

PANUI NEWSLETTER



HIGHLIGHTS THIS TERM...

- 9th & 10th March – First Aid Course
- 13th March Athletics Day

Attendance rate 85.2%

Raglan Camp: Adventure, Fun, and Leadership in Action!

Kia ora koutou katoa! The end of week 5 sees another busy week here at school and some amazing weather! Our year 7's along with some of our student leaders and staff also enjoyed this weather at their camp out at Raglan engaging with some outdoor education activities in a simply stunning environment...albeit with a breeze that had the early autumn chill attached. Fish were caught, waves were caught, fun was had and maybe one or two of them surprised themselves and rose to the challenge of jumping off the bridge! By the time this reaches your eyes most of them will be asleep on the couch....even the staff in some cases!

We run these camps and outdoor activities to create opportunities for students to experience the great New Zealand outdoors. At these camps students get shown new things to learn and share and also get to show their abilities outside of the classroom. Ultimately though we hope it develops a better understanding of themselves, stronger connections to others and to make the school/classroom a better environment for when they return to school. From what I saw last night the first part of the kaupapa is working well. Now, and this goes right across the school, students need to settle back into the daily routines of the classroom. Learning is the key aspect of both the outdoor and indoor education opportunities we offer. We need students to embrace this concept and aspire to greater things for their futures. At assembly this week, Ms Taylor shared some local success stories of former students of our kura setting their minds to aspirational goals and letting nothing stand in their way to achieving it. If they can do it, so can you! We are here to help you both set goals and achieve them. Take up our challenge and chase your dreams! Have a great weekend everyone and go the Chiefs!

Year 7 Raglan Camp



Our Year 7 camp, which ran from Wednesday through to today, has been a fantastic experience for everyone involved. The weather has been stunning, the water refreshing, and our Year 13 student leaders have been outstanding in the way they supported and encouraged our younger students. Over the past few days, students have enjoyed activities such as fishing, bridge jumping, and taking in some beautiful views, with plenty of laughter and great memories made along the way.



International Womens Day

A group of 13 students joined the International Women's Day celebration at the South Waikato Events Centre, immersing themselves in the kōpapa of the day – recognising the strength, achievements, and invaluable contributions of women.

It was a meaningful experience that allowed our students to connect with the wider community while embracing the spirit of empowerment, reflection, and action that defines International Women's Day.



Athletics Day – Friday 13th March!



Friday 13 March
8:45am to 3:00pm



This year we are trying something new for Athletics Day to help boost athletic engagement, competition, and house spirit, while also reducing truancy and negative behaviours.

Rather than running it as a whole school event, Athletics Day will take place at Glenshea Park for all Year 7 and 8 students, along with Year 9–13 students who have chosen to participate. Over the past few weeks students have had the opportunity to sign up for events, with a minimum requirement of three events, although many have chosen to compete in more.

Students who travel to school by bus should meet at the front office by 8:45am, where they will be transported to Glenshea Park and returned to school in time for their usual bus home. Town students should head directly to the park in the morning and will be released from there at 3:00pm.

A sausage sizzle and drinks will be available on the day to support the Ball Committee fundraising, and standard school lunches will also be provided. Students should bring a hat, water bottle, and sunscreen, and are encouraged to wear sports clothing in their house colours

Oraka (Green) / Pokaiwhenua (Red) / Waihou (Blue)
Waimakariri (Pink)

Our WOW Students!

Over Weeks 3 and 4, 116 students were nominated for our school values awards, recognising those who consistently demonstrate our values. All nominations were entered into a draw, and one lucky winner from each age group received a chocolate bar at this week's assembly. It's wonderful to celebrate the positive contributions our students make every day – keep up the great work!

Week 3 WOW Students!!!	Week 4 WOW Students!!!
 <p>Y7&8 WOW Student: Tyson King Demonstrating his personal best! <i>Nominated by Whaea Daeja</i></p>	 <p>Y7&8 WOW Student: Orion Tedbury Being Respectful! For being respectful and ensuring the class is tidy, as well as being engaged and doing his best. <i>Nominated by Mrs. Fulford</i></p>
 <p>Y9&10 WOW Student: Sean Green Demonstrating leadership! <i>Nominated by Whaea Lizzie</i></p>	 <p>Y9&10 WOW Student: Douglas Williams Demonstrating engagement & resilience! Having great studentship in Social Studies. <i>Nominated by Ms. Curphey</i></p>
 <p>Senior WOW Student: Lilly Windley Demonstrating her personal best! By producing a well-thought out and comprehensive answer in Science. <i>Nominated by Mrs. Argent</i></p>	 <p>Senior WOW Student: Yuan Miguel Placido Demonstrating engagement & resilience! For being willing to accept help and moving forward with determination. <i>Nominated by Mrs. Lal-Phillips</i></p>

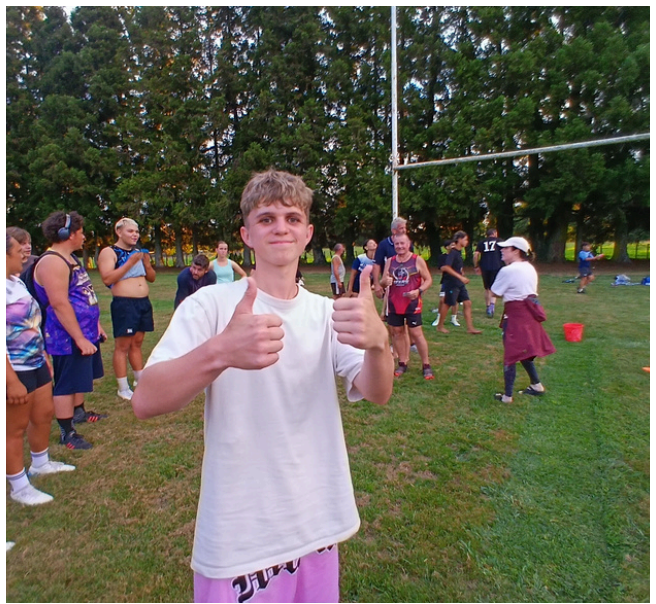
PC Line Breakers Onwards & Upwards

The College touch team just finished their season last Friday in the local competition at the Nola Block in town. This year, we were elevated to the second division and played for third and fourth place in the finals. We came third in our division, beating the Warriors 8-7 in the drop-off.

Our school team included a mix of Year 9s to Year 13s, with the core of players returning from last year's team. We were also supported by College staff: Jan Duthie, Dendrum Ogle, Hamish Steven, and Rob Rogers.

The skill, speed, and balance of some of our students allowed us to score some exceptional tries. With more practice, we know we will become a force to be reckoned with. At times, our performance was amazing, and perhaps our most reliable and valuable player, Chryzlin Taylor, set the standard for consistency across the team. It was a fantastic season, and we were thrilled to include some former students as well as new Year 13s from our Kura, Tangaroa and Nereus.

Next, we just need to teach some of our students how to referee!
A big thank you to all our supporters in the school community.



Design and Innovation

Our Design and Innovation students have wrapped up their research and are now bringing their ideas to life! The classroom has been buzzing with creativity as students build and test prototypes of their designs. This exciting stage allows them to spot any challenges, experiment with new ideas, and use innovative thinking to solve problems along the way. By testing and refining their prototypes, students are making sure their designs are the best they can be before moving on to build their final products. It's fantastic to see their creativity, problem-solving, and innovation in action!



Winner, Winner!



Our school was thrilled to win a prize in the lucky draw for the Tōtara Springs Sports Camp!

The new equipment will be put to great use and is sure to be warmly received by all our students.



Student Exchange Expo & Host Families Wanted!

Host Families Needed – AFS Intercultural Programmes


AFS Intercultural Programmes is currently looking for welcoming host families for a 6-month student exchange. This is a wonderful opportunity to open your home, experience another culture, and help make a young person's dream of studying in New Zealand come true.




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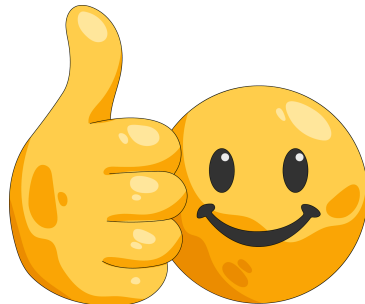
SUNDAY, 29 March 2026
1pm - 4pm

Waikato Masonic Centre
298 Barton Street, Hamilton

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Ethan Coop, Kyrone Priestly, Jayde Fox and Kahu Ngaro who recently passed their Learner's Licence tests



Clay Target Shooting Team

This week our Clay Target Shooting Team would like to acknowledge and thank our sponsor, South Waikato Vets, for supporting this week's practice. Community sponsorship plays a huge role in keeping this programme running, and we are very grateful for the ongoing support that helps our taura access this unique sporting opportunity.

It has also been great to see a few new shooters join the team over the last couple of weeks, bringing our group up to a strong team of ten. The enthusiasm and focus shown at training continues to grow each week.



Thank You!



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