

Kōrero Kura

School News

Term 3, Week 10 2017



Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Naumai Haere Mai Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. Yes, the official week to celebrate Māori Language Week is over but we are committed as teachers to widen our learning and understanding of Te Reo Māori and Tikanga Māori in the belief that, “the culture of the child cannot enter the classroom until it has entered the consciousness of the teacher.” As staff, we are having Waiata Wednesday to learn waiata and pronunciation and we continue our Mana Wahine programme, enabling Māori

students to explore and practice their whānaungatanga.

Senior students have completed their practice NCEA exams and are now reflecting on what they need to do to ensure successfully completing their internal assessments and preparing for their NCEA examinations in November. Teachers are busy marking scripts and putting feedback onto the portal, which will be accessible to students and parent/caregivers soon. Those without access to the portal will receive a hard copy outlining specific feedback in each subject the student is studying.

Our Waitaki Way focus in term 3 has been on, ‘Being Resilient’ – Kia kaha – and especially accepting feedback in a positive way and also setting goals. Students need to be resilient in their learning; recognize that achievement requires effort; break the work

into achievable sections; recognize that sometimes they will flounder but not to give up. Most of all please have learning conversations with your daughter and encourage her to persevere.

Huge congratulations to our Winter Tournament teams: Netball, Basketball and Hockey. Going to tournament is a culmination of a great deal of work from everyone involved and huge resilience and teamwork required. Great results saw Basketball 7th, Netball 8th and our Hockey team won the Jenny McDonald tournament and cup. We are very proud of you.

I would like to wish Mikayla Bryant all the best; she is competing in the national trap shooting competition this week.

I would like to congratulate Jasmine Hunter who has been representing New Zealand in the U16 Touch Competition in



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Coming up...

- **29 September:** Last day Term 3
- **8 October:** Japan trip return to NZ
- **16 October:** First day Term 4
- **17 October:** Otago uni planning
- **20 October:** School scholarship interviews
- **23 October:** Labour Day
- **26 October:** Aoraki Jnr Table tennis
- **26 October:** Snr Awards Assembly
- **27 October:** Mana Pounamu awards
- **30 October:** Year 10 option choices due
- **1 November:** Mufti Day
- **3 November:** Aoraki Sports awards
- **6 November:** Boarders Feast
- **7 November:** Snr Prize giving
- **8 November:** Seniors Last day

Australia. Jasmine arrived back the day before exams began and showed real resilience in being ready to do her school exams. Kia kaha Jasmine. Cheyenne Cunningham has been playing rugby for the Otago Womens' Team, Spirit, and doing exceptionally well for them. Well done, Cheyenne. Congratulations to Amy Ballantyne who will be editing the Oamaru Mail this week. Great to have youth voice expressed in our weekly newspaper, well done Amy.

I would like to congratulate Bronwen Ardouin who has been voted our new student representative on the Board of Trustees. I would also like to congratulate Renata Burnett, Connie Searle, Julia Dorsey, Sian Stephens and Madison Roger who have all been shortlisted for Head Girl 2018. Voting takes place on 24th October for Year 11, 12 and 13 students and staff. I would like to encourage all Year 12 girls who are currently putting their name forward as House and School Captains. This year we are inviting all Year 12 students to our Student Leadership Training Day on 1st December in recognition that all our Year 13 students in 2018 have a leadership role to play and everybody has leadership potential. To quote Confucious, "Real leaders are ordinary people with

extraordinary determination".

I would like to mention our office administrator/receptionist, Glenda Meek who is leaving after twenty years in this position to pursue other challenges. Glenda's quiet, calm and friendly face has been an important part of our welcome to Waitaki Girls' High School. We are really going to miss her but wish her all the best. Helen Leslie has been appointed as our new office administrator/receptionist and starts next term. We also welcome Vicky Bowmar in the role of Careers Administration and Food Technician. Naumai Haere Mai.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone within our school community a relaxing holiday break. Term 3 is always challenging and we have weathered a severe winter and spring is finally here. As usual, we concluded with Theatrix, our House Drama competition and as always, the girls really stepped up in terms of their creativity and teamwork. Well done to all involved; enjoy some relaxing down time and I look forward to working with you all next term.

Ngā Mihi Nui
Tracy Walker
Principal

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Exam feedback and reporting

With our senior benchmark exams having just been completed, parents and students will be able to receive feedback from these by accessing our parent portal. Results and feedback comments will be available on the portal once staff mark and moderate this work. All results and comments will be available by Wednesday 18th October, however it is likely that many will be posted earlier than this.

Likewise, after our Year 9 and 10 exams have been held (9, 10 & 13 Nov) exam feedback and comments will be available on the parent portal. In addition to the comments and results available on the portal, all students at each year level will receive a final report which will have a comment from their Whānau teacher and Dean. This will be available after 28 November and for students returning in 2018, will also include start of year information.

Year 13 students will be provided with a Leaver's Profile and these will be given to the girls at the Leaver's Dinner on 30 November.

If you are unsure how to access the parent portal or have any queries about our reporting process, please contact the school office or email Deputy Principal

mwilliams@waitakigirlshigh.school.nz

The Senior Textiles Students

Thank You

A big thank you to those businesses and people who supported our Bingo Night.

We really appreciate it and hope you had a great time.



Congratulations to Georgie Laurenson and Tayla Ludermann for receiving Highly Commended for their garments in the Otago Polytechnic's Design Student exhibition

NCEA Facts

NCEA facts for Whānau, families and students.

NZQA have published

- Factsheet 1: **What is NCEA?**
- Factsheet 2: **NCEA and recognising excellence**
- Factsheet 3: : **NCEA – choosing a course or subjects at school**
- Factsheet 4: **NCEA – internal and external assessment**
- Factsheet 5: **NCEA and University Entrance**
- Factsheet 6: **How NCEA results are recognised overseas.**

And can be found here [http://](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/publications/factsheets/)

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Sporting News

Winter Tournament Week!

Hockey

WGHS 1st XI won the Jenny McDonald Cup (fourth-tier event in the Hockey NZ programme)!!!

Results from the tournament

WGHS 2 vs Middleton Grange 1
WGHS 5 vs St Kevins 1
WGHS 4 vs Riccarton High 3
WGHS 7 vs SC Rural
Combined 0
WGHS 1 vs Cromwell 2

Semifinal

WGHS 4 vs Kingsway School 0

Final

WGHS 2 vs Cromwell 0

Netball

WGHS Senior A Netball team were placed 8th at SISS Netball Tournament 'A Grade'

'A' Grade Talent Identified Player – Taneisha Fifita

Results from the tournament:

Round one

WGHS 55 vs Craighead

Diocesan 32
WGHS 32 vs Kaiapoi HS 31
WGHS 32 vs St Hilda's Collegiate 54

Round two

WGHS 33 vs St Andrew's College 36
WGHS 44 vs Villa Maria College 42
WGHS 45 vs Verdon College 28

Play offs (5th – 8th)

WGHS 33 vs Ashburton College 48
(7th - 8th)
WGHS 28 vs Southland Girls 38

Basketball

WGHS Junior A Basketball team were placed 7th at Junior Secondary School Zone 4 Tournament

Results from the tournament

WGHS 75 vs Greymouth High 49
WGHS 66 vs St Hilda's Collegiate 33
WSHG 44 vs Rangiora High 69

Quarter Finals

WGHS 38 vs Kavanagh College 67

Play offs (5th-8th)

WGHS 39 vs Waimea College 42
(7th - 8th)

WGHS 61 vs Rangi Ruru Girls 52

Touch Rugby

Jasmine Hunter was selected for NZ U16 Girls team, which has just returned from the Touch Football Australia's National Youth Championship

Results from the tournament

NZ U16 Vs NSWCCC. (Won 6-5)
NZ U16 vs QSST (loss 15-0)
NZ U16 vs NSWCCIS (loss 5-2)
NZU16 vs Central Queensland Bulls (loss 6-2)
NZ U16 vs Western Tigers (6-1) Jasmine scored 2 touch downs!!
Nz U16 vs Northern Territory (win 15-1) Jasmine scored a touch down!!



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Sporting News continued...

Kai Pai to the 1st XI Hockey

The Waitaki Girls' Hockey 1st XI travelled to the Jenny McDonald Cup for tournament where they played their hearts out. The Coach and accompanying adults said the girls had never played better - which is why they took out first place !!! It was a fraught match against Cromwell, whom they had lost to 2-1 a couple days earlier. However, when push came to shove, Waitaki were the tanks at the end of the day. They showed outstanding attitudes, sportsmanship, and skill. Great effort girls, and Coach Yvonne! Thank you to all the parents for their support !

Get2Go Challenge Dunedin

At 7am on Friday 15th September 32 excited Year 9 and 10 students (2 teams of 8 for each year group) set off for an outdoor adventure in Dunedin. The Get2Go Challenge is run throughout the country by Hilary Outdoors to encourage a wider participation in outdoor pursuit activities and is a fun and exciting event open to Year 9 and 10 students only.

Our teams needed to undertake



four 45 minute long challenges – kayaking followed by problem solving at Macandrew Bay then a quick trip across town to the Ross Creek area for mountain-biking and orienteering. To maximise their score in each task the teams needed to work together, using important team skills such as communication, problem solving, planning and decision making.

The girls gave maximum effort to each event competing against much more experienced opponents – boys and girls teams competed together – and finished in 3rd and 4th positions for the

Otago/Southland region in the 'all girls' section. We returned home with muddy and wet clothes, grazes and bruises as well as tired muscles – evidence of a fun and challenging event.



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Year 12 PE Ski Trip to Wanaka



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Cultural News

Pasifika Success Talanoa Project 2017 Oamaru Cluster

**FieFia - Celebration -
24 August 2017**

This year our awards went to:

Taneisha Fifita - Being respectful, responsible and resilient in her attitude to her learning.

Taneisha has achieved sporting success in Netball, showing great commitment in her playing, training and travelling, as well as keeping up with her academics.

Florence Robert - Being respectful, responsible and resilient in her attitude to her learning. Florence is achieving well in all her subjects, particularly in English.

Utumalama Latavao - Being

respectful, responsible and resilient in her attitude to her learning. Utumalama is achieving at a very high standard in all her subjects.

**Lini Kafauna
and Lesina**

Fonua - did a great job in being the MC's for the night. Thanks girls!

Our Pasifika Polyfest Performance Group were absolutely amazing throughout their stunning performance.

Congratulations to all the girls. You were certainly responsible, respectful and resilient!

Otago Polyfest - Dunedin

This term the Pasifika Performance Group have been working very hard to

perfect their performance for Polyfest on 14 September.

The resulting performance was absolutely amazing!

We were lucky to have an outside tutor this year, Sepi Vave. Our thanks must go out to Sepi for giving up so much of her time to make sure the girls' performance was 'on point'.

We would also like to thank Isiah and Sepi from Waitaki Boys' High School for drumming for the girls.

The commitment from this group of performers has once again been amazing. It has been a pleasure to work with them.



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Amnesty

Currently Amnesty at Waitaki Girls' is demanding that the Indonesian government stops global brands from profiting from abusive palm oil labour practices. We have just held the Freedom Challenge week at our school two weeks ago in relation to this campaign, this allowed students to support and become more informed about the issue. This was definitely a success! We had a bake sale, petition signing, badge selling, a quiz and a photo board we raised from this around \$280 that will be sent away to help bring justice to palm oil workers, thanks to everybody who got behind it and supported us.

In the palm oil plantations the workers are exposed to a dangerous working environment, in which they attempt to complete the daily requirements which are near impossible. Women and paid unfairly and children are forced to quit school to help collect the plant. We believe that this is unacceptable and therefore aimed to make an impacting difference in these people's lives. The ways in which we did this was by raising profits that will be sent to Amnesty and also sending a letter of solidarity to the workers and posters of support.

Next term we will continue with this focus and plan to have an obstacle course based on letting girls experience what palm oil workers have to go through everyday at work.



Theatrix Results

Congratulations to all participants of Theatrix for 2017

- **Best Direction:**

Georgie Laurenson
- Gibson

- **Best Script:**

Wilson

- **Best Actress:**

Mikayla Scarlett -
Wilson

- **Winning House:**

Wilson

Gibson 2nd

Ferguson 3rd

Burn 4th

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General News

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open every Thursday from 1pm—2pm during Term time and will open for extra hours as follows: It can get

December 2017	
Tuesday 12 th	2pm- 5pm
Thursday 14 th	2pm -7 pm
January 2018	
Thursday 18 th	3 pm - 7 pm
Tuesday 23 rd	12 pm- 3 pm
Thursday 25 th	3 pm- 7 pm

very busy at the uniform shop—if you know what you need you are welcome to email your order. Once we confirm your order, you are able to collect and pay from the school office uniform@waitakigirlshigh.school.nz

We accept cash, cheque, eftpos, credit cards and pre-approved school accounts. We also provide WINZ quotes. Note a 2% surcharge applies on credit card payments. Layby is also available upon enquiry. Phone Dixie Borman on 434 8429 for any enquiries.

Rainbow Run

The Rainbow Confectionery 5km Rainbow Run is being held on 14 of October, 11am, at the Oamaru Racecourse. This is a family friendly event for all ages. For more information, and for registrations, visit <http://www.sporty.co.nz/waitakicrc/Rainbow-Confectionery-5km-Run/Rainbow-Confectionery-5km-Run> or contact the Waitaki Community Recreation Centre.



YEARS 9-13
HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

COOKING & BODY BALANCE \$25
Join us for a health & wellness day. Plan and cook a well-balanced meal, followed by a body balance class to build your flexibility, strength & inner calm.
On Tuesday, 10 October
Time: 10am - 3pm
At Waitaki Girls High School
Food Room, 270 Thames St

WATER POLO WORKSHOP \$10
Keen to try a new sport? Come and give water polo a go! Learn new skills as you get introduced to the exciting world of water sports!
On Wednesday, 11 October
Time: 1:30 - 2:30pm
At Waitaki Aquatic Centre
Steward St, Oamaru

BOOK NOW Online: www.youthtown.org.nz
Phone: 027 891 2401 | Email: Oamaru@youthtown.org.nz



RAINBOW RUN
SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER
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www.sportofago.co.nz
for more details and ticketing



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Astra

ASTRA car boot sale WGHS car park Trent St Saturday 25 October 9am till 12pm .
Proceeds to make emergency kits for accident victims. To book a space please phone to Liz 0273294218, cost is \$10.

Health Notice

There is a student off sick with hand, foot and mouth. The following site has good information: <https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/hand-foot-and-mouth-disease>. Students should stay at home while feeling unwell and until the blisters are dried.

Volunteers wanted

Volunteers required to be reader/writers during student assessments/exams. Anyone who would have a free hour occasionally (or 3 hours during exams) to read and write for students with Specific Learning Differences then please let me know. You need to have good reading, writing, and spelling skills. A police check and some training will be required. Please contact Liz Ballantyne Learning Support WGHS 03 434 8429 Ext 226.



AMERICA'S CUP CARNIVAL
SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER
WITH SPECIAL ETNZ GUESTS

KIDS FISHING COMPETITION
FOOD STALLS
COMPETITIONS
ENTERTAINMENT
AND MORE.

MEET AND GREET WITH THE CUP AND MEMBERS FROM THE TEAM
5pm - 7pm

**STARTS AT 1PM
FREE ENTRY**

FREE TRAIN
RUNNING ALL AFTERNOON FROM SCOTTS BREWERY

SAILING
COME HAVE A GO

HOSTED BY THE NORTH OTAGO YACHT AND POWER BOAT CLUB



The school magazine is having a face-lift. This year it will be printed in full colour and the 2017 Senior Prize List will be included. Orders and payment can be made at the school office. Only \$25.00



Burns Memorial Art Exhibition

23 September - 15 October

Image credit: What's Underneath Years 1 & 2, Pembroke School



Te Moa: Waitaki

23 September - 2 February

Image credit: Stout-legged moa. From the series: Extinct Birds of New Zealand, 2005, Masterton, by Paul Martinson. Te Papa



Out on a Limb: Ferne Smyth

2 September - 15 October

Image credit: Ceramic collection, Ferne Smyth, 2017

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Photo Gallery



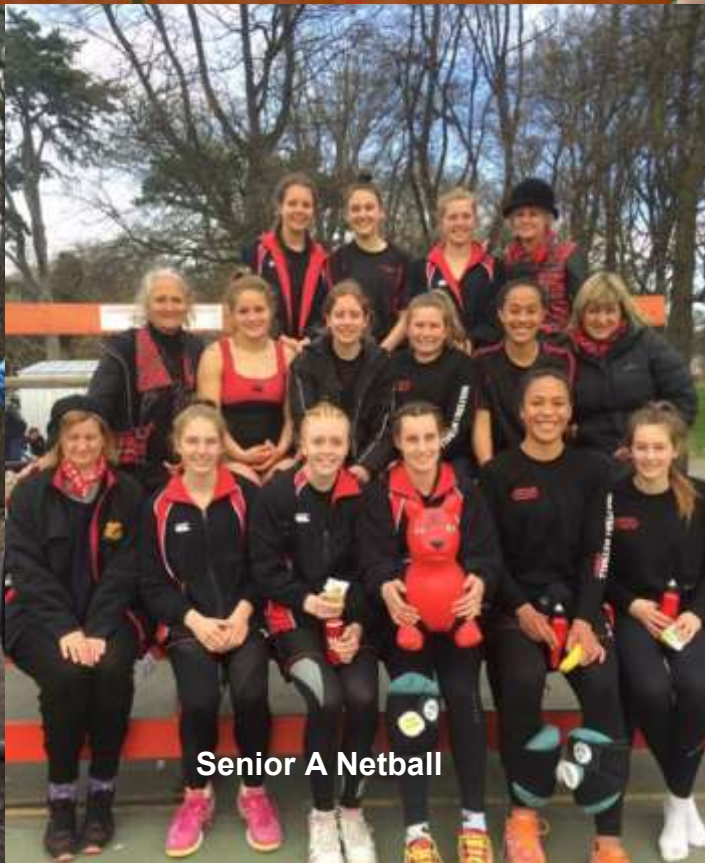
Junior A Basketball



Get to Go Challenge



Get to Go Challenge



Senior A Netball



Titiro whakamuri, Toki whakamua
Look back and reflect so you can move forward



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