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# WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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## Tēnā koutou katoa

Over the last few weeks we have celebrated our students wide-ranging achievements and successes throughout 2024 at our Cultural Awards Evening, Sports Awards Evening, Māori Awards Evening, Pasifika Awards Evening, Year 13 Graduation Breakfast, Year 13 Prizegiving, Year 12 Prizegiving, and Year 11 Prizegiving. Student focus now moves onto the external NCEA and Scholarship examinations beginning next week. It is important that students maintain their revision programmes and keep a healthy balance between study, regular exercise, nourishing eating habits, rest and recreation times, and part-time work commitments between now and early December.

We wish all Year 11 to Year 13 students all the very best during their various external examinations.

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**



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH Gold

This year we are proud to celebrate with Noah Jones (Year 13) and Reina Jones (Year 13) who have both completed their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards. This is the culmination of years of hard work and dedication. The Gold Award requires students to participate in a variety of activities each week over a period of a year, in addition to completing an adventurous journey and taking part in a residential project. All in all, students must get out of their comfort zones and get out into the world. The fact that they have managed this on top of their dedicated school commitments is quite remarkable.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 4 November**  
Junior Examinations

**Tuesday 5 November**  
NCEA Examinations begin

**Thursday 7 November**  
Tough Teens

**Friday 8 November**  
Year 9 Subject Selection for 2025

**Monday 11 November**  
Teacher Only Day

**Tuesday 12 November**  
BP Business Challenge

**Saturday 16 November**  
Scholarship Exam Year 8's

**Friday 29 November**  
NCEA Examinations end



## JUDO COMPETITIONS

It has been a busy nine days for Lucas Munn (Year 11) with Judo competitions. Saturday 14 September saw Lucas attend the North Island Judo Champs in Auckland, where he won Gold and became the North Island Cadets Open Champion (in the under 18 bracket). He also fought hard and came away with two Bronze. One for the Cadets over 81kg bracket and one in the Junior Men (under 20) under 90kgs. Lucas attended the Australian Schools competition in Brisbane, Australia, coming away with Silver in the Young Men (Year 13 and under) under 81kg bracket, only losing out to the current Australian national champ by the slimmest of margins. Sunday, 22 September, saw Lucas compete in the Queensland International Open coming away with Bronze in the Cadet Men under 81kg bracket (under 18) and Silver in the Junior Men (under 21) bracket, again going head-to-head with Australia's best of the best. Noah Fredrick (Year 11) in his first overseas judo trip, achieved Bronze in the Australian School Championships; Bronze in Junior Men (under 73kg) Queensland International Opens; Bronze in Cadets (under 73kg) Queensland International Open. Well done to both Lucas Munn and Noah Frederick on their successes.



## CAN DRIVE

Last term, Whanganui High School held its Annual Can Drive to give back to the City. A total of 3646 cans were collected by students in a friendly Inter-House competition, with Whenua House collecting the most cans. The Can Drive was organised by the WHS Community Prefects with the message going out to all students that it was about giving to others. In the photograph students can be seen loading up the City Mission van. Thanks to everyone for the kind donations to those in need



## NATIONAL BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Whanganui High School student Isabella Parkes (Year 11) is once again a national boxing champion.

At the national championships in Christchurch on October 4, 15-year-old Isabella faced off against previous 52kg champion Emma Deegan of Manawātū. Isabella won the match in the first round, making her the national champion in the 52kg division.

For the past seven years, Isabella has fought with the River City Boxing Club in Whanganui but she is now experiencing the Kiwi Boxing Club in Palmerston North.



## WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL

This week, our Whanganui delegation had the privilege of presenting at the New Zealand Embassy in Tokyo, Japan, to an audience of over 35 agents and school representatives! A standout moment was when Whanganui High School's Director of International Students, Natasha McKee, delivered her presentation in Japanese, giving us a leading edge in connecting with the audience. This event not only strengthened our existing relationships with agents and schools, but also opened doors to new connections, paving the way for future international students to choose Whanganui as their study destination.



## JUNIOR CRICKET FESTIVAL

Whanganui High School Junior cricketers represented WHS in a Junior Cricket Festival hosted by Collegiate over the holidays. It was a 3 day tournament - held Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Collegiate with schools from Collegiate, St Peters Cambridge, Scot's College, Wellington College, Hutt International College and Whanganui High School. All schools are very strong in cricket - and although the boys didn't win any games, they were very competitive and within a few runs each game. Most of all, they represented WHS very well. Graham Hall spent the three days umpiring all of our games. Warren Marr coached the boys, along with parent Aaron Toy, and Parents Laura Belliss and Bronwyn Toy were the official scorers.

*The boys in the team are:*

Jackson Belliss (Year 11)  
Oscar Butcher (Year 11)  
Liam Cox (Year 10)  
Kyan Hoekstra (Year 10)  
James Marshall (Year 10)  
Bruce McGregor (Year 9)  
Liam Meijer (Year 11)  
Leighton Slaughter (Year 10)  
Matt Smith (Year 11)  
Ethan Toy (Year 10)  
Noah Toy (Year 9)

