

Waihi School Newsletter



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Weeks Ahead...

Term Four 2024

WEEK SEVEN

<i>Tue 26 Nov</i>	<i>Year 8 Production @ 7.00pm</i>
<i>Wed 27 Nov</i>	<i>Year 8 Production @ 7.00pm</i>
<i>Thu 28 Nov</i>	<i>Year 8 Production Gala Night @ 6.00pm</i>
<i>Fri 29 Nov</i>	<i>Leavers Lunch followed by Leavers Service</i>
<i>Sat 30 Nov</i>	<i>Year 8 Leavers Weekend after sport</i>

WEEK EIGHT

<i>Mon 2 Dec</i>	<i>Class of 2019 Five Years' On Reunion</i>
<i>Tue 3 Dec</i>	<i>Waihi School Trust Board meeting</i>
	<i>Boarders Dinner</i>
<i>Fri 6 Dec</i>	<i>Y4-7 Music Performances</i>
	<i>Award Assembly (PM)</i>
	<i>Parents Cocktail Party</i>
	<i>Christmas Chapel</i>
<i>Sat 7 Dec</i>	<i>Saturday morning sport</i>
	<i>Prize giving @ 1.30pm</i>
	<i>End of the 2024 School Year!</i>



RETURN OF TROPHIES / CUPS

Calling for all Awards Assembly and Prize giving trophies to be engraved, cleaned, and returned.



We still have some trophies outstanding, please return these to the office as soon as possible.

Tuesday 26 November 2024

From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents,

This year Lucy and I (Tom) had the opportunity to become Headmasters for the Day. The very first morning when Mum and Dad had come home late from the fundraiser I can remember them telling us that they had bought Headmaster for the Day, then the first thing I heard was Lucy saying "NO YOU DIDN'T!"

In the process of being Headmaster for the Day, Lucy and I had to choose the menu and think of things that the whole school could do. During that time we had some very interesting discussions about whether we should do this or that, and everyone was giving us great ideas but in the end, we came to agree on everything.

In the morning, on the day to be headmaster all of the boarders got up a bit earlier and went outside in our pyjamas and played a few games of Bullrush, then when we finished everyone went to breakfast in their pyjamas and had waffles, hash browns and bacon. That was probably one of the highlights of the day. After that, everyone got dressed and went to school and had an assembly. During assembly we got to hand out all of the athletics awards and some of the blues and colours. That was a really special thing to do and we are very grateful.

Once assembly had finished Lucy went back to class and I came to the headmaster's office and did a few jobs. One of my jobs was to present the new Waihi flag to Mr Sharp and he helped me put it up on the flag pole.

After morning tea Lucy went into the office and one of the things she did was donate some deleted boarders blues from the uniform shop to the Arowhenua Whanau Services, to pass on to those in need.

For the rest of the day, we planned for Mr Whippy to come at lunchtime and give the whole school ice cream. After everyone ate their ice cream, we organised a big game of Capture the Flag. Thank you to Miss Sharp for helping to put this together.

In the end it was a very, very fun day. We would like to thank Mr Short for the meetings and of course organising most of it, as well as Ms Thompson for helping us with everything!

It was very fun and everyone was asking us "can we be expelled?" Or even some of the teachers asked us "can you please fire me? But only till the end of the year then I'll come back!" But thank you to everyone who helped. It was such a fun experience and we will look forward to seeing what happens next year!

Tom and Lucy Steetskamp

Headmaster's Thought for the Week

"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."
Winston Churchill

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2025 Teaching Team

CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Year 8	Nathan Morland, Judy Brown
Year 7	Jess Sharp, Tegan Westland
Year 6	Phoebe Geary, Anne-Maree Reith
Tear 4/5	Natasha Woudberg

SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Extension Maths	Allan Short
Learning Support	Anita Hills
Music	Al Bradley, Sheryl Bradley
Outdoor Education, Holiday Programme	Rohan Brighthouse, Emily Haynes
PE,Y8 Enquiry, Learning Support	Emily Haynes
Pyne House, Health and Sport	Ollie Clayson
STEM	Helen Cunningham

Spirit of Christmas

The Waihi Christmas tree is once again up in School Reception awaiting donations for those in need this Christmas. Thank you to the Staples family for donating this.

For the last few years Waihi families have donated a range of Christmas gifts and food to be distributed within the South Canterbury region via Arowhenua Whanau Services.

Please label wrapped gifts with the age they are intended for and if appropriate, boy or girl.

Thank you in advance for your support again this year.



Thank you to these and other beautiful Christmas fairies who helped to decorate the tree this year!

Pip was well supported as she placed the star on top.

Pictured | Neve Johnson, Pip Neal, Clara Wright

WAIHI NOTICES

Upcoming Events | Information | Updates

Only at Waihi...

Mr Sharp was called to help as a reader / writer on assessment week. His flock wait patiently for his return!



Year 8 Leavers Weekend

The traditional Leavers' Weekend is always a highlight for our Year 8 students and their parents.

This weekend is being held after the completion of Saturday sport.

Year 8 Leavers Lunch / Leavers Service

A reminder the **2024 Year 8 Leavers Lunch** will start at 1.00pm on Friday 29 November 2024 in the dining hall.

This will be followed by the **Leavers Service** being held in the school hall.

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Waihi Uniform Shop

Contact Stacey Jackson now to place your pre-order
uniform@waihi.school.nz

WAIHI SPORTS CHAIR



CUP HOLDER



SPORTS SUPPORTER
COMFORT



STORAGE
POCKET

HIGH QUALITY DESIGN AND PRODUCTION, THE NEW WAIHI CHAIR HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY TESTED AND APPROVED FOR COMFORT!

\$99.00

A GREAT GIFT FOR OLD BOYS/GIRLS AND CURRENT FAMILIES!

EMAIL STACEY TODAY TO SECURE YOUR PRE-ORDER

UNIFORM@WAIHI.SCHOOL.NZ

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WAIHI PARENTS

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Waihi Parents and Friends Cocktail Party

Friday 6 December 2024 @ 3.30pm

The time of year is upon us again for the WAIHI PARENTS AND FRIENDS COCKTAIL PARTY!

This event takes the form of a relaxed get together under the trees outside the big school car park.

Here is what we all need you to do to help with its success:

- ✓ Bring a plate of something delicious to add to the atmosphere, label your plates and take them to the kitchen chiller please
- ✓ Bring a bottle (or two) of wine to put into the wine raffle collection, pop these into the boxes in the kitchen chiller
- ✓ Bring spare change to buy raffle tickets for the above wine raffle, keep this in your pockets till a selection of small children comes to talk you out of it!
- ✓ The wine goes into groups of six and then at the end we hold a draw for the prizes so, there are usually a few winners!

Please feel free to ask **Marissa Grant** or **Charlotte Steetskamp** if you have any questions.

See you all there!!

Many thanks
Parents and
Friends Committee



Timetable for the End of Term

Friday 6 December 2024

(approximate timings)

8.30am	Assembly (children and staff only)
9.00am – 10.00am	Music Performance - Session 1
10.00am	Morning Tea
11.00am – 12.15pm	Music Performance - Session 2
12:15pm	Picnic Lunch on the Quad for families (those children without parents here will have lunch in the dining room)
1.30pm – 2.30pm	Students in their homeroom classes
2.30pm – 3:45pm	Awards Assembly
3.30pm - 5.00pm	Parents and Friends Cocktail Function (see page 4 for details)

****NO DAY SERVICE BUSES RUNNING TODAY – ALL STUDENTS STAYING AT SCHOOL****

4.45pm – 5.15pm	Early Dinner for ALL Students, then into Number Ones
5.15pm – 6.30pm	Christmas Service in Waihi School hall
6.00pm	Day Students to be collected– NO BUSES RUNNING

PLEASE NOTE:

- **MUSIC PERFORMANCES** are open to all parents, you are welcome to attend even if your child is not performing, your support is very much appreciated by the pupils performing. Prior to the day Mr Bradley will let you know which of the performances your child will be performing in. We respectfully ask that parents arrive for the start of the session and stay until the session is completed to support the children.
- **COCKTAIL PARTY:** all parents are invited - further details are given on page 4.
- **DAY STUDENT FAMILIES:** you may take your child home at 3.00pm, or they can stay at school (let Kat know which). Please return them to Waihi by 5.00pm at the latest so they can be seated with their class for the Christmas Service. If you cannot arrange this the children are welcome to remain at Waihi for dinner with the boarders, they will however require their Number 1 uniform with them to change into.
- **CHRISTMAS CHAPEL:** NUMBER ONE uniform for all students. Parents are welcome to join us in the school hall.
- **COLLECTING CHILDREN:** All day children need collecting from Waihi at the conclusion of the Christmas service.

Saturday 7 December 2024

Morning sport as normal

1.30pm	Prize Giving at school. Students to arrive no later than 1.15pm.
3.00pm	End of the school year

NOTE: Prize-Giving is traditionally outside on the grass in front of Big School.

If the weather on Saturday is inclement our reserve venue for Prize is the Geraldine Primary School Hall.

All students to be in NUMBER ONE uniform

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Celebrating our Waihians

OAMARU SCHOOLS SUMMER CHESS COMPETITION

Monday 18 November 2024

Waihi School was invited to attend a Chess Competition being held at Waitaki Boys' High School on Monday 18 November 2024 for children in Year 1 to 10 across Canterbury and Otago.

Fox won 1st place for his age group.

Congratulations Fox!! Well done!



CELEBRATING THE NEW BASS GUITAR



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WANAKA COMMUNITY VISIT

Tuesday 19 November 2024

What an incredible event we had last Tuesday evening at Bistro Gentil in Wanaka - standing room only!

Many amazing tales were shared, Including Mr Norman Fitzgerald (Waihian #351) who was at Waihi as a 6 yr old in 1939.

Our **Fitzgerald** dorm in Pyne House was named in honour of Norman's family. When advised Fitzgerald dorm is now home to 12 young ladies, Norman was 'ecstatic' to hear that.

Another successful event for Waihi School, hosted alongside Christ's College, St Margaret's College, and Selwyn House.



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Celebrating our Waihians

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS 2024

Presented on Friday 22 November 2024



HEADMASTER FOR THE DAY

Friday 22 November 2024



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A MASSIVE THANK YOU

WORKING BEE

Saturday 23 November 2024

A huge thank you to the small group of amazing parents who attended the Working Bee last Saturday – what a massive amount of work you achieved!

Key tasks were tidying the bramble and weeds from behind the swimming pool and re-staining the back wall, as well as spraying of weeds, general tidy and spreading of additional crusher dust of the pump track area.

Our thanks to Ben Hallenstein for coordinating the afternoon. The barbeque and cold beverages went down a treat at the end of the afternoon!

BEFORE:



AFTER:



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PYNE HOUSE

Through the lens of the camera... capturing some boarder activities



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