



WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 27 March to Sunday 29 March
NISS Athletics Track & Field Championships

Tuesday 31 March & Wednesday 1 April
Student Achievement Conferences

Thursday 2 April
Term 1 Ends

Monday 20 April
Term 2 Begins

Kia ora koutou

Our 334 new Year 9 students have embraced LIFE at Whanganui High School since the welcoming pōwhiri and their first day of attendance at school on Monday 26 January.

As we complete the first full week of autumnal weather, today's newsletter page focuses on celebrating student sporting successes over the last few weeks and outlining nationally significant sporting events occurring over the next few days.

Thank you to all the students, caregivers and parents, and support and teaching staff involved in all of our sporting codes. Thank you for your greatly appreciated commitment, energy, mentoring, support, and time.

I look forward to seeing as many students, caregivers, and parents as possible at our Student Achievement Conferences on the afternoons and evenings of Tuesday 31 March and Wednesday 1 April. Appointments are currently open through our school booking system.

Ngā mihi nui
Martin McAllen - Principal



WHS SWIMMING SPORTS

The 2026 sporting year kicked off with the Whanganui High School Swimming Championships at the Splash Centre, with 144 students competing for early House points. Maunga claimed the win with 510 points, just ahead of Moana on 492. Awa finished third with 413 and Whenua fourth with 270. Rachel Pui produced a standout performance, breaking two Intermediate Girls school records. She set a new time of 28.41 seconds in the 50m freestyle and 32.40 seconds in the 50m backstroke.



TE ATAWAHI ALL ABILITIES ATHLETICS DAY AT COOKS GARDENS

Whanganui High School's Te Atawahi Unit sent seven students to compete in the 'All Abilities Athletics Day' on 11 March competing against various other schools in the area. Everybody was fully engaged in the six athletic activities organized through Sport Whanganui, with the students saying how much they enjoyed the day. Special thanks to Wendi Girven for her organization and supporting the event.



Congratulations to the winning House: **Whenua!**

WHS ATHLETICS DAY

House spirit was in full voice at the WHS Athletics Day at Cooks Gardens. Whenua won the Track and Field competition, while Maunga took out the Fun Activities section. When the points were combined, Whenua were crowned the overall 2026 Athletics Day champions.

WSS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Whanganui High School had a very successful day at the WSS Athletics Championships this month with our athletes producing some outstanding performances, including a number of personal bests and meet records. Fifteen of our students will now be representing the school at the NISS Championships later this month. A special congratulations to all of our event title winners: Full results can be found here: <https://matstiming.anet.live/meets/63324>



VOLLEYBALL REGIONALS

The WHS Senior Volleyball teams competed in the Regional Seeding Tournament in Palmerston North ahead of the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Nationals. The boys finished 7th, while the girls achieved an impressive 3rd place, earning promotion to a higher grade for national championships.



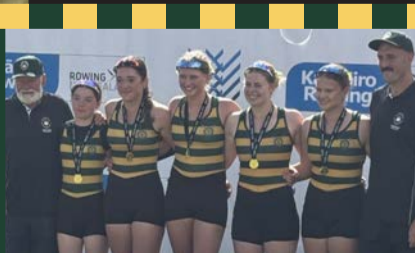
ATHLETICS NATIONALS

Several WHS athletes travelled to Auckland to represent the Manawatu/Whanganui team at the New Zealand Club Athletics Championships. James McGregor placed third in the Men's Under-18 300m hurdles, with younger brother Bruce finishing second.



WHS ROWING

The WHS rowing squad had an outstanding regatta at the North Island Secondary School Rowing Championships at Lake Karapiro, bringing home four gold, one silver and three bronze medals. The team also finished as the 4th top sculling school in the North Island. Fifteen-year-old Bailey Barnett was a standout performer, winning three gold medals alongside coxswain Morgan Wood. Fifteen WHS rowers also represented Aramoho Whanganui Rowing Club at the New Zealand Club Rowing Championships, returning with four gold medals and one bronze. The WHS squad is now preparing for the Maadi Regatta in Twizel.



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