



Wellington High School Newsletter

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Nga Korero o te tumuaki

Have you heard of that game “broken telephone” where a message gets distorted as it is passed round? Well that’s what happened last week. I spoke to Nathan Beaumont from the Dompost about school balls and found a story headlined *WHS cancels ball over drunken hijinks* - a very different slant on the conversation. I said that we no longer had a mid-year ball and now just had one ball at the end of the year called the Leavers’ Ball, for Yr 12 & 13 only. It is held after the exams and is a fairly formal affair. I said we stopped the mid-year ball because some younger students found it difficult to behave properly and we all wanted to enjoy the event not spend our time acting as policemen. Where he did get me right was about the effect of pre-ball parties in students’ homes that resulted in inebriated students arriving at the mid-year ball, some of whom behaved obnoxiously. Last year after a couple of years of this mid-year behaviour and the bitter disappointment of the student ball organisers we decided to focus on one ball at the end of the year.

I have had varied reactions to the headline. Some say good on you! WHS shows how to draw a line! Others - how mean to punish this year’s students for the behaviour of last year’s students! Both reactions have validity. I am sad that we have lost our point of difference – two balls, one quite casual more a mid-year party and the other more formal. Two important things to remember though. Firstly we all have to work together to make sure the Leavers Ball is a huge success with sober students celebrating and secondly, sometimes it only takes the behaviour of a few to wreck something for everyone.

Last week I showed Jim Corder, the Principal of Lytton High school in Gisborne, around our school. As we wandered in and

out of classrooms he was impressed by the way the students were focusing on their learning, the positive, friendly relationships between students and teacher and the way the teachers were facilitating learning rather than instructing from the front. All the things that we espouse as good teaching and learning were obvious to Jim, an experienced, knowledgeable principal on sabbatical. I always feel so proud when I take someone around the school like this. We have so many teachers leading the way as they use modern pedagogy – teaching skills – to ensure students are learning.

Last week at a ceremony at Parliament I was awarded a NEiTA Cognition award for excellence in Leadership. The Board nominated me for this National Excellence in Teaching Award last year. As part of the process last week I had to make a presentation to a selection panel. I started it by saying – *Kia ora I am one of many leaders at Wellington High School - a wonderful school across the city.* And that’s what I am; one of a set of wonderful leaders here at High. I am constantly humbled by the depth of our teachers’ knowledge about teaching and learning, their willingness to be learners themselves and the energy, enthusiasm and stamina that they show as they work to ensure every student here has a chance to achieve to the best of their ability. So my award is our award. Well done Wellington High School!

And well done Shakespeare ! Yet again students have produced a wonderful rendition of a Shakespearean play. Directors Kiri Olds and Vanessa Cullen brought *Midsummer Nights Dream* to life for all of us and each actor did a superb job. This was followed by a superb Music Evening with over 100 students performing their own and others’ music with polish and flair. Thanks Kris Twigley and her crew.

Ka Kite Ano Prue Kelly

Notice to parents and caregivers from Board of Trustees

A New Board was elected on 14 May

Kia ora families and whanau,

As you will be aware a number of members of our Board of Trustees finished their time with us after some years. We want to thank them and acknowledge: Karen Day's 7 years of contribution to the Board, Lorraine Allison who has completed 6 years with us but an incredible total of 21 years with various schools, and Mike Orchard who has served 6 years with our Board. We also thank Denis Wright for his three years as staff representative, and Chris Vella and Owen Crossman who were co-opted last year. This Board has been a great group of people to work with. We also believe it's good that three members of the new Board have come through from the last one, which will provide continuity for school management and the community.

We want you to know that, as part of finishing our duties, we have carried out our appraisal of the Principal's performance. We retain full confidence in Prue and commend her outstanding stewardship of the school.

We extend our congratulations to the newly elected Board and our best wishes for their term of office.

Keith Powell, Board of Trustees Chair, May 2010.

Two new members were elected to the board: Eryl Jones and Jane Pierard.

Board members elected 2010

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School Reports and Parent Evenings 2010

Timeline - Year 9 & 10	Timeline -Year 11-13
Term 2 Fri 2 July – Term 2 credit report	Term 2 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

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IMPORTANT Notices for Whanau



EBIS & SWIS INTERMEDIATE VISIT

We are hosting a visit to the school by the two main intermediates, EBIS & SWIS, during the afternoon of Tuesday **22 June.** To have enough staff available to provide a programme for all these visitors we are sending our students home at 12.00 pm.

NOTE: School will begin for ALL students at 9.00am,

The timetable for the day is as follows:

9.00 - normal period 5 class

10.00 - interval

10.20 - normal period 2 class

11.20 - normal period 3 class

12.00 – finish

12.30 - SWIS & EBIS arrive.

If you need your junior student supervised please contact your student's Dean.

OPEN EVENING

On **THURSDAY 1 July at 6pm** we will have our Open Evening for prospective students and their families in the school hall.

Satisfied customers are our best advertisements so please spread the word!

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 at the beginning of August.

DENTAL TREATMENT

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

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.

Effort and achievement Excellence

Today with this newsletter some of you, in fact many of you, will receive a certificate of excellence in recognition of your students' excellent effort in classroom learning. Please congratulate them- they are the learning leaders in our school. They have completed all their learning work including homework, assessments, can organise themselves and they actively participate in classroom activities in all their courses.

Teacher Only Day - Friday 4 June

On Friday 4 June all teachers at Wellington High School will be involved in planning for NCEA alignment with the new curriculum which comes into effect at level 1 in 2011.

We ask you to keep your students at home that day.

IMPORTANT Notices for Whanau continued

WHS YEAR PLANNER Second half Term 2 2010 31 May to 2 July 2010

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
Week 7	30 May	31 May 3.30 – HoFs meet 6.00 - BoT mtg	1 June 8. 30 – Staff PD – LG6 11.20 – School assembly	2 June 3.30 - Fac PD	3 June	4 June Teacher only day	5 June	
Week 8	6 June	7 June Queens birthday holiday	8 June 8.30 – Staff PD – tukutahi planning	9 June 9.00 - ICAS Science test	10 June	11 June	12 June	
			Y12GEO trip to Taupo					
			11ODE trip to French Pass					
Week 9	13 June	14 June	15 June 8.30 – Staff PD – LG1	16 June	17 June	18 June Whakataetae Tito Haka Te Whanganui-a-Tara ki Otaki 2010	19 June	
			Y13 Drama production (HEA)					
			Proposed visit to local intermediates					
Week 10	20 June	21 June	22 June 12.30 – 3.30 - EBIS & SWIS visit	23 June 3.30 – staff mtg	24 June 7.00 - International dinner	25 June	26 June ACE term ends	
				HIS335 field trip to Taranaki (HSH)				
Week 11	27 June	28 JuneY9 81/82E Options start 3.30 - HoFs 6.00 - BoT mtg	29 June	30 June CSW Snr Badminton today	1 July 6.00 - Open Evening	2 July Reports and newsletter posted home 11.20 - School assembly	3 July	

Free Dental Care - Year 9 to 13 students

The Government recognises the importance of dental health by providing FREE dental care to ALL adolescents up to the age of 18 years.

We are pleased to advise that the Capital and Coast District Health Board has funded **Simply Dental NZ** to provide FREE dental services at our school. Their services will be available to all students who elect to be seen by **Simply Dental NZ**. The first visit will occur from Monday 31 May to Friday 11 June. We anticipate they will see between 250 and 300 students with priority given to year 13 students, then year 12 and 11 students. If your child is not currently enrolled with, and visiting, another dental provider then they are able to receive free dental care from **Simply Dental NZ** when they visit. Free care is available up to a person's 18th birthday, but a free check-up will be provided for those who are already 18.



NCEA NEWS

How much are the fees in 2010?

An invoice, financial assistance application and general information have been included in this package.

Fee structure for domestic candidates

Entry	Fee
Entry for all NQF standards and up to 3 Scholarship subjects	\$75
Additional Scholarship entries	\$75 per subject

Fee structure for international fee paying candidates

Entry	Fee
Entry for all NQF standards	\$375
All Scholarship entries	\$100 per subject

How do I pay the fees?

You must pay your fees on Level 5 at Student Services (9am-3.30pm).
Do not pay NZQA directly.

When is payment due?

Payment is due at school by **Friday 3 September**. There are a number of methods available for the payment of

these fees: cash, cheque, EFPOS, credit card or an automatic payment can be set up. For credit card or AP payments contact the Accounts department. If you do not pay your fees, NZQA will not report any results on your Record of Learning and you will not get any certificates. Late payment will incur a \$50 late fee as well.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

Congratulations to Ailis Coleman who came third in the Year 10 Division of the Wellington Regional Japanese Speech Competition. *Well done Ailis!*

The Music Evening was fabulous



Tallulah, Kelly & Ellen sang an original .



The CoolCats sang Forever Tuesday.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations: **Steph Bennington**

who successively swam the 40.2kms length of Lake Taupo in the Easter holidays. This was Steph's longest swim ever taking 11 hours and 54 minutes. She is only the 25th person to complete the swim and is believed to be the youngest. The water temperature was 18.5 degrees but the air temperature was extremely cold. Steph completed this mammoth swim in only a pair of Speedo swim togs. Steph this was a magnificent sporting



achievement – Congratulations from everyone at Wellington High School.

The students who won the annual indoor cricket staff vs students match.

This game was won on the last ball. The students needed 2 to win and that's exactly what they got. The Umpire (Sean O'Connor) is undergoing extensive counselling and hopes his home is still standing (also no relation to IPL boss).

Alex McKee – Waikanae Pony Club. Alex and her horse Skye won the 2010 cup for **The Most Aspiring Dressage Rider**.



Renee Raki-Noanoa who has been named in the Wellington Netball U15 Dev Representative netball team. Renee will attending tournament with this team later in the season.

Fraser Eruera who played in the Wellington Spartanz handball team – Wellington open age selected team on 16/17 May. Wellington Spartanz won the tournament beating Nelson in the final 28-16. Also playing in the tournament were past pupils **Tom Wheeler** in the Wellington Spartanz, **Darren O'Neill** for Canterbury and **Zac Turnbull** for Manawatu.

Past WHS pupil **Josh Junior** – **yachting** has been named in The Dominion Post 2010 Wellington Sportsman of the Year Awards as a finalist in the category ***“Photography by Woolf Emerging Sportsman of the Year”***.

Summer Sport:

Senior Girls Volleyball – Wellington Division 2 WINNERS

The final was played against Wellington East Girls' College and was won in 2 sets, 25-18 25-16. The game was a great display of team work. There was excellent setting and finished with some stunning spikes by Ci Tu'itupou



**Senior A Girls Volleyball – Winners
Wellington Division 2**

Cricket – Senior 1 40 overs 2ND Place

The WHS team played in the final vs Paraparaumu 3. Unfortunately we did not win (we were 56 runs short) - the difference was a very good 92 from their Captain. Nick Davies scored 48 for us but no-one could stay with him long enough...nevertheless very young side (half are Year 9's) so very promising for future to be making the final at this stage in a Senior competition.

Sean O'Connor (Coach)

Winter Sport:

All winter sport teams are well into the competitive season and already we have seen some great results. The **Junior A Netball** and **15th Grade Green football** teams remain unbeaten at the time of print. Fantastic play from both teams.

Senior Boys Basketball:

The senior boys have made one of their best starts to a basketball season this year. After three games they are undefeated and clearly look like one of the best teams in the division. The team is training hard twice a week with an extended squad of 15 players as we work towards gaining promotion into Division 1. Weekly updated video highlights, statistics and player profiles can be viewed from the team website:

<http://wellyhighbasketball.blogspot.com> .

Ultimate Frisbee



Wellington High has a team competing in a weekly competition. Students interested in this sport are encouraged to come along and give it a go. Practice is held in the WHS gym every Thursday morning 7.45-8.45am and games are played in the WHS gym on Sunday between 1.-4.00pm. The team is coached by a past pupil.

The College Sport Wellington Interschool Cross Country Relays were held on

Wednesday 12 May at Karori Park.

Wellington High sent a Year 9 boys & girls team to compete. The course was approximately 2kms. All runners gave their best and the fastest in each team were:

Boys - Zach Blakely 08.02, 32/125 runners.

Girls - Tyler White 09.11, 27/ 81 runners.

Well done Zach and Tyler!



L-R Lucy Brewerton, Kate Abernethy, Louise Nodder, *Campbell Simpson*, Tyler White, Zach Blakely, Callum Hildred, Jackson Croft, Stanley Sarkies, Sam Forman

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 \$10.00 a pair

Draws & Results

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

www.collegesport.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



Wellington High School

Invites all prospective students, parents and caregivers to our

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 1 JULY 2010 6pm

Starts with a tour of the school

followed by an address from the Principal at **7.30pm**

Year 9 applications must be received by **2 August 2010**

Enrolment packs will be available on the night or contact the school office
on 385 8911 ext 800



Community Education Centre

Wellington High School

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new in 2010!

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library

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cec@whs.school.nz

**125 years
Wellington Technical
College/Wellington High School**

reunion

**Celebration 22 – 24 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

**We will be looking for helpers towards the
end of the year so mark your calendar**



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Community Notices

Tranquil Homes

A special communications course for parents to enable you to make your house your haven:

- Reduce conflict and stress at home
- Learn the keys to conflict resolution
- Learn how to develop a sense of peace in your home
- Learn how to communicate your needs and respond to others
- Create a haven for your family to grow up in

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<http://mindovermatter.50webs.com>

New Hip Hop Classes!

Taught by James Bayliss, who has over 15 years dance experience in jazz, tap, hip hop and ballet, with a graduate diploma in hip-hop dance. Teaching at the Karori Dance Academy, where classes are available for all ages, beginner to advanced levels. Studios conveniently located opposite Karori Normal School and next to the Mobil Service Station.

Call the Academy on 476 2821 / 027 635 0191 now to secure a place for term 2.