

Wesley College

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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

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Students are hard at work completing NCEA external examinations and finishing the last of their internal assessments. A large number of students have already attained NCEA and we are encouraging them to improve their credit totals and gain endorsements.

The co-curricular activities continue with our rugby sevens teams preparing for the Condors tournament. I wish our girls, senior boys and U15 boys all the very best for this competition.

On a sad note I acknowledge the recent passing of Rev. Napi Tutewehiwehi Waaka, OBE. Rev. Waaka was a musician, a historian, a haka exponent, an orator, and a well respected kaumatua. Rev. Waaka named many of the buildings on our campus. He was active in the Methodist Church in Auckland and in Patea, Taranaki.

Congratulations to Miss Bella Brewster on her appointment as Student Trustee on the Board of Trustees.

Visitors to the school will notice the demolition and earthworks taking place adjacent to the main driveway. This is the initial stages of the housing development that will take place on the farm surrounding the school. The disruption to school activities at this stage should be minimal. Please take care when using the main driveway.

Day students travelling from north of the school are now making use of a bus provided by the Ministry of Education. This bus runs between Wesley and the Papakura train station once in the morning and again in the afternoon. This service replaces the public bus service that Auckland Transport has cancelled. The Ministry of Education bus service is only provided for day students.

Boarders (and day students that miss that bus) will need to travel by train into Pukekohe and then bus to Wesley. We appreciate this will be more expensive and less convenient for some of our students and families. Unfortunately the cancelling of the public bus from Papakura to Wesley was beyond our control.

Junior prize giving will be held at 5pm on Thursday the 8th of December. That will be the end of the school year for students. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Principal's Comment
- 2016 Board of Trustees
- Junior Prize Giving
- 2017 Term Dates
- 2017 Start of Term
- 2017 Stationery Lists
- Every Day Counts



2016 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Elected Parent Representatives

Mr Jeff Johansson	0211364723
Mr David Denny	0293755171
Dr Nasili Vaka'uta	021570387
Mrs Rosa Tapuvae Papuni	021871544
Mrs Unise Smythe	0212334349
Mr Steven Hargreaves	<i>Principal</i>

Proprietors Appointed Representatives

Mr David McGeorge	095355092
Mr Norman Johnston	095757524
Mrs P Tala'imanu	092634484
Ms Gillian Laird	02108339847
Miss Bella Brewster	<i>Student Rep</i>
Mr Imraz Sahib	<i>Staff Rep</i>

2016 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.

December 15

STUDENT LEAVE WHEN TRAVELLING OVERSEAS

Families wishing to take/send their children overseas during school time should make a written request for leave from the Principal. Where possible it would be appreciated that these trips are restricted to school holiday time only as it interrupts the education of your son/daughter.

It would also be appreciated where a student is overseas during the school holidays that they return in time and ready to commence school on the first day of the school term.

MURPHY BUS FROM PAKAKURA TO WESLEY / DAY STUDENTS ONLY

Day students must be **on time** to catch the **7.50am Murphy's** bus at the Papakura Train Station. If they miss the bus students will have to reboard the train and travel to Pukekohe to catch a public bus back to the College. Please note that the Pukekohe public bus timetable **will not** run every hour.

MOE TRANSPORT CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE / DAY STUDENTS ONLY

Ministry of Education Transport Conveyance Allowance Applications have been sent home to all day student families. Please complete the application and return it to Wesley College as soon as possible.

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.



NORTH BOUND BOARDERS

Boarders travelling North will have to catch the Public bus to the Pukekohe Train Station then board the train to Papakura to catch connecting services to get home.

Boarders who live North of Wesley College will also have to return to school by private transport on Sunday as there is no public bus service from Papakura to Wesley College.



JUNIOR PRIZE GIVING

Date: Thursday, 8 December 2016
Time: 5pm
Venue: Te Whare Rourounui / Dining Room

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

WESLEY COLLEGE OFFICE HOURS



The Wesley College school office is open:

TERM TIME: 8am - 4pm, Monday to Friday

HOLIDAY TIME: 9am - 3pm, Monday to Friday

College Phone Number: (09) 2370224

Fax Number: (09) 2383582

2017 TERM DATES

TERM	School Term Begins	Boarders Return	Day Students Return	School Term Ends
1	31 January 1 February 2 February	<u>Year 9 - 8.30am</u> Year 10 -13 Boarders 1.30pm Full School Commences	<u>Year 9 - 8.30am</u> Full School Commences	13 April
2	1 May	30 April	1 May	7 July
3	24 July	23 July	24 July	29 September
4	16 October	15 October	16 October	7 December

2017 START OF TERM ORGANISATION

JANUARY

Friday 27 STAFF ONLY DAY

Monday 30 Auckland Anniversary

Tuesday 31

8.30am	All Year 9's return
9am	Year 9 and 12 - Peer Support
12.30	Year 9 and leaders meet for lunch
1.30pm	Kairangi and induction activities



FEBRUARY

Wednesday 1

9 - 12.30	Year 9 and 12 Peer Support, Kairangi
1.30 - 3.30pm	Year 10 -13 boarders return
	All Year 9s - Haka and chants practice

Thursday 2

9 - 10am	Full school commences, Chapel, Form Classes
11am	Service of Beginnings

Friday 3 Normal School timetable



2017 SERVICE OF BEGINNINGS

The Service of Beginnings will be held on Thursday, 2 February 2017 in te Whare Angitu commencing with a powhiri at 11.00 am.

The President, Rev. Prince Devanandan and the Vice-President, Mrs. Viv Whimster 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 2017 Service of Beginnings, the official opening of the Wesley College academic year.



2017 STATIONERY LISTS


2017 Stationery lists are posted on the College website on ww.wesley.school.nz under the enrolments tab at the top of the front page. Lists will also be posted home with the 2017 January Principal's Newsletter.



I recommend that families shop around for the best prices when purchasing stationery. Students are to arrive prepared for the first day of school with their stationery.

Full school commences 2 February 2017.

EVERY DAY COUNTS / ATTENDANCE

365 DAYS EACH YEAR	175 NON SCHOOL DAYS			175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments		
	190 school days in each year	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence	47 days absence
	190 days for your child's education	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
	GOOD Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start.		WORRYING Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress.		SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child	

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Wish our students, friends and families

A very Merry Christmas

and a

Safe and Happy New Year

