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# WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 17 October  
Sports Awards

Tuesday 22 October  
Māori Awards

Friday 25 October  
Pasifika Awards

Tuesday 29 October  
Year 13 Breakfast & Prizegiving

Wednesday 30 October  
Year 12 Prizegiving

Thursday 31 October  
Year 11 Prizegiving

### Tēnā koutou katoa

Term 3 finished with a strong academic focus as over 780 senior students completed their School Examinations and over 300 students completed their Literacy and Numeracy Common Assessment Activities (CAA). All senior students need to maintain this focus and momentum as we build towards the NCEA and Scholarship examinations beginning in early November.

I wish all students, staff, and parents all the very best for the term break as we all look forward to our various school community celebrations and prizegivings over the next few weeks.

Ngā mihi nui

Martin McAllen - Principal

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER  
FOR  
SEPTEMBER  
2024

BATTLE OF THE  
HOUSES  
WINNERS 2024!!



### THE ARTS HOUSE TRUST SECONDARY SCHOOL ART AWARDS 2024

Mostyn McDonald (Year 13) with his photo "Mount Sphere". This is a very prestigious award with over 350 entries and to be chosen as one of 42 finalists, is an excellent accolade. Inspired by his love for astrophotography and editing photographs, making this piece come to life. Well Done, Mostyn.



### WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS



On Sunday 1st September the Manawatu-Whanganui branch of the New Zealand Schools Debating Championships were held. WHS entered one Junior team. Vera Horvath (Year 9), Campbell Wilkins (Year 9), Olivia Campbell (Year 9) made us proud. They won all three of their initial rounds. They were entered in the final and they won this too! Olivia Campbell was also Most Promising Debating Newcomer. We look forward to their continued success as fantastic debaters!



### WHANGANUI CHESS POWER REGIONALS

On Friday 30 August, our Chess team took 1st place at the Whanganui Chess Power Regionals. The team included Callum Heap (Year 13), Bruce McGregor (Year 9), Jake Newton (Year 12), Sam Penwarden (Year 10), Francois Joubert (Year 13), and Harrison Smith (Year 13). Callum Heap was also 2nd place individually, and Bruce McGregor was 3rd.



### NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS CULINARY CHALLENGE

The national final of this competition took place in Auckland on the 28th August. Competing against six other teams from around New Zealand, the team of Olivia Cox (Year 13) and Madelyn Connole (Year 13), had ninety minutes to complete four portions of a main course chicken dish and an entrée, the star of which had to be parsnip. This year it was a little different with the cameras from TV1 being present which added to the excitement of the occasion. The girls came away with a bronze medal plus a set of knives and restaurant vouchers each. Well done girls!

A huge thank you goes out to all the sponsors, coaches, managers and staff that have given their time to support our students and allow them to compete at these events.



## WINTER TOURNAMENT WEEK 2024

NINE SPORTS TEAMS WENT AWAY TO WINTER TOURNAMENT WEEK FROM 31 August - 8 September, AROUND NEW ZEALAND



### BOYS 1ST XI FOOTBALL

Our Boys team were in Wellington. They managed to get to semi finals of their tournament, but missed making finals. They had a tough 3rd and 4th playoff finishing 4th at the tournament.

PLACED 4TH



### PHILLIPS ELECTRICAL A1 NETBALL

Our Netball team was in Napier. The girls had a great week playing against top teams from the Lower North Island. They finished 10th out of 32 teams in A Grade. This is nine places up from last year.

PLACED 10TH



PLACED 2ND & 4TH

### TARGET SHOOTING

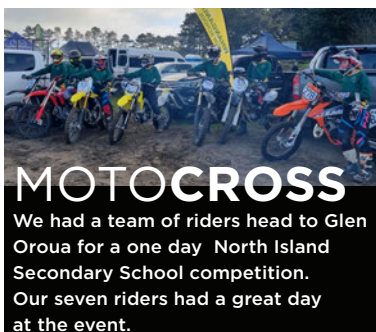
We took a team of 3 students to Blenheim. These students displayed some nice shooting and in their Plate Match combined with other shooters from other schools they came 2nd & 4th.



### GIRLS 1ST XI FOOTBALL

Our Girls team went to Taupo having a successful tournament. They had some hard fought games throughout the week and finished 10th out of 32 teams.

PLACED 10TH



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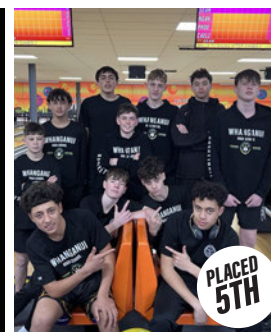
We had a team of riders head to Glen Oroua for a one day North Island Secondary School competition. Our seven riders had a great day at the event.



### SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Our Senior Basketball team had tough competition at their tournament, but played some great basketball working well as a team throughout the 4 days finishing 15th.

PLACED 15TH



### JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Our Junior Basketball team had a great 4 days of basketball in Palmerston Nth. The team have grown throughout the season and with some nice talent coming through they managed to place 5th at the tournament.

PLACED 5TH

### BOYS 1ST XI HOCKEY

Our Boys team went to Nelson for their tournament. This team has been developing and building as a team over the last 3 years and has had a remarkable season of hockey. They played some tough teams but did extremely well making the semi finals. Unfortunately they did not make it to finals but had a great game coming away with 3rd place - bronze medal winners.



PLACED 3RD

### GIRLS 1ST XI HOCKEY

Our Girls team went to Masterton for their tournament. The girls had some tough games but worked well as a team coming 17th.



PLACED 17TH