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WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 3 November
Junior Examinations

Tuesday 4 November
NCEA Examinations begin

Monday 10 November
Staff Only Day (NCEA Curriculum changes for 2026)

Friday 14 November
Year 8 Transition Testing

Saturday 15 November
Scholarship Exam Year 8's
(10.00am - 12.20pm)

Friday 28 November
NCEA Examinations finish

Tuesday 9 December
Junior Prizegiving (School Hall)

Tēnā koutou katoa

We have just concluded a very busy and intense few weeks celebrating a diverse and wide range of student achievements and successes.

The most significant events included: the Pasifika Awards; the Sports Awards; the Māori Awards; the Cultural Awards; the Year 13 Leavers Graduation Breakfast; the Year 13 Academic Prizegiving; the Year 12 Academic Prizegiving; and the Year 11 Academic Prizegiving.

A selection of recent national and international representation by our students also features on this very Newsletter page today.

We wish all Year 11 to Year 13 students all the very best for their external examinations beginning on Tuesday 4 November.

Please contact me directly if you would like to discuss any aspect of education and LIFE at Whanganui High School.

Ngā mihi nui

Martin McAllen - Principal



HIROSHIMA JUNIOR International Forum

Year 13 Head Prefects, Jake Newton and Lilly Terrey, represented New Zealand at the 10th Hiroshima Junior International Forum in Japan recently - the only New Zealand students selected. Jake and Lilley returned as official Ambassadors of Peace, carrying forward a powerful message of hope and understanding on the 80th anniversary of Hiroshima.



Model United NATIONS

Thirteen Whanganui High School students recently attended a Model United Nations event at Whanganui Girls' College. The event was run by UN Youth NZ, a university student-led volunteer organisation which aims to create spaces where young people can engage with global issues, develop leadership skills, and foster a deeper understanding of international affairs. Students took part in a negotiation workshop before moving into the United Nations General Assembly part of the day, where they spoke on behalf of their country, and negotiated and voted on energy independence resolutions. Somewhat unlike the real UN, agreement was reached. Our students were outstanding in how thoroughly they researched their countries' positions, the confidence with which they spoke, and their negotiation skills.

During the first week of Term 4, a group of 24 Business Studies students conducted Market Research, on behalf of Hospice Whanganui, at the three Hospice shops in Whanganui. One hundred and twenty-three responses were collected, and meaningful data was gathered. This data will be used by Hospice Whanganui to improve their stores and improve the shopping experience of customers.



SMALL BORE Shooting

Over the weekend of 5, 6 and 7th of September two small bore shooting teams from WHS joined 19 other secondary schools in Palmerston North for the Inter-Secondary School, Inter-Island, NZ Secondary Schools Competition. There were 60 shooters competing from across New Zealand.

Aria Hill (Year 11) made it through to compete for the North Island Inter-secondary Schools team, which won against the South Island.

Aria Hill (Year 11), William Hird (Year 12), Patrick McCartie (Year 10), Marshall Munro (Year 11), Lucian Prime (Year 10) and Angus Summerhays (Year 12) represented WHS with Lucian producing the top score from WHS.

A huge thank you to Linda Carter, Coach David, and the team from RSA Smallbore Rifle Range for supporting our rangatahi.



AFM AWARD

This year's AFM Award was presented to Hannah Benn (Year 13) by Joanne Mahoney. A trophy for the AFM award is presented in memory of Deb Mahoney - a former student of Whanganui High School from 1984 to 1988. Deb passed away in 2018 in Cranbrook, Canada, after a long illness. Her sister presents this annual award and scholarship of \$500 to a Whanganui High School Year 13 student who is selected randomly.

NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS' BRASS BAND

Lucy & Bryn Morgan

Lucy and Bryn Morgan were selected to represent Whanganui High School in the National Secondary Schools' Brass Band. Bryn is in his fourth year in the band, and for Lucy, this is her first year.

The National Secondary Schools' Brass Band 'camp' took place in Wellington this year. They had workshops, shared ideas and then performed for the public on 4 October at Scots College, Wellington, in a concert titled Tū Māia.



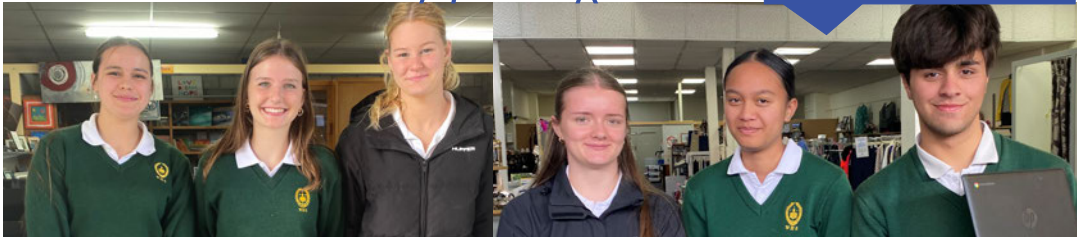
CHINESE PROFICIENCY COMPETITION FOR FOREIGN Secondary School Students

Billie Duffy (Year 13) recently represented New Zealand in the Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign Secondary School Students, held in Tianjin, China.

The intense competition lasted two weeks and included a written test, a speech contest, and a talent show. Out of 120 participants from around the world, Billie placed in the top 30 globally, and went on to win Third Prize out of the Oceania competitors.

As part of this outstanding achievement, Billie has been awarded a scholarship for study in China from 2026 to 2028, should she choose to pursue Chinese language studies at a Chinese university. This is a fantastic accomplishment - well done Billie.

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