



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)
- Easter Break
- Fiafia Polyfest
- Spirit of Adventure
- Student Led Conferences
- Kairangi Points

2021 THEME

Toku manaaki tōku
toi ora
Tōku toi ora tōku
manaaki

'When service is my
well-being,
my well-being is
served.'

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have had a terrific start to the school term. 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.

Official NCEA and UE results for 2020 were recently released. Our results (below) are some of the best in the entire country and set the bar high! It is now our duty to ensure we continue to raise the expectation that every student at Wesley will succeed. Our Level 3 and UE are above national averages against ALL students in New Zealand. This is a major accomplishment and the efforts that staff have put into this can't be underestimated.

Wesley College Academic results summary 2014 – 2020
(All students - Roll based %)

NCEA	L1	L2	L3	UE
2020	69	82	90	58
National () Decile 1-3 ()	(72) (60)	(80) (70)	(72) (64)	(54) (25)
2019	61	83	85	47
2018	86	93	85	42
2017	88	90	89	16
2016	79	89	72	30
2015	69	63	31	13
2014	59	50	35	10

Maori students are 30% higher than national average for L3 and 20% higher for UE.

Pasifika students are 18% higher for L3 and 21% for UE.

Overall, 89% of all our students leave with Level 2 or higher which is fantastic!

Health and Safety Review

Last year a large number of students were involved in a comprehensive Health and Safety review. The review was designed to capture where we are as a school and to plan about where to for the future. In essence we want to build on a great school and become even greater. With the information gathered, alongside the students we will make plans to action some of the findings.

Some of the key findings:

- The students are very proud of the school, and have a lot to be proud about; they enjoy the diversity of the school and the relationships they have with other students

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- Students and staff enjoy starting the day with Chapel - being together, good messages, a good way to start the day.
- There is a strong perception that bullying and mocking, is much reduced. It hasn't stopped, there is still work to do in this area, but both staff and students are clear that big improvements have been made.
- Sometimes, the line between 'good' and 'bad' mocking or 'backstabbing' is deliberately crossed, to hurt and generate a reaction.
- The concept of 'snitching' needs to be discussed. All staff and students need to know how to handle these situations well and with integrity.
- Inclusion must continue to be a 'work on' for the College. Prefects, the Leadership Committees and teachers in classrooms, build relationships between girls and boys, between older and younger and between ethnicities.

We look forward to informing whanau as these ideas progress.

Thank you for ensuring your children are back in the dorms by Sunday 5pm ready for school Monday morning. Thank you to all parents/caregivers who are contacting me when they have genuine reasons why their children have to be away from school. Being at school is a crucial aspect of student academic achievement. We are working together to ensure our students have every chance of success!

The big challenge comes in the final week of the term 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 and ensure they are taking every opportunity to prepare for the event.

Arrangements will be made to support each group in due course.

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	
Ms Gillian Laird	021577631
Mr Troy Wigley	Student Trustee
Mr Jean Paul Eason	Staff Trustee

2021 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.

27 May

26 August

11 November (via Zoom)

EASTER BREAK

Students may leave for Easter break 3.30pm, Thursday, April 1 2021.

Boarders return after 3pm, Tuesday, 6 April.

Full school recommences Wednesday, 7 April at 8:20am

We wish everyone a blessed and safe Easter break.



Spirit of Adventure Voyage 816B



Wesley College was fortunate enough to compete in the Spirit of Adventure Trophy Voyage 816B from Thursday 11th March to Tuesday 16th March. Ten hearty souls from Year 10 were chosen to represent the school in this event, five boys and five girls accompanied by Mr Faitala.

Girls: Rosie Ligavatu, Milise Tau, Suana Bourne, Mele Sakisi, Alana Edmonds

Boys: Tarzan Tagoai, Houma Fotu, Loka Fotu, Giovanni Te Namu, Daniel Peni Vai

There were three other schools involved in this voyage: Edgewater College, Otorohanga College and a representative from the East Coast Uawa of

Tologa Bay Area School.

The voyages first stop was the America's Cup Race on Friday the 12th of March which was an epic experience for all on board. Each school made banners for the race (hopefully it made it onto tv) and made some chants and cheers for Emirates Team New Zealand.

The rest of the trip consisted of schools competing in different tasks and activities which carried points towards the trophy. The activities tested the students physical and mental abilities all while learning about the history of the places they stopped at and soaking in the amazing country that they live in.

The competition took a back seat as students started to mix and mingle so well that they just ended up helping each other. The trip ended with a presentation of school songs and haka for the amazing crew of the Spirit of New Zealand.

Every morning started with a swim at 6.30am followed by a hearty breakfast from the amazing chefs on the ship. This was followed by Colours (Flag Raising and the ringing of the Bell) and a word of motivation before each school was split into doing jobs around the ship. Jobs included cleaning the sleeping quarters, scrubbing the deck, prepping the veggies for the day and being kitchen hands. The trainees (students) also had a hand in raising the sails and climbing the masts to set the ships sails.

There were a couple of islands in the Hauraki Gulf that were visited and the trainees hiked across one of them. All in all, it was an amazing experience and made more special by the people that were on the voyage.

Thank you to Spirit of Adventure for giving us this opportunity and for the funding. Thank you also to Mrs Saunders for organising this trip for the students and teacher, and to Mr Wood and Ms Tangi for helping to drop us off and pick us up. It was such an amazing opportunity and experience. Thank you.

AUCKLAND MODEL UNITED NATIONS (AMUN)

On the 27th and 28th March four Year 12 students, Pauliasi Bauleka, Gloria Amituanai, Velvesi Peni and Flora Fuimaono participated in the Auckland Model United Nations event. Over 400 rangatahi were involved over the two days at Te Whare Wānanga o Tāmaki Makaurau, the University of Auckland. The theme for this year's event was 'empowerment'.



"The event encourages high schoolers to see global issues through the eyes of a diplomat. By participating in a variety of interactive workshops, activities, and guest speakers across the event, and simulating a typical United Nations General Assembly, UN Youth aims to educate rangatahi on the issues our world faces today." - AMUN

The students involved had a great time and are keen to pursue more opportunities through UN Youth in the future including potentially attending the national event in Wellington later in the year.

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STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Student led conferences are being held on Friday 9th April. This is an opportunity to meet your son or daughters Learning Coach and discuss learning and achievement so far this year. An email has been sent to all families detailing how to make an appointment. Go <https://wesley.schoolpoint.co.nz> and type in the username and password on the email.

If you are having any problems logging in or making an appointment, contact the office on 09 237 0224. Conference times start at 9:20 and the last appointment is at 3pm.

FIAFIA NIGHT / POLYFEST

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

Date: Monday, 12 April 2021

Time: 6pm

Venue: Te Whare Angitu, Rec Centre

POLYFEST PERFORMANCE TIMES

Date	Group		Performance Time
THURSDAY, 15/04/2021	• Cook Island		10.15am
	• Kapa Haka		10.50am
	• Fijian		1pm
FRIDAY, 16/04/2021	• Niuean		11.30am
	• Samoan		2pm
SATURDAY, 17/04/2021	• Tongan	Lakalaka	9am
		Kailao	11.30am

INDEPENDENT LEARNING AT WESLEY COLLEGE

A shift in foci this year has been to promote the concept of independent learning. Lifelong learning is a focus of the New Zealand Curriculum and at Wesley College, we are trying to develop the skills in our students to continue their learning, even when the teacher isn't present. This could be during lockdown, during prep, or at home or in the dorms. In addition, Level 2 and 3 students have several independent learning sessions built into their timetable. The skills our students need to be a lifelong learner are time management, working to deadlines, resilience, perseverance, managing distractions, planning ahead and emotional intelligence.

Our new library and flexible learning centre is purpose built to help students work independently. For parents, please discuss with your son or daughter how the learning is going when the teacher is not present, what they find difficult and how those difficulties can be overcome.



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KAIRANGI TEAM UPDATE TERM 1

Kia ora whanau

The Kairangi committee present to you the points for week 8. Kairangi points are given out to students who display our 4 values: Family, Respect, Responsibility and Excellence.

Points are given out in the hostel and in class to students who embody these values.

Congratulations to the following students:

Year 9:

1. Amethyst Dunphy (9SS) **43**
2. Fehi Tupou (9CF) **41**
3. Finau Ale (9MC) **34**
4. Semisi Naiqara (9AL) **30**
5. Caprese Lafaele Diaz (9AL) **28**
6. Jacob Jones (9AL), Shylah Daley (9SS) **27**

Year 10:

1. Rua Kora (10CB) **31**
2. Tausisi Amituanai (10CB) **25**
3. Graecyn Teiho (10CB) **20**
4. Isaac Te Puia-Afoa (10JR) **18**
5. Malachi Olago (10 DF), Ezra Popata (10CB) & Nikora Taia (10JR) **16**

Year 13:

1. Luke Letner (13CS) **21**
2. Vita Tomu (13JP), Tommy Tuisane (13SN) **17**
3. Leitia Vaka (13SN), Fili Fono (13CS) **16**
4. Faalifu Kilifi (13JP) **15**
5. Nkastron Mortensen (13JP), Legend Harris (13JP) **13**

Year 11:

1. Ngaio Kirikwood (11NF), Timata Kahi (11AS) **24**
2. Mele Taupaki (11NF) **18**
3. Joseph Afimeimounga (11AS) **17**
4. Kahotea Purua (11DL) **15**
5. Alex Alefosio (11AS) **14**

Year 12:

1. Gloria Amituanai (12ET) **35**
2. Joel Lepaio (12NB) **22**
3. Maria Aholelei (12ET) **20**
4. Camryn Gabriel (12DP) **18**
5. Romatt Wichma-Rairoa (12DP) **17**

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BYOD (Bring your own Device)



2021 is proving to be another challenging year for our students and reflects the importance that every student must have access to an internet connected device of their own to work from at home especially during a lockdown.

We encourage families to take up the challenge to purchase a device.

Further information can be sourced from www.wesley.school.nz click on BYOD.

U15 BOYS SEVENS

The Te Ika A Maui North Island Secondary School 7s tournament at Mt Maunganui saw Wesley enter into the U15s boys' grade against quality opposition. It allowed us to put together a group of 14 boys who were new to each other and to play 7s at a competitive level.

The boys put in some positive performances and stayed in the contest for periods of the games.

It was also pleasing to blend into this team a mixture of 7 new Year 9 students to play alongside our older boys. Wesley's player of the tournament was Suli Pahulu who put in some strong performances. Our pool comprised of Hamilton BHS, Rotorua BHS, Tauranga BC and St Pauls Collegiate.

Playing roster Wesley U15s:

Joseph Afimeimounga, James Pole, Ruveni Lacanivalu, Philip Lavakaiaho, Houma Fotu, Tarzan Togoai, Suli Pahulu, Lomise Toaisi, Afu Nai, Dyson Kopu, Toutai Liu, Kava Vainikolo, Dougie Kuli & Lucas Fox.

HEADS UP - MOE Teacher ONLY and School ONLY days

Please note the following dates have been scheduled for the MOE Teachers and Wesley staff **ONLY DAYS** to allow teaching staff to undertake professional development.

School is closed:

- **13 - 14 May:** Students may leave Wednesday, 12 May after school at 3.20pm. Boarders return Sunday, 16 May after 3pm. Full school recommences Monday, 17 May at 8:20am.
- **9 -10 August:** Students may leave Friday, 6 August after school at 3:20pm. Boarders return Tuesday, 10 August after 3pm. Full school recommences Wednesday, 11 August at 8:20am.
- **25 November:**

2021 TERM DATES

2021	School Term Begins	Boarders Return	Day Students Return	School Term Ends
2	3 May	2 May	3 May	9 July
3	26 July	25 July	26 July	1 October
4	18 October	17 October	18 October	8 December

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