

Tena koutou katoa

Te Wairere Awards

The first of our awards ceremonies was held recently with the achievements of Maori students being recognised.



Award winners on the night were:

1st in Te Reo

- Year 9 Te Herenga Heke & Hotu Martin
- Year 10 Te Rau Oriwa Murray—Bromwich
- Year 11 Atawhai Wharawhara
- Year 12 Elisabeth Brown
- Year 13 Gary Wharawhara

Kapa Haka Awards

- Most improved Chrystal Thompson
- Hotu Martin

Performance

- Juniors Paremataarangi Wilson
- Hotu Martin
- Seniors Reewe Leaf
- Tita Wetere

Sports Awards

- Junior Sportswoman Aana Rogers
- Junior Sportsman Teina Walters
- Senior Sportswoman Tara Phillips
- Senior Sportsman Sean Tuhakaraina

Special Awards

Junior Maori Student contribution to school life
Teina Walters

Senior Maori Student contribution to school life
Petalla Kapua

Junior All Round Student

Atawhai Wharawhara

Senior All Round Student

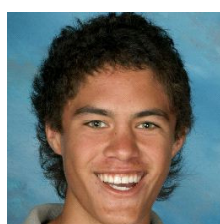
Tara Phillips

Top Year 13 Academic Student

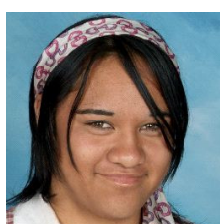
Tara Phillips

Te Wairere Leaders for 2010

At the Te Wairere Awards ceremony, the Te Wairere student leaders for 2010 were announced. They are:



Ryan Tuhakaraina



Reewe Leaf

Prizegiving Ceremonies

The Senior Prizegiving will be held on **Thursday 3 December** commencing at 7.30pm.

The Junior Ceremony will be held on **Thursday 10 December** at 11.00am. Students will finish school for the year at the end of this ceremony.

All parents, caregivers and whanau are cordially invited to attend these ceremonies where we celebrate and acknowledge student successes in academic, sporting, cultural and leadership fields.



ERO Review of the School

A copy of the latest ERO review of the college can be found on the ERO website at www.ero.govt.nz

ACE Club Laptop winner

The Term 4 winner of the ACE Club Laptop for Academic Excellence was Year 12 student **Brittany Park**. Students had to have at least three Excellence Grades to enter this draw and there was a very large list of eligible students.



My thanks once again to **The Stanley Group** and **Matamata Veterinary Services (MVS)** for their continued sponsorship of this scheme.

Sports' Awards Major Winners



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| Sportsman of the Year | Beau Wills |
| Sportswoman of the Year | Erin Hawe |
| Most Persevering Sportsman | Jake Stanley |
| Most Persevering Sportswoman | Chloe Autridge |
| Best All-Rounder | Beau Wills |

National Honours

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| Erin Hawe | Golf |
| Matt Stanley | Swimming |
| Kelsie Wills | Volleyball |
| Joel Hobart | Shooting |
| Maria Dunnett | Shooting |
| Beau Wills | Volleyball |
| Paxton Conder | Equestrian |
| Luke Smith | Swimming |
| Louis Wright | Cycling |

Future Problem Solving Successes

I reported in the last newsletter that the FPS team of **Kylie Gillingham, Lance Knyvett, Alice Clothier and Harriette Tanner** had won through to the NZ finals of this competition.



The finals were held over a weekend in Auckland and there were only four schools from throughout NZ in the finals. Our students performed superbly to be placed second overall and they have won the right to represent NZ at the world finals in the USA next year!

Coach, Mrs Hancock reports that the judges had a lot of difficulty separating the first two teams and she was full of praise for the teamwork and lateral thinking skills of our students.

Year 9 student, **Beth Hampton**, also competed in the Individual section of the finals and she too was placed second—a fine achievement indeed.

Congratulations to these students and coach Mrs Hancock for an outstanding result.

Pour Servir—Year 13 Service

The senior class has once again embraced the school motto of "Pour Servir" - offering service to others.

Seniors from The Wellness Committee recently travelled to Starship Hospital in Auckland to hand over the \$1530 that had been raised throughout the year in support of this cause.

A lot of money was also raised recently for Cancer research by a number of students being sponsored to have their hair shaved—a very brave commitment indeed.

The Year 13 students who have acted as buddies in Year 9 Group classes supporting the juniors have also done some very good work and the Wellness group has also been active in supporting and keeping an eye out for individuals including International Students who need help settling into a new school.

Golfers Excel

Erin Hawe has won a Golfing Scholarship to attend Kent State University in Iowa, USA, commencing in August 2010. This is a most prestigious and highly competitive scholarship and is one more step in Erin's dream of becoming a professional golfer on the world circuit.



Andrew Wright recently won the Waikato Champion of Champions Golf competition. This competition is for all the golfers who have won their own club championship and for Andrew to win this title is some achievement—in effect making Andrew the top club golfer in the Waikato.



Congratulations to these two students on their outstanding achievements.

Touch Team off to Nationals

I want to wish the senior mixed Touch team, coached by Miss Johnson, all the best for their trip to the National Secondary School Champs in Palmerston North at the end of this month.

The team has been training very hard and is really looking forward to the challenge of competing at this level.

Best wishes to the team and Miss Johnson for a successful and enjoyable tournament. The team is:
 Janine Bailey Sarah Baker Brittany Coates
 Cretan Cooper Scott Darroch Hohepa Haumu
 Joel Mitchell Tara Phillips
 Corey McCormick Kieran McPherson
 Kendall Johnston Aana Rogers
 Ryan Tuhakaraina Debra Brocklesby
 Sean Tuhakaraina



Senior Exams Study Leave

Seniors will have study leave on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th November in preparation for the NZQA exams which start on Monday 16th.

Study rooms will be available at school for students who find it better to study away from home. Students coming to school to study or to see teachers must wear school uniform. As all teachers will have other commitments during this time, students should make appointments through the front office to see teachers if they want help with their study.

Although the exams are held at Matamata College, they are entirely administered by NZQA. Students have been told of the regulations for these exams and need to follow them carefully.

Students who fall ill and are unable to sit an exam must obtain a doctor's certificate that day and contact Mr Parish at school as soon as possible.

Indoor Bowlers Do Well

Craig Millar and Phillip Hughes were placed third in the NZ Sec Schools' Indoor Bowling Champs in Wellington in the Pairs Event.

Craig also won the Waikato Sec Schools Singles champs and **Daniel Turner** was third.

Craig and Phillip also won the Tauranga Junior Open Pairs event and in the singles, Craig was first and **Bryce Millar** third.



Craig at the nationals

Senior Return Day

Thursday 3rd December has been designated as senior return day. All seniors who still have to return textbooks, sports' uniforms, library books, or any other school gear and who have to clear all fees owed are expected to be here for that day.

Students will report to the hall at 9.00am in tidy mufti. From there they will go through the clearance process and once cleared, those students whose parents have paid the school fee donation will be able to collect the 2009 Yearbook. Other students may purchase the yearbook for \$12.



Equestrian National Representative

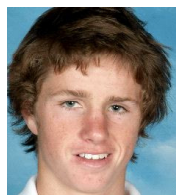
Year 10 student, **Paxton Conder**, has recently returned from representing NZ at the Under 15 Pacific Tri-Nations Show Jumping Champs in Noumea.



At this competition, Paxton rode a hat-drawn horse, which is a real challenge. The NZ team of four won the competition and Paxton was the outright winner of the Individual Show Jumping competition held on day one, and at the completion of the competition, she was awarded second place overall for her Show Jumping achievements.

Congratulations, Paxton, on a very fine achievement indeed.

Kieran McPherson Triumphs



Senior, **Kieran McPherson**, crowned an outstanding Athletic year with a win in the Senior Waikato/BOP Secondary Schools' Road Race held in Tauranga recently.

Kieran was pushed all the way but showed enormous determination and fitness to surge away to win the title.

Jordan Hicks also ran with courage to come in 4th place in the same event.

Start of School 2010

We are making a slight change to the start of the year in 2010 in order to give us more time with the Year 9 new entrants and also time to sort out option choice issues at senior level.

Years **9 and 13** in 2010 will commence on **Tuesday 2nd February at 8.30am**. After the powhiri the seniors will leave for their leadership camp at Totara Springs and the Year 9 students will have an orientation day.

On **Wednesday 3rd Feb, year 9 students** will have another orientation programme and only **Year 11 & 12 students** who want to change options will attend. Timetables will be posted out before this time and Deans will be available to see students who have/want to change options from 8.30am on. Students can wear tidy mufti and as soon as they have sorted out their timetable issues they can go home.

All students will be here at **8.30am on Thursday 4th February**, in full uniform, with all their stationery, ready to begin classes.

Year 9 & 13 Tues 2 Feb—8.30am

Year 10 Thurs 4th Feb 8.30am

Year 11 & 12 Wed 3 Feb for option choice changes

Whole School Thursday 4th Feb 8.30am.