

# Newsletter

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Fri 26 Feb	12 Biology Freshwater Trip
Tues 2 March	Athletics Day (note date change)
Fri 5 March	Whanganui Secondary Schools Swimming Sports
Wed 10 March	Whanganui Secondary School Duathlon
Wed 17 March	Whanganui Secondary Schools Athletics Day
Tues 23-Thurs 25 March	Waka Ama Sprint Nationals

Biology



On Monday the 15th, our Year 13 Biology class stepped out of the classroom and into nature to start our stream investigation. As part of an assessment we are required to collect and analyse specific data relating to the Makaranui stream's health.

This data includes the temperature of the water, how fast the water flows, the clarity of the



stream and how many invertebrates live at each site. We tested four sites up the Makaranui stream and found various results. This is an assessment that will last all year as we will need to compare data for each different season.

## **Principal Pōwhiri**

The whole school, whānau and community welcomed Mrs Marama Allen this morning as our new Principal/ Tumuaki. The energy and effort from the students was magic and only the start of things to come.



Thank you to those who have gifted their knowledge and time to enhance our students.







# **Swimming Sports**

Students enjoyed a mix of competition and novelty races at our swimming sports held at the Waiouru Pools. Results will be announced at assembly next week.















ATHLETICS DAY Tuesday the 2nd of March

Time to get all dressed up in your whanau colours KIWI- blue WEKA- red TUI- yellow HUIA- green

YEAR 13's ARE SELLING: Sausage sizzle \$2 each Ice blocks \$ 1 each Fizzy drinks \$2 each

Prefects/year 13's will also have fun games during the day for everyone to join in.

Let's have a fun day at school.





#### **Prefects First Fundraiser**

Year 13 students were busy baking cupcakes for Valentines Day on Friday. These cupcakes were beautifully packaged up and delivered to the lucky recipients with a message.



#### Squash

Three students represented Central region for squash last weekend. Jayden Bailey, Grace and Emma Burnard were selected in their age group to represent Central juniors vs Eastern juniors. The Central team won the challenge 21-



15 and our students participation contributed to this result.

# Waka Ama Team

The Waka Ama whanau have been busy, not only with training in Wanganui but also with an amazing fundraising opportunity thanks to Te Wananga o Aotearoa. On the 13th of February, seventeen keen college students, coaches [Chaana Morgan and Whare Te Riaki] and a couple of parents travelled to Te Awamutu to clean !9 waka canoe. To give you an idea of size, each canoe carries six people. They are halfway through their mission with another trip planned. The whole team built relationships with each other and demonstrated great commitment and teamwork. Ruapehu College and our Waka Ama whanau would like to thank Te Wananga o Aotearoa for this

## Food Safety Course

On Thursday and Friday last week, Level Two and Three Design in

Food students took part in a Food Safety course as part of their programme thanks to STAR who funds our students.

Outside providers; Industry training Solutions tutors Nathan and Adam take the students through two days of theory and practical ending with a team BBQ of





burgers and kebabs prepared and served under strict food handling and safety conditions. Students are assessed and the end result is a certificate that is recognised in the

Hospitality Industry New Zealand wide.

Tutor Nathan said how impressed he was with our students after the first day. Their ability to help each other when



their own tasks were complete and the initiative they used in preparing the food and cleaning up. He was impressed with how well they worked together.



