



Wellington High School Newsletter

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Nga Korero o te tumuaki

125 years ago Arthur Dewhurst Riley opened the doors of the Wellington School of Design to its first pupils. Four name changes, four buildings and 12 principals, hundreds of teachers and thousands of students later we celebrate our birthday. On Wednesday the students assembled in the Riley Centre. Many dressed in red, green and yellow, and some carried balloons. We all sang Happy Birthday to ourselves and shared a birthday cake. The cake was cut by Josh Weir one of our youngest Yr 9s whose birthday is also on thirteenth April and the oldest ex-student we have enrolled for the reunion Charles Watkins who went to school here in 1934 & 1935. One member from each roopu was given a cup cake. I hope your student was one of them. We then all went down to the field and spelt out **1886 – 2011** which proved to be a major mathematical exercise. See the photo! It was good fun and a fitting way to celebrate our birthday.

We are of course spending Easter celebrating with over 700 past pupils. On Friday evening registration begins at 2pm followed by a 5.30pm Welcome & Catch-up over light refreshments.

On Saturday there will be a variety of events starting with roll call and photos, displays - see how the school has evolved - and in the afternoon at 2pm we have an event to recognise some of our successful ex-students. It will be a bit like a school prize giving with items and awards. Everyone is invited; old students, current students and caregivers. This will be followed by a 7pm dinner in the Town Hall. Our speakers will be Danny Mulheron and Dave Armstrong so people can expect to be entertained.

On Sunday morning at 10.30 we will have a memorial ceremony and unveil plaques to the soldiers we know who were killed in World War Two. We have not yet found all the names from the World War One. If you know any great uncles who went here and died in the Great War tell us so we can add their names.

We hope that after this weekend we have formed a Past Pupils association that can start planning the next celebrations. For this one we have had a group of ex students advising us and a group of staff doing a whole lot of things to make this event a great success. We have small but eager groups of senior students ready to help over the weekend. We can always do with more help so if you have nothing to do over Easter and would like to help for a couple of hours please just give me a ring 021380938. I am sure we are all going to enjoy listening to stories of the old days.

The holidays are nearly upon us. Junior learning conversations have been completed with everyone expressing satisfaction about the insight they gained into their student's learning abilities and skills. With this newsletter you should all receive a progress report and an attendance report for your student.

One of our goals this year is to work with parents closely to improve student attendance. So far this year our average attendance is 83%, 4% better than the total for last year. But it is nowhere near good enough and term one is always the best term. Let's change the pattern this year and make every term better than the last.

Finally congratulations to the Futsal team - runners up in the NZ Secondary Schools Futsal championship in. The boys were bitterly disappointed but I think national runners-up is pretty good. Two other students have won their way to a competition in Auckland - Yr 11s Thomasin Abraham and Ciaran Barr Burns are off to the NZ Brain Bee Challenge in May to out-think and out-smart all the others. Good Luck!

Everyone have a corker holiday with your corker kids.

Kia kaha, Prue Kelly

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Whanau Notices

PARENT & CAREGIVERS EVENINGS AT THE START OF TERM 2

There are two 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 5 May (first week back) for **surnames A-J** and Monday 9 May (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 **JQ2EN**. 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 Sonia at reception (385 8911) or your student's roopu teacher and they will organise interviews for you.

Portal reports

Logins for the student-parent portal were posted home with the mid term newsletter.

DON'T FORGET: should you lose this newsletter, go to our website www.whs.school.nz

This will allow you to access all reports to date electronically. All reports for the term have been posted on the parent portal (access this at <http://moodle.whs.school.nz> under the Parents and Caregivers link).

Year 9 reports include:

- 1) the progress report
- 2) the whiwhinga report
- 3) goals set from learning conversations
- 4) option reports for options taken in Term 1
- 5) an attendance summary

Year 10 reports include:

- 1) the progress report
- 2) the whiwhinga report
- 3) goals set from learning conversations

Year 11-13 reports include:

- 1) the progress report
- 2) an attendance summary

In addition, student results for internally assessed standards attempted so far can be accessed under the 'Results' tab.

School fees payable through the portal

Did you know that you can pay your school fees directly through the portal? When you login, there

are two tabs associated with fees - 'Fees' and 'Fees With Flo2cash' - if you choose the Flo2cash option, you can determine the amount of payment and it will take you to a secure portal that will handle credit card payment.

Year 11 Learning Conversations

These will be held in week 3 of Term 2. For those who have experienced these in Year 9 and Year 10, the format is similar. The purpose of the meeting is to set some meaningful goals around the student's learning or learning behaviours. At the interview:

- 1) The student will share their work, reflections, possible goals.
 - 2) The progress report will be reviewed
 - 3) Parents / caregivers are invited to comment, reflect, ask questions and contribute information towards the goals.
 - 4) Goals are set based on all of the information.
- A separate sheet is attached with your appointment time.

Year 9 Travellers

Wellington High School is delighted to be able to offer the **Travellers** programme to Year 9 students this year. **Travellers** is a small group programme about life's journey and how young people can be supported early in their development to embrace the challenges that this journey offers.

All Year 9 students will complete a **Travellers** survey over the next couple of weeks and following this, some students will be offered the opportunity to take part in the programme.

The group will meet during school time, with the minimum disruption to students' academic commitments. Should your daughter/son be invited to take part in the programme, you will receive further information. The programme has been piloted with considerable success over the past four years in a number of Auckland schools. The Principals and various Boards of Trustees of these schools fully endorse the implementation of the programme and find it to be extremely beneficial to their students. This is part of our

schools ongoing commitment to supporting the wellbeing of our students, which in turn enhances their learning. If you have any questions we can be contacted at school, our phone is 385 8911, Kirsty ext. 861, Mark ext. 820 and Ann ext. 845.

Kirsty Fergusson and Mark Pope (Guidance Counsellors) Ann MacGregor (Learning Services)

Getting Clued up on Climate Change.

31 of our Year 10 students gave up their Tuesday morning lie in and came to school an hour earlier to participate in the CELL programme. Climate Exchange for Language and Learning (CELL) is a six week programme that helps high school students from China, Norway, the USA and New Zealand make some sense of published scientific data as they learn and talk about issues of global climate change, both in the classroom and through an on line wiki site. CELL attempts to bring both the scientific data and the scientists themselves closer to the school science classroom (The latter in virtual space).

The program was led by educational researchers from Victoria University who made special mention of the maturity and insight of our students. We keenly await the results of their research.

WF Anderson Educational Foundation

Wellington High School has received a grant of \$4500 from the WF Anderson Educational Foundation. This money will be used to assist students in financial need. Wellington High School receives a grant from the WF Anderson Educational Foundation every year and we are deeply appreciative of its support.

Year 9 Parents and Caregivers
Tuesday, 10 May
3.30pm
WHS Staffroom

How you can help your student
How to login to the portal and check
attendance
How to help your student with homework

SCHOOL LEADERS 2011

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

Shakespeare Felix Borthwick Riley Brophy

Stage Challenge Manoa Teaiwa

Community Fundraising

Richy Brown Tina Chen-Xu

Sport Annika Bowley Yuri Domanski

Tory Ruhe Steph Bennington

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Sophie Lloyd Brandt Feeney

Kapa Haka Hine Kingi. Kody Paki



Riley Brophy
Shakespeare

Hine Kingi
Kapa Haka

School ID Cards/Snapper Cards

If students want an ID card or an ID card/Snapper card, they need to pay student services either \$10 for school ID card or \$20 for school/snapper card. They need to pay first **before** the cards are ordered.

Sports News

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- **Izaac O'Hara** who was a member of the Wellington Men's team that competed in the 2010/2011 National League Finals tournament. The team made the final competed against Maccabi, a top Australian

team. Although the final was won by Maccabi 1-0, this result made the Wellington team the best in New Zealand.

- **Esther Bosshard** who has designed a new Wellington High Sports Logo. You will notice this logo starting to appear on various sports items.



- **Futsal College Nationals**
Wellington High sent a team to compete in Auckland in the inaugural New Zealand Secondary Schools Futsal National Championships. The team played some outstanding games under the coaching of **Matt Fejos**, playing their way into the final against Onslow College. The final was a great contest being won by Onslow and leaving the Well High team as National Runners Up. A fantastic achievement!



Back row: Kevin Duindam, Hannes Bagge, Rene Lopez, Izaac O'Hara, Matt Fejos
Front row: Marcelo Almeida, Nick Davies, Adolfo Munoz Solis, Rene Da Costa Leite

- **Wellington Secondary Schools Futsal Championships** – good luck to the same futsal team who will be competing in this tournament on Sat/Sun 16/17 May at Walter Nash Stadium in Taita.

- **2011 REGIONAL ATHLETICS**

The following Wellington High students were selected and competed in the Wellington Secondary Schools Regional Athletics Championships.

Pita Paraha	U16 Shot put U16 Discus	2= 4 th
Kulanai Mani-Vannan	U16 Shot put	7 th
Ci Tu'itupou	U19 Shot put U19 Discus	5 th 5 th
Lily Smitheman	U16 Javelin	NT
Ollie Duindam	U14 Javelin	8 th
Joyce McKinlay	U14 100m Minor	3 rd
Elizabeth Davis	100m (AWDID)	9 th

- **Pita Paraha** was named in the Wellington Secondary Schools NI Athletics team in U16 Boys' Shot Put.
- **Tabloid Day** - the Wellington High Sports Captains organised and ran a very successful Tabloid Day for all Year 9 & 10 students. The tabloids ran on the field and in the gym for 2 hours. There were 6 stations and Roopus rotated around the circuit. Congratulations to the Grand Winner – **LA TROBE 2**
The Year 9 winning Roopu was **RILEY 1**



ALL SPORT UNIFORMS MUST BE RETURNED URGENTLY
– these are required for distribution to winter sport teams.

Water Polo

Huge thanks to **Maranui Water Polo Club** for the donation of high quality water polo balls to Wellington High School. Maranui applied for and received funding from the **Eastern Suburbs Sports Trust** and in turn they are choosing to support local schools in the development of water polo.

With **Karen Saunders** the Well High coach being a member of Maranui, we have a strong relationship developing. Any students (girls and boys) interested are welcome to attend club training sessions. All training is at Kilbirnie pool, Wed 5-7pm for U12 and novices and Fri 7-9pm for U14 & U16.

On Saturday 9 April the Wellington Secondary Schools Tournament was held. Congratulations to **Rennie Pearson** who was named MVP in the recent College Ultimate Championships.

Huge thanks to our ultimate coach, **Cedric Horner** for his complete dedication to the Wellington High team.

Wellington High School Dragon Boating 2011

After 4 weeks of hard training the students met at Frank Kitts Park bright and early at 8am ready to paddle in the first race of the day. With a quick pep talk and warm up, we proceeded to the docking bay. All nerves were starting to settle as the students paddled out to the race start.

Racing began with Wellington High in lane two racing three other schools in the Mixed Team round one race. 100 meters down the lane and the boat in lane one collided with the back of our boat bringing our boat to a stop. Thankfully because of the students' hard training, they managed to carry on racing, and ended up coming second (1.23.0).

Some bruised knuckles and two damaged paddles later (lucky we had two to spare), round two started and our time was much faster - 1.20.2 Second place again and we tried to make the Mixed A Team final. Sadly, our time took us to A Petite final.

Final race with a time of 1.20.0 the students come second just missing out to the winning school. It was a very exciting race.

Many thanks to the staff, parents and students for their support. Thanks to Peter Whiting (sweep) Ben Freaan (coach) for their work with the students.

A very big thank you to Angus Webster, Adam Hao'uli, Ronan Binding, Kellar Taylor, Trae Mokalei, Troy Ruhe, Puratana Kingi, Jung-Shim Krefft, Ryan Hayes, Jack Oolders, Lei Yang, Hine Kingi, Georgi Conroy, India Giles, April Whitaker, Samantha Wilson, Manoa Teaiwa, Chanel De Boer, Alex McKee, Amy Terry for all your hard work you put into this sport.



Ultimate Frisbee

The Wellington leg of the NZ Under 19 trials was held on Saturday and attended by Thomasin Abraham, Rennie Pearson, Scarlett O'Callaghan, Oliver Spicer, Lily Mason-Mackay and Connor Morrison-Mills.

Croquet

Wellington High fought their way through to the Regional Croquet final. The team's final placing was runners up to St Orans. The croquet tournament organisers reported that the High team should take pride in the fact that they were the runners up in an event with 13 teams from schools in the Wellington region.



NEW SPORTS SHIRTS & SPORTS BAGS

These will both be available for purchase from Student Services. at the start of Term 2

Sports shirts - \$40.00

- Come in female and male cut
- Variety of sizes to choose from

Sports Bags - \$40.00 each with sport logo or \$52.00 with individual names printed

- Bags at \$40.00 with sports logo will be available at the start of Term 2

- Bags with names to be printed must be ordered. Order forms are available from Student Services and must be in by **Monday 16 May with payment.**

SPORT SOCKS

- Available for purchase from Student Services. Cost \$10.00 pair



HANDBALL

The Wellington High School handball team has been competing throughout term one in the local secondary school competition. A past student, **Pat Whatman**, coached the team.

SUMMER SPORT has now ended for term one. A sincere thanks is extended to all staff, parents and community members who have assisted in the delivery of the Wellington High summer sports programme. Your contribution is critical to our ability to offer our students sporting opportunities and it is greatly appreciated.

WINTER SPORT has now begun. The season kicked off with our 14th grade boys football team having their first game last Saturday.

Team lists can be found on the Sports News noticeboard on Level 1 on the main block.

We have pleasing registrations for winter sport this year. In particular we have more teams entered into girls' and boys' football competitions which is very exciting.

If you have missed out on registering for a winter sport don't give up. See the Sports Coordinator and if we can place you in a team we will.

SPORTS FEES – make sure you have paid your sports fees. If you wish to pay them off over a period of time this can be arranged. Call Student Services to discuss on 385 8911 ext 872.

Draws, Results & Cancellations

For information about all College Sport Wellington competitions check the CSW website www.collegesport.org.nz

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Di Jordan
Sports Co-ordinator
Contact Information

For any further information or to tell me about your out of school activities and successes I can be contacted by any of the following:
Office 8027677 Cell 027 2106087
Email: sport@whs.school.nz

Community News

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.

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Inverloch Art School

Inverloch Art School offers a comprehensive range of children's after school classes in art and craft, Creative Sewing, and Cartooning. If you are interested in finding out more, talk to Mark on 939 2177 between 9am and 5 pm, Monday to Friday or email manager@inverloch.org.nz. The school welcomes parents visiting to see the facilities for themselves.

Situation Vacant

2 grounds supervisors are needed. Supervising students in their breaks. Apply to the Principal.

Life Flight is Opening the Hangar Doors!

Open Day: Sunday, 1 May, 10am – 2pm

Where: Life Flight Air Rescue Centre, 17 George Bolt St (behind The Warehouse, Lyall Bay

Entry: CHILDREN Free, Adults \$5 (donation)

**Term 2 courses start
Monday, 2 May**



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*or pick up a brochure
from your local library*

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

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Pamela Braddell 04 385 8911 x 843

Term 2 2011

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1	1 May	2 May 3.30 - HoFs meet	3 May 8.30 – Staff PD	4 May 3.30 – faculty PD	5 May 3.30-7pm – Report evening (A-J)	6 May	7 May ACE starts
Week 2	8 May	9 May 3.30-7pm – Report evening (K-Z)	10 May 8.30 – Staff PD 3.30 – Deans meet	11 May CSW cross country relays	12 May	13 May 7pm – nohomarae	14 May Nohomarae
		Year 11 Drama (HEA) production – 7pm					
		ODE223 trip to Whanganui River					
Week 3	15 May Nohomarae ('til 12.00pm)	16 May 3.30 - HoFs meet	17 May 8.30 – Staff PD	18 May 3.30 – faculty PD	19 May CSW Netball	20 May 8.15 – Wellington R'nalmanukorero	21 May
		Y11 Learning Conversations this week					
Week 4	22 May	23 May Y9D option rotation 3.30 – faculties meet	24 May 8.30 – Staff PD 3.30 – Deans meet	25 May 3.30 – staff meeting	26 May Stage challenge	27 May Stage challenge Food show – HOS223/323	28 May
Week 5	29 May	30 May 3.30 - HoFs meet 6.00 – BOT meet	31 May 8.30 – Staff PD 11.20 – school assembly 12.30 – Ensemble impact performance	1 June CSW cross country championships 3.30 – faculty admin	2 June	3 June Teacher Only Day End of semester 1 7pm – nohomarae	4 June Nohomarae
		Sheilah Winn Nationals					
Week 6	5 June Nohomarae ('til 12.00pm) Sheilah Winn Nationals	6 June Queen's birthday holiday	7 June 8.30 – Staff PD 3.30 – Deans meet	8 June 3.30 – staff meeting	9 June	10 June Newsletter home	11 June
		GEO223 trip to Taupo					
		Shakespeare society					
Week 7	12 June	13 June 3.30 - HoFs meet	14 June 8.30 – Staff PD	15 June 3.30 – faculty PD	16 June	17 June 12.20 – PRT1 meet 7pm – nohomarae	18 June Nohomarae
		DRA112 (SNP) production – 7pm					
Week 8	19 June Nohomarae ('til 12.00pm)	20 June 3.30 – faculties meet	21 June 8.30 – Staff PD 3.30 – Deans meet	22 June Southern Hospitality Comp with HSI NZJHC 7.00 – Music evening	23 June	24 June	25 June
		Visits to local intermediates					
Week 9	26 June	27 June Y9E option rotation Y10B option rotation 1.20 – Y12/13 careers expo 6.00 – BOT meet	28 June 8.30 – Staff PD	29 June CSW Sen badminton 3.30 – faculty PD	30 June	1 July 7pm – nohomarae	2 July Nohomarae
Week 10	3 July Nohomarae ('til 12.00pm)	4 July ACE ends 3.30 – faculty admin	5 July 3.30 – Deans meet 6.00 - Open evening	6 July 3.30 – staff meeting	7 July CSW Squash ch'ships	8 July Y11/12/13 NCEA solo performances in Mus Rm 7pm – nohomarae	9 July Nohomarae
		Top Art exhibition hosted at WHS					
Week 11	10 July Nohomarae ('til 12.00pm)	11 July 3.30 - HoFs meet	12 July CSW Jnr badminton 8.30 – Staff PD	13 July 10.00 – Maori theatre performance 3.30 – faculty PD	14 July Wellington regional kapahaka	15 July Jnr /Snr reports / newsletter / whiwhinga sent 11.20 – school assembly	16 July
		Y13 Drama performance (HEA) – 7pm					
Holidays	17 July	18 July	19 July Food & Fashion trip to Europe leaves	20 July	21 July	22 July	23 July
	24 July	25 July	26 July	27 July	28 July	29 July	30 July