



WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 30 May
Showquest (Palmerston North)

Friday 31 May
Staff Only Day

Monday 3 June
King's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 11 June
Hutt Valley High School Sports Exchange (Home)

Friday 14 June
Smokefree Rockquest

Tuesday 18 June
Battle of Pans (Cooking Competition)

Thursday 20 June
Big Sing Competition

Tuesday 25 June
Interschool Moderation (early finish 2.00pm)

New Plymouth Girls' High School Sports Exchange (Home)

Friday 28 June
Matariki Public Holiday

Kia ora koutou

We are certainly well into the middle of the school year, as we celebrate a wide range of nationally significant student successes on this very page, and as we also continue our focused emphasis on regular attendance to school and active engagement in classes for all of our students.

Term 2 is the springboard for reinforcing student knowledge skills, and understanding in all learning areas as our students work on their various internal assessments and head towards a wide range of externally assessed examinations, portfolio activities and project work.

As always, I am happy to meet with caregivers and parents if you would like to discuss any aspect of education at Whanganui High School.

Ngā mihi nui
Martin McAllen - Principal



ANZAC DAY AT PĀKAITORE

During the 28th Māori Battalion Anzac Day service at Pākaitore three of our Māori Prefects, **Te Ari Paranihi, Petera Rogers** and **Kingi Edwards**, lay the school wreath at the cenotaph to honour the brave soldiers who have fallen in the many wars and conflicts to protect our freedom. The occasion was extra special for Kingi, who is a direct descendant of the tipuna on top of the memorial: Herewini Whakarua.

It was a very profound moment for the students, their whānau and for the whole school community and we are very proud of the way they represented Whanganui High School. A good show of manaakitanga and whakawhanaungatanga in which community connections were strengthened and respect was shown towards our Māori akonga and their whānau.

Also present, were a good number of student cadets who proudly stood guard, and members of Whanganui Brass who played a solemn note.



CENTRAL DISTRICTS BRASS BAND SOLO COMPETITION

Results from the annual Central Districts Brass Band solo competition, held in New Plymouth on Sunday, 7 May.

Toby Clark (Year 13)	U19 Solo 2nd Place
Toby Clark	Junior Duet 1st Place
Bryn Morgan (Year 12)	U17 Melody 1st Place
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Connor Rooke (Year 12)	U17 Melody 2nd Place
Mitchell Cosford (Year 11)	U17 Melody 3rd Place
Mitchell Cosford	U17 Solo 3rd Place
Hunter Standen (Year 10)	U15 Solo 3rd Place



NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS' SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

WHS student **Bryn Morgan** (Year 12) was selected as a trombonist for the 2024 NZ Secondary Schools' Symphony Orchestra. The NZSSSO gathered in Christchurch during the recent term break for a week of rehearsals, followed by two concerts in Christchurch.

Finn Lennox (Year 11) finished 5th in NZ in the 15-16 125cc class at the NZ Junior Nationals Motocross Championship. Finn competed in the 3 day event held at Flips just outside of Foxton, battling against 25 others from all around New Zealand for a top spot. After qualifying 6th he managed to finish 7th, 8th, 7th, 4th & 5th in the five races that followed and finished 5th overall.

MOTOCROSS



X TERRA ROTORUA FESTIVAL

On Saturday, 6 April, WHS took four students to the Xterra Rotorua festival. **Lennox Brotherton** (Year 12), **Hadley Wilson** (Year 12) and **Darcy Johnston** (Year 12) entered the Duathlon - a 26 Kilometre Mountain Bike ride through the Redwoods, followed by an 11 kilometre trail run (2 laps around Blue lake). The boys did very well, with Lennox finishing 2nd, Hadley 3rd and Darcy 4th in their 14- to 19-year-old age group. What was even more impressive was that Lennox finished 3rd, Hadley 4th and Darcy 15th overall, which was testament to their great training. **Romy Schmeling** (Year 11) entered the short course triathlon finishing a credible 42nd out of 103 competitors and 7th in her age group. Well done to everyone involved.

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ROWING

Jake Newton (Year 12) was selected in the North Island Squad to compete against the South Island squad in the NZ U18 Camp in the school holidays. Jake won the single sculls race by eight seconds and his quad finished 2nd to the South Island on both days. Jake was also the top male sculler at the regatta. This is the first time in 10 years that the North Island Squad has won and the victory was by a record margin. An amazing achievement for Jake.



Paige Conley (Year 10) has triumphed at this year's National Age Group Swimming Championships, claiming three gold and three silver medals. She is now the New Zealand champion in the 800m freestyle, 400m individual medley and 200m butterfly in the 14-year-old female division. Paige was second in the 400m and 200m freestyle and 100m butterfly at the Hawke's Bay Regional Aquatic Centre. Whanganui Swimming Club spokesman Aaron Bunker said it had been at least a decade since a Whanganui swimmer had such a successful national meet. Paige has now claimed five gold medals at National Age Group level, after winning the 1500m freestyle and 200m butterfly in the 13-year-old division at last year's Age Group Championships. Rachel Pui (Year 9) also swam personal best times. Paige coaches younger Whanganui swimmers once a week as a volunteer. Bunker said it was great for the up-and-comers to be able to spend time with her. Paige trains eight times a week. "It takes a lot of dedication to get national titles. They don't come easy."

NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS