

Sports Newsletter

TOURNAMENT WEEK

NZSS CHRIS ARTHUR HOCKEY - WGHS 2nd XI Hockey team travelled all the way to Buller, Westport to compete in the Chris Arthur Hockey Tournament and to play against some tough teams throughout New Zealand. **Shawnee Anderson, Sophie Ball, Philippa Croft, Alice Donelley, Alysha Donovan, Teja Douglas, Adyn Dudley, Brittany Glavish, Emma Illerbrun, Katie Jones, Emma Meyer, Piper Mortimer, Grace Moscrip, Charlotte Overwater, Livvy Potter and Lucy Squire** played 5 pool games which resulted in 1 draw, 1 loss and 3 wins with a total of 19 goals for and only 2 against us. This left them 2nd in their pool to play St Cuthberts College in the semi final, which they won 1-0 in a very cold wet game. They had to stop twice in the game because of hail, but it was totally worth it as they were in the final to play St Margaret's College. The team was pumped for the final and scored in the first 5 minutes, but St Margaret's scored in the last 10 minutes bringing the score to 1-1 draw. They had to play extra time with 9 players, then 7 players as there was no score, they went into 8 second shoot outs, which they won 3-2. The team was a fantastic group to take away and their coach and manager were very proud of them. Congratulations to everyone. A huge thank you to coach **Alan Moscrip** and managers **Vicky Meyer & Kim Glavish** Without you and the parents' help the trip may not have been as successful.

NZSS FEDERATION CUP HOCKEY - Our 1st XI hockey girls placed an amazing 6th place out of 32 teams at the top tier Federation Cup Tournament for secondary schools hockey. The tournament was in the beautiful Hawkes Bay. A big thanks to **Dave Adams, Caryn Paewai, Julie Crum** and **Gaylene Rapana** who coached and managed our girls. Congratulations to **Taylor Ball, Sarah Barnes, Pauline Bechmann, Olivia Crum, Amy Horn, Hollie Hunt, Jamie Lindsay, Maria Lovelace, Portia Olney-Kemp, Geneva Overwater, Ella**



**Parr, Jessica
Pilmer, Casey
Rapana, Rosemary
Reed, Aimee-Leigh
Scott and McKayla Templeton.**



NISS NETBALL - WGHS Senior 1 netball team, **Leihana Shelford-Tito, Sapphire Connelly-Parry, Mikaela Crawford, Carly Job, Mia Gordan, Baylie Drummond, Ricco Niha, Jessie Taylor, Sherron Dods and Tahlia Parangi**, had a successful and fun filled tournament week in Auckland. It was a rough and disappointing start by losing to Taupo-Nui-a-Tia by only 4 goals but they redeemed themselves with a great win against Green Bay 32-25. The next game was against their nemesis, Kerikeri High, and unfortunately narrowly lost that game which placed them at the bottom 16 of B Grade. The next 3 games saw them face some hard playing against Auckland Diocesan, Sancta Maria and Waitakere and came out on top winning all three games, putting them in the top 8 of their division. They won both games against Rosehill and Kristin the next day to go onto the top 4. In the semis they had another convincing win against Mahurangi 34-16, which took them through to the final to secure the close win 28-26 against Waitakere. WGHS placed at the top of Division 2 in B Grade which placed them 17th overall. They would all like to wish their YR13's, Leihana Shelford-Tito and Mikaela Crawford the best of luck for the future and thank them for being great role models and leaders of the Senior 1 team. A massive thank you to Gail Shepherd, Nicky Taylor and Dee Telfer for their coaching, managing, support and hard work they have given before and throughout the tournament.



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NZSS PREMIER FOOTBALL - The 1st XI Football team competed at this tournament in Taupo this year for the 2nd year in a row. They had a tough pool ahead of them, competing against teams that finished 5th and 23rd in last year's tournament and 1st in the 2nd tier tournament. WGHS managed to draw 2-2 with Hillcrest then lost to Otago Girls' 2-1 and lost to Rangitoto 2-0. They were unlucky to pick up a few injuries early in the tournament which brought their team numbers down. They finished 3rd in their pool and played out their final 4 games, scoring goals consistently throughout the week and finished 22nd overall which is a fantastic achievement. The team performed admirably against tough opposition and our tournament MVP was Taylor Wyatt-Logan. A big thank you for the help and support to all the parents most notably Di Powell, Sarah Venmore and Sarah Ihaka. Also a huge thank you to the coach, Nicole Stratford.

ADVENTURE RACING - In August the senior Adventure Racing teams headed down to Whangamata in the Coromandel Peninsula to compete in the North Island Secondary Schools 12 hour Adventure Race. The event consisted of mountain biking, trekking and navigation through native bush, streams, farmland trails and forestry. It was a tough event with a long, difficult course set, which many teams struggled to complete in the 12 hours allowed. **Courtney Crum, Courtney Hammond, Heath Mitchell and Mika Hill's** team just made it back in time with 3 minutes to spare. This was a successful race for our team, taking out 1st place and being crowned the North Island Champions. A huge thank you for the continued support from our sponsors, Educare and Regent New World, which makes this success possible. Congratulations ARC team.



BADMINTON - NSSA Individual Championships were held at the Northland Badminton Centre. We had four WGHS students compete. Although the competition was fierce at times, Lauryn Smith managed to place 2nd (just lost against Pompallier Catholic College) along with Priyanka Singh who placed 3rd. Well done girls, there were some great games played.



NSSA Teams Championships - Six WGHS badminton teams competed against other Northland teams at Kensington. The girls had a lot of fun and played some great badminton with some long rallies happening. WGHS top team: **Lauryn Smith, Priyanka Singh, Rachael Johns and Sharon Mar** made the final, playing Kaitia College and narrowly lost against them. Great badminton girls. Well done.



SAILING - Samantha Skovlund was selected into the women's sailing team to represent New Zealand at the Mari-nasses Women's match racing regatta. The regatta was held in Sydney, Australia in September. The girls from the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squad sailed extremely well over the two day regatta and placed 3rd overall. Congratulations Sam and her team.



LIGHTNING LEAGUE - WGHS entered a team for the Northland Championships Women's Open Rugby League 9s tournament. The team consisted of Year 9 and 10 students. On the day, the team played their games against some tough competitors. As the grade was open, there were girls from a variety of year levels and ranging in size. The girls started well and got better throughout the tournament. Due to count back, we made it to the final where we played against Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Kaikohe. We had lost to them in our first game 12-4. By this stage we had learnt so much and were able to come away with a convincing win 24-4. The day was a great experience and the girls were wonderful to take away, showing good sportsmanship, determination and resilience. Congratulations and well done to **Chozen Hadfield-Kingi, Kiara Henry, Julie-Ann Hulmes, Kyra Marama, Dionne Niha, Nevaeh Pirini Anderson, Te-Rina Ratima, Taylar Riini, Tammy Smith, Hazel Stolz, Mya Turner, Tara-Leigh Turner, Kahurangi Yates-Roma**.

GYMSPORT - A group of students entered the NZSS Gymsports Championships and achieved some great results. Michelle Crawford competed at Step 8, placing 1st on vault and beam, 3rd on bar and floor and winning bronze overall. Below is a photo of Michelle performing some amazing moves. Our team performance group, **Michelle Crawford, Courtney Stoddard, Genie Blasingame, Pippa Croft, Jane Heapey and Emily Hewitt**, placed 2nd.



WEIGHTLIFTING - **Tayah Kaipo** won gold at the NZSS Weightlifting Championship. Tayah won gold in 75kg U15yrs with 53kg snatch and a 63kg clean and jerk. Congratulations Tayah. What a great achievement.

Coming Up

- WGHS Sports Awards on the 25th October at the Manawahine Gym. 6.00pm –8.00pm. Loads of great spot prizes and fun.
- ASB Sports Awards on 26th October at Kensington.



KI-O-RAHI - WGHS took two teams to the Ki O Rahi tournament held in Kaikohe. The girls worked really hard to support one another and played good and fair Ki O Rahi. Although playing against mixed teams, the teams never gave up and showed they could handle the pressure. Our Rua team managed to come away with a win and placed 8th in the 2nd division on the day. We also won a special Ki O Rahi ball for our school for our beautiful wairua. Ka mau te wehi girls.



NETBALL - Senior Netball Tournament

WGHS Senior 1 team travelled to Kerikeri to compete in this tournament. Some great games were played and also a lot of talent shone through. We made it through to the final but unfortunately lost to Kerikeri. Thank you to Portia Auton and Nadia Taituha for your time and support.

Junior Netball Tournament - WGHS 9-1 and 10-1 netball teams competed against a few teams from across Northland. After a few challenging games both teams came through the competition in 1st place in their respective divisions. A great result coming from 2 top teams that have done extremely well this year. A big thank you to Sophy Tua and Myra Wihongi.