

# Western Springs College

Nga Puna O Waiorea

Newsletter No 4 – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2012

## *Springs Calendar* **TERM TWO** **2012**

*Week Three*  
*May 7 – May 11*

**Monday 7 May**

**BOT Meeting 6pm in the Marae**

**Wednesday 9 May**

**PAG Movie Night @ Bridgeway Theatre 8pm**

*Week Four*  
*May 14 – May 18*

**Tuesday 15 May**

**Yr 12 Workchoice Day**

**Thursday 17 May**

**Parents as Career Educators meeting in School Library 5–6.30pm**

*Week Five*  
*May 21 – May 25*

**Monday 21 – Friday 25**

**Yr 11 SPO at school during - lunchtimes**

**Tuesday 22 May**

**PAG Meeting in Staffroom 7.30–8.30pm**

**Wednesday 23 May**

**Blood Donor Day**

*Week Six*  
*May 28 – June 1*

**Monday 28**

**Intermediate Workshops  
Senior Exam Study Day**

**Tuesday 29 – Thursday 31**

**Senior Exams**

*Week Seven*  
*May 28 – June 1*

**Monday June 4**

**Queen's Birthday**

**Tuesday 5 – Friday 8**

**Open Week**

## *Message from the Principal:*

### **Senior Exam Week, 28 May-1 June**

Please note that Years 11-13 students will be accorded a study day on Monday, 28 May, ahead of their examinations on Tuesday-Friday of that week. The senior study day has been scheduled to enable us to accommodate the annual intermediate schools' workshops. Normal classes will operate for Years 9 and 10 students.

### **Master Planning Under Way**

The master planning work preparatory to the rebuilding of the school has commenced following the recent appointment of the successful architects, Brewer Davidson.

The planning process, which is expected to be completed in August, will determine the location on site of the new buildings. Additionally, the process will result in decisions about whether or not the final scope of the programme will include the replacement of the administration block, the library and the gymnasium.

The Board Property Committee has conferred with architect Peter Davidson in order to map out a series of consultations and workshops to enable our key stakeholders to have input into the planning. We plan to establish a website page which will enable the school community to remain well informed about planning developments and be notified in advance about key stages and public events.

### **Pedestrian Safety**

We have welcomed news from Auckland Transport that the installation of traffic lights at the corner of Great North Road and Motions Road will proceed next month. Similarly, the school community has reason to be gratified by the intention to introduce more "traffic calming" measures along Motions and Old Mill Roads designed to discourage motorists using this route as a thoroughfare. See Marycarol Holdaway's report below for more details.

### **Student Achievement: 2011 NCEA Results - Gender Analysis**

- While WSC female student pass rates exceeded those of WSC male students for Level 1, Level 2 and U.E., it is noteworthy that the WSC Level 3 male student pass rate exceeded that of WSC female students, and that the margins for the other three qualifications are all under 5%.
- As such, the WSC gender differential is significantly less than the national decile 8 differential for all four of these qualifications.
- The WSC male student pass rates exceed the national decile 8 female pass rates for Level 1 (by 2.7%), Level 2 (by 5.9%), and U. E. (by 10.8%).

### **Open Week, Tuesday, 5 June – Friday, 8 June**

The annual WSC Open Week will feature tours of the school, leaving from the hall foyer, Tuesday-Friday, 9.15-11.00am each morning of the week (excluding Queen's Birthday Monday!). The tours involve visits to classroom lessons across all levels from Years 9-13 and cover a full range of curriculum areas. The Information Evening in the hall on Tuesday, 5 June, from 7.00-8.30pm, is an opportunity to hear from the senior management team about key aspects of school life and a chance to talk informally following these presentations.

# MAORI MAINSTREAM

Term 1 was a busy term. The Maori Mainstream BBQ was held in February. This was a great opportunity for whānau to meet a wide range of staff here at Western Springs College. We had a good turn out and look forward to meeting many more whānau over the remainder of the year.

In March the Mainstream Maori Homework Centre began. It runs on a Thursday from 8am until 8.40am. The focus is on Mathematics and Ms Kilian (or another maths teacher) is always present to assist the students. The students can also get assistance with other subject areas, or just use it as a quiet space to complete their homework. Please encourage your tamariki to attend the homework centre.

A kapa haka group for Mainstream Maori students will begin in term 2. They will be participating at Po fiafia night (at present this should be the last Thursday of term 2). Students who have not yet signed up for the Group can still join by coming to any of the meetings advertised in the daily notices. We have 3 wonderful Year 13 tutors from the Rumaki Nga Puna o Wairea Division 1 Polyfest winning kapa haka group.

There are a small but hard working and enthusiastic group of Mainstream Maori whānau who get together once or twice a term to discuss the needs of students and whānau, and they assist with some events (eg BBQ, Po fiafia, etc). If you would like to join this group please e-mail myself (greenk@wsc.school.nz) or Thea Kilian (kiliant@wsc.school.nz) with your name and contact details.

Finally, if you know of any whānau who are not receiving the e-mails and who want to be in contact, please let me know.

Nga mihi  
Karalee Green (Mainstream Maori Co-ordinator)

## Email Information

Some of you may have received an email copy of your son / daughter's report. We are trialling a system which will in the future send an email report to all caregivers who have supplied an email address.

Please send your up-to-date email address to [admin@wsc.school.nz](mailto:admin@wsc.school.nz) so we can check we have the correct address.

## DEBATING

Our Junior Open teams continue to impress, with a second win in the second round of the Auckland Secondary Schools Debating competition. The Junior 2 team of Rachel Jackson, Theo Stephenson and Flynn Cawley-Birkenhead were debating against Avondale College, and successfully argued that we should "Monday-ise public holidays that fall on a weekend." Our Junior 1 team had a second round bye.

The juniors' third round debate would have been their first pre-announced topic rather than prepared moot, on the subject of "learning a language." Unfortunately, this round fell on the same evening as our junior parent-teacher interviews, and too few students were available for us to put forward our two teams. With both opposition teams unavailable to compete in the

catch-up rounds, we had to default and lose the opportunity for important points. We were therefore grateful for the support of Rachel and Ollie's mums, on the night of the later senior parent-teacher evening, who helped get the teams to their fourth round debates on the topic "Students with part time jobs."

Leah Harwood, Phodiso Dintwe and Nick Catt were well prepared for their debate on the topic of animal experimentation, and were disappointed not to debate after their opposition could not put together a team. This win, and a further win by default in round 3, gives them three wins from three so far, though every debate gives us valuable experience and it would be preferable to earn the points through our efforts rather than put in hard work and not have the debate take place. At least in round 3 the team were able to win a practice debate, in support of having cheerleaders at sporting events.

Our Advanced Open team of Rae Ward-Lerew, Lucy Vete and Erin O'Flaherty now have points on the board after arguing against Marcellin, in the second round of the competition, that private schools should put forward 10% of their funding for low decile schools. This was a complex, challenging moot and the team did fabulously well to not only construct their argument but come away with the win. Their third round debate was affirming the moot "This house would make organ donation compulsory." Tas Stephenson stepped in for Erin and the team came away with their second win.

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## PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

It is hard to believe that Term One is already finished! It was a busy term for the PE department, with swimming sports, athletics day, Year 11 camp and Year 13 camp all going ahead during the term.

### Year 13 Camp

First of all we would like to say congratulations to the Year 13 students who trained hard all term and then raced in the annual Year 13 Aquathon down at Waihi Beach. Although a storm was forecast, the weather turned out to be mint and a great time was had by all. The paintball adventures may have left a few physical welts however this did not diminish the determination of the students on race day. All students who took part in the full Aquathon completed the race and at the very least achieved which is awesome! Georgia Edwards smashed the school course record for the ladies and Tom Monro was oh so close but just missed out on a record in the men's race. A big thank you goes out to Thea Kilian and Peter McIntyre for their help and cooking prowess on camp.

### **Official Results:**

	<b>Males:</b>	<b>Females:</b>
First Place	Tom Monro (26.30)	Georgia Edwards (30.24)
Second Place	Jacob Zussman (26.39)	Teri Styles (31.34)
Third Place	Will MacDonald (27.05)	Alex Williscroft (32.57)



Yr 13 Aquathon at Waihi Beach

## **Year 11 Camp**

Last term the Y11 PE cohort broke out their tramping boots and their 'man vs wild' survival kit and competed and battled in a series of challenges in and around the mighty Waitakere ranges. There was blood, sweat and tears and some tired bodies at the end of the 3 day excursion, but overwhelmingly there was a great sense of achievement amongst the students and staff alike. Congratulations are due to all students, as the terrain, early morning wake up calls, and staple BBQ diet were stomached by all in good humour, great spirit and in true Springs style. Further congratulations are due to the winning team - the 7 dwarves, who proved that team cohesiveness and an iron will beats all!



Yr 11 students taking a dip

## **TERM 2 FOCUS:**

Year 9:

- Components of fitness such as speed, agility, co-ordination and muscular endurance.
- Group physiology assessment on a part of the human body.

Year 10:

- Teaching Games For Understanding unit (net/wall, invasion, target and striking/fielding games).
- First assessment of the year will accompany this unit.

Year 11:

- Improving volleyball skills and implementing strategies to do this.

Year 12:

- How application of biomechanics, anatomy, skill learning and sport psychology relate to the learning of a new skill (learning a skill with the non-preferred side of their body).

Year 13:

- Evaluating their Aquathon programme
- Examining physical activity trends in NZ and taking action to increase participation of Pasadena Intermediate students.

## **YEAR 12 CAMP REMINDER**

Just a reminder to all parents/guardians of year 12 students that the \$100 deposit for our snow camp in Term 3 should be in by now and you need to be continuing on with payments as the year progresses.

# LEADERS' VOICE

## Travel Wise Update

By MC Holdaway

Infrastructure Development Engineers from Auckland Transport have completed designs for three sets of phasing traffic lights to be installed at the intersection of Motions Rd and Great North Road (this is the intersection closest to the zoo entrance). Along with these traffic lights, three light controlled crossings for pedestrians have been planned. This is an important development as the safety of students crossing this section of road to access the bus stops before and after school has become a point of concern for members of the public commuting by car through this area.

As well as the lights instalment at the end of Motions Rd, there is going to be a series of seven speed tables installed at intervals along Motions Rd and up Old Mill Rd (Zoo Hill). It is the intention that these speed reducing measures will deter motorists from using the road outside Pasadena and Western Springs as a shortcut on their commute into the city. Hopefully this will decrease traffic congestion at the intersection with Old Mill and Garnet Rd also, making it easier for students to cross Garnet Rd.

It has been confirmed that the council are hoping to start work on this instalment before July. In the meantime the WSC travel wise team urges all students to err on the side of caution, use your common sense and to use the marked crossings where ever possible when crossing Great North Rd.

Remember, travel safe and travel-wise

## International update

By Erin O'Flaherty

We as the international leaders have been working hard to make sure the international students have become well settled into the school. So far we have had a number of successes. We established a fortnightly gathering after school on a Tuesday which both international students and mainstream students are invited to. This runs for an hour or so, during which time the students can play games, including casual sports, and get a chance to talk to new people. It also provides a great opportunity for us to get to know the international students. So far we have had a good turnout from the international students at these events, and we hope to get more mainstream students coming. We also took a trip with the international students on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> to the Queen Street Gold Class cinemas where they were able to view a New Zealand film: *Sione 2*. Those that attended really enjoyed themselves, so we hope to run other trips like this in the future

# CAREER HAPPENINGS

- 7 June Period 4 and lunchtime **Year 12 Career Expo Visit** to Greenlane Showgrounds via bus. It is worthwhile to accompany your son/daughter in the weekend so those important conversations about next steps happen at home.
- Year 12 **Work Choice Day** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May for a group of 12 Accounting Economics students. The purpose of this visit is to allow students to make links with work.
- **Year 12 CV writing**

Gateway students complete CVs in class. Other students go to <http://goo.gl/KJMJT> . Also [www.seek.co.nz](http://www.seek.co.nz) has very good templates for CVs and covering letters. The challenge is to write a really effective personal statement. Personal statement exemplars are on the school

intranet under Student Support.Careers..Year 12... CV writing hints.. exemplars. These are due to Ms Wallace by the end of term 2. They can be emailed to wallacek@wsc.school.nz

- **Year 13 Careers**

**Interviews** Discussing next steps is important even if you have no plans yet. (No ideas?.... then try the quiz at <http://goo.gl/o2yT6>)

It is worthwhile visiting the open days of the tertiary organisation. Check the website of the University and book airfares early if needed.

Victoria Uni Open day information at <http://goo.gl/x0e1F>.

Please email [rulandm@wsc.school.nz](mailto:rulandm@wsc.school.nz) or [wallacek@wsc.school](mailto:wallacek@wsc.school) for an appointment. Margaret Ruland is on Extension 747 and Ms Wallace is on Ext 706.

- AUT Information evenings are earlier in May this year. See information and venues on <http://goo.gl/7nDmE>. Please note that some venues are on the North Shore Campus.

- **'Senior WSC Careers' Facebook group.**

Please encourage your son/daughter to join this to get all of the up to date information about upcoming Careers Events.

**Tuesday 29 May**

**University of Auckland Parent Information Seminar – City Campus**

7:30 – 9pm

**Owen G Glen Building**

**Building 260**

**Grafton Road**

This seminar will provide parents and caregivers with a great opportunity to learn about the University of Auckland.

**Alysha Bentley**

**School Adviser**

**The Schools Partnership Office**

**The University of Auckland RSVP DD 09 923 5211**

## **Parents as Career Educators Workshop**

WSC Library

Thursday 17 May 5pm - 6.15 pm

Parents and Year 12 students ....come along and learn to make good career decisions!

*5 pm Sarah Moyne, Career Consultant from NZ Careers Services*

Sarah will offer ideas and activities to help parents and students improve their career management capability.

*5.45 pm Kay Wallace Year 12 Academic Director and Careers Teacher*

Preparation for Careers Expo trip which is being held at the ASB Showgrounds from 9th - 11 June. (Yr 12 Visit is on 7 June) Further info about exhibitors go to facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/CareersExpo>

*6 pm Guest Speaker Professor Andy Philpott Ex- WSC Parent and Professor of Engineering at University of Auckland. (Model of competitive entry)*

Professor Philpott will discuss entry requirements to Uni of Auckland Engineering School. \*\*Even if your son daughter is not intending to study engineering then this is a worthwhile model of entry into a restricted entry University course.

Read an introduction to him at <http://goo.gl/EZOJL>

If you want to attend the workshop, please rsvp to [wallacek@wsc.school.nz](mailto:wallacek@wsc.school.nz)

Phone: 815 6730 Ext 706

Thanks to those parents who have already registered.

## YEAR 12 LEARNING COMMUNITY

Several students had **near perfect attendance and punctuality** in term one. Well done! Sadly there is a small but significant group of students who regularly take time off for multiple reasons. Heavy part-time work or sporting commitments and physical training can make students physically and emotionally tired. For some students social activities can have an unfortunate effect on their attendance. Irregular attendance negatively affects learning and ability to keep organised.

It is really important to remember that **academic learning must take a priority in term 2 and 3 this year**. (\*We will deal with term 4 later!) This is a relatively short time frame in students' lives to manage their time well so that they can focus on academic work.

**Staying up to date** with subject work makes students **feel that they are coping**. Students who get behind in their work feel overwhelmed and can even feel like giving up. Please ring me if you think your son/daughter is feeling like this.

Remember that Year 12 is a year requiring **resilience**; the pressures of internal assessment are relentless and students experience teen issues around growing into young adults. (See my earlier newsletter copy on ways to strengthen resilience <http://goo.gl/f8pXU> )

**Kay Wallace**

Year 12 Academic Director and Careers teacher

8156730 Ext 706

**Senior Exams are on from 28<sup>th</sup> May until 1 June**

## MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

### Current Display

Many thanks to year 9 Soft Technology students for their contribution to our latest display. In term one their brief was 'soft toys' which were first designed and then a simple version made using coloured paper. All types of materials have been used for the final toys which range from dolls to alien-type creatures. It is planned to display students work from the other technology departments during the year.

### Glass Cabinet

This year our display highlights some of the many items we have in the archives. Thanks to our senior library monitors who assisted in the selection of the badges, cups and sports teams photos. The sports badges date from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and the House Cup was in use until 1969.



### **Research Assistance – Need help with homework?**

#### **Any Questions/Many Answers**

This is a free online reference service – [www.anyquestions.co.nz](http://www.anyquestions.co.nz), whose aim is to teach information literacy skill so that students can find the information themselves. This service is available Monday to Friday between **1 pm - 6pm**, when you can talk to a **real librarian** about your homework.

When the Librarian is not online, you can visit [www.manyanswers.co.nz](http://www.manyanswers.co.nz). This valuable service provided by the National Library of New Zealand is committed to assisting students with their homework.

Sharda Patel

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Help us win \$1,000 by voting in Unpackit Awards

Voting is now open to find the Best and Worst packaging in New Zealand in the Unpackit Awards. This year the Unpackit team is running a fundraiser with a prize of \$1,000 for the school which encourages the most people to vote. Just select our school to support when you put your vote in at [www.unpackit.org](http://www.unpackit.org). Every voter who supports our school earns us 20 cents (up to the first 10,000 votes, so get your votes in quickly). You need an email address to vote.

The Unpackit Awards are run by Wanaka Wastebusters to encourage people to choose smart packaging and reduce ridiculous over-packaging which ends up in the rubbish.

## **SPORTS SPORTS SPORTS**

### **2012 SOUTHERN SKIES TOURNAMENT**

Our football manager has now confirmed a full squad of 16 players and coaching staff of 4 will be present in Brisbane. Netball has 10 confirmed and 3 in their coaching team. Netball has started their training programme which will be after school on Fridays. Both managers have meanwhile been sifting through samples galore to get the tour gear confirmed – the aim is for next week.



**All Southern Skies parents and players meeting on  
MONDAY, MAY 14th at 7.30pm inside the Sports Centre (Te Whakamanu.)**

At this meeting, we will get a briefing on our final fundraiser and update on other important matters, eg. uniforms, bank account details, flights, accommodation, etc.

IMPORTANT : Please check to make sure your passport is valid. If your passport expires within the next six months, it is recommended that you consider renewing it now, rather than later.

A reminder that the final coaches and players **deposits will be due at the end of May.**

Tournament Co-Ordinator Richard Anderson:

Phone: (09) 815 6730 xtn 730 - mobile : (027) 486 1681 e-mail : [sports@wsc.school.nz](mailto:sports@wsc.school.nz)






Football Manager : Andrea Monro:

mobile : (021) 502532 e-mail : [monro@internet.co.nz](mailto:monro@internet.co.nz)

Netball Manager : Judee Feleti:

mobile : (021) 02292576 e-mail : [Judee.Feleti@beca.com](mailto:Judee.Feleti@beca.com)

Tournament information: [www.southern-skies.org](http://www.southern-skies.org)

<b>AUCTION</b> WESTERN SPRINGS COLLEGE SOUTHERN SKIES TOURNAMENT '12 FUNDRAISING		<b>15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b> <b>7.30</b> SCHOOL HALL
<b>ZAMBESI</b> since 1979 & <b>WORKSHOP<sup>®</sup></b> CLOTHING		<b>ARTWORKS</b> <b>SPORTING</b> <b>MEMORABILIA</b> <b>3 BACHES</b> <b>&amp; MANY MANY</b> <b>MORE</b> <b>INTRIGUING</b> <b>ITEMS</b>
		
<b>DINNER AT</b>	 <b>The French Cafe</b>	<b>WUNDERKAMMER</b> <b>JEWELLERY</b>
Tickets are \$10 email <a href="mailto:tickets@whetstone.co.nz">tickets@whetstone.co.nz</a> or call 021 828114		

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Auckland Dyslexia Support Group Evening

Date: Monday 28 May 2012

Time: 07:30 PM - 09:15 PM

Venue: 25 Jesmond Tce, Mt Albert

### Making Sense of Numeracy

Margi Leech will be giving a talk about maths using the Numicon programme. The session begins with exploring the rationale, research, philosophy and structure of the programme using activities and equipment to illustrate these. The equipment can be used with students through to Year 10.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.numicon.co.nz/webapps/site/66441/163970/events/event.html?eventId=322150#venuedetails>

Contact Bev: 849 5023 or [trevorcrosby@actrix.co.nz](mailto:trevorcrosby@actrix.co.nz)

## Junior Squash

Herne Bay / Ponsonby Rackets club has Junior Squash club nite each Friday: 4.00 – 6.00pm. There will also be a teenage time on Sunday 10.00-11.00am. These sessions generally run for Terms 2 & 3 and teenage time starts on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

All ages and levels are catered for by a great coaching team, Chris and Brian Lloyd. Chris is a current A grade player and Brian has squash and football coaching experience with juniors in the Waikato. Give it a go, first 3 sessions are complimentary. Junior membership to the club is Under 12 years - \$90.00 and 12 to 19 years - \$140.00 for a year's membership (this includes squash & tennis).

For further information contact Leanne at the club 376 0681 or email

[service@hernebayrackets.co.nz](mailto:service@hernebayrackets.co.nz) Check us out at [www.hernebayrackets.co.nz](http://www.hernebayrackets.co.nz)

or come along to 10 Westend Rd, Herne Bay.

## Pt Chevalier School Second Hand Book Fair

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 2pm School Auditorium, Te Ra Road (Entry Free)

Early Bird Night Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 7-9.30pm (Entry \$10/adult. Kids Free)

**All Book Donations Welcome (please no magazines or text books)**

Please drop off to Pt Chevalier School Auditorium on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2-4pm

Or contact [sally@partons.co.nz](mailto:sally@partons.co.nz) to arrange alternative pick up or drop off.

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