games will be played once a month. Would you like to play? See Di Jordan in the Sports Office for information.

WATER POLO

It has been a difficult term for water polo. Unfortunately numbers are low and it has been a struggle to get a team together each week. But we are determined that this sport will survive. We need more players. Please see Di Jordan for information.

Give water polo a try.

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WINTER SPORTS

Preparation for the winter sports season is well underway. In fact some winter sports have already commenced. WHS will be found competing in the following sports – badminton, basketball, canoe polo, hockey, football, netball, rugby, underwater hockey and water polo. It is really pleasing to note that we have an increase of students playing sport this winter and we have been able to enter additional teams in football, netball and basketball.

BASKETBALL

This year we are planning to have 4 basketball teams - Senior A & B Boys, Junior Boys and Senior Girls. Training is underway and we are planning for a successful season. Basketball often requires away games and for this we need assistance with transport. Do not leave it for another parent. Please support your son or daughter by offering to provide transport. We are also looking for Managers for our teams. Your help would be appreciated.

FOOTBALL

WHS has a very committed Football Committee made up of parents and the Sports Coordinator. This group has been working very hard behind the scenes to ensure a successful 2008 season. This year we will have 6 boys' teams and 2 girls' teams which is awesome. The season began for the boys 13th, 14th and 15th grade teams on Saturday 5th April with a win, a draw and a narrow loss. All of the boys' teams and the junior girls' team have a coach and a manager which is fantastic. The girl's 1st XI is coached by **Claudia Henison** and for this team we are still needing a Manager.

Please make contact if you can assist in this role.

NETBALL

7 teams of amazing netballers have been chosen to represent Wellington High School in the best game in the world. We are incredibly lucky to have PE teacher

Claudia Henison coaching the Senior A girls this year. Claudia came to New Zealand late last year to represent Scotland in the Netball World Champs so our girls will be in for a huge amount of skill development and tactical work. Natalie Bell and Bronwyn Henderson are the other teachers who have been generous enough to give up their time and energy to coach school teams. We are still searching for a parent/sister/auntie to coach team 3 and this is the first year that we have had no parents volunteer to coach a team so hopefully someone will put their hand up so that this team of nine girls are able to play. The other junior teams are coached by fantastic senior players - Nita Blake Persen, Melody Robyns, Ami Eruera, Ali Lai Carlyle, Myf Morris and Lydia Pawson. Games start on Saturday 10th May and are played at the Hataitai courts. Fees are \$40 for the season and should be paid to the school office. Receipts can then be shown to Di the sports co-ordinator to collect a uniform for the season.

Karen Goodall
Netball fan

RUGBY

2008 is an exciting year for rugby at Wellington High School as we have increased player numbers and are entering teams in the Under 15 and Under 19 grades. We are still accepting registrations for these teams so if you are keen please contact **Andy Smith, Rugby Administrator** (3858911 x865 or andy.smith@whs.school.nz)

Trainings have been held every Thursday with good turnouts – well done boys. Great to see a lot of commitment, enthusiasm and improving skills and fitness.

The first games of the season are on **Saturday 10 May**. The WHS U15 team is looking for a Manager or group of parents to assist with organisation. If you can help contact Andy.

Fees are due by the 2nd game of the season. Payment plans can be set up through Student Services.

SPORTS NEWS

BADMINTON & HOCKEY

Trials for these sports are currently being held. We have entered 2 hockey teams and 10 badminton in the respective competitions.

COACHES & MANAGER

To those parents, staff and community members that are involved in WHS sport we say a huge THANK YOU. Without your involvement we could not offer the sports opportunities to our students that we do. Your contribution is greatly valued. Do not hesitate to contact me anytime if you have questions, need gear or support.

SPORT OUT OF SCHOOL

Are you involved in sport outside of school? We would love to hear about your activities and achievements. Don't be shy, let Di Jordan, WHS Sports Coordinator, know what you are involved in.

DRAWS & RESULTS

Don't forget that you can get draws and results and cancellations from the College Sport Wellington (CSW) website anytime. Also available are playing conditions, links to other sports sites, national events and results, Dominion Post articles and more. Simply go to www.collegesport.org.nz

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IMPORTANT TERM TWO DATES (Weeks 1 – 5)

5 May	Term 2 and CEC begins
8 May 3pm - 7pm	Yr 10 & 11 Report Evening
11 May	French students return
	12 ODE travel to French Pass
12 May 6pm	Annual & General Meeting
13 May 3pm – 7pm	Yr 12 & 13 Report Evening
15 May	Yr 9 Home Learning day PLO's
16 & 17 May	Kapahaka noho
18 May	12ODE travel to French Pass
21 May	Hospitality Cooking Competition
29 May	ICAS Science Test
30 May	TEACHER ONLY DAY
3 - 6 June	Yr 12 Geography trip
6 June	Newsletter sent home

REPORT EVENINGS

Yr 10 & 11
Thursday

8 May 2008 3 - 7pm

Yr 12 & 13
Tuesday

13 May 2008 3 – 7pm

Wellington High School Girls Dragon Boating Team (OARSOME)

On Sunday 16th March after eight training sessions over the preceding four weeks, Wellington High School managed to put in a girls' team this year to represent the school in the Annual Secondary Schools Dragon Boating Festival held at Frank Kitts Park.

As we struggled to have a full team for training sessions the girls were dedicated to attend every single training. Sometimes we would only have 11 turn up, so I would have to get in the boat with the girls and paddle for us to get access to the harbour, as you need at least 15 paddlers. We also had a special training for timing on a brisk Saturday morning at 9am Lyall Bay, no boat, no sweep, the girls stood hip high in the water for 45 minutes followed by a quick swim as they had other sport commitments to attend.



Thank you very much to the girls who made the effort to attend this one off training. A special mention to Heather and James Maitland for also attending this morning training and offering to get me a coffee.

With a cold southerly creeping up on us on race day, all 23 paddlers turned up bright and early and very nervous. Wellington High managed to paddle their way to the finish line coming third in the first race, fourth in the second race and third in the B Petite final. Each time the girls paddled in the semi and finals they improved their times by a huge 5 seconds. A few tears were shed with a little disappointment as you don't get a prize for third place, but the girls did get a special email from Pete our sweep (steers the boat) to say that improving times by 5 seconds is a big achievement..

Thank you to all our crew: **Adele Dutilloy (captain), Anna-Maria Weber (vice captain), Theresia Hupfer, Whitney Neho, Atareta Snow, Siobhan Carter, Selina Heile, Trish Tararo, Audriana Carter, Luisa Oliveira, Esta Wilson-Burke, Katrina Green, Samantha Feeney, Chelsie Brandon, Kerrie Maitland, Lydia Pawson, Erin Lindsay, Holly Tunstall, Jessica Souza, Lisa Fidow, Te Aorere Ward, Ardra McLean and Huia Dixon.**

A very special thanks to Peter Whiting who was our sweep, for taking the time out of his very busy schedule to help coach our team. AJ Hart for his help with coaching and managing the team. All the parents, caregivers, teachers, students and families who came to support Wellington High School on race day OARSOME!

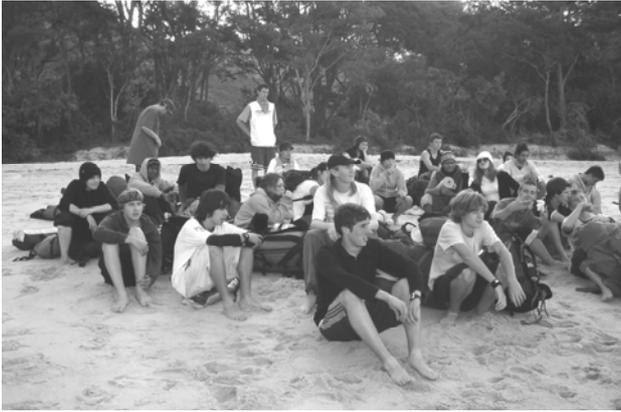
Thanks

Coach/Manager Charlene Aramoana

Manager/Coach AJ Hart



Yr 12 PE trip to Abel Tasman 10-14 March



Yr 12 Biology Rocky Shore Trip 19 March

