



# WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2020

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday 10 September**  
Senior Examinations Begin

**Friday 18 September**  
Senior Examinations End

**Friday 25 September**  
Last day of Term 3

### Tēnā koutou katoa,

As I am writing this article our rohe is in Covid-19 Alert Level 2. As always the best interests of our students, staff and whānau constantly drive and shape our school.

We know from the lockdown period that all our students and staff members benefitted from regular contact and feedback as well as meaningful connections regarding overall hauora and wellbeing. All students and staff learnt life-long lessons from the lockdown and we have all reflected on what we might do differently, or the same, if lockdown ever arises again in the future.

On Saturday, 8 August, 270 Year 13 students and partners attended our wonderful School Ball at the Whanganui Racecourse. The Ball was postponed earlier in the year due to the Covid-19 situation but our Social Prefects' team put forward an excellent student leadership proposal to hold a reduced scale Ball: ticket costs were reduced significantly to lessen the financial impact on whānau; finger food was provided rather than sit-down dinners; the evening finished earlier than in previous years. A great evening together was enjoyed by everyone.

Over recent weeks we have hosted sports exchanges with Whanganui Collegiate and Hawera High School. Honours were shared fairly evenly with Whanganui Collegiate and our teams won eight out of the eleven matches played against Hawera High School. Outstanding attitude, commitment and school support enriched both home-based exchanges.

Ngā mihi nui  
**Martin McAllen - Principal**



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WHS ACHIEVERS



### DANCE NZ MADE

The Dance NZ Made competition embraces the strength, diversity and passion of dance. Regional winners: Olivia Bedwell, Sophia Bedwell, Amy Bennetts, Zoe Bullock, Emma Henare, Nat Kirk, Laura Mackintosh, Mira Meijer, Lauren Phillips and Rebekah Phillips.



### CONNOR HOSKIN

Our Head Boy has been recognised for dedicating his time to helping our local community. Connor has received a Silver Award from the Student Volunteer Army to recognise 250 hours of community service. Connor also balances this service work with his sporting commitments in hockey, including being in the Under 21 New Zealand Māori Mens Team.



### REINA JONES

Reina (Year 9) has been excelling in Chinese language. Reina was a regional finalist in the Wellington 2020 Chinese Bridge Speech Competition and has now won the national level competition organised by the Confucius Institute of Victoria University of Wellington. 做得好 (Well Done) Reina



### DENNIHE EDWARDS & TOA TAWHITAPOU

Dennihe Edwards and Toa Tawhitapou won the Solo-Duo category at the Regional Smokefree Rockquest competition and then won again at the regional Smokefree Tangata Beats Competition. Both incorporated cultural elements into their music by wearing Ei and writing songs for their peers.

## THE SCHOOL BALL

Thank you to the tireless group of student helpers, led by this year's Heads of Social, Mahina Barritt and Vincent Ye, who created a truly unforgettable night.

Prizes were awarded to the following students:

**Best Dressed Male and Female-** Jordyn Leiasamaivao-Turvey and Charlotte James

**Cutest Couple-** Divnesh Dayal and Abbie Trillo

**Best Dancers-** Sebastian Newton and Brooke Ryland

**Student Choice-** Anita Hohaia and Jacob Brown

**Prince and Princess-** Liam Johnson and Kara Adrole

**King and Queen-** Connor Hoskin and Alice Doney



## WHS CROSS COUNTRY

YEAR 9 GIRLS	JUNIOR GIRLS	SENIOR GIRLS
Teresa Rennie 1st	Chardonnay Ross-Elvin 1st	Charlotte Baker 1st
Estelle Murray 2nd	Rebekah Bayler 2nd	Maggie Jones 2nd
Carrie Rennie 3rd	Macy Dobbie 3rd	Renee Teers 3rd
YEAR 9 BOYS	JUNIOR BOYS	SENIOR BOYS
Thomas Gowan 1st	Chase Morpeth 1st	Nat Kirk 1st
Damian Hodgson 2nd	Levi Hoekstra 2nd	Blair Gowan 2nd
Alistair Cameron 3rd	Cade Knight 3rd	Flynn Johnston 3rd



On Friday 31st July, 77 teams of students headed over to the Jubilee Stadium to answer questions about everything from Samuel L. Jackson to Hurricane Katrina. Congratulations to our winning team 'Foot' and congratulations to our winning house, Whenua.

**Jack Fawthorpe Head of Academia**

## HOUSE QUIZ DAY

# ENROLMENTS 2021

APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT 2021 ARE WELCOME ACROSS ALL YEAR LEVELS

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