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WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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Tēnā koutou katoa,

It continues to be a period of rapid change and challenge throughout New Zealand at this point in time.

We are making full use of the time we still have available this term to focus on the most effective teaching, learning and support possible for our students. Being flexible in our forward planning and adapting quickly are central to both student and staff experiences of achievement and overall well-being.

Ngā mihi nui

Martin McAllen - Principal



'TOP OF THE SOUTH' SPEED SKATING

Four students competed in the 'Top of the South' two-day Speed Skating event held in Blenheim recently. Chase Morpeth (Year 11) won the Men's A Grade event, taking overall honours from the collective results of five events. Drew Brennan (Year 10) came third overall in the Men's A Grade. Tazia Parker (Year 9) came fourth in the Women's A Grade event, with Keira Brennan (Year 9) finishing ninth in this same grade. This year, this competition has proved a vital warm-up event for the National Speed Skating Road, Flat Track and Marathon Champs, to be held in Timaru late December.



MATHEX REGIONAL COMPETITION

William Herd (Year 9) was third in the Regional Mathex Competition. William also has a lead role in the Shakespeare in the Park Production - Merry Wives of Windsor; and a lead role in the Repertory Theatre Production - Fantastic Mr Fox.



TAKITINI TEAM @ WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

The Whanganui High School Takitini team has been working collaboratively with Whanganui kura to raise Māori success in our local education system.

This role involves reviewing our current practice within our kura, and implementing initiatives and learning. It is a personal and professional commitment to grow and collaborate.

The wider Whanganui early childhood to secondary school Takitini team works under three sectors: achievement within education settings; transition between education sectors; supporting whanau in meaningful engagement across all sectors.

We have a wealth of experience and a passion for success for all students but particularly equity for Māori students within the current education system. Our school team includes: Martin McAllen (Principal); Casey Graham (Physical Education & Takitini Across Sector Lead); Tim Pauro (Physical Education); Roz Armstrong (Drama); Warren Marr (Physical Education & Maunga House Dean); Sean Brown (Physical Education & Māori Dean); Jemma de Smidt (History, Psychology & Academic Dean); Rebecca Kennedy (Mathematics & Whenua House Dean); Amanda Meade (Supported Learning & Health).



MANAWATU SWIMMING RECOGNITION OF AGE GROUP EXCELLENCE (RAGE) AWARD

Aria Bannister (Year 9) won the RAGE Award Regional Level.



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THE SONJA WILSON MUSIC COMPETITION

Eve Parker-Groves (Year 12) won the Senior Vocal Category with the highest marks for The Sonja Wilson Music Competition and received The Sonja Wilson Memorial Scholarship.



WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY

Manawatu Rugby's second highest schoolboys' 1st XV championship was decided between two Whanganui schools, Whanganui High School and City College. With our boys going through the season undefeated, we looked to be the favourites for this final. City College came to the game determined to take out the win; however, our boys pulled through winning the Fraser Trophy 26-22.

Inspired by our 1st XV win the day before, our U15 team came out fired up for a win in the U15 Whanganui Rugby Championship against Cullinane College. The game was close the whole way through under wet conditions. The score at the final whistle was 12-12. The U15 rules do not allow players at this age group to play overtime, so because both sides scored the same number of tries, the winner is based on who scored first - and that was Whanganui High School who took the win!

The Girls' Rugby team played Cullinane College in the Whanganui Girls 10 aside Championship final. Playing in wet conditions made the game difficult; however, our girls won 40-29. MVP was Hayley Gabriel who led from the front as captain.

A huge thank you to 1st XV coach Mike Lama, assistant coach Richard Jordan, U15 coach Ernie Te Waaka and manager Jodie Te Waaka and Girls' coach Riana Tamati, for the time and dedication you give to our rugby teams. We appreciate your support!



WHANGANUI BASKETBALL Finals night

A great season was had by our Premier Junior Girls, Premier Junior Boys and Premier Senior Boys teams who took out their grades in the Whanganui Secondary School Basketball competition. A big win for our Junior Girls playing Collegiate Junior Girls in the final winning 97-27.

Our Junior Boys played Taihape Area School with this final being the decider with both teams winning each game throughout the season. With the boys playing hard they won the final 48-39.

To top off the competition our Senior Boys played Taihape Area School. Both teams had strong defensive and attacking plays. Our boys were able to pull through winning the final 56-42.



IMPORTANT DATES

Reduced scale (fewer than 100 people will be present in the school hall):

Wednesday 27 October
Maori Awards

Friday 29 October
Pasifika Awards

Tuesday 2 November
Arts/Cultural Awards

Thursday 4 November
Sports Awards

Pending - subject to the Covid-19 situation closer to the relevant time:

Tuesday 16 November
Final Day Year 13 Prizegiving
(7.00pm start)

Wednesday 17 November
Final Day Year 12 Prizegiving
(1.30pm start)

Thursday 18 November
Final Day Year 11 Prizegiving
(1.30pm start)

Friday 10 December
Final Day Junior Prizegiving
(11.00am start)