



Wellington High School Newsletter

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Nga Korero o te tumuaki

We have just had our annual open evening and it was good to see so many people brave the cold night. As usual the staff had done a great job preparing their faculties and there were many helpers to show people around. Most commonly heard comments were;

Gosh you are well resourced, ...the teachers are so helpful and interested,... the students are so positive about being here,I wouldn't mind coming to school myself.

Certainly word is getting around that we are working to modernise our teaching and learning and changes in Yr 9 this year, are attracting attention. I hope you are all encouraging your friends to send their students here. There is no doubt that students who start here in Yr 9 do so much better than those who decide it is OK to come to High in Yr 11 or 12. Remember that our zone is the city and suburbs south of Kaiwharawhara.

Over the last two months the Board has been discussing the future direction of High and how we can change what we do to ensure we meet the strategic priorities of really preparing students for their future and ensuring that they are well-equipped, lifelong learners. The challenge is to make changes that result in real change and are not just tinkering around the edges. It would be quite simple to make some very obvious structural changes that did not translate to improved learning experiences. The Board focus is going towards improving learning experiences and including community and work experiences into most students' programmes. Many of the staff are already working with programmes like ATOL - Assess to Learn, numeracy project and varied ICT opportunities to ensure student learning is the focus of the classroom and student voices are heard. We believe we have a way forward with some of the directions to be taken over the next three years identified.

The next step is to test these ideas with our stake holders; students, caregivers and people who will receive our students when they stride confidently into their futures. The Board will be

inviting a cross section of our community to comment before we make any significant change. If you would be interested in joining a discussion group please email a BoT member or the school so we can put you on the list. We will distribute the plan for comment and listen to comments before it is adopted.

What a great show I had the pleasure of watching yesterday. Our Stage Challenge people put on a lunchtime performance for those who wanted to go - almost half the hall full. The theme was Toy Shop. What a wonderful job they did and they did it all themselves, choreography, costumes set, story, raised all the funds. All the school has done is provided a venue and money to register most of them. Most wonderful was all the different students in the show - a real cross section of our school. They will be stars on the night. It is just a shame that they will compete against schools where adults do all the thinking, teaching, planning and resourcing. I am sure though our students have done all the learning and are winners no matter what the outcome. Well done all especially the brains trust of Jessie Rochford Barber, Ben Ramsay and Alana Corlett.

Another set of winners are as usual out hamburger builders. Jordan Broderson was First in the seniors and Chantelle de Boer second in the junior Wellington region competition. Look out the Nationals in September. Those Hospitality teachers just keep on producing champions. Well done teachers Marietjie and Zoe.

Have a corker holiday with your corker kids!

Ka Kite Ano

Prue Kelly

PS We are working to have the café open and supplying healthy food next term.

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At the end of this term we farewell Drama Teacher **Roger Mantel** who is off to Bangkok and will be replaced by **Alison Hodge**. English teacher **Ana Brothers** is off to pursue acting at the Ecole Phillippe Gaulier School of Acting in Paris and will be replaced by **Emma Wood** an ex student. Mathematics teacher **Ruth Martin** has decided to take a temporary absence from teaching to pursue motherhood and is replaced by **Steven Lee**.

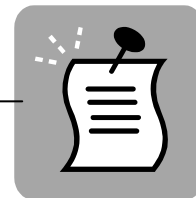
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The next Board Meeting will be held on Monday 28 July 2008 at 6pm in the staffroom.

<i>Important Term Three dates to diarize</i>		
21 July 2008		Term Three begins
26 July		Adult Community Education begins
28 July	6pm	Board of Trustees meet in staffroom
28-31 July		Yr 13 Geography Field trip to Rotorua
4 August		All 2009 Year 9 enrolment applications forms in
5 – 7 August		Enrolment interviews for siblings
12-14 August		Yr 9 2009 Enrolment interviews
22 August		Victoria/Massey Open Day for all Yr 13 students
25 August		Board of Trustees meet in staffroom
8-12 September		Senior Examinations take place
10-12 September		Summer Sports Registration
16-18 September		2009 Enrolment interviews for seniors
16-19 September		Ski Trip
16-19 September		Yr 11 Major Drama Production
22-26 September		Mt Cook Production at school

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Reminder to all Year 13 Students

Friday 22 August: Open day at Victoria and Massey universities. Parents and students are welcome. All Level 3 classes will be cancelled on the day to allow students to attend one or both of these universities.

Homestay families wanted

Warm, inclusive homestays wanted for our International Students, short or long term. Our students are from Europe, Asia and beyond. Please email Amanda Pickett for more information at amanda.pickett@whs.school.nz or Phone her on 3858911X897

“Stepping Up the Pasifika Education Plan”

Pasifika parent/caregivers interested in hearing what the Ministry of Education has to say on Pasifika Education, which is aimed at helping the achievement for Pasifika students, are invited to attend a Pasifika Community fono.

Date: Thursday 10 July 6pm -10pm (dinner at 9pm)

Venue: Salvation Army's Crossroad Community Church (cnr Kings Crescent and Cornwell Street, Lower Hutt)

Congratulations to...

Matty Ammunson-Fyall (13ERM) was involved in the launch of *Ka Hikitia – Managing for Success*: The Maori Education Strategy 2008-2012 at Parliament on 15 April 2008. Matty's speech gave the audience a practical example of the education experience and success Maori students enjoy at our school.

Success at the regional Chemistry competition Wellington High School senior Chemistry students recently entered the annual NZIC chemistry quiz night. Sixty teams from the Wellington

region and surrounds sent their best to compete.

Congratulations go to Team diamond - **Harry Chapman, Felix Barber, Eugene McTavish**, and **Royce Liu** who performed brilliantly and came a very creditable third against stiff opposition. A Lovely Bunch of Chlorides, our second team, consisting of **Adele Dutilloy, Harry Warring, Emerson Stirling**, and **Takashi Sawada** also beat off fierce competition to come sixth. An effervescent performance by both teams. Well done.

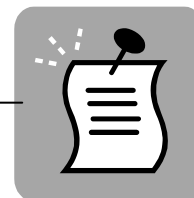
Yes, we did it again!

NZ Beef and Lamb Burger competition

As the current national champions of the NZ national burger competition, we have done it again and slashed the competition at the regional battle for the best burger in Wellington. Our senior burger “Wellington whopper” created by **Jordan Broderon** and coached by Marietjie Van Schalkwyk took weeks to develop, find specific ingredients, test, and evaluate to finally arrive at the award-winning recipe. Our junior entry, created by **Chantelle de Boer** was appropriately titled “Pacific Rim”. This was an eye catching fusion, mixing up different concepts and flavours; she was trained by Zoe Hainge and came in a close second! So now we can look forward to the National championships held in Auckland, in September at the Manukau Institute of Technology.



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2008 Stage Challenge

Wellington High School thrilled the audience at the TSB Arena with their colourful and fun performance of "Toy Box". The judges commented on the joy that they performed with and they made us very proud of their student led project. A real asset of the Wellington High team is the way they involve so many people so BIG UPS to the wonderful directors - **Jessie Rochford Barber,**



Ben Ramsay and Alana Corlett

- who led a team of amazing dancers, make-up artists, set designers, costumers, lighting technicians and backstage workers.

We won awards for Excellence in

**Choreography
Costuming
Character,
Set Design
and Function,
Soundtrack,
Stage Use
and Visual
Enhancement**

NCEA UPDATE

Fees:

You have now been invoiced for fees for this year's NCEA. **These fees can be paid by automatic payment or added to your existing AP.** If you wish to do this you must advise the school now by either phoning Linda Tarsa on 3858911 extension 872 or email her on linda.tarse@whs.school.nz. Please

note that the payment is for all internally assessed and externally assessed standards. If your child is only doing internally assessed standards you still need to pay their NCEA fee to have those credits registered with NZQA.

If you wish to apply for financial assistance this can be done through student services.

All fees need to be paid by **Friday 29 August**. Late payment will incur a \$50 late fee.

Have you visited the NZQA web-site yet?

The NZQA site contains a wealth of information related to NCEA including



past papers. If you go to <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/index.html> there is a search engine you can use to find information on unit standards and achievement standards. This is especially useful for externally assessed standards (exams your child will do at the end of the year). Type in the standard number and you will be presented with information on the achievement standard, past papers and reports which include solutions and marking criteria. Talk to your child, find out what standards they are sitting at the end of the year (they have all been given course outlines at the beginning of the year) and encourage them to access this site. If getting this information is difficult, contact your student's subject teacher. Students who set themselves up for success regularly access this type of material and work through past papers so that they are well prepared for the final examination.



Weltec WorldSkills N.Z. National Finals

dates: 18-20 September 2008 9.00am -4.30 pm

Venue: Wellington Institute of Technology

The students have the opportunity to see some of N.Z.'s most highly skilled young tradesmen and women completing "real" projects as they compete for a chance to go to the WorldSkills International Competition in Calgary and compete against the best in the World. If students are interested they need to visit the Careers Advisor - Anne Grimmer in M410

World Ranger Day 31st July 2008

To celebrate World Ranger Day 2008, Greater Wellington, Department of Conservation and Wellington City Council are offering a unique opportunity to Wellington High students to experience a day in the life of a park ranger. Unfortunately they haven't given us much time to organize so if the students are interested they need to visit the Careers Advisor - Anne Grimmer in M410 first day of Term 3.

This is our second year with Gateway at Wellington High and the word is spreading fast, with the buzz from the students to get involved and the industries welcoming us with open arms. We have hit the ground running with well over half of our placements for the year set up and working hard towards industry based unit standards.

We have students situated in a number of different industries.

We want to thank our supportive companies.

Aubert Childcare – Island Bay

The BackBencher – Thorndon

Ray Hartley Motors – Haining Street

Jaycar Electronics – Taranaki Street

Poly High Childcare Centre – Taranaki Street

Hurricane Jeans – Manners Street

Animates Ltd – Kaiwharawhara

Wellington Isite – Cnr Victoria & Wakefield Street

Village at the Park – Newtown

Lithoprint – Tasman Street

Rebel Sport – Cnr Cuba & Manner Street

United Travel – Kilbirnie

We are offering Gateway to Year 12 and 13 students, as an ongoing work placement for a minimum of 20 weeks. Students then work through industry based unit standards. Our hope is to help with a smooth transition into the workforce or onto more training.

Below are some student's comments about their experience on Gateway:

Natasha Turner: I have been put in a work placement at United Travel. I have had a great time and have learnt about the industry of travel. I have been able to complete 5 units which need to be assessed. I look forward to doing more units before I finish my placement.

Mathew Siu: I enjoy doing Gateway, it's a good way to gain first hand experience about the workplace. The workplace that I'm at (Wellington Isite) is a fun place, I'm learning about how to book tour buses, accommodation, ferries and plane tickets, answering phone calls and a lot more. I hope that the experience will help me in the future.

Katie Christison: I've been placed at Animates, it has been a fun experience and a great learning chance.

Anne Grimmer
Careers Advisor

Allie Rutherford
Careers/Gateway Administrator

SPORTS NEWS

Well done to all of the students at Wellington High who represent the school every week in competitions. There have been some fantastic results with a number of teams promoted to higher grades. We would like to see more WHS students represented in sports teams. There are many students with an interest in sport who currently do not play for our school. You can help in the development of the sports programme and the future success of sport at Wellington High. Take the opportunity to represent Wellington High with pride and privilege.

Congratulations to ...

- **Eru Rautahi** was selected in the Wellington U19 basketball to play in the National Championships. The team was placed 2nd after winning all pool play games, and the semi-final against Porirua. The final was played against North Harbour with a 3 point loss.
- **Lisa McDonald** was placed 2nd in the girls section of the College Sport Wellington Cross Country AWD ID category
- **Harry Chapman & Megan Baxter** have been named to trial for the Wellington U19 underwater hockey team.
- **Harry Chapman** was named MVP at Central tournament that the WHS underwater hockey team recently competed in.
- **Will Braddell** has been chosen to compete in the Australian Fencing Federation Cadet Championship in Sydney in July.

Coach/Manager and Team of the Week

Congratulations to the following recipients. Well done to all the teams and big thanks to all of our managers, coaches and administrators for your tireless voluntary efforts.

Date	Team of the Week	Coach/Manager of the Week
26 May	15 th Grade Boys football	Catherine Cade - <i>Junior girls football</i>
2 June	Base 1 – AWD Cross Country	Charlie Eruera - <i>Junior boys basketball</i>
9 June	Underwater Hockey	Irene McLachlan - <i>Hockey</i>
16 June	Year 9 Canoe Polo	Claudia Henison - <i>Senior A netball</i> - <i>Senior girls football</i>
23 June	Girls Badminton - Team 4	Michael Peck - <i>14th Grade football</i>

Players code

Some points for players to remember:

- Play to the best of your ability, but within the rules of the game
- Recognise and respect the abilities of others – both team mates and opponents.
- Accept the officials' decision without gesture or argument.
- Represent your school with pride and privilege.
- Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Support the coaches and their requests of you.
- Thank the coach, officials, opponents and supporters.

ENJOY YOURSELF – PLAY HARD BUT PLAY FAIR

Parents code

Some points for parents to remember:

- Positively encourage and support the efforts of all players.
- Make an effort to understand the rules of the game.
- Refrain from any criticism or abuse directed at officials.
- Put an emphasis on genuine effort ahead of victory and encourage players to accept the outcomes of all games, irrespective of the result.
- Recognise good play by either team and never ridicule an individual player in either team.
- Ensure the use of any form of violence is actively discouraged.

Playing Uniforms

A reminder to all WHS sport players. Pride should be taken in the way WHS sports teams present themselves. It is expected that you come to games in the correct WHS playing uniform. You must wear the playing shirt and shorts provided. If shorts are not issued all teams are required to wear plain black shorts. Socks must be WHS sports socks. Both are available for purchase at student services.

WHS Socks - \$10 pair

Black Shorts - \$20 pair

If you have any WHS sports uniforms at home from previous years please return these to Di in the Sports Office or to Student Services.

Draws & Results

You can get draws, results, cancellations and general sports information from the College Sport Wellington (CSW) website anytime.

www.collegesport.org.nz

13th, 14th & 15th Grade football draws and results are available on the Capital Football website www.soccer.org.nz.

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:

Office 802 7677 Cell 027 2106087

Email: sport@whs.school.nz

Di Jordan

Sports Coordinator

New sports events at WHS to look out for:

- **Girls Hip Hop** to be held in W8 every Tuesday lunchtime. Open to all ages.
- **WHS Cheerleading & Stunt Team** – involves stunt, cheer, tumbling, dance and gymnastics. No experience needed just enthusiasm and school spirit.
See Di Jordan in the Sports Office for more information.

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Easter Weekend

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