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WEEK THREE

OCTOBER

- WED 22 Year 7 Science Roadshow
SCPSSA Mountain biking competition
South Canterbury Community Visit: 6.00 - 8.00pm
- FRI 24 Juniors Space Dome Visit (at Waihi)
- SAT 25 NO SPORT THIS WEEKEND

WEEK FOUR

OCTOBER

- MON 27 LABOUR DAY : No School, Pyne House open
- TUE 28 Production Photo Day from 10.50am
- FRI 31 Ashburton A&P Show ~come and visit our marquee~
Summer sports exchange: Rangī Ruru & St Margaret's
Flag Football Nationals, Wellington

NOVEMBER

- SAT 1 Ashburton A&P Show (Day 2)
Jump Jam Nationals in Christchurch
- SUN 2 Blokes Brunch / Social golf
Old Boys vs Waihi 1st XI Cricket game at Waihi

OLD BOYS vs WAIHI 1ST XI

PROSSER CRICKET GAME @ WAIHI

~~ Game starts @ 11.00am / lunch @ 1.00pm ~~

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Friends of Waihi,

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter! The energy and purpose across school is high as we drive toward the end of the year. Our Year 8s are busy fine-tuning their production (a highlight of our cultural calendar) and both staff and students are actively preparing for the upcoming end-of-year assessments, focus and discipline are high. It is a true privilege to see our students engaging with all areas of school life.

On Monday in St John's Chapel, my message focused on a concept critical to that growth: Honesty and Integrity. I urged our students to become the Inner Architect of their own lives. I reminded them that every choice is a brick; using strong, true bricks, speaking the truth, owning mistakes, and keeping one's word, builds a foundation of character that is like a fortress. To give the students a tangible reminder of this, I gave each of them a simple, smooth Waihi river stone to keep on their person as a physical cue that the small, foundational, unseen choices are the ones that matter most. Just like the ancient Roman Roads, which lasted two thousand years due to their deep, solid foundation, those private choices determine the strength of the person who shows up in public. Our challenge is to remember that "The truest greatness lies in being always great, in little things."

We've officially transitioned into our summer sports calendar, and the engagement has been outstanding! We've seen great participation in Saturday cricket and tennis fixtures, and a fantastic energy for our first night of touch rugby on Monday. With 80% of our school involved in the touch competition, it's a wonderful sight to see so many Waihi students active and enjoying the festival atmosphere down at Geraldine High School. Thank you to our coaches and parents for their commitment to these teams.

Last Thursday, our entire school participated in the nationwide earthquake drill, 'ShakeOut'. These drills are a vital part of our school safety plan, reminding us all of the essential Drop, Cover, Hold action, and ensuring every student and staff member knows how to respond calmly in an emergency.

On a different note, we have also shared a well-being survey with our students this week. Gaining direct insight into their social, emotional, and learning experiences is critical, and the data will be invaluable in informing and refining our student support and pastoral care planning for the future. At Waihi, we really value a focus on wellbeing for students and staff as we can see that a positive, supportive environment is directly linked to high-quality learning and performance. When students and staff feel safe, supported, and connected, they are better equipped to face challenges, engage with their learning, and contribute positively to our school culture.

A final reminder to please RSVP for our Blokes' Brunch. This is a relaxed and meaningful opportunity for students to enjoy quality time with a significant male in their lives (whether that's a dad, stepdad, grandfather, uncle, or mentor).

The morning's schedule is set for Sunday, November 2nd: doors open at 8:00 am for brunch, followed by the 9:00 am kick-off for the All Blacks vs Ireland test match.

BLOKES BRUNCH RSVP by 27 Oct 2025:
<https://forms.gle/fp6DSMkv52bX3xSz8>

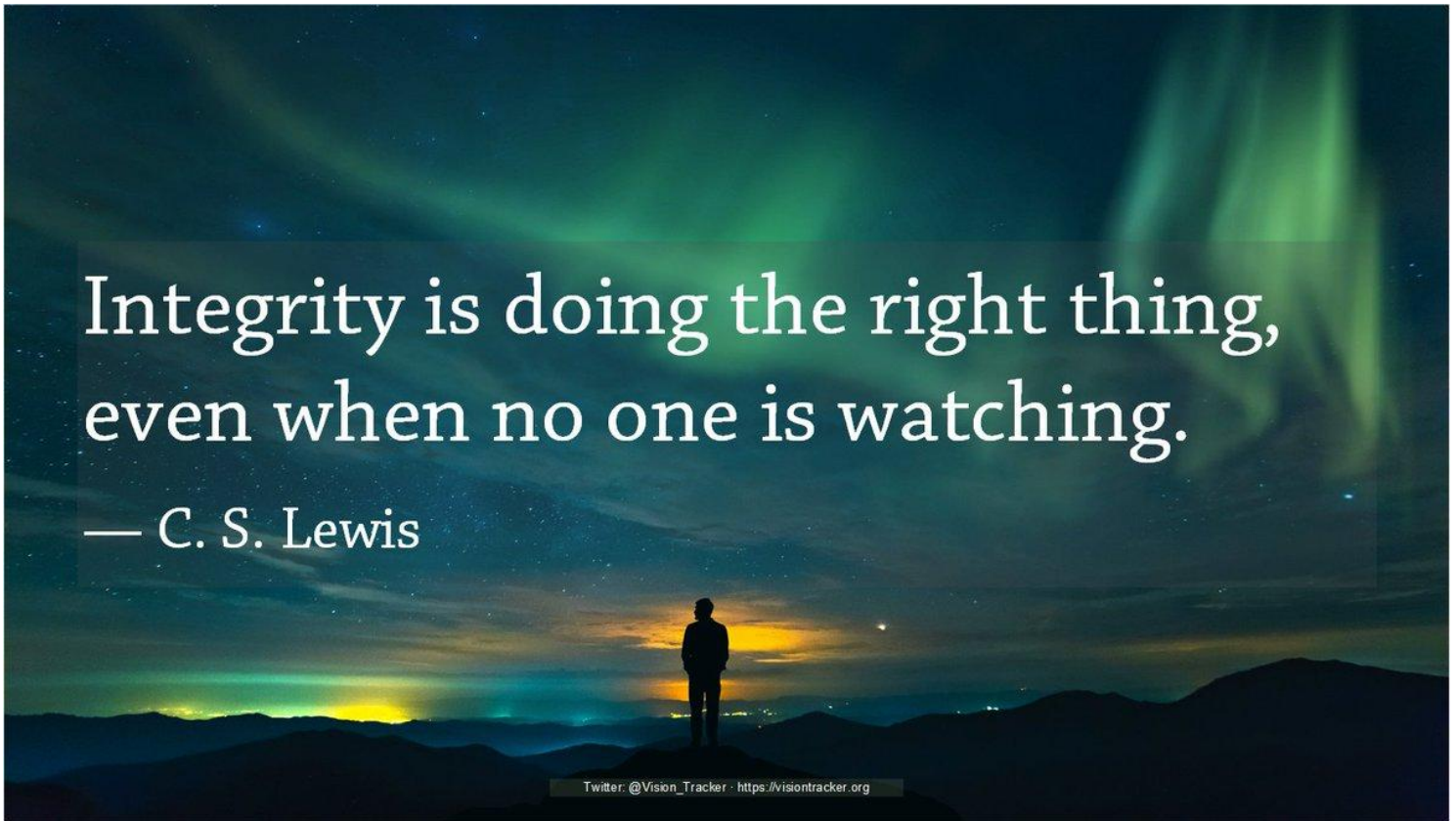
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Following the brunch and rugby, the events continue with the Waihi 1st XI Cricket team taking on a team of Old Boys in what promises to be a spirited fixture, or there is an optional round of social golf for those keen to try their hand at that. Please ensure you confirm your attendance by RSVP on the google form by 27th October so we can finalise catering. We hope it will be a memorable occasion!

We extend our very best wishes to our Jump Jam team and our Year 7 Flag Football team as they travel to tackle their respective national championships in Christchurch and Wellington. Safe travels and good luck!

Warm regards

Gareth Wood
Headmaster



Integrity is doing the right thing,
even when no one is watching.

— C. S. Lewis

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As read beautifully by Hazel Rickard in Chapel on Monday

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Waihi Library Book Returns

Please could all Waihi library books be returned to the School Library before **Thursday 13 November 2025**.

All books are to be returned to the return box in the library or handed to Mrs Cunningham directly please, not placed back on the shelves.

Any library books unaccounted for after EXEAT will be charged to your student's account, to allow the book to be repurchased and replaced.

Term 4 Exeat Weekend

Our Term 4 exeat weekend starts at the conclusion of the school day on Thursday 13 November.

School commences at 8:30am on Tuesday 18 November, boarders return from 5:00pm on Monday 17 November 2025.

PLEASE NOTE:

no school on Friday 14 November or Monday 17 November 2025

Return of Trophies / Cups

Calling for all Athletics, Awards Assembly and Prize giving trophies to be engraved, cleaned and return to Kat in the school office please.

Athletics trophies:

are due back to school by Friday 31 October 2025

Prize giving trophies:

are due back to school by Friday 21 November 2025

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY VISITS

SOUTH CANTERBURY

DATE: Wed 22 October 2025

TIME: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

VENUE: Hector Blacks, Timaru

WANAKA

DATE: Tue 18 November 2025

TIME: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

VENUE: Edgewater Hotel, Wanaka

Everyone welcome. Whether you are a past, current or future parent, we would love to see you when we are visiting your local area.

This is an informal gathering – we would love to discuss with you how we can best nurture success in your child.

Please email your interest to:
executive@waihi.school.nz

These events are a combined hosting with Christ's College, St Margaret's College and Waihi School coming together.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION Term 4 2025

Outdoor education in Term Four will see us in the rivers again. We will not have wet children on the school buses as all vehicles are used for our daily bus services.

We will be changing at the river. Please ensure your daughter or son has a change of clothes, and footwear for all OE sessions.

Because we are changing at the river, just a reminder a 'towelling robe' or a large towel to get changed behind is required.

Thanks
Mr Brighthouse

EXEAT WEEKEND

The Exeat weekend this term is Friday 14 November 2025 (no school that day) through to and including Monday 17 November 2025.

Boarders are welcome to return to Pyne House from 5.00pm on Monday 17th, or in time for the start of the school day on Tuesday 18 November 2025.

PLEASE NOTE:

*No school on **Friday 14th November** or
Monday 17 November 2025*

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Waihi School 2025 Production - Frozen Programme Advertising Form



Company Name:	
Contact Person:	
Contact Address:	
Contact Phone Number:	
Contact Email Address:	

I wish to include the following advertisement in the 2025 Production Programme. I understand I will be invoiced in November 2025 for the advertising fees.

Type of Advertisement	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page Colour (74 x 105mm)	\$95.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Half Page Colour (148 x 105mm)	\$180.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page Colour (148 x 210mm)	\$365.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Back Page Cover (148 x 210mm) **ONE AVAILABLE**	\$400.00

TWO COMPLIMENTARY tickets to attend Frozen Jr on Tue 25 Nov 2025 for all advertisers.

NOTE: this date is not able to be changed or transferred.

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Please return this completed form and a copy of your advertisement in .jpg format to Kat Thompson at executive@waihi.school.nz

Deadline: Friday 31 October 2025

CELEBRATING OUR WAIHIANS

Photographs shared by parents

Championship Pleasure Pony

Maria Davison won the Pleasure Pony Championship over the weekend of 18/19 October 2025 qualifying her for the South Island title competition.

Maria has worked extremely hard for this - well done Maria!



PYNE HOUSE

WEDNESDAY MORNING SHEET CHANGE



PREP TIME IN PYNE HOUSE

