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WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL



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PRINCIPAL'S *Message*

Tēnā koutou katoa,

**Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi
engari he toa takitini.**

*I come not with my own strengths
but bring with me the gifts, talents
and strengths of my family, tribe and
ancestors.*

Whanganui High School is a large co-educational secondary school within a reasonably small city. We are a fully inclusive school and we truly reflect the aspirations and strengths of our wider Whanganui community. As a school community, we put in significant mahi to remove barriers to learning and to ensure

MR M MCALLEN

*MEd Leadership with First Class
Honours, PG DipEd Leadership, BA, Dip Tchg*

that all our students are able to achieve the best possible educational learning outcomes.

Thank you to parents and whanau for your dedicated support of our students and staff at all times. Thank you to our student leaders for the energy, enthusiasm and vitality you have brought to a wide range of school-based activities throughout the year. Thank you to all teachers and support staff for your deep commitment and dedication in enabling

our students to always maximise their opportunities to succeed in all areas of education and learning. Thank you to the Board of Trustees for the valuable range of experiences and expertise you bring to your important governance role within Whanganui High School.

To students leaving Whanganui High School at the end of this year, I wish you all the very best heading into your future years. I trust that you have made the most of the multiple opportunities and pathways offered to every student at our kura. I trust that you will carry our LIFE values with you as you embark on your own life-long learning in the workplace or in study. I know that you will carry memories of friendship, wonderful learning and happy times as you leave our kura as a high school student for the last time.

Thank you to Jason Dufty in your first year as Yearbook Editor and the Academic Prefects team for accurately recording and representing happenings of significance at Whanganui High School during 2019.

Martin McAllen

Principal

Whanganui High School



2019 MESSAGE FOR OUR *Leavers*

To many of you it may not seem so long ago that you were nervously awaiting acceptance into our School, and now your secondary education is about to close, and another door open.

As you are about to embark on the next stage of your life's journey, be it at university or in employment, or maybe you are unsure of your next steps, life will be full of a host of new challenges.

I hope we have prepared you for this to some extent. To be well-mannered, honest, decent and thoughtful citizens, able to make sensible decisions. That you are confident young men and women with hopes and dreams for your future success and wellbeing.

Please take time to reflect on your education here and the lessons you learnt. I hope you made the most of the opportunities presented to you – that you got involved, that you had good relations with your teachers and that you made lifelong friends. I hope you have some lasting memories to cherish.

There will be many things to test you beyond the school gate, some good, some not so good. Hopefully you have developed some resilience and the ability to make sound choices, and that influences in our school have resulted in you becoming a better scholar, sports person or simply a better person.

Thank you for your contribution to our school and my sincere best wishes for your future.

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei.
Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain.

This whakatauki means to aim high for what is truly valuable – be persistent and do not let obstacles stop you from reaching your goal.

Elizabeth Spooner

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

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DEANS

Awa - Miss G Brown BFA (Photo), GradDip Tchg (Secondary)

Awa - Mr B Parry BEd (Secondary)

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Maunga - Mr W Marr BComm (Mgmt), Dip Tchg (Secondary)

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BA, PostGrad Tchg (Lang), GradDip Tchg (Secondary)

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Braille Cert (Proficiency)

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Com Tech (Applied)

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Mr G Jones (Property & Automotive Support)

Mr T Clark (Property)

Ms E Houltham (Property)

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the staff

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Back Row: Terry Tubman, Craig Dunn, Warren Marr, Doug Ireton, Philip Chiet, George Jones, Jos Berkhout, Pete Coombs, Tom Clark, Bevan Hunter, Jimmy Leonard, Nicola Gifford, Minnie Young-Wilson, Lee Su’a, Jason Dufty, James Sullenberger, Neil Krishna, Anna van de Vyver

Fifth Row: Greg Fromont, Beck Ding, Grant Hardy, Lean Viles, Diane Howard, Lisa Murphy, Jemma de Smidt, Catherine Sleyer, Dale Morpeth, Bryn Parry, Tara Jane Baxter, Grace Brown, Ravinesh Prasad, Anne Paul, Keith Beautrais, Paul Keene, Brent Holt, Caitriona Davies

Head girl

REBECCA BAKER



“Kaki Mai Piki Mai, Rise Up Climb High”.

I left Kaitoke school having been a big fish in a small pond and entered my new life in the realm of Whanganui High School. Now five years on, I am just weeks from finishing my time here and I am getting ready to swim in a new pond. Whether it be to further study, work or travel, I wish every single one of you the best of luck in pursuing your ambitions and accomplishing all your goals in the future.

I am very honoured to have been your Head Girl this year. Thank you, Class of 2019. You have brought out the best in me and made me the person that I am today. If you had asked me at the start of Year 9 if I was going to be Head Girl in 2019, I would most definitely have said no, but with the help of my year group I developed confidence and respect for others and so learnt how to respect myself. You are the people who helped me tremendously this year when times WHEN tough. There were times where I definitely thought we weren't going to make the deadlines, which was very stressful. I can tell you it wasn't good for the blood pressure, but knowing that I had people there supporting me through the good times and the bad made it all seem so much easier.

What would Wanganui High School be without memories? “Memories are special moments that tell a story”. The unique aspect of our school is that we each make different memories that contribute to our own stories, stories that we will eventually tell our grandchildren. Whether they are good times or bad times, they are precious memories that will tell a story of our time here at secondary school. Personally, my memories have been heavily created around sports. I am thankful for all the opportunities I have been given, including becoming a leader in teams and getting to make lifelong mates while traveling all around NZ with them.

My best advice is to learn the value of listening. You can be taught so many things but only if you take the time to listen and comprehend. I have learnt that being a leader is not all about controlling and giving orders but it is about being able to listen and take on new ideas without being afraid of what could go wrong. A classic example of this is when our prefects were given the task of

organising the inaugural “Battle of the Houses” challenge. Although it was very daunting and put a lot of us out of our comfort zones, it was amazing to listen to the experienced people and to be exposed to a different aspect of school that I had never considered getting involved in. Even though I still can't sing it was cool to be a part of all the amazing talent that we have at this school and make friends I probably never would have.

I am privileged to be a part of a year group that has become so close and accepting of everyone. Being part of a family is a special aspect of Whanganui High School, I believe we need to be proud of leaving behind an era that is legendary, we followed in the footsteps of our past leaders, learnt from their mistakes and listened to their advice. Now it's our job to move on and let the next seniors build upon our legacy.

If you take one thing away from my last speil as Head Girl, I would like to say, whatever you do be proactive and make sure you have time for yourself and enjoy life. That's why *“It's awake in the morning and first out of bed, life is for living not for the dead. It's rattle your dags and shake a leg. Make things happen let the other fools beg”*

Ngā mihi.

Head boy

ETHAN COHEN



We started as children, and finish as young adults, shaped by our time at Whanganui High School. I learnt how education is not always best learnt from our successes, sometimes progression comes from our failures. WHS has an encouraging environment where mistakes aren't allowed to define us, but we are however shown what needs to be done to correct them. From this, I have learnt that having the confidence to fail, can be the stepping stone which will lead us to succeed in the future. It has been said “you can't improve if you don't know what you are doing wrong”. I've been lucky to experience this through school hockey as an extra-curricular activity. There was a culture created by the players themselves, to be honestwith each other, which lead to critical feedback being given. Through this, I began to understand that knowing what you are doing wrong is only one part. Having the motivation to improveyourself is the next step in achieving. As we move on with our lives, we need to learn how to turn the negatives into positives because there will be challenges around every corner.

Reflecting on the first few weeks of my high school years, which consisted of getting lost, walking into the wrong class because the timetable was a lot to understand and jumping out of the way of senior students, I have come a long way. The development any student makes from Year 9 to Year 13 is a credit to Whanganui High School. The people I've met and the lessons learned have contributed to the person I am today. I have been shaped by the year group around me, and this year has connected me with more of you than ever, which I'm very thankful for. I have thoroughly enjoyed growing up with you all. It has been an honour and a privilege to sharethese years with you. I will measure my time here in the friendships I have enjoyed these last years. Some friendships were casual, and others were much closer but I'll remember everyone, as I am sure you all will too. Sadly, all things come to an end and as our final weeks of school draws closer, I will remember the laughs, embarrassing moments and all the good times we have shared.

I was given the honour of representing Whanganui High School as Head Boy for 2019. What made this

experience so special was the Prefect Group which attributed to many of the WHS successes this year. This group has been hardworking and passionate, no job given was ever too big. On a personal level, being Head Boy has been an equally enjoyable and honourable experience, the pinnacle of an exciting five years at this school. In this past year, I have learnt to enjoy the opportunities high school has surrounded me with. I have experienced so much more this year than the rest of my four years combined.

To the staff: “The dream begins with a teacher who believes in you”. Without fail, every year the teachers at WHS helped me reach my dreams and goals. Previous results were forgotten, and everyone is given the best chance for academic excellence. The bonds shared with our teachers I feel would be very rare at other schools, because of the care and interest shown, many students, including myself, will not forget you. The impact you have had is tremendous and a true testament of people who inspire others.

2019 has been a year where positive changes have occurred internally at our school. I have had the privilege of seeing new ideas evolve in 2019 and to have served our school during such an eventful and exciting time. Once again there has been student voice, leadership and unity within our school community which we need so improvements can always be made for students in Whanganui High School.

To everybody, I hope that you found this year one to remember, a year where you challengedyourself further, met your goals, and took new opportunities. I wish you the very best in your journey and I thank you for being in mine. Make the most of the summer coming up and be sure to start 2020 refreshed and prepared for an even more outstanding year!!

2019 PREFECT Summary

I am writing this summary of the amazing work of our 2019 prefect team from Ulm, Germany. My role being to recruit international students and inform them of the wonderful and varied opportunities which await them at Whanganui High School. The commitment and initiative shown by our student leaders this year is a reason to celebrate and show off what a great school we have.

We were lucky enough to have a huge pool of applicants for our leadership team this year and we appointed our Head and Deputy Head students, along with students to lead events under Sport, Community, Academic, Maori, Pasifika, International, Social, E-Life and Culture. Plus, this year the key change was to select two students to lead each of the houses of Awa, Maunga, Moana and Whenua. New roles always come with the challenges of the unknown and I am pleased to say that we can reflect on some great events with awesome participation numbers. The Battle of the Houses, held at the Whanganui Opera House, was a highlight and saw a students, from Year 9 through to Year 13, work together to put on the house performances. In addition, we also ran the house quiz, which involved the hard work of many prefects in order to make this such a success.

The prefect camp was a way to bond as a team and our Head students did a great job of running an 'Amazing Race' in Wellington. Teamwork skills were fine-tuned and there was also a competitive element in ensuring clues were worked out and orientation skills utilised.

Fundraising events also brought in key funds for school, community and national projects. Valentines Day cupcakes and roses was an early project for the Heads of Social, an organisational trial run before organising the amazing School Ball. The Relay for Life was held at Cooks Garden and was attended by many throughout the

community. For the first time we ran 'Gumboot Day', the analogy being that having depression is like walking through mud every day. Staff and students alike cleaned off (or not as the case might be!) their gumboots and supported the 'I am hope' movement to join the mental health conversation, raising funds for free and timely counselling for young people.

Student led anti-bullying initiatives were a great success, including some innovative ways to engage people, from cookies for a compliment, to free hot chocolate amongst other ideas. The school-wide can drive brought in many donations and the Community team organised the regular recycling across the school. As well as new initiatives, the prefects helped out with our annual athletics day, swimming sports and cross-country events. In addition, all prefects did their bit by helping out with active supervision at intervals. The International students ran the homestay barbeque and ran an extremely well attended Cultural Festival. Maori language week was supported and many appreciated the shared hangi cooked on our school site.

This prefect summary is such an encouraging reminder about the hard work and commitment of our students and the active participation by so many in all of the events the prefects have led. In a recent publication by The Economist, New Zealand came out as the number one country in the world under the "Worldwide Educating for the Future Index". As Tony Wagner of Harvard University noted "*The world no longer cares about what students know, but what they can do with what they know*". I know that I will watch with interest to see the contributions made to society by our student leadership team, as they embark on their life beyond Whanganui High School. I also know that we have the next generation of prefects waiting in the wings, so bring on 2020!

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Ms J Langrish

2019

Prefects



Head & Deputy PREFECTS

Back Row: Jack Donaldson (Deputy Head Boy),
Emelye Brown (Deputy Head Girl)
Front Row: Rebecca Baker (Head Girl),
Mr M McAllen (Principal),
Ethan Cohen (Head Boy)



PREFECTS Heads of School

Back Row: Abigail Martin (Head of Culture), Helena Hazelhurst (Head of Community), Charith De Silva (Head of Academia)
Josefa Tamaniyaga (Head of Pasifika), David Chen (Head of International), Teresa Davenport (Head of E-Life)
Ben Power (Head of Culture)
Middle Row: Jericho Leiasamaivao Turvey (Head of Pasifika), Travis Bayler (Head of Sport), Candice Clark (Head of Community)
Victoria Webster (Head of Maori), Jayen Gulab (Head of E -Life), Akie Ono (Head of International),
Hunter Flanagan-Connors (Head of Academia)
Front Row: Emelye Brown (Deputy Head Girl), Ethan Cohen (Head Boy), Mrs. J Langrish (Deputy Principal), Mr M McAllen (Principal)
Rebecca Baker (Head Girl), Jack Donaldson (Deputy Head Boy)
Absent: Jared Knight (Head of Social) Ella Dudley (Head of Social)
Niamh Monk (Head of Sport)



Heads of Houses

Back Row: Cameron Russell, Alex Nevil, Thomas Friedel, Jessica Gear
 Front Row: Tegan Stoneman-Wills, Arafia Khan
 Absent: Archie Smith, Zeah Brewer



STUDENT COUNCIL



SCHOOL LIBRARIANS



PEER MENTORS

ACADEMIC TIES



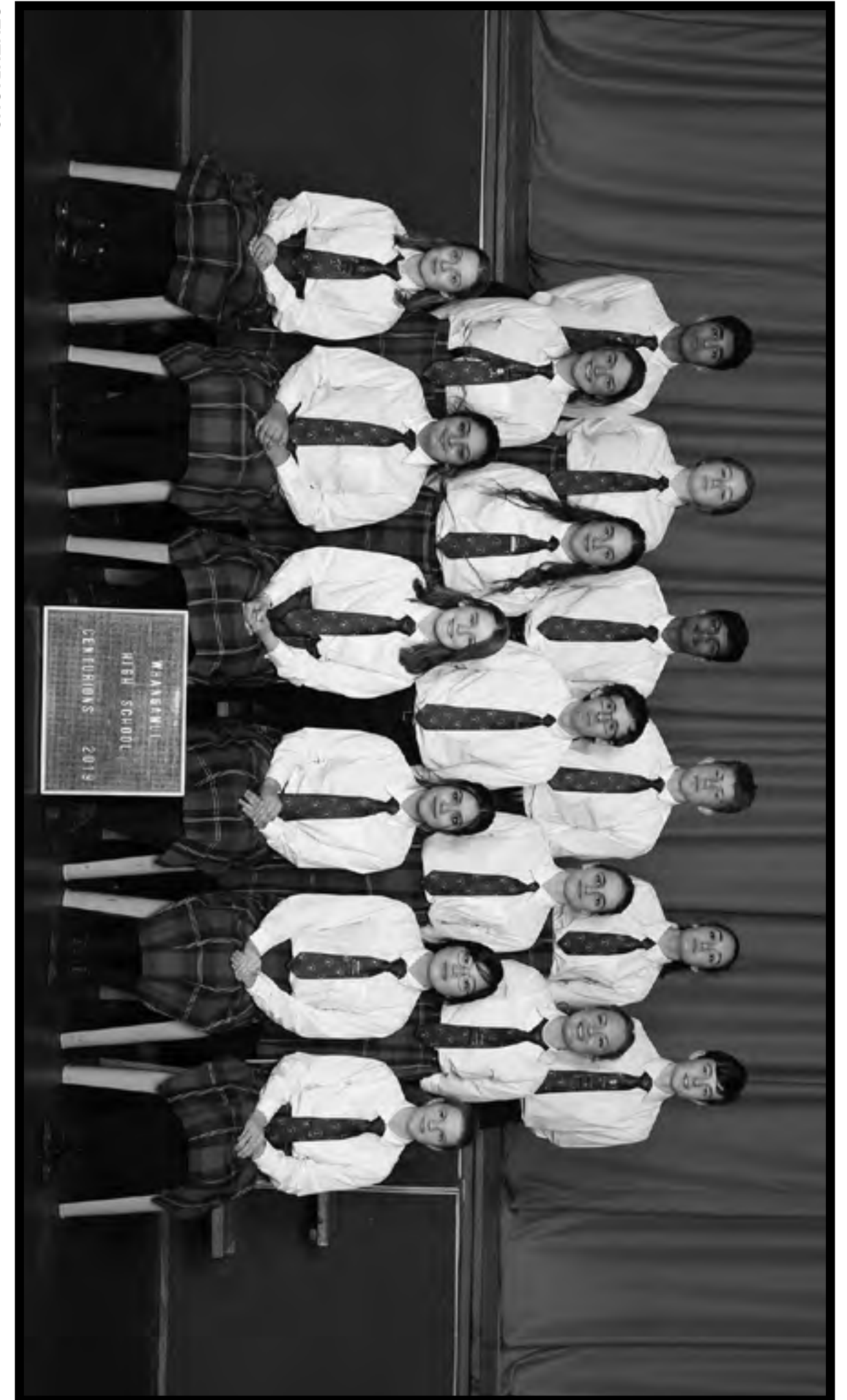


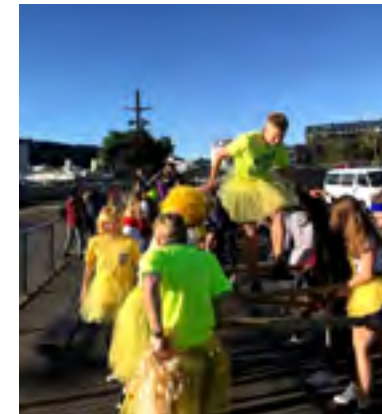
EXCELLENCE TIES



CENTURIONS ENDORSED

CENTURIONS





ANNUAL

Prefect CAMP

IN THE PREFECT TEAM AT WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL THERE ARE NO PASSENGERS, ONLY A TEAM FULL OF COMMITTED YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN, EAGER TO EMBARK ON THE HIGHWAY OF BEING STUDENT LEADERS FOR OUR SENIOR YEAR.

To lead off the year, though, our team of 50 were literally passengers as we headed to Wellington for the 2019 Prefect Camp.

It was a chance to get our team of 2019 leaders together, to get to know each other, to learn about leadership, to grow, and ultimately come together as a group for the year ahead. Even though a lot of us have been classmates since our first day, this was our chance to get to know each other's strengths and weaknesses.

The prefect leadership team's ability to provide Whanganui High School with both effective leadership and a hearty number of events, stems from our ability to work as a team. From organising athletics day, to setting up for the ball, to leading innocent Year Eights around on the school open day, it is vital to have a strong sense of fellowship, as well as friendship amongst our prefects.

Everyone loves a good team building exercise. The first, a baby photo challenge, where our team had to sort through everyone's younger selves. Then, after proving such a hit last year, the prefects

voted to participate in our own Amazing Race. Split into teams, we were told to come up with a team name and mascot before the big day.

Mascots ranged from a tea bag to a rock, and were carried with us all day, posing for pictures in each leg of the race. Although fun, the main purpose behind this race was to build leadership skills and establish friendships amongst our prefects that were not quite as strong beforehand.

The leadership life is a highway. There are passengers and then there is us, the drivers. Prefect camp was a great way to lead off the year, setting our team up for a big year of success.

Hunter Flanagan-Connors



DEB MAHONEY

Scholarship

This trophy, named the AFM award, is presented in memory of Deb Mahoney – a former student of Whanganui High School between 1984 and 1988. Deb passed away in 2018 in Cranbrook, Canada after a long illness. This award and prize of \$500 is awarded in her memory by her surviving family. Her brother, Steve, and sister, Jo, and sister-in-law, Mary, came to WHS for the first draw and presentation of this award.

Deb loved and lived life to the full and she loved her family. When family caught up for dinner or drinks it was always Whanganui High School that was a key part of family memories. School days, teachers, excursions, friends, great times and the odd detention always brought smiles to our family. Deb spent some time in the Principal's office not always for the right reasons and would always put forward convincing cases of excuses for herself and her friends.

On a girls' weekend in 2002, sitting outside the Grand Hotel with a concrete garden gnome (group mascot at the time), the Whanganui Limo pulled up alongside with a couple of Canadian bachelors who were intrigued by the group of girls with the gnome.

That was when Deb met her partner, Scotty, a Canadian logger from Vancouver Island who was working in Raetihi at the time as a contractor. The relationship grew and they relocated back to Canada and later had a son, Alex.

Deb was the last of four children who attended Whanganui High School and afterwards she obtained a degree from Massey University. Deb was a thrill-seeker and a real lover of life. She loved nature, farming, gardening, fast cars, hiking, her dogs and many other pets. Deb represented the school on numerous occasions as a very successful middle distance runner in her secondary years at National level, in both track and cross-country.

Deb started school at Durie Hill, then went on to St Georges, being among the first intake of female students, and then onto Whanganui Intermediate, followed by Whanganui High School. So Deb was truly a Whanganui girl at heart. Deb would have been 49 years old on Sunday (18 August). This presentation will continue each year around Deb's birthday in her memory.

Deb strongly believed in 'fairness' in life, which is why she believed everyone who goes through five years of high school education deserved a chance.

This is why the family have chosen for the prize to be awarded randomly to a Year 13 student at this school, and there are no stipulations on what the money should be spent on.

Deb believed that after five years at high school people could decide themselves what best to do with the money. Deb was a very kind and generous person.

It is up to the winner to decide. Good Luck!



DUKE OF EDINBURGH HILLARY AWARD GOLD CEREMONY 2019

In Sunday 28 July two former Whanganui High School students Brylee Noble and Leila Collinson received the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award Gold at Government House. Dame Patsy Reddy was in attendance. Both girls referenced the Adventurous journey as being one of their highlights. Brylee did the hiking expedition, while Leila did the kayaking expedition. Both girls mentioned the camaraderie and fun they had while they were out in the wilds!

This year we were fortunate to have Mr Adam and his wife at the ceremony. Craig Adam has been organising and accompanying our WHS students on countless expeditions for many years and so it was fitting that he attended the ceremony as well.

Te Pakimaero o Te Awa o Whanganui THE CREATION OF THE WHANGANUI RIVER

THE CREATION OF THE WHANGANUI RIVER BEGINS AND ENDS WITH TEARS.

The first teardrop was the seed of the river itself, a gift to Ruapehu from an all-powerful god Ranginui. The last tears were those shed by another grieving mountain as it carved its tortuous path to exile. Like all good stories this one has its share of conflict, love and intrigue, but also of bravery and heroism. Here it is as told by local iwi.

The Whanganui River is almost as old as the land itself. It all began when the North Island, as we know it today, was drawn from the ocean by the legendary figure of the South Pacific, Māui Tikitiki-ā-Taranga.

On that occasion Māui, ever the trickster, stowed away on his brothers' fishing expedition. He used the magic jawbone of his grandmother to hook and haul up Hāhā-te-Whenua, a heavy landmass that became Te Ika-a-Māui / the Great Fish of Māui - the North Island.

The great fish had huge mana and it would not be calmed. Ranginui, the Sky Father, was forced to intervene to ease its tremendous thrashing, and placed Matua Te Mana (Mount Ruapehu) at its centre. And so it was that calm came at last to the new land.

However, as time passed, proud and supreme Ruapehu, the only mountain on the land, came to feel his isolation more and more keenly. Ranginui, the Sky Father, was again moved to intervene. He placed two teardrops at the lonely mountain's feet. One teardrop was the beginning of the Whanganui River. The other flowed into the land of the Ngāti Tuwharetoa and the Waikato.

But this gift was not enough and Ruapehu's loneliness grew. Finally, in desperation, he pleaded with Ranginui for company. And so it was, over a period of time, that Ranginui sent Ruapehu four companions.

First came Tongariro, the warrior guardian of the two teardrops. Next to arrive was Taranaki, custodian of the new mountain clan's tapu. Third was Ngauruhoe, who acted as the mountains' servant, a role perhaps not as prestigious today but holding its own dignity in the old order. Last to arrive was the beautiful and fertile maiden, Pihanga. Pihanga was given as a bride to Tongariro, to ensure the survival and future of the mountain clan. So Ruapehu at last found peace in the presence of his new companions.

Peace, however, did not last forever. The harmony of the clan was menaced when Pihanga found herself tempted by the magnificence of the tall and elegant Taranaki. Discovering the attraction, Tongariro exploded in anger. Some versions of the legend tell of a huge battle between the rival mountains, with Taranaki defeated and Tongariro substantially depleted from his efforts.

The version of the Whanganui iwi is less spectacular and more honourable. They say that Taranaki, realising that he was on the point of making an error that might compromise his mana forever, sought counsel from his brother Ruapehu, patriarch of the clan. Ruapehu understood the sacred nature of Taranaki's role as custodian of the clan's tapu. He knew that if his brother turned to battle or to forbidden love, his mana would be tarnished. He also knew that a battle between Tongariro and Taranaki would have terrible consequences. The only alternative was to ask Taranaki to leave.

And so it was, with a heavy heart, that Taranaki drew away from the clan, following the teardrop of the Whanganui River. As he wound his way towards the coast, he widened that river's channel. The path he carved in exile and grief is the river as we know it today. When Taranaki arrived at the coast, near where the city of Whanganui stands today, he turned and continued northwards, finally settling in Te Hau-ā-Uru, on the plains.

He remains there today, alone, forever guarding the place of the setting sun. From high points all around the western half of the North Island he can be seen looking towards the centre of the island, at the mountain clan he left behind.

VISUAL ARTS

Toi Ataata.

With the second year in our new art block Toi Ataata, the Visual Arts department moves from strength to strength. New and expanded facilities now include a dedicated Print space that rivals several of the tertiary institutions in the region.

This year has seen several students gain success with Exhibitions throughout the North Island. At the beginning of the year we had several students and all the Visual Arts teaching staff submit work for the 2019 Whanganui Arts Review. This regional exhibition draws over 100 artists to the Sarjeant Gallery with Catherine Sleyer, our photography Teacher gaining a Merit for her Photography, and Rose Hird winning the Patillo Whanganui Arts Review youth award. As well as the WDC Youth Recognition Award, Rose was also the Midland MRI National Youth Art Awards FINALIST.

Other participants from Whanganui High School who exhibited in the 2019 Patillo Whanganui Arts Review included, Madeleine Thompson, Tiana Absolom, Maia Falkner, Grace Swanston, and Freyja Wigglesworth.

Our premier Art exhibition of the year, *Pakaitore* was held in March at the Whanganui Community Arts Centre. This exhibition was combined with students Whanganui Girls' College, Rangitikei College, and for the first-year tertiary students from UCOL included photography, printmaking, and painting. A major event in our Visual Arts Calendar, this Exhibition received strong reviews from the public. Students were required to research the significance of *Pakaitore* and through their selected medium make an informed comment on what Pakaitore meant to them.

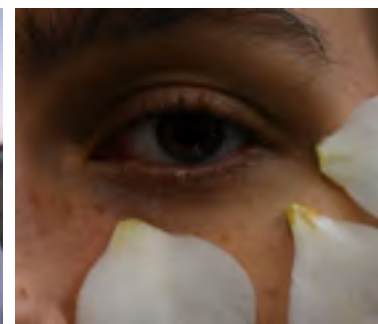
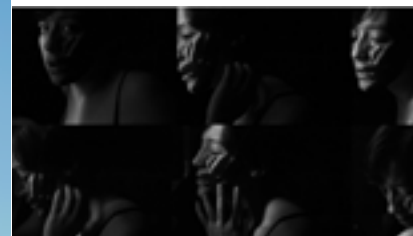
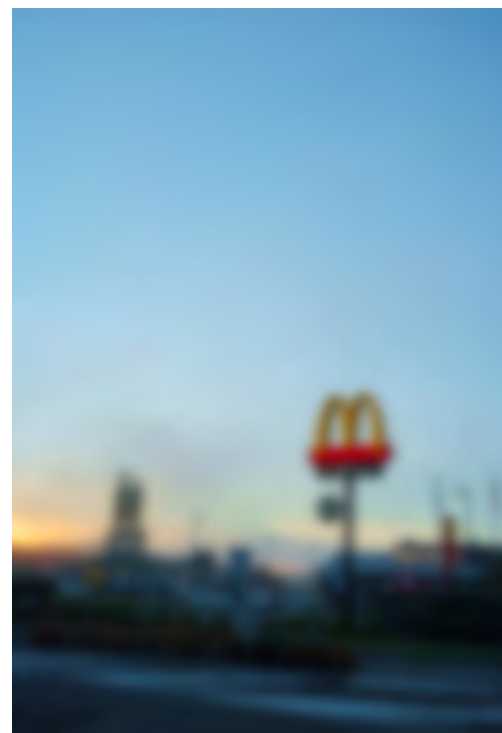
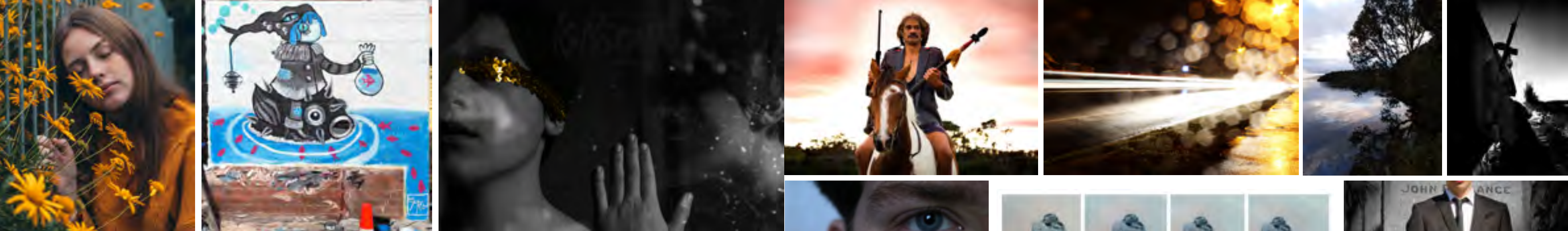
Other student successes throughout the year included Merle Chant who participated in WDC Youth Committee Art Exhibition. As the joint winner she was involved in the "Whanganui Walls" as the Scholarship Mentoree. She was also an entrant in the Waimarino Arts Awards.

A special mention must go to Tamara Wallace with her selection into the Wallace Art Awards. This premier Secondary Art Exhibition is the pinnacle of every Visual Arts Student and with Tamara being selected as a finalist, she joins a growing list of Whanganui High School Art students who have featured in past exhibitions.

Teachers from around the North Island came to Whanganui High School in the July holidays to experience a three-day Print intensive. The workshop, taught by Graham Hall, involved woodcut, silkscreen, dry point and collagraph printing techniques. Teachers from Auckland through to Wellington worked feverishly over the three days printing up a small storm.

Graham Hall
TIC Visual Art





Award winners



The Photography Department is extremely proud of the idea development and learning processes our students undertake each year, to continually improve their ideas and images. There is some stunning photographic talent at Whanganui High School- even outside of our Department. Students are becoming more and more visually literate, as the years go by. We assume this is through accessibility to cameras and exposure of what makes an effective photographic image, in all forms of today's media.

We also applaud our students for their enthusiasm to enter competitions. It takes a lot of courage to put creative work out there to be judged, often in a subjective manner and some students have been awarded for their bravery. Congratulations to all those who allowed themselves to be vulnerable in this process and to those who won their well-deserved accolades:

Timara Wallace, Year 12, Wallace Secondary School Arts Awards: FINALIST

Merle Chant, Year 12, Whanganui District Council Youth Committee Art Exhibition: Joint Winner.

Jack Donaldson, Year 13, North Shore Junior Photography Awards: 3 Highly Commended and 1 Merit award.

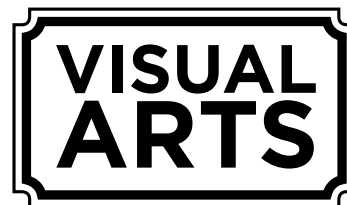
Zoe Bracegirdle, Year 11, Waimarino Art Awards 2019: "Young Photography Award (14-18 Year old)".

Zoe Bracegirdle, Year 11, North Shore Junior Photography Awards: 4 Merit awards.

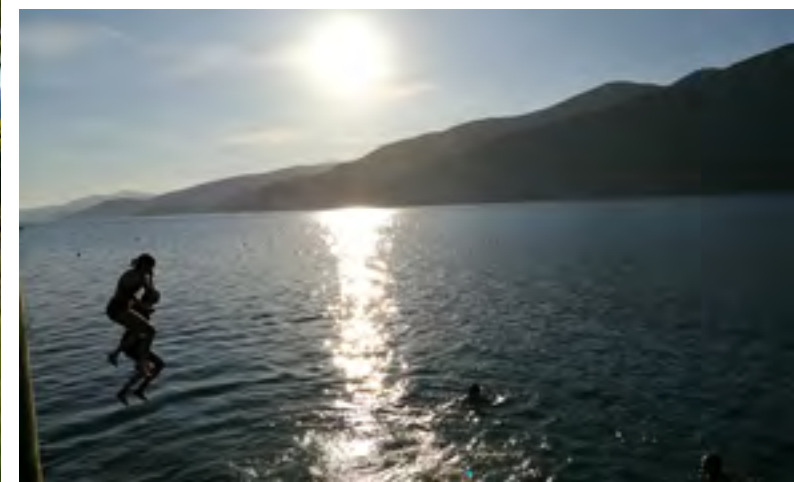
I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Year 13 students, Jack Donaldson, Caitlin Currie, Connor Munro and Victoria Whibley, for their commitment to Photography over the past two years. They could all be relied on to be there, often at late notice, to document formal and informal functions, as a record of the occasion, for our School community. Not always an easy task for students who are still learning and cementing the foundations of Photography, but they all rose to the challenge in a professional manner and the outcomes (many appear throughout this yearbook) demonstrate this too.

Catherine Sleyer
Teacher in Charge of Photography

Photography



DUKE_{OF}ED Silver



Silver Practice

The tradition of going to Mt Taranaki and Lake Dive for the Silver Duke of Ed practice expeditions continued in 2019. It was a cold but beautiful start to the weekend. We left Whanganui late on Friday arriving at Dawson Falls carpark ready for the night walk into Waingongoro Hut. There was a great cook up that night and a huge game of cards. Further training was completed with first aid scenarios and map work. Day two was again a classic mountain day. We headed up the mountain to Wilkies pools and back to the Dawson Falls car park for lunch. Then it was off to Lake Dive Hut for the afternoon. This is a significant track with lots of mountain rivers to cross. Everyone enjoyed getting to Lake Dive and eating yummy freeze dried food. On day three the weather became very windy and cold. The trip out to the mountain road taught everyone about how important it is to work together as a team and how cold mountain weather can be. This was an important learning opportunity and critical experience for those wanting to go tramping in the outdoors. We all returned safely back to Whanganui ready for a hot bath and a rest.

Queen Charlotte

The Queen Charlotte Walkway in the Marlborough sounds has become the traditional highlight and qualifying expedition for the conclusion of the Silver Duke of Ed. It was just like that at the end of 2018 when twelve students and their shadow teachers set off to Porirua for the first night at Camp Elsdon.

Day Two was an early start with a 'little emergency' when the van broke down, just a few hundred metres after setting off. Crisis averted thanks to a VERY fast shuttle service, and we all made it to the Interislander on time to sail to Picton. Our water taxi was the Mailboat which took us on the daily mail run throughout the Queen Charlotte Sound, delivering mail to local residents, before delivering us to Ship's Cove, the real start to our epic journey. We had a two hour walk to School House Bay, our first night campsite. Camping beside the sea was an awesome way to start this expedition. Many of us took the opportunity for a chilly but refreshing swim.

Day Three was an early start again as we had a big walk all the way around Endeavour Inlet - 22km. The aim was to stop at Furneaux Lodge for lunch. The track was generally flat as it hugged the coastline with amazing views of the inlet. Lunch was well earned and then we had a long walk in the afternoon to get to Camp Bay campsite. There's nothing like looking forward to jumping off a jetty into a cool ocean to keep you motivated for an eight hour walk. Everyone really enjoyed their time swimming at the end of the day.

Day Four we set off to conquer the ridge line walk. This was the highest part of the track. There was a lot of uphill and it was certainly a more challenging day. This came with amazing views of the Queen Charlotte and Pelorus Sounds. We followed the ridge line until we got to Black Rock shelter. Camping here the night was a great choice as we were very high up with nice views of the lights of Picton in the distance.

Day Five started very early, (a common theme for our trip), as we made our way down to Te Mahia saddle and Mistletoe Bay. We had lunch and a swim which was a really nice way to rest up before the afternoon walk to Davies Bay. This would be our last night and we were all really happy and relieved to be there. This was a great time to reflect on the last four days and the significant distance that we had travelled.

Day Six was the earliest start ever. Up at 5am as we had a one hour walk to Anakiwa and the infamous leap off the jetty. It was a cool morning and a lovely walk to Anakiwa through the massive beech forest. The relief was very evident when we got to the road end. Lots of celebrations and the awesome swim. The water taxi arrived at 8am and we were off to Picton. Our ferry sailing was mid morning so we had time to enjoy Picton - and some non-tramping food - before we sailed back to Wellington and were picked up (remember the school van break down). We arrived back at school with a new perspective, lots of memories and certainly an experience that many students never forget. This is a special place!



DUKE_{OF}ED Gold

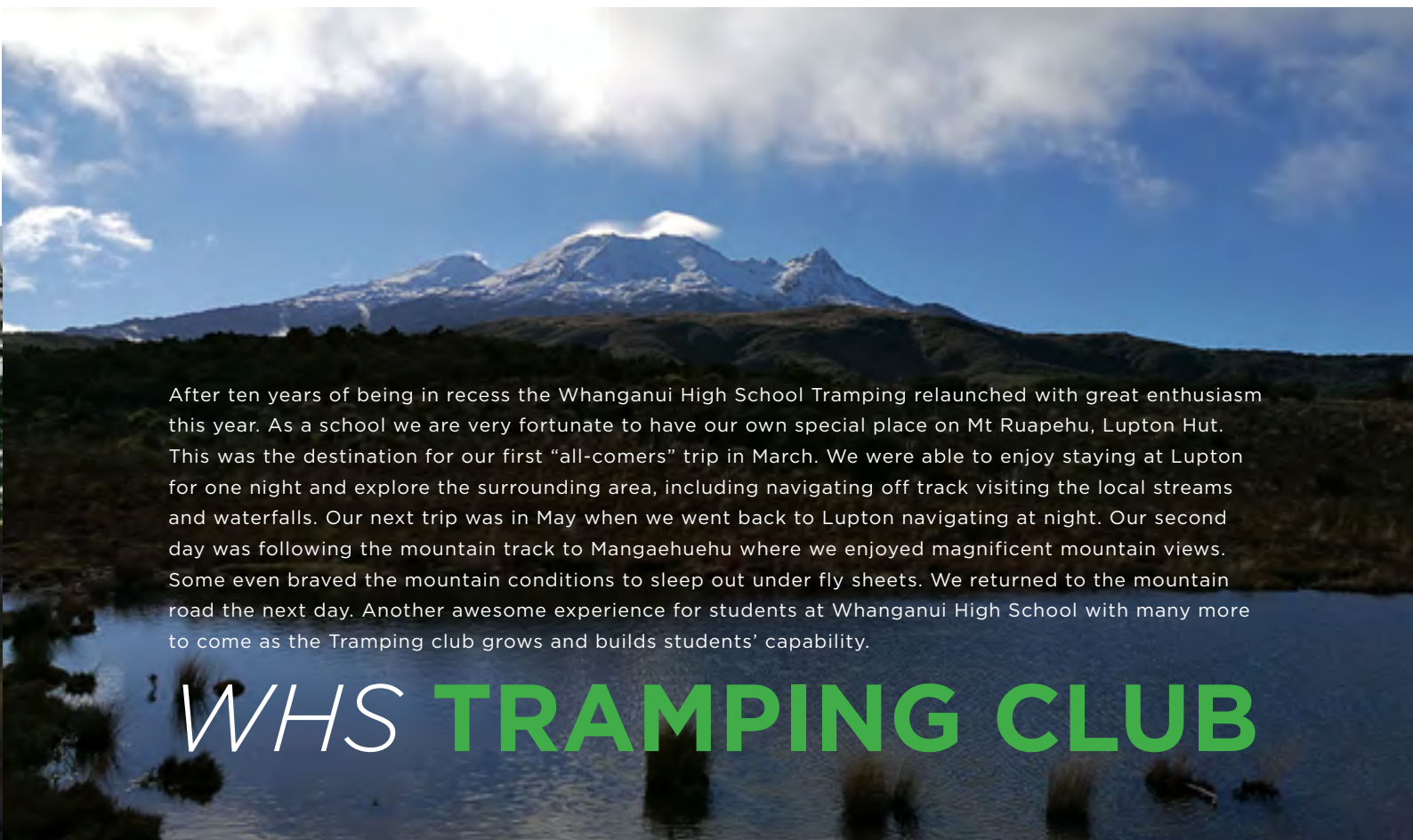
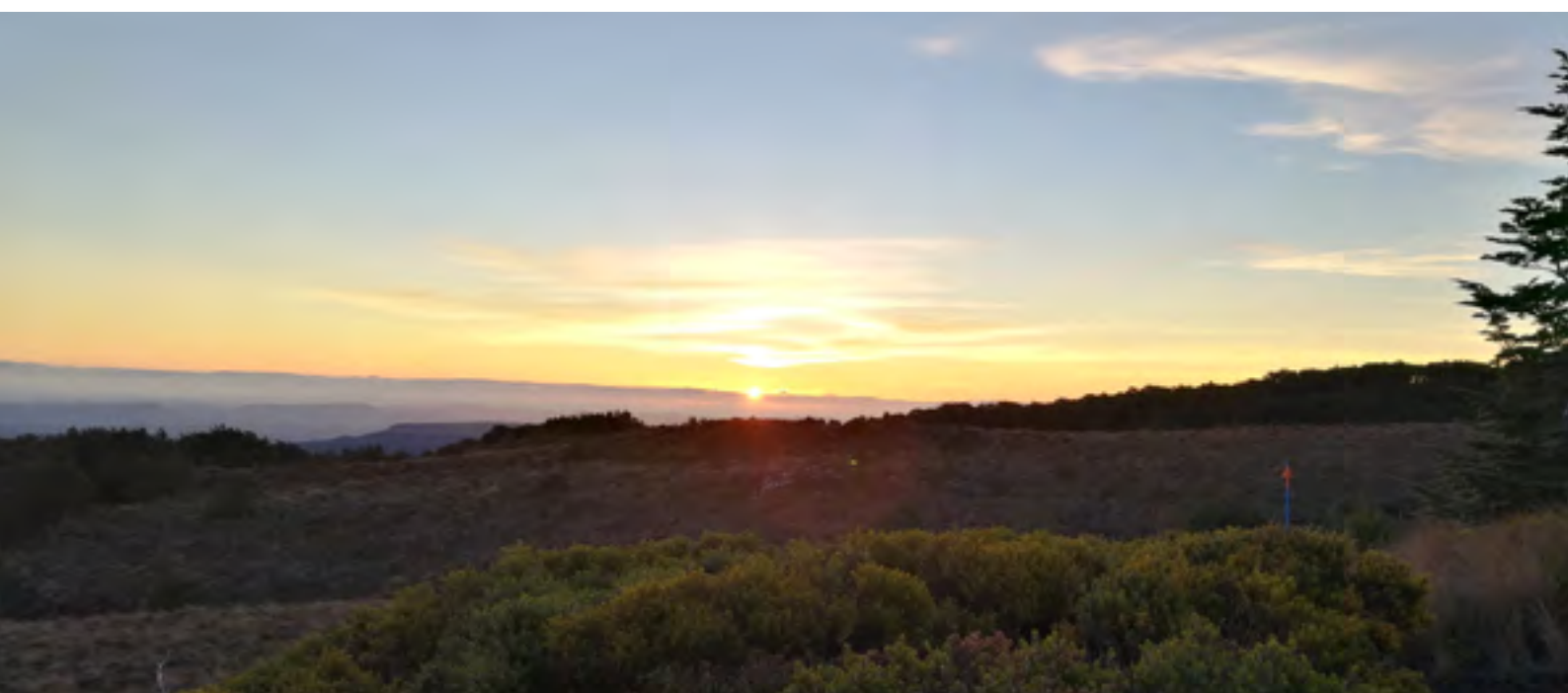
Gold Trip

On a slightly misty and cool mountain day the Gold Duke of Ed expeditioners were delivered to the start of their four day Round the Mountain Track qualifying trip. Mr Sullenberger and Mr Costelloe were charged with “shadowing” the group which included two very enthusiastic international students. The first day only became more challenging as horizontal rain and hail attacked them as they made their way to Rangipo Hut. Day two was a more gentle stroll towards Waihohonu Hut as this was down hill and leading towards one of the most luxurious huts on Mt Ruapehu. Day three started very early as the expeditioners made their way towards Whakapapa village and on to Whakapapa Hut. This was a very long day with mostly flat tracks weaving through the mountain terrain. Day four was the final day of the trip and spirits were high. The goal was to walk from Whakapapa to Mangaturuturu Hut and then out to the mountain road. The group was met by Mrs de Smidt. On reflection many of the students found this trip to have been a significant challenge and have grown to respect Mt Ruapehu as an awe inspiring and spectacular environment.

Two notable experiences were crossing the Whangaehu River and the Mangaturuturu River.



A huge group of enthusiastic students, parents and staff continued the long standing tradition of the firewood tramp. Lupton Hut was restocked with firewood for the winter months and some students who had never been tramping before enjoyed the experience of Mt Ruapehu close up.



After ten years of being in recess the Whanganui High School Tramping relaunched with great enthusiasm this year. As a school we are very fortunate to have our own special place on Mt Ruapehu, Lupton Hut. This was the destination for our first “all-comers” trip in March. We were able to enjoy staying at Lupton for one night and explore the surrounding area, including navigating off track visiting the local streams and waterfalls. Our next trip was in May when we went back to Lupton navigating at night. Our second day was following the mountain track to Mangaehuehu where we enjoyed magnificent mountain views. Some even braved the mountain conditions to sleep out under fly sheets. We returned to the mountain road the next day. Another awesome experience for students at Whanganui High School with many more to come as the Tramping club grows and builds students’ capability.

WHS TRAMPING CLUB

Spirit^{OF}ADVENTURE

Spirit Trophy Voyage 29 March - 3 April

The Year 10 Spirit Trophy Voyage is an opportunity to sail on the Spirit of New Zealand sail training ship for five days, competing against teams of ten from three other schools. There were teams from Westlake Girls, Western Heights and Hamilton Boys. Our team was selected in 2018 for our voyage this year. The team undertook hours of preparation completing problem solving activities, group challenges and had to learn a lot about the Spirit of New Zealand sailing ship.

The day finally came for us to set off for Auckland on our Air Chathams flight. We had a huge amount of anticipation for the challenge ahead of us. A quick trip into Auckland City in our shuttle enabled us to be dropped off at Princes Wharf and we were at the Spirit of Adventure HQ. Our team set off into Auckland city to find dinner and eventually ended up in Queen Street at Maccas! Back to the ship for our briefing and allocation of beds and cabins.

The first day of the voyage we set sail to Kawau Island. It was all hands on deck and lots to learn about sailing a tall ship. Schools worked in teams on all of the different sail stations over the duration of the voyage to learn how to haul the sails up and down. It was physical work and needed lots of teamwork to achieve success.

Every day each school had to do chores. Some prepared the vegetables for dinner, others cleaned the heads (toilets), some scrubbed the decks and everyone cleaned their rooms. There was a total of forty students and fourteen adults

on the ship so it was a major undertaking to feed and look after all of us.

Challenges involved paddling the inflatable rafts to shore, playing shore games like tug-of-war and bouncing on the buoys. Other challenges such as the A&P show involved 10 different activities eg. drawing the ship while blindfolded using your toes. There was the fastest team to haul a sail and the best flag competition too. There was a challenge for all abilities and skills.

After sailing to Kawau Island and anchoring in Bon Accord Harbour we spent time at Mansion House where we played the shore games and practised paddling the rafts. We had to start sailing back closer to Auckland during the next few days which involved stops around Waiheke Island.

We all got to know each other really well and made lots of new friends and certainly had some amazing experiences. The competition was hard fought BUT WE WON, coming away with a glorious victory and the trophy!



Peer MENTORING

Whanganui High School recognises that sometimes we need just a little bit of extra assistance in a few aspects of school life. Among the forums of help provided are: The Councillors, the school nurse, deans and teachers and **Peer Mentors**. This wonderful program began at the start of 2017 and has already seen over one hundred student participants, either as a mentor or as a client. The purpose of peer mentoring is to provide student-based help to fellow students who may need additional help with certain aspects of school life. Sometimes, all that is required is a friendly chat, a bit of support and the knowledge that no student is ever truly alone.

This year saw two exciting new beginnings:

Firstly, reading mentoring began, as it has never been seen before at our school. With over 50 willing volunteers, many students, particularly of our junior sector, benefitted from personal one-on-one reading sessions with the purpose of raising awareness of the importance (and enjoyment!) of literature.

Secondly, a fun new games room was dedicated to students who needed a smaller environment with friendly faces. In this relaxed environment, new friends were formed and lasting memories were established.

The 2019 heads of Peer Mentoring are Ahimsha Saravanapavan and Leigh-ana Hale. Their role was to train and assign roles to willing volunteers of all year groups to assist in the mentoring program. These students, assisted by Mrs Glaister, spearheaded new initiatives and raised awareness of the role of peer mentors in the school community.

Next year peer mentoring will be drastically changed as there will only be 10-15 places available.

At the start of 2020, students of all year groups are invited to sign up to become a peer mentor. There will be a total of 15 peer mentors selected. There is no experience required as training is provided. It is our hope that the program will continue into the future!

The Head Mentors wish to thank Mrs Glaister and all the hard working students who took an active role in this program. We could not have done any of this without you!

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**SENIOR
PEER
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Leigh-ana Hale &
Ahimsha Saravanapavan





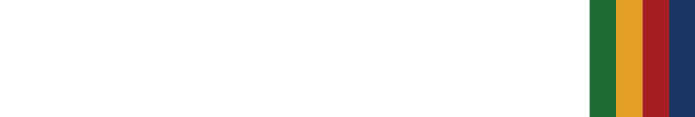
THE *Relay* FOR LIFE

The sun was shining bright on the 23rd of March, the day Whanganui High School prefects gathered at Cooks Garden to join our local community to participate in the Relay for Life. This event is held annually to raise awareness and fundraise for the work done by the Cancer Society, as well as celebrating cancer survivors and their carers, and remembering loved ones lost. The first lap of the relay kicked off at 10am and was lead by a brass band, followed by a procession of cancer survivors, with our team of prefects joining them on the second lap. For the next 12 hours, at least one person from our Wanganui High School team would stay on the track at all times, with team members coming and going throughout the day. Our team baton and mascot was the adorable green stuffed dinosaur, named 'Larry', who we took turns in carrying while we walked - or jogged - around the track. It was a fun-filled day, with many interesting activities to take part in during our off-shift, such as tug-of-war and zumba! Local bands provided live music during the morning, and the soundtrack for the rest of the day was filled with classics and head-bangers that created a lively atmosphere and was great motivation booster. The setting of the sun marked the time for the breathtaking candlelight ceremony. Lanterns filled with glowing candles or tea lights were placed around the edges of the track, on which families inscribed the names of their loved ones that had been lost. The closing consisted of a beautiful song played on the bagpipes, followed by a karakia and the releasing of three lanterns into the sky - a truly beautiful ending to a fantastic day.



THE
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“LOVE WAS WELL
& TRULY IN THE
AIR AROUND THE
WHANGANUI HIGH
SCHOOL CAMPUS.”



VALENTINE'S *Day*



On the day of February 14th, love was in the air at Whanganui High School where, with the help of the Heads of Social and various other prefects, the day was made extra special for students. With the first event on the School calendar happening just a few weeks after the first day, preparation started even before the holidays ended! Delicious and cutely decorated cupcakes were made and secured in boxes tied with a message from a secret - or not-so-secret-admirer, sometimes paired with a chocolate rose. These were specially delivered by our Valentine's Day fairies throughout the beginning hours of the school day. The celebration of love extended into break time where the happiness of the day brought everyone together, enjoying the talented students of our school participating in the annual Valentine's Day Open Mic, which concluded the morning of love-sharing festivities!



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Junior DEBATING.....

Whanganui High School debating goes from strength to strength with four junior teams contesting the John Prestage regional debating competition. We have won some and lost some and had a lot of fun sharpening our ability to think critically about an issue and develop arguments that rebut points raised by the opposition.

Our Kowhai Debating Team won their debate against Freyberg High School. The moot was that this house “***supports increased government surveillance***”. Our team was the affirming side and the adjudicators found that their arguments were more persuasive in proving that “greater surveillance will lead to greater safety for New Zealanders”.

Our Kakariki team won their debate against Collegiate on the same moot. Our Whero team won their debate against Cullinane on the moot that this house “***supports the right of public servants to strike***”. Overall, this was a year of great team-work.

Thanks to all who participated and supported us.



Yr 10 debaters: *Toni Adams, Firooze Colaabavala, Calum Sinclair, Ashlea Hale, Laura Mackintosh, Lauren Phillips, Dominic Benfell, Benjamin White, Olivia Bedwell, Maddi McKenzie, Eve Parker-Groves*



The White Cliffs

The storm was closing in, Max knew he needed to reach the ship before the storm's eye was on top of him...

Years ago, when Max was a child, he loved it when there was a storm. He would stay up until all hours of the morning watching the lightning, then counting the thunder. This was before the climate change 'ice age' and storms had become the number one killer for the survivors.

Max knew he had to get up and over the formidable White Cliffs, which had killed so many survivors before him. Each of the lives that the cliffs had taken left a nagging thought at the back of Max's mind that they had all perhaps taken the same journey to the SS Queenie- a self-sufficient survivor station. All of them, including Max, must have been tempted by the thought of clean water, warm food, and a roof to protect them against the elements. But the thought of being surrounded by actual human beings had been the biggest temptation. Max had been alone for so long he had started to forget what a human sounded like, felt like, and even looked like. This journey meant so much to him, he had already been through so much that he couldn't die now.

Max stood strong in the snow, fighting the urge to fall over and give up but he couldn't. He'd already given up everything. The final obstacle was upon him. The blistering cold wind whipped against his face, numbing his nose, making his eyes water. The only thing that provided him little warmth, his most treasured possession, was his thin torn grey jacket. This had once been his father's gardening jacket but now it was the only thing left to remind him of his father.

Max set off, determined, to conquer the final leg of this journey.

The formidable White Cliffs were surrounded by the imposing black clouds of the raging storm... would he make it?

Maggie ●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●

Creative WRITING

Kapuni Farm, 2011 (if I could reverse time)

The cattle were white-faced silhouettes against the pale, pink sky. My eyes were heavy as we marched slowly down the raceway, breathing grey clouds into the frigid air. Dewdrops dribbled down mossy fence posts and daisies opened their petite petals to the gentle warmth of the morning sun. Grossi walked to the milking shed, and the blinding, industrial lights flickered their bright eyes for a while before properly waking up. The shed hummed to life.

Frost on the grass crunched beneath my gumboots, as I padded through the sleeping paddocks. Ice cracked and water splashed me, as I broke the surfaces of frozen troughs around the farm. My one job was complete. I wandered to the top of a lonely hill and watched the sun wake up, then edge its way over the mountain and into the sky. In the orange light, Grossi called for me to come help hose down the shed. A little girl donning a pink jacket, a purple hand-knitted beanie and ice blonde plaits skipped down the hill.

With Grossi chattering away in Swiss-German, we walked the cows home in the half-light. I told her all about the sunrise.

As we trudged down the muddy race, the sun began to warm the world. Lush, green pastures glistened in the rays of a cheery morning. A solitary hawk circled in the sky, majestic and peaceful. A hare darted across an empty paddock with such swiftness, that he was just a blur. I could feel the ghost of a breeze on the back of my neck, and the slight heat of the new sun on my face. I never wanted to leave.

Erna and Remigi Zimmerman (my grandparents) immigrated to New Zealand, from Switzerland, during the 1970s. They have been dairy farming in the Taranaki region ever since they stepped off their one-way boat ride to the country. Remigi and Erna retired from farming in 2015 and recently sold their dairy herd. They no longer live on the farm but remain in ownership of the land.

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At the end of the sloping garden rests a botanical giant. Towering over the rest of the garden, the giant guards the flower beds which cover the ground below. Time has not been kind to this ancient specimen. The many grueling years it has stood there, have taken a toll on its limbs. It has witnessed many small eager faces staring up at its monstrous branches. Standing tall and strong, it will continue to challenge willing climbers for many more years to come.

The knotted and gnarled bark has an ever-increasing layer of soft moss creeping over its surface. The moss helps the aged bark battle the elements, like a soft winter coat. Lightning has struck one of the branches, but this hasn't phased the giant. A metal bolt holds one of its ancient limbs together like a metal rod might hold a broken bone. The leaves still renew every year: green in the summer, reds and yellows in autumn and not there at all in the winter. The wicked wind snatches the treasures from the giant's fingers and lays them across the lawn like a mat. The mat then rolls away as the days fade, and the temperature warms up.



In one of the biggest branches, a little swing is suspended. Many children have stopped by and sat down for a swing, but these children are long gone now. The hope is that one day those children will bring back their own kids, and they will get to know the same joy of swinging from the tree's strong limbs. Kids aren't the only creatures the giant has nurtured. In amongst the tangle of branches, nests have been meticulously built with love and care. Branches cradle the nests and the guests within, until the time comes for the small creatures to leave. The tree is a survivor of time, a battler against the elements, and a guardian of the backyard.

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QUIZ NIGHT

On the 7th of March, the Heads of Academia held their first event of the year, the well-known 'Quiz Night' which has become an absolute classic in Whanganui High School over the years. Hosted by the charismatic Abby Martin and Jared Knight, teams took part in three and a half hours of intense quizzing, while being treated to team requested music, warm food and an amazing atmosphere as they all competed to be crowned the winners. The event occurred with no mishaps or issues due to the long and passionate planning process which began in Week 2 and carried on till the night, as well as the massive support from the prefect helpers who made this event possible. Teams came dressed up in a variety of different ideas ranging from Crayons to Jesus Christ and his followers, and there were plenty of prizes up for grabs, kindly donated by various businesses within Whanganui. Ultimately, 'Patea Maori Club' came out on top, taking the 1st place spot. This event raised just over \$900, and this money is put towards the creation of the yearbook. The night entertained 40 teams (200 students) and gave them a memorable night.

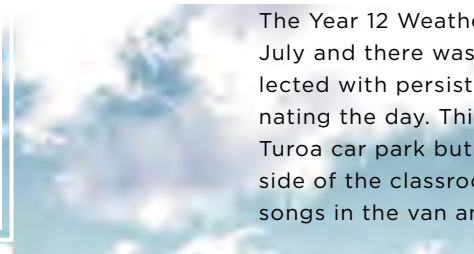


GEOGRAPHY TRIPS

The Year 11 students completed their day trip to Tongariro National Park on August the 15th and were blessed with a spectacular day. The first stop was the National Trout Centre learning about freshwater ecology and the various partnerships that operate within the park to strike up a balance between progress and preservation. The students were lucky enough to witness the trout top up occur where hundreds of trout were released into the children's fishing pond. The viewpoint halfway up SH47 overlooking Lake Taupo was sublime. Opatoka Pa was the next stop, significant for the cultural reasons behind the parks World Heritage status. The gifting of the mountains, the origins of Ka Mate and the Korero Purakau of the local Maunga the key learning points. As we headed up past the Chateau it was clear that others were out enjoying the stunning day with nearly 10,000 people cramming Whakapapa Skifield. We opted for space and freedom and explored the large area around Scoria Flat to play and have snow fights. The final stop at Tawhai Falls a reminder of what protecting natural environments should be like. Overall, a fun and informative day was held and the students were great.



The Year 12 Weather trip was held on the 30th of July and there was plenty of weather data to be collected with persistent rain and strong winds dominating the day. This prevented us from reaching the Turoa car park but the students had a fun day outside of the classroom and were able to sing some songs in the van and enjoying each others company.



The Year 13 coastal trip to the Kapiti Coast turned out to be too nice weather wise in regards to the data students were hoping to gather. The small cohort of 15 made their way down via a licorice stop in Levin and a stamp buying splurge in Otaki. The beautiful July day meant little wind variation and small sized breakers. None the less, this meant that the students could enjoy the sunshine and beauty of the area as we went from site to site gathering data. Hopefully when Google Earth updates their imagery, many will find themselves global stars as the Google Car cruised along the Pukerua Bay waterfront. These students now depart and I wish them all the best with their future endeavours and thank them for their time in this subject over the past 3 years.



2019 saw 25 new members participate on one of our trips.

In March, 15 students including Mrs Dunn and Mr Marr embarked on a little journey around coastal Taranaki and spent the night in the historic Awakino Post Office. The following day the weather didn't cooperate and we spent a fair amount of time in the vehicles navigating through the rugged sedimentary hill country and gravel roads that adorn the Forgotten Highway (SH43). In fact that trip involved entering the borders of the Republic of Whangamomona, population 41. The roads involved several impressive tunnels that burrow through the hillsides and provide very good acoustics for both van horn and hee hee squeals. A few impressive saddle climbs challenged 'Vicki' the dirty old Delica and Mr Marr did well not to receive 2nd degree burns from the ever heating engine, although did have to make in excess of 1000 gear changes.

In August 15 students made the long trip up to Auckland to attend the Warriors vs Canberra Raiders NRL match at Mt Smart Stadium. Again, some not so pleasant weather hindered our sight-seeing. The group caught the train from Papakura to Penrose and consumed several pizzas on the journey. 10,500 thousand spectators were there to witness a comprehensive 46-12 win by the Raiders. Thankfully most were dressed in green to celebrate the performance and were even privileged enough to meet several players after the game. Saturday involved some very windy and gravel roads from Port Waikato to Raglan. 6 metre swells battered the coast and was quite an impressive sight. The road from Raglan to Ruapuke challenged the drivers and we eventually made it to Waitomo. A relaxing spa was followed by a not so relaxing morning and we again drove through the rain to make it to Whakapapa Village where we had a bit of a play amongst snow on the golf course. The club itself is simply for those who want to enjoy the back country roads of NZ, see some interesting things, learn a bit, sing a lot in the van and meet new people. 2020 will see a few trips run to the Eastern Bay of Plenty and the Hawkes Bay. So if this sounds like you, come and find Mr Hunter and enquire.

Exploration & DISCOVERY CLUB





THE ANNUAL SOUTH ISLAND GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TOOK PLACE IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR WITH A COSY CONTINGENT OF 21 STUDENTS.

The annual South Island Geography field trip was held in April of this year with a cosy cohort of 21 eager Year 12 students.

We began as always at around 4:15 a.m. before meeting at school and riding the bus to Palmerston North Airport for our early morning flight to Christchurch. A first time flyer and a stunning sunrise kicked us off before we headed West towards the high country via the Waimakariri Gorge. Our usual stops at places like Lake Lyndon, Castle Hill, Cave Stream and the Waimakariri River bed. The Otira Viaduct enabled students to admire the engineering feats and challenging terrain. The quirky stop at Otira posing with Gandalf and riding a pennyfarthing along with the interesting taxidermy efforts kept the students fascinated. The Grey River Mouth had some impressive swells rolling in before we arrived in Hokitika to admire the iconic driftwood sunset and settling into our accommodation.

Day 2 dawned again with some lovely weather, which enabled us to explore some of the interior around Hokitika for a Geography first. This involved the lovely Lake Kaniere with a cheeky little bush walk and some shoddy stone skipping. A misdirected search

for the Hokitika Gorge eventuated in crossing some swing bridges before admiring the still stained milky grey river from the epic floods a fortnight ago. The usual Tree Top Walk near Lake Mahinapua produced a less than talked up lunch, although they did get to enjoy the novelty of a golf cart escort back to base. A sneaky trip to Ross and Ross Beach preceded the Master Chef challenge for the evening which was taken out by Rakaia for their chicken and bacon burgers. This left just enough time for another memorable sunset before we popped in to see the local glow worm dell. A few brave adventurers then embarked on a star gazing mission up the Arahura Valley producing one of the clearest skies ever witnessed and numerous meteor sightings.

Day 3 arrived under clear skies again and the inevitable detour took place due to the washing away of the Waiho Bridge that prevented us from following our usual path down the West Coast. So instead we had to backtrack through Arthur's Pass which was fine given the amazing weather. The Rakaia Gorge continued the sightseeing odyssey and we zig zagged our way through the Canterbury backroads as we made our way to Oamaru. The historic waterfront was explored

including some bike hireage. The Little Blue Penguin Colony then awaited us and almost 200 surged their way up the beach to their nests.

Day 4 involved more epic driving via various new sites including the Moeraki Boulders, the amazing time capsule shop in Palmerston and the climb up to Macrae's Mine. Again the clear blue skies providing a beautiful vista as we followed the Otago Rail Trail through Ranfurly and on to the Clyde Dam and Cromwell for the fruit stop. A late arrival at the Arrowtown Museum meant a slightly rushed talk before the gold pans were issued and most managed to spot the glowing gleam of gold at the bottom of the pan. A Pak n Save mission was followed by a cheeseburger or 8 before the evening drive through to Te Anau and the individual rooms were a welcome reprieve from the social husel and bussel.

Day 5 began with an early departure to Milford Sound where we finally encountered our first spot of bad weather. This hindered our stopping ability and from viewing the Chasm but the waterfalls tumbling down the valley sides was simply mesmerizing. 147mm of rain fell that day and never have I seen so much water. The boat cruise was just a plethora of water pouring off each cliff face. The tranquillity set the scene for the evening's final Master Chef competition, where Team Hollyford took out top spot with a scrumptious bread crumbed chicken and rice dish. A chilled out evening capped off a great day.

Day 6 saw us return to the Kaurau Gorge where many a thrill seeker took the leap of faith, including Ms Langrish who had postponed for the past 14 years! Queenstown awaited us before heading up the Gondola and participating in a few luge rides. A bit of good old fashioned school work was followed by the students being sent into town to peruse the shops and try some of the local cuisine, namely Fergberger, although it appears Devil Burger was equally as good. The evening activity involved some epic indoor Laser Tag and a 12D mini movie experience and the new Virtual Reality gaming which Grace Paama excelled at.

Day 7 The sun rose to another glorious morning and so we headed up to Glenorchy, the top of Lake Wakatipu. Stunning scenery and a rock

skipper's paradise. After returning, we popped into Queenstown Resort College to receive a tourist talk and information session. After some free time in town, we all met back up for a cooked dinner with veges after a week of 'take out' type meals. The evening concluded with the Fear Factory experience which was enjoyed by some, loathed by others.

Day 8 resumed the stunning weather as we travelled through Lindis Pass and onto Lake Pukaki. The 'highlight' activity did not disappoint as students got to experience the ever receding Tasman Glacier and touch some of the 'calved' icebergs as well as 500 year old snowflakes that had been pressed into glacial ice. An epic calving event in February meant there were ample and some very large icebergs still floating on the lake. A gentle stroll over the Hooker River and some activities at Aoraki National Park visitor centre were conducted before a gorgeous meal at the Chamois Restaurant with breathtaking views of Mt Sefton and the big Chief himself, Aoraki. The final night's award ceremony took place before a communal lay in the tussock to experience the protected night sky and a spectacular meteor that stretched the length of the sky.

Day 9 involved a very long trek to Christchurch via a few backroads and through Pleasant Point and Geraldine. A flight from Christchurch to Wellington and back to Whanganui with Pizza onboard ended out a super trip.

The students reflected the life values we hope to instill in them and new fellowship groups formed, knowledge attained and an Excellent experience. A big thanks to Ms Langrish and Mrs Van Der Viver for all their help with the driving, supervising and laughs.

The 2019 South Island Geography squad were: Christopher Adam, Sophie Barron, Katie Bryers, Oliver Cable, Ashleigh Cook, Vanessa Corlett, Kate Cosford, Divnesh Dayal, Libby Firmin, Molly Green, Nathan Hoobin, Tai Joyce, Paris Moore, Shania Morris, Ella Neilson, Grace Paama, Oliver Page, Simone Sarup, Madeline Sollitt, Abbie Trillo, Sharon Xu, Ms Langrish, Mrs Van De Vyver and Mr Hunter.

Mr Bevan Hunter





LEVEL 3 GEOGRAPHY/ TOURISM

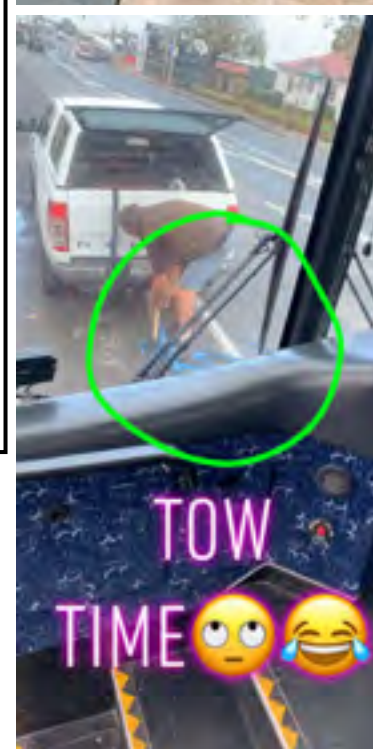
Gold Coast TRIP



The NCEA Level 3 Geography and Tourism students had a fantastic visit to the Gold Coast of Australia. The purpose was to have a behind the scenes look at the tourism industry to assist them with their Level 3 Geography and Tourism standards. After navigating a bus break down on the way to Wellington Airport, we thankfully made our flight on time! Tweed Heads was our first stop where schools of fish and dolphins graced the coast. We followed the Pacific Highway North to Helensvale where our lovely accommodation greeted us, decked out with a heated pool and 15 person spa pool. A decent shop at Harbour Town Outlet Mall was followed by a look at Surfers Paradise and a cruise to look at the multimillion dollar homes on the canals. Our first theme park was Movieworld and we had a talk to find out the various roles required to make the park run, as well as the contribution tourism makes to the Queensland economy and beyond. A few roller coasters later we saw the Outback Spectacular show. We were again given a behind the scenes look at how the show was run, from the chefs and waitresses, to the horses and stables, to the actresses and actors such as Caleb. The Currumbin Wildlife Park enabled our students to get up close and personal with koalas, kangaroos, snakes and stick insects amongst other Aussie creatures. The Q1 building gave us great views of the linear pattern of development along the coast from the 77th floor before a quick perusal of the night markets. Our next stop was Dreamworld and the chance to hear from a former Whanganui High boy and see another theme park in action. An interesting evening at Draculas Cabaret Show and a chance for Ms Martin to see a new spin on Health classes. An early start the next day to brave the swells on a whale watching cruise. We were lucky enough to see humpback whales in their natural environment, although others were confined to the sight of their lap and yesterday's food. Seaworld provided dolphins, penguins, stingrays, sharks, stunt shows and another roller coaster for good measure. The following day we ventured into the hinterland, known as the 'green behind the gold' for a look at a waterfall and the glow worm caves in Tamborine National Park. Time for a bit more shopping before heading home after a fun packed full on trip.

The Gold Coast squad were:

Byron Ashworth, Madison Austin, Richard Chambers, Sophie Cohen, Max Collins, Lichelle Fairweather, Leticia Farrier, Caitlin Gillum, McKenzie Hayward, Helena Hazelhurst, Samuel Hodge, Aimee Holden, Tayla Mack, Sasha Matthews, Meadow McGrail, Rebekah Neilson, Sophie Scaletti, Te Pounmau Tamehana, Madalyn Thompson, Abby Waring, Grace Whyte-Aplin, Ms Martin, Ms Langrish, and Mr Hunter.



Congratulations to Jenna Mareikura-Lacy whose story *Today I Grew a Horn* was accepted for publication in the 09 edition of *Write Off Line*. The judges comments were:

Judge 1: Terrific, witty story of personal acceptance. I love it. A few sentences needed to be cleaned up and clarified, plus, I fleshed out the ending sentiment, but otherwise clean, concise, and effective writing. I am delighted to publish it.

Judge 2: What a great concept! Good fun and written with feeling, so the reader can empathise with Maka. Brilliant imagination.

Creative WRITING

The Day I Grew a Horn

Now, before I start my story let me give you a small piece of advice. If one day, you suddenly wake up and there is something really weird, wrong and definitely strange with your appearance, don't go freaking out just yet—first you need to look at the bright side. The second step is to go and weird out as many people as possible. You most likely, probably don't know what I'm going to tell you or what my story is going to be about, but that's why I am going to tell you. This is the story of the day I grew a horn on my forehead. Something very strange happened that day, and just my luck—out of all the people that this could have happened to, out of all the people in the world—of course it had to happen to me.

It was a sunny morning in Rotorua, somewhere in the end of the beginning of spring, when the weather is warm, but there is also a cool calming breeze. I could hear the birds chirping outside as a gentle blow of wind rushed through my room. A tiny ray of sunlight shone from the small gap between the curtains. I opened my eyes slowly and lazily, then turned on my side to look at the clock. 9:36 a.m., the red numbers flickered. I yawned and stretched—hearing that click in my back was kind of refreshing. Then I rubbed at my eye and sat up in bed—which was definitely a mistake, since it was followed by a dull ache in my forehead. I groaned and shook my head. Only then I noticed how weird it felt on my shoulders. "What the—" I muttered and lifted my hand to my forehead, discovering a structure coming out of the flesh. Wondering what it was, I hoped and prayed that it was just a blind pimple coming through. But it felt much bigger, heavier, and pointier than my usual blind pimples. I wrapped my hand around it and pulled, flinching at the pain that that caused me. Confusion stirred in my head.

I threw my blanket to the side and stumbled out of my fluffy, pillow-covered bed, then jumped out but accidentally fell onto the floor. My balance was off. Weird. I scrambled to my feet and charged into the bathroom, flicking on the light. In the long, tall mirror covered in fingerprints hanging from the wall, stood me—well, almost me. More of me. There was a straight, but curvy, dark horn coming out of my forehead. The first thing I thought was, are you serious? Thinking that I had done something bad, and in return I got gifted a horn. But I had to admit it was a beautiful horn. Still, why was it coming out of my forehead? A small sigh escaped my lips as I tugged off my pajamas. What was wrong with me? I'd never done drugs and I never would, so it couldn't be a hallucination. Was I, perhaps, dreaming? I frowned. No, the pain was too real for this to be a dream. I scratched my head, dragging my feet back to the room and changing into my daily clothes. My t-shirt inflicted some pain in my face, not just because of its hideous colours, but due to the horn. Still, I managed to put it on somehow. I wondered if I wore my beanie or my pink and green bucket hat from five years ago if that would somehow take a lot of attention from my horn. So I attempted it. A hat stood perched on top of my head, not at all sitting rightly on my cranium, but oh well. I got out of the house and locked the door after me. I dialed my sister's number.

"Hello?" She answered in a few moments.

"Hey, sis, it's me, Maka. Can you meet me over at our place? It's urgent," I said, a small smile growing on my lips.

"Sure... is something wrong?"

I shrugged at the question. "You'll see." I hung up quickly and crossed the street to enter the woods on the other side. "Our place" was a small spot hidden deep in the shadow of the redwoods. My sister and I had found it a few years ago.

"Hazel, you're finally here!" I smirked at her and she puffed her cheeks out.

"Aha, whatever. What's the matter?" She asked, sitting on the soft grass next to me. I took my hat off, revealing the dark horn and looked straight at her. "I'm a unicorn."

Her jaw hit the ground. Standing, she poked the horn a few times, then just stared at it. "Maka, what on earth is that thing on your head?"

I shrugged my shoulders and giggled. "I don't know—guess I'm morphing into a unicorn, as I said earlier."

She brushed some hair off her eyes and frowned. "Can you do magic with it?"

We both laughed. "I don't know. I called you as soon as I found out."

She nodded and suddenly excitement twinkled in her eyes. "Let's try it and see what it can do!" She shifted until she was sitting right in front of me.

She held up a stick. "Here, try to make that float in the air."

I nodded slowly, hiding how weirded-out I was, and fixed my stare at the small stick. Harder. I narrowed my eyes. Harder still. But, as much as I stared at it and tried to will it to life, nothing would happen. The pain in my forehead just got sharper.

Eventually, she left the stick on the ground and sighed.

"I guess that means I'm stuck with a horn," I muttered, ripping some grass off the ground and letting it float away with the wind.

My sister crossed her arms in front of her chest and pouted. "But this isn't how it happens in the movies and books," she whined.

I smiled slightly, throwing some more grass to be carried away by the cool breeze. "I could stab people with it. I don't feel like cleaning it though..."

"I chuckled and laid down on the ground. Hazel giggled as well and crawled over next to me, poking my cheek. "Oy, sis—" She grinned.

I raised my eyebrow. Even though I was younger, she was way more childish than me. Her eyes were sparkling, as if she was a kid in front of the Christmas tree.

"Hmm?" I answered, feeling her poking my cheek again.

"You're a unicorn." She giggled.

I smirked. "Yeah, I'm a unicorn." I yawned and smiled at Hazel once again. Everything was going to be all right. And it was. I quickly learned it was impossible to hide a horn in the center of your brow. People figured it out.

I'm just glad I haven't stabbed anyone with it.

..... Jenna Mareikura-Lacy

DANCE NZMADE REGIONAL *Competition* 2019

This year we attended the 2019 'Dance NZ Made' competition. We had 48 students attending workshops throughout the day and competing at night.

We had students compete in solos and group routines and WHS managed to place in a number of the top spots, dominating the solo section with the largest number of entrants in the region. Our dancers were competing for a spot at Nationals in September! Three of our dancers, Emelye Brown, Caitlin Currie, and Emma Henare all walked away with the top results of the evening securing their place in the National finals.

In the troupe section, we had 6 competing teams. The standard was incredibly high but we managed to walk away with the top 3 placings in all team categories. Our Junior team 'Helium' came away with the win in their section securing a place in the Nationals and our senior team 'Billie' scored top marks for WHS gaining entry to the National event.

This year we had a special performance involving Carter Hoskin from St Johns Hill school. Carter has been attending dance classes at Whanganui High School and has become a valued member of our dance team. His duet with Rosa Spence stole the show and was one of the highlights of the event.

This event has grown incredibly and the enthusiasm and standard taken to the stage from our dancers are truly reflective of EXCELLENCE!



REGIONAL RESULTS

Year 9
1st Mira Meija

Year 10
1st Lauren Phillips
2nd Amy Bennetts
3rd Laura McIntosh

Year 11
1st Emma Henare
2nd Zoe Bracegirdle
3rd Emerson Hemingway

Year 12
1st Abby Squire
2nd Rosa Spence

Year 13
1st Emelye Brown
2nd Caitlin Currie

Groups
Year 9-10
1st **Helium**

Year 11-13
3rd **Billie**

Open section
2nd **L.H.C**
3rd **One Woman Army**



FROM CARROTS TO CUPCAKES AND SOMETIMES BOTH TOGETHER!

The WHS Culinary Team has had a busy year since the last edition of The Record, kicking off last November with entries in the Horowhenua Taste Trail Woodhaven Gardens sponsored omelette and cupcake competitions. The team on that occasion consisted of Britney Walsh, Kelahn Te Awhe, Zoe Henry Watson and Caitlyn Butlin and they out competed everyone else by taking gold medals in both events and winning over \$1000 prize money for the school and themselves.

In the Taranaki Regional Culinary competitions, the team consisted of Britney Walsh, Caitlyn Butlin, Andrew Wong, Olea Drummond and Glaychus Quennell-Toia who took part in the NSSCC competing for a place in the Auckland final cooking all things carrot. Unfortunately, we were beaten by 0.3 of a mark but Olea took out a gold medal with her dish of smoked carrot pate, carrot bread and carrot chutney. Whilst Andrew, Britney and Kelahn were awarded silver medals for their carrot dishes ranging from carrot sorbet to baby carrots in carrot pastry blankets. Cupcakes gained bronze medals for everyone. Glaychus won the Fonterra cheese omelette competition.

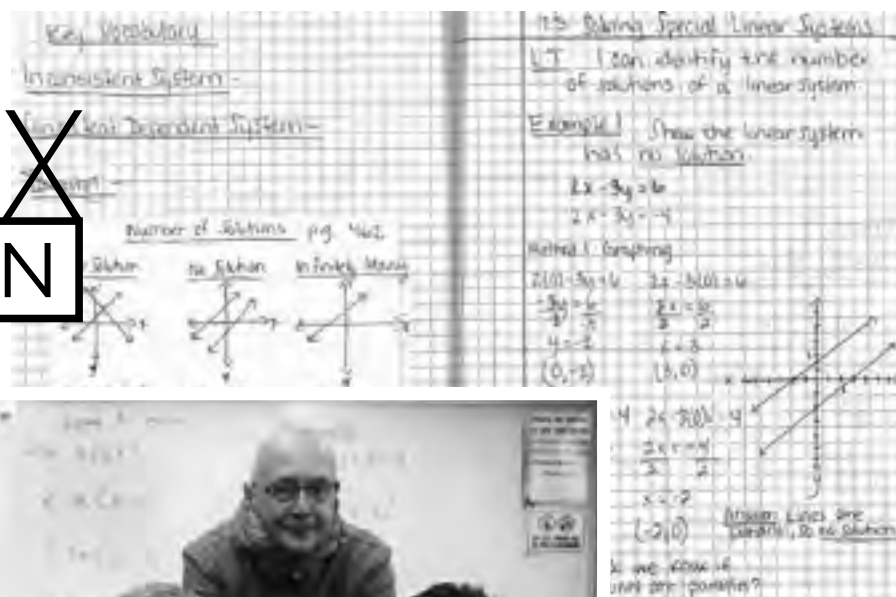
In the local UCOL competitions, the hot kitchen teams consisted of Britney Walsh and Ava Fitzpatrick and Kelahn Te Awhe and Alysha Nuku- Makatea cooking omelettes. The event was won by Kelahn and Alysha taking gold and Britney and Ava coming second with silver. In the cupcakes, Ava Fitzpatrick took gold with Britney, Caitlyn, Kelahn getting silver and Olea Drummond and Alysha bronze medals.

All together a very satisfactory year and we look forward to starting planning for the next competitions!

Mrs L Hardcastle



MATHEX COMPETITION



For the first time in over 10 years, a WHS team won the Manawatu-Wanganui Mathex competition. After practising and studying together, a team consisting of Calum Sinclair, Lauren Phillips, Zoë van der Wees, and Firooze Colaabavala beat 23 other teams at the Awapuni Racecourse. The four took the initiative in Year 9, and requested to create the team, despite not being in the same class. "It meant we couldn't practice during school time, but we worked around it," said Lauren. This year two Year 9 and two Year 10 teams took part in the competition and the teams were chosen from the school mathex competition held prior to the regional competition.

Mathex is a challenging and fast-paced mathematics contest where teams compete against each other to answer questions as quickly as possible. Teamwork and input from all team members is essential for success. The competition is split into two parts; practical and quickfire questions. In the practical section, teams receive a bag containing four tasks and the materials needed. These tasks can include critical thinking and spatial awareness questions, tangrams, and making prisms. The quickfire questions are what is commonly known as Mathex, with 20 problems to be answered in 15 minutes. To succeed teams must work together efficiently, ignore distractions and noise from other teams, and perform well under pressure.

Last year the team competed, but were narrowly beaten, placing second. Unfortunately, the competition ends at year 10, so this was the last time the team will compete. "It was a good way to end it," said Zoë.

Calum Sinclair (Year 10)

YEAR 11 VOCATIONAL THREE DAY CAMP

Our Year 11 Vocational class went on a three day camp to Ruapehu District in Rangitikei. When we arrived by bus we had to walk for at least an hour to get to at our accommodation for the night, the Lupton Hut. Once there, we set up the place where we were sleeping and we cooked tea. After dinner, I read a book. In the morning when we woke up, we packed and had breakfast. It was a beautiful sunny day on our walk back down the mountain. The mountain was in clear view.

We drove to Mangaweka campsite. We all got given a tarp, rope and pegs to make our shelter for the night. My Dad made our shelter. It was good and it kept all the night time animals out. We made a campfire to cook our dinner. I cooked sausages and some bread over the fire (which left a smoky after taste). On our last day, we went to the old Hydrodam and I jumped off the cliff next to it, into the river below. That was really fun and scary.

Sean Crowe
11WHECP





TE ATAWHAI





Kapa Haka

Our Kapa Haka roopu have done a variety of performances in and out of school. For example, every year we have a powhiri, to welcome Year 9, new students and new teachers to the School community. Throughout the year we also had a number of powhiri for our International students.

CHINESE CONFUCIOUS WELINGTON TRIP

ON 4th of July, Kia Whaiora's first trip of the year started with the Wellington trip to perform for the Chinese Confucius Delegate Conference Opening Ceremony in the Chamber Room at Victoria University. We found out that the Chamber Room we performed our Kapa Haka bracket in, is the oldest building in Victoria University. Although our trip was only overnight, Kia Whaiora managed to live up to the journey as we always do and experienced as much as we could in the little period of time we spent in Wellington. Our roopu went out for dinner on the day we arrived at a Chinese restaurant known to be famous for its Chinese cuisine where we spent a good hour and a half munching on the amazing food. The day we performed at the Chinese Confucius Conference was an eye opener to the Chinese culture and language. When we finished the performance we visited Wellington Museum *Te Papa* and had lunch together before we made our way back home.



2019 NGĀ MANU KŌRERO NATIONAL SPEECH COMPETITION

ON 27TH of JUNE, REGIONALS NAG MANU KORERO

A vanload of Māori students travelled over to Opunake to compete in the *Regional Nga Manu Korero* for Aotea Manawatu/Taranaki to tautoko our speaker Roman Kotuhi-Brown who performed his speech on "**Mā tātou te taiao e ora ai?**". After a great day of speeches full of other student's thoughts, perspectives and opinions on their topic of speech our Roman took home the 1st placing for Rawhiti Ihaka (Junior Maori). He represented himself, his whānau, Hapu, Iwi and Kura amazingly.

**NATIONAL NGA MANU KORERO
10th - 12th OCTOBER, PALMERSTON NORTH
-NGA MANU KORERO**

Roman Kotuhi-Brown advanced to Nationals after his win at the Regional Competition. We started our journey with ruruku by our beautiful Awa then continued on our travels to Fielding and Palmerston North for the powhiri. Our first night at Te Kauwhata Marae was fun. We got to do some "skits" which consisted of different types of dance moves and music genres to get judged by our judging panels who were our oldies (Kaiako) of the group. This helped prepare for us for the next couple of days and most importantly supporting our Aotea Speakers and Roman on the National stage. Roman, your performance was inspiring and we are so proud of you and your achievements.





KIA WHAIORA

This Year of 2019, Kia Whaiora has been such an adventure - to be a part of an amazing roopu filled with many students with different backgrounds and history of Māori and kapa haka. I am proud to say that being a part of Kia Whaiora has definitely changed my life being that I am glad to have shared all these experiences and memories with the Kia Whaiora team. Kia Kaha Whānau.

Jacob Brown - Kia Whaiora Member

Puanga Celebration

ON 21st of June we had a Puanga Celebration. Puanga arose in celebration of the Maori New Year. This year the Whānau Classes celebrated puanga through a hangi/massive feast in the Māori Department, which consisted of an in ground hangi, smoked eel and other Māori traditional kai. All Whānau classes had an input and contributed to the day whether it was to bring food, help with the hangi, set up our area or to clean up afterwards. An awesome day celebrated alongside Staff and students.



Manawatu Readers Cup

On the 19 June, five eager readers made the journey to Feilding to compete in the Annual Readers Cup. After many sleepless nights and hours upon hours of note-studying and with the team title *Metaphors be with You*, they were confident in their ability to come out on top. They took their beloved mascot and lifelong friend, Barnaby Bear and gained the prize for Best Mascot for their ingenious idea to dress him up in the school colours.

"But what is The Reader's Cup?" Well, we will tell you. The Readers Cup is a fierce competition between Year 9 students around Manawatu. The battle is carried out in teams of four with one reserve for the 'Ultimate Reading Champions'. The readers from more than twelve schools in the region had been given six book titles to read and then answer challenging questions on them. One highlight was the talk at the end of the competition, about writing and inspiration for ideas given by Mary-Anne Scott, the New Zealand author of one of the books in the competition, 'Sticking with Pigs.'

The team answered well on all the books and drew with Wairarapa College in the final round. They were defeated during the last quickfire round by Wairarapa College and had to settle for second place. They were all awarded gift vouchers from PaperPlus and were given a selection of books to share around the group.

Although we didn't come out on top, it was an excitingly competitive experience and we are happy with second place.

Written by the competitors: **Hazel Chant, Mira Meijer, Cara Benson, Sophia Bedwell and Georgia Hiscotte.**



PASIFIKA

OUR PASIFIKA GROUP IS THE PERFECT PLACE FOR NEW AND ATTENDING STUDENTS TO JOIN IF THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A WELCOMING AND COLOURFUL ENVIRONMENT TO BE A PART OF. THIS YEAR OUR PASIFIKA GROUP ATTENDED SEVERAL EVENTS, OUR MAIN EVENT BEING PASIFIKA FUSION. THIS EVENT CELEBRATES THE YOUTH OF PASIFIKA IN THE WHANGANUI-MANAWATU REGION. THIS COMPETITION IS RUN OVER TWO DAYS FILLED WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPRESS YOURSELF AND YOUR CULTURE THROUGH ARTS, MUSIC, SCIENCE, ENGLISH, SPEECHES, DEBATING, WEARABLE ART, TALENT AND MANY MORE!



The overall cultural dance competition is the main event, performing in front of a live audience in the evening at the Regent on Broadway. Participating cultures vary from; Samoan, Tongan, Fijian, Cook Islander, Niuean, Tokelauan, Papua New Guinea, and so much more! Each year there is a theme to follow, not only for the main event of the dance competition but also for all the other categories. This year's theme was "We Are More Than You See". From this theme, several students from all over the Manawatu region participated in the categories. Each school is able to watch and support other schools' performances which brings a sense of unity and pride for this event. For our group performance, we started practices in late March and got in at least 3-4 hours of rehearsals each week leading up to performance day. If you are looking to join a welcoming and positive environment or just looking to join a group in school we are always open to having new members join our family. Not only do we focus on rehearsing for Pasifika Fusion we also have prior events such as our Samoan Language week visit to Gonville kindergarten. We were invited to perform at a special evening event at the for the Ministry of Pacific people, "Lalanga Fou Fono" and we also performed at our very first Whanganui High School Battle of the Houses. The first day of the Fusion competition was dedicated to the quiz team which consisted

of Montel Vaiao, Jacob Brown, Dennihe Aburame, Mattea Ale, and Messina Su'a. They spent months prior to this quiz night studying and writing notes in all hopes for the best outcome. Unfortunately, we did not place top 3. However, we definitely did better than we have in the past thanks to their hard work. The same night we also listened to Molly Bullock's English speech based on the theme "We Are More Than You See." Her speech was outstanding and she was selected to present her speech at the night show. On the final day, the rest of the group arrived in Palmerston North and we spent the day performing and supporting other schools. The day was filled with young thriving and proud Pasifika students, an event worthy of attending. It was a very emotional day for everyone especially for the Year 13's. Therefore, to our leaving Year 13 students, on behalf of the Pasifika family we would like to thank you for your contribution large or small. But all thanks must not just go to our group itself but to none other than our beautiful and talented tutor Marie Vaiao, who forever dedicates her time and energy to helping youth Pasifika students find a place to express our different cultures. A special thanks Montel and Malika for teaching our dances, also Miss Armstrong and Mrs Su'a for being great supporting teachers. Our group wouldn't have been able to attend our events without you both. To our families thank you for encouraging our Pasifika group, we would love to see you more often at our rehearsals. Everyone is always welcome.





INTERNATIONAL Cultural FESTIVAL



The Cultural Festival was created for International students to share their own traditional culture or to show their special abilities. The Cultural Festival in Whanganui High School has been continued for over 20 years and it has become a traditional annual event in WHS. The Cultural Festival in 2019 was on Saturday 29 of June. The first part of the amazing Cultural Festival was the delicious food from many countries. The Japanese group made a lot of sushi and rice balls. It looked very tasty and they sold for just one dollar each so the Japanese food was the most popular food for the night. Followed by the Thai traditional dish called "Pad Thai" and crispy fried bread rolls with mixed vegetables and crab sticks inside it. Everyone liked the vessel of the Thai group because it made of dry leaves and it looked so attractive. Near the Thai group was the Chinese group that sold the original dumplings and mouth-watering hot soup. Besides the Chinese group was the Vietnamese group that sold conventional noodles soup. The appetizing smell of freshly baked pineapple breads and yummy fried noodles from the Hong Kong group are next to the Vietnamese group. At the same time, the fragrant smell of the sweet waffles from the German group floated into the nose and smelled like heaven. All countries provided very fantastic food for the Cultural Festival night. Everyone loved it!

The second part of the Cultural Festival was the performances from countries around the world such as New Zealand, Germany, Thailand, China, Taiwan, Pasifika, Samoa, Vietnam, Hong Kong and Japan. It separated into two sections. The first section was the traditional cultural performances and the second section was the students' talents performances.

The first section started with New Zealand Anthem by the Kiwis. Next was the drama show from Germany, followed by the Thai popular song from Thailand. After Thailand's performance was China and Taiwan, they also sang a beautiful song called *Blue and White Porcelain*. Apart from the singing was the dancing from Pasifika. Back to the singing, I loved the pretty voices of the Vietnamese - they sang the profound Vietnam song called *Hello Vietnam*. The performance from Hong Kong was the singing of the song *The Gorgeous Years*. Last performance of the first section was the old traditional fishing dance and the lovely pop dance from Japan. I was enjoying every single performance!

The second section of the Cultural Festival was the performances of skilful International students. The first performance was from Hong Kong (Samuel and Andrew), who played a drum very enjoyably for all audience. Followed by a beautiful piano played by Japanese and Chinese (Miho and James). The melodious song called *Irreversible* and a rap from Hong Kong students came next. Before the final performance was the sexy Korean dance by mixed nations (Thai, Japanese and Chinese). For the finale, students sang a 90's High School musical song *We're all in this together*.

What a cool finale!

I'm swimming, flying, leavling, eating NZ food in the NZ.
I like swimming best! because I want be a fish, so I need more exercise!
NZ people ~~also~~ eat meat, drink milk, but in china, we eat rice!
NZ school, food, car, plane, road, house all different from china!



Visiting from China

Every year Whanganui High School has short term visiting groups from different countries. Over the last few years, we have welcomed groups from China, India, Japan, Vietnam and Thailand. These students usually come during their summer school holidays (the depths of our winter) and study at Whanganui High School and sometimes visit our primary and intermediate schools as well. They enjoy our relaxed lifestyle, blue sky, fresh air and visit the Central Plateau on their way home to catch the plane from Auckland.

The work you see here is by a group of Chinese 11 and 12-year-old students who were asked to write about the differences between China and New Zealand. It's interesting to see what they notice.

My favourite place is the swimming pool because there has two big long sledging and it is very exciting to sled down.
The flying school was great too, we flew a plane there.
Beijing and NZ are different. Beijing has many tall buildings and cars, and there are very many Chinese people are afraid of cold. Chinese student haven't many times to play but NZ's people are different.



Marissa
Took you

1. I like going to the Bushy Park.
 2. I like sliding down the Hydroslide in Splash Center.
 3. I like playing in Kowhai park.
- 2: 1. It is more fun in NZ than in China.
2. There's much less home work in NZ than in China.

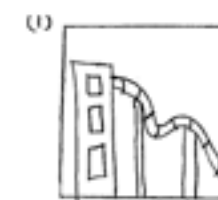


1. I like the airport.
2. I like walk in park.
3. Have many many people.
4. No many people.
5. language was different.



1. I like warm because it's interesting.
 2. I like go to New Zealand Park.
 3. I like shopping in New Zealand.
- 2: 1. china has more people.
2. school are different in form.

3:



Jack Zhao Yu Han



ARGENTINA *Exchange*



This exchange is one of the most rewarding experiences you can take part in at Whanganui High School. It consists of Argentinian students from Pestalozzi School in Buenos Aires spending five weeks living with and experiencing life as a student and teenager in New Zealand. Each Argentinian Student is partnered with a Whanganui High School student, who in turn will spend five weeks living with their exchange partner's family in Buenos Aires. This exchange has been running for over 10 years and this year five students from Whanganui High School were selected to participate.

Jemma Barnes – Year 13

Exchange Partner: Eli

To take part in this exchange was one of the best decisions I made last year. Spending so much time organising our flights and talking to our exchange partners was all worth it. Arriving in Buenos Aires on March 27th, I experienced both nerves and excitement. The weather was absolutely stunning, and we got to experience so many different places, throughout our trip.

Personally, I was fortunate enough to have a trip to a more southern part of Argentina called San Martin de los Andes with my host family. The views were absolutely stunning and although it was a little cooler, I had the best time. My host family was very friendly, and they ensured I always felt safe and at home. I also had the amazing opportunity to travel to Uruguay, which again had such a different atmosphere to both San Martin de los Andes and Buenos Aires.

I really enjoyed all the food, as did everyone else, although the language barrier did make it a little harder. All I know is that I had more than my fair share of ham and cheese toasties for a while. I tried so many new foods and combinations and although some were a little strange, I really enjoyed it. This exchange was the longest time I have ever been away from my family and everything I know, but it went by so fast and I wish I could have spent longer in such an amazing place. Visiting all the monuments, buildings and other cities opened my eyes to the local history and cultures and re-established my bond with the Spanish language and culture. I am keeping in contact with my exchange partner and I would love to go back to Argentina in the future. I recommend that if this opportunity is ever presented to you, that you go for it. You will not regret it!

Imogen Eastgate-Moore – Year 13

Exchange Partner: Jose

Going to Argentina on a school exchange is definitely a once in a lifetime opportunity. I got to experience going to a music festival for the first time (Lollapalooza) and I was also lucky enough to have a weekend trip away to Uruguay with Jemma and our exchange partners. The food was amazing and so was all the history around us, whether that was old buildings or one of the thousand statues gracing Buenos Aires streets.

A definite highlight for me was going to the theme park, Parque de la Costa. There was one ride there that is similar to the Sky Swing in Rotorua except this time you are in only a harness, 66 metres above the ground.

The food (the pizza there is soo good), experiences you will gain and people you will meet make this trip so worthwhile. five weeks may seem like a long time but trust me, it goes fast. I would 100% recommend this trip to anyone that is interested.



SPAIN *Exchange*

During the Term 2-3 holidays, a group of 24 students and 10 adults took a trip halfway around the world to Spain. Travelling to 10 different places in the central, southern and eastern parts of Spain, we created memories and friendships that will stay with us forever. Beginning our trip in Madrid, after over 24 hours of travelling, we were absolutely beat, but that did not stop us from having the time of our lives. We had amazing opportunities, visiting Reina Sofia Art Museum, the Prado Museum, the Royal Palace and Madrid Football Stadium in Madrid, Santo Tome Church and Synagogue Santa Maria la Blanca in Toledo, and the Mezquita in Cordoba. We also visited Alcázar Palace, Plaza de España, Bellas Art Museum, Maestranza Bullring, Cathedral and La Giralda in Sevilla, plus Alhambra Palace in Granada. We visited the city of Girona, stopping at the 'famous' steps used for filming in Game of Thrones and then to the Salvador Dali Museum in Figueres. Finally, our last stop of the trip was Barcelona where we visited Parc Güell, la Sagrada Familia, Barcelona Football Stadium, and on our very last day we went to the beach. Experiencing the culture, the language and the food in all these incredible cities with such an amazing group of people was one hundred percent worth it. We all looked out for each other and I'm so glad that I was able to be a part of it. I want to say a big thank you to Señora Beverly Stewart, Señora Scott and Miss Sleyer who spent many hours planning and organising this trip, ensuring it was the best that it could be, and I can assure you that it was absolutely stunning. Opportunities for overseas trips like these do not come often in life, so I encourage everyone to show interest and take any opportunities given to them, because you will never know when they will come around again.



BATTLE OF THE Houses!

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...
WE PRESENT TO YOU
WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL'S
FIRST EVER BATTLE OF THE
HOUSES!**

Six minutes, five weeks, four houses, three judges, two nights and only one winner! This year saw the beginning of an exciting new house competition - Battle of the Houses. Students from all four houses arranged and choreographed their own short 4-6 minute performance based on the theme UNITY. Over 120 students from Years 9-13 joined together in just five weeks to create their own stunning performances, presented at our annual WHS Performing Arts Concert at The Royal Whanganui Opera House. Over the two-night performances, we welcomed three extremely talented and experienced judges:

Michael Franklin-Brown: an accomplished composer and drummer for two iconic NZ bands, "Pluto" and "Head Like a Hole".

Jessica Tyson: Miss World New Zealand 2018 title holder, Maori Television reporter and humanitarian worker.

David Charteris: Director of 122 shows and Performer in over 150, especially known for his recent work in "Back to the 80's", Queensland, Australia.

Our performances blew away both the audience and judges alike. Dubbed "professional" and "talented", our students took to the stage for four show stopping performances. However, there could only be one winner! A combination of judges scores and text voting determined our first winner of Battle of the Houses..... **MAUNGA!!!**

This new tradition is expected to continue in 2020! So make sure you are on the lookout for next year's performances. Will Maunga keep their title? Only time will tell....

Leigh-ana Hale



First Place - Maunga House (*It's a Long Way To Tipperary/Waiting For the World to Change - Military Storyline*)

Second Place - Whenua House (*High School Musical Mix*)

Third Place - Awa House (*Where is the Love/What a Wonderful World/We Go Together*)

Fourth Place - Moana House (*Variety of songs set to a Toy Story - Where's Andy? - theme*)



House Quiz



Every year it is important to continue and consolidate the work of the previous prefects. Last year, the largest student led event was created. An Academic Event which would incorporate the four houses in a friendly but competitive competition. It was named the "House Quiz". Due to its success in 2018, there was no choice but to run it again, with the intention of forming it into one of Whanganui High School's most loved events. It was aimed to have 100 teams participate, reaching the 500 student participant count, easily continuing the legacy of being Whanganui's largest Quiz, if not the largest in the country.

Thanks to the great efforts and professionalism of the 2018 Academic Prefects, the 2019 House Quiz planning process, although lengthy, was relatively smooth and the proposal was handed in at the start of April for the event to take place on the 24th of May. We had full belief that the event would be approved, due to the success it had achieved last year.

After two months of planning, everything was set up and ready for the day. Prefects were assigned a Quiz Category to create questions for, making sure that they would be at a fair level for everyone, from Year 9 to Year 13. We advertised for the House Quiz in the House assemblies and we also designed a poster. We then held sign-ups outside the student

centre for four weeks and we were very happy that we managed to reach our limit of 100 teams. The most essential thing for this 2019 Quiz success was securing a venue that was large enough to hold 500 students. We ended up booking the Jubilee Stadium. Once that was done, we also booked the school's sound system for the day with microphones for our amazing MC's (Alex Nevil and Thomas Friedel) as well as a killer playlist created through participant suggestions. Lastly, we contacted many local businesses asking for sponsorships, so that we could give out heaps of spot prizes on the day.

The event turned out great, providing the 500 students with an enjoyable day. In the end, Moana House came out on top and received the House Quiz Trophy. Overall, it was an amazing experience and I'm very excited to see how it is run next year.

Charith De Silva



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The Ball

When in Rome

On the evening of Saturday, the 6th of July, Whanganui High School's Year 13 students, accompanied by their partners, attended the school's annual formal function, 'When In Rome,' and entered a Roman-inspired theme at the Whanganui Racecourse's Eulogy Lounge. Our team of Social Prefects spent the majority of the day prior to the event decorating the venue from head to toe. From Roman pillars, laurel wreaths, to dramatic draping, the venue was entirely transformed.

Ex Whanganui High School student band, *Late Night Tales*, provided music for the evening and the lovely Palmerston North based photographer, Beau Elton, captured our dolled-up guests with the help of students, Zoe Bracegirdle and Kate Cosford, as well as Vanessa Corlett who filmed all of the night's antics. Well known caterer, Mike Hos, from 'The Catering Company' also exceeded the high expectations of dinner by producing amazing and delicious assortments of food.

As the night came to an end, the awards ceremony took place. Students were awarded from different categories, where our first was Elyana Gifford for 'Best Dancer', who set a prime example of, 'When in Rome, do as the Romans do!' Next, we had Year 12 student, Tyrese Lama, snatch up the 'Best Dressed' prize out of all the lads and Caitlin Currie received our female's 'Best Dressed.' This year's 'Cutest Date' was awarded to Kieran Johnston and Ella Hutchings, and our 'Prince' and 'Princess' of the Ball was deservedly given to Lucas Thompson and Chantelle de Koning. Continuing on with the Student Choice award, these were given to our Head of Pasifika, Josefa Tamaniyaga and Head of Social, Ella Dudley. To conclude the awards, our King and Queen were crowned: International student, Karl Lobe and Lucy Black, who truly looked the part!

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the evening, helped behind the scenes and everything in between in making the night a huge hit. Most of all, thank you to the following students apart of our team:

Zeah Brewer, Jaimee Bridger, Oisin Broadhead, Imogen Eastgate-Moore and Jessica Gear.

Without you guys, the night would not have been as much of a success and all of your hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed. From your Heads of Social, we hope you enjoyed your Senior Ball, as well as it being one of our last times together as a year group!





SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST

“Wanna go to the canteen?”
“Nah, I’m going for a jam.”

A ‘jam’ you ask? Well it isn’t referring to the jars of colourful goodness sitting on your Nana’s shelf. A jam is when “musos” (slang for musician) gather together in the dark corners of a room and play their instruments. Exciting, huh? Musos are split up into groups, referred to as bands, and they each write their own music. All bands are at rival with each other, and it’s all because of a thing called ‘Smokefree Rockquest’. The Smokefree Rockquest is a fancy name for ‘battle of the bands’. Bands from all around the region enter this intense competition, all hoping for the title of the ‘winner’.

2019 was the most extreme Smokefree Rockquest to date.

Wanganui High School musos spent every living minute jamming away, trying to create inventive melodic tunes that would hopefully wipe out the other competition. And boy, did it pay off. Wanganui High School dominated the line-up for the big night, and took out many of the awards. The best song of the night (and winners of a day’s recording at The Stomache Studio) was awarded to *Atlas* (Jansen Conon-Ngapo, Katrina Anderson, Isabella Lamont, Emerson Hemingway) The MAINZ musicianship award for the most outstanding musician was given to Noah Belchambers from *Mangonaise*.

The APRA Lyric Writers award went to Imogen Maquire from *Ferris*, however, the final three awards were the most exciting. In third place, was WHS’ *Kiwijuice* - Ben Walkley, Noah Payne, Dan Grandi and Archie Smith all contributed to the amazing groove that was delivered to the raging mosh pit. In second place was *Ocean Loaf* - Ella Hutchings, Markus Lawrence, Casey Scott, Ethan Coffey. 2nd place in The Smokefree Tangata Beats Competition went to *The Out Laws* - Dennihe Edwards, Mahalia Dempsey, Maysin Katene, Ara Moliijn, Toa Tawhitapou, Alysha Nuku-Makatea, and Jacob Brown.

And in first place, drum roll please, was *In Business* Faith-Solomona, Max Hughes, Tomas Bidgood and Christian Garratt. This band won over the judges and they have had rave revues form differing venues throughout Whanganui. Many other bands entered from Whanganui High School and performed fantastically. *Monolith*, *SIDK*, *The Drag Queens* to name a few.

Overall, Smokefree Rockquest is a goal that all musicians work towards in Whanganui, and it definitely gets us off the couch and in the studio. The competition this year was incredibly talented, and it can only improve from now on. So, if you are a guitarist, a saxophonist or you simply play the triangle; raid the music block and find yourself a band. There is a place for everyone in the Smokefree Rockquest, so get jamming! F.Y.I. you have only got 8 months till the next one...

And in first place,
drum roll
please, was:

In Business

Faith Solomona
Max Hughes
Tomas Bidgood
Christian Garratt

Chamber Music is a beloved tradition for the classical musicians of Whanganui High School. As the first major event for the Music Department each year, it is well supported by students of all year levels and abilities. The regional competition was held on the 12th June at Wanganui Collegiate's Prince Edward Auditorium. Each group of 3+ students showcased their hard work and team skills preparing one, two, or even three songs using acoustic instruments. Among the instruments played by our fantastic musicians were: violin, cello, xylophone, viola, guitar, voice, percussion (including timpani and gong!) and piano. The regional performance was a full day of dressing up, tuning instruments, practicing, performing and supporting fellow musicians. Whanganui High School was an outstanding example of fellowship as each group supported and encouraged others with kindness and good sportsmanship.

That said, we are very proud to report that Whanganui High School students proved their place as strong competitors, taking out many of the major prizes. These included:

Best Overall Group: *'Beats by Bartok'*- Ahimsha Saravanaparvan, Ben Power, Sophie Andrews and Joseph Peterson). They were THEN selected to perform at one of only three National Regional Finals and received a Bronze medal.

Highly Commended AND The Wanganui Music Society Award for the Best Ensemble Featuring a Vocalist: *'Pot of Gold'* - Abby Squire, David Dale and Sophie Maxey

Highly Commended: Mixed Group- including WHS' Allyssa Pram

KBB Music award: *'The Buzz Rolls'* - Harvey Hughes, Chester Nevil and Jonathan Stolk



Chamber MUSIC



This year's competitors:

Sophie Andrews, David Dale, Jack Fawthorpe, Leigh-ana Hale, Harvey Hughes, Joshua Korewha, Jan Kruger, Matavesi Lewenilovo, Sophie Maxey, Chester Nevil, Joseph Peterson, Angus Pitkethley, Ben Power, Allyssa Pram, Ahimsha Saravanaparvan, Calum Sinclair, Abby Squire, Jonathan Stolk

Leigh-ana Hale Year 13



2019 saw the rebirth of the School Choir, now known as 'AWASIDE'. We are a group of 33 students, ranging from Year 9 to Year 12, and we sing in four part harmony. With plans to perform and enter competitions during the year, we began work right away, starting with learning new pieces for the upcoming Big Sing competition in Palmerston North. The Big Sing is a group singing competition for secondary school students, with close to 10,000 students from 250 schools taking part in festivals nationwide. Let the competition begin!

Our song selection included a gospel classic - 'Ride On King Jesus', as well as a choral piece - 'Flight song' and finally a song from Whanganui - 'E rere'. We practised every Monday and Thursday at first break, and some additional weekend practises closer to the competition. Finally on the morning of June 13th, we boarded a bus bound for the Big Sing Competition, at the Regent on Broadway. With so many fantastic choirs around us, we knew we would have to give it our all on stage. Despite our best efforts, the competition was just too strong, and we came away with no awards. Regardless, we learnt a lot from the more experienced choirs we competed against, had a fantastic day, and weren't too disheartened with the results.

A couple of weeks after the Big Sing competition, Miss Armstrong had news that we were selected to perform in one of the three Big Sing Cadenza festivals, which were being held around New Zealand. This was exciting news, as not only was it a two-day event involving performances and workshops, but we had "home court advantage" with ours being held at the Royal Opera House in Wanganui. This time we were even more eager to prove ourselves as a choir in front of family and friends. Practices picked up again, and we added a fourth song - 'Eleanor Rigby' by John Lennon and Paul McCartney, to our performance.

By the time the 19th of August arrived, we were ready to go. On the first day we sang our choral song and 'E rere', which told the audience a lot about us as a choir. We were happy with how the performance went, and after a day of listening to choirs from all over the Central North Island, it was time for the Workshops. This was a very different experience for us all, as the songs we were learning were in Latin and Russian! The second day was equally challenging with our performance of 'Eleanor Rigby' and 'Ride On King Jesus', more workshops, followed by an evening performance at the Cadenza Finale Show, and an afterparty to attend. Every choir that day was graded Merit, Distinction, or Excellence. We were lucky enough to walk away with a Distinction, which we are very proud of. Overall it was a great two days. Being part of a 750 person "mega choir" was a unique experience none of us will forget.

Our performances would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Roz Armstrong, and our accompanists Johanna Love, AJ Malili-Malo-Lauono and Jonathan Stolk.

I would like to thank them for the time and commitment they put in to help make our choir what it is today - we couldn't have done it without you.

For now, Miss Armstrong has plans and new ideas for the choir, which will take shape next year. Watch this space!!

Olivia Bedwell Year 10



Vocational STUDIES DEPARTMENT

WORK EXPERIENCE & EXTERNAL COURSES

This year 151 students have been enrolled in either a USkills, Ag Challenge, Training For You, Red Shirts or Achievement NZ Fitness course.

One day of the week students would change into mufti gear and become a tertiary student for a day attending an off-site course.

Courses from all of the Vocational pathways were offered and many students successfully gained valuable credits towards their NCEA Certificate.

D Howard



At the start of 2019 I was privileged enough to join the Vocational Studies course and become a part of the C6/VS group. Although I couldn't be in the classes straight away, when I did, I immediately felt welcome. My experience with the class as well as the teachers is a good one. The teachers are mint as and very understanding. I think the best thing about it is that we are treated like adults and can enter courses. If we are on courses, we only come to school for 3 days a week. Everyone in V.S are supportive and all look after each other. My word to other people looking at joining V.S is to just do it because you can't go wrong.
Shyee

Everything has gone great, especially my course. I also enjoy my work experience. We get treated like adults. I passed Level 2 within the first 2 terms of school. Throughout last year I wasn't the nicest student, didn't communicate properly or asked for help which lead me to not passing Level one when I should have. But this year it all changed.... I would highly recommend this class for other students because its helped me out a lot and taken me to where I needed to be and I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for my teachers.
Talysha

The Gateway programme is really awesome. Only having to be at school 3 times a week works better for me because school isn't my thing, being able to do a course and work experience every week has been great. Everyone gets treated fairly and we get treated like adults. Everyone is kind and respectful towards each other. We are like a family. I recommend this programme to others because it gives you a lead into the real life.
Braydon

I think this is a good programme to take because you only go to school for 3 days and the other 2 you go to UCOL or work experience which is good for when you want to get a job. The course I am taking is really fun and its good credits. I got 35 credits from the course and with the credits from school I have already passed Level 3 so it's worth it. We went on a trip to Wellington for 2 days for a tourism unit, it was fun to explore the city and hang with our friends. I would recommend this programme to other students because it is really fun and the class work appears easy, so you have a greater chance of passing if you put the work in.
Aimee

V. S STUDENTS AT WORK



The Gateway Programme this year has been very helpful to me personally as last year I had no motivation or sense of direction. This year has helped me tremendously and I have done so many things e.g. we went on a trip to Wellington which was a lot of fun, we also helped clean out a house as a team building unit which really helped out and made a difference for the owner (it was damaged in the flood). I highly recommend the Gateway Programme if you are looking for a class full of good people and new opportunities.
Blake

The Gateway programme is pretty cool. 3 days at school a week, 1 day at course and 1 day work experience. Gives us a more interesting week. I recommend the Gateway programme because it's a good transition into the real world and into the workforce.
Jules

I have had a great experience with this class and I hope people choose this course and if not I will give you a reason why... the Teachers- great teachers and lovely Aunties. Really bubbly and helpful, this class was like a family and we are all very close. We went on a few trips and hikes, walked the mountain and were lucky enough to have a trip down to Wellington for a Tourism unit. There are great courses on offer and a great lady that can help you on any pathway you want to have, from farming to beauty and construction to hairdressing. I hope this course has a great future with next years' bunch of new kids.
Tipene

I am a year 13 in Vocational Studies and have just passed NCEA Level 3 this year. At the start of the year the Year 13 students took part in doing the First Aid course, Fire Safety course and the Health and Safety course which covered the risks in a workplace and how to overcome those risks. This year I have been studying Level 3 Tourism at UCOL and also doing work experience at The Cactus Crème Café. Doing work experience has helped me become more confident when talking to customers and has also enabled me to get a weekend job there. One of the benefits of taking vocational is that you only go to school for 3 days a week and the other 2 days you go to a course and/or work experience. The vibe in the class is very chill and relaxed. I would 100% recommend other students to take vocational next year.
Karaitiana



ATHLETICS



Swimming

This year Whanganui High School had many swimmers representing with a range of abilities and ages. Following from our own school swimming sports in Term One, with Whenua taking out the day with 446 points, WHS swimmers progressed to the Whanganui Secondary School swimming competition. Our swimmers were allowed three entries each and provided a total of 111 entries over 50 events.

Henry Carver, Reeve Watson, Ethan Bryers, Blair Gowan, Benjamin White, Lucy Somerville, and Maggie Jones all placing within the top three for at least one of their events, while Cheyenne Nightingale took out first place in all three of her finals.

In early April, one of our swimmers, Andrew Hay, placed 5th in the Auckland Harbour crossing debut in 26 minutes and 24 seconds. With more than 1500 swimmers participating, Hay's overall place of 39th was very impressive. As a student who has now left the school, Hay also competed at the North Island Secondary Schools alongside top teammates Amelia Cronin, Ethan Bryers, Cheyenne Nightingale, Henry Carver. The team of five made an impressive stand for WHS, with Bryers placing first in three of his events and breaking the WHS record not only for the Boys U14 50m breaststroke but also the Boys U14 50m freestyle.

Lucy Somerville also made her mark within the NZ Division 2 championships with 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th placings as well as a bronze in the 200m backstroke which qualified her for National Age Groups.



Lifesaving

This year over 20 students of varying year levels answered the call to become part of one of the first major WSS interschool sports event in 2019. This is Life Saving! All students had lots of fun and built new relationships as they put their lives in the hands of fellow students (sort of...). Some of the skills they acquired included: how to swim fully clothed; how to throw a weighted rope; how to duck dive; how to hold their breath for a considerable time; as well as various holds and tows that would be used to retrieve an unconscious person in water.

This year the life saving competition was held on Friday 1 March, Term One at the Splash Centre. This was a very long day for students, as many competitors continued to participate in the Interschools Swimming Sports that same afternoon. After two weeks of intense training, morning and night, four teams of mixed year levels were ready to battle the other Whanganui schools for the position of Top Life-Saving school. However, their effort was well rewarded.

This year was a wonderful success and saw our girls team win 1st place in the girls competition and the boys team come in 2nd. A special mention also goes to Oliver Keelty who won the Instructor's Trophy. The other girls team and mixed team fought well and deserved their place in the competition.



A huge thank you to all the hard-working students and the support from Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Murphy. We look forward to bringing the trophy home again next year!

Leigh-ana Hale - Year 13





BOYS 1ST XI Hockey

THE BOYS FIRST XI HOCKEY HAD A SUCCESSFUL SEASON IN THE MANAWATU DIVISION 1 BOYS SECONDARY SCHOOL COMPETITION WHERE THE BOYS WON THE COMPETITION FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW, WINNING COMFORTABLY IN THE FINAL AGAINST FIELDING HIGH SCHOOL 4-0.

The team then travelled to Christchurch to compete in the Rankin Cup/India Shield tournament where they fought to maintain their position in the top secondary school tournament. The boys had a rough start to their tournament having three loses in pool play to Kings High School (3-1), Wellington College (4-1), and Rosmini College (3-1). These losses placed them in the bottom 16 playing for the India Shield. They then played Wairarapa College to secure their place in the Rankin Cup/India Shield for 2020 and a top eight spot in the India Shield. They had a 2-2 draw due to a late equaliser from Wairarapa College, taking it to shootouts where the boys managed to get a 4-2 shootout win advancing them to the top 8 in the India Shield. The boys then had the quarter finals against a solid St. Paul's Collegiate School side, having a dominant performance winning 4-1 and qualifying for the top 4 in the India Shield. The India Shield semi final was played against a strong St. Bedes College side, the boys came out strong, gaining a 1-0 lead in the first few minutes but couldn't hold on to the lead, seeing the boys go down 5-2 placing them in the India Shield bronze

Thank you very much to the coaches and support staff who have made this one of the best years for Whanganui High School Hockey.

Patrick Madder

medal match where they were to play against Hastings Boys High School. Hastings Boys High School were always to be a tough opposition but the boys fought hard throughout the entire game, comfortably winning 4-0. They finished off the tournament with a bronze medal in the India Shield which concluded a successful 2019 season for the team.

Connor Hoskin and Patrick Madder were selected for Regional Central Men's U18 side that came second at the National tournament in Wellington. From this tournament, Patrick was selected for the New Zealand U18 Men's Squad and will be attending a five day training camp in early October. There were also several players who were selected to represent Whanganui at the National U18 Association tournament where they placed 13th and also a number of players were named in the U15 side who have a tournament upcoming in October.

A special mention must be made of the players who have played a huge part in Whanganui High School Hockey and are now leaving:

**Travis Bayler
Max Campbell
Ethan Cohen
Patrick Madder
Kaelin Mooney**



GIRLS 1ST XI Hockey

Our Whanganui 1st XI Girls Hockey team had a tough but successful season. The 2019 season brought fun, a competitive spirit, and adversity. It was a rebuilding year having lost 5 senior players from the 2018 season, however we still played a high level of hockey and maintained a fourth place in the Manawatu secondary schools 1st division competition going down 2-0 in a hard fought game against Nga Tawa. We started with a pre-season, invitation only, tournament in Hamilton where we faced a variety of teams with varying skill levels. We held our own against all teams. Mid season we embarked on a weekend trip to Gisborne where we faced Gisborne Girls High School twice losing one game 1-0 and drawing the other 1-1. During the season Rebecca Baker, team captain, as well as Head Girl, went on tournament with the U18 Central team which were crowned National champions for the third consecutive year. Rebecca was also selected for pathway to podium as well as the New Zealand U18 hockey team. We have a number of girls representing Whanganui in the U15 representative team. We went to Jenny Hair Cup in Palmerston North for tournament week where we placed 10th after a hard fought pool play which saw us closely missing out on top 8. We would like to thank Ananda de Koning and Russell Duggan from Bayleys Whanganui as well as Hunting and Fishing Whanganui for the sponsorship and helping us get to Tournament. Our leavers Rebecca Baker, Chantelle de Koning and Katelyn Satherly who are leaving school as well as Annina Haeusler who is returning to Germany wish the rest of the team the best of luck for the 2020 season and hope the team continues their development.



CROSSCountry

This year, the school's cross country event was raced on our school field to encourage House spirit and spectators to come and watch. The flat school field was made into a cross country course with hurdle obstacles, hay bales, and running through the swamp. All races were very competitive but nothing could outdo the senior boys sprint finish between Travis Bayler and Karl Lobe. The day concluded with Whenua house taking out the 2019 cross country title. From these championships, we took 43 athletes to the Interschool Cross Country held at Tawhero golf course, which prepared us for the National Cross Country in Timaru, to which Whanganui High school took a team of 10 boys and 2 girls to compete in cold conditions. Our Year 9 boys, Charlie Meredith, George Davey, Levi Hoekstra and Heike Reitsma had a 3 to score team and competed well for their first ever National event, and the Sunday relay race included all four year 9 boys. They all said they enjoyed the experience and can't wait to come back again. Charlotte Baker was the only girl to start from our school. In the 3km Junior girls race, she ran the race of her life and placed 37th. Cade Knight and Nat Kirk ran 4km in the Junior boys race where Nat came 26th and Cade came 84th. Both ran exceptionally well with tough competition. In the senior girls race, Rebecca Baker came 8th, giving her a top 10 placing and selection for the NZ Secondary Schools Cross Country team that competed in Sydney in August. This meant we had to stay for the full prize giving, much to the disgust of the team. The senior boys ran a grueling fast 6km race with 195 competitors. Karl Lobe had a stand out performance, coming in 52nd followed by Blair Gowan at 129th, Travis Bayler came in at 148th and Ryan Bayler came 167th. The Whanganui relay teams did exceptionally well, with Karl Lobe and Travis Bayler running alongside Collegiate athletes, and they brought home the bronze medal. Outside of racing, it was a fantastic trip and good to see the next generation coming through who will eventually become the leaders of the Cross Country team.

Once again we would like to thank Greg for his efforts and expertise in coaching each athlete, accounting for their personal needs and helping us strive to be the best that we can be during competition and out of competition.

"Because it would be rude not too"- Greg Fromont

Travis Bayler and Rebecca Baker



AUSTRALIAN AND OCEANIA CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS



REBECCA BAKER

Well done to Rebecca Baker who finished 19th in her cross country race, representing NZ in Windang, Sydney. Rebecca was the second NZ runner home in the under 18 race. The 17 year old also ran up a grade in the under 20 relay team to help her team win gold.



Boys 1ST XI CRICKET TEAM

This year was a rebuilding year for the WHS 1st XI cricket team. Finding some diamonds amongst the coal, one of which Charlie "the mad man" Meredith, the man of the hour and Levi "the heavenly hoekstra", both in their first year of High School and their first year as key members of the WHS cricket family. Charlie had a very strong season. It seemed as if he took wickets every over, picking up more than one 5 wicket bag. Although we managed to protect The Swamp this year (undefeated at home), we were unable to defend the all important silverware that we have been in possession of for the last two years. We lost to the opposition in the final of the Ross Taylor Cup, mainly due to the absence of the 'glue' of the family, with Jack "The Demolisher" Donaldson, Thomas "The Fire Power" Friedel, and Benjamin "The Wonder Kid" Walkley, who were all away on prefect camp. This left an opportunity for ex-Whanganui representative and WHS legend Keightley Watson to step in and take leadership of the young side, also giving an opportunity for other Junior players who are on the cusp of Cricket royalty at WHS. Other proud moments include providing up and coming talent such as Haris "The Keen Cricketer" Khan and Anthony "Superman" Sellers with opportunities to secure their first wickets of many to come in the green and gold of Whanganui High School. Looking forward to next season when we will compete in several prestigious tournaments such as the



Whanganui Chronicle Cup and an inter-school competition against some of our main rivals on the Kapiti Coast.

Big thanks to Eric Head, Warren Marr and the biggest thanks to our honorary mother of the cricket family, Tonia Hoobin.

Jack Donaldson (Skipper), **Thomas Friedel** (Vice Skipper), **Ben Walkley** (Senior Member)



Football

This has been a successful year for both the boys and the girls football teams at Whanganui High School. Both teams had excellent captains, able to lead them to great things this season. They competed in the Central Six tournament in Palmerston North on August 7th, both boys and girls teams placing third in the tournament! On the 20th August, they competed in an exchange with Hawera High School, both boys and girls putting on great performances, the boys 1st XI drawing 1-1 and the girls 1st XI winning 3-1. In the Winter tournament week, the boys stayed home in Whanganui whilst the girls headed to Wellington.

On day one, the girls lost their first 3-1 and drew 0-0 in their second game, whilst the boys had two really solid wins, 3-0 against Katikati and 2-0 against Paukuranga.

On day two, the boys had a 2-1 loss against St John's College, Hastings and a 2-1 win against Horowhenua. The girls had two 2-0 wins, against Newlands and Southland.

On day three, the girls team lost 1-0 to Sacred Heart, Wellington, whilst the boys won 2-0 against Wellington High School, which put them in the top eight.

As day four rolled around, the teams had two games each, the girls playing Inglewood, winning 3-1 and celebrating a good win against St Oran's College 5-1, the guys losing their first game 3-0 against Mt Roskill Grammar and winning their second 1-0 against Howick College, taking them into fifth and sixth place respectively on day five.

On the last day of tournament week both these teams played awesome games throughout the week. The girls ended up being the plate final winners in the Grant Jarvis tournament and the boys placed 5th in the Trident tournament. What an outstanding result for both teams over the week, making the school proud and showing other teams what our School can do.

Once again Netball has been the largest team sport played at Whanganui High School for 2019, with 11 teams and at least 8 of these teams ending their season in a final play off. Many of our students also represented Whanganui in their age grade representative teams. A true testament to all the volunteer coaches and managers and players who have committed to the game.

2019 started on a high with a pre-season tournament in April on the Gold Coast, Australia in which Lisa Murphy, Kim Flower, Robyn Walford and Clare Lynch took 2 teams (WHS Gold & WHS Green) of mixed junior and senior players to the U18 International Netball Festival in the aim to blood the younger players for this year's season. Ten games of netball over 3 days against Australian, Indigenous Australian, Fijian and other New Zealand teams, in wicked heat saw the WHS Gold team take out the U18 division and win Gold in the final against Fiji. An absolutely amazing result.

Our pinnacle Phillips Electrical Senior A1 Netball team - Imogen Flower (co-captain), Montel Aki (co-captain), Keilani Tyrell, Rebecca Tamati, Teagan Tapa, Molly Bullock, Kara Adrole, Sophie Andrews, Mikayla Heka and Tima Tuinasoni - have also had an amazing 2019 season. The team plays Monday nights in the Whanganui Club Premier grade and went through the season unbeaten only to be pipped in the final against Kaierau A1, to be placed 2nd. On Saturdays we play in the Manawatu Premier Secondary School grade in Palmerston North. This competition would have to be the most competitive of all winter codes played in the Manawatu. This year we were the WINNERS, winning gold in the final against Manakura by 1 goal (34-33), making history for not only our school but Whanganui.

Tournament week saw the team travel to Wellington to compete in the A Grade against 32 teams. We finished 3rd overall beating St Marys Wellington by one goal! More importantly we became one of the top five teams to qualify for the NZSS Netball Nationals in Nelson in October where we will compete in a 16 team competition against the Upper North Island tournament qualifiers and those of the South Island. Historically we are the only WHS netball team to qualify for nationals and the first Wanganui Secondary School team to have done it since 1999. It is going to be an amazing experience for all of us and a wonderful way to finish the year for our Year 13's - Imogen, Montel, Rebecca, Keilani and Teagan - who will be leaving Whanganui High School this year.

We wish to thank our long time No.1 sponsors Phillips Electrical and 2019 sponsor Wanganui Toyota for all their support in ensuring our team reaches their full potential.

Most of all we wish to thank Lisa Murphy and Kim Flower who are hanging up their hats after 8 years together taking the Senior A1 team. We have had so much fun, tears, injuries and love with these two and they will be really missed.

Imogen Flower
Phillips Electrical WHS Senior A1 Netball Co-Captain

