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Term One 2025

WEEK FOUR

Mon 17 Feb –
Wed 19 Feb

Junior (Y4-6) Camp

Tue 18 Feb

North Canterbury Community Visit, Black Estate, 6pm-8pm

Fri 21 Feb

*Meet the Teacher (A.M.), Picnic lunch on the Quad
Swimming Sports (P.M.), Diagnostic Reports*

Sat 22 Feb

Exeat Weekend

Sun 23 Feb

Exeat Weekend

Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon

WEEK FIVE

Mon 24 Feb

Exeat Weekend

Boarders return to Pyne House from 5.00pm

Wed 26 Feb

Hereworth arrive in to billeting

Thu 27 Feb

FIXTURE: Hereworth School vs Waihi (Cricket, Tennis)

Sun 2 Mar

Y7s depart for School Camp (Abel Tasman)

WEEK SIX

Thu 6 Mar

*SCPSSA Triathlon
Y7s return from camp*

Thu 6 Mar

Southern Lakes Community Visit @ Millbrook (6pm-8pm)

Fri 7 Mar –

Wanaka A&P Show

Sat 8 Mar



RETURN OF TROPHIES / CUPS

Calling for all Waihi swimming cups / trophies
to be engraved, cleaned, and returned.



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

Wednesday 12 February
2025

From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents,

Over the past two Mondays at Chapel I have discussed, making the most of your talents and education, aspirations, love and school mottos. A strange selection of topics but bear with me I'll explain the connection between this and a Waihian.

Our chapel was built in 1879, I showed the children a shield which hangs in my office from a school built exactly 500 years earlier in 1379. I told the children this School was founded by a man named William of Wykeham (1320-1404). William was the son of a free but poor man called John Long in Wickham in Hampshire – Southern England.

As a freeman William would not have expected to 'rise above his station' but he did. William went to work in the church and learnt about building. With this education and by using his new-found talents he began to progress. His big break came when he helped with the architectural work for Windsor Castle and eventually got noticed by King Edward III (one of England's most successful monarchs who transformed the country into one of Europe's most formidable powers).

The children discussed making a good first impression (Mr Short and Ben modelled the power of the first 'handshake') and good manners: table manners, saying please and thank you, calling your elders Sir and Ma'am, however this motto goes further than that. The manners William referred to when he first established the motto are those personal "mannerisms" or characteristics, which make up who we are. There is more than a subtle difference with this motto referring to consideration of others; a sense of fair play; doing the right thing on all occasions; being beyond moral reproach.

Translated for our children your mannerisms and behavioural characteristics make you who you are. Every child who visits me for an enrolment interview promises to "Work Hard, Get Involved, Be Kind", and the children know that our only rule is "do the right thing, in the right place, at the right time". That is the Waihi student.

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A parent spoke to me one morning and said that her son had remarked to her that (discussing sport) “the one thing you don’t want to be called at Waihi is cocky”. I thought it was very satisfying that he fully realised that being a Waihian means being humble in victory and gracious in defeat (our children do not always see this role-modelled very well by adults who should know better).

Whether you believe that manners are right at the heart of our personalities or whether you believe that they are more of an external display of a thoughtful state of mind, there is no denying that this proverb can give us plenty of pause for thought. Simply put, good manners demonstrate a sense of respect for other human beings.

I wish you all a Happy Valentine’s Day this Friday, and I look forward to seeing most of you on Friday 21 February at our “Meet the Teacher” morning, and hope you then stay and enjoy class picnics, and Swimming Sports.

Kind regards

Allan Short
Headmaster

Headmaster’s Thought for the Week

“Manners Maketh Man”

New College School motto

Headmaster’s Thought for Valentine’s Day

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

Corinthians 13: 4-7

Friday 21 February 2025

Meet the Teacher and Swimming Sports: Fri 21 Feb

Our day will start with morning tea and a brief meeting in the School Hall for all parents, followed by an opportunity for everyone to meet with their child's teacher in their classrooms. We hope that every student will have 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 there.



Diagnostic Reports

At the 'Meet the Teacher' event all parents will receive a short report. There will be a brief 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 students 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:

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



Headmasters Farewell

Join us to farewell our Headmaster Allan Short

Saturday March 15, 2025 • 1pm • Waihi School
RSVP to events@waihi.school.nz by 28 February, 2025



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/

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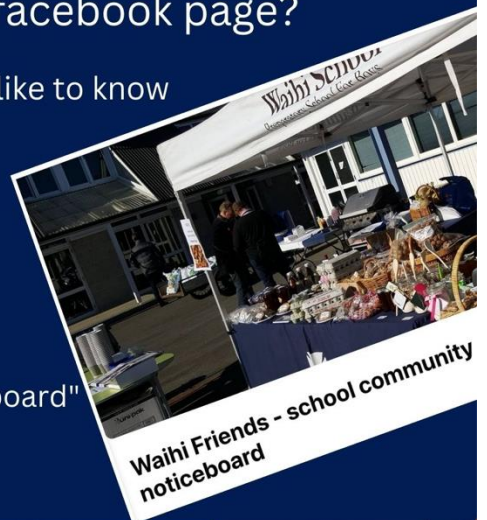


Have you found the Waihi Friends facebook page?

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.



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WAIHI NOTICES

Upcoming Events | Information | Updates

North Canterbury Community Visit

TUE 18 FEB 2025 : 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 18 February 2025 from 6.00pm.

Everyone welcome! We would love to see you for this informal gathering.



Southern Lakes Community Visit

THU 6 MAR 2025 : 6.00pm – 8.00pm : Millbrook Resort

We are joining with Christ's College and St Margaret's College at Millbrook Resort, 1124 Malaghans Road, Arrowtown on Thursday 6 March 2025 from 6.00pm.

Everyone welcome! We would love to see you for this informal gathering.



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ON THE BUSES

FEBRUARY 2025

With nervous trepidation, sense of wonder and excitement as to who will be on the bus, the New Year begins. What will be the reactions of the new Waihians and returning Waihians reacquainting themselves with fellow bus travellers to year ahead ponder the “PdoubleT’s” (Pupil Transport Technicians / drivers)?

Well now we know. Smiles, confusion, giggles, “what did you do in the holidays?”, all appear in abundance.

Bus mentors, no not bus monitors, guide and support the first timers to the expectations and places to be, reassuring them of what to expect.

“Where do I sit?” comes a nervous voice. “Anywhere you like, except here, here or here” as they are guided to a seat.

So, the year begins for the “PdoubleT’s” who also enjoy meeting on the bench seat outside the hall for the afternoon runs, discussing all the important happenings in the world.

Actually, we decide pretty quickly that fixing world problems is not in the job description of the “PdoubleT’s” so talk is more about veggie growing, sport, dad jokes and what is news from our respective runs.

Of course, if anyone has questions about the buses, Kat can help as can the respective “PdoubleT”.

If you need, or just want, to know what is happening on the buses, please ask. You are always welcome to join us on the bench for stimulating discussions (yeah right) as long as you remember the golden rule, “some things that happen on the bus, stay on the bus”.

From Waihi’s “PdoubleT’s” – Pupil Transport Technicians
Aka the school bus drivers

Celebrating our Waihians

NATIONAL JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025 29 January – 2 February 2025

Claudia Studholme competed in the Tavendale and Partners NZ National Jumping Championship 2025 at the end of January.

Claudia picked up some ribbons and rosettes for her efforts which she likely has on display in her boarding cubicle!

Well done Claudia!





Waihi School 2025 School Directory **Business Advertising Opportunity**

Waihi School annually publishes a School Directory and every family 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 2025 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 21 February 2025.



Waihi School 2025 School Directory Advertising Acceptance Form

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

I wish to include the following advertisement in the 2025 Waihi School Directory.

I understand I will be invoiced in March 2025 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

- I will provide an advertisement in a print ready (pdf) format
- I wish to pay the additional fee in order to have my advertisement professionally formatted. Further fees may apply for re-work or specialised design work.

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/____

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Enrolment Timeline



This timeline outlines the enrolment process for the 2026 entrants. If you have any questions please contact our Admissions Coordinator Kat Thompson on executive@waihi.school.nz

| DATE | TIMELINE |
|-----------------|---|
| Feb 2025 | 2026 Scholarship / Bursary applications open for submission |
| Feb - Mar 2025 | School tours and headmaster enrolment interviews commence |
| Sun 25 May 2025 | Waihi School Open Day, 11.00am start Please register via https://waihi.school.nz/our-school/open-day/ |
| Fri 6 Jun 2025 | Waihi School Academic, Cultural, Sport Scholarship applications close |
| Sun 22 Jun 2025 | Waihi School Bursary, and Waihi Association Bursary applications close |
| Aug 2025 | Confirmation of Waihi School Academic, Cultural, Sport Scholarships delivered to recipient families |
| Sep 2025 | Confirmation of Waihi School and Waihi Association Bursaries delivered to recipient families |
| Thu 18 Sep 2025 | New 2026 boarders in for their overnight experience stay |
| Fri 19 Sep 2025 | All new 2026 students at Waihi for their experience day at school |
| Oct / Nov 2025 | House allocation, Uniform fitting information emailed out to families |

PYNE HOUSE

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

Boarders Brekkie



2025 Pyne House Leaders





Rangi Ruru
Girls' School



BE YOU.

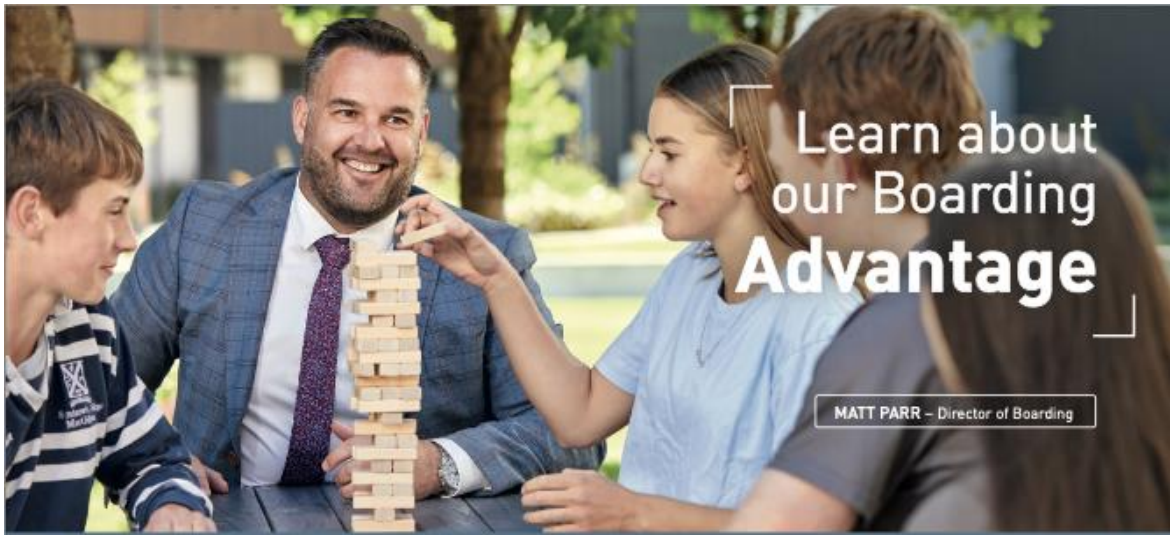
DISCOVER RANGI RURU SCHOOL

Visit Us at Waihi School or Join Our Open Day

Dear Waihi families,

We are excited to visit your wonderful school on **Mon 24 Feb 2025** and would love to meet with families interested in learning more about Rangi Ruru, and our boarding opportunities.

WHERE: Waihi School Hall
WHEN: Monday 24 February 2025
TIME: between 5.00pm – 7.00pm



Learn about our Boarding Advantage

MATT PARR – Director of Boarding

BOARDING ROADSHOWS

Visit stac.nz/boardingroadshows for further information and to register online

17 February **BLenheim**
18 February **NELSON**
19 February **QUEENSTOWN**

24 February **NORTH CANTERBURY**
25 February **MID CANTERBURY**
7 March **WĀNAKA**



St Andrew's College

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