



Waihi News

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Dear Parents,

The start of every school year is always an exciting time. For our students they meet up with old friends and teachers but also have new classes to explore, new friends to find and new experiences ahead of them.

I am pleased to say that the first two weeks of the 2024 school year have started really well. The weather has been generally good, there have been lots of smiling faces and laughter and the children have begun to plan their goals for the year ahead. You will see so much of what is going on around your child's class by looking at 'Class Dojo' (if you haven't logged in to your child's class yet, please do; or contact the class teacher if you need assistance).

Our new student day last Tuesday was a fabulous occasion. I particularly want to acknowledge our Year 8 leaders who returned to school early to join us and to work alongside staff to help every new student settle into life as a Waihian.

The Pyne House boarders have enjoyed several new initiatives and activities, and Mr Clayson and the team report that it has been a fabulous start to the year. We had a very successful first 'in-weekend' for our boarders, some of which you can see elsewhere in this newsletter.

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IMPORTANT WAIHI OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESSES

Admissions / Logistics / Absences	Kat Thompson	executive@waihi.school.nz
Uniform orders / enquiries	Stacey Jackson	uniform@waihi.school.nz
Finance enquiries	Karen McArthur	finance@waihi.school.nz

To apply for leave for a non-school event please email headmaster@waihi.school.nz to seek approval

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"Working hard for something we don't care about is called stress"

Working hard for something we love is called passion."

There is much that I wish to share with you in subsequent newsletters regarding the school's goals for 2024 and the work your children are doing in the classroom, and I particularly look forward to talking with as many of you as possible at our Meet the Teacher Day on 1st March.

Best wishes



Allan Short
Headmaster

Headmaster's Thought for the Week

"You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

- Christopher Robin



Uniform Shop

Waihi Rugby Jersey: \$75

This is an optional merchandise item



It is not a uniform item

Please email

uniform@waihi.school.nz

by **Monday 26 February 2024**

if you wish to order this optional item

Adults style **RJS**

HALF CHEST at bottom of armhole

LENGTH from HSP to hem

XXS	XS	S	M	L	XL
45	48	51	54	57	60
69	72	74	76	78	80

YEAR SIX & YEAR SEVEN FAMILIES

SENIOR SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Many of our senior feeder schools have reached out already this year and asked us to remind all our Year Seven families (and even Year Six families) that it is never too early to start enquiring about your child's next education step post Waihi School.

Please feel free to contact your desired senior school directly to seek their enrolment process / procedure information.

They will be only too happy to assist you.

WAIHI SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2024

All children are to arrive at school on Wednesday 14 February 2024 wearing their number 1s.

The photos taken at this session will be every child's individual photo, their classroom photo, and any sibling photos requested.

If you would like a sibling photo taken, please email Kat on executive@waihi.school.nz to request this by Monday 12th February 2024.

Only parent requested sibling photos will be taken on the day to avoid 'surprises' for the photographer, and you via your child's school account.

WAIHI SCHOOL : Value of the Week

WEEK TWO : KINDNESS

Congratulations for this week go to:

Junior BW	Annabel Shearer
6NW	Shaiah Stuart
6TW	Harry Ewing-Metcalf
7EH	Charlotte Rigarlsford
7JS	Katie Rollinson
8NM	Oscar Elliotte
8PG	Otto Acland
Boarding	Poppy Mawle



North Canterbury Community Visit

TUE 20 FEB 2024 : 6.00pm – 8.00pm : Black Estate Winery

We are joining with Christ's College and St Margaret's College at Black Estate Wines, 614 Omihi Road, Waipara on Tuesday 20 February 2024 from 6.00pm.

Everyone welcome! Whether you are a past pupil of Waihi School, Christ's College or St Margaret's College we would love to see you for this informal gathering.





Friday 1st March 2024



First Exeat - Meet the Teacher and Swimming Sports



The day will start with morning tea and a meeting in the school hall for all parents followed by an opportunity for everyone to meet with their child's teacher in their classrooms.

At our Parent meeting we will be discussing our Academic Programme; Pastoral Care; Mental and Physical Health and how best we can ensure the Wellbeing of all the Waihi Family. Please ensure that every student has at least one parent at this event.

Lunchtime will be held as class picnics followed by Swimming Sports. This is always a great day, and we look forward to seeing you all there.

NOTE: There is a traditional Parents and Child relay at the end of the afternoon. The children love swimming a length alongside a parent so bring togs and towels too!

NOTES: Please bring a Picnic for you and your child.

If you cannot attend, please email Kat (executive@waihi.school.nz) and a lunch will be provided for your child.

Exeat weekend commences at the conclusion of Swimming Sports

9.45am	Tea / Coffee available for parents
10.15am	Headmaster's Talk and Staff Presentations (Hall) (Please can at least one parent of each child attend)
11.15am	Class Information Meetings with class teachers
11.45am	Class Picnics on the Quad
12.45pm	Swimming Sports begin

Diagnostic Reports

At the 'Meet the Teacher' event all parents will receive a short report. There will be a short pastoral comment from your child's class teacher indicating how they have settled into Waihi life; an Attitudes and Habits report and a short diagnostic listing the results of your child's initial PAT assessments. Whilst the majority of the first few weeks are about getting the environment in and out of the classroom right, and making the children feel happy and secure in their new surroundings, there will also be a few small diagnostic tests.

Our rationale for the initial testing is threefold:

- To give a baseline from which to report progress (children will have matching assessments later this year)
- To help in the initial grouping, setting and differentiating of children' learning objectives and tasks
- Assisting in the identification of learning support and extension needs

Weeks Ahead...

Term One 2024 (weeks 3 - 6)

WEEK THREE

Wednesday 14 February *School Photos: individual, classrooms, siblings*
Waihi School Trust Board meeting

Saturday 17 February *AgriKids Kurow*

WEEK FOUR

Monday 19 February –
Wednesday 21 February *Junior Camp at Living Springs*

Tuesday 20 February *North Canterbury Community Visit*
Black Estate : 6:00pm – 8:00pm

WEEK FIVE

Thursday 29 February *Fixture vs Cathedral Grammar (home)*

Friday 1 March *Meet the Teacher AM*
Waihi Swimming Sports PM
Diagnostic Reports emailed home
Exeat Weekend starts

Saturday 2 March *AgriKids, Winchester Show*

Saturday 2 March –
Sunday 3 March *Exeat Weekend*

WEEK SIX

Monday 4 March *No school on Monday*
Boarders return at 5.00pm

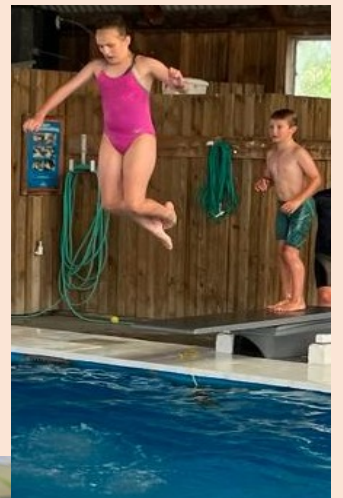
Thursday 7 March *Southern Lakes Community Visit*
Milbrook Resort : 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Friday 8 March *Wanaka A&P Show*
- Saturday 9 March

Pyne House : Weekend One full of fun

Mr and Mrs Clayson loved a full and active weekend with the boarders on their 'in weekend'. Children were great, enjoyed making new friends and doing a range of activities. These included the cinema, C-Bay, a Bench Ball competition, and Tekapo Hot Pools!

Thanks to those staff who joined us for a day at the Hot Pools.



Music Department Update

We're thrilled to hear music filling our rooms once again!

ITINERANT LESSONS:

Our entire team of Itinerant instructors will resume lessons at Waihi next week, and timetables will be up on the noticeboard from Monday. If your child is interested in starting music lessons this term, it's never too late to sign up! Reach out to us anytime at music@waihi.school.nz or simply fill out the Google Form <http://tinyurl.com/WaihiMusic2024>

KAPA HAKA:

What a turnout we had for Kapa Haka last Thursday morning, with over 60 students in attendance! The first three weeks are open for our tamariki to give Kapa Haka a try, and by Week 4, they can decide if it's the right fit for them.

BAND:

Due to high interest, we're excited to announce that we'll once again have two bands this year. We aim to have both bands ready to showcase their talent at an assembly towards the end of the term. It is truly inspiring to witness these young musicians so passionate about their craft.

CHOIR:

Choir auditions will take place next week, and the 2024 Choir list will be posted on the noticeboard by Friday. Rehearsals will then commence every Tuesday morning at 8:30am.

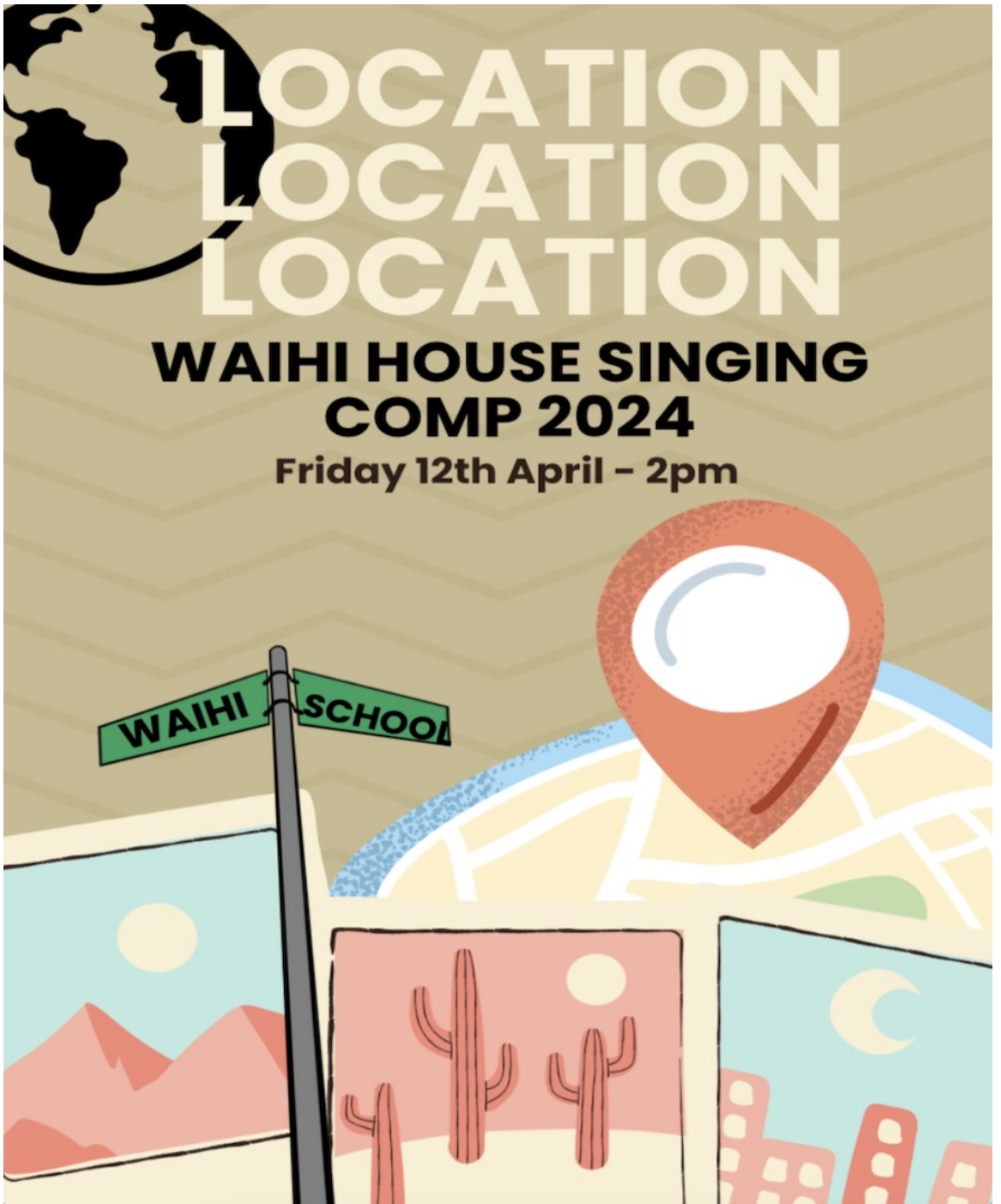
FACEBOOK PAGE:

Stay updated with all the cultural events and highlights from Waihi by joining and following our dedicated Facebook page, Waihi Music & Cultural Arts: <https://www.facebook.com/Waihi.Music/>

Get ready for another busy year from the Music Department!

Warm regards,

Al & Sheryl Bradley
Directors of Music



Waihi House Singing Competition 2024

Join us on the final day of Term 1 for an exciting showdown as our four Houses compete for the coveted title of Best House Singing 2024.

This year, our theme is "Locations," promising to transport you on a musical journey with each performance.

With fierce competition anticipated, mark the date in your calendar now and don't miss out!

Waihi School Newsletters

Please feel free to review current and previous newsletters on our school website via this link: Newsletters: www.waihi.school.nz/our-school/newsletters/

Nurturing Success

OUR SCHOOL

PROSPECTUS



*Scan the QR code
to view our
newsletters
online*



Have you found the Waihi Friends facebook page?

This is a friendly page where things you might like to know are posted:

- Uniform for sale
- Lost property
- Changes to sports draws
- Local club registrations

Search "Waihi Friends - school community noticeboard" on facebook.





Waihi School 2024 Directory **Business Advertising Opportunity**

Waihi School annually publishes a School Directory and every family and staff member receives a free copy of the directory in Term One.

This directory provides a daily resource for parents and caregivers to obtain information regarding the school and be able to contact other parents within the school to arrange school related activities etc.

In order to cover the costs, we include advertising from businesses associated with the Waihi family. So, if this is you, please consider supporting the school and generate some advertising at the same time. The directory is a reference for every school family and is used regularly.

The directory is an A5 full colour booklet, and advertisements can be quarter, half or full page. In addition, we have a glossy colour cover with space on the inside front and back covers.

If you are interested in listing your business in the 2024 Waihi School Directory or would like more information, please contact Kat on 03 687 8071 or email executive@waihi.school.nz, or simply complete the attached form.

Please complete the supplied advertising acceptance form and return to Kat Thompson at executive@waihi.school.nz by Friday 23rd February 2024.



Waihi School 2024 Directory Advertising Acceptance Form

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

I wish to include the following advertisement in the 2024 Waihi School Directory.

I understand I will be invoiced in March 2024 for the advertising fees.

Type of Advertisement	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page Colour – A7	\$125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Half Page Colour – A6	\$250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page Colour – A5	\$500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Front/Back inside Glossy Cover – Half Page Colour A6	\$350.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Front/Back inside Glossy Cover – Full Page Colour A5	\$700.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Back Glossy Cover – Half Page Colour A6	\$500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Back Glossy Cover – Full Page Colour A5	\$1,000.00

Advertisement Layout	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will provide an advertisement in a print ready (pdf) format
<input type="checkbox"/>	I wish to pay the additional \$150.00 in order to have my advertisement professionally formatted. Further fees may apply for re-work or specialised design work.

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/____



St Andrew's College

Enrolment events

<https://www.stac.school.nz/enrolments-and-scholarships/>



TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Enrolment link

<https://timaruboysschool.nz/enrolment/enrolment/>



TIMARU GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

Enrolment link

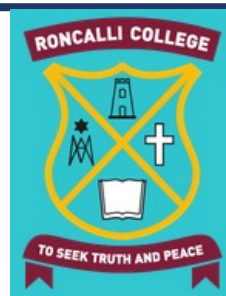
<https://www.timarugirls.school.nz/enrolment>



St Margaret's College

Enrolment link

<https://stmargarets.school.nz/enrol/>



Enrolment link

<https://www.roncalli.school.nz/being-a-student/enrolment.php>



Enrolment link

<https://www.cbhs.school.nz/enrolments/>



CRAIGHEAD DIOCESAN SCHOOL

Enrolment link

<https://www.craighead.school.nz/enrolment>



Rangi Ruru Girls' School

BE YOU. BELONG.

Enrolment link

<https://rangiruru.school.nz/enrolment/>



John McGlashan College

Enrolment link

<https://www.mcglashan.school.nz/enrolments/application-for-enrolment>

Enrolment Timeline

This timeline outlines the enrolment process for 2025 entrants.
If you have any questions please contact Admissions Registrar
Sarah Fechney – registrar@christcollege.com



CHRIST'S COLLEGE
CANTERBURY

DATE	TIMELINE
December/January	Year 8 parents to send a copy of their son's final school report
February–March	Year 9 interviews with Executive Principal Garth Wynne <i>Following Executive Principal interviews, places will be offered.</i>
20 February	<i>A day at Christ's College, 9am–2pm</i> Year 8 Cathedral Grammar, St Michael's Church School and other schools
27 February	<i>A day at Christ's College, 9am–2pm</i> Year 8 Medbury
14 March	<i>Open Day, Assembly Hall, 1–4.30pm</i>
7–8 April	<i>Year 8 Boarding Experience, 12pm</i>
8 April	<i>A day at Christ's College, 9am–2pm</i> Boarding
8 April	Year 8 Boarding parents House orientation, 10am–2pm
26 April	Year 9 scholarship applications for 2025 close
16–17 May	<i>Year 9 scholarship auditions (drama, choral and instrumental music auditions and sports interviews for selected candidates)</i>
17 May	<i>Year 9 academic scholarship exam, Assembly Hall, 9am–12pm</i>
Mid August	House allocation
17–18 October	Year 8 Boarding parents and boys (meet their Housemaster)
18 October	Levels test/parent induction/new entrant afternoon tea, 1–6pm
Term 4	Year 9 new entrants for 2025, Housemaster visits for dayboys