



# Waihi News

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## From the Headmaster

Dear Parents

Firstly I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all of you who helped ensure a fantastic couple of days with Huntley School at the start of this week. In typical Waihi fashion parents and families stepped up, and stepped in, to make it a memorable visit for all concerned. The boys and girls from Huntley had wonderful experiences with their billeting families and many of the travelling parents and grandparents from Huntley School wanted me to pass on their gratitude for the wonderful South Island hospitality they experienced whilst here.

In another display of support from our Waihi family, a small group of parents have been assisting with a variety of planning with the Waihi Board Orchard committee, led by Tom Pinckney. We are delighted to announce that we are in a position to apply for the necessary consents from council to further this process.

The whole Orchard project 'masterplan', is part of the strategic planning long-term vision to provide additional facilities for the school. As you may have noticed if you looked over the fence, this year has seen much work done to clear the site and get it ready for development. The first such project will be the mountainbike pump track, which we hope to have built and ready for boys to use by the start of term four!

Below you will read a short update from the committee together with a draft concept plan; exciting times ahead.

Kind regards

Allan Short  
Headmaster

## Founders/Grandparents Day

A reminder that this year we are celebrating our ninth annual Grandparents' Day. Our special afternoon is being held on Friday 4th September starting at 1pm. On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September it will be exactly 113 years since our Founder Joseph Orford opened the doors of Waihi to its first three boys.

It is hoped that all grandparents will receive an invitation to the afternoon over the first week or two of term three from their grandsons. Should there be any trouble with New Zealand Post, or Telecom, or indeed from slack Grandsons please can you ensure that all Grandparents know that they are invited and are more than welcome to attend!

This is always a wonderful afternoon both for boys and grandparents and we hope to see as many visitors as possible on the day. For catering purposes, it would be appreciated if the office were contacted and informed of numbers of Grandparents attending, thank you.

Outline times for the day are as follows:

Midday	Lunch for all boys
12.30pm	Grandparents Day Service in the hall
1.15pm	Grandparents and Grandsons tour the school
2.00pm	Afternoon tea - boys change for house sport
2.15pm	House Sport for Grandparents to Watch



# Orchard Project

As you will know we have various plans for the Orchard.

You will be pleased to hear that progress is being made and we are about to start work on a pump track, this, as with any of the works we do, is with the very generous help of a number of parents, which of course is hugely appreciated and is what makes doing these projects possible.

You will see from the plan below where the various facilities are to be situated, we are about to apply for the necessary consents with the Timaru District Council.

We plan to build the Low Ropes Confidence Course and start the golf driving range over the coming summer holidays.

As you can imagine we are very excited about being able to add facilities such as these to the offering for the boys, and in due course to be able to offer them to the local community also, although perhaps not as exciting as the boys will be once they get out there on their bikes!

Again we are hugely appreciative of the support that we get from various parents, members of the wider Waihi family and local organisations. As the projects progress, we will be needing, amongst other things, a number of posts for the low ropes course and some junior golf clubs for the boys, so you will hear from us in due course with those specific requests for help when the time is right.

One of the parents who has generously volunteered his time and expertise to help with the Pump track construction is from Central Otago. He is bringing four of his work team up to Waihi for a week to help construct the track. Before booking any accommodation we thought we would ask if any local Waihi family has accommodation we could make use of. The precise dates (likely 4 – 5 consecutive nights) are uncertain but likely early September. Please contact [tom@northurn.co.nz](mailto:tom@northurn.co.nz) if you think you can help, many thanks in advance.

## Orchard Project Team



# Waihi Cross Country

After the disappointment from having to postpone this event during lockdown we had perfect weather for the rearranged event. It was a great occasion and I must say congratulations to Mr Worthington for organising a first class event and a huge thank you to Mr Sharp for producing a challenging course once again, it looked fantastic.



There were excellent individual performances from some talented runners and important personal achievements from those who battled just to complete the courses without stopping, well done everyone. I also saw examples of something very special about our boys; the empathy, sportsmanship and encouragement they offered to all the runners, whatever their individual abilities or house affiliations.



JUNIOR		
FIRST PLACE - BARFORD CUP	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE
Percy Haughey	Mark Crosby	George Williamson
INTERMEDIATE		
FIRST PLACE - D W MORROW CUP	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE
Cameron Fitzgerald	Oliver Loader	Toby McClean
SENIOR		
FIRST PLACE - BARFORD CUP	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE
Sam Hancox	Riley Casey	Wil Donaldson



HOUSE SHIELD			
First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
ORFORD	PROSSER	STONE-WIGG	EVERISS
33.83	35.03	40.94	44.24



## Huntley Sports Fixture

What a wonderful sports exchange we had earlier this week. Huntley School from Marton arrived on Monday afternoon after an uncertain last week as their South Island tour was put in doubt following the raising of the country Covid-19 alert level. Fortunately with Friday's announcement that the country outside of Auckland would remain at level 2 we were able to put into place our contingency plans to allow things to go ahead, albeit in a modified form.

Many thanks to all of the parents, who were fully behind our planning, and helped to ensure the success of the trip for these young people resulting in the continuation of a long tradition. Similarly our thanks to Hockey South Hockey for arranging to host the teams with Level 2 protocols in place at the turf.

This year was the 25th anniversary of the first such Huntley School tour to Waihi and the games were all played in great spirit. The boys and girls from Huntley were a credit to their school. Polite; engaging; good company and wore their school jersey, literally and metaphorically with passion and pride.

The games were great contests and played with magnificent sportsmanship on both sides. Rugby kicked off on Monday afternoon and the Waihi team, having suffered heavy defeats in recent times, prevailed, winning a hard fought contest 24-5. There was some fantastic rugby played by both teams, hard tackles, great offloads and 100% commitment.

Tuesday morning saw the Huntley netballers take on Craighead School first thing, going down 20-12 in a tight game. This was followed by the hockey game at the Timaru turf. Traditionally Waihi are very strong in our hockey fixtures but a spirited Huntley team pushed our boys all the way. The game was locked up at 1-1 at half-time and despite resilient Huntley defence the Waihi forwards took control in the second half running out 5-1 winners.

Last game to be played was the football on Tuesday afternoon, and it was almost a reverse of the hockey. A very strong Huntley team looked as if they might run up a big score in the first half but last gasp tackles, the woodwork and some inspired goalkeeping from Freddie Saunders restricted them to just a single goal and when Connor Howes scored against the run of play late in the half we found ourselves level at 1-1. Huntley's dominance came to the fore early in the second half and they quickly extended the lead to 4-1, only to see Waihi pull back two quick goals, both seemingly 'out of nothing', to leave the crowd on the edge of their proverbial seats with ten minutes to go. Huntley scored a final goal to seal a well-deserved 5-3 victory and the games were done.

Many thanks to the staff of both schools and particularly to the billeting families for hosting the Huntley boys and girls. Long may these exchanges continue and we wish Huntley School much success on the remainder of their tour.





## Rugby Coaches Visit Waihi

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August we were delighted to be able to host one of New Zealand's top rugby coaches, Brad Moor. Brad has recently joined the All Blacks as an assistant coach having spent time in Wales as Head Coach of the Scarlets in the Pro14 competition.

After introductions, and a short Q & A session with Brad in the hall, our Year 7 and 8 rugby players took to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV field to be put through their paces. It was wonderful to see the boys responding so enthusiastically as they went through each drill and to put into practice some of their new found skills in a short game situation at the conclusion of the afternoon.

I am sure that our boys will remember this opportunity as a highlight of their rugby season, and we are hugely grateful to Brad for taking time out of his very busy schedule to share his love, passion and experience of the game with us.



## Calendar – next two weeks

Friday 28 August	Waihi Speech Finals
Saturday 29 August	EXEAT after sport
Sunday 30 August	EXEAT
Monday 31 August	EXEAT
Tuesday 1 September	Family Ski Day
Wednesday 2 September	Porters Ski Race
Wednesday 2 September	St Andrew's College sports fixture (away)
Friday 4 September	Founders/Grandparents Day
	Waihi STEM exhibition opens
	House Sports – round 1
Sunday 6 September	Sunday Ski Group

**HAPPY FATHERS' DAY!!!**

