

# Wairarapa College



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Dear Parents/Caregivers/Friends of the College

As no doubt most of you will be aware by now 2019 is the final year of my role as Principal of Wairarapa College. As I said in my letter to you all, I consider myself incredibly lucky to have had the opportunity to lead a great bunch of staff working with wonderful students and a community that is totally passionate about Wairarapa College. It has been a challenging three years, but I feel that it has also been very rewarding. We have built some good foundations for the school moving forward and the current process of consulting with you as a community, our staff and our students around future directions for the College should set us up with a strong Strategic Plan to move the College forward into its future. I look forward to hearing more of the successes of our students and to seeing Wairarapa College continue to grow and be a great place for our young people.

However, increasingly of late our time at the College has been diverted into needing to address issues that have arisen out of student engagement with social media, both in school time and out of school time more notably. This has led to some quite deep thinking on my part around what it is that engenders wellbeing in a school environment. One of the key aspects of wellbeing that I think is central is students feeling safe to come to school. Social Media presents to us a huge challenge in this, largely because many of our young people are engaging with social media without the wisdom and the insight that the adults in their world can provide. Many of them are navigating incredibly complex and challenging environments through the internet and the behaviours that are arising from that are coming into school in a way that sometimes is not safe. One of the things that has also been interesting in dealing with incidents recently, has been that some of the behaviours of concern from my perspective are not just being to do with young people but also from adults. We have noticed a tendency at times for adults themselves to talk of taking things into their own hands and to make implicit threats when it comes to dealing with young people and issues at school. Maybe we all, as adults, need to give some thought into the way we engage with conflict and what we are modelling to our young people. We also need to role model very clearly for them appropriate, safe and reasonable ways in which we engage with social media. From that perspective I ask that all of us in our community, parents, staff, students consider a few of the following:

*Do we think, before, we push the button on an email or before we send or before we post.*

*Could we perhaps pause sometimes and consider the impact of what we post or send, not only on our own young people but also on the wider world of our young people and what they are witnessing online.*

*Could we consider firstly, before we report things that we have been heard through social media or through the grapevine, whether that is actual factual, whether it is helpful, whether it is appropriate.*

A good way of considering these things is a strategy that we have discussed with students and it can be best described as an anagram that spells the letters THINK. Before we pass information on, before we post, before we send, we can consider the following:

Is what we are considering posting/sending:

T rue

H elpful

I nclusive

N ecessary

K ind

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 27th August**  
**AKO Whanau Meetings**

**Wednesday 28th August**  
**Waicol's Got Talent**

**Thursday 29th August**  
**Rock Night**

**Friday 30th August**  
**2020 Prefect Applications Close**

**Wednesday 11th Sept.**  
**Mufti Day**

**Monday 16th Sept.**  
**Senior Exams Start**

**Friday 27th Sept.**  
**Term 3 Ends**

**Saturday 28th Sept.**  
**Poto College House Fund-raiser**

**Monday 14th Oct.**  
**Term 4 Starts**

This can be a very useful way of not only considering the way we interact with each other as human beings for our young people but for us as adults. Perhaps all of us need to THINK at times. Also because we are the adults in our young people's world, we need to THINK about what we are teaching them about our own behaviour, and consider whether sometimes we could THINK and teach them to do that too. One of the most important ingredients for me in this anagram is KIND. Kindness is a value that perhaps we do not appreciate enough in modern society, but increasingly I believe it is a value that is very important for us moving forward in a positive way. Kindness simply asks that we consider how others feel, that we consider them first before our own needs and our own feelings, that we think about how we can make someone feel better. I believe that if perhaps we all focus on this simple value of kindness and give it a new status to determine whether we should say, think, post or send something, we probably could make our place and our world and our school and community a lot better. I invite you to THINK too.

Shelley Power



## Whānau Day

A reminder of our second Whānau meeting for Kaiarahi Akoranga (our Academic Mentoring programme) to discuss the academic progress of every child in our school. This is an important meeting to look at your child's results so far and their progress towards their goals. We will also be talking about subject choices for next year.

This is Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August between 8.40am and 4pm. To book a 20 minute slot with your child's AKO teacher, so we can share results and work together. To book go to [111.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://111.schoolinterviews.co.nz) then enter the event code = zdjgm

Follow the prompts to enter email, your name and student name.

In the subject box only select the AKO group your child is in (your child will know this; it is on their timetable).

In the next box select the teacher's name. Push go Select the time you would like to attend.

We realize it is not always easy for parents to attend during the day, but would strongly encourage parents to do their very best to attend this 20 minute meeting. The information you have as parents is often important for us to know, to work together to get the very best results for your child.

Remember; this is a partnership and working together to help your child to be the best that they can be is powerful. If you are unable to attend, see if another family member can come in with your child. It is vital that your child attend with you. A reminder that school will not run classes on this day, as staff are all involved with this academic mentoring programme. If you missed it last time .... Try to make it to this one. We look forward to working with you to make a positive difference for your child's learning.



## 13 Reasons Why Season 3 Netflix series – important information

The controversial Netflix series "13 Reasons Why" which your child may or may not have viewed, addresses several difficult and challenging topics such as bullying, shaming, suicide, drunk driving and rape. The series highlights the consequences of teenagers witnessing assaults and bullying (i.e. bystanders) and not taking action to address the situation (e.g. not speaking out against the incident or telling an adult about it).

Since the release of the previous two episodes, there has been a lot of vigorous discussion and debate about this series online and in the media. Whilst the show has highlighted issues that are relevant to youth, and that are often 'swept under the rug', it has also sparked warnings from mental health professionals and others expressing concern about copycat behaviour and the glamorizing or sensationalizing of suicide.

Recently the New Zealand Office of Film and Literature created a new Censorship category RP18 to address concerns over the series, issuing an immediate restriction on the show to those aged under 18, unless accompanied by an adult.

The authority said the existing classification distinctions were not considered adequate, as 16 and 17-year-olds are a prime age-group for teen suicide.

While many young people are resilient and capable of understanding the difference between a TV drama and real life, engaging in thoughtful conversations with them about the show is vital.

Please consider the following points in your conversations:

1. Ask your child if they have heard or seen the series 13 Reasons Why. If they have already viewed it, we suggest that you talk with them. The content of the film is graphic and disturbing and will need some processing. The advice from experts in this field is not to view the series as once “seen” it is impossible to “unsee”.
2. If your child exhibits any warning signs such as suicide threats, giving away prized possessions, changes in behaviour, emotional distress or preoccupation with death, don't be afraid to ask if they have thought about suicide or if someone is hurting them. Raising the issue of suicide does not increase the risk or plant the idea. On the contrary, it creates the opportunity to offer help.
3. Ask your child if they think any of their friends or classmates exhibit warning signs. Talk with them about how to seek help for their friend or classmate. Guide them on how to respond when they see or hear any of the warning signs.
4. Listen to your children's comments without judgment. Doing so requires that you fully concentrate, understand, respond, and then remember what is being said. Put your own agenda aside.
5. If you are concerned for your child's safety or the safety of one of their peers:  
For urgent support contact the Mental Health Hotline 0508 432432 or 1737 or Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) 06 9469808 or contact the NZ Police.  
For less urgent support contact our school counsellor, Paul Adamson, your family doctor or the following helplines:

- ✦ **Lifeline: 0800 543 354**
- ✦ **Rape Crisis: 0800 883 300**
- ✦ **Youthline: 0800 376 633 or free text 234**
- ✦ **Samaritans: 0800 726 666**
- ✦ **Depression Helpline: 0800 111 757**
- ✦ **Suicide Prevention Helpline: 0508 828 865 (0508 TAUTOKO)**
- ✦ **Te Haika: 0800 745 477**

## Summer Uniform

At the beginning of term four all students will change into their summer uniform. Below are a few reminders of our expectations.

### [Wairarapa College Uniform](#)

Wairarapa College School Uniform is available exclusively from New Zealand Uniforms Masterton

**Store Address:** 3 Albert Street, Masterton, 5810

**Phone:** 06 929 8233

**Email:** [masterton@nzuniforms.com](mailto:masterton@nzuniforms.com)

**Store Hours:** Weekdays 9am – 5pm, Saturday 9am – 1pm

**Available online:** [www.nzuniforms.com](http://www.nzuniforms.com)

**Payment Options:** NZ Uniforms accepts Cash, EFTPOS, all major credit cards and WINZ payments. NZ Uniforms also offer finance through Gilrose Finance and have a ‘Uniform Club’ which is a great way to save for your School Uniform. To attain a WINZ quote please visit or contact the store.

**Uniform Club:** It's easy to set up an account and make automatic payments in advance and watch your balance grow. When you are ready to make your schoolwear purchases with NZU, your money is already available and waiting to be spent. Call or visit the store today to get started or sign up online <http://www.nzuniforms.com/pages/uniform-club.htm>

Uniform is to be worn correctly and well by all students all year. Items of clothing/footwear that become too small or beyond repair need to be replaced.

All items of school uniform are to be well maintained. It is not acceptable for students to wear ripped clothing, have tatty edges on jersey cuffs or write/draw on any part of the uniform.

The following is the official school uniform approved by the Board of Trustees of Wairarapa College. All students are expected to wear the correct seasonal uniform.

**All articles of clothing must be named with either name tags or embroidered names.**



### Grooming

- Students are expected to have clean, well-pressed uniforms.
- If hair is dyed, it must be of a natural hair colour. Outlandish hair styles or multi-colourings are not permitted. Hair must not be unreasonably short. Hair needs to be neat and clean
- No jewellery (except for one small pair of gold, silver or pearl studs less than 5mm and a watch) is to be worn with the school uniform. No facial jewellery, facial piercings or visible tattoos are permitted. (Applications to Principal if of religious/cultural significance)
- Coloured nail polish is not to be worn with the school uniform on fingernails OR toenails.
- Minimal make-up is permitted: namely, foundation and mascara. It must be natural looking.
- Boys are required to be clean shaven.



### Junior Girls' Uniform

**Junior Students are in Years 9 and 10.**

Summer

<b>Skirt:</b>	Blue regulation may be worn above the knee but at a length appropriate for a school environment. The college reserves the right to determine what is appropriate.
<b>Blouse:</b>	Blue and white striped, short-sleeved, regulation.
<b>Jersey:</b>	Blue V-necked with monogram.
<b>Socks:</b>	White ankle socks (no stripes or slouch socks), if worn with black, polishable shoes.
<b>Footwear:</b>	See separate footwear section for regulations.

### Junior Boys' Uniform

**Junior Students are in Years 9 and 10.**

Summer

<b>Shorts:</b>	Navy regulation with yellow braid on back pocket.
<b>Shirt:</b>	Grey, short sleeved with crest
<b>Jersey:</b>	School V-necked grey with monogram.
<b>Socks:</b>	Regulation black with blue and gold striped top.
<b>Footwear:</b>	See separate footwear section for regulations.

### Senior Girls' Uniform

**Senior Students are in Years 11, 12 and 13.**

Summer

#### Senior

<b>Skirt:</b>	Blue regulation, may be worn above the knee but at a length appropriate for a school environment. The college reserves the right to determine what is appropriate.
<b>Blouse:</b>	White with blue trim, short-sleeved, regulation.
<b>Jersey:</b>	Blue V-necked with monogram.
<b>Socks:</b>	White ankle socks (no stripes or slouch socks), if worn with black, polishable shoes.
<b>Footwear:</b>	See separate footwear section for regulations.

### Boys' Uniform

**Senior Students are in Years 11, 12 and 13**

Summer

<b>Shorts:</b>	Navy regulation with yellow braid on back pocket.
<b>Shirt:</b>	White, <b>short</b> sleeved with crest that is worn out
<b>Jersey:</b>	School V-necked grey with monogram.
<b>Socks:</b>	Regulation black with blue and gold striped top.
<b>Footwear:</b>	See separate footwear section for regulations.

### School Regulation Footwear

Sample photos of school regulation footwear are shown below. They are available from Hannahs, Number One Shoes, The Warehouse and The Vault.



Please note that these will be the only style of footwear that is permitted for the whole school.

Please also note that Havianna sandals, gladiator-style sandals, along with ballet flat-style and boot-style shoes are not permitted footwear, and Rugged Shark style sandals must have the back strap attached to the shoe to comply with Wairarapa College uniform rules.

Pam Redpath  
Deputy Principal

### **Save Poto House Fundraiser**

Join Rugby legend Stu Wilson and the Save Poto House committee for an awesome evening raising funds for the Wairarapa College hostel.

**28th September from 6pm til late.**

Great food provided, cash bar on-site and a talk with Q+A from Stu.

There will be a charity auction on the night with fishing charters, deer hunts, glamping, a signed All Blacks jersey and more.

\$800 for a table of 10 - email [help@savepotohouse.co.nz](mailto:help@savepotohouse.co.nz) to reserve your table.

### **MATHEMATICS**

**Matharapa** 2019 recently took place in the college Hall. Twelve teams (of three students) of each of Years 9 and 10 competed. Whilst there were no overall 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> placings, there were several Round winners and a 4<sup>th</sup> placing – well done to all who “dared to succeed”. The event is always a good advertisement for the college and the venue hire earns some good dollars for the college, covered by a funding application grant.

A huge “Thank You” to Mr Peter van der Veen from **BCITO** for popping in over two or three days and giving our Year 10 classes a chance to hear, firsthand, about the uses of Right Angled Triangles (and Maths in general) in the building industry. His lessons were entertaining and interactive. The students enjoyed it very much.

The trial of our **DigiMaths** classes at Years 9 and 10 has proven to be well-received as it allows students to set their own pace and work independently. Next year will see the college step a little into the unknown with a Year 11 DigiMaths class. It should be noted that, as yet, NZQA are not ready to have students sit external exams via a digital platform so pen and paper will still be needed come year’s end.

**Mike van Woerkom, Head of Mathematics**



### Height Safety courses

Twelve students from Gateway, Transition and Pathways to Building classes recently completed a day-long Height Safety introductory course, gaining necessary skills for future employment in the building industry and other relevant trades. A second course will also be run this term.

Students learnt about safe work practices, and were shown how to fit basic harness systems, while gaining valuable Level 3 credits. The tutor made a point of commenting on the students' work ethic and emphasized that they were the most polite college students he'd ever taught. It's really satisfying to hear these comments and know that students are getting the most out of this type of course.



**29 August**

*Drinks sale on the night!*

Solway College  
and  
Wairarapa College  
PRESENT

**Rock  
Night**

**Absolutely Knott / Signs of Life / Snokel  
Cöpper Wire / She / Dragonfly**

**DOORS OPEN 6.30 PM / SHOW STARTS 7 PM**

**18 AND UNDER \$2 / OVER 18 \$5**

**Wairarapa College Hall**

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# Great news

Two of our students have just been named in the NZ U18 Hockey squads.

**Amy Rossiter-Stead and Oliver Bunny**

## Orchestra Wellington visit

Our junior students, Maori and senior Music classes were recently given the opportunity to see this well-known orchestra for free, as they brought us their 2019 Music to Schools programme titled “First Meetings – Nga Tutakitanga Tuatahi” to Wairarapa College. This was an upbeat bi-cultural celebration and introduced students to taonga puoro (Maori musical instruments), orchestral brass and percussion instruments, presented in a fresh, enthusiastic performance. Unfortunately, the concert was shortened somewhat because of a fire alarm evacuation – but the orchestra intends to return to perform again soon!



### Fresh Jam’ Jazz Day

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August, our jazz band, MOJO, had a fabulous day, as they joined other colleges at Kuranui College to be treated to an improvisation workshop with jazz great Rodger Fox. In the evening the bands each performed in concert, again with Rodger in attendance. This event is part of Jazz Martinborough. Rodger has been visiting the Wairarapa for several years, through Massey University, to pass on his knowledge and give feedback to secondary school jazz groups and his expertise is greatly valued. It was lovely to have two of our exchange students, Louis Hardock and Honoka Yonezawa, joining the band for this experience. We are very excited that our drummer, Dave Marks, has been accepted to study with one of NZ’s greats, Lance Philip from Victoria University.



## Wellington Regional Road Race 2019

On Wednesday 7 August was the CWS regional road running champs at Trentham memorial park, Upper Hutt. We had two runners who represented WaiCol with pride. Jack Hunter is the new Year 9 boys Wellington champion. He had a convincing win that he led from the start. Felicity Wills came 7th in the U16 girls race with a gutsy run against some fast runners. She also ran an impressive 2mins faster than last year showing some remarkable



### University Course Planning

Year 13 students considering university in 2020 have the opportunity over the next few weeks to meet with the Liaison Officers to plan their course and get advice for next year. Otago University have been and Victoria University is at 10am on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> in the school Library. Students need to regularly check emails for updates.

## Youth - Rangatahi

Are you getting your free dental care?

Free dental care for youth from Yr 9 through until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday

- all Wairarapa dentists offer this service
- go to a family dental practice of your choice

Keep your teeth and smile in good health by:

- brushing with a fluoride toothpaste twice daily
- making water your drink of choice
- using dental floss daily
- see your dentist for a check-up every year

Look up 'Dental Health' on the Wairarapa DHB website to find out more ...



Rachel Clarke MN  
Youth Oral Health coordinator

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## Netball News August 2019

### Finals day Saturday 31st August!!

Congratulations and good luck to the following teams for making finals:

Senior A (Prem 1—an outstanding achievement!)  
Junior A (Prem 2)  
Junior B  
Junior Blue  
Intermediate Red  
Junior Red  
Junior Green  
Intermediate Green

Prizegiving for the winning teams will follow the Prem 1 final.

#### Other news...

- ⇒ WaiCol had a netball team attend the World Sport Netball Tournament on the Gold Coast in the Term 2 holidays. The team had a great time playing netball, shopping and visiting theme parks with the tournament being topped off by winning their grade!
- ⇒ Good luck to the Senior A team who head to Wellington on 1st September for the LNISS Netball Tournament and Junior A & Junior Blue who head to Palmerston North for the Mike Pero Junior School Tournament on 8th September.
- ⇒ Congratulations to Vyktah Tamihana who has been selected to play for the Wellington U23 team in the New Zealand Men's & Mixed National Tournament 11-14th September .
- ⇒ Netball Wairarapa Awards Evening will be held on Wednesday 18th September; nomination forms can be found on the Netball Wairarapa website.

**Wairarapa College Netball Prizegiving**  
**TBC date**  
**(keep an eye on our Facebook page)**



*Some shots of WaiCol Senior A in action. 2019 has been a very strong season for the team, beating Harcourts for the first time since 2009 and making the Top 4 of Prem 1. We wish them all the best for the remainder of the season.*

## NZ Opera - The Barber of Seville – A Night to Remember

My knowledge on the opera genre is about as extensive as humanity's knowledge about space: I know nothing. I took the opportunity to watch "The Barber of Seville" in Wellington with my friends and I've been converted. I'm hooked on Opera.

This comedic opera was written by Rossini and is a quest to unite true lovers. Count Almaviva has fallen for the beautiful Rosina, but she's been claimed by her tutor Dr. Bartolo as his soon-to-be wife. Insert the barber, Figaro. He's had a concerning amount of experience in uniting lovers, so the count requests his help and the mission begins. Lies are told, disguises are made and beards are shaved along the way, leading us to the happy ending we all hoped for: the Count and Rosina, against all odds, get married.

This production was brought into the 21st century with spectacular lighting, an ingenious set and a rigged chandelier used to hoist Ambrogio (the butler) into the air by his foot. The performers were fantastic.

Rosina was absolutely amazing. Figaro (the barber), had perfect comedic timing and was a great laugh to watch. The star was the butler, Ambrogio who was constantly falling, being clumsy and just causing a ruckus in general. The Freemasons orchestra, conducted by Wyn Davies, made the opera so spectacular. In summary, my first experience with opera was a fantastic one. I came out raving about just how amazing opera was. The bright colours, amazing set, bold actors and the brilliant orchestra, made for a memorable night. I know that I'm going to jump at the next opportunity that's offered.

Anisha Satya

### Student Exchange Australia New Zealand

**We are giving away \$1,000,000 in student exchange grants**

**Wairarapa College can nominate up to 5 students to apply for a grant from the Give Back Exchange Fund**

The Give Back Exchange Fund will provide 60 exchange students across New Zealand with a grant that will dramatically reduce their student exchange program fee. Students will pay only for their flights, insurance, visa application fees and any required airport assistance fees. All other fees will be covered by the Give Back Exchange Fund. You can download a nomination form from [here](#).

We would be grateful **if you could share this opportunity with your community** by passing this email onto your language teachers and/or career advisers, or by placing a notice in your newsletter, on a study room noticeboard or in the careers advisory office. You can download our 1 page flyer as a PDF from [here](#).

If you would like more information about the Give Back Exchange Fund, you can download a copy of the information pack from [here](#) or find out more information on our website [here](#):

[www.studentexchange.org.nz/givebackexchange/fund/](http://www.studentexchange.org.nz/givebackexchange/fund/)

### Trip to Pop Up Globe & City Gallery

Twenty students enjoyed a day out in Wellington recently, and our first stop was the City Gallery. We were given a guided tour of an exhibition by New Zealand artist Theo Schoon – a fascinating insight into his life and work. After a quick lunch, we then settled in at the Opera House to see a special schools' matinee of the Pop Up Globe's touring production of *Hamlet*. This was a top-class production which captivated the audience. Interspersed with humour from the Players and a sprinkling of audience participation, it was a memorable experience. Our grateful thanks go to the City Gallery which provided a grant, covering half of our travel costs.

Wendy Eastwood and Kate Murray

# HOCKEY NEWS

The Wellington competitions wound up last Friday with the Finals evening at NHS in Newtown. A huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to the boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI for winning their final against a tough Wellington College side. The game was an arm-wrestle with no goals in ordinary time nor after two spells of 5 minutes of extra time where the teams reduced to nine and then seven players. So a shoot-out ensued and even that was all locked up 1 – 1 after four of the five attempts. Keeper William Brown saved the 5<sup>th</sup> Wellington College shot and scenes of jubilation erupted among the strong contingent of WaiColl supporters when Craig Pankhurst calmly slotted his shot for the win. It is a massive achievement for the team and a real boost as the team now prepares to head off to Christchurch in tournament week to compete for the Rankin Cup. A huge vote of thanks to Coach Regan Fricker and Management couple Craig & Nicky Nelson.

Meanwhile on NHS2 the WaiColl 1<sup>st</sup> XI girls comprehensively beat Tawa College 4 – 0 with some outstanding hockey to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Coach Willie Schaefer would have been pleased with the hit-out as this team also prepares for tournament week in Auckland. Best wishes to both teams. We know you will present Wairarapa College proudly.

On the Thursday prior the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI girls won their last game of the season in the Wellington P2 competition for finish 3<sup>rd</sup> overall – another great result for our college. Thanks must go to Coach Andrew Stewart, Managers Pippa Cain & Carolyn Jephson and all the parent supporters for their dedication throughout the season.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI boys were desperately unlucky to concede the only goal in their 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place play-off in the last minutes of play. A tremendous learning curve for the boys in the Wellington P3 competition – a season that really challenged them. Thanks to Coach Bhavik Patel and Manager Leone Presow.

Locally the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI girls team coached and managed by Paul & Leonie Wright play their semi-final tonight (Monday Aug 26). Good Luck, girls!

The other two local competition teams, 3<sup>rd</sup> XI boys and 4<sup>th</sup> XI girls, have both completed their seasons. Sincere thanks to Ben Arcus, Mel Backhouse, Katie McAnulty and Liz Champion for their time and energy in looking after these teams.

A **prize-giving** afternoon will be organised soon, probably in Week 10, just before end of Term. An email will be sent out.

And, finally, a reminder of the outstanding achievements of **Ollie Bunny** and **Amy Rossiter-Stead** who, this year, have both been selected into New Zealand **U18** squads. We shall follow your hockey exploits with interest. Congratulations!

**Mike van Woerkom, Teacher i/c Hockey**



## Intercollegiate Solo Music Competition

Recently Wairarapa College hosted this annual competition which saw students from five Wairarapa secondary schools compete in one of the four sections, Piano, Vocal, Instrumental and Amplified. The audience were treated to a real variety within the sections – a difficult job for the adjudicator. Both Wai Col students who performed were fantastic. In the Amplified section, Denny Lauvi sang a spine-tingling performance of ‘You Raise Me Up’. Jackson Burling also sang brilliantly in the Vocal section, and was presented with the Adjudicator’s Award for ‘Father How Long?’

### Upcoming cultural events

*Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August – Talent Quest evening*

*Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August – Rock Bands evening*

*Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September – music classes workshop with Brass Trio*

*Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Senior solo music recitals*

*Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Year 12 Music performances for primary schools, at Wai Col & Carterton Primary School. Part of Kokomai Festival.*

*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Evening Wairarapa Community Orchestra concert (includes Wai Col students)*

Supporting Sarah to have an independent life

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/supporting-sarah-to-have-an-independent-life>

Help 17 year old Sarah Ward to be as independent as possible after being made tetraplegic in a tragic accident.

Sarah Ward was a carefree Wairarapa teenager, until earlier this year when she hit her head hard at the wrong angle when diving into a pool. After crushing a bone in her neck, 17-year old Sarah was left tetraplegic which means that all of her limbs have been affected. Immediately after the accident she was flown to Christchurch and operated on that night. She then spent 4½ weeks in intensive care on a ventilator, learning to breathe again with different muscles. Sarah still needs operations where nerve transplants will be connected to her fingers and, later on, tendons will be transferred to her upper arms to help the triceps. Unfortunately, even after all of this, Sarah will never walk again and her life is forever changed. Sarah was about to start Year 12 at school this year but with the accident, a lot has been put on hold. Sarah was due to sit her restricted driver's license the week after her accident – she loved to drive. She had a part time job at the Mitre 10 café which she'd only started a couple months before; she'd enjoyed working there with the staff and the contact with the customers.

### SPARK JUMP

This is an initiative by Spark to enable families with children under 18 to access fast, reliable internet.

The offer is that for \$10.00 you will receive a free modem and 30GB of data for 30 days. There is no fixed term contract and you top up the 30GB of data for another \$10.00 each month.

The Wairarapa partners for this initiative are Masterton District Library or Wairarapa REAP. They have been enabled to assist with the setup of the modems and provide support.

Spark can also be contacted at: [sparkfoundation@spark.co.nz](mailto:sparkfoundation@spark.co.nz)

### Visit to Shakespeare's Globe

Last month Jackson Burling, along with 23 other selected students from around New Zealand, took part in a three-week trip to England to study and perform Shakespeare. The group spent 20 days at the Globe in London where they attended workshops and were thrilled to perform on the hallowed Globe stage. Jackson said that the trip was hard to put into words. He said he will not forget a message emphasized by the tutors 'You are enough, don't think that you cannot achieve things or need to be better'.



# QUIZ NIGHT



## QUIZMASTER

*you don't have to be a genius!*

### WAIRARAPA REPRESENTATIVE AND DEVELOPMENT CRICKET FUNDRAISER 2019

Proceeds from the evening will go towards the ongoing costs of the Wairarapa development programmes in schools, Junior and Senior Representative programs. These encompass multiple schools and 11 teams, male and female, from Yr7 through to Seniors.

- ❖ Cash Bar
- ❖ Auction Items (insigned gear by some Blackcaps)
- ❖ Supper Provided



**When:** Thursday 26th September 2019, 7.00pm start  
(Doors Open 6.30pm)

**Where:** Carterton Events Centre, Carterton

**Who:** Teams of 6 (maximum)

**How Much:** \$ 10 per head  
Please register your team to the below email addresses.

To Register your team contact:  
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### 2019 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

The English Department at Wairarapa College is offering your son/daughter the opportunity to sit two online international assessments this year: ICAS English and ICAS Writing. Participation in these online assessments is voluntary and is a great way to extend your son or daughter at any year level. You can enter one or both of these online assessments. Every student receives a certificate acknowledging participation. Students are eligible for awards, including High Distinction, Distinction, Credit or Merit Certificates. Each student also receives an individual diagnostic report, highlighting strengths and weaknesses. We encourage as many students as possible to take up the challenges offered by these assessments.

**ICAS Writing** Students will have their skills assessed in writing a narrative or in persuasive writing.

**ICAS Writing Sitting Date** Wednesday 11 September, Period 1, Rm 52

**Year Levels** 9 to Year 13                      **Entry Fee** \$15.00

**ICAS English** Reading and language skills are assessed in a range of texts. Students are required to locate, identify, interpret, infer and synthesise information in and about texts.

**ICAS English Sitting Date** Tuesday 17 September, Period 1, Rm 51

**Year Levels** 9 to Year 13                      **Entry Fee** \$15.00

**Practice Questions** A range of practice questions for both assessments is available on the EAA website. Go to [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au)

**Closing date for entries at Wairarapa College:**

ICAS Writing and ICAS English – **Thursday 29 August**

Entry fees must either be handed to the college office or paid via online banking by these dates. If using the online banking option, please use your son's or daughter's name and the code ICAS Writing or ICAS English with your payment. The account number for online payment is 01 0682 0200279 00 – Wairarapa College Board of Trustees. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the college.  
Kate Murray



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WORKSHOP

We need  
your input  
to help re-design  
the skatepark at  
Masterton.

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Wednesday 11th September  
4pm - 5pm  
Masterton Skatepark.

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