



### Principal's Message

#### Nau mai, hoki mai! Welcome back!

Welcome students, staff and whānau to Term 2. It has been great to see our students and staff back after a refreshing holiday break.

I would like to thank all those students who have respected the expectation around uniform, and who have been compliant with the new mobile phone legislation. Ka rawe, well done!

#### Special Mentions

There have been several initiatives that deserve mention this week. The Leadership Wānanga continued this term with our great facilitator Sacha Garrity from Growth Culture and our highly motivated Lead Teacher, Micaela McKenzie. Our Manukura (student leaders) are currently working through their legacy profiles and goal setting as leaders. We look forward to the growth in their leadership.

The official opening of the 6 houses built by Ringa Raupā and in partnership with Te Pou Oranga o Te Whakatōhea and moved to Bridge Street began at 6.30am this morning. The karakia service was led by our highly respected kaumātaua and Pou Tikanga o Te Whakatōhea, Koro Teriaki Amoamo. Great to see some of our staff and students at the karakia service. Congratulations to all the students involved, and special thanks to John Gilmour, Steve Mahy and Paeone Hawkins for their oversight and leadership of the Ringa Raupā programme.



Rachel Davis from WBOP Netball visits our college today to take a special training session with all our netballers. Well done to Whaea Sophie for arranging this session, nei rā te mihi.

#### Property Update

You may have seen the work underway on St John Street, with the demolition of C Block. The project team has made good progress, and it's been great to see all the space open up, ahead of further development. The demolition is expected to be completed by mid June 2024 at which time the main St John gate will be re-opened for use. Please be aware of the construction site and keep all children safe when visiting the college.

#### Kura-Ki-Uta (KKU) Fundraising

The hāngi fundraiser has now closed and students are working hard to raise funds towards the trip next month to the Secondary Schools Kapa Haka competition. KKU will continue with their practices this weekend with the intention that the performing team will be formed and announced next week. We acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our tutors, our students attending the Noho each weekend and of course our passionate KKU whānau.

#### Check & Connect

Please remember that the Check and Connect day takes place on Wednesday, 8 May. Go to the school website to access the portal for parents to book times with teachers. We had a great turn out last year so, kia kaha whānau, we look forward to seeing you.

Ngā mihi mahana.

Terehia Channings  
Tumuaki



# TOHE NIHORAU

## CONNECTED LEARNERS

### *Kia Hiwa Rā*

Last term students were provided with opportunities during their lunch breaks to participate in fun House – Based activities, competing against each other in a range of sporting activities. Things for students to look forward to this term and keep an ear open for – to join in an participate in:

- More fun lunchtime activities
- Before school activities:
  - Fitness based activities
  - Hauora/Wellbeing activities
- Mana Wahine Programmes
- Strength and Conditioning Programmes
- Supplementary activities to work towards overall wellbeing
- Box-Fit
- And more.....



Our Multi-Purpose Movement room is almost ready to go, which our students will get a chance to use very soon!



### *Check & Connect Hui*

**Wednesday 8th May, 10.30am – 7.00pm**

This term we will be running Kaiako-whānau hui for all Year 9 – 13 students and whānau. Term Two is a great time to “check-in and connect” with subject and Kaihāpai (whānau) teachers. You will be able to address any issues or concerns arising from the mini reports that went out recently. Students, whānau, and teachers will be able to discuss progress to date and make plans to achieve academic goals, for the remainder of the year.

Interviews will start at 10:30 am through to 7:00 pm, with each interview lasting exactly 10 minutes. Interviews will be held in the Hall for Manatū and Taitoa & the Maurua spaces (Te Ahurutanga, E4 & the Wharenu) for Maurua Ki Tua students.

Appointments can be made online, making it very quick and easy for you. Simply go to the following website [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/3eqth](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/3eqth) and enter the code **3eqth**, from there you will be able to select teachers and time slots to suit.

However, should you not have access to the internet, there will also be a manual option to book interview times through the Student Support Centre 3157022 ext. 216. Also, Kaihāpai teachers will be calling home soon to discuss this with you and can also assist you with making bookings

We hope you take this opportunity to join us.

Andrew Lau, Kaihautū NCEA & Pedagogy.



# TOHE RAUARIKI

*CONFIDENT CITIZENS*



## *Uniform Location & Times*

The uniform shop now operates from the Student Support Centre which is located to the left of the Hall. Accessible from St John Street Entrance. There will be NO CASH sales for uniform—EFTPOS ONLY  
Open times 8.00am—9.00am weekdays.

## *Year 9 Science Classes*

We are taking a trip to Waiotaha Beach on Friday 10th May to study the ecosystem and the effects on the environment caused by human activities. The trip will be supported by the PTC Trust and the Rotorua science staff from Scion, a crown research institute.

Students will wear their school uniform for the trip but should come prepared for damp, windy or cool weather. A weatherproof jacket would be advisable. Students should bring a water bottle and a backpack to carry their belongings in. They can bring snacks if they would like. There will be no need to bring phones as staff will be in contact with the school at all times. They will be attending normal classes during the day apart from a site visit to the beach.

- 9 Ngākau go block 1
- 9 Tohetoa go block 2
- 9 Māhaki go block 3

## *Careers Expo*

We are attending the Careers Expo on Monday 13th May, in Whakatāne with our Senior Students. The students will be expected to attend in full uniform as they will be representing the college at the event and also attending normal lessons later in the day. This is at no cost to the students as it is part of the curriculum.

The buses are being paid for through the kind sponsorship from Te Pou Oranga o Whakatōhea. Transport will be provided by UZIBUS or the school vans. The buses will leave at 9am and we will be visiting the stalls at the Whakatāne War Memorial from 10am–11am, returning to the College by block 3.

Seniors please bring in your permission slips to Mrs Waller.





# HĀPORI ME NGĀ HĀKINAKINA

## SPORTS & COMMUNITY



### Winter Sports

Winter season started this Saturday 4th May, Our Netball Teams taking the courts in Whakatāne.

#### Monday 6th May:

**Girls Rugby vs Pāpāmoa College**  
*4pm Pāpāmoa College.*

**Junior Boys Basketball vs WHS**  
*5.30pm Whakatāne War Memorial*

**Senior Boy Basketball vs WHS A**  
*6.15pm Whakatāne War Memorial*

*Good luck to all our teams!*

### Important Dates

⇒ **Otago University visit**  
*Tuesday 7th May*

⇒ **Check and Connect**  
*Wednesday 8th May*

⇒ **Year 9 Microplastic  
waioatahe Beach Trip**  
*Friday 10th May*

⇒ **EBOP Careers Expo,  
Whakatane**  
*Monday 13th May*

⇒ **L2/3 Health & Safety**  
*Friday 17th May*

### Board of Trustees Parent Rep

Voting for Board of Trustees  
Parent Representative is now closed.

Congratulations and welcome

## Helen Willis

who is our new Parent Rep for the  
Board of Trustees.