

# Wellington High School

## TE KURA TUARUA O TARAIKA KI PUKEAHU

NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2015 FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Term 3.

The winter term provides us with some challenges as it is a critical time in terms of student learning but is also the time when colds and 'flu are common that necessitates some time at home keeping warm and getting well. Taking care of ourselves can be a real challenge!

Equally challenging is the time frame for learning task completion and assessment, especially for youngsters in the senior school. At the Senior School Assembly on Monday, I spoke to seniors about the planning that is necessary to be put in place to manage workload and deadlines over the next term.

Experience tells us that Term 3 is critical time in the process of acquiring credits, essentially in many cases the qualification based outcome of the year's learning reflects the student's input in Term 3. The reality is that there is only a little more than 60 school days before NCEA external examinations begin, so time is critical.

Of course, we recognise that the assessment calendar can be a cause for some anxiety and stress. At the assembly I spoke of the need for careful planning for deadlines and assessments, but also the need for conversations with subject teachers when assistance is needed or when a number of significant tasks are due in at the same time. Staff are happy to help students manage their workload.

It is also an important time for juniors as well. Our curriculum is scaffolded so that learning that happens in Year 9 and 10 contributes to the foundation of further learning in the senior school. For every student in the school, every minute counts!

Best wishes for a successful term.

**Nigel Hanton**  
Principal

### KEEPING UP TO DATE

Rather than waiting weeks for a newsletter to hear what has been happening around Wellington High School, there are three much quicker ways to keep up to date.

Join us on our Facebook page to see current events and celebrations around the school. <https://www.facebook.com/whswellington>



You can also follow us on Twitter.

Longer stories and event information can be found on our website at <http://www.whs.school.nz/weekly-high/>.

We hope you will enjoy being informed in a more immediate way.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Week Two</b>	<b>27/7 Senior Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30 - 7</b> <b>27/7 Board Meeting</b> <b>29/7 - 31/7 Year 11 ODE Tramp</b> <b>30/7 Australian Maths Competition</b>
<b>Week Three</b>	<b>3/8 Out of Zone Applications for Year 9, 2016 close</b>
<b>Week Four</b>	<b>10/8 - 14/8 Year 13 Drama - Scripted Scenes</b> <b>14/8 Out of Zone Ballot for Year 9 for 2016</b>
<b>Week Five</b>	<b>17/8 - 21/8 Senior Exam Week</b> <b>21/8 Senior Badminton Finals</b>
<b>Week Six</b>	<b>25/8 - 28/8 Year 13 ODE Alpine Trip</b> <b>24/8 Board Meeting</b> <b>27/8 Nominations for Student Board Representative Close</b> <b>28/8 Mid-Term Break - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>

For any further information about any of these events, please email [admin@whs.school.nz](mailto:admin@whs.school.nz) or visit the website.

### SCHOOL EXAMS

Practice exams for NCEA externals at the end of the year will be run in Week 5 of term 3 (Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August).



There will be no classes for students in Year 11 to 13 during this week.

If a student has an exam clash they should contact Mr Killalea as soon as possible.

The timetable can be found at this link [WHS Senior Exam TT2015](#).

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## FOOD AND FASHION

The Technology faculty always have lots happening and the last few weeks have been no exception.

WHS entered the first Mojo Barista Throw Down and Bake Off Battle with great results. Our barista team of Harrison Abbot, Maddy O'Connor and Alessandra Marxer are the winners of the new Schools Barista Team MOJO trophy. Luca Scognamiglio placed in the biscotti battle and Aaron Kong in the Kiwiana cake tin category. Our friends at Wellington East taking out both these categories. Lucy Booth and Dana Khusal gained merit for their entries.



Students have also been cooking up a storm with Wāhi Kai; a lunchtime treat for the staff as students put their cooking and serving skills to the test.

To top all this activity off, a group of students have headed to Europe for the biennial trip to London and Paris. We will be loading photos from that trip and a full trip report to our website as soon as they are available. But below are a few tasters.



## OUTDOOR EDUCATION

A group of Year 12 Outdoor Education students headed to Samoa in the last week of Term 2.

They spent ten days scuba diving, snorkelling, paddle boarding, interacting with local communities including a village on Upolu and a primary school on Savai'i. A fantastic time was had by all.



## NEPAL FUNDRAISER

Wellington Photographer, and WHS parent, Sandy Connon, is offering a special portrait deal to WHS families. She is going to donate 25% of proceeds to the orphanage in Nepal that we support.

You can find more details at <http://www.whs.school.nz/nepal-fundraiser-family-portrait-offer/> or visit her website on

<http://www.sandyconnon.co.nz/>

*Thanks Sandy, for your very generous offer.*

## FROM STUDENT SERVICES

**Entertainment Books** are currently sold through Student Services, \$60 each. Alternatively, order your Book or Digital Membership securely online by visiting

[www.entbook.co.nz/104r121](http://www.entbook.co.nz/104r121)

**ID cards** are ordered through Student Services, \$10 for standard ID or \$25 for snapper/school ID. Processing and delivery take 5-10 working days. If you require proof of ID for buses/trains or are being charged adult fares on your snapper cards, please enquire at Student Services.

**Simply Dental** - Any students who are not currently accessing dental care can be offered the opportunity to be accessed by a mobile on-site dental team. Simply Dental offers free dental care for the adolescents of Wellington's secondary schools.

Please contact them on either 0800 123 343 or email them, [info@simplydental.co.nz](mailto:info@simplydental.co.nz)

