



# WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 12 October**  
Term 4 Begins

**Thursday 15 October**  
Sports Awards

**Friday 16 October**  
Pasifika Awards (TBC)

**Thursday 22 October**  
Cultural Awards

**Thursday 29 October**  
Māori Awards

**Tuesday 10 November**  
•Y11 finish & reports issued  
•Y11 Prizegiving at 1.30pm in the Hall  
•Juniors, Y12, Y13 released at 12.50pm

**Wednesday 11 November**  
•Y12 finish & reports issued  
•Y12 Prizegiving at 1.30pm in the Hall  
•Juniors and Y13 released at 12.50pm  
•Y13 finish & reports issued  
•Y13 Prizegiving at 7.00pm in the Hall (Followed by supper in the Library)

**Monday 16 November**  
NCEA External Examinations Begin

**Tuesday 8 December**  
•Y9 & Y10 finish & reports issued  
•Y9 & Y10 Prizegiving at 11.00am in the Hall

### Tēnā koutou katoa,

The Covid-19 pandemic has continued to affect many of our larger-scale activities but we have also been in the fortunate position of being able to adapt our planning and focus on providing the best possible education for our taura. Future-Focus Week and Course Selections for 2021 were followed quickly by the Senior School Examinations from 10 September to 18 September. Our senior taura are now heading towards their final stages of preparation for the NCEA external examinations in November. During 14 September to 18 September the whole kura celebrated and recognised Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. Our Māori Dean and school-wide kaiawhina led presentations during our kaiako briefings and there were a wide range of taura and kaiako activities during the week. This last week of Term 3 has seen all of us involved in a combination of creative and interactive Mental Health Awareness Week activities. Great emphasis has been placed on nourishing our individual and collective hauora and well-being.

Ngā mihi nui

**Martin McAllen - Principal**

### CALEB SQUIRE & LUKE SQUIRE

The Blue Light Junior Policing Unit gifted two scholarships to the Whanganui Sailing Club. The Club awarded these scholarships to Luke and Caleb for showing leadership in the club environment. The leadership course is a five night trip around the Hauraki Gulf on board "Steinlager II", an important boat in New Zealand racing history.



### CHAMBER MUSIC

Whanganui High School's 'The Tenuto Trio', received a Highly Commended award at the recent Chamber Music Regional Contest. Congratulations to Eve Parker-Groves for receiving the Adjudicators Award with her group 'Blended'.

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### ZOE BRACEGIRDLE & ROSE HIRD

Zoe and Rose, are two of the 41 finalists in the 2020 National Youth Awards. The awards are run by the Waikato Society of Arts and held at the Arts Post Gallery in Hamilton. Rose's printmaking piece is titled 'A chantry for cumulus' and Zoe's photography piece is titled 'Self Belief'.



### TONI ADAMS (left) & MADDISON MCKENZIE (right)

Toni and Maddison along with 28 students from all over New Zealand recently travelled to Wellington's Shakespeare Globe Centre to take part in Shakespeare Ora Aotearoa. They participated in acting workshops and were mentored by various industry professionals such as NZ playwright Dave Armstrong and NZ Drama School director Tanea Heke, coming away with valuable dramatic experiences.



### PARIS MOORE

Congratulations to Paris who was given the AFM Award. The AFM Award is presented in memory of Debbie Mahoney (a former student of Whanganui High School between 1984 and 1988) who passed away in 2018 at home in Cranbrook, Canada after a long illness. The Award was presented to Paris by Debbie's sister Jo Mahoney, brother Steve Mahoney and his wife Mary.



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Our international students have had quite a different experience this year, due to COVID. We still have international students with us from China, Vietnam, Japan, Taiwan, Korea and Germany but also have many keen students waiting to head to our shores. This year our international students have had several trips to visit different parts of New Zealand. We also took a group of students to Wellington where we visited Victoria University, Parliament and Te Papa Museum. We have an international basketball team and Mr Ding also runs basketball and volleyball on Saturday mornings to provide another opportunity for our students to meet with each other. Our international students are working hard and we have seen some outstanding NCEA results this year. We have had to think 'outside the box' at times and have adapted, such as having our 'Cultural Festival' online. Our international students have shown great resilience and have enjoyed extra time with wonderful, supportive homestay families.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR COACHES AND MANAGERS FOR TAKING OUR TEAMS. YOUR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THE SUCCESS OF SPORT AT WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL IS APPRECIATED.



### BOYS 1ST XI HOCKEY

Overall, it was a great tournament for our boys.



### GIRLS 1ST XI HOCKEY

Our Girls 1st XI Hockey team went to Hastings winning against Solway College and Karamu College and losing to Gisborne Girls' in the play offs. Unfortunately, the team did battle with sickness having to default one of their games and ended up playing off for 5th and 6th against Gisborne Girls'. Overall, it was a good tournament as they were able to develop their game further.



### SENIOR A1 NETBALL

Our Phillips Electrical A1 Netball team went to the Hawkes Bay winning against Woodford House 49-30 and drew against Napier Girls. They won against Taradale High School 45-14 and Gisborne Girls 40-25. It was a short tournament this year for the netball girls but great to see the girls improve in each game.

# ENROLMENTS 2021

APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT 2021 ARE WELCOME ACROSS ALL YEAR LEVELS

Martin McAllen, Principal, Whanganui High School

SPORTS TOURNAMENT WEEK