



WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 28 January & Friday 29 January

Teacher Only Days

Monday 1 February

School begins for Year 9, Year 13 & new students from all other levels

Tuesday 2 February

School resumes for all year levels

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Our students and staff can all breathe a huge sigh of relief as we reach the end of a most unusual school year due to the widespread local, national and international effects of Covid-19.

Our junior students recently completed school examinations in English, mathematics, science and social studies while our senior students completed the very last of this year's NCEA external examinations on Wednesday, 9th December.

Junior Activities Week was a great success and we appreciated the support given from available members of next year's prefect team as they actively joined in with students and teachers. The activities run through our Awa, Maunga, Moana, Whenua House structure and all activities are connected closely to our school values of LIFE: Learning, Integrity, Fellowship, Excellence. A great time was had by everybody.

I sincerely wish all students, staff, whānau and our wider school community a happy and relaxing Christmas over the next few weeks. I am sure that we are all looking forward to a more normal rhythm of life in 2021.

Ngā mihi nui

Martin McAllen - Principal

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER
FOR DECEMBER 2021



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CALLISTA BOOTH-RICHARDS

Callista was involved in the week long BLAKE inspire programme. This environmental leadership and sustainability programme enabled her to learn about biodiversity, conservation, freshwater ecology, marine conservation, sustainable agriculture, environmental policy and water health. At the end of the programme Callista presented an action plan about biotechnology and genetic engineering to increase sustainability in New Zealand. Callista was also awarded third place in the recent NZ Chinese Calligraphy Competition in the Secondary School Non-Native section. She will soon be heading off to NanoCamp in Christchurch where she will be working with top scientists practicing electron microscopy, laser physics and nano electronics.

GRACE SWANSTON

Grace has won the prestigious Fine Art Gallery Young Artist Scholarship. Her prize money will be used towards her first solo exhibition in 2021. Zoe Bracegirdle won the People's Choice Award for the competition. The judges expressed how difficult their task was this year, with such quality submissions.



AKSHIMA MARWAH

Akshima has been selected to attend the prestigious Rotary National Science & Technology Forum in early 2021. To be accepted into the forum she had to undergo a rigorous application and interview process. The forum will provide specialised knowledge from leading scientists and innovators in the STEM sector and learning about scientific fields (robotics, engineering, chemistry and biology).



ALYSSA HARTLEY & EVE PARKER-GROVES

Alyssa and Eve received 1st and 2nd placings respectively, in the Sonja Wilson Memorial Scholarship 'Nita Oldham Award' (vocal class for the most promising singer). Alyssa Hartley also won the Nita Oldham Trophy. The Sonja Wilson Memorial Scholarship is a major event for young musicians of Grade 6 level and above.



ARANGA MOLIJN

Aranga placed first in the Year 13 section and was awarded overall winner of the Wynne Costley Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded by the Whanganui Branch of the National Council of Women. Participants are asked to produce an essay on a New Zealand woman (or women) in society, past or present, living or dead, who have or who are still achieving and contributing in a distinctly definable way to society. Aranga's impeccably researched essay was about Te Puea Herangi.

RANITA KIRK

Ranita was given the exciting opportunity of ten days aboard the Spirit of Adventure. She dived into cold morning swims, tackling the mast, team-building exercises, rope knots and patterns. The Spirit of Adventure sailed from Auckland Harbour to Te Haupa Island, the Coromandel and Waitemata Harbour. On day nine, Ranita and the other trainees sailed the boat themselves. Thank you to her sponsor, Steve Thoms.



Y8 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS for 2021

Incoming WHS Students



(Front row, left to right)

(Back row, left to right)

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

Quin Harris-Campbell
(Huntley School)

MATHEMATICS SCHOLARSHIP

Lucas Hodgson
(Whanganui Intermediate School)

IVAN HIGGINS SCHOLARSHIP

Lennox Brotherton
(Fordell School)

CULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP

William Herd
(Whanganui Intermediate School)

ENGLISH SCHOLARSHIP

Milly-Rose Broughton
(Faith City School)

SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Bryn Morgan
(St Mary's School)

SOCIAL STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP

Coral Poynter
(St George's School)

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

Aria Bannister
(Whanganui Intermediate School)

CONFUCIUS PRIZE & CULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP

Billie Dufty
(St Anne's School)

Congratulations!