



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

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LAST DAY OF TERM

Friday, 22 September 2023

Students may depart for the holidays after their student led conference

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's been an excellent term as it continued to be the most uninterrupted since 2019. 'August Attendance Awareness Month' was very successful and lifted attendance from 83% to 88%. Ultimately, we would like to get this over 90%. The results of this have been very pleasing to date which aligns nicely with the drive on achievement.

Winter sports have wound up. U15 rugby, Development Rugby, Premier League and Premier Netball attended Winter Sports week tournaments.

The development rugby and League teams were runners up in their respective tournaments.

There has been a wide range of activities taking place including the annual House Speech competitions, Spoken Word, and external music competitions (Band and Individual). Tongan and Maaori Language weeks were recently huge celebrations for our students.

Achievement and Attendance

We are delighted with the achievement and attendance figures so far this term and appreciate the community-wide effort on maximising our students' on-site presence. The higher attendance rate and work completion will hopefully ensure success for many students.

However, these are only indicators, much work must be done. I know our teaching staff are giving their all, we need all our students to do the same.

- **NCEA Level 1:** Currently 86% of students on target to achieve Level 1

This means there are 10 students in Year 11 not on target. Check in with your child, are they someone not on target? If not on target, why not?

- **NCEA Level 2:** Currently 84% of students on target (10 students not on target)
- **NCEA Level 3:** Currently 88% of students on target (8 students not on target)

Attendance - Currently 88%, (up from 83% Term 1 and 2)

Target 95%. Again, do you know your child's attendance rate?

Our attendance drive cannot stop until we reach the target of 95% of students in school 90% of the time!

Principal continued:**Student Led Conferences**

Make sure you book a time to meet your child's Learning Coach to discuss their progress and what needs to be done before NCEA and juniors exams.

Night School

The establishment of 'Night School' includes hiring 16 tutors who work largely with 'At Risk' students and small groups of Yr. 9 and 10 for now. The potential for the Night School model to be a game changer in terms of Academic Achievement is an exciting prospect and something that will be modified and refined as time goes on.

Personal Digital Devices

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.

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.

Consultation with the community is open and feedback will be considered.

Ultimately this will be driven by a Board Policy.

Holistic Safeguarding of the physical environment

There is a scoping process underway around the holistic safeguarding of the campus. This includes lighting, cameras, alarms and general security.

The outcome is aimed at making the site as safe and welcoming for all staff and students.

It includes the investigation of demolition of old buildings, creating new modern spaces for staff and students and renovation of dorms.

There are also plans to appoint a 'Safeguarding Officer' across the campus, who's role it will be to develop and implement all aspects of health and safety.

SCHOOL BOARD***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

2023 SCHOOL BOARD - 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.

21 September, 23 November

WINSTONE SPEECH COMPETITION RESULT

Congratulations to our 2023 Speech Champion Karangarua Tauhara-Clark and to the winning house
School House

JUNIORS

4th	STANTON	1
3rd	SIMMONDS	2
2nd	SCHOOL	3
1st	WINSTONE	4

Kepu Tu'uheava	1
Saane Veamatahau	2
Brittney Ale	3
Ulaiyasi Samo	4

INTERMEDIATE

4th	STANTON	1
3rd	SIMMONDS	2
2nd	WINSTONE	3
1st	SCHOOL	4

Brooke Tilton-Mist	1
Lineti Tu'uta	2
Noah Porter	3
Moeata Ngataki	4

SENIORS

4th	WINSTONE	1
3rd	SIMMONDS	2
2nd	STANTON	3
1st	SCHOOL	4

Faia'e Afamasaga	1
Lauraly Taia	2
Chazidy Leef-Koia	3
Karangarua Tauhara-Clark	4

School	1st
Winstone	2nd
Simmonds	3rd =
Stanton	3rd =

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Student led conferences are being held on Friday, 22 September 2023. 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.

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 3.40pm.

Once the conference is finished you may take your son/daughter home for the school holidays.

SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY - KORONEIHANA 2023



On Sunday, 20 August 2023 a group of Year 9 students attended the 2023 Koroneihana at Tuurangawaewae Marae, Ngaaruawaahia.

Our students proudly represented Wesley College while providing service to our community.

Several dignitaries and Marae whaanau took the opportunity to acknowledge our students as they enthusiastically went about their work at the Marae.

We are all very proud of them.

KAPA HAKA - KORONEIHANA 2023

Te Maramara o te Puaha o Waikato Combined Schools Kapa Haka

On Friday, 18 August 2023 the Wesley College Kapa Haka group travelled to Tuurangawaewae Marae in Ngaaruawaahia to perform on the Marae Atea with te Maramara o te Puaha o Waikato combined schools.

It was the first time the combined schools group of approximately 100 students had come together to perform at Koroneihana.



Our students were excited and honoured to be able to perform at such an auspicious occasion.

KAIRANGI VALUES

Family

Respect

Responsibility

Excellence

GATEWAY UPDATE - INCOMPARABLE PROGRAMME - WORK READY COURSE



18 students took part in the Incomparable Programme, Work Ready course over weeks 7 and 8.

The aim of the course is to help prepare the students for life after school through being immersed in work ready activities such as interviews, mastering forms, team work and developing organisational skills.

Students began with 3 days in the classroom learning and assessing knowledge. The second week saw students taking part in work experience at 3 sites.

One group went to placemakers in Manukau and worked alongside a team that made trusses for homes. This involved lots of practical maths activities such as measuring and trigonometry to get the angles right. Another group interested in healthcare visited Metilife care in Papakura looking after the elderly. Another group went to the offices of LM4 group getting experience at administrative jobs and experiencing office life. The students did amazingly well and we received great feedback from the employers.

The College will continue to offer the Incomparable Programme for students in 2024.

LIGGINS INSTITUTE - UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

Our science department had the opportunity to visit the Liggins Institute, Medical School at the University of Auckland.

Students attended a neonatal and postnatal DNA screening Lecture for Kiwi babies.

Students were also directed on study and job opportunities at the Institute.

It was a great experience on tertiary life in a lecture theatre environment



WESLEY GRANT REMINDER



A reminder all new applications for the means tested Wesley Grant for students commencing in 2024 are due Friday, 13 October 2023.

Current grant recipients do not need to reapply unless their circumstances have changed.

COUNTIES MANUKAU PRINCIPAL'S

On Thursday, 14 September Mr Martin, the HOD Maaori and a group of our students represented Wesley College at the opening of the Counties Manukau Principals meeting.

Mr Martin and the students led the whakatau and waiata. They were superb and looked so proud!

They all had morning tea afterwards with a group of 20 plus Principals and interacted in conversations with such ease.

The Principals group were extremely impressed and have passed on their warm regards and gratitude.



RUGBY WORLD CUP - FRANCE 2023

Wesley College Old Boys:

Nepo Laulala [2009-2010], All Blacks

Tupou Vaai [2013-2017], All Blacks

Zuriel Togatama [2012-2016], Fiji

Uini Atonio [2003-2008], France

Epalahame Faiva [2007-2011], Italy

Seilala Mapusua [1993-1998], Coach - Samoa

Brian Ala'inu'uese [2007-2011], Samoa

Johnathan Taumateine [2013-2014], Samoa

Tau Koloamatangi [2008-2012], Tonga

Malakai Fekitoa [2009-2010], Tonga

Charles Piutau [2005-2009], Tonga

Augustine Pulu [2006-2008], Tonga



WESLEY COLLEGE OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS



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

Term Time:	8am - 4pm,	Monday to Friday
HOLIDAY TIME:	9am - 3pm,	Monday to Friday
College Phone Number:	(09) 2370224	
Email Address:	admin@wesley.school.nz	

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LEAVERS' CHAPEL / SENIOR PRIZE GIVING / LEAVER'S LUNCH

SENIOR LEAVER'S CHAPEL:

Date: Friday, 3 November 2023

Time: 10am

Venue: Wesley College, te whare Rourounui (Dining Room)

Parents, caregivers and guardians of senior students are invited to attend Leaver's Chapel.

The Chapel Service will be held in te whare Karakia (Chapel) .

SENIOR PRIZE GIVING:

Date: Friday, 3 November 2023

Time: 11.30am

Venue: Wesley College, te whare Angitu (Recreation Centre)

Parents, caregivers and guardians are invited to attend Senior Prize Giving.



SENIOR LEAVER'S LUNCH:

Date: Friday, 3 November 2023

Time: 1.30pm

Venue: Wesley College, te whare Rourounui (Dining Room)

Parents, caregivers and guardians of senior student leavers are invited to the Leaver's lunch in te whare Rourounui.

BYOD [Bring Your Own Device]



It is expected that all Year 9, 10 and 11 students at Wesley College to bring their own learning device to school every day.

Here's some information to help families start planning:

All students will have access to our robust, monitored and secure Wi-Fi network to support and enhance their learning. Students will be able to demonstrate their learning, access course material and resources through google applications also known as the G-suite. Students are also able to

access their timetable, results and other details through our student portal. Students use cloud storage within the Google Apps environment as well as Dropbox and OneDrive to store their documents.

Parents with a "Parent Portal" that allows parents to become more involved with their child's progress at school. By going online, parents are able to view student timetables, up to date attendance data, course details and student results. Any device can be used for BYOD, however we insist that it is not of a tablet type and has a screen of no less than 11 inches.

New students are able to purchase the preferred subsidised device which is an ACER Chromebook.

TO PURCHASE THE BUNDLE OUTRIGHT: \$325.00 incl GST.

This includes a Wesley College 50% subsidy.

Go to the Cyclone website - select your school 'Wesley College'. Place your Acer 511 Chromebook in your cart and check it out, either as a guest or you can register with them for future convenience.

BYOD Portal: byod.cyclone.co.nz

Acer 511 Chromebook 11.6" Intel N4500 4GB 32GB 3 year Acer Warranty - Wesley Bundle

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

September

Tuesday 19th

Open Day Morning	Tuesday, 19th September 8:35am to 10:00am	Admin
PhotoLife Sports and Cultural Photos Period 3 and 4	Tuesday, 19th September 11:00am to 1:30pm	Rec Centre
Students coaching students (session 3)	Tuesday, 19th September 9:00am to 9:30am	Academic mentoring classrooms

Thursday 21st

Students coaching students (session 3)	Thursday, 21st September 9:00am to 9:30am	Academic mentoring classrooms
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Friday 22nd

Student Led Conferences	Friday, 22nd September
Term 3 ends	Friday, 22nd September

Tuesday 26th

Hostel Parents meeting	Tuesday, 26th September 8:00am to 8:30am	Dining Room Meeting Room
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October

Sunday 1st

Vaiaso o te Gana Tuvalu	Sunday, 1st to Saturday, 7th October
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Monday 9th

Term 4 begins	Monday, 9th October
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Sunday 15th

Faahi Tapu he Vagahau Niue	Sunday, 15th to Saturday,
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Monday 16th

Senior Practice Exams	Monday, 16th to Thursday, 19th October	Chapel
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Tuesday 17th

Open Morning	Tuesday, 17th October 8:35am to 11:00am	Admin
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Friday 20th

Haka and Chant Competition	Friday, 20th October 12:30pm
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Sunday 22nd

Te vaiaho o te Gagana Tokelau	Sunday, 22nd to Saturday, 28th October
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November

Friday 3rd

Senior Prizegiving 10am leavers Chapel 11am Morning Tea 11.30am Senior Prizegiving 1.30pm Leavers Lunch	Friday, 3rd November	Rec Centre
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Tuesday 14th

Rural Health Network workshops for Y10 Rural Health Network are visiting to conduct interactive workshops with Y10 students. Purpose: to promote careers in Health & Medical occupations	Tuesday, 14th November 9:30am to 1:00pm
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Friday 17th

Last day for Year 11	Friday, 17th November
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Wednesday 22nd

Junior Exams	Wednesday, 22nd to Tuesday, 28th November
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December

Monday 4th

Junior Activities Day	Monday, 4th to Wednesday, 6th December
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