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WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 26 August

Future Focus Week

Students selecting their courses for 2025

Wednesday 28 August

Future Focus

Parent Information Evening

Monday 2 September

Tournament Week

Monday 9 September –

Tuesday 17 September

Senior Examinations

Monday 16 September –

Thursday 19 September

Literacy & Numeracy Testing

Wednesday 25 September

Cultural Awards

Friday 27 September

End of Term 3

Tēnā koutou katoa

We have certainly had an exciting range of student celebrations and successes over the last few weeks, as evidenced by the articles and photographs on this very page.

Special mention must also be made of our wonderful student performers and staff support at the Performing Arts Concert and Battle of the Houses at the Royal Whanganui Opera House, as well as the outstanding efforts of our 1st XV Rugby boys and 1st XI Football boys in winning the Manawatu Premier competitions.

Future Focus Week is upon us this week as students and parents choose Year 11 to Year 13 subjects for 2025. We also wish all students participating in Tournament Week all the very best for their various competitions and thank all coaches, managers and parents for their dedication and support over the winter months. Our Senior School Examinations begin on Monday, 9 September and effective preparation for the external NCEA examinations in November must be the primary focus for nearly all of our senior students from now on.

As always, I am always happy to meet parents at any time to discuss education and LIFE at Whanganui High School.

Ngā mihi nui

Martin McAllen - Principal



NZ CHAMBER MUSIC

These lads deserve to 'blow their own trumpet' (or cornet, euphonium, or trombone!) as they were selected to compete in the NZ Chamber Music Regional Finals in Wellington. Only 36 groups were chosen out of 400 groups throughout New Zealand (3 finals took place in Wellington, Christchurch and Auckland). Congratulations to Toby Clark (Year 13), Mitchell Cosford (Year 11), Connor Rooke (Year 12) and Bryn Morgan (Year 12) on your wonderful performances. Special thanks to their tutor Bruce Jellyman for instilling such passion and precision.



NZSS SWIMMING NATIONALS

Huge congratulations to Paige Conley (Year 10) who won 2 Gold medals (400 Freestyle and 200 Butterfly) and a Silver (200 Freestyle) and broke two Whanganui records at the NZSS Swimming Nationals.



3rd place in NZ Showquest National Final

- Along with:
- Highly Commended Choreography
- Highly Commended use of Drama
- Highly Commended Styling



BATTLE OF THE PANS

A very early start to the day, lots of cake boxes plus three students anxiously anticipating having to cook in unfamiliar surroundings whilst being judged by chefs sums up the day of the Battle of the Pans. This year it was hosted by Aotea College (Wellington) and we took our largest number of student competitors ever. The static cupcake class is always popular. The cakes are prepared the day before and taken to be judged as are the café cakes. Olivia Cox (Year 13) won this class, gaining a Silver medal, with her lemon, thyme and rosemary cakes. Jocelyn Mayer (Year 13) also gained a Silver for her cherry cupcakes.

In the cupcakes Madelyn Connole (Year 13), Amaliah Pohio (Year 12), Mona Romer (Year 12), Lauren King (Year 12) all won Bronze medals. In the café cake class Olivia Cox and Madelyn Connole gained Silver and Bronze medals.

In the hot kitchen pasta class Olivia won Silver with a broccoli dish.

In the hot kitchen café sandwich class Olivia won Silver with a smoked chicken sourdough sandwich, Lilly Cairncross (Year 13) won Silver with a steak and hollandaise sandwich and Jocelyn Mayer (Year 13) won the class with a Gold medal for a sausage and pickle sandwich. Well done to everyone involved!



AUCKLAND INTERNATIONAL JUDO OPEN

Over the weekend of 20th - 21st of July, Lucas Munn (Year 11) attended the Auckland International Judo Open, (Auckland). Amidst competition from French Polynesia, USA, Australia and New Zealand. Lucas came away with double Gold in the Cadets (under 18s) over 81kg Men's and Cadets Open Men's brackets, while also picking up a Silver in the Junior Men's (under 21s) under 90kg bracket.



WHS BUSINESS STUDY STUDENTS

Last term our Year 11 Business Studies students ran a very successful Market Day, with all groups making a profit. All groups were also required to pay a 15% tax. The group which made the largest profit got to choose a charity for the tax to be paid to. A few days ago Mariana Alletson-Collins visited us from The Heart Foundation to collect a donation of \$350.



ARTISTIC SKATING



Pippa McKee (Year 12) is currently ranked 23rd in the World for Ladies Junior Solo Dance Skating and 8th for Junior Couples. Pippa has a range of successes in competitions including at the World Skate Oceania Continental Artistic Championships/Pacific Cup in New Plymouth. Pippa represented New Zealand and finished 7th in the Junior Ladies Solo Dance and 1st in the Junior Couples (with her Dance partner Ben Shirley).



SCHOOL BALL

A wonderful evening was enjoyed by everybody at our 2024 School Ball. 'A Night in Olympus.' Excellent company, delicious food, many photographs, and lively music for all.

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