

TE PANUI



WESTERN HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL
Te Kura o Rotohokahoka



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

na Violet Pelham
Principal

Welcome to all our new and returning students and families. Along with our new intake of students are a number of new faces joining the staff:

Ben Robson	Geography and Social Sciences
Gail Spence	English and <u>Drama</u>
Jason Steyn-Ross	Mathematics
Lynnaire Williams	Physical Education and Health.

We have received with regret the resignations of Mr Michael Rurehe and our nurse Mrs Rangī Morris. We wish them well. Congratulations to staff members Alexi Thompson, Warwick Werder and Dana and Malcolm Frost on the safe arrival of their babies over the holidays.

NCEA and Community Information Evening
Wednesday 22 February – 6.00 pm
All Welcome.

100% effort 100% of the time

KEY DATES – TERM 1 2012

*These dates are provided now to assist you with planning.
This calendar is provisional – any changes to dates will be advised in future newsletters*

WEEK 2 - February		
Monday 6	Waitangi Day	
Thursday 9	All-in-Day	
Friday 10	Recognitions Assembly - 9.15 am	
WEEK 3 - February		
Tuesday 14	Athletic Sports Day	
WEEK 4 - February Course confirmation week		
Wednesday 22	Swimming Sports Community and NCEA Information evening	
Friday 24	BOP Senior Tennis Champs (Papamoa)	
WEEK 5 - February/March		
Friday 2	School photographs	
WEEK 6 - March		
Tuesday 6	BOP Athletics Championships	
Friday 9	Interim reports issued to students	
Sunday 11	BOPSS Touch Rugby (Otumoetai)	
WEEK 7 - March		
Monday 12	Staff Meeting	
Tuesday 13	Senior Interim Report evening	Leigh Field Trip
Wednesday 14		Leigh Field Trip
Thursday 15	Junior Interim Report evening	Leigh Field Trip
Saturday 17	Waikato/BOP Athletics	
WEEK 8 - March		
Saturday 24	Cactus Longest Day Touch Rugby Zonal Tournament (TBC)	
WEEK 9 - March Summer Tournament Week		
Tuesday 27		Leigh Field Trip
Wednesday 28		Leigh Field Trip
Thursday 29		Leigh Field Trip
Friday 30	Tournament	
Saturday 31	Tournament	
Sunday 1	Tournament	
WEEK 10 - April		
Wednesday 4	BOP Swimming Championships (Whakatane)	

Term Dates 2012

Term 1	Tuesday 31 January – Thursday 5 April
Term 2	Monday 23 April – Friday 29 June
Term 3	Monday 16 July – Friday 28 September
Term 4	Tuesday 15 October – (to be advised, no later than 20 December)

NZQA examinations begin on Friday 9 November.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Uniforms

Student Support Centre collects second-hand uniforms and distributes them as they are needed. We receive them from families and students who donate them to us. We do not charge for these. If you have any uniform that you would like to go to a good home, give it to us. All donations gratefully received. We are particularly short of light-blue polo shirts.

Te Panui

The school newsletter is issued fortnightly, usually on Wednesday. Visit our website www.whhs.school.nz to view the electronic version.

Art Students

Please pay your art fees and stationery fees at the student reception, then take your receipts to your art teacher so you can be given your stationery.



Cactus



Western Heights High School, Rotorua Police and the Western Heights Community Association launched CACTUS (the Combined Adolescent Challenge Training Unit and Support programme) in Rotorua last year and we are very pleased that the programme has continued in 2012.

CACTUS has been developed in Rotorua by Rotorua Police, Western Heights High School and the Western Heights Community Association, and is modelled on a very successful programme that has been running in Wairoa for the past few years. The tagline for the programme is "Getting to the Good on the Inside" and it involves an eight week intensive physical training programme for 25 students, aimed at challenging behaviours through physical discipline.

CACTUS will be run at Western Heights High School from February to April 2012. This is an exciting development for young people at this school - and for the wider Rotorua region. Along with the Police, we are very proud to be involved and to make our contribution. It wouldn't have come to fruition, however, without the input and support from a large number of people, companies and organisations and we are grateful for your support.

CO-CURRICULAR NOTICES

Co-Curricular Luncheon:

We wish to thank and acknowledge the following businesses for their kind contributions at the Co-Curricular Lunch which was held in December 2011. This luncheon was held to thank our many volunteers, staff and students who are involved in the WHHS Co-Curricular Program throughout the year as Coaches, Managers, Officials, Van drivers etc.

- Pak N Save
- Western Heights Motors
- Sport BOP Regional Secondary School Events Co Ordinator-Julie Adamson
- Export Meats Western Heights

Volunteers Required

We are currently looking for people who can coach or manage teams in the following sports codes: Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Waterpolo, Volleyball, Rugby, Netball. Please contact Leona Kaye (Sports Co-ordinator) if you are interested - ldavis@whhs.school.nz or 0273569908.

Rotorua United UI5 Federation League 2012 Trials

Saturday 11 Feb, 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday 15 Feb, 4pm - 6pm

Sunday 19 Feb, 10am - 12 noon

All Trials at Rotorua United AFC, Neil Hunt Park, Tarawera Road, Rotorua

The UI5 Federation League is Sunday Football and for any boy aged 12 to 15 years (born before January 1 1996). Any boy from any Club is welcome to trial as it doesn't interfere with Club Football played on a Saturday.

All enquiries to Hayden Lambert (Coach)

Ph 027-748-4098 or 348-9748 or email family_of_seven@xtra.co.nz

TOURNAMENT 2012 30th March - 1st April

Welcome back to another school year and the 19th year of the annual Western Heights High School Invitation Tournament. If you are willing and able to help in any way, prior to or during tournament, please do not hesitate to contact me here at the school. Any assistance would be gratefully received and appreciated

Many thanks

Jo van der Maas - Tournament Co-ordinator

Co-Curricular Prizegiving Evening

This was once again another successful evening where a large number of students, parents and friends attended to celebrate the excellent achievement of our outstanding athletes. We were also fortunate to have former student and New Zealand performing artist, Tainui Tukiwaho, as our guest speaker. Special Thanks to Jim Gemmell, Lyn Henshilwood, Kahira Morris, Wiremu Shuker, Sonya Beazley, Leona Kaye-Ivitu and her team of fantastic helpers for their efforts in making the evening a success.

Special thanks also to Truss Jewellers and Engravers for donating the lovely glass trophies for the Coach of the Year, Co Curricular Staff member for Sport, Co Curricular Staff member for Performing Arts.



Sports Results

Congratulations to the following teams and students for their sporting successes during December 2011.

- Mixed Senior Touch Team 5th at NZSS Touch Championships
- Junior Beach Volleyball Pairs 1st at NISS Beach Volleyball Championships
 - Takiwa Maxwell
 - Kahurangi Robinson
- Junior A Volleyball Boys Team 3rd at NISS Volleyball Championships

WHHS SENIOR MIXED TOUCH RUGBY RESULTS 2011

Congratulations must go to the WHHS Senior Mixed Touch Rugby Team of 2011. During 2011, this team:

- Won their grade at the BOP champs and placed 3rd at Zonals
- Completed a Referee/Coaching course organised by the Rotorua Touch Association
- Competed in a Zone 3 mini-tournament with Waikato/Bay teams going to nationals
- Competed in the local Open Mixed Touch Rotorua module during Term 4 through to Term 1, 2012
- Competed at the Māori National Tournament in early December where they got through to play offs for the semi-finals
- Competed at the National Secondary Schools' Tournament in December in Hamilton

This team were well placed to achieve at nationals. Final results are as follows:

Final placings:	1 st	McLeans College
	2 nd	St Andrews
	3 rd	St Peters
	4 th	Queen Elizabeth
	5 th	WHHS



We also thank our coach DJ McCauley for his energy and enthusiasm – he will continue to coach this team this year. Congratulations also go to Jimi McLean and Jordan Ngamata-Poi who very capably captained our team. Thanks to all our supporters, too. For 2012, we retain the majority of our players and look forward to welcoming new players to the team. On Sunday 11th March 2012, we will field our Senior Mixed team in the Secondary Schools Regional Tournament (in Tauranga). Successful teams from this tournament go through to the Secondary School Zonal Tournament on Saturday 24th March. Our aim is to be at both the Maori and National Secondary School Tournaments.

If you are a yr 11-13 student and are keen to play at this level, please see me at Student Support during intervals before the end of Week 4 this term.

Merania Pakinga
Touch Rugby Coordinator

Debbie Woodmass
Touch Rugby Coordinator

WHHS TOUCH RUGBY 2012

Looking ahead to Touch Rugby at Heights in 2012, we hope to develop and grow the interest, skills and involvement of current players, as well as new players to our school. Teams will be involved in the local Touch Rotorua competition as soon as it starts up in early-February 2012. Touch Rugby has a split season. Teams can expect 7-8 weeks of competition during Term 1. In Term 3-4 touch teams will also re-start play.

We will be asking players to pay early February (\$45 in total for Term 1 and Term 3-4) to cover registration fees and equipment costs for the teams. For our junior teams, games are held at Kuirau Park, on Wednesdays (usually from 4.30pm-6.30pm.). This year we also hope to field a competitive senior boys or girls team, alongside our Senior Mixed team, in the BOP SS Champs and Zonals.

If you are a new student to WHHS and/or are keen to play touch rugby, please see the following staff members to register:

Seniors Yr 11-13	Whaea Merania	Student Support	Intervals
Year 9-10	Whaea Amy	T10	Intervals
	Whaea Debbie	T9	Intervals

Registrations will close at the end of Week 4. Fees must be paid at the Student Reception by Friday 2nd March.

Merania Pakinga
Touch Rugby Coordinator (Ph: 07 349 5940 Ext.741)

GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

Absence:

In case of unexpected absence please ring our Attendance Line (telephone 3495940 then press 1). In most cases a note will not be required if contact is made in this way. Extended, planned absences should be discussed with the level dean in good time so that appropriate arrangements can be made

Bikes

Bike racks are provided near A Block.

Buses

Bus routes and related information can be accessed from the school website (www.whhs.school.nz)

Cancellations

Cancellations for school activities such as sports days are broadcast on 97.5 fm

Canteen:

The school operates a canteen that is open at interval and lunchtime.

Cell Phones, Ipods and Electronic Entertainment Devices

These items are not to be used in any way by students during the school day, including lunch and interval. Devices sighted by staff members will be confiscated. The student will be issued with a receipt and letter explaining the confiscation/return procedure. From the following day the equipment may be collected by the parent/caregiver of the student on production of the receipt and proof of identity. In emergencies students are able to use the telephone at the Duty Dean office.

Class times:

Form period	8.40- 8.55	(Warning bell at 8.35)
Period 1	8.55- 9.55	
Period 2	9.55-10.55	
Interval	10.55-11.20	
Period 3	11.20-12.20	
Period 4	12.20- 1.20	
Lunch	1.20- 2.10	(Warning bell at 2.05)
Period 5	2.10- 3.10	

If a student is late to school they are required to report to the duty dean to sign in before going to class. A note giving a reason for the lateness is required. Lateness to school or class without adequate explanation will be dealt with in accordance with the school discipline plan.

Contacts:

The form teacher's most important role is pastoral care of the students in their form class and thus the form teacher is the initial point of contact for caregivers. You can communicate with the form teacher via your child, by note or by telephoning the school office (telephone 3495940).

Other contacts are:

Level Deans	Year 9	Mr Wrigley and Ms Hemana
	Year 10	Mr Smith and Mrs Martin-James
	Year 11	Mrs Bowman and Mr Bogun
	Year 12/13	Mrs Sutton and Mrs Wright

Guidance Counsellors	Mr Laurie Phillips Whaea Merania		
Community Liaison	Ms Porter		
School telephone number	07 349 5940	School email	oadmin@whhs.school.nz
School fax number	07 343 1029	School website	www.whhs.school.nz

Duty Dean

A staff member is on duty in the Duty Dean office throughout the school day. Any student arriving after the school day has begun, or leaving the school grounds for an appointment is required to sign the register at the Duty Dean office. A telephone is available here for student use in emergencies.

Exam Fees and Results

The 2012 examination period runs from Friday 9 November to Tuesday 4 December. NCEA exam fees for 2012 are still to be confirmed by NZQA. Fees are collected in term two. Many students qualify for financial assistance. More information will be made available as it becomes available. The NZQA website address is www.nzqa.govt.nz.

Cambridge International Examination fees depend on the number of papers being taken by students and costs will be confirmed in a newsletter later in the first term.

Students who wish to have their external NZQA grades reconsidered should consult with the appropriate Head of Department with regard to the appeal process.

Homework Centre

An after-school homework and study centre operates from the school library Monday-Thursday (3.10-5.00 pm). All students are welcome to attend and are provided with a small afternoon snack. Attendance at the centre earns house points.

House Groups

There are four houses at Western Heights High School – Bennett (blue), Ryder (yellow), Mitchell (red) and Chapman (green). All students and staff are placed in a House and a House Competition runs throughout the year. Sporting, cultural and academic activities contribute points to the competition.

Jewellery

No jewellery or fashion accessories are to be worn except one plain stud per ear. Jewellery will be confiscated if worn, and held for the duration of the term.

Kamar Portal

Students and caregivers can log on to the Kamar portal (via our website www.whhs.school.nz) to access information about timetable, notices, fees, calendar etc. Students may use their school computer username and password. Caregivers are able to email website@whhs.school.nz to request a password (note that the student and caregiver passwords give the same information).

Lunch Time Sports

The Sports Co-ordinator and the Student Sports Council will provide activities at lunchtime throughout the school year. Information is provided through the school notices.

Music Tuition

Individual and small group tuition is offered during school time by the music department. Information is available from music department staff.

Reports

An interim report is issued in the first term. Full subject reports will be issued at the end of term two (mid-year) and again later in the year. Report evenings are held after the issue of both the interim and mid-year reports.

School Fees

Invoices are sent out in the first term. Payment can be made at Student Reception (cash, eftpos, cheque) or by mail. Families are encouraged to set up an automatic payment – forms are available at the Student Information Centre

Stationery

The school does not sell bulk stationery at the beginning of the year. The Student Information Centre does carry some stationery items for sale throughout the year.

Student Information Centre

A variety of services are offered here to students and their families. These include fee payment, stationery sales, timetable information.

Student Support Centre:

The school nurse, guidance counsellors, community liaison worker and careers/Gateway advisors are based in the Student Support Centre. Doctors and physiotherapists operate clinics at the Centre - students are able to make appointments for these services with the Student Support Centre receptionist.

Uniform

Our students are identified in the community by our uniform and they are expected to wear it with pride. School uniform items are available from Bill Davis Outdoor World, Eruera Street. Uniform regulations are issued to students on enrolment and are available on the school website (www.whhs.school.nz). The wearing of incorrect uniform, without adequate explanation, will be dealt with in accordance with the school discipline plan.

Where uniform difficulties exist and non-uniform items may need to be worn, caregivers are expected to make arrangements with the school. Students are expected to wear items as close to the school colours as possible and must bring a note to explain the non-uniform item. Where possible, even when a note has been provided, the school may insist that correct uniform be worn – a supply of uniform items is kept on hand for this purpose. If issues still exist for the school contact may be made with the home.

Vehicles

Students bring vehicles to school at their own risk. Parking within the school grounds is limited and any available spaces will be allocated to prefects.

Visitors to the School

Visitors are required to report to the main office on arrival at school. Visitor parking is provided within the school grounds.

Website

The school website (www.whhs.school.nz) provides information students and caregivers and links to our Kamar portal (see above) and our Facebook page.

The school acknowledges the constant holistic and pedagogical support of Ngati Whakaue and the yearly financial assistance of the Ngati Whakaue Education Endowment