



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)
- Pink Shirt Day
- New Website
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Kairangi Points
- Teacher Only Days

2021 THEME

Toku manaaki tōku
toi ora
Tōku toi ora tōku
manaaki

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

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term two began with our Principal, Dr. Brian Evans being on medical leave following an operation on his neck. Happily, I report the operation was a success and he is recuperating well with an expected return to full school duties next week.

Sadly, we farewell the following staff members and, although they are leaving us we wish them all the very best

- Mr Vince Hapi: HOD Maori
- Mrs Tracey Aramoana: Gateway
- Mr Fale Uaine: Guidance Counsellor
- Mrs Lynda McKay: Librarian
- Ms Shontelle Samuel: Nurse/Health Clinic
- Mrs Charlie Gabriel: Hostel

On a brighter note we also welcome the following new staff members and look forward to all the experiences and gifts they will bring

- Mr Matiaha Martin: HOD Maori
- Ms Mereana Ngataki: Pou Manaaki
- Ms Natasha Jeffery: Gateway
- Ms Kim Taylor Cameron: Library
- Ms Katie Mitchell: LTR for Desiree Pole
- Mrs Sue Fryer: Registered Nurse/Health Clinic
- Mr Kenny Groenewald: Hostel

As a school we acknowledged and celebrated Mr Norman Johnston's 50 Years of Service to Wesley College from 1971 to 2021. Mr Johnston's passion for the College has overseen many developments throughout his time including the current development of Paerata Rise and the soon to be new Wesley College.

Wesley College was also very fortunate to be one of the recipients of the Genesis Power initiative which donated 185,141 hours of free power to 600 Genesis powered schools across the country. The power credit will allow us to transfer that saving across to resourcing teaching and learning within our school to support our students.

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	02102542018
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

KAIRANGI VALUES

Family

Respect

Responsibility

Excellence

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.

26 August

11 November (via Zoom)

PINK SHIRT DAY—Friday 21 May 2021



“Speaking Up, Standing Together, Stop Bullying”! On Friday the 21st of May the Kairangi student committee led the fight against bullying at Wesley College! The kaupapa behind pink shirt day is Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying, after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day works to create schools, workplaces, communities and whānau where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

The Kairangi committee organised a bake sale (cupcakes and milkshakes), karaoke in the quad and staff vs students volleyball. All proceeds went to the mental health foundation and we raised more money than we did last year. We would like to thank the Wesley College community for supporting us in our fight against bullying! Also special mention to the Kairangi student body, Mrs Bellette, Sharon and our staff members for helping us set up the activities and also for the funding for our pink committee tshirts.

Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together



LIFELONG LEARNING WEEK—WEEK 6

Week 6 will have a focus on lifelong learning.

Part of our Wesley vision is to generate students who can operate and think independently.

Wesley graduates should have the confidence to make decisions on their own, lead others whilst being well-organised, adaptable and resilient.

Wesley staff have devised a collection of independent learning skills we are trying to incorporate into our teaching. We understand students require qualifications but at the same times its important to have other skills that make them prepared for their lives beyond Wesley.

The skills can be thought of as ‘learning muscles’ that need to be individually flexed to get things done.

INDEPENDENT LEARNING SKILLS

Resilience

Not giving up

The ability to keep going, especially when the task is hard.

Persevering

Spending time to think and problem solve difficult tasks.

Decoding texts

Deciphering vocabulary that might be difficult for students.

Dealing with disappointment

Grunts, confusion, getting excited when you think you've got it - only to find out you haven't - and accepting it - working on next steps to help with clarity and knowledge.

Staying on task

Trying to keep going for an extended period of time. Break when the learning is going well, not when it is tough.

Using dialogue

Holding conversations with others to help understand the learning.

Managing myself

Self management

Making a plan and sticking to it. Being organised. Planning your time.

Prioritising

Making job lists and prioritising the most urgent learning.

Goal setting

Setting yourself tasks which are achievable.

Planning ahead

Make a job plan

Creating a schedule of assignments and due dates. Identify your check points.

Goals and targets

Working backwards (seeing the end destination and creating a plan to make it there). Make a daily TO DO list. Break things down into small, manageable parts - Focus on one skill per lesson. (Maths, Science).

Self-discipline - the ability to maintain focus and stay motivated.

Punctuality

Always arriving on time.

Prepare

Arriving with the correct equipment/ being well organised.

Managing distractions

Identification

What are your distractions? (phone, mates, etc.) - take individual action to minimise their impact.

Environment

Sit where you are going to learn the best.

Open to new learning - mentally and physically being excited about new learning.

Taking risks

Being risk takers - not afraid of failure.

Be humble and proud to achieve.

Emotional regulation - recognising, understanding and managing your feelings.

Knowing myself

Recognising when learning is becoming emotionally tough. Identifying and labelling my feelings.

Use mental tools

Using tools to help manage my emotions so that learning can continue.

Transferable skills - applying a set of learning skills to all subjects.

Learning is connected

Using knowledge, skills, resources from other learning areas.

Taking responsibility for own learning

Being prepared and taking charge for our own learning.

Absorption

Live in the moment

Become absorbed in what you are doing right now.

Jump into the learning

Going over notes in their own time. Attend tutorials when they are offered. Asking the teacher to explain things further.

Reflect

Reflect on learning. Seek feedback from your teacher.

Self motivation - our internal drive to keep moving forward.

Focus on your goals

Has goals for what you want to achieve in each session.

Push yourself

Asking for more work when they have completed set work.

Positive self-talk

Sounds like "I can do this!"

NZ MUSIC MONTH



On Thursday 27th of May the senior school celebrated New Zealand Music month. Te Marama Puoro o Aotearoa- Every year Kiwi artists are celebrated in the month of May in New Zealand. New Zealand musicians, producers and artists are given quality air time to showcase their work and upcoming projects.



As a school we paid homage to these artists through our senior school bands and soloists:

- Year 11 band (Sekove, Christopher, Makareta, Karangarua, Alex, Otahi, Kelepi Falekaono, Etivoni and Kahotea) performed General Fiyah's "Love and Affection".
- Year 11 (trio) Makereta, Karangarua and Mele performed Aaradhna's "Getting Stronger" accompanied by Alex.
- Year 12 (trio) Gloria, Anne, Lute performed "Since I met you" Sammy J- accompanied by Fili
- Year 12 band Troy, Tala, Kenneth, Sebastian, Gloria, Lute, Anne, Lute, Chris performed Savage's "They Don't know"
- Year 13 band Sili, Junior, David, Billy, Andrew, Va'a, Soolua and Leititia performed Stan Walker's "Take it Easy" and Six60's "Don't forget your roots"



They performed to a high standard and as a music department we are all proud of how well they performed! Until next year's celebration. Miss Lalakai



2021 SPORTS FEE

The annual \$20 sports fee has been invoiced for each student who participates in sport.

The fee will go toward the costs of transport, team registrations and equipment. Funding the sports programme is a major financial commitment for the school.

Payment can be made through the school office or by direct credit through your bank account.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

On Sunday 9th May, Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award recipient, Kalisi Fisiiahi, and her family attended the Auckland memorial and thanksgiving service for Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell.

We have been running the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Wesley for 18 months and seven students have currently achieved their Bronze Award and are now enrolled on the Silver Award.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award aims to help young people "build life-long belief in themselves, supporting them to take on their own challenges, follow their passions, and discover talents they never knew they had." For many young people, it can be a life-changing experience and we will always be thankful to Prince Philip for the part he has played in making it happen.

Thank you to the Fisiiahi family for representing Wesley College at the memorial and, for helping New Zealand to acknowledge the difference Prince Philip has made to so many young people.



Photograph courtesy of Auckland Challenge.

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.

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:

- **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

KAIRANGI VALUES

Family

Respect

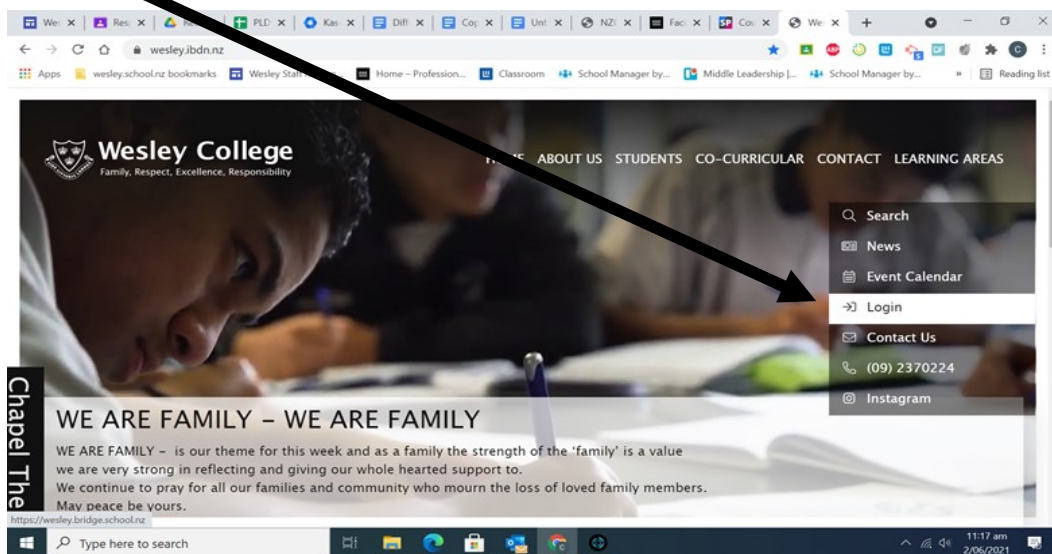
Responsibility

Excellence

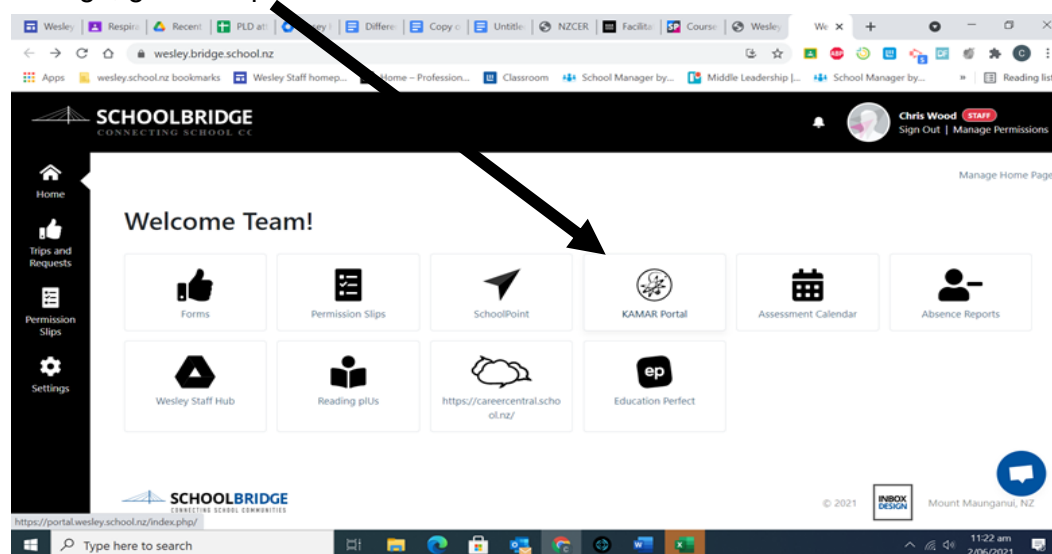
NEW WEBSITE

Wesley College launches its new modern looking website ready for week 6. There are lots of new features. Here are a few places to orientate you.

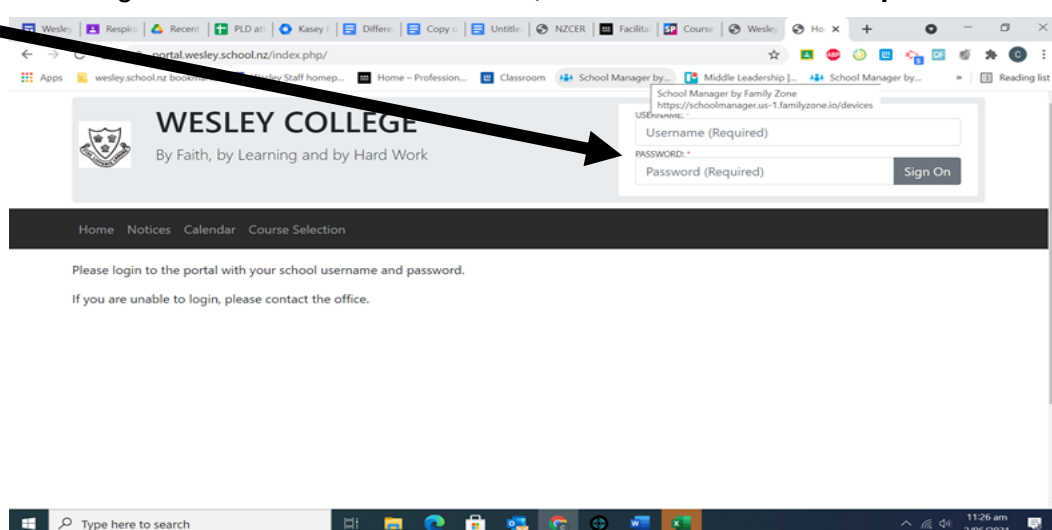
To find out students attendance, results and latest report, go to the pull out menu on the right. This will take you to **school bridge**.



Once in school bridge, go to the portal



Login with your existing credentials to find **attendance, results and the latest report**



KAIRANGI TEAM UPDATE TERM 2

Kia ora whanau

The Kairangi committee present to you the points for week 5, term 2. 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. Jacob Jones (9AL) 69
2. Fehi Tupou (9CF) 64
3. Doran Spark-Tatimu (9CF) 63
4. Maia Funaki (9SS) 62, Caprese Lafaele-Diaz (9AL) 62
5. Shylah Daley (9SS) 61

Year 10:

1. Tausisi Amituanai (10CB) 52
2. Rua Kora (10CB) 47
3. Repeka Navunicagi (10CB) 39
4. Petilisa Mafi (10JR) 37
5. Mharsal Kaokao(10JR) 36, Nikora Taia (10JR) 36

Year 13:

1. Luke Lentner (13CS) 37
2. Fili Fono (13CS) 27
3. Vita Tomu (13JP) 26
4. Faalifu Kilifi (13JP) 25
5. Legend Harris (13JP) 24

Year 11:

1. Ngaio Kirikwood (11NF) 38
2. Lauraly Taia (11DL) 35
3. Mele Taupaki (11NF) 29
4. Kahotea Purua (11DL) 28
5. Anisi Ale (11SD) 28

Year 12:

1. Gloria Amituanai (12ET) 71
2. Troy Wigley (12ET) 49
3. Siosua Falekaono (12RO) 43
4. Maria Aholelei (12ET) 40
5. TJ Ah-Sui (12MM) 40