



WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 26 March
Interim Reports Issued

**Friday 2 April to
Tuesday 6 April (inclusive)**
Easter Break

**Wednesday 14 April
& Thursday 15 April**
Student Achievement
Conferences

Friday 16 April
Term One Ends

Monday 3 May
Term Two Begins

Tēnā koutou katoa,

As we near the end of Week 8 during the first Term of the 2021 school year, it is very pleasing to reflect on the fact that our students this year are able to take part in the full range of educational, sporting and cultural activities on offer throughout our school and across New Zealand.

There was great competition and participation in our school Athletics and Swimming Championships, and the Academic Quiz evening last week. Our Prefects also had a very enjoyable bonding and learning experience during their camp in Wellington a few days ago.

A wide range of Outdoor Education class trips and camps were able to be held over the last few weeks and various sporting teams are away competing at Summer Tournament Week events this week.

We are looking forward to the Student Achievement conferences on Wednesday, 14 April and Thursday, 15 April. The conferences are a great opportunity for caregivers and parents of students at all year levels to check individual academic progress and next steps forward in all learning areas.

As always, I am happy to meet directly with caregivers and parents to discuss any aspect of your daughter or son's education at Whanganui High School

Ngā mihi nui

Martin McAllen - Principal



NZ Scholarship Recipients:



Leah Aiono
English



Callista Booth-Richards
Biology



Merle Chant
Design



Aranga Molijn
Health and Physical Education



Grace Swanston
Painting

NZ SCHOLARSHIP

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.

ZOE BRACEGIRDLE

Year 13 student Zoe Bracegirdle was winner of the WDC Youth Recognition Award with her photograph entry entitled "Living Dead" at the recent Pattillo Whanganui Arts Review. Other pieces accepted into the review were created by; students - Rose Hird, Kate Regan, Ellie Reyland, Freyja Wrigglesworth; and teachers - Mrs Coombs (Merit Award), Mr Hall, Mrs Sleyer and Mrs Su'a. Their artwork is on view at the Sarjeant Gallery until the 16th May.

TROY BULLOCK

Congratulations to Year 12 motocross student Troy Bullock, who came first in New Zealand in the 14-16yrs 85cc class at the New Zealand Junior Motocross Championships in February. Troy has been riding since the age of 7 years old. All riders were keen to participate in this year's event, as the event had not been held the previous year due to Covid.



CHASE MORPETH & DREW BRENNAN

Year 11 student, Chase Morpeth, was awarded Junior Boys' Champion at the 2021 Speed Skating Nationals earlier this year. Drew Brennan, a Year 10 student, came third overall at the same event, an impressive result as Drew was the youngest skater in his grade. Both students are incredibly talented speedskaters. Chase was also presented with Most Outstanding Speedskater at the end of year prizegiving for the Whanganui Roller Skating Club.

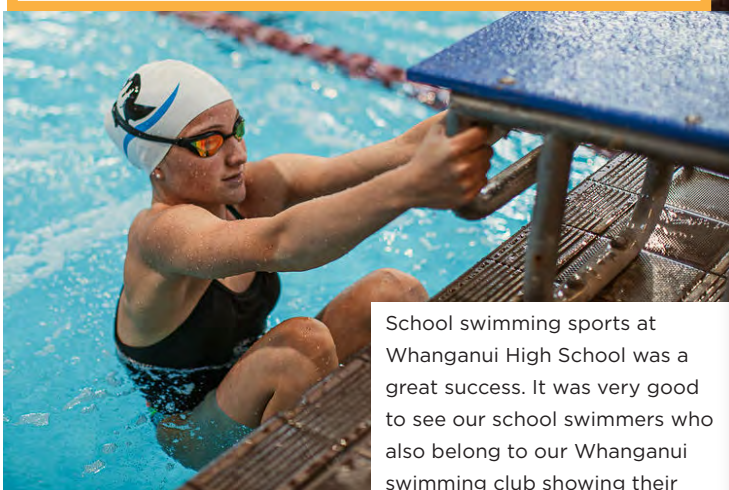
ALICE QUIGLEY

At the recent Central North Island Debating Championships, first time debater Alice Quigley was awarded 'Most promising speaker of the tournament'. She also achieved 'Best Junior speaker' and is now a reserve to the Central North Island Team. Alice is in Year 10 and completed five team debates in total during the event



BEACH CLEAN UP

The school's Community Prefects held their annual Beach Clean Up at Castlecliff Beach at the end of February. Our students managed to collect an impressive 50kg of rubbish. Thank you to sponsors: Japanese Kitchen WA, Mint Cafe, PAK'nSAVE Whanganui and Thistle Sweet Shop.



School swimming sports at Whanganui High School was a great success. It was very good to see our school swimmers who also belong to our Whanganui swimming club showing their dedication and talent. The House relays were the highlight of the day, it was wonderful to see all our students showing great school spirit.

SWIMMING SPORTS

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. Coach 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 a great fellowship towards each other. The Athletics day was a huge success and great way to continue a new era.

