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WEEK SEVEN

Mon 10 Mar - Community Dental Service visiting Waihi School
Wed 19 Mar

Sat 15 Mar Allan Short's farewell function

WEEK EIGHT

Wed 19 Mar SCDHB Y8 Immunisations

Fri 21 Mar House Singing Competition
Allan Short's last day

Fri 21 Mar Exeat Weekend from 3.00pm today

Sat 22 Mar EXEAT

Sun 23 Mar EXEAT

WEEK NINE

Mon 24 Mar EXEAT - No school today
Boarders return into Pyne House from 3.00pm

Parent Teacher Interviews (see page 4 for details)

Fri 28 Mar SCPSSA Swimming

WEEK TEN

Mon 31 Mar Lit Quiz, Grantlea Downs School

EXEAT Weekend: 22-24 Mar 2025

Our next exeat weekend runs from
Sat 22 Mar through to and including Mon 24 Mar 2025
- no school on Monday, boarders arrive back from 3.00pm Monday

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Parents,

These past few weeks have been a microcosm of life at Waihi, with our pupils having engaged in a variety of experiences that, for me, highlight the breadth and vibrancy of the Waihi experience. The Year 7 Camp to Abel Tasman was fantastic; we have hosted visiting sports teams from Hawkes Bay and Christchurch. Over a quarter of the school participated in the Agri-Kids sections at the 150th Winchester Show. We had riders at various events, including the Wanaka Show. Some Year 8 students have been out at leadership training, and the YMCA team has helped Mr Clayson in health lessons. Many senior students have been off visiting prospective senior schools for Open Days and interviews, and the feedback has been tremendous.

Our children seem to be heading in all directions and are engaged in many activities outside of the classroom, all of which add to the richness of school life. Isn't it strange, then, that we live in a society that often chooses to judge school performance on a somewhat narrower set of criteria? Such activities recorded above may not be reported on any league tables of 'top schools' but in our view, they are vital parts of a well-rounded prep school education.

As a parent of children who have been at independent schools, I believe the quality of the education which my sons and daughters receive is not just determined by their exam scores, however important they may be. I want them to feel good in their own skin; to be happy; to have good self-esteem; to have a variety of artistic, cultural, and sporting opportunities; to explore the world in a hands-on way and for the school to instil the values of humility, graciousness and respect for themselves, for those around them.

Our young Waihians are learning the value of doing one's best, taking on challenges, perseverance, and hard work. They are constantly encouraged to meet the high expectations the staff (and parents) have of them, but nothing is more powerful than their own internal motivation and the expectations and aspirations they have themselves.

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Well done, team Waihi. I am very proud of you all, and I am looking forward to introducing our new headmaster, Mr Wood, to Waihi as he spends the next three days with us.

Kind regards



Allan Short
Headmaster

Headmaster's Thought for the Week

Monday's Chapel on our school value of Cooperation and Consideration finished with this poem.

Smiling Is Infectious

Smiling is infectious,
you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner
and someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realized
I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile,
then I realized its worth.
A single smile, just like mine
could travel round the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin,
don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick,
and get the world infected!

Spike Milligan

WAIHI NOTICES

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WINTER UNIFORM / SPORTS KIT



****WAIHI UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY 18th APRIL - SUNDAY 27th APRIL 2025****

Please ensure you have all Winter uniform and Winter sport kit items before the end of Term One.

The most efficient way to place your order is via our online uniform order form located on our school website:

<https://waihi.school.nz/uniforms>
or by sending an email to uniform@waihi.school.nz

**Parent Teacher Meetings:
Monday 24 March 2025**



Please login to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
Enter our school code **yxmzy** and press 'Go'.

You will be guided through three steps, after which you will receive an email confirming your interview time(s).

WAIHI HEALTH CLASS

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Health and Wellbeing Programme

As mentioned previously by Mr Clayson, some of our pupils have now had the wonderful opportunity to listen to an expert on the topic of Healthy Relationships.

It was a very fun and interactive session which gave the children a lot of pause for thought. We identified areas that make 'friendships' hard and we spoke about how to navigate these and what tactics to employ to make interactions easier.

Enjoy looking at the pictures of how our children went about learning about how to be a good friend!



WINCHESTER SHOW

Saturday 1 March 2025



YEAR SEVEN CAMP

Sun 2 - Thu 6 Mar 2025



Abel Tasman

Waihi School | 12 March 2025

PYNE HOUSE

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

