



Wellington High School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

School exams are over and you will receive your students' examination results with this newsletter, plus an update of all achievement and unit standard internal assessments passed to date. I hope the results are all that you expected and better. If not, this report gives us and the students a real indication of how their preparations for external assessments are going. It is not too late to begin a comprehensive revision programme. The next two weeks are crucial for cementing the knowledge gained during the year. Do not let your son or daughter tell you that they will begin their revision in term four. That is too late. As well as school resources there are useful websites such as <http://www.studyit.org.nz/>, that can assist your student's preparations.

Year 9 and 10 students have also been working hard this term and a detailed report, including credit report, accompanies this newsletter. Remember, we expect a resilient learner to achieve at least 80% of their available credits. Resilience is a word the junior students hear a lot around here. A resilient learner is a proactive learner who enjoys challenges, works without being stood over and knows what to do when stuck. We are currently engaged in reviewing our practice to consider what actions we still need to take to meet the requirements of the new curriculum. I can confidently tell you that we are making excellent progress towards fully basing teaching and learning programmes on *The New Zealand Curriculum* by February 2010.

Our year 9 & 10 students participated in a nationwide NZCER Student Engagement Survey. The results were extremely encouraging and will give us baseline data to use for comparison as we continue the development of curriculum and learning opportunities at WHS. Of interest to us is research that suggests that students who actively participate and contribute to their school community are more likely to be engaged in their learning. The achievements celebrated in this newsletter are testimony to the high number of students at this college involved in sport, drama, cultural clubs, music groups and service. We encourage those who are not yet involved to 'join up' and find a club or team that interests them.

We are very pleased with the number of students receiving an Excellence in Effort Certificate and/or an Attendance Award. We strongly believe that effort in the classroom and regular attendance at school are key contributors to an individual's success. Our school motto is "Excellence in Learning" and we believe that the habit of striving for excellence takes practice and perseverance. These two awards are available to all students that meet the criteria and we encourage all students to aim for these awards.

Our school guidance counsellor, Linda Eastman leaves us after over eight years of leading our guidance team. Many students have benefited from her advice and support. The work she has done with our Peer Mediation team has been outstanding. We wish Linda all the best and thank her for her great service.

We are in for another typically busy term four. Let's all work together to make it as enjoyable and beneficial as possible for the students.

Denise Johnson
Deputy Principal

TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2009 – 7pm
Future Focus Evening – Information on 2010
subject choices for Yrs 11-13

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PLO REVIEW MEETINGS

These will take place on **Friday 20 November** for all students in year 9 and 10. Students will be expected to attend only for their interview on that day. An interview time has been included on the 2nd page of your child's report. At these review meetings, students will get a chance to discuss their progress towards their PLO goals and showcase some of the work that they have completed this year.

BUS TICKETS

From Sunday 11th October 2009, child 10 trips will no longer be sold. From Thursday 31st December 2009, 10 trips will no longer be used on GO Wellington buses. Any remaining bus tickets can be refunded through GO Wellington. Monthly bus passes (Bus Kings) will still be available for the moment, through Student Services.

COURSE CHOICE BOOKLETS FOR YR10, YR11 YR12 STUDENTS

Enclosed with this newsletter is your student's Course Choice booklet. This gives them time over the holidays to plan their 2010 course of study. Yr 10, 11 & 12 course choices must be made by Friday 16 October. The course booklet can also be found on our website www.whs.school.nz. On Tuesday 13 October at 7pm a **Future Focus** evening will be held at school which will enable students to make the right option choices for next year. This is open to students and their parents/caregivers.

HPV VACCINE (3rd dose) has been scheduled for Thursday 22 October in the Riley Hall - Student Services will finalise times closer to the date.

Y13 FASHION CREATIONS ON DISPLAY

If you are passing Te Papa, stop and check out the window displays in the main shop. They have three WHS Yr13 fashion students creations in them. **Zoe Mahal, Christy O'Brien** and **Alissa Beeston**. It is a huge honour for their work to be on display and they have all done amazing jobs. On display until **5 October**.

HOMESTAY FOR OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Are you interested in learning more about another culture?

Wellington High School is looking for friendly, inclusive homestays for our international students starting to enrol for next year. If you'd like to know more, please contact Pamela Braddell at pamela.braddell@whs.school.nz or on 385 8911X897

SUCCESSMAKER

Affordable Mathematics and English Tutoring with Computer Aided Learning SuccessMaker, a software package is offered here at Wellington High School. If you would like to know more, please contact Terry Blackett on 3858911 ext 804 or email him Terry.blackett@whs.school.nz . Also see www.successmaker.co.nz



SMOKEFREEROCKQUEST NATIONAL COMPETITION



Estere Dalton was judged to be the best female musician in the SmokefreeRockquest national competition on 19 September. After winning both 2nd place and the women's musicianship prize in the Regional Rockquest final, Estere went on to win the national award for women's musicianship.

Estere is in good company. Previous winners of this award include Bic Runga, Anika Moa and Brooke Fraser.

WELLINGTON REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

Congratulation goes to **Conor Ivory** and **Lily Mason-Mackay** in year 9 who gained a class placing at the recent Wellington Regional science fair. This was impressive given there were 78 entries. Their project involved designing a crane which could load heavy weights efficiently without using electricity. Their crane was a cleverly contrived contraption involving pulleys, gears, counterweights and a conveyor belt. Conor and Lily were also awarded the Victoria University school of Chemical and Physical Sciences award (\$100) for their design.

Tilly Anderson in year 13 also found success at the fair with her project titled "Cows Eat Grass" This investigation involved looking at the feasibility of using bacteria from a cow rumen to break down grass to produce methane for fuel. Tilly thinks there is a future application for her work. If all our organic waste could be converted into methane we could reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and the need for landfills as well as supplying a cheap alternative fuel source. Tilly won the NIWA award and \$100 for her efforts.

Both projects are on display in the school library.

Thanks to Ryan McCroskery for his help with these science fair entries.



Tilly Anderson bubbling CO₂ into the rumen gut broth to eliminate oxygen and encourage breakdown by anaerobic bacteria

Ka mau te wēhi



KAPA HAKA

Group One: congratulations to these students for their performance at the Wellington Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Competition. We should all be proud of their fantastic effort to meet all the criteria for their performance. Their presence enabled a third group to represent the Wellington Region at the nationals in Rotorua next year.

**Devon Parker, Roma Johns, Audriana Carter, Bron Talivai Johnson, Utumapu Tafiti, Charlene Petera, Heneri Petera, Siobhan Carter
Dylon Petera, Anaru Tangataese, Weston Waaka, Diamond Downes, Timoti Prime, Kingi Walker, Soane Brown, Luke Knight, Tyson Downes, Kane Mokalei, Shannon Talivai Johnson.**

These students are feeling confident that they would like to perform at a national level. Kia kaha koutou.

Group Two: Congratulations to these students who were in the group that won the competition. Te wharekura o Nga Mokopuna (16 students) , Wellington High School (8 students), St Pat's (2 students) and St Catherines (2 students)

Desiree Harawira, Hine Kingi, Brittany Jackson, Douglas Lyttle, Phillip Haeata, Taiaroa Mahan, Netana Pewhairangi, Kody Paki.

First overall

3rd Waiata Tira / choral

1st Whakaeke / entry

1st Waiata koroua / Traditional waiata

2nd Poi

1st Waiata a ringa / action song

2nd Haka

1st Whakawatea / exit

Thank you to matua Muriwai Ihakara, whaea Venus Ihakara, matua Darcy and whaea Murri for their compositions and teaching.

Thank you to Shane Aramoana for tutoring the group that was called together four weeks before the competition.



Thank to all the parents, principal and staff. Thanks to Paul Macdougall for the stand for the koikoi.

Thank you to Taraika who always enabled the groups to practise in a fantastic environment.

A jubilant WHS Group One

CONGRATULATIONS TO FORMER STUDENTS



Former WHS students who graduated from the University of Auckland from Dec 2008

Barry	Julie	Post Graduate Diploma in Arts
Bukowski	Kathrine	Post Graduate Diploma Health Sciences
Mey	Amavi	Graduate Diploma Teaching Primary

Former WHS students who graduated between June 2008 and May 2009 from the Victoria University of Wellington

Anderlini	Jamil M	Bachelor of Arts
Anderson	Rowan D	Bachelor of Law
Archer	Lauren M	Bachelor of Commerce and Administration & Bach of Law Hons
Aremete	Juanita N	Dip of Teaching (Early Childhood) Whariki Papatipu
Barrett	Christopher	Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Science
Booth	Tim C	Bachelor of Science
Browne	Emma J	Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Primary)
Burton	Victoria A	Bachelor of Arts
Barber	Jacqueline	Bachelor of Science & Bachelor of Science Hons
Barber	Megan J	Bachelor of Arts
Barnes	Steven G	Bachelor of Arts Hons
Carmen	Daniel T	Bachelor of Science
Clark	Miriam R	Bachelor of Arts
Cooke	Francis R	Master of Arts
Dagarin	Paul J	Master of Arts
Deng	Wenlong D	Bachelor of Commerce and Administration
Douglas	Lauren M	Bachelor of Building Science
George	Alexia M	Conjoint Bachelor of Teaching/ Bachelor of Arts
Gleeson	Tara M	Bachelor of Arts
Gordon	Donald J	Bachelor of Science & Master of Science
Haisman	Sylvie	Master of Arts
Hayasaka	Yuri	Bachelor of Arts
Heginbotham	Elizabeth	Bachelor of Commerce
Hibbard	Simon	Bachelor of Information Technology
Huang	Zhihua	Bachelor of Science
Harcourt	Broc E	Bachelor of Science
Hollis	Melanie D	Bachelor of Science
Horner	Oliver C	Bachelor of Arts
Johnstone	Sarah J	Bachelor of Arts
Katene	Ruth H	Bachelor of Arts
Laing	Nicholas A	Bachelor of Arts Hons
Larking	Malcolm P	Graduate Diploma in Arts
Li	Sijia	Bachelor of Science
Lim	Chantha	Bachelor of Commerce and Administration & Dip Prof Accountancy
Leniston-Lee	Gareth	Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Science
Livesley	Stephanie	Bachelor of Arts
Lok	Kara	Bachelor of Arts
Maguire	Simon	Bachelor of Science
Manzanza	Myele	Bachelor of Music
McNulty	Erin V	Bachelor of Arts
Moorhead	Amy	Post Graduate Certificate in Public Policy
Marshall	Christabel	Bachelor of Arts
McKenzie	Katherine A	Bachelor of Arts
O'Leary	Karen L	Bachelor of Education (Teaching)
Overdale	Marika T	Bachelor of Arts
Osmond	Taryn L	Bachelor of Biomedical Science
Palamo	Colin S	Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary)
Paulin	Thomas R	Master of Science

Polaschek	Heather J	Bachelor of Commence and Administration
Reilly-Davies	Jacob E	Bachelor of Music
Ryan	Siobhan	Bachelor of Arts Hons
Reeves	Derick A	Bachelor of Arts
Steyn	Alysija M	Post graduate in Clinical Nursing
Smith	Kristin M	Bachelor of Arts
Smith	Una M	Graduate Diploma in Arts
Taylor	Esther R	Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Science
Tolich-Ryall	Alisa	Bachelor of Design
Tromp	Erica	Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Law Hons
Tonks	Matthew B	Bachelor Of Arts
Wang	Jianing	Bachelor of Science
Welch	Jennifer R	Bachelor of Arts & Graduate Dip in Teaching(Primary)
Wood	Emma J	Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary)
Wu	Shihua	Bachelor of Commerce and Administration
Wu	Yingzi	Bachelor of Commerce and Administration
Xu	Hongfa	Bachelor of Commerce and Administration
Ye	Chao	Bachelor of Commerce and Administration
Yin	Xi	Bachelor of Commerce and Administration
Zadorozhnaya	Inna A	Bachelor of Arts Hons

Former WHS students who graduated from the University of Otago from Dec 2008

Cade	Jane	Bachelor of Arts
Colman	Atalie Sonja	MB ChB
Fitzsimons	Josie	Bachelor of Physical Education
Sakul	Fitzgerald	Bachelor of BiomedSc
Stutz	Lynette	Post Graduate Diploma Social Work
Taylor	Jordan Carey	Bachelor of Science(Hons)
Wright	Joseph William	Bachelor of Arts
Yao	Wei	Bachelor of Science

NOTICES

Parents' ideas wanted

Family and Community Services is interested in developing resources for parents of teenagers. We want to hear from you about the kind of information and support that could be useful. If you would like to be part of a small two-hour focus group, please contact Linda Karlin, during business hours, on 978 4237.



Health Stamps



The 2009-10 issue of Health stamps and first day covers are now available to be purchased. This year's issue celebrates the 80th anniversary of health stamps. 50cent stamps are available in blocks of 25 or 100. The purchasing price is 60c per stamp – 10 cents is a donation towards the ongoing work of the Otaki Children's Health Camp. To purchase any stamps please contact CHRISTINE on 06 364 8069 or email Christine.culling@healthcamps.org.nz for a order form.

DUE DATES FOR NCEA LEVEL 1-3 VISUAL ART EXTERNAL STANDARDS

Below are the dates for folio submissions for visual art subjects. Please note these are final dates. Folios are to be handed in to the appropriate art teacher on the day.



NCEA Level 1	3.20pm Wednesday 21 October 2009
NCEA Level 2	Photography 3.20pm Wednesday 28 October 2009. Note: Level 2 Visual Art is <u>not</u> submitting a folio.
NCEA Level 3	Photography, Design, Sculpture, Painting 3.20pm Wednesday 4 November 2009
Scholarship	Photography, Design, Sculpture, Painting 10am Wednesday 11 November 2009



VISUAL ART EXHIBITION OF SENIOR WORK

Prize Giving Day **10 November 2009** WHS Art Rooms 12pm-6.45pm

We would like to invite family and friends of senior art students of Wellington High to our end of year exhibition. Our students have worked hard developing their ideas in Visual Art, Sculpture, Photography, Design and Painting throughout the year and this is a great opportunity to see the results of their efforts.

Please contact Jania Bates, HoD Visual Art with any questions, Ph 3858911 ext 852



WHS BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2009

Next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 October at 6pm

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Date/Time		NCEA Level 1	NCEA Level 2	NCEA Level 3	Scholarship
Sat 14 Nov	am				CLS/AGH & HORT/SCI
	pm				Statistics and Modelling
Mon 16 Nov	am	AGH & HORT SCI/AGH SCI	Mathematics	Dance	Accounting
	pm	French	Te Reo Māori	Economics	Latin
Tues 17 Nov	am	English	Ed for Sustain.	Chemistry	
	pm	Chinese	Physics	Hme Eco/Art Hist	Physics
Wed 18 Nov	am	Geography	Social Studies	English	
	pm	Home Eco	Biology	AGH & HORT SCI/JAP	German
Thur 19 Nov	am	German	English		English
	pm	Accounting	German	Biology	
Fri 20 Nov	am	Mathematics	Art History	Stats & Modelling	
	pm	Dance	Accounting	Spanish	Drama
Sat 21 Nov	am				Maths Calculus / Te Reo
	pm				Geography
Mon 23 Nov	am	Science	Drama	Chinese /Samoan	Art History
	pm	Samoan	Chemistry	German	Music
Tues 24 Nov	am	Economics	AGR & HORT Science	Physics	Spanish
	pm	Social Studies	Economics	French / Te Reo	Science
Wed 25 Nov	am	Biology	Home Economic	Geography	
	pm	History	Japanese	Classical Studies	Te Reo Rangatira
Thur 26 Nov	am	Japanese	History	Accounting /Latin	Media Studies
	pm	Physics	Te Reo/Media St	Maths with Calculus	
Fri 27 Nov	am	Human Biology	Geography	Health	Biology
	pm	Chemistry	Spanish	History	
Sat 28 Nov	am				Chemistry
	pm				History
Mon 30 Nov	am	Drama	Classical Studies	Science	French
	pm	Te Reo Māori	Music	Media Studies	
Tues 1 Dec	am	Spanish	Latin	Making Music / Te Reo Māori	Chinese
	pm	Health	Chinese / Health	Music Studies	Physical Education
Wed 2 Dec	am	Music	French	Social Studies	Economics
	pm	Te Reo Rangatira /	Science / Samoan	Drama	Japanese