

# WAIRARAPA COLLEGE

Newsletter Volume 1, March 2017



Dear Parents / Caregivers

It is with some degree of excitement that I write my first newsletter for 2017. It is great to have the opportunity to start the year, already having become somewhat familiar with the College, with the students, staff and some of the parents and community. I look forward to meeting many more of you over the coming year.

Students and staff are already becoming familiar with my continual repetition of the school vision which talks about Wairarapa College being a thriving environment which is student centered and, in my paraphrasing, 'future focused'. These are the key elements around which we will develop the school over the next 3-5 years. We have much to build on and much that we can be proud of already. Our student results for 2016 are pleasing although I do feel that as a school we can do better. At Year 11, 77% of our students achieved NCEA Level 1. At Year 12, NCEA Level 2, 80% and at Year 13, 75% of our students achieved NCEA Level 3. Our NCEA literacy and numeracy results continue to be excellent. Level 1 literacy for 2016 was 93%, Level 2 96% and Level 3 also 96%. Numeracy was 91% for Year 11, Y12 was 95% and Y13, 96%.

We have also been able to welcome the year with a significant number of new teachers. Our roll continues to grow, currently sitting at around 1070. Wairarapa College was staffed by the MoE for the beginning of this year on a predicted roll of 1030. Currently, our growing roll is both a source of excitement and a degree of pressure, with some large classes in the Senior school. We are pleased that we made the decision to add some extra classes in at Year 9 and 10 at the end of last year, based on our own predictions. This has turned out well with these year levels settling quickly into their learning. Welcome to our new staff:

Aimee Fawcett	-	Drama
Cherie Hunger	-	English / Social Studies
Esther Lanser	-	PE / Health
Jaco Le Roux	-	Mathematics
Cathy Mabey	-	Social Studies / Tourism / Transition
Natazia McKee	-	Social Studies / Geography
Lindsay Moore	-	HOF Technology
James O'Connor	-	Agriculture
Philip Roach	-	PE/Health
Ben Taylor	-	Mathematics / PE
Ryan Wilson	-	PE / Health

It is great to welcome our students back in their new uniform. I have to say that at our students look very smart. They represent the school with pride and this is another of our keystone values. At our first assembly I spent some time talking to our students about our vision and about how we act with respect towards others. One of the areas that young people these days can sometimes struggle with, is knowing how to interact with adults with respect. I spoke to them about the importance of learning to know the difference in how to treat their teachers from how they behave towards their friends. The way in which they speak and interact with their teachers is important because it relates directly to their relationships and then to how well their teachers will be able to do their job in terms of supporting them in their learning. We all know that an environment that is based on mutual respect creates a classroom that is engaging and settled and where students know and understand the vital role that they have to play in their learning. It continues with teachers who are able to build learning centred relationships and focus on the needs of their students. These are some key ingredients of the partnership of success. The final ingredients are the parents and whanau who are actively involved in their child's learning and in their world at school.

It is also very important for an inclusive culture as a school that our students know how to treat each other with respect. At the assembly, I also spoke about the importance of our understanding that every single student has the right to come here to Wairarapa College and be safe and happy. For students to thrive and be successful they need to come to a place where who they are is valued and celebrated and where they can take risks with their learning in a safe environment.

Our new Website is now up and running. In it you will see many of the ideas that I have touched on here. We will be working to refine it over the next few weeks. Any feedback would be most welcome.

**Shelley Power**  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

### February

- \* **Tues 6th** - Class Photos taken
- \* **Fri 10th** - Interim reports out; Jun Class Captain applications due; Auckland Uni Liaison visit
- \* **Mon 13th** - ERO welcome in hall; Victoria Uni Liaison visit
- \* **Wed 15th** - Gateway work experience begins; Waicol 1st XI Cricket vs Horowhenua 1st XI
- \* **Thur 16th** - WHS cricket exchange—1st XI Boys, Girls Colts; Yr 11 Geo trip
- \* **Tue 21st** - Yr 13 Geo Trip to Castlepoint; Parent Teacher Evening 4—8.30pm
- \* **Wed 22nd** - Waicol 1st XI boys and girls vs Tawa College at Tawa; Yr 11 Geo trip to Riversdale; Waikato Uni Liaison visit
- \* **Thur 23rd** - School Swimming Champs—Town Pool; Attitude in Hall for Yr 9-13
- \* **Fri 24th** - Summer sport photos
- \* **Mon 27th** - 12Sci at Castlepoint; Massey Uni Liaison visit
- \* **Thur 30th** - Parent Teacher Evening 1-4pm

### ***Congratulations to:***

- Last year's 1<sup>st</sup> XI hockey captain, **Gus Wakeling**, represented NZ in the U18 Junior Black Sticks tournament recently. The team played three "internationals" against Japan. CONGRATULATIONS, Gus.
- **Alex Hare** Yr 13 - has been selected in the NZ Under 18 B Team for Canoe Polo to contest the Oceania canoe polo championships in Palmerston North in April.
- **Mark Steventon**, Yr 9 scored 104 runs for the Under 13 Rep cricket team last Sunday. They played against Hutt Districts
- **Mikael Starzynski**, who broke records in the U16 Boys 100m and U16 Boys 200m and U16 Boys 400m and **Lucciano Blundell**, who broke the U14 Boys Shot Put record. Well done.

### **GALA**

**In consultation with the College PTA it has been decided that  
*there will be no gala in 2017.***

### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Following the Progress reports that will be sent out on Friday March 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding Parent Teacher Interviews in the College Hall.

- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 4pm to 8:30pm
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March from 1pm to 4pm.

To make appointments with your child's teachers go to **Schoolinterviews.co.nz**

And use the login code : rub27  
We look forward to seeing you there.

***#If you do not receive the Progress Report on Friday 10<sup>th</sup>, please check you email details on KAMAR Portal or contact the College Office. Reports sent by post will take a few days to reach you.#***

### **Amnesty!!!!**

The English Dept would appreciate every parent/caregiver checking for English texts as at the start of this year we had over 90 texts that have not been returned. At a conservative estimate this will cost us at least \$1800 to replace them. This prevents us buying new books and some of the texts are out of print. If we do not have a complete set we are unable to teach that text to a class this year. We desperately need your help and support in this matter.

No questions asked when books are returned – we will just be grateful. **Pam Grant, HOD English**

### **Attitude Seminars 2017**

**On Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March; Attitude will be speaking to all students at Wairarapa College.**

Attitude is dedicated to equipping teenagers with the information and skills they need to negotiate the adolescent years and build meaningful lives. Their presentations are based on credible research and linked to the health curriculum, which give young people strategies for solving problems, handling stress, building resilience and negotiating relationships.

Attitude offers seven different presentations which will be delivered to each year level in a 50 minute school period. Attitude understand that the medium is the message, so not only are our presentation techniques excellent, but the presenters themselves are selected for their ability to connect with young people.

For further information please visit their website <http://www.attitude.org.nz/> or contact me if you have any questions.

*Esther Lanser, HOD Health Education, elanser@waicol.nz*

## Uniform

### New uniform items

It has been great to begin the year with our students in new uniform, in particular the boys. Our Year 9 students are wearing the grey shirt with a tone on tone crest and shaped so it can be worn out. This year there is a shift for Year 11 students to wear a white shirt to demonstrate that they are now in senior school. The new shirt for boys has included a crest and blue trimmings and is able to be worn out. It has been a hit with the students.

To fine tune our uniform we have reduced the number of sandals and shoes students are able to wear as outlined below.

### Optional Blazer

Shortly a blazer will be available for students to buy. It is not compulsory and there will be several blazers available for hire for teams or groups of students who are representing the school.

At the moment, the final design features are being brought together to be ready to display the two options. One being a blue blazer with a crest and the other a blue blazer with yellow piping along the front edges.

We are looking at a male and female design.

The aim is to have these available later this term.

### Ties

We are aligning our colours of our uniform and that includes the tie. We are looking at some samples and any changes will be made over the next few weeks and ready for sale later this term.

### Winter uniform changeover

We will be changing into winter uniform at the beginning of term two. There are winter items available at the New Zealand Uniform shop apart from the school ties, which will be available later this term.

(NB - For the boys white shirts, - **DO NOT BLEACH**. The result is if a bleach is used, the crest changes colour. New Zealand Uniforms is not able to replace these shirts.



### School regulation footwear for 2017



Sample photos of school regulation footwear are shown above

Please note that these will be the only style of footwear that is permitted from 2017 for the whole school.

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

Pam Redpath  
Deputy Principal

## The Mathematics Department

We **welcome** Mr Jaco Le Roux, down from Auckland, and Mr Ben Taylor, from the UK, to our department this year. Back again are Miss Fleur Hardman, Mrs Clare Crossling, Mrs Sheelum Satya, Mrs Karyn Saunders, Mr Mark Williams and Ms Wendy Jacobsen. We are looking forward to another exciting year of mathematics.

**Workbooks** are available from Warehouse Stationery – these are an important part of your child’s education, helping to reinforce the lesson’s work. If you are having financial difficulty, please talk in confidence to the classroom teacher or myself and we shall arrange to cover the initial purchase cost and set up a repayment plan. There are avenues of funding to help in the most needy of cases. Talk to us, please!

**MathsBuddy** is an online maths tutorial and practice service. Computers are available at college. It is free to Year 9s (and some Yr 10 classes) for Term 1 and costs \$18 thereafter for the remaining 3 terms. Please enquire if you need more information.

Some senior students will be having their first **internal assessment** in the next few weeks. Encourage them to be doing a wee bit of homework regularly. Banking these early credits is vital.

Remember: you don’t have to know how to do their maths, you just need to show them that you are interested (by asking what they have learned each day and by cajoling them into sound work habits).

**Lunchtime tuition**, free-of-charge, happens every Wednesday and Friday up in Room 1 – it might only take 10 minutes. There really is no excuse! Give them a nudge – we are here to help.

**Graphical calculators** are available for hire (\$40 p.a) or purchase (\$90). These are highly recommended for senior courses. Talk to me if instalment payments will help you.

*Mike van Woerkom, Head of Mathematics, (06) 370-0400 ext 775*

## Preparing for the Workplace.

Year 12 and 13 Gateway students have been participating in Health and Safety courses facilitated by Safety ‘n Action in preparation for work experience. Students have learnt about identifying hazards in the workplace, how to care for the back and hearing through manual handling and hearing conservation courses.

Gateway and Transition classes have also completed a Comprehensive First Aid two- day course. Good to have as many First Aiders out in the community as possible. Thanks to Red Cross. The student’s feedback has been very positive and Red Cross have enjoyed our students too.

*Beth Pottinger, HOD Gateway/Transition*

## Trades Academy

In 2017, 19 students have been selected to attend Trades Academies in the Wairarapa.

Four students will attend PITA (Primary Industry Trades Academy) at Taratahi one day/week and work to gain Level 2 Agriculture credits.

Fifteen students are attending U-Skills at UCol , one day/week in either Level 3 Health, Level 2 Hair and Beauty or Automotive.

*Beth Pottinger, HOD Gateway/Transition*

## Wairarapa College Ball 2017

*The Ball is on the 20th May.*

All Ball Attendees must be Year 13 Wairarapa College Students. Their partners (if not in Year 13 at Wai Col) must be applied for. Partner applications will be out soon.

They **MUST** be either

- (a) An ex Wairarapa College student (with Principal approval)
- (b) Attending another Secondary School (Years 12 and 13) with Principal approval and photo ID
- (c) In Year 12 at Wairarapa College in 2017 (with Principal approval)

The College reserves the right to determine who will attend the Ball, which is a school function.

## HPV immunisation now available for boys

Immunisation against HPV is now fully funded for boys and young men.

The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is available for free at medical centres for those aged from 9-26 years old. Funding for the vaccine has been extended to boys and young men due to the number of cancers caused by HPV.

Quick facts:

- HPV is a common and widespread virus that infects both men and women.
- Immunisation prevents a number of cancers caused by HPV.
- Immunisation is recommended from nine years of age as this is when the vaccine can work best.
- This is also a good age for ensuring boys and girls are protected against a range of diseases before entering adulthood.



Ongoing studies show the HPV vaccine is safe and effective in preventing cancers.

Talk to your family doctor or medical practice nurse if you would like more information or to book an appointment. You can also find information at [www.immune.org.nz](http://www.immune.org.nz).

## BLOOD DONOR DAY

This will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, for year 12 and 13 only. Time to discuss as a family the merits for doing this. More information will come out nearer the time. Any queries please see the School Youth Health Providers.

## HEAD LICE

Yes, once again **head lice** (aka nits) are among us. While head lice are an annoying problem, it is very important for you to check your family for lice immediately. Please know that anyone and everyone can get lice. If you find any live lice or eggs, it is absolutely necessary to treat each "infected" person, but more importantly, you must notify the school so that we can effectively and confidentially monitor the situation. These outbreaks end much more quickly when there is proper communication between parents and faculty.

*Julie & Cara*

*Youth Health Providers, Wairarapa College, 06 3700400 Ext 730*

## SLC Achievements

All 19 students in the Supported Learning Centre (SLC) attended an Athletes With Disability (AWD) Athletic Sports Day at Newtown Park in Wellington on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Over 250 athletes competed from colleges over the Wellington and Wairarapa region. 9 students from the SLC participated in championship events including the 100m, 200m, shot put, long jump and discus. 10 students participated in non-championship events including 50m, soft shot and vortex throw. Josh Taylor, Tiffany Nicol and Glenn Karaitiana all qualified to attend the Regional Athletics Event on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Josh qualified in 100m, 200m and discus. Tiffany qualified in the 200m and Glenn qualified in the discus. We wish Josh, Tiffany and Glenn all the best the Regionals. If they qualify here they will be off to North Island Secondary School Championships in Inglewood on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April.

## Athletics Day



## International Students 2017

We were pleased to see our lovely international students from last year return, and have welcomed 3 new ones. Yoshika is from Japan, Sokhim from Cambodia and Putt is from Thailand, living at the Hostel. We enjoyed a very happy BBQ at Mrs Ogilvies, along with host families, and plan to visit the Golden Shears. We will also go on a bush walk before sharing pizza at the Swiss chalet near Mt Holdsworth.

We are sad to farewell Miu, who has been a great ambassador for her country with her quiet, dignified manner. She has made good friends here and while she is looking forward to returning home to Japanese food, she knows she will really miss NZ. Her sky-diving photo shows she was able to experience many new and exciting things!



## Wairarapa Canoe Polo National Selection

From primary school through to secondary school, years of practising and playing canoe polo has paid off for five Wairarapa College students. They have been selected into New Zealand Under 18 representative teams that will compete against Australia in an Oceania tournament in Palmerston North in April.

It is the second national selection for Abbie Sawkins (Year 13) who was named in the women's Under 18A team and first time selection into the women's Under 18B for fellow Year 13s Jessica Forbes and Roslyn Gray and Year 11 Mia Thomas. Jessica was also named captain with Mia vice captain. Year 13 Alex Hare gained selection into the men's Under 18B.

Twelve New Zealand teams will compete from April 22-24, six mens and six womens. The students need to raise \$1500 to be able to compete and they are working hard to earn as much as they can.

All of the students were ecstatic to be named in the national teams and saw it as culmination of years of dedication and trainings. All have been playing since primary school and had an intensive training programme leading up to the selection. Mia says they have been training up to four times a week including early morning fitness sessions. They had to attend a number of selection camps and as a result of all the training and competing, Mia says they have not had a weekend free since the end of January.

Roslyn says she was relieved to hear she had been named in a national side. 'National selection has been a goal since I was in Year 10,' she says, 'I have been working hard towards it.'

'The 5am alarm clocks was worth it,' says Alex. 'I have been working towards this and I am ecstatic.'



**WAIRARAPA COLLEGE**  
**SPORTS INVOLVEMENT**

**RATIONALE**

Wairarapa College is committed to creating sporting opportunities for students, to promote the playing of sport and the development of players to the highest possible level.

There is a clear expectation that students will play for College teams where the College is able to offer a particular sporting activity.

**GUIDELINES**

1. Where the College provides regular sporting activities students are expected to play for College teams. The College will not release players to play for clubs. Nor will the College condone students playing simultaneously for the College and a club. Where students choose to play for a club, they should be aware that the College will not consider them for inclusion in a team participating in a sports exchange.
2. Consideration, case by case, for an exemption will be given where:
  - Wairarapa College cannot offer recognised secondary school sporting competition on a week-by-week basisor
  - the student is able to benefit by a club association.

These students will be eligible for New Zealand Secondary Schools Competitions.

3. Those students who receive written exemption from the Principal to only play in a club team but may represent the school at National Tournaments.
4. When a player of exceptional ability can benefit and develop by playing at a significantly higher level than that afforded by the secondary school competition, the student and his/her parents can make submission to the Principal for an exemption in order to play for both teams. In this case exceptional ability refers to being a New Zealand representative or being considered for National honours.
5. Additional factors considered will be; whether there is a clash of playing time, training requirements, the impact on academic progress as shown by punctuality, attendance, meeting deadlines for assessments.  
Where such exemption has been granted, in the event of a clash in commitment between Club and College, College will take precedence.

**Girls Cricket**

Simon Roseingrave has stepped aside as our 1<sup>st</sup> X1 coach. We thank him for his input into the team during the last few years. Fortunately for Wairarapa College Esther Lanser, CD Women's representative has been appointed to teach PE and she has taken up the reigns as coach. Esther's coaching efforts were rewarded recently when the girls beat their College rivals.

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March the Girls 1st XI executed a fantastic win against St Matts in their National Knockout tournament. Georgia Atkinson top scored with 26 as the Girls made 79/6. The bowling effort was impressive with St Matts out for just 24! Olivia Roseingrave starred with 5/7 from four overs and Georgia Atkinson showed her class with 3/0.

***Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XI Squad***

Georgia Atkinson (Capt)	Amy Fitzgerald
Olivia Roseingrave	Lauren Mahoney
Caitlin Elliott	Michaela Warbrick
Annissa Greenlees	Jessica Roseingrave
Tahlia Jones-Dennes	Olivia Horsbrugh
Kayarna Jones-Dennes	Tora Bradnock
Ella Southey	

The 2<sup>nd</sup>s have also begun their season well. Thanks to Ms Lindsay and Georgia Atkinson for coaching the 2<sup>nd</sup>s.

***B Pottinger, Teacher i/c Girls Cricket***

## HOCKEY at WaiColl

Happy New Year, folks! Welcome back to an exciting new year full of potential.

Local competition hockey (for teams in the Senior grade) will commence end of week 9 of Term 1 [April 1] and the local college grades begin early in Term 2 so registrations forms have gone out - any student who has been missed can pick up a **registration form** from Room 1.

**WANTED: Coaches** – if any parent has hockey experience and would be prepared to help that would be great. Managers are always required – parental help may be easier once teams are known. Expressions of interest to me, please.

A reminder that payment of fees [approx. \$145] will need to have been paid (OR an automatic payment set up) prior to trial date in order to secure a trial – so please start planning for that now.

Playing strip is provided by the college – students just need shoes, shinpads, stick and mouthguard.

The 1<sup>st</sup> teams run their own budget so no deposit is required. However the costs are substantial and instalment payments are advised.

**Trials** for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI **boys** will take place at Clareville on **Wednesday March 15**, starting at 5pm.

Our “Thanks” to Coach Kerry Hare and Manager Hamish Taylor.

**Trials** for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI **girls** will take place at Clareville on **Wednesday March 29** starting at 3.30pm. This follows a “skills” session on Monday March 27, also a 3.30pm start. Our “Thanks” to Coach Katherine van Woerkom and Manager Mel Kiernan.

Both 1<sup>st</sup> teams have pre-season tournaments including our very own **WaiColl Sports Foundation** tournament at Clareville in the first week of the holidays [April 17 – 22].

Fitness has already begun for both boys and girls, after school, meet outside the Gym. Players from any age-group are most welcome to attend.

**Trials** for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI **boys** will take place at Clareville on **Thursday March 16** starting at 3.30pm.

**Trials** for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI **girls** will take place at Clareville on **Thursday March 30** starting at 3.30pm.

A very special THANKS must go, once again, to the **sponsors** of our top teams: Rival Wealth for our girls 1<sup>st</sup> XI and Property Law Services for our boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI.



Let's have another fantastic season.



*Mr van Woerkom, Teacher i/c Hockey, 027 7731 776, [m.vanwoerkom@waicol.nz](mailto:m.vanwoerkom@waicol.nz)*

## Pohiri for New Staff 2017

One of the clear memories I have from my first weeks as a new teacher at Wairarapa College was the sense of welcome that I got during the Pohiri. I really appreciated that members of the teaching staff and representatives of local iwi took time out of their busy schedules to ensure that we received a formal welcome into the WaiCol teacher community.



With that in mind, I felt it was important that I was part of the welcome for this year's intake into the community. It was impressive to see just how many new teachers there were, almost outnumbering the welcoming party, and it was great to get a sense of who they are and where they are from. I hope this tradition can grow in future.