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Kia ora koutou

Life at Whanganui High School is always busy and full of learning opportunities for all of our students.

The Student Achievement Conferences were quickly followed by our Future Focus Week presentations for students and Information Evening for parents.

We are looking forward to our Performing Arts Concert Thursday 27 August and Winter Tournament Week for many of our top sporting teams next week. Our senior students will then sit their School Examinations towards the end of Term 3 before just over 30 students and staff head off on a wonderful Art trip to Japan.

As always, please feel welcome to contact me directly if you would like to talk about any aspect of life at Whanganui High School.

Ngā mihi nui

Martin McAllen - Principal



OUR PERFORMANCE, 901: ECHOES OF EREBUS, TOOK OUT 1ST PLACE AT THE MANAWATŪ REGIONAL SHOWQUEST EVENT!
In addition to being named the overall winners, we were also awarded:
BEST STORY AWARD, PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD, CULTURE AWARD, LIGHTING DESIGN AWARD

A huge congratulations to all of our incredible students, who dedicated countless hours to rehearsals and brought this performance to life through their commitment, and teamwork. A very special congratulations goes to our two outstanding student leaders, Lucy Hartley and Piper Nixon-Gaisford, who embraced the challenge of directing and producing this year's performance. Their creativity, leadership, and dedication were instrumental in our success, and they should both be incredibly proud of what they have achieved.



We are incredibly proud to announce that our team has been awarded **2nd Place** in the Showquest New Zealand National Secondary Schools Final!
Amazing results!



Market Day was held on 19th June, with four Year 11 Business Studies classes selling food products at break time. There was a wide variety of kai on offer including candyfloss, brownies, hot-dogs, sushi and fudge. We were fortunate the weather was lovely and there was great support by the whole school community.

In total we did \$7,949.03 in Sales. Students made a profit of \$4,779.77 and \$785.60 in total was donated to local charities (SPCA Whanganui, Red Cross and Open Home Foundation).



Whanganui High School took 18 riders to Lake Pauri, Kaitoke on Wednesday to compete in the WSS Mountain Bike Championships. While it was a chilly day, it was a huge improvement on the freezing conditions the day before!

A big thank you to Sport Whanganui for hosting another fantastic event. Our students had an awesome day out and thoroughly enjoyed the competition.

WHS RESULTS:

Senior Girls: Hannah Cameron - 2nd
Senior Boys: Noah Toy - 3rd
Junior Girls: Casey Sharratt - 1st
Junior Boys: George McGregor - 5th

Congratulations also to our relay team of Bruce McGregor, Hannah Cameron, Xavier Brotherton, and a Whanganui Girls' College guest rider, who finished an impressive 3rd.

A special thank you to Larson Whittaker for coming along to capture the day with some fantastic photos!

DUKE OF EDINBURGH Gold Award

Congratulations to Isla Jones Year 13, who has qualified for the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. Isla has worked hard to ensure she met the requirements for the award while still successfully balancing her academic and sporting commitments as well as being Deputy Head Girl. As part of the award Isla participated in the Spirit of Adventure which was a fantastic experience.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 31 August

Winter Tournament Week

Monday 7 September - Wednesday 9 September

Numeracy and Literacy CAA Examinations

Thursday 10 September - Friday 18 September

Years 11 to 13 Senior School Examinations

Friday 25 September

End of Term of Term 3



Our four Whanganui High School swimmers have returned from the 2026 NZ Secondary Schools Swimming Championships at the National Aquatic Centre in Auckland, where a record 810 competitors took to the pool this year! It was a big few days of racing, with plenty of highlights for Rachel Pui, Zoe Baskett, Ryleigh Dorricott and Harriet Aplin. Rachel had an outstanding championships, recording FIVE TOP 10 finishes in the 15-year-old age group and setting TWO new Whanganui Open Records in the 50m Butterfly and 50m Freestyle! (All that athletics training might be paying dividends in the pool too!) Zoe's standout result was a 4th place finish in the 200m Backstroke, along with a HUGE 3-second PB in her relay split. Ryleigh achieved 9th place in the 200m Butterfly, with her other best performance coming in the 400m Freestyle, where she knocked 3.2 seconds off her PB. These championships marked Harriet's debut at a senior national championship event, where she raced right on her personal bests across her individual swims. She then took on the anchor leg of the relay, recording her fastest-ever 50m Freestyle split to help secure 12th place nationally for the school in the Girls' 15 & Under 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay. The girls were the first Whanganui High School relay team in some time to race at a national swimming event, improving on their seed time to finish in 1:58.40. It was all a fantastic experience for our team of four and one they can all be proud of!

WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS EXCHANGE Te Paepae o Aotea



As you can see from the photos, we were treated to a stunning day for our Sports Exchange with Te Paepae o Aotea in Hāwera. The weather was incredible, and the mountain put on an amazing display. WHS returned home with the shield after impressive victories in Boys Basketball, Boys Football, Golf, and A1 Netball. Our Boys Volleyball team and Debating team both put in outstanding performances but were unfortunately edged out in closely contested matches. A huge thank you to all of the coaches and teachers who gave up their time to support our students throughout the day. We'd also like to extend a special thank you to William Waitokia and Merengaika Hetet-Peina for leading us through the pōwhiri. You both represented WHS exceptionally well, and we are incredibly grateful for your contribution.

Congratulations to everyone involved - another fantastic Sports Exchange!

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