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Fri 11 Apr End of Term One

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Sat 12 Apr - Sun 27 Apr

DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD

Fri 18 Apr GOOD FRIDAY

Sun 20 Apr EASTER SUNDAY

Mon 21 Apr EASTER MONDAY

Mackenzie A&P Show / Agrikids competition

Fri 25 Apr ANZAC Day

Sun 27 Apr Pleasant Point 10s Rugby Tournament

Mon 28 Apr **Teacher Only Day - No school today**
Boarders return to Pyne House from 5.00pm

TERM TWO BEGINS

TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2025

- all students in Number Ones for
ANZAC Remembrance Service

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Parents,

Reflecting on my first two days as Headmaster, I am filled with gratitude for the incredibly warm welcome I received from both the Waihi School and South Canterbury communities. The pōwhiri on Monday was a special moment for me, and one that I'll always treasure. Thank you to Te Wera King (Upokoronanga of Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua), Reverend Lucy Flatt, and the team at Waihi School for organising the pōwhiri.

Since Monday, I have been able to observe several classes. It is heartening to witness the focused and thorough teaching, and student engagement, happening right up until the end of the term. Yesterday I happened upon a very engaging Yr 7 science practical before joining the Frozen cast reveal. Excitement was fever pitch and once again, the music department outdid themselves with an exciting cast reveal video. It is a testament to the cohort how genuinely excited they seemed for one another when the roles were revealed.

As you will know, this is the last week of Term one, which was, by all accounts, a busy term. I encourage everyone — students, staff and families alike — to take time to rest, recharge and reflect to regain our energy for the exciting term ahead.

Looking ahead to next term, I am excited about all the opportunities in store; Waihi Sevens, EPro8 competitions, Pink Shirt Day and the cross country to name a few. The first day of term begins with our ANZAC Remembrance Service on Tuesday, 29 April. Please note: boarders have a roll call on the evening of Monday, 28th at 5 pm.

We are also looking forward to our Open Day in May. Enrolments for next year are already looking promising with spaces quickly being filled. As always, we rely on the support of our community to help share the wonderful experiences that Waihi offers, so we would be grateful if you could help spread the word.

Lastly, best of luck to the rugby players who begin their season at the Pleasant Point 10s on the last Sunday of the holidays. We wish you all the very best as you kick off the season!

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A final word of appreciation to Assistant Headmaster, Nathan Morland, for his leadership in between Mr Short's departure and my arrival. It's reassuring to have the experience of Nathan and Ollie to lean on while I find my feet at Waihi.

Thank you again all for your support. I look forward to seeing what the next term holds for our school community.

Wishing you all a restful holiday!



Gareth Wood
Headmaster

Headmaster's Thought for the Week

Man cannot discover new oceans
unless he has the courage
to lose sight of the shore.
:Andre Gide



WAIHI NOTICES

Upcoming Events | Information | Updates

WAIHI SEVENS RUGBY

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 11 May 2025



WAIHI SCHOOL : OPEN DAY

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 25 May 2025,
from 11:00am



For more detailed information or to register:
<https://waihi.school.nz/our-school/open-day/>

WAIHI UNIFORM SHOP

REMINDER

Closed from Thursday 17 April 2025
Reopens Tuesday 29 April 2025

CELEBRATING OUR WAIHIANS

WAIHI SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN UPDATE

A very busy term for the students in Waihi School Equestrian with the highlight being the school team coming second overall in the Sandalwood Trophy, a competition for Yr 7-13 schools in South Canterbury.

The new arena area has taken shape with the power poles kindly donated by Independent Lines and transported here by Ellesmere Transport. Thanks to the Davison family for organising this. We have bought the poles for the fence around the arena and it is hoped they will go in over the holidays, thus creating a more confined and safe place for students to practice their riding.

Our Waihi School Equestrian students have competed successfully in various Competitions and Shows around Te Waipounamu in Term One, and we are very proud of all of them.

Mrs Brown has attended a course in Equine Assisted Learning, and we look forward to being able to add this modality to our Personalised Learning and Wellbeing at Waihi School.



CELEBRATING OUR WAIHIANS

HIGHLAND DANCING

Florence Black had a fabulous Saturday at the recent Christchurch Balmoral Championship Day.

She placed highly in a number of events, of note winning the U12 jig, and a 3rd in the Canterbury West Coast Championship Seann Triubhas.

She finished runner up for Most Points u12, winning the Mavis Cannon Memorial Shield.

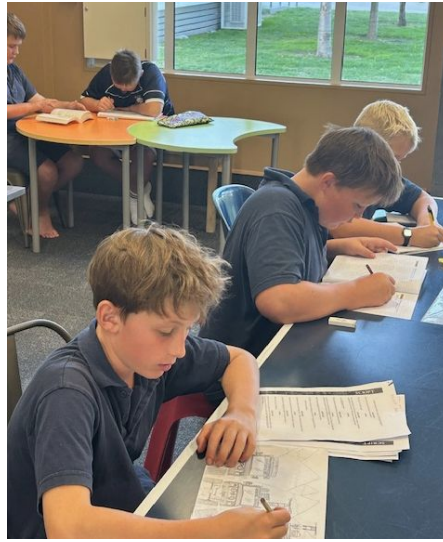
It was great to see her efforts and training coming through in results.

A few weeks break now!



PYNE HOUSE

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



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2025 April School Holidays at South Canterbury Museum

Special activities

Date/Time	Activity	Description
Tuesday 15 th April Thursday 17 th April drop in between: 10:30 – 11:30 am 1.30 – 2.30pm	Make an Easter craft	Make an Easter craft to decorate your house for this special time of year
Tuesday 22 nd April Thursday 24 th April drop in between: 10:30 – 11:30 am 1.30 – 2.30pm	Make an ANZAC medal	View some South Canterbury WW2 medals in our new exhibition and create your own medal or ANZAC poppy

Other Activities

- Join our Museum Explorers' Club
- Find the Golden Frog and go in the draw to win a prize at the end of the holidays!
- Count the Easter eggs or ANZAC poppies hidden around the Museum and go into the prize draw!
- Complete a museum quiz!
- Get a closer look at the *World in Flames* exhibition
- Try on our soldier dress ups



April School Holiday Hours

Week 1

Monday to Thursday 10am to 4:30pm
Friday (Good Friday) and weekend 1 – 4.30pm

Week 2

Monday (Easter Monday) 1:00 to 4:30pm
Tuesday to Thursday 10am to 4:30pm
Friday (ANZAC Day) and weekend 1 – 4.30pm

Admission Free