WESLEY COLLEGE

SPECIAL

CHARACTER

Issue 2020/2

Celebrating a great start to the school year.

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Wesley College has a direct affiliation with the Methodist Church and, with the support of the Church provides education based on the beliefs of Methodism.

We have had a terrific start to the school year. Chapel every morning continues to remind us that we are at a Methodist and Christian school and that every day we should be aspiring to live to the bible the best we can.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Webpage: www.wesley.school.nz

MARCH 2020

Year 9 camp was ably led by future leaders in Year 12 and we are grateful for staff giving up their time to make this happen. We had a fantastic Swimming sports day and Athletics day. Polyfest and sports practices are in full swing.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Principal's Message
- BOT Meeting Dates
- Fiafia Night
- Polyfest
- Sculpture in the Gardens Competition
- Yr 9 Kairangi
 Camp
- Important Dates

Students are wearing the uniform with pride and there is a really positive feel to the school. In particular, our Year 13 students and prefects have displayed a very high standard of leadership to the rest of the school and they are to be commended.

A real highlight to date is the Student leadership model led by Mr Faitala and a number of staff. Alongside our traditional Prefects group we have 4 committees which involve a number of Yr 13, 12 and 11 students to support various aspects of the school. The emphasis is on developing student leadership across the board by focusing on 'service'. We look forward to seeing the model develop, and adding junior students to the groups in time.

Another highlight was the Academic dinner held on Friday 5th March. Students and their families gathered to honour the academic achievement from the previous year. It was a wonderful occasion and reminds us that Wesley College is a power house of educational achievement.

Thank you for ensuring your children are back in the hostels by Sunday 5pm ready for school Monday morning. Attendance continues to improve. Thank you to all parents/caregivers who are contacting me when they have genuine reasons why their children have to be away from school.

We are working together to ensure our students have every chance of success, if they are not here, they cannot succeed!

The big challenge comes next week with Polyfest.

NO student is allowed to go home after Fiafia night, if they do so they jeopardise their chance to perform on the stage. We are looking to keep **ALL** students in school ensuring they are taking every opportunity to prepare for the event.

The whole school will be attending and supporting on the Friday.

2020 THEME

'O le ala i le pule ma le manuia o le tautua'

'the path to leadership and success is service'

> KAIRANGI VALUES Responsibility

Respect

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Elected Parent Representatives

Proprietors Representatives

| Mr Jeff Johansson | 0211364723 | Mr David McGeorge | 095355092 |
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| Dr Nasili Vaka'uta | 021570387 | Mr Norman Johnston | 095757524 |
| Mrs Nashua Morrison | 0272321023 | Mrs P Tala'imanu | 092634484 |
| Mr Sifa Pole | 021837086 | Ms Gillian Laird | 021577631 |
| Mr Joeli Bogitini | 0225485636 | Mr Viliami Ngaluafe | Student Rep |
| Mr Brian Evans | Principal | Mr Jean Paul Eason | Staff Rep |

2020 BOARD OF TRUSTEES - MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are held at 5pm in the meeting room beside the dining room.

Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend the open section of the Board meeting.

26 March 28 May 27 August 24 September 26 November

PREFECTS

Congratulations to the following students who were appointed 2020 Prefects.

Senior Prefect: Viliami Ngaluafe Head Boy: Siosiua Tu'uta Head Girl: Lovey Rewa

Prefects: Beatrice Smythe, Vai Aholelei, Samsara Faitala, Harry Toaisi, Sepeti Kailea, Anthony Gayner, Eliejar Kiole, Kimi Folaumoeloa, Penitusi Hafoka, Nusi Mafi Jope Ratu

FIAFIA NIGHT / POLYFEST

Parents, caregivers families and friends are invited to Fiafia night. Fiafia night provides the opportunity for the students to perform in front of our Wesley College community before performing at Polyfest.

Date: Wednesday, 18 March 2020 Time: 6pm

Venue: Te Whare Angitu, Rec Centre

Please also note that some groups will have fundraising food stalls available.

POLYFEST PERFORMANCE TIMES

WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH 2020

THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 2020

Māori Group

Speech competitions

FRIDAY, 20 MARCH 2020

Tongan Group 9.50am, Lakalaka

Niuean Group 10amSamoan Group 10.30am

• Cook Island Group 12.45pm, Non-Competition

• Tongan Group 3.10pm, Kailao

• Fijian Group 3.50pm

All students will attend Polyfest Friday, 20 March.

The buses depart from te whare Angitu (Rec Centre) at 8.30am and will return to Wesley College after the last group performs departing the venue at 4.45pm.



SCULPTURE IN THE GARDENS

Sculpture in the Gardens is a annual writing competition hosted by the Auckland Botanic Gardens. Anthony Gayner, Year 13 and Prefect entered the competition with a poem inspired by a sculpture in the exhibition. This was Anthony's second attempt at this competition. Anthony was placed first in the Youth 14-17 Category.

'Hand in the Dirt'

Inspired by James Wright's 'Hand in the Dirt'

In the palm of life A single seed lays Sprouting in tandem Life will find a way

It has been many years But life has taken root Protected by five walls Granted by other fruit

A long time has passed since then The rays of warm light since shone Although it is very small Its heart is made of greenstone

A seed by any other name Would surely remain just as sweet Much like the day it had first grown The hand's task will soon be complete

The fingers intertwined in the vines
Are surely not as green as the thumb
Which has planted many seeds before
And large trees, the seeds shall soon become

It takes just one person to change the world Beholding beauty in all walks of life The singing of birds heralding small sprouts Far beyond feelings like war, fear, and strife Although it may seem helpless at first glance As the time passes, despite the blood drawn Although the world seems cruel, painful, awful The darkest hour is before the dawn

Inherited by those in the past Carrying on to the near future It is our task as human beings To value both our life and culture

A seed will sprout with love and care With enough time, seeds become trees Roots digging like joyful tidings Leaves rippling like the mighty seas

A lone red flower blooms Reflecting in moonlight Signifying the start Of new life in the night

In the palm of life A single seed lays Sprouting in tandem Life will find a way



YEAR 9 KAIRANGI CAMP

Wesley College's four core Kairangi values are: Family, Respect, Responsibility and Excellence. The Y9 Camp was planned and organised with these Kairangi values in mind. One goal of Y9 Camp was for all Y9s to come together and learn that family comes in many forms, with Wesley College being one. The only reason why camp was a success, was due to the incredible "team" effort put in from all staff involved.

T E A M: Together Everyone Achieves More.

Our Kairangi values were evident throughout camp and our students displayed these values consistently. Many students stepped out of their comfort zone, which was challenging and uncomfortable for some. Students were reminded about the blessing of being different and how each of them contribute to the world being unique. Some may have strength in entertainment, art and sport, where they can be heard and seen. However, they were reminded that there is also strength in not being heard and seen. Being loud, seen or visible is not fundamental to feel like you make a difference. Students who are quiet and shy were acknowledged as well. Attending camp may have stretched them way beyond their limits and we are grateful they turned up. Students were reminded to:

- always remember their worth
- have their own back
- what they cultivate is what they harvest

F A MILY: Having the <u>Faith to Always Make Impossible Lessons something to Yearn for.</u> R E S P E C T: <u>Realistically Endeavouring to Supersede Personal Expectations Critically Today/Tonight/Tomorrow/To the end.</u>

RESPONSIBILITY: Remember Everyone Should Persistently Own Numberless Soldiers Inwardly Before Inserting Labels Inconsistently Targeting Youth

EXCELLENCE: Everday OX Calls Extraordinary Legendary Leaders to Endure Nonsense Creating Extremeness

KAIRANGI: Keep Agitating Integrity Ruling Afflictions and Never Giving In



WESLEY COLLEGE OFFICE HOURS



The school office is **open** during the school holidays:

Term Time: 8am - 4pm, Monday to Friday HOLIDAY TIME: 9am - 3pm, Monday to Friday

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2020 DEANS

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TERM 1/2, 2020 IMPORTANT DATES

| DATE | EVENT | TIME/VENUE | |
|--|---|--|--|
| 18/03 | Fiafia Night | 6pm, te whare Angitu (Rec Centre) | |
| 18-20/03 | ASB Polyfest | Manukau Sports Bowl, Performance Time - Page 2 | |
| 23/03 | Otago University | Year 13, Wesley College | |
| 30/03 | Auckland University | Year 13, Wesley College | |
| 03/04 | Victoria University | Year 13, Wesley College | |
| 09/04 | Student Lead Conferences End of Term | 12-5pm, te whare Angitu, Rec Centre Students may leave after their conference | |
| 27/04 | Boarders Return | 3-5pm, All hostels | |
| 28/04 | Term 2 Begins | 8.20am, full school commences | |
| KAIRANGI VALUES Family Respect Responsibility Excellence | | | |

BYOD "Bring Your Own Device"

How to order your Wesley College Chromebook:

It is recommended that all students own their own device and bring it to all classes.

To order a Chromebook please log on to the College website www.wesley.school.nz and follow the directions below. Subsidised Chromebooks are currently half price for Year 9, 10 and 11.



To purchase the bundle via finance:

\$11.12 per month over 36 months

\$15.63 per month over 24 months

\$29.23 per month over 12 months

Finance Portal:

byod.cyclone.co.nz/wesleycollegefinance

Username: wesleycollegefinance

Password: wcbyodf

To purchase the bundle outright:

\$242.00 incl GST

BYOD Portal:

byod.cyclone.co.nz/wesleycollege

Username: wesleycollege

Password: wcbyod

Choose either the outright bundle or the finance bundle. Use the unique password

T&C's: Wesley College is subsidising 50% of the bundle price. Models and pricing as at 4 September 2019 and subject to change. Pricing includes GST and freight.

