



WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 22 January
Course Counselling

Friday 24 January
Teacher Only Day

Monday 27 January
School resumes for Year 9, Year 13 & new students from all other levels

Tuesday 28 January
School resumes for all year levels

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Our junior and senior students have recently completed their various examinations - internal school examinations in English, mathematics, science and social studies for junior students and external NCEA assessments for senior students. We wish all senior students well in their external NCEA examination results.

Junior Activities Week was a great success with 48 different activities being offered by staff members to our Year 9 and Year 10 students. The activities ran through our House structure and connected to our LIFE school values: Learning, Integrity, Fellowship, Excellence. Consistent focus was placed on new or discovery-based activities, thinking or individual activities, team or community-based activities, competitive or creative activities.

At the Junior Prizegiving on Friday, 6 December the Whanganui High School House Champions Shield was awarded to Whenua House as the winning House for 2019 out of Awa, Maunga, Moana, Whenua. Please see our school website www.whanganuihigh.school.nz for more details.

I wish all students and whanau a joyful and safe Christmas over the coming weeks. I am looking forward to welcoming all our Year 13 students and new students to Whanganui High School at the beginning of the school year on Monday, 27 January and then welcoming students of all year levels back to school the following day.

I am always happy to meet with students, whanau and members of the community to discuss any aspect of education and LIFE at Whanganui High School.

Ngā mihi nui

Martin McAllen - Principal

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

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2019



NIAMH MONK

Niamh Monk, is training hard in preparation for being signed to Indiana State University, United States of America for 2020. The university is one of the top 15 NCAA rowing universities in the United States, and gives Niamh the opportunity to both study and have a high-performance rowing programme.



KEELAN TUI

Keelan Tui has won the prestigious Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award. This award recognises the skills, knowledge and competencies that Keelan has developed for a vocational career and his determination and willingness to learn.

AMELIA NEALE
Term 3 has been a busy term for Amelia Neale. Amelia was able to fine tune her roller hockey skills at the recent Champions Cup 2019 Roller Hockey Tournament held in Brisbane, Australia. Prior to this tournament Amelia played for Whanganui at the New Zealand Nationals, where she came 1st (Women's team) and 3rd (Mixed Youth Age team).



STELLA WARNER

Stella Warner has been awarded the '2019 Whanganui Federation Women Young Player of the Year' award and has also been selected to represent our region at the National Age Group Tournament.

MADISON AUSTIN

Madison Austin has received the 'UCOL Accomplishment Award'. This is awarded to the student who has made the most significant achievement in 2019.



MITCHELL MCDOWELL

At the recent New Zealand Cowboy Action Shooting Championships, student Mitchell McDowell came away with the Champion title and trophy for a second year running, in the age group 13 and under. Mitchell has qualified to compete in the World Cowboy Action Shooting Society Championships in New Mexico, United States in May 2020.



ROCHELLE LOWE & ABIGAIL SEWELL

Rochelle Lowe and Abigail Sewell submitted 1500 word essays as part of the Senior Section of the annual Wynne Costley Research Scholarship. Abigail's essay explored women's involvement in World War I and was awarded first place and 'Most Outstanding Contribution'. Rochelle's essay focused on women in the New Zealand government and was awarded second place.



CONNOR MUNRO

Connor Munro was one of 25 finalists selected throughout New Zealand for a Progear student portraiture photography competition, in association with the Gerrard and Marti Friedlander Charitable Trust. His photograph was displayed as part of the competition at the NorthArt Gallery in Auckland.



Y8 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS for 2020

Incoming WHS Students



(Front row, left to right)

(Back row, left to right)

ENGLISH SCHOLARSHIP
Lachlan Burroughs

SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP
Finnian Sinclair

MATHEMATICS SCHOLARSHIP
Noah Jones

CONFUCIUS PRIZE
Yuri van der Wees

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP
Elsie Butcher

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP
Thomas Gowan

IVAN HIGGINS SCHOLARSHIP
Siobhan Sarkar

CULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP
Ivan Adams

SOCIAL STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP
Kasih Dilloway

Congratulations!