



**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**

- Student Attendance
- 2024 Service of Beginnings
- 2024 Prefects
- 2024 Polyfest Results
- Public Bus Fare Increase
- 2024 Camps
- Careers
- Sports Report
- Hospitality

**STOP THE PRESS  
TEACHER ONLY DAY**

Monday, 29 April 2024

**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

It has been an incredibly busy and enjoyable term to date.

Swimming and Athletics sports, Polyfest have been the focal point of student engagement outside of the classroom.

Learners are working well in the classroom, grateful for the absence of disruptions that have marred the past 3 or 4 years.

**ERO** has begun its Te Ara Huarau process this is the 'normal' ERO process that all schools do (nothing to do with the special review of 2023).

**2023 NCEA Report**

NCEA L1, L2 and L3 are more or less at, or above National averages. UE has improved a little, but still down against the National average.

**Some highlights:**

- Girls have made some great increases - 23% up at L2 and 39% UE.
- Boys are generally steady and 16% above National for L1.
- Maaori student achievement is particularly pleasing, improved 26% L1, 12% L2, 32% L3. Maaori Learners are 34% and 14% above National average for L1 and 2 respectively. (Our Yr. 9, 10 and 11 Duxes were all Maaori).
- Pasifika students are 21% and 16% above national averages for L1 and L2 respectively.

These are some big gains to celebrate.

Most of the gains are at L1 and L2 which is promising for 2024.

**Opportunities:**

Now life is a lot more stable, it is time to surge ahead and consolidate overall results and get consistency across all groups.

UE remains disappointing for us, however with some innovative changes and the introduction of compulsory standards into Yr. 13 Life and Faith we can progress this.

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**Principal's Comment continued:****SAS**

We continue a spotlight on **SAS - Safeguarding, Attendance, and Standards** - the pillars that ensure a safe, inclusive, and high-quality learning experience for all our students.

**Safeguarding: Fostering a Safe and happy learning haven**

Safeguarding is our commitment from Board level down, to creating a secure and nurturing environment for every student. Our school places the utmost importance on the physical and emotional well-being of each child.

This is a significant piece of work that is going to be the game changer for Wesley is the Child Safeguarding programme. We are well into this with our Safeguarding officer appointed and the work is extremely intense and time consuming.

**Attendance: Building consistency for Academic Success**

Regular attendance is the bedrock of academic achievement. It lays the groundwork for a disciplined routine and fosters a sense of responsibility among our students.

**Attendance** is improving and we are close to 90%, but we want to hit mid 90% and higher.

**Standards: Elevating Educational Excellence**

High academic standards are at the heart of our commitment to providing quality education. We strive to instil a love for learning and a pursuit of excellence in every student. This includes all aspects of school life, including grooming, uniform and haircuts – we want that feeling of 'look good, do good'.

**Fiafia night**

Fiafia night was a great success as usual with many, many people visiting the school to celebrate our Polyfest groups. However, by way of a heads up, the numbers are so large now we will have to make different arrangements for 2025. It is currently a clear health and Safety risk. Over the next few months, with your input, we will consider what this may look like. It could be a ticketed event, or we have several evenings, or we consider going to a larger venue.

**Night School**

Night School will be well into full swing in Term 2. Our Night School programme provides a number of paid tutors to be on site helping with student homework/assessments. Please talk to your children about this opportunity – it is unique and gives Wesley students a distinctive tutoring edge that many families pay for themselves.

**Phones away for the day**

The Government has introduced regulations that require all state schools and kura to have student phone rules in use. Rules must be in use no later than Term 2.

Please remind students that we are a No Phone school. This means that phones need to be always kept in bags. If they are seen, they will be confiscated. Please note that the new government regulations require that schools must ensure students do not use or access a phone while they are attending school, including during lunch time and breaks. This includes students who are on a school course or visit outside the school grounds. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/school/digital-technology/cellphones/>

**SCHOOL BOARD**

**Appointed Proprietors Trustees**

Mr David McGeorge      095355092  
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**Elected Parent Trustees**

Mrs Fifita Viria  
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 Ms Frances Watson  
 Mr Jean-Paul Eason      Staff Trustee

**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.

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

**2024 PREFECTS**

Congratulations to the following student who have been appointed 2024 Prefects.

We are looking forward to the leadership they will bring to the student body.



**Senior Prefect:**  
Sariyah Paitai



**Head Boy:**  
Suli Pahulu



**Head Girl:**  
Leilani Mua

**Prefects:**



Rosie  
Ligavatu



Milise Tau



Alana  
Edmonds



Lesieli Fotu



Suana  
Bourne



Chazidy  
Leef-Koia



KJ Ale



Vainikolo  
Vainikolo



Houma Fotu



Paula  
Tafea

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**FIAFIA NIGHT - POLYFEST RESULTS**

Congratulations to our amazing performers and staff who have put in such an incredible amount of time and effort preparing for this years Fiafia Night and Polyfest performances

Our results:

**FIJIAN GROUP**

3rd for Interpretation of 2024 Theme  
1st in Judges Choice

**TONGAN GROUP**

1st in Taufakaniua

**COOK ISLAND GROUP**

Wesley College was Mana Kura for the Cook Island Stage

**SAMOAN GROUP**

First time it has entered as a CO-ED school in a competition amongst 32 other Secondary Schools.



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ANNUAL YEAR LEVEL CAMPS



This year started in spectacular fashion with all year level groups going on residential camp. Each year level departed school on a bright and sunny Wednesday morning to their various locations.

- Year 9: Epworth Camp, Cambridge
- Year 10: Houghton's Bushcamp, near Muriwai
- Year 11: Camp Adair, Hunua
- Year 12: Camp Morley, Clark's Beach
- Year 13: Camp out Moana, Blockhouse Bay

Camps provided the perfect start to the year for students to bond with their classmates and teachers. Challenging activities were provided along with subtle mentoring to ensure a productive start to the school year, and of course, lots of fun and rewarding experiences.

The children behaved impeccably well and had a wonderful time. The instructors at all the camps were very impressed.

We received rave reviews from camp admin staff and instructors which raises awareness of the good name of Wesley College.

Thank you to school and support staff who worked tirelessly to make these camps happen for our students.



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**CAREERS**

**Careers Presentations this term:**

We are building on past successes by providing an increased and more diverse range of opportunities for our senior students to gain insight into possible career pathways and opportunities, both in the College and on day trips.

This term we have been fortunate to experience presentations from Auckland University, Bond University (Gold Coast) and the tree people (Careers in Forestry NZ) and have taken students to MITO automotive training, visiting Royan's truck repair, Tesla cars and Scania Trucks, to Price Waterhouse Cooper, to Franklin Careers expo and to Manukau enrichment activity external providers expo.



**Future Careers events for Term 2**

We endeavour to arrange as many worthwhile opportunities as possible for our students and are open to new opportunities that frequently arise.

So far we have confirmed events by NZ Rural Health (careers within different field in health services), Tectorium (careers in IT), NZDF and the NZ Fire brigade.

We shall also attend the South Auckland Careers Expo on 27<sup>th</sup> June at the Dewdrop centre, Manukau.

## YEAR 9 DUVALL REIHANA - 100M AUCKLAND JUNIOR CHAMPION 2024

On Tuesday 26th March, Duvall represented the college at the Auckland Secondary School Athletics Champs. Duvall ran lane 1 at a time of 11.94 in the preliminary heats. Having the fastest qualifying time (and gaining a new PB), he secured lane 4 for the final.

Duvall went on to win gold with a new PB (personal best) of 11.88sec. He was .33 away from breaking the record which was set in 2009 at 11.55sec.

In the summer Duvall trains with Papakura Athletics Club. He represented the club at the North Island Colgate Games in January. Here he ran the fastest time for 13 Boys 100m out of all North Island Athletics clubs. In winter Duvall swaps his spikes for rugby boots. He is looking forward to playing for the Wesley Under 14's this season.



Congratulations to Duvall Reihana on this great achievement.

## SPORTS REPORT—TERM 1 WRAP UP



It's been a busy term with sport and co-curricular events starting way back in February with our two traditional house events held in term 1.

The first being swimming sports, held at Jubilee Pools, Pukekohe. It's been several years since the last time we've had swimming so it was a first for many students overall; it was such an awesome atmosphere to experience many students just giving it a go with genuine house spirit alive and well to start the year.

Not known as one of our strongest sports every now and then we come across some genuine swimmers this year was one of those years with Year 11 Tyson Forbes, Year 9 Jacob Forbes and Year 9 Faith Stevens who were some standouts for the day "Go Well" to all 3 students who have qualified for Counties Manukau Zone Championships to be held on 30 April at Manurewa Leisure Centre Pools.

Our second house event was Athletics.

It's hard not to start with how involved and competitive our students approached the day. It was unfortunate that changes in dates clashed with Counties Manukau Zone Championships as many of our students in particular within the Junior space had met the qualifying standard. Over the day there was fantastic sportsmanship, support and encouragement on display from all our students and staff, which is a great example to be setting to all those watching.

A big thank you to everyone involved.

### Athletics Day House Results.

1st Place – Winstone 2nd Place – School 3rd Place – Simmonds 4th Place – Stanton



**SPORTS REPORT continued**



With the move for our cultural groups to prepare for Polyfest 2024 the inclusion of sports in this period has been one of challenges yet opportunities to venture into some non-traditional sports such as our Girls Cricket.

The sport continues to grow momentum from 2023 with our girls fielding two teams to participate in the Northern Districts Cricket Festival held at Karaka Sports Domain. Both teams were extremely competitive, both teams went through pool play undefeated and met each other in the final game of the day.

As expected, the game between both teams on a competitive scale went from 100 to 1000 neither team wanting to relinquish the upper hand, with a lot of great individual performances, great humour and enjoyment Cricket was the winner on the day.



**ARL Tag Tournament:** Three teams headed out to Cornwall Park in Epsom in week 10 to participate in the Auckland Rugby League Tag Tournament. Unable to compete at Auckland Tag Qualifiers this tournament was an opportunity to get some Tag Football in especially for our year 13s in their last year.

A U16 Boys, U18 Girls and a U18 Boys teams competed and enjoyed a great day. U16 boys finished runners up falling short in the final to a talented Manurewa High. The U18 Girls finished pool play with 2 wins and 2 draws qualifying for the semi-final against Manurewa High as well.

The girls missed some opportunities and fell short to progressing on to the final.

Our U18 Boys team finished top of their pool with 3 wins and 1 draw. Progressing onto the final, the boys were off to a slow start in what was a tough and competitive game the boys were able to capitalise on their opportunities to eventually coming out on top. Congratulations to the U18 boys' team for winning their respective grade.



**SPORTS REPORT continued**

**CLM External Providers Expo:** During the term we sent a group of students out to attend the CLM External Providers Expo. Where local providers of sport and outdoor adventures show cased what's on offer in the community. The initiative of taking these students was to get a better understanding and student perspective of what sports and activities we could implement into the school during the year.



Their engagement in the day and feedback was valuable, we look forward to the inclusion of some of these chosen providers for all our students to experience over the coming terms. Thank you to those students Naomi Paea, Lucas Makiha, Hera-May Kirkwood-Haretuku, Caprese Lafaele-Diaz and Georgina Lautua for your input we hope you enjoyed the day.



**Inaugural Wesley College X-Fit:** An exciting initiative kicked off in our final week of term 1, starting with our Junior School a lot of learnings taken away from the day to assist with future inclusion of one of the fastest growing sports.

Thank you to all our students who participated as well as staff and senior student leaders. More details to follow on this exciting initiative in term 2 for our senior school students.

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## SPORTS REPORT continued

### Up Coming Events:

Date	Event	Venue	Time
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Girls Kilikiti Festival	Ngati Otara Park, Otara	Day Event
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> XV Preseason vs Sacred Heart	Karaka Sports Domain	11.00am KO
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> XV Preseason vs Te Aute College Scarlett Trophy Game	Te Aute College	11.00am KO

## HOSPITALITY



Hospitality has been navigating our kitchen space, exploring new equipment, trying out new cooking techniques and learning how to read a recipe.

This term we have focused on using literacy and numeracy in understanding recipes; giving things a go and learning from mistakes. Students have had their hand at baking cakes, cookies and muffins; creating their own dough to make pizzas and tried a range of techniques in cooking eggs.

Our goal moving into term 2 is to further practice skills in reading recipes, master skills used in the kitchen and to continue giving things a go and growing from mistakes.

## HEALTH CLINIC

The Health Clinic have been busy as usual, running 2 physio clinics a week and a visiting nurse practitioner fortnightly.

Many students have benefitted from our wrap around services being able to access free healthcare with access to antibiotics for a wide range of ailments along with many other treatments. If the nurses are unable to help your child they will know who can and endeavour to access this service for your child.

The nurses have been busy swabbing all students who present to the health clinic with a sore throat in effort to reduce the incidence of Rheumatic Heart disease.

The health clinic has introduced this service to the new students in the school and continue to fully engage with as many students as possible each day.

## END OF TERM 1—BEGINNING OF TERM 2, 2024

Students may depart for the school holidays following their Student Led Conference.

**Term 2 commences:** Tuesday, 30 April.

- Boarders return Monday, 29 April 2022 between 3-5pm
- Day students return Tuesday, 30 April at 8:20am

**MEDICATION:** Boarders please ensure all medication is handed into the Health Clinic on arrival with instructions for its use.

**CLOTHING:** Please ensure all school and casual clothing are named.

Your child has a full set of the No 1 uniform, and for boys their white shirts are able to be buttoned up at the neck and their ties are the right size. Please also ensure that your son/daughter has the correct footwear for school.

## MOE TRANSPORT CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE / DAY STUDENTS ONLY

The Ministry of Education provides a transport conveyance allowance to day students who meet their criteria. This allowance can assist day student families to pay for bus/transport related costs.

As Wesley College is a State Integrated school you may be eligible to apply for the assistance.

### 2024 TERM DATES

2024	School Term Begins	Boarders Return	Day Students Return	School Term Ends
	<b>Monday, 29 April</b>	<b>Teachers Only Day</b>		
<b>2</b>	<b>30 April</b>	<b>29 April</b> Sign in between 3-5pm	<b>30 April</b>	<b>5 July</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>22 July</b>	<b>21 July</b> Sign in between 3-5pm	<b>22 July</b>	<b>27 Sept</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>14 October</b>	<b>13 October</b> Sign in between 3-5pm	<b>14 October</b>	<b>6 December</b>

### EVENTS CALENDAR

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

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

#### 2025 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](http://www.wesley.school.nz) or alternatively contact the school office on:

Ph (09) 2370224

Email: [barbaran@wesley.school.nz](mailto: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

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