

# WAINUIOMATA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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## WIS NEWS

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### Key Events – December

- ❖ Merit Awards  
4 December
- ❖ Year 8 Awards  
7 December
- ❖ Staff Farewell Assembly  
11 December
- ❖ Year 8 Formal  
12 December
- ❖ Reports Home  
14 December
- ❖ Last Day 2017  
15 December

### From the Principal....

Dear Parents and Guardians

*The countdown to the end of year has begun and only the final two weeks of school are left! However, we still have a lot of important events remaining before school closes for the year and here they are:*

- Merit Awards – 4 December
- Year 8 Awards - 7 December, starting at 12 noon!
- Staff Farewell Assembly – 11 December, 11 am
- Year 8 Formal – 12 December
- Reports sent home – 14 December
- Final day of school 15 December.

*EOTC – all Areas have events planned for the final week of school. See back page.*

*This is my final opportunity to say thank you and farewell to all parents, families and whanau, past and present. I have worked in Wainuiomata for almost 30 years and have enjoyed teaching the many amazing young people who entered my class.*

*One of the things we have worked hard to achieve is equitable outcomes for all learners who come to our school. Every student's personal development and learning is important and every student's culture and identity is important. We need to ensure we work relentlessly to value what our students bring to our school and help them acquire the knowledge, skills and dispositions they need to succeed in the future.*

*We had hoped to help 75% of our students reach the National Standards this year. We met this target in Reading and came pretty close to it in Maths and Writing. Well the National Standards are gone next year and we will not be required to report against in future.*

*Thank you for your wonderful care and support. I wish your families and you all the best for the future.*

Pearl Murti  
PRINCIPAL



*Respect Responsibility Rigour Resilience*  
*Striving for Excellence*

## A Visit to Parliament

Three of our Intermediate students, were special guests of Manurewa Electorate Labour MP, Louisa Wall on 29 November.

The students, Rebecca Sau, Amahre Edwardson and Tau Tagaloa, were chosen because of their ambition, achievement and interest in service to their communities.

Louisa Wall was a great role model having represented New Zealand in Netball, Rugby, Sevens, is an MP, a chair of several select committees and the MP who introduced the equal marriage bill to parliament.

The girls spoke about goals and opportunities while admiring her memorabilia, ("especially Joseph Parker's glove!" - Rebecca), her journey and the view across the harbour.

After that they were taken via the underground walkway to the Beehive. They felt like stars, walking past familiar MPs and news crew waiting for their story of the day.

They enjoyed a monstrous burger and chips lunch which they tried to eat politely but given the sheer size of it had to all but ask for doggy bags, at Copperfields, the MPs' restaurant,,

Next up was question time. Louisa warned the girls that it was like sport, you backed your own side and tried to unsettle the opposition. But the girls were still not prepared for the level of rebuttal and heckling that they observed.

The day was a great eye opener and planted a seed about what is possible for our students if they decide to follow their dreams.

"I loved that she came from an area like ours, and it doesn't matter where you come from, it's where you finish up," said Tau.

"I really liked that she had excelled at so many different things and she didn't have to just choose one," said Amahre.



## James Aspley visits WIS

James Aspley replaced drugs, cancer & bulimia with surfing, veganism & meditation. Now it's his goal in life to educate, encourage and inspire others.

He took a one year Vow of Silence, cycled 5000km, got tattooed for 25 hrs, rescued laboratory animals and has given over 150 free speeches to do his part in making this world a better place for us all to live in.

Students enjoyed the talk.



## Sports News

### Softball

We entered two teams in the Inter-Intermediate Softball Tournament for boys and girls last Wednesday, 22 November.

The girls' team came 3rd in their competition and the boys came 7th.

The opposition were well drilled with very competitive players who knew the game well but our students did very well considering most of them had never played softball for a club before.

A huge thank you to the parents who helped out with coaching and providing us with softball gear and transport.

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### Special achievement in sports:

- **Brian Woolley** - Made the Supercity Wellington Baseball Team that will be competing at the Gold Classic 2018 Baseball Tournament in Australia Jan 2018.
- **Carlos Onekawa and Alexis Tauaneai** Both have been invited to join the New Zealand Under14 basketball training camps

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

**November**

***Katie Spicer***

Katie organized a very successful sports event for Area 3 to collect canned food for those in need. Well done, Katie!



## School Pool Day

Every year the school pays for a day at the swimming pools for all the students at our school. It is a really fun day with team games, relays and free time.

It was a scorching hot day and despite the abundance of sunscreen available to students, many did get sunburnt!

It was a great way to stay cool though!



## HAEPAPA WHANAU EVENING



Haepapa, Area 2 held another very successful Whanau evening last night with a shared meal and game of softball Parents/Teachers Versus Students.



## Reporting on student achievement – End of year data

Below is our school's end of year National Standards data based on assessments (tests) and overall teacher judgements. This is the last year that schools are required to report against the National Standards. We will be waiting to see what will replace it, or schools will go back to doing their own assessments.

### READING

School	Maori	Pasifika	European	Asian	MELAA	Male	Female	Year 7	Year 8
79.6%	79%	88.5%	78.3%	83.3%	50%	82.7%	76.3%	80%	79.3%

### WRITING

School	Maori	Pasifika	European	Asian	MELAA	Male	Female	Year 7	Year 8
72.2%	69.4%	76.9%	72.6%	91.7%	50%	66.9%	77.9%	67.7%	76.4%

### MATHEMATICS

School	Maori	Pasifika	European	Asian	MELAA	Male	Female	Year 7	Year 8
74.1	73.4	84.6%	70.8%	91.7%	50%	75.5%	72.5%	75.4%	72.9%

MELAA = Middle Eastern, Latin American, African

### Staff Farewells

A number of staff will be farewelled at the school assembly on Monday 11 December at 11am:

- ❖ *Mr Ian Smith – Visual Arts teacher*
- ❖ *Mr Ken Archer – Woodwork teacher*
- ❖ *Mr Matt Gibbons – Room 4 teacher*
- ❖ *Mr Kevin Howe – Caretaker*
- ❖ *Mrs Murti- Principal*

Please join us as the students take us through memory lane!

## 2018

**School starts on *Wednesday 31 January*.**

***All this year's Year 7s (who will be Year 8 next year) are to be in school at 8.30am.***

***You will be welcoming the new Year 7s to our school.***

***Please be on time!***

## EOTC Timetable, Week 9

	Monday 11/12	Tuesday 12/12	Wednesday 13/12	Thursday 14/12	Friday 15/12
Area 1	11am Staff Farewell Assembly	Big Day Out		Picnic, Richard Prouse Park	Final assembly 12 noon then students will be dismissed. Clean up Tidy up
Area 2		Movie & games at school	Amazing Race	Indoor Sports Centre	
Area 3		Picnic, Hugh Sinclair Park	Days Bay	H2O Extreme	
School		Year 8 Formal			

### REMINDER!

Your child's **Tech subsidy** is now overdue. Please make sure that it is paid before you pay for EOTC or the Formal, which are additional, non-curricula activities. Thank you!

### HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

We have 20 Japanese students aged 13 – 15 coming for an international experience at Wainuiomata Intermediate in late March 2018. We need Homestays where students will have their own room, an area to study, have all meals provided and are included in family activities. The subsidy for having a student in your home is \$250.00 per week.

If you are interested please contact the school office for more details Ph. 939 1970.

There could be a number of similar visits and opportunities to host throughout the year