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Thu 17 Jul St Margaret's College visit to Waihi

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Wed 23 Jul Waihi Association and Board meetings (PM)

Fri 25 Jul Life Education at Waihi

WEEK THREE

Mon 28 Jul - Life Education at Waihi

Wed 30 Jul

Thu 31 Jul Winter Exchange: Cathedral Grammar (away)

Sun 3 Aug Hadlow School arrive into billeting

WEEK FOUR

Mon 4 Aug Fixture: Hadlow School / billeting again tonight

Tue 5 Aug Hadlow School depart AM

Sat 9 Aug Strictly Jump Jam (Christchurch)

Welcome to Waihi School & Pyne House

Massive Waihi whanau welcome to:

Freida Garden 8NM
Florian Jak Gap Tutor
Zane Jonker Gap Tutor



FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Friends of Waihi,

Welcome to Term 3. I hope the holidays provided a chance for some rest, reconnection, and perhaps a little mid-winter adventure. I managed to get up the mountain for a couple of days and was thrilled to bump into a number of Waihi students - all of whom took the time to come over, say hello, and have a warm chat and in some cases critique my ability on the mountain!

Back at school, there's a real sense of momentum. The buzz that fills the grounds when the children reconnect is infectious, and it's been a pleasure to see friendships pick up where they left off and classrooms quickly settle back into purposeful routines. The term ahead promises plenty to get excited about.

A warm welcome to the Garden family, and to Freida, who has joined us this term in Year 8. We are delighted to have you as part of the Waihi community and look forward to getting to know you in the weeks ahead.

We ended Term 2 on a real high with our Mid-Year Music Concert - a celebration of talent, courage, and effort. With 65 students performing and 85 currently learning an instrument (that's 74% of our school roll), music continues to be a vibrant and valued part of life at Waihi. Research consistently shows that learning a musical instrument supports brain development, memory, discipline, and emotional wellbeing - benefits that extend far beyond the music room. It was especially pleasing to see so many students step out of their comfort zones, perform with composure, and embrace the opportunity, all while juggling assessments, Outdoor Ed, Jump Jam, and sport. My thanks to our itinerant music staff, and to Al and Sheryl Bradley for their outstanding leadership of the programme. Thank you also to the many parents and family who helped create such a supportive and encouraging audience.

This term brings with it an exciting array of prep sport fixtures. Our Year 8 rugby team will represent Waihi at the Global Games tournament in Queenstown, while our hockey, football, and netball teams will make their debut appearances at the Koru Games in Christchurch - an excellent opportunity to compete against top opposition and grow as teams. We're also looking forward to hosting Hadlow School from the Wairarapa later this term. As always, we'll be relying on the generosity of our community to billet visiting students, and we'd greatly appreciate any families who can assist. You don't need to have a child involved in the fixture to help, and billeting offers our students a valuable chance to practise hospitality, make new connections, and share pride in their school. If you can help, please contact the Sports Department.

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In the academic space, our Year 7 Science Fair is fast approaching, and there's a real sense of focus and energy around the school. Students have returned with display boards in hand and have been making the most of lunchtimes to prepare and refine their investigation presentations. We're especially pleased to welcome back Waihi Old Boy Dr William Rolleston as our guest judge - a highly respected leader in the fields of science and agriculture. This event is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate student learning and to highlight the journey from curious minds in prep school to real-world influence beyond the school gates. Selected projects will then represent Waihi at the NIWA Science Fair in Timaru, which takes place after the mid-term break.

We're also excited to welcome Jake Bailey as our keynote speaker at this term's Ladies' Luncheon. Jake is an internationally acclaimed speaker and bestselling author whose story of resilience captured the world's attention in 2015, when he delivered his Head Boy speech from a wheelchair just days after being diagnosed with aggressive cancer. Since then, Jake has become a highly regarded voice on resilience, growth, and purpose. While with us, Jake will also run a session with our Year 7,8 students, focusing on managing change and preparing for their transition to new schools when the time comes. To make the most of the occasion, we will also be hosting our Spring Soirée the evening before the luncheon, a celebration of music and the cultural arts at Waihi. Why not make a couple of days of it and enjoy both events?

A sincere thank you also to the many parents who supported Saturday sport last weekend. This additional round of fixtures was added at short notice by the respective sporting unions to help compensate for earlier cancellations. Despite a few players being unavailable, it was pleasing to see teams take the field and students make the most of the opportunity. Your flexibility and support are greatly appreciated.

Wishing you all a purposeful and positive term ahead.

Ngā mihi nui,

Gareth Wood
Headmaster



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Winter Sports

2025 Final Game Dates

Tuesday Hockey

Last games are on Tue 29 Jul 2025

South Canterbury Rugby

Last games are on Sat 26 Jul 2025

Friday Hockey

Last games are on Fri 8 Aug 2025

Netball South Canterbury

Last Y5/6 games on Sat 16 Aug 2025

Last Y7/8 games on Sat 23 Aug 2025

Football South Canterbury

Last games on Sat 23 Aug 2025



Grandparents Day

This year we will be hosting our annual Grandparents' Day on **Thursday 4 September 2025** starting at **1.00pm**.

Friday 5 September 2025 will mark exactly 118 years since our Founder Joseph Orford opened the doors of Waihi to its first three boys.

It is hoped that all grandparents will receive a personal invitation to the afternoon over the next month from their grandchildren.

Should there be any trouble with New Zealand Post, or Telecom, or indeed from slack grandchildren, please can you ensure that all grandparents know that they are invited and are more than welcome to attend!

This is always a wonderful afternoon both for our children and grandparents, and we hope to see as many visitors as possible on the day.



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SAVE *the* DATE

29TH AUGUST 2025
MOTHER'S LUNCH

*We warmly invite all Waihi mothers and
their children to join us for our 2025
Mother's Lunch*

Invitation to follow



WAIHI MUSIC

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Save The Date

join us for an evening of music and
talent at our

Waihi Spring Soirée

THURSDAY 28 AUGUST

6:30PM

WAIHI SCHOOL HALL

INVITATION TO FOLLOW

**save
the date**
Tickets on
sale soon

Waihi School
Production of

Disney **FROZEN** JR.

24-27 November 2025

Waihi School, Temuka-Orari Highway, Temuka

Waihi



HEALTH & WELLBEING CLASS

Learning End of Term two | Gender Stereotyping | Sharing



YEAR SEVEN ART

Learning | A Landscape of Wonders | Sharing

🎨🌍 A Landscape of Wonders – Year 7 Art Project 🌍🎨

Our incredibly creative Year 7 students have been exploring the world of art and history through their latest inquiry topic: The Seven Wonders of the World – with a twist!

From the Ancient Pyramids of Giza to the Modern marvel of the Great Wall of China, students were inspired by wonders from across time – ancient, middle-aged, and modern – and turned them into stunning landscape artworks.

The creative process began with bold vivid line drawings of their chosen wonders on laminated sheets, followed by vibrant painted highlights to make each landmark pop. They then created beautifully textured backgrounds using natural colours on card, before layering the elements together to bring their visions to life in a truly unique way.

We're thrilled to announce that 17 talented young artists have had their pieces selected for display in the Waihi Art Gallery (aka the dining hall!) where they'll remain on exhibition for the next 12 months.

Be sure to check them out next time you're in – you won't want to miss these wonder-ful masterpieces!



PYNE HOUSE

END OF TERM TWO BOARDING AWARDS

