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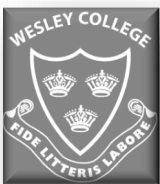
SPECIAL CHARACTER

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
- Academic Excellence
- Attendance
- Junior Reading
- All Blacks Bench Dedication
- Gateway
- Events Calendar
- 2024 Enrolments Open

SCHOOL MOTTO



Faith, Learning, Hard Work

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Its been a really good start to the term. Student behaviour and engagement has been excellent. This term the focus is simple - Attendance and Achievement!

THIS IS IT!!

Academic excellence is the key focus for the remainder of the year!

Term 3 is the real 'business time' of academic achievement for us and when students make or break their chances of success. Our key focus is on our core business of teaching and learning and your children need to be on board from here on in!

A reminder of our expectations for this year:

Level 1:	95%	(currently 52% of students on target)
Level 2:	90%	(currently 70% of students on target)
Level 3:	90%	(currently 79% of students on target)
UE:	75%	(currently 54% of students on target)

Year 9 students – 100% attain Level L4A AsTTLe in Literacy and Numeracy
Year 10 students – 100% attain Level L5A AsTTLe in Literacy and Numeracy

The question to ask your children is simple: Do they want to be in the small % that are going to miss out on great results this year? The answer is no!

There will always be the few who will miss out even when they have worked really hard. Those students just need a little extra time and support to get over the line. However, for most of our students the reality is they are capable of achieving and we expect them to achieve!

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's progress please do not hesitate to contact their teacher, Year Level Dean or Learning Coach.

ATTENDANCE

August is 'Attendance Awareness Month' at Wesley College. We are aiming for 90% plus attendance.

The last week of Term 2, for various reasons we had very poor student attendance at school. This is not acceptable we have to do better if we are to fully recover our academic achievement to the glorious levels of 2020 – 90% at Level 3, 58% for UE.

This was achieved with the support of our community and the mahi of school staff and students. This is about your children's success, but it is also about cre-

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Principal continued:

ating great habits to succeed later in life. We need your help.

All boarders must be back to the Hostels on Sunday evening. If you are going to be late please call the House Parents.

No student should be going away, leaving before the end of term, or missing parts of the term for any reason, unless you have specifically discussed this with the Principal.

Day students should be at school by 8.20 for Chapel every day.

Check your son/daughters attendance on the school Portal or check in with their Learning Coach.

Thank you for your support.

**CELEBRATION DINNERS:**

We would like to thank all our whaanau for coming together for kai during our evening get togethers last term. Over 150 parents/caregivers came in to enjoy the company of our school community and the terrific feasts of Chef Henrik and his team. We look forward to running these dinners again soon.

MOBILE PHONES:

The school is currently investigating banning phones and personal digital devices.

This has occurred across New Zealand at many schools already and we think it is timely to introduce this measure to Wesley College.

Personal Digital Devices:

A personal digital device is any privately owned digital device such as a phone, ipad/screen, laptop, chromebook that falls outside of our own BYOD programme.

Wesley College wants to be an environment where students do not bring personal digital devices to school. These are not necessary to have during the day.

The main reasons for this is the following:

- Students need to focus solely on school work during lessons and night school in the evening, not their phones
- We want to discourage any sort of bullying, including online bullying
- We want all students to feel comfortable, not to feel threatened by the pressures social media might create for them
- The risks that are involved with taking photos or videos of other people without their permission
- Forwarding inappropriate messages or content.

We are looking to ban phones between 8.20am and 3.30pm, then again during night school, 6.30pm to 8pm.

This would leave students with phones approximately 6.30am – 8.20am, 3.20pm – 6.30pm, 8pm - 10 or 10.30pm.

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We are also considering a ban from bedtime to morning in the hostels.

Inappropriate use

If we see a student using a personal digital device inappropriately, we confiscate it. After the student locks the device, we place it in the office to be collected at the end of the day, or if at night school, it will be confiscated and returned at 8.00pm.

Please feel free to provide feedback to the school about this to admin@wesley.school.nz

Before putting measures in place we want to have your support so everyone is very clear about the why.

VAPING – A MESSAGE FROM VAPE-FREE KIDS NZ

The [Vape-Free Kids NZ facebook group](#) was created for the purpose of coming together, sharing ideas, taking action, and providing resources for whaanau and Kaiako to support their kids.

This group has made it possible for concerned parents and teachers to connect, and there have been many heart breaking stories of parents and families whose tamariki are now addicted to nicotine via vaping, some as young as 10, and the impact this is having in the classroom.

We have also connected with many stakeholders who have been very supportive of a parent-led initiative to try to help the government see that their latest announcement simply does not go far enough. These include Letitia Harding/Sharon Pihema from Asthma & Respiratory Foundation, Dr. Luke Bradford (RNZCGPs), Dr. Bryan Betty (GPNZ), and many more.

Whilst we believe everyone needs to play a part in helping our young people avoid or stop vaping, and that includes parents/families and schools, we feel that legislation is key.

We feel many times the finger is pointed either at parents themselves or schools to "sort out" this issue, when in fact this is unrealistic when legislation simply does not go far enough to address the issue.

Vapefree Kids NZ Group Actions

As a group we have several actions we are currently working on:

Sign these two petitions:

[Parliamentary petition](#)

[Parliamentary petition](#)

Writing letters to politicians and local Councils
Write a letter to your local MP, local Council or the Minister of Health
(we can provide you with templates)

Below are a few resources to check out and if you want to join the cause or can help in any other way please let us know.

[How to talk about Vaping](#)

[Protect You Breath Campaign](#)

[Don't get sucked in](#)

Thank you for your support.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Appointed Proprietors Trustees

Mr David McGeorge 095355092
 Mrs T Rountree
 Mrs P Tala'imanu
 Ms Gillian Laird 021577631
 Dr Shane Edwards LSM
 Mr Brian Evans Principal

Elected Parent Trustees

Mrs Fifita Viria
 Mrs Carla Makiha
 Mr Sakeo Buke
 Rev Kuli Fisi'iahi
 Ms Frances Watson
 Mr Jean Paul Eason Staff Trustee
 Miss Lauraly Taia Student Trustee

2023 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.

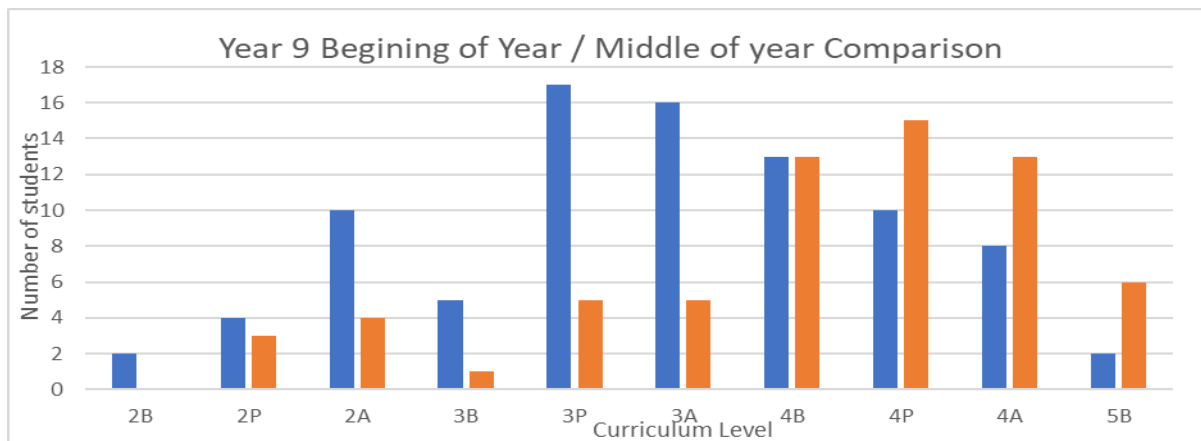
27 July, 24 August, 21 September, 16 November (via Zoom)

JUNIOR READING PROGRESS

At the beginning of the year 31% of our Year 9 students were at curriculum level 4 or greater. This has grown to 52% by the middle of the year. Our aim is for all Year 9 students to be reading at curriculum level 4 or greater by the end of the year.

In school we have an online reading plus programme to boost reading mileage.

Whaanau can support reading at home by giving students time at home to read either using reading plus or reading other books.



Reading plus leader board

Congratulations to the following students for their amazing effort using reading plus.

The aim is for all of our year 9 and 10 students is to read 100 books each.

Student Name	Class	Number of Reading Lessons	Student Name	Class	Number of Reading Lessons
Tafea, Sione	9SIM	79	Taliai, Puna	9SIM	67
Wilson, Samantha	10F	77	Tupou, Charli	9SIM	60
Baker, Lylah	10D	76	Kava, Sione	9SCH	51
Baker, Lyrin	9WIN	70	Kailea, Lavaka	9WIN	49
Tupou, Siokatame	10I	70	Hinibeto Taelima, Nio	10I	49
Tapusoa, Eric	10D	68			

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All Blacks Bench Dedication



Last Sunday Wesley College students and staff represented the school at the All Blacks' presentation of a taonga in the form of a Bench, one of 26 to be installed throughout the motu.

The Bench at Paerata Rise is in memory of Wesley College past student Jonah Lomu.

It was wonderful that of the three All Blacks who made the presentation - Dalton Papali'i, Ofa Tu'ungafasi and Nepo Laulala - that Nepo is also a past student of the College too.

The Bench is built with the kaupapa of 'manaaki - reciprocity' that when we uphold the mana and wairua, spirit of others before our own, we too will benefit.

The tohu takes the form of a bird which takes flight from Aotearoa just as the All Blacks' team will perform on the world stage. At the center of the eyes of the bird are two seeds shaped like rugby balls representing our potential. As the wings unfurl our potential is released lifting us all up. No matter how our flight might take shape by truly embracing each other we have succeeded already.

'Me eke mai ... our bench is your bench' and encourages people to come together, to connect to share.

Thank you to our students who represented us well in song and haka and we wish the All Blacks well in their campaign and lead up to the World Cup.



GATEWAY UPDATE

17 students finished off their forklift theory and practical. They all achieved 25 credits and their forklift licence for 3 years. Students have started their work experience. Polito (pictured) got to go out for the week with counties energy.



AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

Boarding and Day Student Account: It is important that your regular automatic payment for boarding or day student costs has begun. The Boarding and Day student bank account is **12-3023-0351966-00**

To enable us to identify who a payment is from please ensure you enter your details and including your son/daughters student **Code** in the **reference section** when setting up your payments.

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LOST PROPERTY

Unfortunately, students aren't very good at looking after their property.

The office has a small amount of clothing items which no one has claimed.

Please contact the office on (09) 2370224 if you believe the items may belong to your son/daughter.

CHAPEL ATTENDANCE

A reminder school commences each day at 8:20am for all day and boarding students. Students are expected to be here on time.

Chapel is part of our Methodist Special Character, it is where we acknowledge, celebrate and give thanks. Chapel also includes student notices each morning.

UP-TO-DATE CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure the school has your up-to-date contact details at all times.

School notices are often sent out via text and email and it is important we have a correct phone number and email address recorded.

2023 TERM DATES

2023	School Term Begins	Boarders Return	Day Students Return	School Term Ends
3	17 July	16 July Sign in between 3-5pm	17 July	22 September
4	9 October	8 October Sign in between 3-5pm	9 October	7 December

2024 ENROLMENT

Wesley College is an integrated Christian multi-cultural school with a Methodist character.

Located at Paerata 7 Km North of Pukekohe.

Boarding girls and boys are enrolled from Year 9

An application can be downloaded from www.wesley.school.nz or alternatively contact the school office on:

Ph (09) 2370224

Email: barbaran@wesley.school.nz



SCHOOL MOTTO

**“Fide, Litteris, Labore”
“by Faith, by Learning, by Hard Work”**

The Christian faith, learning and academic attainment, and hard work are our core values.

- Our recent academic results have been outstanding, achievement is above the national average'
- Our school boarding life, sports and culture offer a unique opportunity to students
- Scholarships may be available for suitable candidates

2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

To access the full events calendar please click on the following link

<https://www.wesley.school.nz/students/current-students/calendar>

CALENDAR

Wednesday 26th

Netball Premiers Opposition: Hauraki Plains Staff Involved: DP	Wednesday, 26th July 6:10pm to 6:45pm	Pulman Arena – Court 4
Netball Juniors Opposition: Tuakau College Staff Involved: AM, BE	Wednesday, 26th July 5:10pm	Papakura Netball Centre – Court 7
Netball Mixed Black Opposition: Aorere College Staff Involved: NF, AT	Wednesday, 26th July 4:10pm	Pulman Arena – Court 3
Netball Mixed White Opposition: Nga Tapuwai School Staff Involved: SL	Wednesday, 26th July 5:10pm	Pulman Arena – Court 6
Netball Senior A Opposition: James Cook High School Staff Involved: RW	Wednesday, 26th July 5:10pm	Papakura Netball Centre – Court 14

Saturday 29th

Wesley 1ST XV vs Francis Douglas Memorial	Saturday, 29th July 12:00pm	Francis Douglas Memorial College –Field 1
Wesley 2nd XV vs Auckland Grammar	Saturday, 29th July	Wesley College
Wesley U14s Black vs St Peters	Saturday, 29th July 10:30am	Wesley College
Wesley U15s Black vs De La Selle	Saturday, 29th July 9:15am	De La Selle

Sunday 30th

Epetoma o te reo Maori Kuki Airani	Sunday, 30th July to Saturday, 5th August	
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Monday 31st

1st XV Rugby (Girls) 1st XV Rugby Auckland Secondary Schools Competition. Wesley College vs Epsom Girls Grammar. College Rifles Park: Field 1 Auckland	Monday, 31st July 1:00pm to 6:30pm	Epsom Girls Grammar School
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August

Tuesday 1st

Hostel Parents meeting	Tuesday, 1st August 8:00am to 8:30am	Dining Room Meeting Room
Pre-Aims Rugby 7s Tournament	Tuesday, 1st August 9:00am to 2:00pm	
Subject Tutoring Starts	Tuesday, 1st August	Classrooms tbc

Saturday 5th

Wesley 1ST XV Semi-Final	Saturday, 5th August	
Wesley 2nd XV vs Bye	Saturday, 5th August 9:15am	
Wesley U14s Black vs Kings	Saturday, 5th August 10:30am	Kings
Wesley U15s Black vs Liston	Saturday, 5th August 9:15am	Wesley College

Monday 7th

Wesley 1st XV Girls vs Southern Cross	Monday, 7th August 4:00pm to 6:30pm	Wesley College
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Tuesday 8th

SUSO Music Trip AL and music soloists	Tuesday, 8th August 12:00pm to 5:00pm	OMAC Otara
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Thursday 10th

SUSO Group AL and group	Thursday, 10th August 11:00am to 3:00pm	
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Saturday 12th

Wesley 1ST XV Final	Saturday, 12th August	
Wesley 2nd XV vs Kings College	Saturday, 12th August 9:15am	Kings College