



Whangarei Girls' High School

MAY 2015

Anzac Day Commemorations



Dani Kirby, who placed third at the ANZ RSA Cyril Bassett Speech Competition, sitting in front of a banner of poppies, hand-made by students, staff and members of our school community (photo by Mike Cunningham from the Northern Advocate)



Dear Parents / Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa

I hope you all enjoyed some extra time with your daughters over the holidays and that they have returned to school refreshed and ready for the new term.

The term started with the ANZAC and whole school assemblies where our students did us so proud. All the poppies the whanau classes spent time making in Term One looked spectacular and all credit to the Citizenship Committee for their superb organisation to mark the 100 years in such a special way. Although I was in Germany at the time, I have received so much positive feedback on the whole occasion and was deeply disappointed that I was unable to be there. I have also received many comments on how good our students looked and how well they conducted themselves at the Dawn Parade – another momentous occasion for them. It always makes me so proud to see our young women showing so much respect and appreciation for the sacrifices made for all of us in the World Wars.

A number of Elite Colours were awarded at the whole school assembly and congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements:

Hiromi Beran – Elite Service Colours for outstanding contribution to the Year 10 Extension English Big Picture Mural

Phoebe Robertson – Elite Cultural Colours – NZ Secondary Students' Choir

Hannah Cheung, Samantha Skovlund – Elite Sports Colours – WGHS Air Pistol Shooting team which placed 2nd at NZ Secondary McMillan Cup. Samantha also won the Junior Air 40 Nationals with a new record and she won a Silver in the Women's Air 40 and came 2nd in the Junior Pistol at the National Shooting Competition

Colleen O'Brien – Elite Sports Colours – 2nd place in Junior Air 40 and 3rd in Junior Sport Pistol at the National Shooting Competition

Lauren Mungo – Elite Sports Colours – 1st place in Junior Sport Pistol and 3rd in Junior Air 40 at National Shooting Competition

Olivia Lobb – Elite Sports Colours – Vice Captain of the Northern Districts U21 cricket team which placed 3rd at NZ U21 cricket tournament

Sarah Scott – Elite Sports Colours – Equestrian – winner of Level 2 Dressage Pony Championship at Samsung GTL Networks Pony and Young Rider Dressage Championships and came 2nd in Junior Individual Championship at NZ Pony Club Dressage Championships, winning the award for highest placed first time junior rider.

Mihi Shepherd – Elite Sports Colours – Horse of the Year Level Two Dressage Champion; NZ Pony Club Association Dressage Secondary Schools Rider of the Year; NZ Pony Club Association Senior Individual Champion at Dressage Championships – a record breaking fifth time she has achieved this honour; NZ Young Rider Dressage Champion, 2015 Level 2 Champion; Horse of the Year Champion Youth Show Rider 15 to 21 years of age; Horse of the Year Reserve Champion Rising Star

Show Hack of the Year

Grace Pevats – Elite Sports Colours – Surfing – current Billa-bong NZ U14 Girls Surfing Champion for 2015

Hayley McIntosh, Ellie Eastwood – Elite Sports Colours – Swimming – a member of the Northern Harlequins team which won the 2015 Swimming NZ Zonal Championships in Auckland. Hayley also came 3rd in 800m freestyle and 3rd in 200m backstroke.

Lil Reihana – Elite Sports Colours – Touch Rugby – member of Northland U17 Mixed Touch Team which won Gold at Division One NZ Open Touch Nationals 2015

Stephanie Turner, Summer Turner, Tahlia Parangi – Elite Sports Colours – Touch Rugby – members of Northland U15 Mixed Touch team which won Gold at NZ Open Touch Nationals

Vienna Painter – Elite Sports Colours – Touch Rugby – member of Auckland U15 Girls' Touch Team which won Gold at NZ Open Touch Nationals

Te Arawa Tumai, Eden Collier, Nikita Henare, Brylee Chapman, Kaitlyn Watson, Zane Heta – Elite Sports Colours – Waka Ama – WGHS J16 team which won Bronze in 250 NZSS Waka Ama Championships. Zane also won Bronze in W1 U16 division.

Last week was a busy week for staff with several groups coming in to school to deliver professional development. One of the presenters was Dr Ian Hunter who is the author of the programme "Write that Essay", which is now available to all students and staff. It is currently in use in a large number of schools throughout New Zealand and assists students to structure and craft their writing to meet the standards required for NCEA – both to pass and also to attain the higher grades which can seem so elusive at times. This year we are funding the programme but will not be able to sustain this long term, so like other schools we may need to make it user pays or have a subsidy basis. I would encourage you to ask your daughter to show you this programme so that you can see the great potential it has to help your daughter improve her writing. Other schools who have used this programme report a significant improvement in their achievement results. The website is: www.writethatessay.org and your daughter should know the student password. Please take the time to explore this wonderful resource with your daughter.

We were privileged to visit Opononi Schol at the end of last term to watch Te Kapa Rau Aroha perform in the Tai Tokerau Festival. They gave an outstanding performance, so polished and disciplined and we thoroughly enjoyed every moment – it all seemed to be over too soon.

Thank you to all those of you who took the time to come to the NCEA Information evening last week and to Deputy Principals, Noelene Martin and Doreen Bailey, for organising this evening. NCEA is an excellent qualification system in so many ways, but it is complex and it greatly benefits your daughter if you understand how it works and can have good discussions with her about her courses and her results.

This term is heavy for assessments and sometimes students can feel quite overwhelmed. It is good to talk over your daughter's assessments with her so you can see that she has good strategies in place to ensure deadlines are met with work of a high quality. Her whanau teacher, subject teachers or Careers

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Counsellor, Shirley Ann Crosby, can help her develop an effective strategy for time management and with study skills, should she need help with these. If there are any problems at all with completing assessments, it is essential that your daughter communicates this to her teacher.

Work Day took place a couple of weeks ago and it is fantastic to report that the students have so far raised over \$21,000. The newly formed Student Council will have the pleasurable task of leading the decision making on how this money will be spent to benefit the students.

House Day has been postponed due to the inclement weather. The House Captains, along with other prefect groups, have put a great deal of effort into organising this day for the school. It is a fun day, fostering whānau and House spirit and it is a compulsory school day. Students will be able to dress up in their House colours again and there is no doubt that the House with the most students participating on the day has a great advantage before the competition has even started. Please ensure your daughter is at school for this day – they work normal classes at the beginning of the day before House Day starts. It is always very disappointing to see the unusually large number of parent condoned absences for students and we sincerely hope that is not the case this year.

The Ball, to be held at the end of June, is looming up fast for senior students. The Ball Committee has been hard at work, finalising all the preparation and the PTA have joined in with a successful second hand ball dress sale and planning for the supper. This event is an annual highlight for the students.

Another project going from strength to strength is the radio station, broadcasting on 87.8FM. It is now broadcasting 24/7 and is quickly becoming an important part of our school. Again, credit to the staff and students who are involved in this highly successful venture.

We are currently looking at a selection of new courses being offered at Year Nine next year and a few at other year levels too. We are also in the process of revising our timetable structure to see if there is a more effective way of delivering our curriculum. Hopefully, by next month we will be able to give you an idea of structures we are considering and new course proposals and welcome your feedback.

The Student Parents Teacher (SPT) meetings will be held again at the end of this term. They will be different to the ones held at the beginning of the year for all new students and are important in sharing information regarding all aspects of your daughter's progress. You

will shortly receive information about your meeting time and we look forward to seeing you here again.

The winter sports season is well underway with a large number of teams competing in a variety of codes. I wish all the teams the very best for a highly enjoyable and successful season. The camaraderie and skills which come from being involved in sport are valuable to have and will have long lasting benefits. Likewise we wish the Hillary Challenge team all the best as they set off soon for another gruelling competition.



Anne Cooper
Principal



Head and Deputy Head Girls conducting assembly and Anzac commemorations.



D'arcy Bailey, ex President of the Whangarei RSA, speaking at the Anzac commemorations assembly.

Head and Deputy Head Girls



Kerira and Eva at the Anzac Day Dawn Service

Term 2 is upon us and is as fast as ever with the prefect committees all underway. Early this term we had our 100 year ANZAC commemoration assembly and were lucky enough to have Dani Kirby present her speech to us. It was both moving and inspiring and really honored the true meaning of ANZAC. Well done Dani. Also in the assembly, we awarded very deserving girls with their cultural, service and sports colours. These are girls who have performed great achievements at a National level, a big congratulations to them for their accomplishments. Our community service initiative 'Project Connect' is ongoing with the placement of 'Connect For' boxes in whānau classes. We aim to have an abundance of donations that will help our school to build on our already strong connection with our community.

This year's Student Council has been selected and it was a tough decision to make with the great calibre of applicants. Congratulations to those who have been successful in gaining their position for this year's Student Council. We look forward to working with you all.

Also, a big thank you to all those girls who participated and contributed in this year's work day. The Student Council now holds the final

decision as to how the money will be spent and we will ensure that this decision will be beneficial and enjoyable to all students.

Term 2 is our longest term yet and it is just flying by! Keep working hard and taking up all the opportunities that you can, don't let the cold weather get to you!

Love from Te Kowhai, Eva, Katie and Kerira

The Honorary Big Sisters

The Honorary Big Sisters is a new committee that has been created this year. Our aim is to strengthen the web of support that is woven between the students so the girls feel more comfortable in our school environment. We are encouraging our senior girls to help/look out for the juniors in their whanau classes, and around the school.

We have set up tutorials where the seniors are helping the juniors, along with fellow seniors, in Maths, English, Social Sciences and Science. We are also going to be organising activities that are designed to encourage the girls to make connections all over the school.

We started this committee as we saw that often in whanau classes the years were segregated, making it all that much harder for some of the lower years to ask the older girls for help (this situation was also seen outside of those classes). We hope to lessen this gap and create an environment where help is willingly and abundantly given whenever it is asked for.

For any queries (about the tutorials, etc) contact us at hbs.wghs@gmail.com

Anna Zhong and Tennille Nisbet

WGHS School Ball



Our annual school Ball will be held on Saturday the 27th of June, in the Exhibition Hall at Forum North. This year our theme is Olympia, and it is inspired by ancient Greece.

The Ball will commence at 7.00pm. Entry for Year Thirteen students will begin at 7.00pm, and entry for Year Eleven and Twelve students will begin at 8.00pm. All students must enter with their partner (s), and both will be required to undergo a breath test on arrival. On entry students will go to their House Dean, so please remember to bring your ticket! Doors will then re-open at 11.00pm, and the Ball will conclude at midnight. The Ball is a formal occasion, and formal dress is required.

Please ensure that your child has safe transport to, and from the Ball. We trust that they will enjoy themselves, and have an amazing evening!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our sub-committee, and the Whangarei Girls' High School PTA for their contribution to the PTA Ball Dress Sale and Rent Event. This was an extremely successful evening for both buyers, and sellers.

We are currently looking for businesses to kindly donate gifts, or vouchers to give to the winners of several prizes, including King and Queen. We will have awards for each year level, and for both ladies and gentlemen. If you are interested, or require further information please email Dayna Shelley or Emma Barnes, our Ball Committee Conveners, at: dayna.shelley@gmail.com or emma-maybarnes@gmail.com

The Ball Committee wishes to help students and parents by providing some handy hints for the Ball:

1. Give yourself a budget
2. Don't be afraid to reuse your shoes, or dress!
3. If you don't want to purchase a dress remember that you are able to rent some beautiful dresses
4. Some great alternatives to heels are sandals, wedges, or flat forms
5. Order early if you are buying online, this will ensure you will have your dress in plenty of time!
6. Take lots of photos on the Ball night, this is a great way to remember an incredibly special evening

We have a photo booth available, so bring \$4 to purchase two photo strips.

NCEA & the Whānau

Wednesday, 20 May 6pm – 7.30pm

Our second evening is an NCEA & the Whānau workshop to be held at Whangarei Girls' High School on Wednesday 20 May 6pm to 7.30pm also in the WGHS Library.

NCEA & the Whānau workshops are a nationwide initiative aimed at increasing Maori parents' understanding of NCEA. At the workshop you will learn more about NCEA and how you can better support your daughter to achieve NCEA.

We would really enjoy your company at these events. All parents and whānau are welcome.

You will be shown what you can do to help your daughter and what the signs are that things may not be going so well.

Nga mihi,
Doreen Bailey, Noelene Martin
Principal's Nominees

CAREERS

Subject Choice

During Term One our emphasis was on subjects and checking that students were happy with the selections they had made and ironing out any issues students had, regarding their choices.

Career Planning – Year 12's

All Yr 12 students were offered a session on career planning support. This covered how to go about:

Establishing a list of jobs to explore – students could choose to establish this list from either their preferred skill base or the subjects they are doing.

Identifying which of these jobs were realistic for them – based upon future job availability, what the job entails, and the entry requirements.

At the end of the session students were able to identify a list of realistic jobs, which they can keep and use for future subject choice decisions in Term 3, and future discussions with their career adviser and / or tertiary provider, depending on what pathway they intend to move towards beyond school.

Students may change their career ideas before they do eventually leave school. The aim of this session was to *get students thinking* about their futures, to show them how they can generate realistic job options for themselves, and to reduce the stress that can often occur in Year 13.

If your daughter missed out on her career planning session last term, she can make a time, this term, at the Careers Centre.

Career Planning – Year 13's

This term the focus is also on helping Yr13's to firm their ideas up on what they will be doing beyond school. At the very least, we want students who are leaving to:

Understand the *process* of career planning – what to think about when making a decision (A lot of Yr 13's would have had this information last year in their Yr 12 career planning session).

Have support with their plan, once they have identified areas they are keen on, and

Have the resources and skills they need – support with tertiary applications, know how to obtain work or work experience, have a robust CV.

Yr 13's are invited to see one of the careers staff, by making an appointment in one of their study times, if they need help with any of the above.

This term is a good time to do this, to save the stress of leaving it until Term 3, when they are faced with having to make decisions.

Career events

We have had the annual Careers Roadshow visit – a group of vocational and tertiary providers that come in each year to raise awareness of the different training options that are available to students. All students have had the opportunity to go through these presentations, ask questions and take resources.

Yr 12 and 13 students have taken advantage of First Aid Courses that were advertised in the daily notices and delivered on site.

University presentations are well underway – Massey, Victoria and AUT have been into school and Otago are due to visit on the 19th May, with the annual trip to Waikato scheduled for the 21 and 22 May.

Early Childhood Placements – for those taking this as a subject – are being arranged this term.

There is a 3 day Hairdressing course on the 24, 25, 26th June.

Research is important for good career decisions

For students who are keen to investigate career options on the internet, there are number of useful activities on www.careers.govt.nz such as 'plan your career' and another section specifically for school students. This site has a very comprehensive list of jobs and job descriptions, which indicate what subjects and qualifications are required.

Careers Team

Marian Innes & Wendy Rees, Careers Advisers – 09 4304460

Shirley-Ann Crosby, Career / Guidance Counsellor – 09 4304460 x220

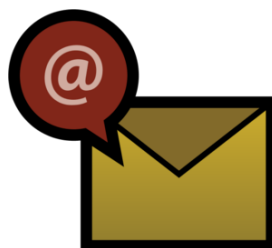
Loren Kerr, Careers Administrator / Gateway Programme Co-ordinator – 09 4304404

Email Addresses

We are currently updating contact email addresses for family and caregivers. This is so we can provide fast and efficient information to you through school newsletters and important notices etc.

We may be in contact with you if it appears your email is not correct so we can update our records.

Don't miss out on valuable information.



Hundertwasser Van Project

"The Whangarei Girls' High School Mural Committee worked collaboratively to create the design and finished art work for the Hundertwasser inspired van. The project was completed over the course of two school weeks, in which students completed the project solely in their break times and after school. The Mural Committee is made up of students from Years 10 – 12 and they worked in year level groups to develop a unique design for each side of the van. The students researched Hundertwasser's artistic style and drew reference from both his paintings and architectural designs to complete the van. It has been a great experience for the students to be involved in and they really enjoyed the project."



Student Support Centre (SSC)

As a preventative measure could you please check your children's hair for headlice. If eggs (nits) are detected please purchase a treatment shampoo from a Pharmacy. The school receives no funding for headlice treatments and therefore cannot provide the shampoo. Please check all members of your family including the adults.

The **Public Health Nurse and Physiotherapists** run weekly clinics at the school. To make an appointment see Karen at the SSC.

Dental Services

In our March newsletter, a list of dental clinics who offer free dental services to students was provided. This list does not include all local dental clinics who offer this service. Please contact your dentist to ask whether they offer free dental services to students if you are unsure.

Student Support Centre



POLICE ACTIVE TRAINING AT WGHS

WGHS have offered our school premises for Police Active Training commencing in July and continuing through to November (see Calendar on back of newsletter for specific dates. Police need authentic venues to practise for scenarios that might possibly be encountered. The training will take place after school hours in the evenings.

Therefore do not be alarmed if you see a police presence in the school in the evenings 4pm – 8pm. Police may be in full combat gear.

Staff and students cannot use the Social Sciences area at these scheduled times.

Brain Bee 2015

Congratulations to **Josephine Schwartfeger** on reaching the second stage of the Brain Bee competition. We wish you all the best as you travel to Auckland Medical School for this stage of the competition.

Science Corner



Science Fair

A group of students are meeting on alternate Fridays to talk about their Science Fair entries. Science Fair has three broad categories: investigations, research and technology. There are up to \$8,000 of prizes to be won. If you are interested, see Mrs Phillips or watch the notices for the next meeting date and room.

ICAS

ICAS Science Competition is coming up on Wednesday 3rd June. If this is your first time for sitting ICAS, see Mrs Younger in the technician room opposite room 18. She will be able to show you examples of past ICAS papers. Note: you will need to bring a 2B pencil for this assessment.

Helpful Revision websites

Sometimes it is helpful to look at your studies from a different point of view. Check out this free revision website. Lots of students and teachers rave about it, especially the free part!!!

New Level One Science website with notes and video clips.

www.pathwayz.co.nz

www.nobrainytoosmall.co.nz

<http://classroom.ic-schools.net/basic/science.html> Junior Science

NOTE: there will be a Science revision book order placed before the end of this term. Watch the notices for details.



WHY do we take Science?

This is a question that is asked of teachers, why do we take Science? The typical reply is that 'Science links to nearly all aspects of your life'.

To capture some of the ways that this is happening, look at this website: www.compoundchem.com.

As I look at this week's edition I find brief information on 'how protein could explain effects of illness on taste'. Well many of us have experienced that, and we start to learn about proteins in Year 9.

'How Bombardier beetles produce their noxious chemical spray'. Such clever little critters. Just as well we do not have that ability as humans!!

'New emulsions could cut salt levels in food.' Now that could be relevant, as we all need to look at how to stay healthy, not only for our own sake but also for the good of our community.

So if you want to dip into some little snippets of Science that relate to our world, give this website a go.

Field Trip to Kawiti Caves and Waro Reserve

On Friday March, 11 SCI 03 climbed into two vans and headed north to Kawiti Caves. It was a fine, sunny day and when we arrived at Kawiti caves the guide led us into the dark caves. The stalagmites and stalactites were creamy white in colour and sometimes were joined together. The guide told us how they were made and then the lights went off and the roof of the cave was a mass of twinkling glow worms. When we came out of the other end of the cave we climbed through bush, noting different rock formations, roots of trees growing through rocks and sink holes at the side of the track.

After stopping for an early lunch we headed south again to the Waro Limestone reserve. Here we learnt how limestone rock had been weathered into unusual shapes and Mrs Nielsen had a close encounter with a small sink hole!!! It was a great day and the students found it helped their understanding of the carbon cycle and surface features of Northland.

LUPTON HOUSE BOARDING HOSTEL

For Students of WGHS

Welcome to the first Lupton House news corner 2015.

Lupton House shares its grounds with Whangarei Girls' High School and the majority of the girls who board at the hostel are from the Far North, Hokianga and the Dargaville area. We have one student from Great Barrier Island. We also have one International student from Germany who will introduce herself later in this article.

Mission Statement: To provide a safe and secure boarding with friendly, caring staff and a warm, positive atmosphere. Clear routines and firm guidelines enhance the students' opportunities for educational and social development.

Lupton House – is home away from home. This was mentioned by one of our Year 13 students. She said that 'boarding at Lupton is like having a sleepover with your friends every day of the week'.

The opportunities available to our girls outside of school hours is varied to suit all their different interests including dance, working out at the Gym at Kensington, youth group, music, swimming, cheerleading, aerobics and the numerous sporting activities both with school teams and outside clubs i.e. netball, hockey, soccer, golf, kick boxing throughout the year. Some girls opt to have extra private academic tuition as well benefiting from the compulsory Prep (homework) time Monday to Thursdays 6.30 – 8.00pm supervised by teachers from WGHS.

Recently the annual Lupton House excursion saw two buses full of very excited girls and three staff heading down to Rainbows End in Auckland for a fun filled day. A stop off at Sylvia Park for shopping was a 'must do' on the agenda (almost needed an extra bus to bring all the goodies back).

The girls arrived back around 8.00pm and the exhausted worn out bodies (the three staff that is) managed to settle the girls down to an early bed and lights out.

Lupton House and Carruth House, Whangarei Boys' High School Boarding Hostel, participate in joint activities during the year. These are organised and enjoyed by both residents and staff. The most recent was a Swimming Sports Challenge, House versus House, hosted by Carruth and organised by the Head Girls & Boys. It was a great success with excellent participation, heaps of fun and of course the finale water fight.

Lupton House – Head Girl, Whitney Mills

Choosing to come to Lupton House and attending Whangarei Girls' High School was definitely the right decision for me. Coming from Kaitaia I did not really know many people in Whangarei, but moving into a hostel living environment gave me the opportunity to be able to make lifelong relationships with people my own age.

This year I was elected one of the three Head Girls, along with Adrienne Gardiner and Ashleigh Yates. This was always a lifelong goal of mine as it has given me the chance to be able to show that I can be a leader, something I thought I couldn't do coming from a little town like Kaitaia.

Although Lupton is very focused on making sure that you excel at High School, it's not just all about school. Head Girls along with the Manager and Matrons create fun activities that get the whole hostel involved. Recently we just went to Rainbows End and Sylvia Park for the day as our yearly trip. This is something fantastic and exciting that I love about living at Lupton House as they really allow you to have a great time while giving you the right environment to focus on your schooling.

Johanna Poppenhusen - International Student

Hi I am Johanna. I am an exchange student from Germany and I am in NZ for 1 year. I stay at Lupton House. Before I came here I had the option between staying with a host family and staying in the boarding hostel. I definitely think I made the right decision for me. The hostel life is great. You make new friends pretty much the first days you are there. This makes it so much easier. In my year (Year 11) everyone has their own little room, but we are all in one dorm and that is really fun. The best thing for me here are the evenings after Prep time. All the girls in our dorm sit on the floor and listen to music and sometimes we dance. Living with the girls is like a huge family.



Year 12 Geography Field Trip to Tongariro National Park 2015

Leaving Whangarei at 8.00am on day one, 39 Year 12 Geography students departed to spend 3 days on a field trip to the Tongariro National Park. We had spent a term in class learning about this large geographic environment, as this is one of our external standards at the end of the year. We were there to see the natural and cultural resources of the area and conduct some geographic research. The girls were looking at how and why climate interacts with vegetation due to altitude. Using one meter square quadrants to sample vegetation, an anemometer which measures wind speed, hygrometer which measures temperature and humidity, phone apps, maps and vegetation identification booklets ensured they were ready for action. We visited a number of different locations in the area to collect primary data. Our first stop was the Mangatepopo Valley. It was awesome to get a clear view of the U shaped valley and glimpses of Mount Ngauruhoe and Tongariro, however, the weather brought a few heavy showers. The girls were amazing because this did not dampen their enthusiasm to collect the data needed. Our accommodation was at Pukenui Lodge National Park, where our host Chris cooked us delicious meals. On day two we awoke to a phenomenal view of Mt Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro. We could see clearly the stratification of vegetation, the Tama saddle, lahar mounds and old lava flows. We spent time at the visitors centre, walked the Taranaki Falls loop, and went up Mount Ruapehu on two different chairlifts to the 2020m Knoll Ridge Café. A highlight here was the girls having snowball fights. At this point we saw mosses, lichens and plenty of andesite rock! Gloves, hats and thermals were definitely needed as the ride down the mountain was in low lying cloud and a very cold westerly wind! The girls shrieking could be heard echoing up the mountain.

On day three, somehow we managed to convince the girls that it was a good idea to get up at 6.15am, have their rooms cleaned and bags loaded on the bus before breakfast at 7.00am. We took the long short cut towards home, travelling south towards Ohakune and then onto the Tangiwai memorial, where we remembered those who were killed in the 1953 rail disaster caused by a lahar

washing out the rail bridge.

The sky was blue with clear skies as we travelled towards Turangi on the eastern side of Mt Ruapehu. We could clearly see glaciers and the sparse vegetation of the red tussock. Fumaroles of steam could also be seen along with Kaimanawa Ranges. In the Rangipo Desert the girls collected their final readings before the journey home. Lake Taupo was simply stunning!

It was a pleasure to take such a motivated and enthusiastic group of students on a learning adventure. The girls remarked how it was fantastic to cement what they had learnt in class by seeing it in real life. Geography is a broad subject which encompasses the study of Earth's landscapes, people, places and environments. It is quite simply, about the world in which we live. Students learn valuable transferable skills and it directly links to 5 out of the 6 vocational pathways.

In week 5 we look forward to taking the Year 13 Geography students to Waitomo to conduct their geographic research on tourism as a cultural process.



Fundraiser—Student Designer Tea Towels

The Year 13 Textile and Fashion Design students have designed and produced a range of tea towels for sale to fundraise for their trip to Wellington in September to visit Massey University and go to the W.O.W show. These are available directly from the students or via the website ETSY where they are trading as Spice and Not So Nice. This has been a valuable learning experience for the girls, learning the full cost of making something, putting a production line together and presenting the items in a marketable way.

[https://www.etsy.com/nz/shop/spiceandnotsonice?](https://www.etsy.com/nz/shop/spiceandnotsonice?ref=pr_faveshops&atr_uid=12000648)
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International Student—Franzi Fischli

Hi everyone

I'm Fränzi and I'm from Switzerland. I'm really glad that I could spend the last 10 months at WGHS and I must say that it was a great time. I really enjoyed all my subjects, from Outdoor Ed to Hospitality and Economics. I met really cool

people here and made great experiences that I will remember forever. One of the coolest but at the same time weirdest things was Christmas in summer. For me that was really special, because I'm used to snow on Christmas and not a hot warm summer day and going to the beach :) Now I have to say a big thank you to Jill, who made my stay here even possible, to my awesome host family (and of course Sommer, the best host sister I could wish for) and to everyone else who made this time unforgettable!

Fränzi



Homestay Required

We are seeking suitable homes for a Japanese Student Group from Otani High School who are visiting our school 27 July until 10 August 2015.

It is important we introduce these overseas students into homes from our students and we need at least 20 homes for this group. If you are interested in learning about this interesting culture and are prepared to offer them a good Kiwi experience we would love to hear from you.

Please leave your name with the school front office and I will ring you.

Mrs Brien

International Student Co-ordinator



School Calendar

May	16	NISS Motor Cross Champs
	18	12PED Leadership overnight Hillary Challenge NSSSA Golf NSS Qualifier
	19	12PED Leadership overnight Hillary Challenge
	20	NCEA and the Whanau Hillary Challenge NSSSA MW football wk 4 Yr 13 GEO Waitomo Field
	21	13OED Matarau P5 13PED Physical Activity #3 Hillary Challenge NSSSA Squash individual University trip Yr13 GEO Waitomo field
	22	Pink Shirt Day 13 ENT trip Hillary Challenge University trip Yr13 GEO Waitomo field Snr DRA trip
	23	NISS Swimming
	26	Tuku Korero Snr Speech Youth workers at WGHS
	27	NSSSA MW Football wk 5 NSSSA Rugby U15/XV 11OEE—Limestone Island
	28	13OED Matarau P5 13PED Physical Activity #4 WGHS Cross Country
	29	House Day
	30	Yr10 Drama rehearsal
	31	NZSS Multi Sports Champs Yr10 Drama rehearsal
Jun	1	Queen's Birthday Yr10 Drama rehearsal
	2	11HED Police visits 12BIO 02 Rocky Shore field 12PED coaching at WPS #1 Football U20
	3	10DRA Show 12ARH Sculpture trip NSSSA MW Football wk 6 YES Dragons Den Orals
	4	10DRA Show 13OED Matarau P5 YES Dragons Den Orals
	5	Combined Social Mufti Day Barista—Level 2 YES Dragons Den orals
	6	Yr12 Drama rehearsal
	7	NSS Debating comp Yr12 Drama rehearsal

Jun	8	Nga Manu Korero Reg Comp
	9	12PED at WPS #2 Nga Manu Korero Reg Comp NSSSA Cross Country WPSSA Netball tour
	10	Nga Manu Korero Reg Comp NSSSA CTS #3—Kaikohe NSSSA MW Football Wk 7 Stage Challenge fundraiser (pm) 11OEE—Kiwi North (P4 only)
	11	13ARH trip to Wellington 13OED Matarau full day Barista—Level 2
	12	13ARH trip to Wellington Barista—Level 2 Enterprise in Action event
	13	13ARH trip to Wellington Enterprise in Action event Yr11 Masterclass Auck trip
	14	13ARH trip to Wellington Enterprise in Action event

Remember to check the Event Calendar on our website for any changes to the school calendar

www.wghs.school.nz/news-events/event-calendar

RYDA Programme

On 23rd of March, Year 12 students were given the golden opportunity to participate in a Road Safety Education Programme, named "RYDA". On this day, more than half of the Year 12 students were driven to the Toll Stadium to spend the whole day learning about 'Safety on the Road'. Since most of WGHS Year 12 students have a driver's licence, it is important to know how to drive safely with unpredictable hazards on the road, especially in today's society.

The activities organised for the day included, designing your own safety car, deciding your emergency contact/person, speeding cars and speed limit activity, and more. They were also privileged to have two, brave policemen as guest speakers, along with Ruairidh Harris, who shared his story with the students of how he was affected by dangerous diving at the age of two.

Overall, the day was interesting and informative and encouraged/inspired the students to drive safely to reduce the deaths of teenagers on our roads.

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