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WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 14 July
Interim Reports Issued

Tuesday 22 July
Junior Central 6 Sports
Tournament (Kapiti
College)

**Wednesday &
Thursday 23 & 24 July**
Student Achievement
Conferences
(afternoon & evening)

Tuesday 29 July
Te Paepae o Aotea
Sports Exchange

Thursday 7 August
Sports Photographs

Kia ora koutou

As always, our large school is fully in the swing of a huge range of exciting and relevant teaching and learning programmes, as well as offering our students a rich and extensive range of co-curricular activities.

We have had an excellent number of parents and Year 8 students attending our twice daily tours of our school in normal daily operation over the last two weeks.

A quick reminder that enrolment applications for 2026 are now due into our Main Office.

All the very best.

Ngā mihi nui
Martin McAllen - Principal



THE CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE OF NEW ZEALAND

The Confucius Institute of New Zealand held its annual nationwide schools' speech competition at Victoria University of Wellington, on Saturday 24th May.

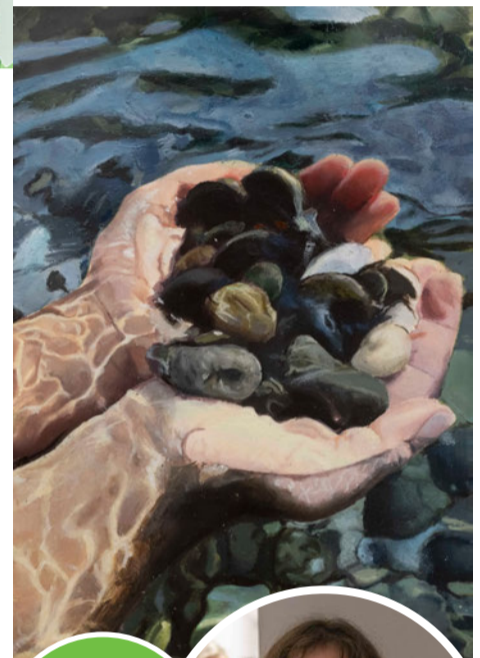
This year Lulu Dufty (Year 11) returned as a senior competitor and was joined by her sister Billie Dufty (Year 13) to represent Whanganui High School.

The competitors were judged on their 3-minute speech delivery, a series of written and verbal questions, and a talent of their choice. In the end they gave the overall result to Billie, commenting on how confidently she delivered her speech, her commendable pronunciation of mandarin, and her beautifully choreographed Chinese dance. Lulu, also delivered a confident speech, with the judges declaring it the best delivered speech of the afternoon. Billie now has an opportunity to showcase her talents on the world stage in China, at the International Chinese Speech Awards.

As a side note, Mr Ding stunned the mentor/teacher field with a mighty first in the category of "Best Confucius Teacher at senior level".

YEAR 11 BUSINESS STUDIES

Recently our Year 11 Business Studies students ran a very successful Market Day as part of their pricing internal assessment. Students sold a variety of food items from Dumplings to Fudge and almost everything in between, which were well received by the school community. We took in over \$5,000 worth of sales and 15% of each group's profit will be donated to the SPCA, with the remainder of the profit being distributed amongst the students.



Elva Abbot Memorial
Youth Award



WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL VISUAL ARTS

A massive turnout for the awards evening of the 2025 Pattillo Whanganui Arts Review at Te Whare o Rehua Sarjeant Gallery. Danielle Taylor Moore (Year 13) won the Elva Abbot Memorial Youth Award with her stunning oil painting Ka mutu pea. Congratulations to all our staff and students who had the courage to put in their submissions, all were accepted and are a diversely wonderful array of artworks. The Arts Review is a must-see in person and open until the end of August!

Danielle Taylor Moore. A moment in the current: oil paints on paper.

CHAMBER MUSIC RESULTS

MOST PROMISING JUNIOR GROUP

QMC Trio: Quinn Boylin, Mana Marryatt, Callum Morgan (piano).

ADJUDICATOR'S AWARD

The Ghost Notes: Lucy Morgan, Eshton Huang, Manu Brand-Holt (percussion).

KBB AWARD

No Strings Attached: Mitchell Cosford, Arne Leiva-Benegas, Callum Morgan, Hunter Standen (cornets), Moata Leiva-Benegas (trombone), Michael Absolum (euphonium).

BEST PERFORMANCE OF A NEW ZEALAND WORK

The Rail Riders:

Adam Ding (Whanganui Collegiate), Eshton Huang, Jacob Huang (piano).

HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARDS

Rail Riders

The Ghost Notes

No Strings Attached

Congratulations!



HILLARY CHALLENGE 6-HOUR ADVENTURE RACE



This year, a team of eight students went to Rotorua on Sunday 18 May to compete in the Hillary Challenge Adventure Racing event. They had three hours to collect as many points as they could. Overall, the event proved to be great fun and a new experience which none of the competitors will forget. Our team was: Darcy Johnston, Hadley Wilson, Bailey Barnett, Reagan Payne, Hannah Cameron, Hunter Standen, James McGregor and Lennox Brotherton. Thanks to Mr Barnett!



WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL TOUGH GUY/GAL

On Friday 23 May, 35 students competed in the lower North Island Tough Guy/Gal competition held at Camp Wainui, Wainuiomata just out of Wellington.

It was a tough 6 km course, with over 900 students from Year 9 to Year 13 with over 30 schools represented.

Special mention to Zak Papworth (Year 13) who came 2nd, Lennox Brotherton (Year 13) who came 3rd, Darcy Johnston (Year 13) 13th and Hadley Wilson (Year 13) 14th out of 962 finishers. This gave us the title of Toughest male school. Also, Hannah Cameron (Year 10) finished 4th out of the junior girls which was a great effort. Well done to everybody involved.

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