



Wellington High School Newsletter

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Nga Korero o te tumuaki

We have just completed the first round of learning conversations (PLOs) with the Yr 9 and 10 caregivers, their students and roopu teachers, or as we are trying to think of them, learning leaders. A few parents have popped in and said what a positive thing it is to sit down and talk about learning and goals with their students. I hope you are all feeling like this. I know the Tukutahi teaching teams have worked hard to share learning information and have a good understanding of each of their student's competencies, capacities and the dispositions they need to develop. Senior students seized the opportunity to focus the day on their own learning. All Yr 11 – 13 students had a programme of work clearly explained on moodle and worked at home. When I see things like this I believe we are looking into a future where this time of flexible study will be the norm.

This last month has seen the introduction of two new processes. We have emailed statements to everyone who has an email address with us and you have all had a month now with access to your student's information through the parent portal. Thank you to all the parents who have feed information back to us about inaccurate personal details and better still people who have had suggestions on how we can streamline and clarify some of the information we give and requests we make - especially around donations. We are trying to make it plain that as a state school we cannot charge school fees for everyday business but do ask that you make donations to help us meet some of the costs of modern pedagogy and technology. We are very grateful to those who do donate.

While I am talking about donations in May we begin a \$3.3m site development; new gymnasium, new teaching kitchen and staff amenities upgrade. We are funding this with \$1.7m from the Ministry of Education and the rest through judicious financial management which has permitted some savings. We are a couple of hundred thousand short at the moment and are looking for savings we could make in the project without compromising the quality and amenity. You, however, may know of a wealthy philanthropist or ex student who would like to help make up the short fall. Please encourage them to get in touch or tell me and I could chase them.

For the last ten days the school and thirteen of our families have hosted fifteen students and two teachers from Al Hazar Islamic School in Jakarta Indonesia. It was a wonderful visit which culminated in the students performing a traditional dance for the whole school assembly to which our students responded with really appreciative applause. Then the students cooked an Indonesian meal for their host families which we shared at school. It was all a very good experience and we hope to be able to send a group back there in the future. We learned that these Islamic children were very like WHS children. Thank – you: Davies, Kreffts, Grant, Sim, Miller, Wilson/Grimwood, Hayes, Kapica, Perry/ Williamson, Prasad, Miller/ Pleydell Bouverie, Hildred and Blower/Woods families for your help.

Since the last newsletter we have learned that **Callum Robertson** is the **New Zealand Top Scholar for Visual Arts Design 2009**. This is a fitting acknowledgement of a talented artist, his family, his teachers and WHS. It is especially rewarding to have a top scholar two years in a row and Callum's Top Scholar along with 16 scholarships shows clearly there is High Achievement at High.

Have a great holiday with your corker kids. **Kia kaha**

Prue Kelly

BOARD NEWS

A New Board will be elected in 2010

Elections will be held in **May** for a new Board of Trustees. There are 5 parent-elected positions on the Board, so we encourage all parents and caregivers to consider how they are going to participate in this important process. Positions are becoming vacant and some current trustees have indicated they are not available for re-election.

Current Board members

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| Tom Coad | <i>Student Representative</i> | |

Board of Trustee Elections Timetable 2010

These are being held on 7 May this year. Parents and caregivers should start thinking NOW about whether they would like to put their names forward. This is a good way to have your say in the running of the school.

Timeline

10-15 April: Nominations and Candidate Profiles called for

23 April: Nominations Close

28 April: Voting Papers distributed

7 May: Voting Closes

13 May: Count votes and declare results

14 May: New Board takes office

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Nominations are invited for the election of **5 parent representatives** to the Board of Trustees of Wellington High School and Community Education Centre. A nomination form will be posted to all eligible voters. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on **23rd April 2010** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement. The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

The Poll closes at Noon on 7th May 2010.

John Wilkinson, Returning Officer, Wellington High School & Community Education Centre.

IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

PARENT & CAREGIVERS EVENINGS AT THE START OF TERM 2

There are 2 parent evenings scheduled for the start of term 2 where you can meet with subject teachers to discuss your student's learning. These will take place on Thursday 22 April (first week back) for **surnames A-J** and Monday 26 April (second week back) for **surnames K – Z**.

This year we have an online booking system available for these parent interviews. There is a link from our moodle home page <http://moodle.whs.school.nz> or you can go directly to <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>.

On the School Interviews home page enter the school code **E8888**. Follow the steps to book your interviews with your student's teachers. Note that teachers are grouped in faculties.

If you do not have internet access please get in touch with Pania at reception (385 8911) and she will organise interviews for you.

School Reports and Parent Evenings 2010

| Timeline - Year 9 & 10 | Timeline -Year 11-13 |
|--|--|
| Term 1 Fri Mar 26 – Learning Conversations 1 + Term 1 Progress Report Thu Apr 9 – Term 1 credit report | Term 1 Thu Apr 1 – Term 1 Progress Report |
| Term 2 Thu 22 April - Parent evenings with all subject teachers (A-J) Mon 26 Apr - Parent evenings with all subject teachers (K-Z) Fri 2 July – Term 2 credit report | Term 2 Thu 22 April - Parent evenings with all subject teachers (A-J) Mon 26 Apr - Parent evenings with all subject teachers (K-Z) Fri 2 July – full written report for all subjects + internal results report |
| Term 3 Fri 10 Sep – Learning Conversations 2 Fri 25 Sep – Term 3 credit report | Term 3 Mon 26 Jul – parent evening (all subjects) Fri 24 Sep – exam result notice + internal results report |
| Term 4 Thu 10 Dec – Full written reports + Result notice (Y10 only)based on end of year examinations + Term 4 credit report | Term 4 Mon 18 Oct –senior parent evening with all subject teachers |

Reminder: Dental treatment is free for all students until their 18th birthday. For a list of all dentists who provide this service please contact Adolescent Oral Health Service 04 5709048

NOTICES FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS



Wellington High School

CAREGIVERS CODE OF PRACTICE

Introduction

Families with students who attend Wellington High School have agreed to develop networks and to communicate so that they can ensure their students are safe.

It is not the intention of this code to curtail the activities of our young people, but rather to empower parents and caregivers to be comfortable with their students leisure time environment.

The school, as its part in this protocol, will do its best to ensure that all students are taught to make safe decisions.

Caregiver Guidelines:

- **Who they are with**
- **Where they will be**
- **When they will come home**
- **How they will get home**
- **What they are doing before their students go out.**
- Caregivers agree that other caregivers can ring to check that each student is giving the same story.
- Always have some way your student can contact home; phone card, mobile, 0800 home number.
- Have an agreement that your student will ring you for a ride home or carry a taxi card so that they can get home safely.
- Caregivers do not accept the argument, "It is embarrassing having you check up on me, interfering in my life"
- The school is happy to link up families who wish to contact each other. (If Ms Smith rang for a contact we would ring the other parent and give them the Smith number and ask them to phone)
- Caregivers will attend school productions and sports and get to know their student's friends.



125 years

reunion

22nd – 24th April 2011

Easter Weekend

If you would like to register, please email your interest to admin@whs.school.nz or go to

www.whs.school.nz and click on reunion 2011

Volunteers are required for : Twittering, Facebook , Photo Sorters, Help During Reunion Weekend

Please email or ring the school if you can help towards making the Reunion a successful and enjoyable event

NOTICES

Entertainment Books Are Coming To Wellington High School

Wellington High School is pleased to be offering the new edition of The Wellington Entertainment Book to parents as part of our fundraising campaign for this year.

Entertainment Books contain hundreds of 25-50% off and, two-for-one offers from popular restaurants, cinemas, hotels, the arts, and leisure activities. There truly is something for everyone with high value offers from Logan Brown, Boulcott St Bistro, Zibibbo, St John's Heineken Hotel, Dockside, Wagamama, Ernesto, Red Ginger, St Pierre's Sushi, The Hurricanes, Wellington Phoenix, Zealandia, Avis, Hamilton Island.....and many more!

The new and exciting Wellington Entertainment Book is only \$60 and the sale of each book will raise \$12 for the school and contribute much needed funds to our fundraising targets for this year. The books are available from the school office and can be paid for by cheque, eftpos and good old fashioned cash.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

JAPANESE LANGUAGE

Congratulations to **Jules White** and **Sam Titchener** for passing **Level 4 of the Japanese language Proficiency Exam**. This is an internationally recognised exam which is sat in more than 130 countries world wide, Last year, of the 65,207 people who sat the exam, only 31,684 people managed to gain 60% or higher in the exam to pass.

NZ SPELLING BEE

Hannah Saul, Year 9 student at Wellington High, won the lower North Island Vegemite Spelling Bee on the 15th March. Hannah competed against 60 other top young spellers and the contest went for seven rounds. Well done Hannah!



Community Education Centre

Wellington High School

**Learn something
new in 2010!**

**Term 2 courses start
Saturday 1 May**

Enrol online at www.cecwellington.ac.nz

or pick up a brochure from your local library

Phone **385 8919** or email cec@whs.school.nz

DRAGON BOATING 2010

Sunday 28 February 2010 started off with a Tsunami warning due to the earthquake in Chile. Only the boys races commenced when all boats were called in and racing was abandoned. Students were gutted. Good news though from WCC and Wellington Dragon Boat Association, racing was to be continued the following Sunday but scaled down.

Sunday 7 March 2010. With no shelter provided we all met by the bridge for easier access to loading the boat for racing, also we were in a good position to watch the other schools race (perfectly situated). Weather forecast was meant to be raining and southerlies but it turned out to be a warm fine day. All races were

bought forward an hour because of the Football at the stadium. So as usual, I met the students at 8.30am to make



sure we were all there at least half an hour before our first race at 9.30am.

First heat Mixed A grade was a good time of 1.25.9 which placed us fourth out of nine other schools. Semi Finals A Mixed grade better time than the first was 1.24.9 which placed us third and bumped us up into the Mixed A grade grand final.

Very last race of the day with a time of 1.26.9 and everyone watching, Wellington High School had beaten 7 other schools and placed second in the 2010 Secondary Schools Dragon Boat Festival.

Many thanks to Ben Freaan (coach) and Peter Whiting (sweep) for taking the time to train the students. Jania Bates for picking up the paddles for me and coming to help on both days. Mike Kingston and Jane Poata offering to Sweep train which is not an easy job. Mike and Caroline Lewis for the beautiful photos that were taken. Staff, parents and students who all came down to support us.

Finally, a great big wonderful thank you to Trish Tararoa, Audrey Goulding, Audriana Carter, Lydia Costello, Ella Bates-Hermans, Georgi Conroy, Mae Grant, Jung Shim Krefft, Leah McEnhill, Kiri Olds, Angus Webster, Ronan Binding, Kevin Duindam, Toby Dykes, Fraser Eruera, Kane Mokalei, Kiwa Paku, Manoa Teaiwa, Jack Matiaha-Simon, Will Hardwick-Smith for all the training and hard work you all did and the wonderful paddling on competition day.

CONGRATULATIONS WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL - YOU ARE "OARSOME".

Huge thanks go to **Charlene Aramoana** for her tireless work with the WHS Dragon Boating Team. This year's result is as much due to her commitment and passion as the paddlers themselves. Thank you Charlene!

NOTICES

MUSIC DEPARTMENT - HOW TO STAY INFORMED

Go to: <http://moodle.whs.school.nz>

Under Course categories – select All courses then MUSIC. When it asks you to Login, select “Login as a Guest”, then navigate around the pages.

If you want, you can enrol in the courses that your daughter/son are taking so that you can keep informed about their assignments and due dates.

Any questions, or if you are asked for an enrolment key which is needed for NCEA pages – you can email me for the key on: kristine.twigley@whs.school.nz

Make sure you check out the News and Information page regularly on

<http://moodle.whs.school.nz/course/view.php?id=274>

SHORT CUTS

Year 9 <http://moodle.whs.school.nz/course/view.php?id=264>

Year 10 <http://moodle.whs.school.nz/course/view.php?id=265>

Year 11 <http://moodle.whs.school.nz/course/view.php?id=62>

Year 12 <http://moodle.whs.school.nz/course/view.php?id=266>

Year 13 <http://moodle.whs.school.nz/course/view.php?id=267>



Don't Forget that all of the Itinerant Music Lesson Timetables and enrolment forms are on the News and Information page

COMING SOON - THE DATE AND ANNOUNCEMENT FOR OUR FIRST MUSIC EVENING FOR 2010 –

It will be in MAY and it will be celebrating NZ Music Month

Email your details to kristine.twigley@whs.school.nz if you would like to be added to an email list for notifications of new material being published on music's moodle pages.

The Jazz Band is off to the National Jazz at Tauranga during the Easter break. We wish them well and have high expectations that they will emulate past successes. Kia Kaha!!

SPORTS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- **Matthew McDiarmid** who competed in the **Judo Regional Tournament** winning a silver and a bronze. Matthew also received his Area A Refereeing Certificate.
 - **Jono Nicholson** who completed a half marathon in the Round The Bays recording a time of 2. 00.40 .
 - **Handball – Fraser Eruera** has been named in the NZ U18 Handball squad. The team will be competing in an international tournament in Sweden.
 - **Natalie Hbracova** who competed in the College Sport Wellington Senior Tennis Singles Championships. Natalie made it through to the quarter finals.
 - **Genesis Wall-Mihaka** who competed in the **Wellington Regional Scholastics Surfing Championships** on Saturday 20 March. Genesis won the U18 short board and the U18 long board divisions.
- Izaac O'Hara** was selected in the Wellington Open Men's Futsal 1st team. This team competed in the Futsal Open Mens League tournament in Palmerston North and were placed 2nd. Izaac is the youngest in the team by 5 year - a star!
- **Liang Zhou** represented Wellington in the Athletes With a Disability 400m at the North Island Secondary Schools Athletics Championships. Liang was placed 4th, a great result.



OTHER EVENTS:

Wellington High Athletics Day

This was held on Tuesday 23 February and was a very successful event.

The WHS 2010 Athletics Champions are:

| Age Group | Female | Male |
|-----------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| U14 | Tyler White | Jackson Croft |
| U16 | Ci Tu'itupou | Mikaere Cowlin Patrick Conen |
| U19 | Sophia Dutch | Harrison Clare |

House Points were

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| Year 9: Ridling 40 pts | Year 11: GST 9 pts |
| Year 10: Kelly 32 pts | Year 12: JND 29 pts |
| | Year 13: HST 18pts |

Following the WHS Athletics day a number of students attended the Western Zone Athletics competing against 10 other secondary schools. From this event athletes were selected by their results to compete in the **College Sport Wellington Regional Champs.**

The Wellington High students who qualified were:

| Age Gp | Event | Athlete |
|-----------|---------------------------|--|
| U14 Girls | 100m Discus Javelin | Victoria Clare Teuila "Ofamo'oni-Ah Hi Lily Smitherman |
| U14 Boys | Shot Put | Kulantai Mani Vannan |
| U16 Girls | Shot Put Javelin | Ci Tu'itupou Huirua Prime |
| U19 Girls | Javelin | Corrina Faimalo |

North Island Athletics Championships – Sunday 21 March.

Kulantai Mani Vannan was selected in the Wellington team to compete in the NI Champs Junior Boys Shot Put. He was placed 4th with a throw of 11.7m. Congratulations.



College Sport Wellington Secondary School Yachting Champs. A number of Wellington High students competed in this event at the Plimmerton Yacht Club on 24 February. Excellent results were achieved by **Vivian Christy-Jones and Tom Leslie**. Racing in a Phase II in the 2 man open grade their placings were three 1sts and one 2nd.

Skate Jam

The second interschool Skate Jam was contested by WHS, Kapiti College and Wellington College. The venue, Island Bay, provided steeper 1/4's and a higher rail than the Kapiti comp last year. The weather was beautiful and plenty of supporters enjoyed the spectacle. **James Huntley**, placed 1st dominated his heat and the final utilising the high rail and banks with ease. **Ben Evans** came 2nd and **Billy Papatsoumas** 4th. Big thanks to **Empire Skates** and **Cheapskates** for their sponsorship of the event.

Currently: Students approached the student reps on the Board of Trustees recently and have started an inquiry that we hope will lead to moving the rail at the bottom of the drop to a more usable location. Also, we are considering installing a banked fun box with rail somewhere on the School grounds. This is yet to be put to the Board. Interested parties who could help with planning and or fundraising ideas for this project should approach Tim Gibbs tim.gibbs@whs.school.nz There is one more skate competition planned for week 2 of Term 2. This competition is open to any high school student. The venue is yet to be decided.

College Sport Wellington Mountain Biking Champs

This event was held on Sunday 21 March on a difficult course in Wainuiomata. For the first time Wellington High had a team competing. **Sam Metcalfe** rode particularly well in the U17 category and **Jack Faircloth** requires special mention for riding the course without any suspension at all. There will be regular rides for any other keen mountain bikers. Details will be in the daily notices.



*Ben
Faircloth*



WHS Mountain Biking Team Sam Metcalfe, Ben Faircloth, Jack Faircloth, Zac Blakely

Ultimate Frisbee Tournament



The Wellington University Ultimate Frisbee Club have been introducing the sport to our PE classes and offering lunchtime and after school

trainings. A group of WHS students competed in the Wellington Secondary Schools Tournament on Saturday 20 March at Martin Luckie Park.

Summer Sport is now coming to a close. I would like to extend thanks to all of those who have contributed to our term one sporting competitions. Parent coaches & managers and staff involvement are critical to our ability to offer a successful sports programme.

Thank you to you all.

Rugby

Rugby registrations are nearly finished and preseason has started. All rugby players are expected to attend **Tuesday lunchtime** and **Thursday afternoon** trainings.

We are running 3 teams this year, U19 boys, U15 boys and Girls 10 aside.



We are still finalising coaching and managing staff. Any additional voluntary help in team management is urgently needed.

We are hoping for a preseason game in week 9. The competition starts early in term 2.

Please get in touch with Tim Gibbs if you can assist in any way 385 8911 x859

Please note that players are required to provide their own mouth guards.

Winter Sport

Trials for all winter sports are now underway. Winter sport commences in term two. As we prepare for winter sport please note:

ALL UNIFORMS MUST BE RETURNED URGENTLY

WHS Socks are now available at Student Services for \$10.00 a pair

Draws & Results

For draws, results, cancellations and other information check the College Sport Wellington website – **www.collegesport.or**

Contact Information

For any further information or to tell me any news about your out of school activities or successes I can be contacted by any of the following:



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Di Jordan, Sports Coordinator

Gateway and STAR Work!

Success stories from 2009



I wanted to share with you a couple of stories from last year that prove both Gateway and STAR can be of great benefit to our senior students: Two year 13 students secured places in Term 3 last year in Whiteria courses for 2010. They had trialled the course through the STAR system, meeting the tutors and getting to know their way around campus. This gave them the confidence to make an informed decision. We wish Kayla all the best in her Performing Arts course and Henuk all the best with Automotive Engineering.

We also had a fantastic outcome with a year 13 student involved in a Gateway placement in the Hospitality industry. Because of his work with The Grill (Duxton Hotel) as a Gateway placement and his work through Wellington Highs Hospitality classes. Blair was able to apply and secure an apprenticeship with the Chef at Government house. I understand he is enjoying his role immensely and we wish him all the best for his future.

What is Gateway?

GATEWAY is a partnership between an employer, Wellington High School and a senior student. It is a programme which enables senior students to achieve Industry Unit Standards through structured workplace-learning and is designed to prepare students for meaningful employment or further study.

Who can do Gateway?

It is a prerequisite that our Gateway students have Employment studies as part of their timetable that way the placement in the work place falls on the day the Employment studies class has a double period, we use this system as to minimise student learning in other subjects. Some exceptions can be made.



What is a STAR course?

Who can do a STAR course?

Star is intended as an opportunity for all senior students to attend short courses in non-conventional subjects. However it is again a prerequisite that students have selected Employment Studies as part of there learning programme as to minimise disruptions to other subjects when on courses.

The programmes in full or in part, lead to assessments towards credits in unit standards on the National Qualifications Framework.

It gives students some experience in the “real life” situation of the industry/course they are interested in.

These courses run one day a week for anywhere between 1 and 15 weeks.

All students interested are welcome to discuss with us the possibility of a placement on a course they are interested in and can research and provide information on other courses that may suit there needs that are not already offered by WHS. Please note showing interest in a course does not guarantee a position as there is limited available.

For more information about the Gateway programme or STAR courses please contact:

Allie Rutherford Careers Administrator Phone: 04 385 8911 ext: 827

allie.rutherford@whs.school.nz

2010 Leaders

Thanks to the generosity Jen McCaw grandmother of Oscar Battell-Wallace (and Henry who left 2009) we are able to present our school leaders for the next few years with WHS leader shirts.

This year's leaders were presented with their shirts at Assembly last week

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| Shakespeare Society | Vanessa Cullen | Kiri Olds | |
| Stage Challenge | Anneliese Tracy | | |
| Social Activities | Miriam Wilson | | |
| Sport | Sam Keller | Abby Lee Freeman | Corrina Faimalo |
| Board of Trustees | Florence Isaacs | Tom Coad | |
| Kapa Haka | Jules Forde | Hine Kingi | Anaru Tagataese |
| Environment Group | Florence Isaacs | | Kody Paki |
| Peer Mediation | Rory Kelly | Caza Steele | Kiri Olds |
| | | | Florence Isaacs |

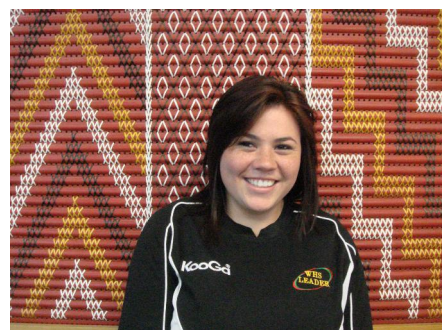
Three of the WHS leaders in their shirts



Tom Coad



Corrine Faimalo



Jules Forde