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# WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT  
DATES

**Tuesday 3 November**  
Graduation Breakfast &  
Year 13 Prizegiving Evening

**Wednesday 4 November**  
Year 12 Prizegiving Day

**Thursday 5 November**  
Year 11 Prizegiving Day

**Friday 6 November &  
Monday 9 November**  
Junior Examinations

**Monday 16 November**  
Teacher Only Day  
(Curriculum changes)

**Thursday 19 November**  
Tough Teens Inter-School  
Sports Competition

**Friday 4 December**  
Junior Prizegiving Day  
(Last day of Term 4)

## Tēnā koutou katoa

Academic assessment season is very much in the forefront of the minds of all students and staff members at present as we enter the home straight for the 2026 school year.

All the very best to all our senior school students in your NCEA and Scholarship external examinations.

Ngā mihi nui  
Martin McAllen - Principal



## WINTER 2026 Tournament Week

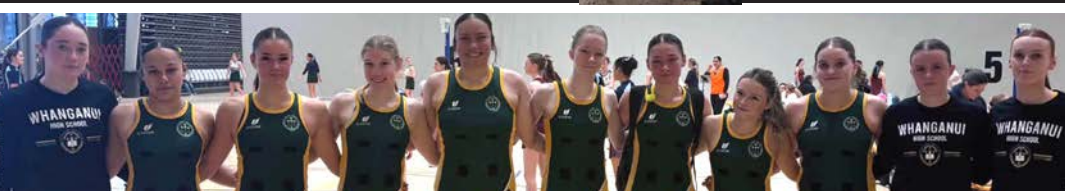
Tournament Week was another hugely successful week for Whanganui High School, with teams travelling across the North Island and representing the school with pride, determination and plenty of team spirit. From football and hockey to netball, equestrian, badminton, target shooting and motocross, our students produced some outstanding performances and created plenty of memories along the way.



*Congratulations to all of our students, coaches, managers, supporters and families who contributed to another fantastic Tournament Week. The commitment, sportsmanship and pride shown by our students across the country was a wonderful reflection of Whanganui High School.*

## MOTOCROSS TEAM

Five WHS riders travelled to Taikorea MX Park to compete in the Secondary Schools Motocross Championships. The one-day event provided challenging conditions, with some tough laps followed by rain making the racing even more demanding. Despite the conditions, all five riders battled through and completed their races, with Finn Lennox and Leah Bullock both finishing 4th in their respective races.



Our A1 Netball team travelled to Wellington for the Lower North Island Secondary School Championships. Ten games of netball across five days made for a demanding week, with the team producing some excellent performances and several closely fought matches. The team finished 20th in the A Grade out of 32 teams, gaining valuable experience against some of the strongest secondary school teams in the region. Huge thank you to our Sports Coordinator Jessie Madams who came along as the team umpire for the week.

PLACED 20TH

## A1 NETBALL

A special congratulations to Coach Lisa Murphy, who was presented with a Service Award from the LNISS Committee in recognition of her many years of service to netball at the tournament.



## 1ST XI GIRLS FOOTBALL

Our 1st XI Girls Football team travelled north to Auckland for the Kathy Seaward Tournament. The girls faced a tough pool and were unfortunate not to progress into the top eight after some closely contested matches. They finished 9th overall, capping off a very successful tournament and a week of excellent football.

PLACED 9TH

Our Junior Boys Football team travelled to Tauranga to compete at the Hillsdene Junior Tournament. This was a significant occasion for Whanganui High School, as it was the first time the school had entered a junior boys football team at a national tournament. The team performed exceptionally well throughout the tournament, playing some great football and finishing 6th overall. An impressive first appearance on the national stage!

## JUNIOR BOYS FOOTBALL



PLACED 6TH

The 1st XI Boys Hockey team competed at the Mayhill Cup on the North Shore, where they faced a number of hard-fought games throughout the week.

The tournament finished with plenty of excitement, as their final game went all the way to a penalty shootout. The boys held their nerve to secure the win and finish 11th overall.



## 1ST XI BOYS HOCKEY

PLACED 11TH



## EQUESTRIAN

Our Equestrian team of six girls and their horses travelled to Taupo for the NISS Equestrian Championships. The competition featured five different riding classes as well as a quiz, providing a challenging and varied three days of competition. The girls performed strongly across the riding classes, picking up several second placings. The highlight, however, came in the quiz, where the team went head-to-head with 80 teams and emerged as the 2026 NISS Equestrian Quiz Champions. An outstanding achievement!



## 1ST XI GIRLS HOCKEY

PLACED 18TH

Our 1st XI Girls Hockey team travelled to the North Shore for the Chica Gilmer Trophy. The girls enjoyed a fantastic week away, combining great hockey with plenty of laughs, team bonding, and memories that will last well beyond the tournament. The team finished 18th overall and represented Whanganui High School with pride throughout the week. A special thank you to ex-students Travis Bayler and Thomas Dwyer for giving up their time to umpire for the team. Your support, commitment, and willingness to give back to the school is hugely appreciated. Thank you, Travis and Thomas!



## BADMINTON

PLACED 1ST

Five of our girls represented Whanganui High School at the NZSS Badminton Championships in Porirua. The team produced an outstanding performance throughout the tournament, taking on some tough opposition and showing great determination. Their hard work paid off as they finished 1st in Division 2 — an exceptional result for the team. Congratulations, girls!

## TARGET SHOOTING NZ Inter-Secondary Schools Inter-Island Match

Six students represented Whanganui High School at the Target Shooting New Zealand Inter-Secondary Schools Inter-Island Match, with 34 secondary school teams competing. The WHS team of Aria Hill, Patrick McCartie and Marshall Munro produced an outstanding performance, finishing as the top North Island team after a thrillingly close contest. They won by just 0.05 points over St Orans College. All three shooters performed exceptionally well, with Patrick McCartie recording a personal best score of 100.07 out of a possible 100.10. Aria and Patrick were both selected for the North Island team and went on to be named in the New Zealand team to compete against Great Britain on Sunday. Patrick also finished as the top boy at the competition — an outstanding achievement.



## 1ST XI BOYS FOOTBALL

The 1st XI Boys Football team headed to Rotorua for the Trident Tournament, where they enjoyed an outstanding week of football. The boys won all but one of their games, competing strongly against some of the biggest football schools from around New Zealand. They finished a very respectable 9th out of 32 teams, a fantastic result in a highly competitive tournament.

PLACED 9TH