

# Kōrero Kura

## School News

Term 4, Week 3 2017



Tēnā Koutou Katoa,

Hello, and a warm welcome to our Year 8 parents/caregivers and whanau. It has been great meeting with you and your daughter and we look forward to hosting Year 8 girls on our Transition Day on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

We had an excellent senior prize giving on Tuesday night where we celebrated a range of student achievement and were able to acknowledge our leavers. It truly was an evening of celebrating excellence. What does excellence mean? For students - doing the very best they can and realizing that no

one ever accomplished great things without practice, learning and support. To that effect, we extended our Mentoring programme this year to include every student. Our Whānau teachers met with each of their students in small year groups to help with goal setting and simply taking the time to listen to and encourage our students' dreams and hopes for the future. It really does take a village to raise a child. We will extend this further in 2018 with three way conversations between Whānau Teachers, students and parents/caregivers. This fits in with our values of encouraging learners who are respectful – respectful to themselves by aspiring to excellence and aiming high; responsible by taking an active role in their own learning, and having the resilience to persevere when the learning gets hard. This year we also extended 'Real Time Reporting' so that all student progress was regularly, and cumulatively recorded on the

parent portal for immediate feedback. Email and our parent portal is our main way of communicating with parents and I urge new parents to contact us if they are unable to receive this so we can post you the details. Of course, meeting with you face to face is also extremely important and I invite all new parents to our Welcome to Waitaki Evening on February 7th 2018.

Our girls continue to flourish through mentoring and leadership by our seniors, juniors are inducted into the various traditions and innovations of our school including: Peer support and tutoring; House Choirs; Theatrix; Talent Quest; Arts Week; the myriad of sporting, cultural and service groups we continue to support. We have had some outstanding sporting and cultural achievements this year and last Friday we attended the Aoraki Sports Awards: more information on that is within this newsletter but particular congratulations to Jasmine Hunter, Taneisha



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## Coming up...

- **13 November:**  
Last exam for Juniors
- **14 November:**  
Juniors auditions at WBHS for 2018 production
- **17 November:**  
Year 10 Textiles trip to Dunedin
- **23 November:**  
Year 8 Forensics
- **24 November:**  
Year 8 orientation day
- **27 November:**  
Science roadshow at the Rec Centre
- **28 November:**  
BOT Meeting
- **30 November:**  
Leavers Dinner
- **1 December:**  
NCEA exams finish
- **1 December:**  
Year 12 student leadership training
- **2-7 December:**  
Year 10 Hanmer Camp
- **5-7 December:**  
Junior activities
- **8 December:**  
Junior prize giving  
**Last day for 2017**

Fifita and Alice Petrie who received Honours for their representation in Touch, Netball and Swimming respectively. Our girls continue to punch above their weight on the sporting field. We have held 8 Sports interschool exchanges with our sister schools this year and plan to hold 9 next year. Sport flourishes at WGHS and our ethos continues to be, get involved and push yourself to the limits. We continue to run an extensive Education Outside the Classroom programme with trips offered to Japan, Australia, WOW in Wellington, Wanaka, Cadrona ski fields, Portobello, Dansey's Pass amongst others including urban trails exploring our own wonderful doorstep with local galleries, Riverstone and the historic precinct. This will continue in 2018 as we continue to develop place based learning in our curriculum.

Our girls continue to express themselves culturally with the many artistic outlets the school provides. Amy Ballantyne selected to edit the Oamaru Mail and the reinvigoration of our Amnesty International group and the ongoing work of Astra: our dynamic Drama Club and successes in speech and debating competitions. Our Pasifika girls went from strength to strength and had an outstanding outing at Polyfest. We established Mana Wahine this year, an opportunity for Māori students to embrace

their whanaungtanga and we provided support to our Mana Pounamu students. This year Gala raised \$14,000 for the beautification of the lawn between the hall and library and addition of picnic tables and seats. This work will be completed over summer. Our students showed their social conscience with the Whānau Christmas Box for Charity and the Student Council's Mufti Day fundraisers for foodbank and various other charities. To be kind, to show empathy and care for our fellow humans: our girls have demonstrated this in spades and shows me we are fulfilling our vision of providing a holistic, all-round education by nurturing young women to be well equipped for the world.

We continue to strive to be as flexible in our learning plans to meet the wide variety of learning needs students have. This is especially so in senior class placement, and this year we have had over 40 girls engaged in Dual Pathways and Gateway; 25 girls learning through Net NZ's online classrooms and 33 girls have had the opportunity to have shared classes at Waitaki Boys' High School. We intend to continue this for next year. We will also be expanding our leadership programme for senior girls and rebranding our life skills programme to include more holistic and community input.

This year we have entered a Community of Learning or

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Kahui Ako with Waitaki Boys' High School, Oamaru Intermediate, Fenwick and Oamaru North schools and the free Kindergarten Association. This will allow us to find community solutions to the needs of all our students as they progress through their learning journey. While in its early stages, the Waitaki Ara has made good progress and found shared understanding around our Achievement Challenges based on Effective Transitions, Literacy including writing and digital fluency and student agency. I look forward to continue this partnership approach to student learning and achievement.

During the year, we read in the media of calls for schools to offer more values and life skills in their curriculum. I would argue we already do. With our Positive Behaviour for Learning philosophy, which underpins everything we do: we call it The Waitaki Way – Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. Our philosophy is to ensure these values are paramount and that every member of our school community is operating within this framework and to support any student and her whanau who may have strayed away from this framework. That is both our challenge and our promise to you. To build, maintain, restore and sustain relationships with you and your daughter.

Ngā mihi nui



*Students that went on the WOW Trip in Wellington*

Tracy Walker Principal

## ***Transition Day***

The Year 8 students who will be attending Waitaki Girls' High in 2018 are invited to a Transition Day on Friday the 24th of November. The aim of the day is for your daughter to become familiar with the school, meet some of the teachers, experience some fun activities in two of the subject areas and come away feeling less anxious about going to High school.

The day starts at 9.30AM and finishes at 3PM. Students are asked to come to the hall when they arrive at school. They do not have to be in school uniform. Girls will need to bring a small lunch which will be supplemented with sausage and bread for those who want it.

Girls are welcome to come in on the bus with our Waitaki Girls' students but they will have to wait until we start at 9.30 and then wait until 3.20 to catch the bus home again.

We look forward to welcoming your daughter on the 24th of November.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to get in touch with the Assistant Principal Christine Williams or the Year 9 Dean Lynne Hamilton.



*Japan Trip with Mr & Mrs Williams*



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# *Congratulations to our Student Leaders for 2018*

<b>Head Girl</b> Connie Searle 	<b>Deputy Head Girl</b> Renata Burnett 	<b>Head Boarder</b> Sian Stephens 	<b>BOT Representative</b> Bronwen Ardouin 	<b>Burn House Captain</b> India McLay 
<b>Burn House Deputy Captain</b> Brooke Gilmore 	<b>Ferguson House Captain</b> Madison Roger 	<b>Ferguson House Deputy Captain</b> Brianna Weir 	<b>Gibson House Captain</b> Chantelle Bradfield-Stanger 	<b>Gibson House Deputy Captain</b> Alice Weir 
<b>Wilson House Captain</b> Jasmine Hunter 	<b>Wilson House Deputy Captain</b> Amy McLeod 	<b>Cultural Captain</b> Laurny Stewart 	<b>Health Captain</b> Kartia Pozzobon 	<b>Peer Support Captain</b> Jordon Cunningham 
<b>Deputy Peer Support Captain</b> Morgan Dunshea 	<b>Sports Captain</b> Kendal Rowland 	<b>Careers Captain</b> Annaliese Bathgate 	<b>Waitaki Way Captain</b> Julia Dorsey 	

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# *Sporting Achievements & Successes*

## **Teams**

**WGHS Badminton** (Kayla Sutherland, Xiaoyu Chen, Renata Burnett, Simone Hamilton) - Aoraki Secondary Schools Champions for the 9th year in a row

**WGHS Lawn Bowls** (Amy Ballantyne, Johanna Matsinger) SISS Tournament – 3<sup>rd</sup>

**WGHS Senior Netball** (Holly Beazer, Maikale Fifita, Taneisha Fifita, Jasmine Hunter, Izzy Hurst, Molly Hurst, Hannah Johnston, Caitlin Judd, Nicole Lowen, India McLay, Brianna Weir) SISS Tournament–8<sup>th</sup>, International Netball Festival-2nd

**WGHS Table Tennis** (Ruby Perkins, Lily Stock) Aoraki Championship –1st

**WGHS Intermediate Girls Triathlon Team** – (Tyla Willans, Louise Douglas, Holly Rayne) SISS - 2<sup>nd</sup>

**WGHS Tennis** – (Caitlin Judd, Tayla Ludemann, Mackenzie Phillips, Kayla Sutherland) SISS – 5<sup>th</sup>

**WGHS Year 10 Basketball**–(Olivia Belt, Mackenzie Campbell, Monique Lewis, Jayda Loper, Nelle Loper, Madaleine Mansfield, Milmine Brylee, Mackenzie Philips, Holly Rayne, Brooke Sim) SISS Junior Tournament – 7<sup>th</sup>

**WGHS Squash** – (Katelyn Naylor, Tayla Ludemann, Georgie Laurenson) Aoraki Championship – 2<sup>nd</sup>

**WGHS Touch** – (Maggie Hartland, Briar Johnston, Maree Le Roy, Monique Lewis, Jayda Loper, Madaleine Mansfield, Milly Matthews, Brylee Milmine, Abigail Schaffer, Jessica Schaffer) Aoraki U19 Girls B Grade - 1<sup>st</sup>

**WGHS Rugby** – (Tyla Bishop, Katelyn Borrie, Zarea Bradford, Alisa Cheong, Cheyenne Coels, Tyla Crossan, Cheyenne Cunningham, Phoebe Dundass, Nqaire Fariu, Lesina Fonua, Jasmine Hunter, Shelby Johnston, Lini Kaufana, Losela Kaufusi, Shania Kohinga, Jayde McNamara, Katana Perkins, Ruby Perkins, Samantha Slee Rosie Streat, Jack Tempero, Tomita Haruko, Shania Vanags) Aoraki Championship – 4<sup>th</sup>

**WGHS Hockey** –(TJ Arlidge, Jordon Cunningham, Alyssa Greaney, Breanna Greaney, Georgia McBride, Sarah McIntosh, Katelyn Naylor, Kendal Rowland, Mikayla Scarlet, Anna Scott, Becky Scott, Connie Searle, Kate Smaill, Ruby Smaill, Brooke Smith) SISS Tournament Jenny McDonald Cup – 1<sup>st</sup>



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# Sporting Achievements & Successes continued

## Individual

**Amy Ballantyne:** Aoraki Lawn Bowls Championship 2nd. SISS Lawn Bowls Championship 3rd

**Melissa King:** Umpired OSS B Grade Final, SISS Senior top 16 A-grade game. SISS Junior Tournament team umpire

**T J Arlidge:** SISS Intermediate Duathlon Championship 2nd

**Cheyenne Cunningham:** Aoraki School Girls Rugby Team( Hanan Shield), SISS Tournament team, Otago Spirit Selection. NZ Sevens U18 trial. ASS Awards Finalist - Rugby

**Alice Petrie:** Aoraki Swimming (u14) 1<sup>st</sup> in 100m Individual Medley®, 200m Individual Medley®, 100m Backstroke®, 100m Butterfly®, Aoraki U14 Overall Winner. NZ Short Course Championship (U14) 6<sup>th</sup> 200m Fly, 8<sup>th</sup> 400m Individual Medley.

**Caitlin Judd:** Southern Club Otago premier grade - 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Kayla Sutherland:** Aoraki Badminton Championship 1<sup>st</sup>, ASS Awards -Badminton Finalist.

**Xiaoyu Chen:** Aoraki Badminton Championship 1<sup>st</sup>, No1 WGHS player, ASS Awards – Badminton Finalist

**Taneisha Fifita:** Beko Training Squad, Southern Magpies - Otago premier grade winners, SISS talent Identified player (A grade), SISS Tournament team. North Otago U19 team, ASS

Awards Finalist - Netball

**Hannah Johnston:** Beko Emerging Talent Squad

**Jasmine Hunter:** NZ U16 Girls Touch team, Otago U16 Girls Touch team, ASS Awards Finalist – Touch Rugby, All Rounder.

**Ashley Braxton:** Otago Gymnastics Champs (step 4) 1<sup>st</sup> overall, Otago/Southland Interclub Champs (step 3) 1<sup>st</sup> overall, CSG Classic-NZ & Australia competition (step 4) 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. ASS Awards - Gymnastics Finalist.

**Jordon Cunningham:** Southern U18 Development Womens' team

**Sarah McIntosh:** Southern U18 Regional Hockey team, ASS Awards Finalist –Hockey

**Paige Hardwick:** SI Eventing Championship (FEI 1 Star National Class) 2 horse – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Eventing Southland Royal Bush (FEI 1 Star National Class) – 4<sup>th</sup>, Roydvale Pony Club (105cm class) – 2<sup>nd</sup>. ASS Awards Finalist – Equestrian

**Mackenzie Philips:** Southern team U16, N.O. team U16, N.O.

Senior team, Selected for Southern Extreme Tennis training team. Won Otago Junior Open Singles, 2nd Otago Senior Double



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# Cultural Achievements & Successes

- ♦ Amy Ballantyne - Student Editor Oamaru Mail
- ♦ Waitaki Singers - attended Big Sing
- ♦ Sign-up Expo for cultural clubs
- ♦ Drama Club - performed at 150th Anniversary of Clark's Mill
- ♦ Wai' Factor – Winners – Chantelle Bradfield-Stanger and Esta Downing
- ♦ Pasifika - performed at Polyfest
- ♦ Arts Week – Whanau Quiz, Art Installation
- ♦ Youth Orchestra performed at various functions around Oamaru
- ♦ Lions Speech Competition – 1st and 3rd place
- ♦ House Choirs – Four Seasons
- ♦ Theatrix – Fractured Fairy Tales
- ♦ Waitaki Singers – Performed at Opera House, Library
- ♦ Drama Club – Fire Sprites at Fire and Steam
- ♦ Astra – Fundraising and baking for elderly, car boot sale
- ♦ Drama Club – Welcoming the Year 8's to Hands on Day
- ♦ Year 10 Performance Arts class presenting 'Asian Inspiration'
- ♦ Young Farmers – Farm Visits
- ♦ Hosted Top Art Awards
- ♦ Drama Club – performed at White Sunday Service
- ♦ Amnesty – supported #Not in my Trolley & Freedom Challenge
- ♦ India McLay – 9th in NZ, under 18 Highland Dancing Championships



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# Sporting News

## Aoraki Secondary School Sports Awards

**Finalist** to be a finalist you are judged to be in the top 3 of your chosen sport, within the Aoraki District. The Aoraki District covers as far north as Ashburton, as far inland as Twizel and as far south as Oamaru.

Ashley Braxton – Gymsports

Paige Hardwick – Equestrian

Sarah McIntosh – Hockey

Mrs Roberts – Staff Contribution

Georgie Salter – Coach of the Year

**NZ Honours** is received when you have represented NZ in sport or finished in the top 3 of a national event.

Alice Petrie – Swimming

Taneisha Fifita – Netball

Jasmine Hunter – Touch Rugby

## ASS Sports Female of the Year

top female with in their chosen sport

Cheyenne Cunningham – Rugby

Taneisha Fifita – Netball

Jasmine Hunter – Touch Rugby

Kayla Sutherland - Badminton



## FREE Classes in the Park!

Join us every Monday night in November at Orana Park for fun & fitness to music!

WHAT?	60 minutes of fun & fitness for the whole family
WHO FOR?	Anyone and everyone - all ages, all levels of fitness
HOW MUCH?	<b>Absolutely free!</b>
WHEN?	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> November at 6.45pm



*Let's get moving!*

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# Cultural News

## **Mana Pounamu Awards**

The Mana Pounamu Young Achievers' Awards is an opportunity to celebrate the achievement of rakatahi Māori in secondary schools across Otago.

This year our Teina (Junior) recipient was Kayla Akurangi-Pirika; and our Tuakana (Senior) recipient was Cheyenne Coels. Both girls are very worthy recipients, upholding our core values Respectful, Responsible and Resilient.

Kayla is studying Te Reo Māori by distance learning, and has shown her potential leadership skills as Kaea for our Kapa Haka Performance Group.

Cheyenne as Deputy Head Girl; Class Act 2017; Captain / Coach for various sports teams as well as playing a key role in the setting up of our Mana Wahine Group is also a well-deserving recipient.

Kayla and Cheyenne were well supported at the Awards Ceremony by whanau and staff; and a big thank you to Kayla Sutherland and Kowhai Te Moananui-Gamble for giving up their Friday evening to support Kayla and Cheyenne.



## **Mana Wahine**

Our last "Kai and Catch-up" for this year was held on Monday. Thanks to all the students who have come along to "Kai and Catch-up" and joined in the games and shared the kai. Thanks to Shania and Kayla for saying our karakia. We hope to see you all back again next year.

Ngā manaakitanga



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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 <sup>th</sup>	2pm - 5pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	2pm - 7 pm
January 2018	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	3 pm - 7 pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	12 pm - 3 pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	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](mailto:uniform@waitakigirlshigh.school.nz)

We are accepting clean, current second hand uniform items to sell on behalf of a students. Waitaki Girls retains 20% of the total sale to cover costs.

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 Boraman on 434 8429 for any enquiries.

## Year 8 Reminder

If you haven't already arranged an interview with the Principal, please contact the Principal's PA to make an appointment.

03 434 8429 ext 248 or email [nsime@waitakigirlshigh.school.nz](mailto:nsime@waitakigirlshigh.school.nz)

## Year book

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



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## International High School Exchange

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# Photo Gallery



Congratulations to our Student Leaders thanks for your contribution to school life in 2017.

Congratulations to Serena Choie (2017 DUX) and Mignon du Preez (2017 Proxime Accessit) an amazing achievement from both girls. All the best for your future endeavours



Senior Dulcie award winners for 2017: Petra Corlet; Ruby Perkins & Connie Searle



***He toa taumata rau***  
*Bravery has many resting places*



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