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WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 28 June
Matariki

Thursday 4 July
NCEA Reports Issued

Monday 22 July
Term 3 begins

Monday 22 July
Interim Reports issued

**Wednesday 31 July -
Thursday 1 August**
Student Achievement Conferences

Wednesday 7 August
Performing Arts Concert

Thursday 8 August
Sports Photographs

Tēnā koutou katoa.

Over recent weeks students and I have visited nearly all of our contributing schools across our whole region from Waverley Primary School to South Makirikiri School to talk with Year 8 students about the great educational opportunities at Whanganui High School and to deliver our enrolment packages to students and teachers at each school. Our Main Reception Office is open from 8.00 am to 4.30 pm if you would like to personally pick up an enrolment package, or phone the Main Reception Office on 06 349 0178. You can also email: office@whs.ac.nz

I have now completed all of the booked school visits and we are currently most of the way through our school tours showing Whanganui High School learning and teaching in action during regular normal school lessons and activities.

As always, please feel welcome to meet with me if you would like to discuss any aspect of education and life at Whanganui High School.

Ngā mihi nui

Martin McAllen - Principal



WHS
ACHIEVERS
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WHS PERFORMING ARTS: SOPHIE TOYNE

"Contestants adorned in sparkled boots, cowboy hats and sequined dresses met a roaring crowd at Saturday night's Gold Guitar Junior and Intermediate Finals. The competition, held at the Gore Town and Country Club Stadium, honoured the next generation of Aotearoa's country music talent, with performers as young as 11 taking the stage. Months of practice and an intense auditioning period made for a pitch-perfect evening - and paid off for two contestants on the night.

Canterbury's Briar Sharp was awarded a haul of Gold Guitars for the Junior category, including awards for best Gospel, Vocal Solo, and Junior overall, while Whanganui High School Sophie Toyne (Year 10) was crowned Intermediate Overall Winner.

Both contestants were elated to receive the coveted Gold Guitar trophies and a cash prize, but it went even further for Toyne - the recipient of a comprehensive prize package of any young artist's dreams. It included an acoustic guitar, a fully produced single and video clip, a photoshoot, a publicity package and return airfare to Australia's Tamworth Country Music Festival".



SHOWQUEST MANAWATU REGIONALS

73 students represented WHS at this year's Manawatu-Wanganui regional ShowQuest competition held at the Regent on Broadway in Palmerston North. The day was highly successful with the team bringing back awards for Best Theme, Best Props, Highly Commended Drama, Highly Commended Choreography, and overall 1st Place in the senior category. However, the theatre competition is more than just one day of performance. Students have been working tirelessly for months, under the leadership of Student Leaders Zoe Bullock (Year 13) and Hunter Whitlock (Year 13), alongside Stage Manager Toby Clark (Year 13), and Lighting Design Manager Leon Cable (Year 12). Our performance, 'The Women of Ward 5: Hear their Cries' was a spectacular depiction of the fire at the Seacliff Mental Asylum in 1942, killing 37 female patients, and the maltreatment of women through the repressive and rigid regime of lobotomies, electroconvulsive therapy, and other barbaric procedures that were practised at the asylum. While a grim theme, everybody poured their hearts and souls into the performance, making the obvious success all the more fruitful.



1ST PLACE



WHANGANUI SECONDARY SCHOOL

CROSS COUNTRY

YEAR 9 GIRLS
3rd place - Olivia Campbell

YEAR 9 BOYS
1st place - Sean Frieslaar
3rd place - Alex Payne

JUNIOR GIRLS
3rd place - Paige Conley

JUNIOR BOYS
1st place - Lucas Howard
3rd place - James McGregor

SENIOR BOYS
4th place - Lennox Brotherton

On 6 June at Duddings Lake, Whanganui Secondary Schools' competed in the Cross Country event. Well done to our athletes.



NZCT CHAMBER MUSIC CONTEST 2024

WHANGANUI DISTRICT ROUND

- Most Promising Junior Group (years 7-10) -** 'Puffy Doritos': Jacob Huang (Year 9)
- KBB Music Awards - 'HAIR, AIR, and FLAIR':** Toby Clark (Year 13), Reina Jones (Year 13), Bryn Morgan (Year 12)
- Highly Commended - 'The Dreamarz':** Lucy Hartley (Year 11), Sienna Castellanos (Year 11), Simira Hague-Davis (Year 12), Bryn Morgan (Year 12)
- Best Overall Group - 'No Strings Attached':** Mitchel Cosford (Year 11), Connor Rooke (Year 12), Toby Clark (Year 13), Bryn Morgan (Year 12)



BEST OVERALL GROUP

See our school in action during school tours with the Principal and students from

**Wednesday 19 June to
Wednesday 3 July.**

Bookings can be made on our school website or by calling our Reception on **06 349 0178.**

Our 2025 Enrolment Application packs are ideally due back to the school by **Friday 5 July**

SCHOOL TOURS & NEW ENROLMENTS for 2025

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That we might have *life*