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# WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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## Kia ora koutou

We celebrate a wide range of recent successes in today's newsletter as our students demonstrate the full benefits of putting our school LIFE values (Learning, Integrity, Fellowship, Excellence) into action during Term 2. Our attendance statistics for Term 1 2025 showed a significant improvement of a 10% increase in Regular attendance (attending school more than 90% of the time) in comparison with Term 1 2024.

I am currently visiting nearly all of our contributing schools and Year 8 students across our region and taking enrolment packages for next year with me. School tours of Whanganui High School classes in normal timetabled lessons will begin in the next couple of weeks. Please note that completed new enrolment applications for 2026 should be into our Main Office before the end of Term 2.

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 Maori Battalion service at Pākaitore, **Jipsy Manuel-Joseph (Year 13)** and **Ciara Barlow (Year 13)** lay the school wreath to honour the soldiers who have fallen in many wars and conflicts. It was a proud moment for the girls, their whānau, and the school. A strong sign of whakawhanaungatanga and kotahitanga during which community connections were strengthened and respect was shown towards our Māori ākonga and their whānau.

**WHS SCHOOL PRODUCTION**

**CHICAGO**

From May 8-10, Whanganui High School wowed audiences at the Royal Whanganui Opera House with its vibrant production of Chicago. Students poured their energy into every scene, delivering powerful vocals, slick choreography, and unforgettable performances. The final night was nearly sold out, and the crowd loved every minute.

Milly-Rose Broughton lit up the stage as Roxie Hart, Charlie Waugh brought fire as Velma Kelly, and William Herd charmed as Billy Flynn. "It was a show I'll never forget," Milly-Rose said. "Roxie will always have a place in my heart." With its bold style and sharp wit, Chicago came alive thanks to the incredible cast and crew. The community left buzzing each night, and teachers called it WHS's best show yet. Huge congratulations to everyone involved!

The annual WHS Cross Country was held 14th May and attracted over 200 competitors across the grades. Greg Fromont, our athletics coach, had set up an obstacle course using tackle bags in the middle of the course which made for lots of fun. The final event for the day was the House relay, including a water slide which had a lot of use after the event had finished.

### PLACE WINNERS IN EACH GRADE WERE (in order of 1st - 3rd):

#### Yr 9 Girls

Chelsie Howe  
Ryleigh Dorricott  
Hannah Cunningham

#### Yr 9 Boys

Korbin Gabbott  
Riley Symes  
Conrad Woods

#### Junior Girls

Hannah Cameron  
Rachel Pui  
Bailey Barnett

#### Junior Boys

Alex Payne  
Sean Frieslaar  
Bruce McGregor

#### Senior Girls

Amy Davidson  
Paige Conley  
Isla Jones

#### Senior Boys

Lennox Brotherton  
Darcy Johnston  
Jake Newton

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 2 June**

King's Birthday Public Holiday

**Thursday 5 June**

Chamber Music

**Tuesday 10 June**

Sports Exchange with  
Hutt Valley High School  
(away exchange)

**Saturday 14 June**

Whanganui High School  
Cultural Festival

**Thursday 19 June**

Whanganui High School  
Puanga Celebration

**Friday 20 June**

Matariki Public Holiday

**Monday 23 June**

Sports Exchange with New  
Plymouth Girls' High School  
(away exchange)

**Wednesday 25 June**

Pasifika Fusion  
(Palmerston North)

**Friday 27 June**

NCEA Progress Report  
and last day of Term 2

**Saturday 28 June**

Whanganui High School Ball  
(Eulogy Lounge,  
Whanganui Racecourse)



*Congratulations!*



## SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST WHANGANUI REGIONAL FINAL

(Saturday 17th May)

### 3RD PLACE (BAND): Missing Comma:

Bryn Morgan, Charlie Brougham, Lucy Morgan,  
Milly-Rose Broughton, Jacob Ander

### 2ND PLACE (SOLO/DUO): Sophie Toyne

### 1ST PLACE (SMOKEFREE TANGATA BEATS BAND) & 1ST PLACE (BAND): Lights Go Out:

Arne Levia Benegas, Moata Levia Benegas,  
Giovanni Maraku, Poppy Brooks-Mann

### SMOKEFREE BEST VOCALS AWARD: Sophie Toyne

### APRA LYRIC AWARD: Milly-Rose Broughton

## WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY



## ROWING

After a busy rowing season, **Nicky Maxim** (Year 12) proved himself at the Maadi Regatta, earning a silver medal in the Boys' U16 Double Sculls and bronze medals in the Boys' U18 Coxed Quad Sculls and Boys' U17 Coxed Quad Sculls. With such success, he was selected to trial for the U18 North V South team. At just 15 years old Nicky is showing everyone what he's got which is two speeds, fast and faster! He earned his spot in the North team.

## SWIMMING NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS



**Paige Conley** (Year 11) was very successful at the National Age Group Swim Champs held in Hastings April 13-17. In her 15 years age group, she dominated the 800m and 400m Freestyle, 400 IM, and 200m butterfly, winning gold in those events. She picked up a silver in the 200m freestyle and bronze in the 100m butterfly. Paige closed out the meet by continuing her dominance in the endurance events. She claimed gold in the 1500 Free by slicing an outstanding 30 SECONDS off both her own 15 years age group and Whanganui Open records. Well done Paige!



**Jacinta Fowler** (Year 12) is a pit crew member during Speedway meets. She is hoping to take on an apprenticeship for mechanics next year. She is also the official photographer for Speedway and some rally meetings.

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