



WESLEY COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL CHARACTER

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.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Principal's Message
- BOT Meeting Dates
- Board of Trustees (BOT)
- Student led Conferences
- Media Studies
- Winter Sport
- NCEA Exam Timetable

2020 THEME

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

'the path to leadership and success is service'

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

In his book 'The Art of Growing Up, author John Marsden writes about the state of current parenting, where he describes the role of parents playing as advocates for their children who, whatever the situation, will support their children without considering the bigger picture. He uses the term 'toxic parenting' to refer to parents who are not setting out to act intently, but just lose all perspective and understanding of the dynamics of places such as schools.

I have never really seen too much of this, but I have to say in the past year or so there has been occasions where I have witnessed situations where common sense has not prevailed, and the parents, not the school, are the ones placing an enormous amount of pressure on their children which can then lead to anxiety. This may manifest itself in attacking staff, the 'process' or simply avoiding the issue at hand and how we would best focus on resolutions. Whilst we love and advocate our children, we must also temper that with an even hand, a deep breath and some thought around the issue.

Our children love us and they look up to us. The term 'product of your environment' refers to how children will act and behave in the way their parents do. If we are aggressive and argumentative every time and we don't like something then our children will too. As we all know this does not set up young adults very well for their future. At times we all have to accept decisions and we need to abide by them rather than looking for the next way to disrupt those who are here to help us create a great future.

This does not simply mean, not questioning things in our lives. The growth of academic achievement and leadership in the student body has seen a real rise in students who can facilitate and manage themselves in the appropriate way. They know when and how to ask questions when they disagree with something, but they also know how to move on and accept decisions are made with everyone in mind.

We also need to remind ourselves that our results are higher than national averages, our stand down and suspensions numbers have spiralled down over the past few years to the point they are also some of the lowest in New Zealand and our roll is well over subscribed. These are all signs of an extremely positive and high performing school environment. Our real challenge is to create even more success from the existing momentum.

Development and Communications Officer

Damoen Chaney, past pupil, current 1st XV Coach and Dorm Parent, has taken up some project work with the college in a new position, Development and Communications Officer.

The Development and Communications Officer is part time for now and will support the mission of the College in the education of young people to develop,

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prosper and contribute to society, in line with the vision and mission of the College. The philosophy of the role is to create a strong identification with the values of being a Past Pupil and to engage people in the life of the College and its community. This strengthens the connections, commitment and contributions to the College.

The Development and Communications Officer will be responsible for a wide range of activities to; Communicate with and promote the active participation of people associated with Wesley College through social media, publications and other media.

Foster and maintain connections with past students and associates of the College, in unison with the Wesley College Old Students Association (WCOSA) and other organised groups. Promote the College, its Alumni and community.

Sadly we farewell Mr Siosuia Pole, HOD Mathematics at the end of the term. Mr Pole has been appointed a Deputy Principal at Tuakau Primary.

We welcome Mrs Vaisingano Tupou to our staff at the beginning of term 4. Mrs Tupou has been appointed our new HOD Mathematics.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Elected Parent Representatives

Mr Jeff Johansson	0211364723
Dr Nasili Vaka'uta	021570387
Mrs Nashua Morrison	0272321023
Mr Sifa Pole	021837086
Mr Joeli Bogitini	0225485636
Mr Brian Evans	Principal

Proprietors Representatives

Mr David McGeorge	095355092
Mr Norman Johnston	095757524
Mrs P Tala'imanu	092634484
Ms Gillian Laird	021577631
Mr Viliami Ngaluafe	Student Rep
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.

24 September

26 November

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES AND REPORTS

Senior reports will be live on the parent portal during the last week of term.

Unfortunately we are unable to offer a subject report for junior students this term due to the increased time pressure as a result of lockdown. However, junior reports will be live on the portal, mid-next term.

Student led conferences will again be held on the last day of term, Friday 25th September. Please book in with your son/daughters academic mentor.

The aim of these conferences is for:

- Students to share their learning experiences both during in school and distance learning, discuss what they thought went well, what they found challenging and how they could improve both in school learning and independent learning.
- Set learning goals for the holidays and the remainder of the year.
- Check credits, achievements and monitor attendance and punctuality

To sign up for a session time. Sign up at <https://wesley.schoolpoint.co.nz>

You are welcome to take your son/daughter home for the holidays after your conference.

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MEDIA STUDIES FILMING

As part of their Level 2 Media Studies course, students must plan and film their own music video.

This year, one ambitious group decided they wanted a flash house as their setting. Tyrese and Ethan showed a great level of initiative contacting Shaun at Grafton Downs and, after a telephone call and brief meeting, they had managed to secure a mornings filming at the Capital Homes show home at Paerata Rise.



The boys, with Mone as their actor, spent nearly 4 hours filming in the house and thoroughly enjoyed their experience. It helped them to develop a range of project management and communication skills.

Thank you to Capital Homes owner, Grant Watson, for welcoming us into his beautiful show home and congratulations to the boys on their resourcefulness.



SENIOR EXAMS

The term 4 senior preparation examinations will be held in **Week 2, 19 - 23 October 2020.**

All students with external assessments will have a three hour formal examination conducted under NCEA conditions. These examinations assist students to prepare for their end of year examinations.

BOARDING AND DAY COSTS REBATE

Following the Covid 19 Alert Level 3 lockdown the Wesley College Trust Board has agreed to provide families with a 6% rebate on boarding and day costs this year. This rebate has already been applied to your account.

Reminder: Please restart your automatic payments if you stopped making payments during the lockdown period.

POLICE ACADEMY / DUKE OF EDINBURGH



Our Wesley/Pukekohe Police Academy embarked on their first overnighter in Taupo last month.

The adventure started with our preparation during our lessons in class learning about the NZ outdoors. This also gave our students an insight on what is needed to survive a night out in the open.

Lessons helped to identify what essential gear is required and the type of food their bodies will need when tramping and camping.



2020 LEAVERS CHAPEL, SENIOR PRIZE GIVING, LEAVERS DINNER

Date: Friday, 13 November 2020

3pm Leavers Chapel Service, te whare Angitu (Recreation Centre)

4pm Senior Prize Giving

Parents, caregivers and guardians are warmly invited to attend the Chapel Service and Senior Prize Giving.

6.30pm Leavers Dinner, te whare Rourounui (Dining Room).

Parents, caregivers and guardians of leavers' are warmly invited to attend Leavers Dinner. Please RSVP to the school office on (09) 2370224



WINTER SPORT AT WESLEY

While school and club sport in the Auckland region is on hold and cancelled, we have been working to find ways to keep the sport going at school. We have had several interhouse sports competitions happening at school.

We have had the interhouse volleyball competition happening at lunch times over the last two weeks with Simmonds house taking out both the senior and junior.

We are also looking forward to bringing back the interhouse rugby competition which will be held on Wednesday the 16th of September.

It has been great to see so many of the kids getting back into sport and to be laughing and celebrating with each other when their houses win.

We look forward to being able to get back to normal sport when we can but in the meantime, it is great to have so many kids involved with sport in different ways.

TERM 3/4 , 2020 IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT	TIME/VENUE
24/09	School Photos, No1 uniform to be worn	9-11.30am, te whare Angitu
25/09	Student Led Conferences School holidays commence	9am-3pm, Academic Mentors Classroom 3.30pm
02/10	Senior School Ball - Depends on Alert level	Alert level 2 - cancelled Alert level 1 - confirmed
11/10	Boarders return from holidays	3pm onwards
12/10	Day students return from holidays Full school commences	8.20am
19-23/10	Senior Practice Exams Commence	
13/11	Leaver's Chapel Senior Prize Giving Leaver's Dinner	3pm, te whare Angitu 4pm, te whare Angitu 6.30pm, te whare Rourou nui
16/11	Senior NCEA Exams Commence	9am, te whare Karakia
30/11 - 4/12	Junior Exams begin	
9/12	Junior Prize Giving School Holidays commence	11am, te whare Karakia

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2020 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Exams available digitally shown in blue

Date	Time	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Mon 16 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Rangatira	Physics	Business Studies	Calculus
	2.00 pm	Chinese	German	Dance	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
Tue 17 Nov	9.30 am	Media Studies	Earth & Space Science	Drama	Chemistry
	2.00 pm		Classical Studies		German
Wed 18 Nov	9.30 am	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Art History	Statistics	
	2.00 pm	Geography	Spanish	Earth & Space Science	Drama
Thu 19 Nov	9.30 am		Mathematics & Statistics		Biology
	2.00 pm	Music	Accounting	History	French
Fri 20 Nov	9.30 am	Mathematics & Statistics			Classical Studies
	2.00 pm		Drama	Samoan	Statistics
WEEKEND					
Mon 23 Nov	9.30 am	French	Te Reo Māori	Calculus	
	2.00 pm	Economics		Accounting	
Tue 24 Nov	9.30 am		English		Religious Studies
	2.00 pm	History	Chinese	Biology	Economics
Wed 25 Nov	9.30 am	English			Te Reo Rangatira
	2.00 pm	Drama	History	Health	Physics
Thu 26 Nov	9.30 am	Business Studies	Chemistry	Agricultural & Horticultural Science German Chinese	English
	2.00 pm	Biology	Music	Media Studies	Accounting
Fri 27 Nov	9.30 am	Science		Making Music	History
	2.00 pm	Samoan Spanish	Geography	Chemistry	
WEEKEND					
Mon 30 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Māori Art History	Japanese	Te Reo Rangatira Social Studies Psychology	Samoan
	2.00 pm	Latin	Agricultural & Horticultural Science		Geography
Tue 1 Dec	9.30 am	Accounting		English	
	2.00 pm	Home Economics	Economics		Media Studies
Wed 2 Dec	9.30 am	German	Biology	Geography	
	2.00 pm	Dance		Physics	
Thu 3 Dec	9.30 am	Physics	Home Economics	Classical Studies	Japanese
	2.00 pm		Media Studies	Home Economics	Art History
Fri 4 Dec	9.30 am	Chemistry	Business Studies	French	Te Reo Māori
	2.00 pm	Classical Studies	Health	Economics	
WEEKEND					
Mon 7 Dec	9.30 am	Japanese	Te Reo Rangatira Latin	Japanese	
	2.00 pm		French	Spanish	Latin
Tue 8 Dec	9.30 am	Health	Samoan Education for Sustainability	Te Reo Māori Latin	Chinese
	2.00 pm		Social Studies	Music Studies	Spanish
Wed 9 Dec	9.30 am	Social Studies	Dance	Art History	Earth & Space Science
EXAMS END (Term 4 ends 16 Dec)					