

Wellington High School

TE KURA TUARUA O TARAİKA KI PUKEAHU

NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2014 FROM THE PRINCIPAL



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou, Greetings to you all

This newsletter chronicles the recent celebrations of all that is good about Wellington High School.

The recent award ceremonies, the Whakanuia held in Taraika and the Senior Prizegiving in the Riley Centre showcased the achievements of many of our senior students and also demonstrated the wide range of learning and activities at which our young people excel. We can all be very proud of these fine youngsters and of their amazing achievements.

In terms of achievement, the formal input into this success comes, in the main part, from the learning relationships that exist between students and their teachers. So I would like to pay tribute to the staff for the wonderful work they do.

Less formally, but equally importantly, is the input that parents, whānau and caregivers have into successful learning. We know that taking an interest in young people's lives at school is supportive and motivating and assists enormously in students connecting with their school and their learning. So I would like to thank families and whānau for their support of our success through their interest in their youngster's learning.

Together we create the environment where success is encouraged, achieved and celebrated.

We look forward to also celebrating the successes of the Junior School at the Junior Prizegiving on Thursday, 11 December at 10:00am.

Nigel Hanton
Principal

CALENDAR

Board of Trustees	17 Nov & 8 Dec
Te Whānau a Taraika Hui	1 Dec
Year 9 & 10 Short Courses	24 Nov – 5 Dec
Junior Prizegiving	11 Dec
Last day of school 2014	11 Dec

SHORT COURSES

From Monday 24 November to Friday 5 December all students in Year 9 and 10 will be working to a different timetable.

For Year 9 students, this means that they will complete core studies (English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Physical Education and Health) for the year at the end of week six.

For year 10 students, this means that they will complete some core studies (English, Social Studies and Physical Education and Health) for the year at the end of week six and continue with core studies in Mathematics and Science until the end of year exams on Thursday 4 December.

Option subjects will be continuing as normal except on an altered timetable. In addition, students will have 2 hours a day where they can engage in some short 'off timetable' courses in a wide range of interesting subjects. During the 'altered timetable', school will run from 8.45am to 3.00pm each day (except Tuesday which will be the normal later start at 10.00am) as follows:

8.45am – 9.40am	Period 1
10am – 12pm	Options class or short course
12pm – 1pm	Lunch
1pm – 3pm	Options class or short courses

The altered timetable is a wonderful opportunity for our junior students to engage in learning outside of their normal curriculum.

MUSIC FUNDRAISER NEPAL ORPHANAGE

You are invited to a wonderful night of entertainment by a few musicians who are donating their time to raise some funds for the orphanage in Nepal which our school supports. These acts include:

Beatles Music

Fritz Wollner, Dominic Killalea & Andrew Savage

Folk Music

Mike Kingston & Estere Galeote

NZ Jazz

Kevin Clark, Michaela Manley
Jazz infused acoustic soul and folk

Date: Thursday 27 November
Venue: Meow, 9 Edward Street, Wellington City
Time: 8pm – 10pm
Cost: \$10
RSVP: Friday 21 November.
bharat.pancha@whs.school.nz



The orphanage/organisation we support is called Nepal Helpless Children Education Program (NHCEP). They run a school for extremely needy children and run night classes for domestic child labourers and street children. Students visit this school each year and often leave with a new appreciation of their own life here in NZ.

GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY

Gap experience volunteers required to teach English in kindergartens and schools in Japan and China. Three, five and ten month options available for 2015. Funding, accommodation and meals provided and scholarships available. Applications close soon.

Please contact support@wys.co.nz or 063766552 for more details"

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WHAKANUIA 2014

Ngā Tohu a

Hākinakina

Teina

Maree Griffiths

Te Aupouri

Tuakana

Lucy Edwards

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Te Wairoa

Ngā Tohu a Tau

He tauira i mahi kohure mō ngā tau te iwa:

Year 9 Dean's WERO Award for Outstanding Student engaged in Te Ao Māori at WHS

Titania Tawhai

He tauira i mahi kohure mō ngā tau te tekau:

Year 10 Dean's WERO Award for Outstanding Student engaged in Te Ao Māori at WHS

Ben Roberts

He tauira i mahi kohure mō ngā tau te tekau ma tahi

Year 11 Dean's WERO Award for Outstanding Student engaged in Te Ao Māori at WHS

Claudia Holmstead Morris Ngāti Mutunga (Taranaki)

He tauira i mahi kohure mō ngā tau te tekau ma rua

Year 12 Dean's WERO Award for Outstanding Student engaged in Te Ao Māori at WHS

Zevanya Ranginui Te Ātiawa Ngāti Manawa

He tauira i mahi kohure mō ngā tau te tekau ma toru

Year 13 Dean's WERO Award for Outstanding Student engaged in Te Ao Māori at WHS

Tapua Metekingi Ngāti Toa

Ngā Tohu Whakahirahira

He tauira Maori i mahi kohure mō ngā Manukorero:

Outstanding Contribution to Manu Korero

Kate Workman Mills

Tiana Rapana Bell

Te Ati Hau Nui-A-Paparangi Whanganui, Rangitikei (Wanganui/Rangitikei)

Zevanya Ranginui

Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Manawa

He taonga whakamaumahara i te Rangātira a Murray Kanara:

Murray Kanara Award

Zevanya Ranginui Te Ātiawa Ngāti Manawa

He Kaitiaki mō Taraika:

Contribution to Taraika

Keijahan Ranginui

Te Ātiawa

Ngāti Manawa

Daeszai Kanapu

Ngāti Pikiao (Te Arawa) Tapuika (Te Arawa)

Ngāti Whakaue (Te Arawa)

Devon Tusitala-Ridout

Ngāti Kahu, Kai Tahu

He tauira i mahi kohure mō ngā mahi Kapa Haka:

Outstanding contribution to Kapa Haka

Pihitahi Wharetuna

Ngāti Tai, Ngāti Awa

Tiana Rapana Bell

Te Ati Hau Nui-A-Paparangi Whanganui, Rangitikei (Wanganui/Rangitikei)

Te Haumiri o Puke Ahu

The caressing winds of Puke Ahu: Highest Achieving Māori Student

Kaiya Waerea

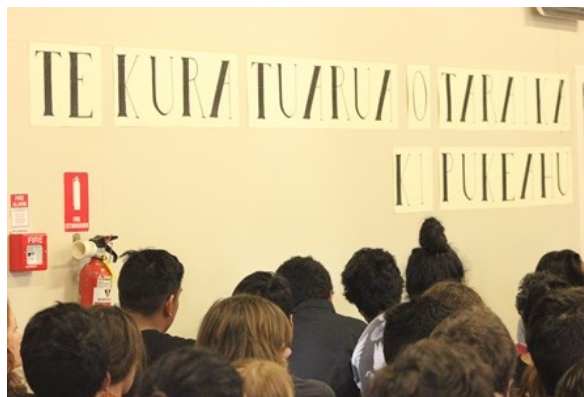
He taonga whakamaumahara i te Rangātira a John Tapiata:

John Tapiata Award

Pihitahi Wharetuna

Ngāti Tai, Ngāti Awa

TE KURA TUARUA O TARAIKA KI PUKEAHU



On 30 October 2015, at the annual Whakanuia celebration, we proudly launched an additional Māori name to sit alongside the established and venerable name of Wellington High School. Our new Māori subtitle is "Te Kura Tuarua o Taraika ki Pukeahu".

Year 10 Māori language students have been deeply involved in the planning and implementation of the name change. After undertaking research into the history of the school and rohe, talking to teachers and whānau, they brainstormed all the factors and created a title that reflects the location, history and values of Wellington High School.

Here is an excerpt from the students' formal proposal:

"Taraika is the name of our Marae; a name that is exclusive to Wellington High School. We decided to include Taraika instead of Te Whanganui-a-Tara as it is specific to our school and it acknowledges the tūpuna of our region. Pukeahu is the area of land on which we stand. We think it is significant that we include our location, our turangawaewae in the naming of our school. It is also original and unique to our school and our school only. We believe that this name will be of great cultural, social and academic benefit to our school."

The students presented their idea to the school's whānau group, Te Whānau a Taraika and then the school's Board of Trustees. Once support was gained from these groups, staff were informed and consultation undertaken with Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o te Ika te mana whenua.



SENIOR PRIZEGIVING 2014



**JODY DAVIS MEMORIAL AWARD
SPORTS PEOPLE OF THE YEAR**

Elis Hickson Rowden
Lucy Edwards
Joshua Mann
Zachary Blakely

**THOMAS STACE CUP FOR MOST OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENT IN SPORT
BDO SPICER AWARD: FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN
ECONOMICS
THE OPERA TECHNIQUE THEATRE PRIZE**

Ria Ragasa
Kaiya Waerea

**AUT SIGNIFICANT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
VICTORIA EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP**

Hunter Saban
Celeste Berdinner
Lucy Brewerton
Hunter Eagle
Louis Hefford
Zoe Kraemer
Eva Wyles
Sarah Birch



**MASSEY VICE CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR ARTS AND
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY TOP SCHOLAR AWARD FOR
ENGINEERING
THE MW AWARD**

Stanley Sarkies
Sheryl Wong
Zarina Ahmed
Mohammad Al-Rubayee
Anna Collett

**WELLINGTON CENTRAL MP'S ANNUAL PRIZE FOR
LEADERSHIP**

**THE ROBERT BOSTOCK SCHOLARSHIP
THE HUXFORD AWARD
JOHN TAPIATA AWARD
MURRAY KANARA AWARD
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION PRIZE**

Jon Pilalis
Nicholas Weaver
Pihitahi Wharetuna
Zevanya Ranginui
Feminist Group: accepted by
Sylvia TE



**Y11 DEAN'S AWARD
Y12 DEAN'S AWARD
Y13 DEAN'S AWARD
TUSHA GUPTA AWARD FOR ALL ROUND ACHIEVEMENT
THE ANDREA UFAGALILLO AWARD
TE WERO AWARD
WHS PEACE PRIZE
PRINCIPAL'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

Elise Forman
Eddyn Perkins Treacher
Sheryl Wong
Zachary Blakely
Zsontell Levi-Teu
Anna Hill
Demi Tiller
Hunter Eagle
Zoe Isaacs
Jasper Massov
Kaiya Waerea
Emily Yeatman
Zachary Blakely
Sheryl Wong



**HANKINS BEQUEST (RUNNER UP TO DUX)
COUSINS AWARD (DUX)**



WHS GIRLS' FOOTBALL ACADEMY

The WHSGFA successfully started this year in Term 4 with 17 girls. The aims of the Academy are to:

- Develop young football players within the school
- Develop individual and team skills
- Promote the practice of football in WHS

The Academy is open for any girls who want to improve their football skills and are wanting to be part of the school rep team. It runs on Tuesday after school and Thursday from 7am to 8.30am



ROYAL PATHOLOGY

Royal students from High were chosen by the Otago University Medical School for a whirlwind tour of the pathology and microbiology labs to investigate cancer biology and the key role pathologists have in fighting this deadly disease.

Twenty students helped celebrate International Pathology Day on November 5th at the Wellington School of Medicine. This year's Pathology Day theme was "What is cancer and how do we identify and treat it?"



Students were fascinated by a full range of cancerous internal organs, a behind the scenes tour of the 'high security' pathology labs and the chance to quiz top New Zealand Medical Scientists on how to avoid, detect and beat the number one killer of young New Zealanders.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To WHS band Head Chef, the 2014 winners of the Smokefree Rockquest.

The judging panel were impressed by the song-writing, performance and courage of the Wellington dub-roots group. Carlos McQuillan, Leon van Dijk, Dylan Quinn and Ted Bartley won musical gear, a song and video production package plus a week's holiday in Fiji.

GALAPAGOS GIRLS

Iona Forsyth (Science) and Melanie McGrath (Social Sciences) spent three weeks in the Galapagos Islands as part of their staff travel scholarship investigating

"...Evolution, Sustainability, Eco-Tourism and Conservation."



You can read all about their travels at <http://galapagosgirls.wordpress.com/>

WELLY HIGH SKATE COMPETITION 2014

Thirty students from across year levels competed on a brilliantly sunny October day in the first Welly High Skate Competition.

Congratulations to the winners:

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| Year 9 | Henry Wagstaff
Jordan Van Os |
| Year 10 | Ngahere Von Bassewitz-Wafer |
| Year 11 | Zac Gibson
Torry Jones Long |
| Year 12/13 | Ollie Normann-Gasson
Logan Cullen |



You can check out the action at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKiIMWZwgo8>

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