



## Principal's Newsletter 10 – Term 3 2026

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Kia ora koutou

### **Whanganui High School Strategic Goals**

We are currently beginning consultation work on our Strategic Plan for 2026 and 2027 and our school Board is very keen to hear from our whole school community on any feedback, ideas, possibilities, suggestions, thoughts you have for strategic goals for our school.

Please reply back on this email with your responses before **Wednesday 21 October**. Our current three strategic goals are:

#### **Goal 1**

Practise mātauranga Māori through weaving tikanga (customs, procedures, protocols) into our teaching and learning.

#### **Goal 2**

Focus on literacy and numeracy to ensure improved achievement levels.

#### **Goal 3**

Actively engage and enhance hauora and well-being.

Thank you very much.

### **Lulu Dufty – Oceania Champion**

Massive congratulations to Whanganui High School student Lulu Dufty (Year 12) who has been crowned the Oceania Champion in the 19th “Chinese Bridge” World Chinese Proficiency Competition for Secondary School Students. Lulu also placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall out of 120 contestants from 101 countries in the competition in Tianjin, China.

We are incredibly proud of Lulu and everything she has achieved. Her success is an inspiration to our students and a wonderful example of how language learning can open doors to the world, create opportunities, and help young people discover their own strengths and passions.

### **Ministry of Education approved Staff Only Day**

This is advance notice that on **Monday 16 November** we will be holding a Staff Only Day to focus on nationwide curriculum changes coming into effect in 2027.

Ngā mihi nui

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