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WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday
7th September**
Senior School
examinations begin

**Friday
15th September**
Senior School
examinations finish

**Friday
22nd September**
Term 3 finishes

Tēnā koutou katoa,

A huge range of school activities have occurred this term with significant focus on events such as: the Student Achievement Conferences which enabled valuable learning discussions between students, teachers and parents; Future Focus Week and our Parent Information Evening which ensured that current Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 students and their family members are able to make informed and wise decisions regarding subject choices for NCEA in 2024.

Our students, staff and families are anticipating some fantastic performances in our Performing Arts 'Battle of the Houses' at the Royal Whanganui Opera House and also at a wide range of Winter Tournament sporting events throughout New Zealand over the next couple of weeks.

Our Year 11 to Year 13 students will then move their focus onto academic pursuits over the last few weeks of this term as they head into the Senior School examinations. The School examinations are always invaluable preparation for the NCEA and Scholarship examinations beginning in early November and finishing in early December.

All new student enrolments for 2024 are due into our Main Office now. Please call into our Main Office (open every school day from 8.00am to 4.30pm) for an enrolment package or phone 06 349 0178 or email office@whs.ac.nz

Ngā mihi nui
Martin McAllen - Principal



WHS ATHLETICS

All the very best to Maggie Jones and Flynn Johnston (who finished their schooling at WHS last year) as they begin a new chapter in their athletics sporting careers heading to the United States on scholarships this month. Maggie is heading to Jacksonville State University, Alabama (a Div 1 College that is part of the C-USA athletics conference). Flynn is heading to Black Hills State University, South Dakota. We wish you both the very best with your overseas experiences.



NZ UNDER 19'S RINK HOCKEY TEAM

At the end of July, Robert Carter, Charlie Teager and Henry White (Year 11) played the Associação de Patinagem de Macau (APM) Tournament in Macau, China, as members of the New Zealand Under 19s Rink Hockey team. This opportunity provided invaluable experience ahead of their World Skate Games qualifying tournament in October at the Asia Games Tournament in Beidaihe, China. They will also be joined at this tournament by Connor Alderton (Year 13).



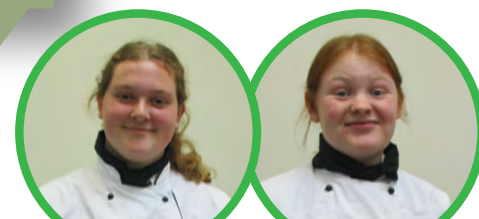
NSSCC

(National Secondary Schools Culinary Competition)

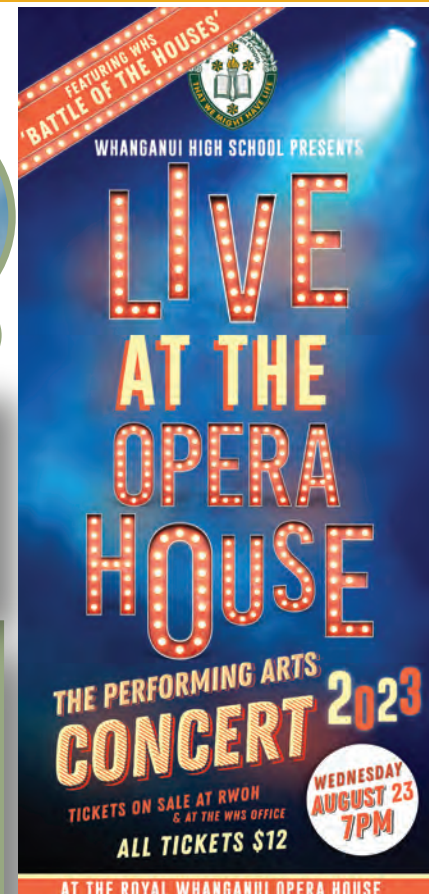
The last week of last term saw frantic activity in the Food Rooms, as two teams developed and finalised their recipes to enter the online regional competition for a place in the final for this event. The criteria were two entrees cooked in forty-five minutes, with cauliflower the star of the dish. The green team entered a cauliflower ravioli with the pasta containing cauliflower, the filling containing cauliflower and even the sauce containing cauliflower. The yellow team created a twice baked cauliflower soufflé served with a parmesan cheese sauce and cauliflower pearls and a salad of baby cauliflower leaves. The result, both teams won a gold medal, but the green team took out the regional win and is off to Auckland to compete in the national final on 23rd August. This time they will be cooking their entrée and four mains in ninety minutes. What a challenge! Well done to both teams and good luck to green team.



YELLOW TEAM
Jocelyn Mayer & Hannah James
(Year 12)



GREEN TEAM
Madelyn Connole & Olivia Cox
(Year 12)



WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL

Whanganui High School proudly played host to four international student groups in recent weeks, highlighting cross-cultural communication and friendship. Hailing from Xuzhou, China; Namiki High School, Tsukuba, Japan; and Nagaizumi-cho, Japan - Whanganui's sister-city - these students embarked on a wonderful journey of mutual understanding.

During their stay, the students were immersed in a rich learning experience which commenced with pōwhiri, enabling the students to develop an awareness and appreciation for Māori tikanga. They also had daily ESOL lessons and integrated classes with local buddy students. The buddy students played a pivotal role in ensuring that the students were normalised into school life during their time at Whanganui High School.

The groups from Xuzhou received a warm welcome from Mayor Andrew Tripe, and councillors Rob Vinsen and Josh Chandulal-Mackay.

We warmly extend our gratitude to our fantastic homestay families, who opened their homes to the visiting international students and gave them a taste of genuine New Zealand lifestyle and culture.



NATIONAL YOUTH BRASS BAND

Congratulations to Toby Clark (Year 12) who has been selected for the National Youth Brass Band of New Zealand for under 24 year olds.



ROCKQUEST WHANGANUI REGIONAL FINALS

Musicianship Award: Sophie Toyne (Lead Vocalist) from Too Much
ZM Best Song Award: Too Much (Toby Clark, Mitchell Cosford, Reina Jones, Eli Kuehne, Cassiel Lawless, Connor Rooke, Finnian Sinclair, Sophie Toyne, Hunter Whitlock)
APRA Lyric Writers' Award: Alyssa Hartley from Scratched

AFM AWARD

This year's AFM Award was presented to Oliver Rei (Year 13) by Joanne Mahoney. A trophy for the AFM award is presented in memory of Deb Mahoney - a former student of Whanganui High School from 1984 to 1988. Deb passed away in 2018 in Cranbrook, Canada, after a long illness. Her sister presents this annual award and scholarship of \$500 to a Whanganui High School Year 13 student who is picked randomly.

