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Dear Parents,

Later this month we will host our Annual Open Day and you will be hearing and seeing adverts around the district over the next few weeks. Following this we have a series of Scholarship days. Having conducted enrolment interviews for nearly every pre-enrolled child I will be starting to hold enrolment interviews with any other potential new students and their parents for 2025.

Parents invariably ask me to discuss just what are the points of difference of sending a child to Waihi, something which I enjoy doing. When I turn the question around and ask parents what they want from Waihi the list is diverse – small class sizes; broad and holistic curriculum; great technology; enthusiastic and passionate teachers; sport/music for all; wonderful environment; outdoor education; excellent facilities; high academic standards; boarding opportunity; values; manners; aspirations...

It is surprising how often parents don't mention the key point of difference, the thing that is at the centre of everything we do – knowing your child!

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST WAIHIAN

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Later this term the Waihi Board are holding a Strategic Planning Day, something the staff spent time doing before the start of this year. The Board will also be considering all feedback received from our Parental Survey last term, the summary results are contained elsewhere in this newsletter.

When we set about the task of reviewing our strategic plan we start with a blank sheet of paper and three words – *The Waihi Student*. The decisions we make will be centred around our Waihi Child and the knowledge of what makes each one tick, this is the real point of difference at Waihi.

When children feel happy, safe, and secure the teaching and learning becomes so much easier, which is why the wellbeing of each boy or girl is so vital. You will see some messaging in today's newsletter about our forthcoming support of 'Pink Shirt Day'. We are focussing in school on kindness, wellbeing and particularly the difficult conversations around bullying. I encourage parents to have these conversations at home too. If you are unsure of where to start or how to best help, there are great resources to be found on the official website <https://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz/>

Kind regards

Allan Short
Headmaster

Headmaster's Thought for the Week

*“Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu,
Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora –
Speak Up, Stand Together,
Stop Bullying!”*

#2024 Pink Shirt Day NZ

Weeks Ahead...

Term Two 2024

WEEK TWO

Monday 6 May –

Friday 10 May

Year 7 Camp to Stewart Island

Friday 10 May

Year 8 Bee Talk (Ian Raine)

Sunday 12 May

Waihi Sevens Rugby Tournament

WEEK THREE

Monday 13 May –

Wednesday 15 May

Year 8 Cultural Tour, Wellington

Wednesday 15 May

NZ Playhouse performance

Friday 17 May

Pink Shirt Day

Friday 17 May

Chess Power Regionals

Sunday 19 May

Waihi Sevens reserve date

WEEK FOUR

Thursday 23 May

Waihi EPro8 Competition (all day)

Sunday 26 May

Waihi School Open Day

WEEK FIVE

Monday 27 May

Chess Power Regionals @ Waihi School

Thursday 30 May

Farm Safety Programme

Thursday 30 May

Waihi Association meeting
Waihi Board meeting

Friday 31 May

Waihi School Cross Country event

WEEK SIX

Monday 3 June

MID TERM BREAK : No school all week

King's Birthday Public Holiday – School office closed

Sunday 9 June

Boarders return from 5:00pm

WAIHI NOTICES

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Scholarships & Boarding Bursaries

FOR THE 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Full details of the scholarships available in 2025 can be found on our Waihi School website.



**2025 Scholarships and
Boarding Bursaries**

FOLLOW THIS LINK TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP PAGE:

<https://waihi.school.nz/admissions>

Download Scholarship Application

WAIHI SEVENS RUGBY

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 12 May 2024



WAIHI SCHOOL : OPEN DAY

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 26 May 2024,
from 11:00am



WAIHI SPORTS

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New Sport Facebook Page



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3644226309148383>

We welcome all current parents and caregivers to join our new Waihi Sport Facebook Group, **Waihi School Sport and Interschool Sport Fixtures**.

This is a closed group to ensure a level of security and privacy around the sharing of sporting communication that includes our Waihi students' names, full team lists, team coaches and managers contact details, game times and venues, etc.

This Facebook Group will also be the platform to share and celebrate our Waihi children's sporting achievements both at Waihi held events, and also outside of school. This might be representing their region in a sporting fixture or tournament team, or in an individual sporting competition.

Please feel free to email Katrina at sport@waihi.school.nz with full details of your child's achievements and include celebration photographs.

Weekly Sports Draws : First Week

Tuesday Hockey, Friday Hockey, Football, Netball, Rugby all start this week

With 23 current sport teams it has been a busy logistical week to ensure each team is ready to take to the turf, field or court with the correct playing gear and kit.

All draws will be shared to the above Facebook Group and emailed to the families of each respective sport your child/ren plays in.

For all general Sport enquiries, please email sport@waihi.school.nz

WAIHI MUSIC

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House Singing 2024

THEME FOR THE 2024 YEAR:

Location, Location, Location

COMPULSORY SONG:

Better Be Home Soon

FREE CHOICE SONGS:

Prosser

Orford

Surfin' USA

California Dreamin'

Everiss

Stone-Wigg

Folsom Prison Blues

Party in the USA

We finished Term One at Waihi with our annual House Singing competition!

The atmosphere was vibrant with colours, smiles, and of course fantastic singing as the 4 house groups competed for the overall title.

Congratulations to Orford for clinching 1st place, with Stone-Wigg close on their heels, just a few points behind. A big thank you to Emma Hall from Craighead for the challenging task of judging the competition. Also, special thanks to all the staff who helped prepare the house groups.

RESULTS:	1 st place	Orford	2 nd place	Stone-Wigg
	3 rd place	Everiss	4 th place	Prosser



St Andrew's College Music Workshop

During the holidays I had a fantastic day at St Andrew's College attending a PL course for Music Teachers. It was a fantastic experience, diving back into a student role under the guidance of Duncan Ferguson, the genius behind last year's stunning "Stairway to Heaven" performance at their prizegiving event. It was also a pleasure to meet other music educators from as far as Auckland.

Our activities for the day included setting up live sound for one of the college's talented rock bands, recording their original song, and then mixing it later in the day. Although it was mentally taxing, I left feeling incredibly inspired and eager to implement what I had learned back at Waihi.

A massive thank you to Duncan for sharing his wealth of knowledge and to St Andrew's College for providing such an enriching learning opportunity. I am reminded that the pursuit of learning never ceases, regardless of how long one has been in the profession, and this day perfectly illustrated that point.

- Al Bradley

W A I H I N O T I C E

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Kia Ora

From the 10th - 13th June, we will run the Mid-Year Exam for Years 4-7. The exams will run from 9 am until 10.30 am.

Each year, we require our Waihi Community's help with children who need one-to-one support from readers and writers.

WAIHI SEVENS TOURNAMENT

Waihi Sevens Rugby Tournament Sunday 12 May 2024

The Waihi Sevens event is being held on Sunday 12th May this year.

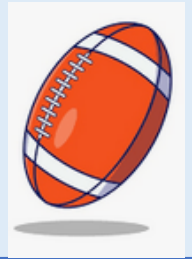
We will be expecting a huge number of people onsite that day and the 'Parents and Friends' each year welcome volunteers to assist for an hour or two. Thank you to those who have put their hands up already to assist with refereeing; coaching; first aid; marshallng; barbequing or any other manner of jobs.

If you can assist in any way, please contact Katrina Rodwell in the school office on sport@waihi.school.nz and she will pass on your name to the Waihi 7s committee.

My thanks go to Mark Saunders and his committee who have been planning and organising the day. It takes many individuals to make such a day successful, so in advance I'd like to give staff, coaches, parents, sponsors, referees, a big "THANK YOU", on behalf of all the players.

Just a reminder about the times for Sunday 12th May:

- ✓ All players to be at school by 9.15am
- ✓ Coaches and referees briefing at 9.30am
- ✓ First games start at 10.00am



SPREADING THE WORD

Waihi School Open Day Sunday 26 May 2024

As mentioned elsewhere we are collecting registrations for our Open Day on May 26th, and more are coming in daily.

With our 2024 starting roll being the highest ever, places are filling up quickly in most Year Groups. If you have younger siblings intending to come to Waihi, please let us know asap.

Similarly, if you have friends with daughters or sons who you think would benefit from the education Waihi has to offer then please encourage them to get in touch and come along on the 26th or make an appointment at another time and see what is "Behind the Hedge".

WAIHI SCHOOL PARENT SURVEY

2012, 2014, 2017, 2020, 2024 Comparison

Summary:

- The Waihi Board considered the results of our Term One Survey at their April Meeting. These results, and the many individual comments for each question, will be considered further during the Board's Strategic Planning Day in Term Two.
- We had a very pleasing response rate with approx. 70% + of current families participating in the survey (it is hard to be precise as some families may have had Mum and Dad respond e.g. Year 4 where we have six children but nine responses!)
- Several new families indicated that it was too early in their Waihi experience to give considered opinion on many areas and hence 'Neutral' as a response was proportionally higher than is normal for some questions (This survey has traditionally been conducted later in the school year)
- Overall, the feedback has been extremely positive, comparisons are given below with the results of previous surveys.

1. Please tick all categories that apply to you (eg You may be a current parent but also a parent of a past student having had an older son or daughter pass through Waihi).

	2024	2020	2017	2014	2012
Total Responses	85	72	34	74	61
Current Parent	78	66	34	71	61
Parent of a Past Waihian	17	9	7	11	14
Old Student of Waihi	6	3	1	6	8
Board Member	1	2	1	3	3
Staff Member	8	6	1	3	1

2. I have children in the following Year groups at Waihi.

	2024	2020	2017	2014	2012
Year 3	0	0	1	0	0
Year 4	9	0	1	0	5
Year 5	5	5	3	4	3
Year 6	18	16	8	18	8
Year 7	30	24	15	27	23
Year 8	29	25	8	27	23

The following questions have a percentage associated with responses together with (in brackets) the actual number of responses in each section.

3. Overview

(i) I feel positive about the education Waihi provides for my child(ren)

	St. Agree /Agree	Neutral	Disagree/St. Disagree
2024	98% (82)	1% (2)	0% (0)
2020	96% (67)	4% (3)	0% (0)
2017	97% (32)	3% (1)	0% (0)
2014	93% (66)	6% (4)	1% (1)
2012	90.0% (54)	7% (4)	3% (2)

(ii) I feel positive about the environment that Waihi provides for my child(ren) to learn in

	St. Agree /Agree	Neutral	Disagree/St. Disagree
2024	94% (78)	5% (4)	1% (1)
2020	91% (63)	9% (6)	0% (0)
2017	97% (32)	0.0% (0)	3% (1)
2014	94% (67)	3% (2)	3% (2)
2012	87% (52)	10% (6)	3% (2)

(iii) My child(ren) is/are happy at Waihi

	St. Agree /Agree	Neutral	Disagree/St. Disagree
2024	98% (80)	1% (1)	1% (1)
2020	88% (60)	12% (8)	0% (0)
2017	94% (31)	6% (2)	0% (0)
2014	87% (62)	9% (6)	4% (3)
2012	87% (52)	10% (6)	3% (2)

(iv) I find visiting the school for events a positive experience

	St. Agree /Agree	Neutral	Disagree/St. Disagree
2024	98% (82)	2% (2)	0% (0)
2020	94% (64)	6% (4)	0% (0)
2017	94% (31)	3% (1)	3% (1)
2014	96% (65)	4% (3)	0% (0)
2012	88% (53)	10% (6)	2% (1)

Overall, the overwhelming perception of parents is a positive one. As mentioned earlier a small number of new families explained their decision to put 'neutral' as an answer to some questions, as the felt they wanted time to form an opinion on this.

9. Communication

(i) I feel sufficiently informed about the academic curriculum at Waihi

	St. Agree /Agree	Neutral	Disagree/St. Disagree
2024	81% (62)	19% (15)	0% (0)
2020	83% (55)	14% (9)	3% (2)
2017	70% (21)	27% (8)	3% (1)
2014	72% (47)	19% (12)	9% (6)
2012	66% (36)	18% (10)	18% (10)

(ii) I feel sufficiently informed about the variety of school events and activities at Waihi

	St. Agree /Agree	Neutral	Disagree/St. Disagree
2024	93% (71)	6% (5)	1% (1)
2020	94% (63)	5% (3)	1% (1)
2017	94% (29)	6% (2)	0% (0)
2014	84% (54)	5% (3)	11% (7)
2012	94% (53)	2% (1)	4% (2)

11. Curriculum

(i) My child(ren) individual academic needs are well catered for at Waihi

	St. Agree /Agree	Neutral	Disagree/St. Disagree
2024	93% (65)	7% (5)	0% (0)
2020	87% (54)	13% (8)	0% (0)
2017	97% (29)	3% (1)	0% (0)
2014	88% (56)	10% (16)	2% (1)
2012	81% (45)	14% (8)	5% (3)

(ii) My child(ren) individual pastoral needs are well catered for at Waihi

	St. Agree /Agree	Neutral	Disagree/St. Disagree
2024	83% (58)	14% (10)	3% (2)
2020	87% (54)	13% (8)	0% (0)
2017	94% (28)	3% (1)	3% (1)
2014	84% (53)	13% (8)	3% (2)
2012	85% (41)	23% (13)	4% (2)

(iii) My child(ren) individual extra-curricular needs are well catered for at Waihi

	St. Agree /Agree	Neutral	Disagree/St. Disagree
2024	94% (66)	6% (4)	0% (0)
2020	87% (55)	13% (8)	0% (0)
2017	90% (27)	10% (3)	0% (0)
2014	85% (54)	13% (8)	2% (1)
2012	86% (26)	5% (3)	9% (5)

16. Boarding

(i) Pyne House is an appropriate boarding facility for students of this age

	St. Agree /Agree	Neutral	Disagree/St. Disagree
2024	100% (35)	0% (0)	0% (0)
2020	97% (32)	3% (1)	0% (0)
2017	95% (18)	5% (1)	0% (0)
2014	100% (42)	0% (0)	0% (0)
2012	100% (36)	0% (0)	0% (0)

(ii) My child(ren) is/are happy boarding at Waihi

	St. Agree /Agree	Neutral	Disagree/St. Disagree
2024	94% (32)	6% (2)	0% (0)
2020	78% (30)	6% (2)	0% (0)
2017	95% (18)	5% (1)	0% (0)
2014	88% (37)	7% (3)	5% (2)
2012	94% (32)	0% (0)	6% (2)

(iii) I am happy with the communication I have with boarding staff

	St. Agree /Agree	Neutral	Disagree/St. Disagree
2024	91% (31)	9% (3)	0% (0)
2020	79% (25)	15% (5)	6% (2)
2017	84% (16)	11% (2)	5% (1)
2014	76% (32)	14% (6)	10% (4)
2012	91% (32)	6% (2)	3% (1)

(iv) I have confidence in the boarding staff to care for my child appropriately whilst they are at Waihi

	St. Agree /Agree	Neutral	Disagree/St. Disagree
2024	94% (32)	3% (1)	3% (1)
2020	94% (31)	6% (2)	0% (0)
2017	89% (17)	11% (2)	0% (0)
2014	86% (36)	12% (5)	2% (1)
2012	91% (32)	9% (3)	0% (0)

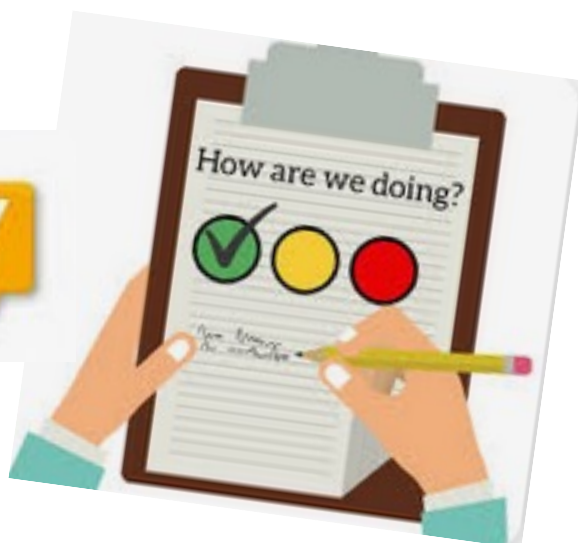
19. Day Student

(i) I am happy with the communication I receive from school about my child(ren)

	St. Agree /Agree	Neutral	Disagree/St. Disagree
2024	98% (41)	2% (1)	0% (0)
2020	97% (35)	0% (0)	3% (1)
2017	100% (21)	0% (0)	0% (0)
2014	66% (5)	17% (4)	17% (4)
2012	70% (17)	17% (4)	13% (3)

(ii) I have confidence in the staff to care for my child(ren) appropriately whilst he/she is at Waihi

	St. Agree /Agree	Neutral	Disagree/St. Disagree
2024	93% (39)	5% (2)	2% (1)
2020	100% (36)	0% (0)	0% (0)
2017	100% (11)	0% (0)	0% (0)
2014	96% (22)	0% (0)	4% (1)
2012	89% (19)	17% (4)	4% (1)



Pink Shirt Day is on Friday 17 May 2024!



Mindful colouring template

Get creative with this Pink Shirt Day-themed mindful colouring activity.



<https://pinkshirtday.org.nz/resources?whanau>