



Issue 2023/8

Email: admin@wesley.school.nz

Webpage: www.wesley.school.nz

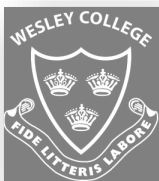
November 2023

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
- 2023 Junior Prize Giving
- 2023 Senior Prize Giving Recipients
- Spirit of Adventure
- Digital Navigators
- 2024 Year 9 Induction Day
- 2024 Term Dates
- Events Calendar



SCHOOL MOTTO

Faith, Learning,
Hard Work

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are almost at the end of another year in the life of Wesley College.

It has been another memorable year of achievement, growth and enjoyment in the classroom, on the playing field and on the stage.

Our recent Senior Prize Giving celebrated our academic success for 2023 and in reflecting on this event it showed we are in great heart.

Congratulations to all the prize winners, particularly to our Dux, Falo Fifita. Details of all prize winners are found in this newsletter.

My end of year message raised two very important issues I want to reiterate again.

Firstly, last year in October Wesley College and the Methodist Church appeared in the Royal Commission into Abuse in Care. Following that, at the start of this year, intensive media coverage saw us firmly in the public eye which resulted in a special Review from the Education Review Office and the instalment of a Limited Statutory manager. I believe in time good will ultimately come from this.

It is crucial that we understand this work needs to continue. We are about to appoint a Holistic Safeguarding Officer who will drive continued changes to our environment to make the school safer. The goal is not to be just a safe school, it is to be the safest school in the country.

On that note, I want to acknowledge our Year 13's of 2023. They have been instrumental in the cultural renovation of the College and understood the need for change. In particular thanks to Apai, Kalisi and Kauri and the group of prefects who have led us superbly. They have set the bar high for the next few years to follow. We wish them the very best for the future.

Secondly, the other point I wish to make is around student attendance, and I will remind you all again at the start of 2024. Our point of difference is that we have a hostel, so the opportunity for being at school all day, every day, making the most of all opportunities available should be cherished.

Yet as a boarding school, we have these habits of leaving school a day early or coming back a day late. Some students can miss up to a day a week. We need this practice to stop and to make sure your children grasp every opportunity that comes their way.

We should never take anything for granted when it comes to education and creating a bright future for all of our children.

KAIRANGI VALUES

Family

Respect

Responsibility

Excellence

Principal continued:**Tracking academic Achievement**

The information below summarises achievement at NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3 up to the end of October 2023.

Indications are that results could be very good but at this stage however, it is only 'potential'.

For the 'potential' to translate to 'reality', we need a really big push with students until the end of the year, focusing on what they need to complete at school, and ensuring attendance at external exams.

The focus for Seniors for the rest of this term is to ensure all students achieve the goals they set for themselves at the start of the year.

What can you do?

- Check in with your children – are they on track? If not, why not?
- Contact their Learning Coach or Dean at school if you have any concerns.
- Make sure they attend their external exams.

All students will have a very clear picture of what work they need to be finishing in school.

NCEA Level 3

- 35% (22) of Year 13 students have achieved Level 3
- Currently, 92% (58) of our Year 13 students are on track to achieve Level 3.
- 5 students are currently not on track to achieve based on their current performance.

NCEA Level 2

- 19% (14) of Year 12 students have achieved Level 2 thus far.
- 77% (58) of Year 12 students are currently on track to achieve Level 2 based on their current performance
- 23% (6) students are currently not on track to achieve.

NCEA Level 1

- 82% (60) of Year 11 students are on track to achieve Level 1 based on their current performance.
- 14% (10) of Year 11 students are currently not on track to achieve Level 1.

2023 JUNIOR PRIZE GIVING

Date: Thursday, 7 December 2023
Time: 11.30am
Venue: School Chapel / te Rourounui - School Dining Room

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

At the end of Prize Giving families are invited to lunch before departing for Christmas holidays.



2023 SENIOR PRIZE GIVING ACADEMIC AWARDS

LEVEL 1 ACADEMIC AWARDS

First Equal in Level 1 Mathematics
 First Equal in Level 1 History
 First in Level 1 Visual Art
 First in Level 1 Music
 First Equal in Level 1 Digital Technology
 First Equal in Level 1 Dance & Drama
 First in Level 1 Hospitality
 First in Level 1 Transition
 First in Level 1 Maori

Conner Smith
 Tulia Koroi
 James Aholelei
 Finau Ale
 Andrew Kaufononga
 Phillip Taufu
 Esitakio Kuli
 Byron Pierce
 Skye Purua

First in Level 1 Health
 First in Level 1 Geography
 First in Level 1 Lea-Faka Tonga

Akesa Sosefo

First in Level 1 Financial Capability
 First in Level 1 Physical Education
 First Equal in Level 1 Digital Technology

Mosese Kailea

First in Level 1 English
 First Equal in Level 1 Mathematics
 First in Level 1 Science
 First in Level 1 Accounting & Economics
 First in Level 1 Life & Faith
 First in Level 1 Maori Performance

2023 TOP ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL 1 STUDENT

Moeata Ngataki

Achieving (80) Excellence Credits

LEVEL 2 ACADEMIC AWARDS

First Equal in Level 2 Mathematics Core
 First Equal in Level 2 Mathematics Core
 First in Level 2 Physical Education
 First in Level 2 Health
 First in Level 2 Dance
 First in Level 2 Drama
 First in Level 2 Economics
 First in Level 2 History
 First in Level 2 Transition
 First in Level 2 Hospitality
 First in Level 2 Sport Leadership
 First in Level 2 Maori Performance

Elizabeth Toga
 Alana Edmonds
 Paula Tafea
 Suana Bourne
 Houma Fotu
 Sariyah Paitai
 David Vea
 Savati Rokodi
 Isaac Te Puia-Afoa
 Tomasi Tupou
 Lesieli Fotu
 Manaia Kemp

First in Level 2 Accounting
 First in Level 2 Music

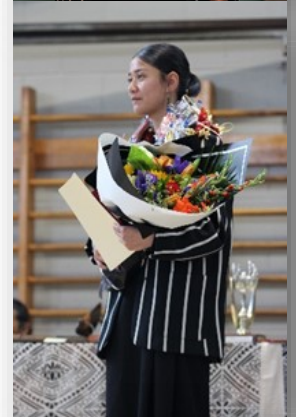
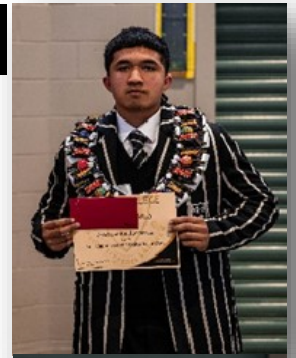
Tausisi Amituana'i

First in Level 2 Visual Art
 First in Level 2 Digital Technology

Robert Toma-Lemalu

First in Level 2 Financial Capability
 First in Level 2 Travel & Tourism

Metuisela Aholelei



2023 SENIOR PRIZE GIVING ACADEMIC AWARDS CONTINUED

First in Level 2 Biology
 First in Level 2 Chemistry
 First Equal in Level 2 Mathematics Advance

Chazidy Leef Koia

First in Level 2 Geography
 First in Level 2 Classical Studies
 First in Level 2 Life & Faith
 First in Level 2 Media Studies

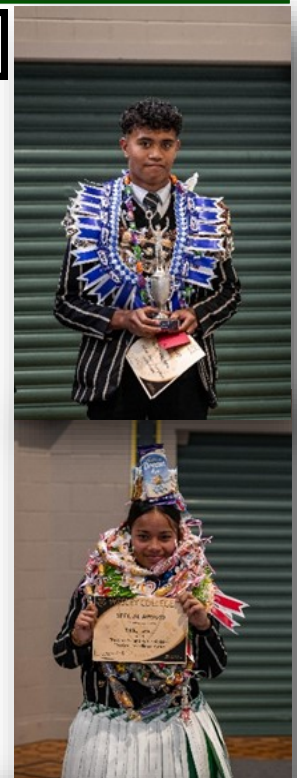
Vika Taufa

First in Level 2 English
 First Equal in Level 2 Mathematics Advance
 First in Level 2 Physics

**2023 BIDRO CUP TOP
 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
 LEVEL 2 STUDENT**

Achieving (60) Excellence Credits

Leilani Mua



LEVEL 3 ACADEMIC AWARDS

First in Level 3 Drama
 First in Level 3 Accounting
 First in Level 3 Geography
 First in Level 3 Digital Technology
 First in Level 3 Physical Education
 First in Level 3 Sport Leadership
 First in Level 3 Transition
 First in Level 3 Life & Faith
 First in Level 3 Music
 First in Level 3 Financial Capability
 First in Level 3 Visual Art
 First in Level 3 Travel & Tourism

Apai Ma'u Hinkes
 James Pole
 omani Poland
 Torrence Vaili
 Warren-Tui Tongiatama
 Selisio Palusa
 Telika Tataua
 Viliami Ale
 Jacob Saki
 Layson Paitai
 Ernest Johansson
 Riley Mataroria



First in Level 3 Maori
 First in Level 3 Maori Performance

Karangarua Tauhara-Clark

First in Level 3 Biology
 First in Level 3 Health

Kevin Tavir

First in Level 3 English
 First in Level 3 Classical Studies
 First in Level 3 History
 First Equal in Level 3 Mathematics with Statistics
 First in Level 3 Media Studies

2023 PROXIME ACCESSIT

D'Artagnan Faitala



Achieving (45) Excellence Credits

First in Level 3 Chemistry
 First in Level 3 Mathematics with Calculus
 First Equal in Level 3 Mathematics with Statistics
 The NZIP Prize for First in Level 3 Physics

2023 DUX

Falo Fifita

Achieving (50) Excellence Credits



HOSPITALITY



Hospitality is the business of providing food, drink and accommodation for customers of restaurants, bars and cafes, etc.

Students have been enjoying learning about specific cooking techniques used to prepare, cook and present food.

Year 11 and 12 enjoyed the benefit of their baking classes producing some very moreish chocolate and banana cakes



SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE VOYAGE



On October 15, ten female students from Year 10 and Mrs Faitala were lucky enough to have the opportunity to join three other schools (Western Heights, Solway, and Christchurch Girls High School) on a 5-day trophy voyage with the Spirit of Adventure.

The ship sailed around the Hauraki Gulf with stops at a number of Islands along the way.

The teams of students from each school were competing in events along the voyage including canoeing, knot tying, beach games, quizzes, singing, chanting, and poster art. Some of the highlights were jumping off the ship first thing in the morning each day, climbing the mast, and walking the Kawau Island Copper mine trail. Along the voyage, we were also lucky to see dolphins, sting rays, and a baby shark.

The crew on the ship took very good care of everyone and the girls made new friends with the students from other schools. Wesley College placed a very close 2nd in the competition which came down to the wire. There were many new skills learned and lots of great memories to take away.

Our students were great ambassadors for Wesley College and were all very grateful for the opportunity.

A big thank you to the Auckland Maritime Foundation who sponsored part of the cost of the voyage.

CHIEFS UNDER 18 BOYS DEVELOPMENT CAMP 2023 SQUAD NAMED

It is my absolute honour to congratulate the most recent selection and team naming of our students in the Chiefs Under 18 Development Squad for 2023. A great achievement for the boys.

CHIEFS U18 BOYS SELECTION 2023

- ◆ Apai Maú-Hinkes
- ◆ Joey Taumateine
- ◆ David Kama
- ◆ Thomas Setitaia

This is a testament to all the hard work, support and most recent 1st XV season and Counties Manukau Under 18 campaign where the boys were involved in an undefeated campaign winning the grand final vs North Harbour 23-0.

NZ BARBARIANS UNDER 18 GIRLS 2023 SQUAD NAMED

It is my honour to announce the most recent selection and team naming of **SARIYAH PAITAI** in the NZ Barbarians UNDER 18 Squad for 2023.

WESLEY COLLEGE DIGITAL NAVIGATORS 2023



On Thursday 26 and Friday 27 October, 25 Year 9 and 25 Year 10 students took on the challenge to become Digital Navigators with Code Avengers.

Digital Navigators is an interactive event over 2 days, followed by online support and exclusive access to the Code Avengers platform. The aim of the workshops is to increase exposure and participation in ICT and STEM education at Wesley College and digital literacy in our school wider community.



Through the workshops, students can see themselves reflected in the subjects, learning, and industry so they feel it's a real option for them - whatever their background. Wesley was fortunate enough to welcome three special guest speakers to share their experiences and inviting students to join them in the digital and computing industry:

- Ron Asofa: a Partner Solution Architect for the Pacific Islands, at Amazon Web Services
- Olivia Mann: Operations Manager for Figured
- Brett Sarver: Amazon Web Services Skills to Jobs Senior Program Manager



Old boy Sam Nonoa from Program Manager at Puatala, also joined us to share useful life skills around perseverance, resilience and having a growth mindset.

Students gained experience in creating a personal website and online application (app) as well as learning two valuable programming languages: HTML/CSS and Java. They enjoyed unplugged activities to put into action computational thinking components of algorithms, debugging, decomposition and abstraction.



It was a thoroughly enjoyable two days for the presenting team from Code Avengers, guest speakers and students. Thank you to old boy TJ Asiata and his company LM4 group for bringing this wonderful experience to our school and connecting us to Code Avengers. We look forward to strengthening these connections in the days ahead, following in the footsteps of our ancestors who navigated the seas.

Our students will be able to navigate the digital world with confidence and success.

BEING HEALTHWISE SKIN SORES / SORE THROAT

Please ask your son/daughter to visit the Health Clinic if they have skin sores or a sore throat.

The Health Clinic will assess and advise how best to take care of the skin sore to stop the infection being passed from student to student. It is recommended that all boarders have their own soap to avoid skin infections. Liquid soap is best as it is dispensed from a bottle.

The Health Clinic can also assess and take a throat swab to test for Strep Throat.

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.

23 November

2024 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.

22 February	28 March	23 May	20 June
25 July	22 August	26 September	21 November

2024 YEAR 9 INDUCTION DAY

A reminder the induction day for new Year 9 students enrolled for 2024 is being held Thursday, 30 November 2023.

The purpose of the day is for students to get to know the school better and to meet some key staff. There will be literacy and numeracy testing undertaken as well.

RSVP to admin@wesley.school.nz advising your child's name and number attending.

Programme as follows:

- ◆ 10:00 am: Meet at the Chapel
- ◆ 10:30am: Foundation skills assessments
- ◆ 12:00: Lunch
- ◆ 12:30pm: Foundation skills assessments
- ◆ 2:00pm: Finish

Parents are welcome to stay while the students take part in the activities.

2024 SERVICE OF BEGINNINGS



The Service of Beginnings will be held Thursday, 1 February 2024 in the Whare Angitu commencing with a powhiri at 11.00 am.

The President, Rev Peter Taylor and the Vice-President, Ms Te Rito Peyroux of the Methodist Church of New Zealand – Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa will participate in the service.

All parents, caregivers, guardians and friends of Wesley are invited to attend the 2024 Service of Beginnings, the official opening of the Wesley College academic year.

No 1 school uniform to be worn.

2023 TERM DATES

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

2024 TERM DATES

2024	School Term Begins	Boarders Return	Day Students Return	School Term Ends
	Thurs/Fri 25/26 January	Summer School Course Confirmation		
1	Tuesday, 30 January	Year 9 Boarders / Prefects Sign in between 3-5pm		12 April
	Wednesday, 31 January	Y10-13 Boarders Sign in between 3-5pm	Year 9 Day Students Sign in at 8:20am	
	Thursday, 1 February	Full School Commences Service of Beginnings	Full School Commences Service of Beginnings	
	Monday, 5 February	Teachers Only Day - Exeat		
2	29 April	28 April Sign in between 3-5pm	29 April	5 July
3	22 July	21 July Sign in between 3-5pm	22 July	27 Sept
4	14 October	13 October Sign in between 3-5pm	14 October	6 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>

Family

Respect

KAIRANGI VALUES

Responsibility

Excellence