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Tēnā koutou katoa

The end of Term 3 is suddenly upon us and our students are looking forward to the Term 3 break after an extremely busy few weeks.

Over 400 students sat the recent CAA assessments in Reading, Writing and Numeracy, while 820 senior students have just completed our Senior School examinations and assessments in preparation for the NCEA external examinations in November.

Please contact me directly at any time if you would like to meet with me.

Ngā mihi nui

Martin McAllen - Principal

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NEWSLETTER
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MODEL UNITED Nations

On 18 August, 18 Year 9-11 students represented Whanganui High School at a Model United Nations event at Whanganui Girls' College. The event was attended by schools across the region and was run by UN Youth NZ, a volunteer organisation of Victoria University students committed to civics education. Students were allocated a United Nations country to represent on the day. They began by participating in a tense 'globalisation game', with each group representing a region which needed to trade resources, form alliances, and consider invasion of the other groups. The rest of the day was spent as a United Nations General Assembly debating issues of world trade. The students spoke on behalf of their countries, argued over resolutions, and formed alliances. All students participated, spoke up confidently, and represented our school beautifully. The future of the world is in good hands!

MAATANGI WHENUA REGIONAL YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY Competition

On Wednesday the 22nd of July, the 3-person team that was selected to represent Whanganui High School at the regional Year 11 Geography Competition travelled to Massey University. The competition involves a series of round robin activities and quizzes, along with current events and general world geography understanding. They were competing against schools from across the Manawatu, Whanganui and Taranaki region. The team of Charlie McBride, Michael Lister, and Xavier Brotherton performed brilliantly and won with a total of 115 points, with second finishing on 101 points. It is the third time Whanganui High have won in the past 4 years.



CAN DRIVE

Whanganui High School supports the City Mission in a gigantic way!

Over the past few weeks students and staff at Whanganui High School have been collecting non-perishable items to help City Mission take care of people in our city who may need help. Senior students spear headed by the Community Prefects (who had managed the campaign) and House Leaders got together to sort, pack, account and load over 8600 cans and other goods. To generate a buzz of excitement, Whanganui High School runs the event as a House competition, and there was much interest in the final results: 4th- Awa; 3rd - Whenua; 2nd-Maunga; 1st - Moana. There was so much generosity shown by so many, and we are grateful to Rite Price Rentals for lending us a van at the very last minute because we had so much to ship out. Thank you to the many friends and whānau who gave so generously. Olivia Wilson and Xavier Booth (Heads of the Community Prefect team) were thrilled with the results and were so happy that Whanganui High School had pulled together so magnificently to help our community.

DANCE NZ MADE Regionals

At Dance NZ Made Regionals, WHS won 1st place in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 Solo, and 2nd place in Years 9 and 12 Solo. Duo/Trio results included 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places in the Yr 11-13 division, and 1st and 2nd places in the Open division. Team successes included End of Beginning (1st Place Yr 9-10 Team and 1st Overall Team), Sexy Back (1st Place Yr 11-13 Team), and Use Somebody (1st Place Open Team and 2nd Overall Team).



AFM AWARD

This year's AFM Award was presented to Kerby Manalo (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.

MANAWATU REGIONAL SPEECH COMPETITION

Congratulations to James McGregor (Year 13) who won the Manawatu Regional speech competition on Thursday 27 August. His topic was titled Geopolitical Bullying: What is the point of International law if powerful nations can avoid it? This will qualify James for the senior public speaking cup. Well done James.



WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR CENTRAL 6 Tournament

On Tuesday 11 August, WHS headed to Palmerston North for the annual Junior Central 6 Tournament — and what a day it was!

WHS came away with six wins, taking out:

- Boys Rugby
- Boys Basketball
- Boys Football
- Girls Football
- Netball
- Boys Hockey
- Girls Hockey — 2nd Place

Congratulations to everyone involved

With all sports except hockey being played at the Central Energy Trust Arena, it was awesome having everyone together and being able to get around and support each other throughout the day.



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Individual Championships

Congratulations to Bruce McGregor (Year 11) and Xavier Brotherton (Year 11), who finished 2nd and 3rd respectively at the Manawatu Schools Orienteering Individual Championships held at Holly Farm, north of Marton, on Sunday 23 August. An awesome result from both boys and a fantastic effort representing Whanganui High School!