



WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2020

Tenā koutou katoa,

As you will be aware, New Zealand is now at Alert Level 4 with regard to the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak. Over the last few days all staff members have been involved in planning the best way forward for our school community to ensure an appropriate balance of remote learning and rich task-based activities for our students while they are in self-isolation. Ultimately, an assessment is only an assessment and there are greater matters affecting our whole society at present. As John Dewey, one of the greatest educational thinkers of the 20th century said "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."

I commend all students for incorporating our school values of LIFE (Learning, Integrity, Fellowship, Excellence) into all fields of achievement. We like to recognise all student achievement so please let the school know if your child has had success in any given area and we will give due recognition.

Wishing you all the best for the health and well-being of your family and friends over the coming weeks - take care of yourself and everybody close to you.

Ngā mihi nui

Martin McAllen - Principal

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



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TROY BULLOCK

Motocross enthusiast, Troy Bullock, competed in the Grand National Cross Country Series winning in the Junior Champion title in the 85cc/150cc class. The competition was held on five different North Island tracks, with each track challenging each rider's skills and competence. The best four results counted towards the overall competition.



ALYSSA HARTLEY

Alyssa achieved a silver medal from London's Trinity College for her Speech, Drama and Musical Theatre Grade 6 examinations, as she achieved the highest score regionally. Her result of 88% secured this top medal, and this was quite an achievement as no other silver medals were issued.



KATE REGAN

Kate has been selected as one of 20 finalists in the Trustpower Photographic Competition. She has been awarded 'Highly Commended' for her photograph titled 'Nuts and Bolts', and the photograph is on display as part of the Trustpower Photographic Exhibition in Tauranga. The theme for the competition was 'home'.

NZ SCHOLARSHIP

NZ SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

results

Rhiannon Free - History

Hunter Flanagan-Connors - English, History, Statistics

Leigh-ana Hale - Classics, English

Ben Power - Statistics

Assessment for New Zealand Scholarship is held externally at the end of each school year. New Zealand Scholarship examinations are undertaken by some of our most academically able Year 13 students at the same time as they are completing their NCEA Level 3 examinations.

TRINITY TAYLOR-MOORE

Trinity received the top 'Elite Certificate' in the Education Perfect Languages Competition. This online competition was completed in her own time with questions and translations in French. Trinity was invited to apply for an NZIUI Student Exchange Scholarship. She was selected as one out of ten students to sit through interviews, and Trinity won the \$4000 scholarship to put towards her upcoming exchange to France.



ANTHONY SELLERS

Anthony recently competed in the Rugby League 9s in Perth, Australia as a Cook Island Representative. Anthony's team won the Harmony 9s U17 Boys Competition against Samoa. Anthony was awarded top try scorer at the tournament.



MAGGIE JONES

After Maggie's recent success at the NZSS Athletics where she won both the 80m and 300m Hurdles, Maggie was selected in the NZSS team of 20 to compete at the Australian Athletics Championships to be held at the Sydney Olympic stadium. Maggie would have been in the U17 grade in Sydney and would have competed over the longer 200m and 400m Hurdles for the first time in major competition. Unfortunately, the Championships were cancelled due to the spread of the coronavirus.

CAMBRIDGE MATHEMATICS CAMBRIDGE International Examinations

Whanganui High School had excellent IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) results with 13 out of 21 students passing with A or A* grades. Cambridge Mathematics is one of the International examinations administered by the Cambridge University Examination Board. These examinations are recognised worldwide and are invaluable when applying for scholarships prior to tertiary study.

ATHLETICS DAY

School Athletics this year at Whanganui High School was yet another successful day for the whole school. Having our four Houses: Awa, Maunga, Moana and Whenua made the day very exciting with plenty of competition and school spirit from everyone.

The competitive races demonstrated the amazing job Greg Fromont and assistant coach Elaine Baker have carried out with our athletes here at Whanganui High School. Every race was extremely close with students giving 100% and showing great fellowship towards each other. The Athletics day was a huge success and a great way to continue a new era.

