



WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

16 September
Senior Examinations begin

24 September
Senior Examinations end

30 September
Sports Awards

1 October
Last Day of Term 3

Monday 18 October
Term 4 begins

Tēnā koutou katoa,

The 2021 school year is continuing to race by as we build on the solid learning foundations established during Terms 1 and 2. Extremely positive Student Achievement Conferences were held over two afternoons and evenings just two weeks ago. Even though the recent return to Alert Level 4 has led to the postponement or cancellation of some significant school activities, we are nimble in our approach and have continued placing the greatest emphasis on the most effective teaching and learning possible for all our students.

Our Senior School Examinations run from Thursday, 16 September to Friday, 24 September and are effective preparation for the NCEA Level 1 to 3 and Scholarship examinations beginning in early November.

Please feel welcome to make an appointment with me if you would like to discuss any aspect of education and life at Whanganui High School.

Ngā mihi nui

Martin McAllen - Principal



CYPRUS HILL

(Year 12) completed the Blue Light Life Skills Programme held in Taupo last month. She was awarded the Overall Excellence Award at the event. Blue Light New Zealand, is a not-for-profit charity that works alongside police to provide a fun community-based programme for students.

ANGUS SEWELL

(Year 10) won four Gold and a Bronze at the recent sprint kayaking National Oceania championships. Angus has been selected for the Asia Pacific International competition in Japan later this year, as well as being selected for the New Zealand Pathways Squad.

ARIA BANNISTER

(Year 9) Congratulations to Aria who competed at the NZ Secondary Schools Swimming Championships in Auckland. She won Bronze in the 50m breaststroke and broke two school swimming records.

EMMA OLGWY

(Year 12) won the Macca Lodge Recycled Award of the National Secondary Schools Hokonui Fashion Design Awards 2021. Whanganui High School Fashion Design had four entries and all entrants were finalists in the show.

PIPPA MCKEE

(Year 9) competed in the Artistic Skating National Championships in July and won Gold in Small Show Skate Group, Silver in Cadet Figures; and Bronze in Dance/Freedom. She also placed 6th in New Zealand for Free Skate.

DANCE NZ MADE 2021

Our students had the wonderful opportunity of competing in Dance NZ Made at the Royal Whanganui Opera House. Students had a successful two days of competing and workshops. It was great to see our experienced dancers and first-time performers together.

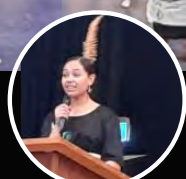
The following students have gained places in the September National Championships:

National Soloist Nominees - Emma Henare, Lauren Phillips, Olivia Bedwell, Sophia Bedwell, Laura Mackintosh, Nat Kirk, Billie Dufty
Golden Ticket representatives - Emma Henare, Lauren Phillips, Olivia Bedwell, Sophia Bedwell, Laura Mackintosh, Nat Kirk, Billie Dufty, Millie Frampton, Emily Corcoran, Mira Meijer, Toni Adams
Group Nomination - Year 11/13 'Group Alive' choreographed by Laura Mackintosh.

Congratulations to all our wonderful dancers!



WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL PASIFIKA GROUP



The WHS Pasifika Group competed at Pasifika Fusion 2021 in Palmerston North recently. Categories entered were Quiz, Speeches, Talent Quest and Cultural Set. Sophia Unga-Cribb (Year 13) placed second in the Speech category.

PERFORMING ARTS

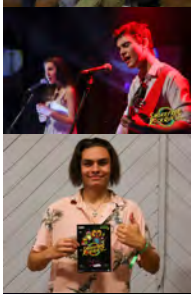


We said 'I Do, I Do, I Do', presenting **Mamma Mia!** - the stage musical. Four stand-out shows at the Royal Whanganui Opera House had the audience singing in their seats and students becoming Dancing Queens and Super Troupers, creating memories that will stay with them forever! Drama students put their Shakespearean talents to the test entering the **Otago University Sheilah Winn Regional Shakespeare Festival** in April.

During the recent **Smokefree Rockquest Regional competitions**, WHS took away a massive nine awards: 1st place band: 'Jansen & the Amps', 3rd Place Band and Best Electronic Performance, 2nd Solo: 'Jansen', 1st Place Smokefree Tangata Beats: Toa Te Poa, Best Vocals: Jessie and Heath, Best Musicianship, bass player form 'Stricknien' ZM Best Song: 'Periwinkle Blue' and The Stomach Future Recording Artist: Gecko.

WHS entered the **NZCT Chamber Music Regional Contest** in June. We received four awards: Highly Commended: 'Tenuto Trio' and 'Sospirato', Adjudicators Award: 'Tenuto Trio' and the KBB Award to 'No Strings Attached' The Tenuto Trio entered the **Whanganui Music Competitions** during the Term 2 break and won 1st prize for their performance.

Olivia Bedwell and Eve Parker-Groves were finalists in the **NZ Lion Foundation Songwriting Competition**. They won a day's professional recording to the value of \$750. Their song will feature in the 2021 NZ Album.



THE SCHOOL BALL



A massive thank you to everyone involved in "Hollywood Nights"! The night was filled with glam, music, dinner, and prizes, directed and run by the Heads of Social, Molly Fothergill and Ben Conley, along with their awesome team of Social Prefects. Formal prizes were awarded to the following students:

King: Jordyn Leiasamaivao-Turvey
Queen: Sophia Unga-Cribb
Prince: Aaron Cogan
Princess: Molly Fothergill
Cutest Couple: Jordyn Leiasamaivao-Turvey & Sophia Unga-Cribb
Best Dressed Male: Jansen Conden-Ngāpō
Best Dressed Female: Porourangi Manuel

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