



Wesley College

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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WHAKATAUKI

Kotahi te kohao o te ngira e kuhuna ai te miro mā, te miro pango, te miro whero. I muri, kia mau ki te aroha, ki te ture, me te whakapono.

There is but one eye of the needle through which the white, black and red threads must pass. After I am gone, hold fast to love, to the law, and to the religion of Christ.

Potatau Te Wherowhero

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule
- Community Consultation
- NCEA Exams
- Staff Email Addresses
- 2010 Term Dates
- Student Information
- Acknowledgements
- Term 4 Calendar



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mrs Susan Easter	07 8254433	Mrs P Tala'imanu	09 2634484
Rev John Murray	09 4118393	Mrs Cathleen Fetokai	0211822955
Mrs Unise Smythe	09 2385871	Miss Whetuu Nathan	09 2370224
Mr Norman Johnston	09 5757524	Mr F Kanongata'a	Student Rep
Mr Komene Jones	09 2947882	Mr Ian Faulkner	09 2370224

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2009

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.

15 October

12 November

December tbc

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

Enclosed with this newsletter is the Board of Trustees feedback following the community consultation between the Board and the Community that began last year. The Board offers sincere thanks to those who participated.

This feedback is a summary of the comments that were received during face to face community meetings and in written responses. The items are not listed in priority order. Each group and the individual respondents had their separate priority. It is acknowledged that some of the feedback was contradictory and that some aspects of the College's life were seen as both positive and negative features by respondents.

THE VALUE OF EXTERNAL CREDITS



At this stage of the year a number of students are completing the minimum requirements for the award of NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3. Some have advised that as they have achieved this minimum number of credits that they do not need to be present for any of the externals.

I would strongly advise candidates to be present for the externals. There are two reasons for this.

First, the externals are all achievement standards and can be achieved, achieved with merit, or achieved with excellence. Those seeking admission to a University know that the admission to many courses is selective. This means that admission to the course relies on a Grade Point Total. An achieved contributes 1 point to the total, an achieved with merit 3 points and an achieved with excellence 5 points. Another incentive is to achieve a level endorsement. A student who achieves 50 credits with merit or excellence will receive a level endorsement. There are academic advantages in aiming for a level endorsement. These endorsements recognise the most academically able young people.

The value of external credits continued;

Secondly, the externals all require the assessment to be completed in a set period of time: 45 minutes per standard being assessed. It is good practice for students at all levels to be able to complete an assessment within a set time frame. Higher academic awards are often based on assessments or examinations that have to be completed in a given period of time.

SIGNING IN

Boarders who do not return to their dorms Sunday evening after weekend leave must sign in at the office on arrival to school Monday morning.

**STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES**

Deputy Principal Boarding	Rev Stephen Tema	stevet@wesley.school.nz
Year 9 Dean	Mrs Christine Pereira	christinep@wesley.school.nz
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Year 12 Dean	Mr David Faitala	davidf@wesley.school.nz
Year 13 Dean	Mrs Miriam Chainey	miriamc@wesley.school.nz

STUDENT INFORMATION**TERM FOUR 2009**

Boarders check in Sunday 11 October 2009.

Day students report by 8:20am Monday 12 October 2009.

MEDICATION

Please ensure all medication is handed into the Matrons on arrival with instructions for its use.

CELL PHONES

Please give your son/daughter clear instructions about the use of cell phones. Cell phones may not be used during teaching time and the College will not take responsibility for any misuse, damage or loss of a cell phone. We encourage day students and boarders to make use of the card phones that are available in several locations around the school/hostels. Phone cards may be purchased from the office.

2010 TERM DATES

Term	School Term Begins	Boarders Return Date	Day Students Return Date	School Term Ends
1	Tuesday 2 February	Monday 1 February	Tuesday 2 February	Thursday 1 April
2	Monday 19 April	Sunday 18 April	Monday 19 April	Friday 2 July
3	Monday 19 July	Sunday 18 July	Monday 19 July	Friday 24 September
4	Monday 11 October	Sunday 10 October	Monday 11 October	Saturday 18 December

FEES 2010 / WESLEY GRANT 2010**FEES 2010**

The Wesley College Trust Board has set the following fees for 2010.

Boarding Fees: \$6750.00

Day Students \$610.00

WESLEY GRANTS 2010

Forms to apply for a 2010 Wesley Grant may now be requested from the College Office.

EX-PUPILS' NEWS

Phillip Findlay [1993-1997] for attaining a GDT CPR Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Primary)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge and thank the following coaches and managers who have supported the College sports teams this year. The endless hours given to trainings and game days are invaluable and, it is this commitment that enables the College to field teams every week.

Mr	Ben Hancock	1 st XV Rugby	Coach
Mr	Gus Leger	1 st XV Rugby	Coach
Mr	Brett Johnston	1 st XV Rugby	Coach
Mrs	Shirley New	1 st XV Rugby	Physio
Mr	Michael Tod	1 st XV Rugby	Manager
Mr	Amanaki Palavi	2 nd XV Rugby	Coach
Mr	Seremaia Tagicakibau	2 nd XV Rugby	Coach
Mr	Steve Autagavaia	2 nd XV Rugby	Manager
Mr	Murray Cudby	Open Black Rugby	Coach
Rev	Steve Tema	Open Black Rugby	Coach
Mr	Filipo Guttenbeil	Open Black Rugby	Manager
Mr	Michael Tod	U15 Rugby	Coach
Mr	Kevin Kneebone	U15 Rugby	Coach
Mr	Bill Nathan	U15 Rugby	Manager
Mr	Chris Field	U14 Rugby	Coach
Mr	Wally Wakeling	U14 Rugby	Coach
Mrs	Paewhenua Nathan	U14 Rugby	Manager
Mr	Derek Tomkins	Soccer	Coach
Mrs	Anne Sio-Tema	Soccer	Manager
Mr	Steve Autagavaia	Softball	Coach
Miss	Whetuu Nathan	Softball	Manager
Mr	Gus Leger	Softball	Assistant
Mr	Roger Biddle	Hockey	Coach
Mr	Brent Lindsay	Hockey	Assistant
Mrs	Natalie Faitala	Netball	Manager
Mrs	Christine Pereira	Netball	Assistant Coach
Miss	Dejoles Pereira	Netball	Coach
Mr	Michael Tod	Athletics	Manager
Mr	Ben Hancock	Athletics	Coach
Mr	Michael Tod	Cross Country	Manager
Mrs	Litea Ranger	Chess	Manager
Mrs	Joy Johnston	Scouts	Manager
Rev	Aliitasi Salesa	Touch	Manager





WESLEY COLLEGE TERM CALENDAR FOR TERM Four 2009

Saturday	7 October		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counties Manukau 7's Championship
Sunday	11 October	Term 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boarders return
Monday	12 October	8.20am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Commences Day Students return by 8:20am
Monday	19 October		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Softball Commences (Juniors)
Tuesday	20 October		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Touch Commences (Juniors)
Friday	23 October	Exeat Begins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exeat begins after 3:20pm
Monday	26 October		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labour Day
Tuesday	27 October	Exeat ends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boarders return from exeat by 6pm Summer uniform required
Wednesday	28 October	8.20am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School re-commences Day students return by 8.20am
Saturday	7 November		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waka Ama (Juniors)
Friday	13 November	6pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapel and Leavers Dinner
Saturday	14 November	1.30pm Exeat Begins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Prize Giving Boarders may leave for exeat after Prize Giving
Monday	16 November	8.00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCEA Senior Exams Commence
Tuesday	17 November	Exeat ends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boarders return from Exeat by 6pm Teachers' Curriculum Development Day
Wednesday	18 November	8.20am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School re-commences Day students return by 8.20am
Wednesday	2 December		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCEA Senior Exams end
Tuesday	8 December		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kilikiti Junior Tournament
Wednesday	9 December		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Softball One Day Tournament (Juniors)
Saturday	12 December		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Prize Giving Juniors may leave for Christmas break after Prize Giving
Monday	1 February 2010	Term 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boarders Return from Christmas break
Tuesday	2 February	8.20am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School commences Day students return
Thursday	4 February	11am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service of Beginnings - the official opening of the school year.