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WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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Tēnā koutou katoa

Term 3 has concluded very strongly, with more items of significant note than we currently have room for on this page. After completing our Senior School examinations and Literacy and Numeracy Common Assessment Activities (CAA) in recent days, our school-wide focus now moves onto our various Awards evenings, and Prizegivings, as well as the external NCEA and Scholarship examinations. Please contact me directly if you would like to meet to discuss any aspect of life and education at Whanganui High School.

Ngā mihi nui
Martin McAllen - Principal



RINGA TOI AWARD



Violet Tofa Year 11
Congratulations to Violet Tofa, whose artwork was not only selected for the prestigious Ringa Toi exhibition, but was awarded in the *Te Moana Nui a Kiwa Measina* with a Commended.

Ringa Toi is recognised nationally as a vehicle to enhance student engagement, achievement and retention, while advancing mātauranga Māori and Pacific knowledges. Each year ākonga from across Aotearoa submit artworks for judging, with awards presented for Highly Commended, Commended, and People's Choice. Violet's work, created through Toi Mātatuhi (printmaking), represents her Pacific Island heritage and childhood memories. She explains:

"This piece weaves together cultural symbolism, nature and childhood memories. Every element holds meaning from my culture and is a way to honour my roots."

This is a wonderful achievement and a proud celebration of creativity, culture, and identity.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 10 October
Pasifika Awards

Thursday 16 October
Sports Awards

Tuesday 21 October
Māori Awards

Thursday 23 October
Cultural Awards

Tuesday 28 October
Year 13 Breakfast & Prizegiving

Wednesday 29 October
Year 12 Prizegiving

Thursday 30 October
Year 11 Prizegiving



CHINESE LANGUAGE WEEK

Billie Dufty (Year 13) is now preparing for the Chinese Global Speech Competition, held in the port city of Tianjin, where she will compete against 120 competitors from over 40 countries. She will be travelling with her mother for a two-week trip around China, as they immerse themselves in the hospitality of their Chinese hosts. We wish Billie all the best as she represents Whanganui and Aotearoa with pride. Xie Xie!

WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR OF SPORT

IVY TOPPING AWARD

Congratulations to our Director of Sport and WHS A1 netball coach Lisa Murphy for winning the very prestigious Ivy Topping Trophy Award at the LNISS Netball Tournament. Your tireless efforts, enthusiasm and commitment to netball are outstanding. A very deserving recipient of this significant award.



YEAR 13 BALL

The Year 13 Ball is the ideal way to celebrate the final year of school for Year 13 students. The Eulogy Lounge was decorated with a long red carpet, low candlelight, and masquerade ball-style masks. The entry was immaculate, with a long, classy red carpet leading to the photo room where the formal, gorgeous photos were taken, displaying the style and smiles that were on display throughout the evening. Followed by a long night of dancing, laughs and talks and a scrumptious dinner with close friends.



CAN DRIVE

WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SHOW THEY 'CAN' DO IT!

The WHS Community Prefects recently donated over 4600 items to the City Mission. The students know that they are doing something special for those in need. Congratulations to Awa House for your winning contribution.



WINTER TOURNAMENT WEEK 2025



SIX TEAMS WENT AWAY TO WINTER TOURNAMENT WEEK FROM
25 August - 29 August, AROUND NEW ZEALAND

A huge thank you to local businesses, whānau and Whanganui High School who supported our rangatahi going away for the week.

Without your financial support our teams would not have been able to compete.

Night n' Day Whanganui
Phillips Electrical
Forest 360
Mt View Screenprint
Street Side Thai Eatery - Christchurch
Laugesens Gardens
Higgins Poultry Farm
4 Square St Johns
John Turkington Forestry

PHILLIPS ELECTRICAL A1 NETBALL



PLACED 16TH

Phillips Electrical A1 Netball were in Palmerston North for the week competing at the Lower North Island Secondary School Tournament. Playing in the A grade they came up against some strong physical teams all week. The team finished 16th out of 32 teams.

BOYS 1ST XI HOCKEY



PLACED 4TH

Our Boys' Hockey team was in Blenheim. The team finished 4th overall. The team had a great week and played some top notch hockey.



PLACED 8TH

GIRLS 1ST XI FOOTBALL

Our Girls' Football team headed to Napier where they made Top 8 at their tournament. They had a great week of football, having some close games against some tough teams.



PLACED 3RD

BOYS 1ST XI FOOTBALL

Our Boys' Football team headed to Christchurch for their tournament having a super week of football. They got through to the semi finals having a 0-0 draw at fulltime against Onslow College. The game then went into a penalty shootout where, unfortunately we lost 4-3. The team then went on to win the next game coming third in the competition.

EQUESTRIAN



NISS TAUPO 2025

PLACED 14TH

This year was the first year we have sent an equestrian team to the North Island Secondary School competition. Our six riders took their horses to the National Equestrian Centre in Taupō to compete in five different disciplines. Overall, the team finished 14th out of 79 teams, an outstanding result considering our small team size and lack of experience at this competition. We also gained 4th place in the Manaakitanga Challenge in which points were awarded for sportsmanship and horse welfare.



PLACED 22ND

GIRLS 1ST XI HOCKEY

Our Girls' Hockey team went to Tauranga for the week. The team finished 22nd. The girls played some fantastic hockey against strong teams.