



# WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Mon 26 - Fri 30 August**  
Future Focus Week  
(Course Selection for 2020)

**Thursday 29 August**  
Future Focus Parents Evening

**Monday 2 September**  
Winter Tournament Week

**Thursday 12 September**  
Senior Examinations Begin

**Friday 20 September**  
Senior Examinations End

**Monday 23 September**  
Regional Moderation Afternoon

**Friday 27 September**  
Last day of Term 3

### Tēnā koutou katoa,

The first Saturday night of the school holidays brought us the spectacular Whanganui High School Senior Ball 'When in Rome...' Over the last few weeks since that evening, our students and staff have been involved in a wide range of enriching experiences including: 25 senior students, parents and teachers travelling to Spain; School exchanges with Whanganui Collegiate and Hawera High School; Dance NZ Made performances; Student Achievement Conference afternoons and evenings; Central Six Junior tournament; Whanganui and Manawatu Mathex Competition; The Big Sing Cadenza Competition; Massey University and Victoria University Open days; Future Focus Week for students and Future Focus evening for students and parents.

Winter Tournament Week for our Senior sporting teams begins on Monday, 2 September - sincere appreciation and thanks is extended to all whānau and staff members who freely give up their own energy and time to enable our students to compete at the highest levels regionally and nationally.

Our Senior Course selections for 2020 close on Friday, 6 September. We then head into our very important Senior School Examinations from Thursday, 12 September to Friday, 20 September, in preparation for the NCEA External Examinations beginning on Thursday, 7 November.

Ngā mihi nui

**Martin McAllen - Principal**

MEd Leadership with First Class Honours,  
PG Dip Ed Leadership, BA, Dip Tchg



### KEIGHTLEY WATSON

Our Judoka superstar Keightley Watson has just returned from the Asian Open in Taipei after winning a bronze medal in the Senior Men's division. In September, Keightley will be at a Japanese training camp, in preparation for his next major International tournament - the Oceania tournament in Perth. He is in the running for selection for the Tokyo Olympic Games in 2020.

### ZOE BRACEGIRDLE

Year 11 student, Zoe Bracegirdle has won the 'Young Photography' Section of the Waimarino Art Awards with her photograph titled 'Poison'. The winning shot was taken at Paloma Gardens in Fordell.



### RENEE TEERS

Renee Teers leading the pack at the recent World Roller Games in Barcelona. Renee is now focusing her attention on training for the 2020 World Championships in Colombia.



### ROMAN KOTUHI-BROWN

Roman Kotuhi-Brown won the Rāwhiti Ihaka Junior Māori Speech Competition at the Ngā Manu Kōrero Regional Competition. Roman now turns his focus to the upcoming National competition, which is to be held in Palmerston North in September.

### CALLISTA BOOTH-RICHARDS & ASPEN FELL

Artistic roller skater, Aspen Fell, has been selected by international judges at the Artistic Roller Skating Championships to represent New Zealand at the Oceania Artistic Championships, held in Melbourne in October. Aspen has accelerated to this international level in less than a two-year period. Callista Booth-Richards had great results at the recent NZ Artistic Skating Nationals in New Plymouth. Callista was placed first in Advanced Figures and is the current National Champion for this grade.



### JACK CLIFTON & LUCAS THOMPSON

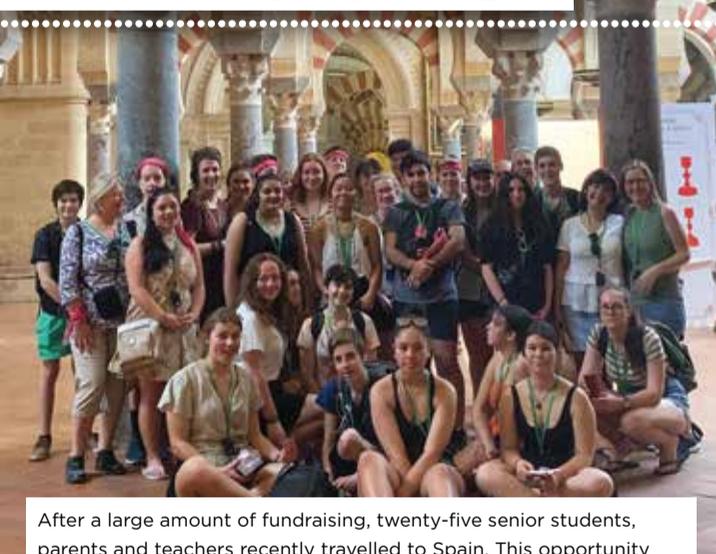
Jack Clifton and Lucas Thompson have just returned from competing in Romania in the Canoe Sprint World Championships. It was held at Budeasa Dam on the Arges River. The competition was intense and they finished ninth in the B Finals.



### WHS ACHIEVERS

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## TRIP TO SPAIN



After a large amount of fundraising, twenty-five senior students, parents and teachers recently travelled to Spain. This opportunity allowed the students to practice the Spanish speaking skills they have been learning in class and to have a memorable cultural experience. They visited 10 cities and covered 2570km. Some of the highlights of the trip were: Toledo, Barcelona, Córdoba, bread, ham, paella, flamenco dancing and the hot weather. A common phrase to be heard from the students was: "¡ Ha sido un viaje estupendo y una experiencia increíble!" (It has been an awesome trip and an amazing experience!). Thank you to the teachers who organised the trip (Beverly Stuart, Queralt Scott and Catherine Sleyer).

Our school **Kapa Haka** group (*Kia Whaiora*) recently performed at the opening ceremony of the Confucius Institutes' International Conference at Victoria University of Wellington. Our students performed to the world-wide head of Confucius Institutes as well as a wide range of people from Chinese, Australian and New Zealand Universities.



WHS **KAPA HAKA**  
*Kia Whaiora*



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## THE SCHOOL BALL

The 'When In Rome' theme of our annual School Ball, had students enter a Roman inspired theme at the Whanganui Racecourse on the evening of Saturday, the 6th of July. The Heads of Social, Ella Dudley and Jarad Knight, and their team of prefects spent the majority of Friday decorating the venue from head to toe. From the entrance, to the photo backdrop, to the table settings, the night was soon filled with memories, amazingly catered food and music for everyone to enjoy. The Class of 2019's night was captured through various talented photographers. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the evening, helped behind the scenes, and everything in between, to make the night a success.