

Wellington High School Jeweleter

Ngā Korero o te tumuaki

Last Tuesday afternoon Evans B South Wellington Intermediate visited us for their annual visit where they saw some Wellington High opportunities. While the students learning I took the teachers on a tour of the school to give them a chance to see our facilities - each one of them was impressed with what we offer one could hardly believe the Film and TV (ET) machine that she would have stood and watched a machine cut out a student's name if I hadn't dragged her away.

Notably Jordan Keene and Orion, two of three 3rd is Wilson, winners of Royal Society film competition in the FT and a forward winning film, "The Mechanics of vision", which won the award for another film school. Good!

Let's hope we can help the students in the future.

Students are how differently our teaching compared to five years ago. Our approach with teaching such a great understanding of students' learning needs, not only through inquiries and portfolios which permit students to decide the direction of their learning is empowering the students. I showed five students. One was Oskar Regan and Oscar, who were in the last Mereana L in which the

the right direction with developments as we seek to approach and meet student needs. No doubt they will see some of you to see what

Finally, a big thank you to the June 2014 year 13 students who do appreciate the junior student achievers the school prefers

of children. It is an interesting notion and not to be ignored. If you are interested the link is on our website www.whs.school.nz on the home page.

Have a corker holiday with your corker kids or kokos.

Ka Kite Ano Prue Kelly

Notice to parents and caregivers from Board of Trustees

1. The new Board is now well in place. We would like students and their families to know that at its May meeting the Board unanimously voted to co-opt Faye Molen. The Board believes Faye will bring an extra dimension to it and complement the skills and experience of the other members.
2. The Board confirms that it continues to take a clear and unambiguous position in relation to drug use by students. Students who are using drugs cannot learn well. Students and families can expect the Board and management to treat drug use or suspected drug use very seriously. All families and students should be aware that, while every case is looked at individually and on its merits and circumstances, the Board may consider expulsion or exclusion of students who are using or under the influence of drugs during school time.
3. The Board is working closely with our Principal to advance plans for a second gym. We had hoped building would start earlier this year but there have been some delays, however we expect that work will begin soon. For the first time in many years the Board has decided to take out an overdraft, as we have a shortfall of \$1,000,000 to complete this \$17 million facility. High families know that we don't ask you to get involved in regular fundraising, however if all families who are able to pay their donations do so, and a few more families each year help with the fun of hosting an international fee paying student we will be able to work back into a positive budget in a very short time. We believe it is essential to provide this space for the school and ask for your support.
4. The school's variance report for 2017 has been accepted by the Ministry of Education and we have also completed our annual plan, which we develop in consultation after receiving the Heads of Faculties' annual reports and Prue's report on achievement. Copies are available from the office or can be viewed on our website www.whs.school.nz under Board Matters.



Renee Andrews' Cleopatra runner up in the National Shakespeare costume design competition.

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IMPORTANT notices for Whanau



Enrolment for siblings

These are now open so ring Pania at reception and she will send you an enrolment pack. We will have the enrolment interviews for in-zone siblings - August.

Enrolment for all other Yr 9s 2011

These enrolments are open now too and must be received by 1 August for "getting to know you" enrolment interviews - 1 August.

Out of zone students must enrol by this time to be included in the allot on 1 August.

Fundraising Help Needed

JYPT 2010 Two teams of Year 10 students will be competing in the Junior Young Physicists Tournament in Sydney in October. Participants need to prepare solutions to tricky physics problems through experiments and research into the principles involved. At the competition they will compete in "Physics Fights" against teams from other schools. Points are awarded for good knowledge of physics and their experimental method, as well as how well they can point out the flaws in their opponents work. Check out <http://www.auscience.org/jypt.htm>

As the trip will cost the students and their families a lot of money they have to spend some valuable preparation time on fundraising. One team have organised a movie night at the Empire in Island Bay for the evening of Monday July 18th. The movie is *Avatar* and tickets are still available from **Adam Sutton** by calling 337 3373. Adams teamates **Aria McInnes, Helen Blenkin, Petra Parker-Price, and Hanahiva Rose** can also supply your ticket needs.

The other team is going to hold a quiz night at the Riley Centre on Thursday August 18th. This team comprises **Lily Mason-Mackay, Conor Ivory, Mitchell Reid-Tait and Merinda Jackson**. Tickets will be \$10 per head. More information will

be available next term or by contacting

murray.chisholm@whs.school.nz

Library Lunchtime Lecture

On 30 June there will be a lunchtime lecture in the Library 'Transmuting sludge' - how Victoria University is taking its ideas to the world'. The speaker is Sophie Howard, the General Manager of the Commercialisation Team at iLink. Staff, students and their families are welcome. The talk will begin at 1.30 and everyone can bring their lunch.

Book Club

Wellington High School is full of very enthusiastic readers and next term the Library is planning to start a Book Club for them. All students are welcome to join and we hope we'll meet once a fortnight to talk about what books we've all been reading. Of course, we will also occasionally provide food for them.

Year 11 – 13 Reports

With this newsletter will be the end of term reports for Yr11 – 13 students. They will include a full academic report, a record of credits for which they are entered some already achieved, some yet to be assessed, some not achieved, plus internals and an attendance printout. This information will give a full set of data to discuss with your student and plan a holiday study programme with them. If they do this it will give them a great start to the next part of the year which is so important to the final outcome.

Remember as you do, that much of the material that is covered in classes is available on the Moodle site <http://moodle.whs.school.nz>

Please note that these reports can also be downloaded from the student-parent portal. Our aim is to publish them on the portal when we print them so you will see your student's report on the portal before you receive it in the mail.

IMPORTANT notices for Whanau continued

Report Evening for Year 11 – 13 students and parents –

Monday 26 July 3.30pm to 7pm – this is the Monday of the 2nd week back next term. Bookings can be made online for this evening. There is a link from our Moodle home page under the Parents and Caregivers menu at.....
<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 **VVPYW**. 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 ☎

☎11 and she will organise interviews for you. If you cannot make it and the report gives worrying information, email the teacher or the Dean to arrange another time.

Year 9-10 credit reports

With this newsletter will be a credit report so you can see how your student is progressing with their development of learning skills and behaviours, and an attendance print out.

Attendance printouts

Printouts tell you if your student was present (P) and this is the important data. Justified (J) absences, Overseas trips (O) and Unjustified (U) absences are all absences and should be avoided – if they are not in class they will not be learning for NCEA. Unjustified absences should be discussed and may indicate truancy.

Everyone in every class every day remains our mantra.



Student-Parent Portal

There is a direct link to this on the Wellington High School Moodle home page under the Parents and Caregivers link - <http://moodle.whs.school.nz>. This is a place where you can view daily notices and the following data that we have for your student: student details, timetable, attendance, pastoral information, results, extra curricular activities (groups), fees and reports which can be downloaded.

Usernames and passwords were sent home in term 1. If you would like to gain access to the portal, email helpdesk.whs.school.nz with your name and your student's name.

Simply Dental - at WHS from Monday July 19 to Friday July 30

Simply Dental is a team of dedicated dental professionals committed to improving the oral health of Wellington's adolescents. They have a contract with Capital and Coast DHB so are able to offer FREE dental services for adolescents aged up to 17 years (free care is available up to a person's 17th Birthday). Their service involves onsite assessments for your child to minimise time away from their studies.

Their service includes:

- A full assessment that includes x-rays,
- Free transportation to and from your child's school to our clinic for treatment if necessary.

The purpose of this partnership is to bring dental services to those adolescents who are not currently enrolled and/or accessing dental care.

They will be visiting Wellington High School in the first two weeks of term 3 (July 19-20, July 23-24) and will be providing free dental checks to students in year 11 and year 12 during this time.

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24 July
31 July
7 Aug
14 Aug
21 Aug
28 Aug
4 Sept



NCEA NEWS

Your student should be regularly accessing the NZQA website - <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz>.

Your student's NZQA records are updated as often as we upload a file to the NZQA site – this is a manual process and is usually done at the beginning of the month. This means that what appears on the NZQA site is only as up-to-date as the time of the last upload. A good place to find out more information about NCEA is <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/for-learners/index.html>.

Fees:

You have now been invoiced for fees for this year's NCEA. 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 by contacting student services ☎ - 0800 111 111 or downloading a form from our Moodle homepage – financial assistance forms are due by Wednesday September 1.

All NZQA fees need to be paid by Friday September 3. Late payment will incur a late fee – this is imposed by NZQA, not us.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT continued..

school quiz held at High. All the students enjoyed the chance to test their science skills and knowledge against other schools and approached both the quiz and the Investigation Planning Challenge competitively. The achievements of our students in this competition each year show that interest in Science education is alive and well amongst our students.

Kapa Haka

Students from Wellington High School, St Catherine's College, St Patrick's College and Te Hārekura o Nga Mokopuna have combined to compete in the National Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Competition in Rotorua. July 2 is when the first groups perform, the last groups perform on the Friday. They have been practising for the past nine weeks. www.rotoruanz.co.nz is the site to check when the groups are performing. The students performing from Wellington High School are: **Jules Forde, Brittany Jackson, Hine Kingii, Waimiringi Julian-Wairau, Jarred Campbell-Taiaroa, Kody Paki, Netana Pewhairangi, Phillip Haeata, Kane Mokalai.**

Haka Composition Competition:

On Friday the 1st of June, Apiti College hosted the Wellington Regional Haka Composition competition. The senior Māori language students composed a haka. **Jules Forde, Anahera Harris, Kimiora Nathan, Waimiringi Julian Wairau and Jarred Campbell Taiaroa** performed the haka. The day started with a powhiri, the haka competition, and then the winning haka and a waiata were taught to all the students present. This day was an event for the region, because there was no kapa haka regionals this year. The second reason was for the schools to learn a haka and waiata to support each other at any gathering. a nui te hihiri i Paora Trihu e nga kura katoa.

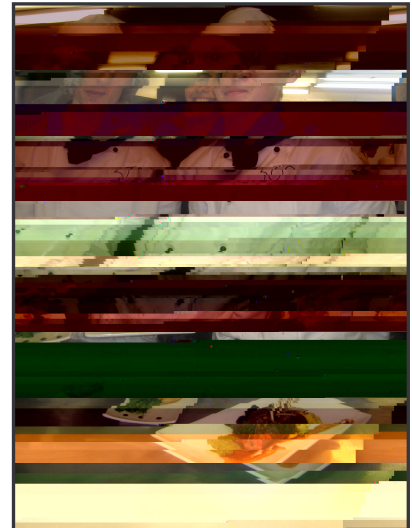
Hospitality Successes

Students entered in both static displays and live kitchen cookery in the Hospitality Standards Institute and Southern Hospitality run the New Zealand Junior Hospitality Wellington Regional Competition.

Gold medal and winners of the Schools Challenge – **Craig Montgomery and William Griffin**

The challenge requires students to prepare and present four identically plated entree dishes and four identically plated main dishes within 30 minutes.

The boys are off to the nationals in August.



Bronze Medals went to

Kate O'Connor for her pasta dish

Teagan Jennings for Afternoon Tea

Nora Trevino Gutierrez for (her slightly Meican take on) Afternoon Tea

Michael Unger for his Fruit Flan

Hanna Pleydell-Bouverie for her Fruit Flan

Dylan Jones for his Blueberry Muffin



Nora Trevino Gutierrez from Meico makes her afternoon tea

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT continued

Hamburger King & Queen

At the Regional Beef and Lamb Hamburger competition High students triumphed.

Craig Montgomery is Senior Champion and **Rachel Linton** is Junior Champion. Both will compete in the nationals in September.



Maid Phillip Sheppard comforts Ophelia Hannah Wilson



Anthony Young plays Hamlet's mother in Ophelia thinks harder

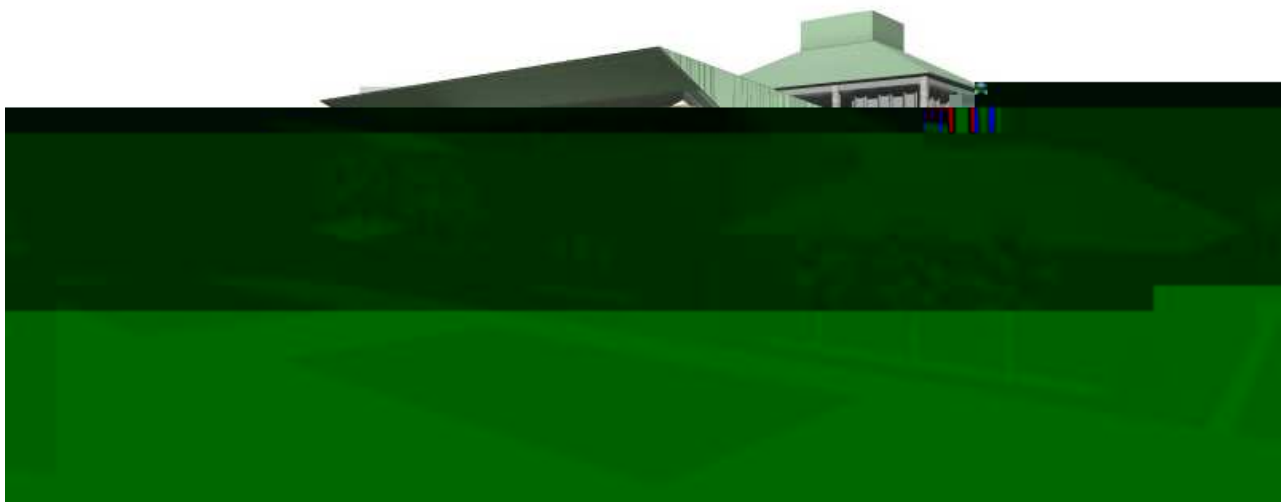
Pokemon Success

Lucas Wills Yr 11 competed in the national Pokemon card game championship and came runner up – second in the country is a wonderful achievement. Lucas was invited to attend several international competitions but is saving his money to go on the school Japanese language trip to Japan next January. Lucas said he practises a lot especially against Yr 12 student **Sameer Sangwan** who came 1st in his division. He is a Pokemon player.

Ophelia Thinks Harder, a play by Jean Betts, which was last performed at High in 1977 when Jean's son Charlie was at High and performed in the play, was the Yr 12 production this term. For those of you lucky enough to see the performance I am sure you would have been rolling around in your seat with laughter. In the play many of the parts were taken by the opposite sex and the students made superb jobs of portraying their characters. Hannah Wilson and Lily Uivel were superb sharing Ophelia and Anthony Young's calm portrayal of Hamlet's mother was fantastically done with the skilful use of eloquent hand movements. In fact everyone from Madeline Elphson's Hamlet to Dylan Satherley's Laertes to Alice Leslie's the old woman were wonderful. Well done Allie and Yr 12.

Special thanks to the La Hattes and the Glovers for coffee and cupcakes.

THE NEW GYM:



SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to:

The following Wellington High sports teams who have won their grades and have been promoted to higher Championship grades.

Senior boys' basketball

Girls' hockey

Boys' 15th grade green football

Jackson Croft, Zach Blakely and Jeremy Sutton competed in the CS Regional Cross Country Championships held in Auckland. Jackson and Zach both achieved very good times in the 3 km race coming home in the top third of the 12 junior boys runners.



Jackson Croft

Izaac O'Hara has been named in the NZ open age futsal team. The team will be competing in the Oceania tournament in Fiji in August. Izaac is the youngest player in the team.

Eleanor Rogers and Hazel Osborne have been named in the squad for selection of the Wellington U1 representative underwater hockey team.

Joss Knol has been selected by US organisers to trial for a US Football Scholarship. He will travel to Miami in July to participate in a showcase tournament where he is guaranteed a number of offers.

Matthew MacDiarmid won bronze at the recent Auckland International Judo

Tournament. The tournament included competitors from Australia, New Caledonia, Japan, Britain and Western Samoa.

Henare Quaife will be competing in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Gymnastics Championships in September.

A group of Wellington High fencers recently competed in the Secondary Schools Fencing Champs. Of special note were the achievements of **Jared Thornton, Bryden Frizzell & Mitchell Reid-Tait.**

CSW Squash Championships - Christy Kimble was runner up in the Championship Rookie Division, **Jeff Jones** won the Rookie Consolation Plate, **Hugh and Adam Sutton** were runners up in the Rookie Special Plate Division and **Fraser Eruera** was runner up in the competitive Consolation Plate.

Year 9 Interclass basketball was won by **Ridling 1.** Well done.

****NEW SPORTS TO WELLINGTON HIGH****

Inter, there has been an exciting array of new sports clubs established and they are all offering full opportunities. All AHS students are welcome to join any of these activities. For more information see Di in the Sports Office.

Ultimate Frisbee (Indoor)

Supported by **Martin Wilson** from **Wellington Disc Sports** and **Cedric Horner** from **The Crew Ultimate Frisbee Club.**

All practices are held in our gym, Mon & Thurs 7.15am - 8.45am and Saturday 9.00am - 10.30am. Competition games are played on Sunday afternoon in the gym and

Wednesday lunchtimes at Wellington East Girls College. Students are invited to attend any sessions they can get to.

Rock Climbing Club

Up and running, this is the latest and greatest new club at Wellington High. Have you enjoyed rock climbing in the past? Could you like the opportunity to do it more often? Could you like to try climbing for the first time? Tuesday is climbing day and **Drew McGlashen** is the teacher to see.

Parkour Club

This is a new urban sport that has recently started at Wellington High. Every Monday at 4.30pm a group of students and instructors gather at Frank Kitts Park. Here the students are trained in the basic movements of Parkour which are jumping, vaulting, landing and climbing. This sport is excellent for developing confidence, motor skills and a general knowledge of body movement.



Bernard Green running free

Table Tennis Club

The newly established AHS table tennis club has attracted a lot of interest. We have new table tennis tables and playing equipment. Every Wednesday lunchtime seven tables are set up in the gym for play. Wellington Table Tennis Development Coach **Andrew Hubbard** provides coaching and students have plenty of free play time.

Junior and senior girls and boys ladders are being setup with challenge games to be played on demand. In term 3 Wellington High will be competing in the Wellington Secondary Schools competition.



Table tennis in the gym

Junior Water Polo

Water polo is back at Wellington High. We have entered a team in the term 3 Introductory Competition and plan to compete in the Junior Championship competition in term 4. More players are needed. Any year 9 or 10 student interested see **Steve Mouldy**.

Hip Hop

Wellington High now offers weekly beginners and advanced hip hop classes. The instructor for both classes is **Francesca Harkness**. The Beginners class is held in The Gallery every Tuesday lunchtime and Advanced in The Riley Centre Thursday lunchtimes. The advanced class are preparing to enter the Secondary Schools Hip Hop Champs. All students are welcome to "have a go" any time.

Bridge Club

A club is currently being set up for any interested students. Bridge can be played by all ages. If you enjoy playing cards this is the game for you. It is a game you can play for life. For more information check the daily notices or see **Karen Saunders**.

SPORTING EVENTS TO NOTE

CSW Premier Netball Tournament

The Senior A netball teams competed in this tournament at the Taita courts on May under coach **Rangimiria Wallace-Ihakara**. It was a hard day on the courts for the team which provided a great opportunity for development.

Smallbore Rifle Shooting

A shoulder to shoulder competition vs Newlands College was played on June. Newlands took out the Top Shot and Wellington High was the overall winner off the block with a higher average score.

CSW Squash Championships

Nine HS students competed in the CS Squash Champs on June.

CSW Canoe Polo Finals

The Wellington High canoe polo team are competing in a one day finals tournament on Sunday 3 June. Well done to **Eme Fiso, Angus Webster, Ryan Hayes, Ella Bates-Hermans** and **Wilson Cain**.

CSW Senior Badminton Champs

Sam Keller and **Vinny Willcock** are competing in the singles on June.

Get 2 Go

A group of year 7 & 10 students are competing in this full day outdoor pursuits event on June. They will be undertaking mountain biking, kayaking, rock climbing and orienteering.

Underwater Hockey

The Wellington High School team competed in the Senior Open grade at the Central Regional Underwater Hockey Tournament on June 11-12 and showed great team spirit. Our team were a mixture of Y7 to Y12 boys and girls, many of whom began playing this year. They played games over the three days of the tournament. Our opponents were nearly all Year 12 and 13 boys with lots of experience. The team was placed 4th from the eight teams in the grade but enjoyed

the experience as much as any of the other teams. The confidence, skills and teamwork of our team have been improving steadily throughout the year. Captain and tournament MVP **Nick Gaffney-Henderson** played outstandingly and will be sorely missed next year. **Hazel Osbourne** and **Eleanore Rogers** were selected for the Wellington under-17 rep squad to prepare for Nationals later in the year. **April Whitaker, Bethany Beeston, Charlie Hard, Elis Hickson-Rowden, Michael Kula, Robbie Stewart, George McDougall & Tom Leslie** until he was injured played well. **Calum Fitt-Simpson** was unable to play. We are aiming to field a second team next year so new players are needed. Start approaching Mr Chisholm or Di Jordan now if you are interested.

Volunteer Awareness Week, June

This week is designated in particular to acknowledge the many volunteers involved in so many activities. To the many staff, parents, students and community members that contribute to the sports programme at Wellington High we extend a huge **THANK YOU**. Without you we simply could not offer the extensive sports programme we do. You make a difference.



Sport Uniforms – if you have any item of sports uniform please return this to school. These uniforms belong to the school and are needed to other students.

WHS Socks are now available at Student Services for \$1.00 a pair.

Sports Draws & Results

For draws, results, cancellations and other information check the College Sport Wellington website.

Sports 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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