



Te Aro School

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Te Aro School Newsletter – 6 June 2025

News from the Principal's Desk

Tena tatou katoa e te whanau. Talofa. Kia orana, Bula, Dobar dahn, Nabad, Hola, Ciao, Ni hao, Namaste, As-Salaam-Alaikum, Bonjour, Konnichiwa, Buon giorno, Cześć, Mingalarpar, Selamat datang, Walang anuman, Buon giorno, Guten Tag, Cześć, Salamu Aleykum, Hallo, Merhaba, Akkam, Selamat datang, Walang anuman, Mabuhay, Xin chào

Nau mai haere mai

It was wonderful to welcome our new families and students at our Term 2 mihi whakatau yesterday morning. With possible rain forecasted for the morning we held our mihi whakatau in Ray's classroom. Rhys and Esin's parents shared with us that over 700 languages are spoken in Indonesia. They also shared that Indonesia is an archipelago or a chain of 17,508 islands. Indonesia is the largest archipelago in the world. This archipelago is also the world's most populated island country, with a population of over 270 million people.

Parent Teacher interviews for students in Years 3 - 8

Teachers of our Years 3 - 8 classes are looking forward to discussing your child's progress with you at our parent teacher interviews on Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 June. You will have received, in an email, information about how you can book your interview with your child's teacher. If you have any issues making a booking please get in touch with Georgie or Jo in the office.

Noho

Our Year 7 & 8 students returned last Thursday afternoon after staying at Orongomai Marae in Upper Hutt for three days. The students had a wonderful time. I am grateful to Ray, Meena and Anna who made it possible. They worked super hard in the weeks before noho and during noho so that everything ran smoothly. This was all down to their planning (which began last year in 2024) and during Term 1 of this year; and their work over the past month. My thanks also go to Cathie, Katie Sumaia and Haoyu for ensuring our students who needed additional support to experience noho got that.



It was a real joy to join our seniors last week, to share meals with them, and to see them in a space other than here at school. I saw so many of them conquering some great 'firsts' which included:

- staying away from home
- eating new food including a hangi
- sleeping communially in the whare moe where they all slept - possibly the biggest sleepover they will ever have!



- managing changes to planned programmes and managing disappointment with H2O Extreme being closed and then rain hampering their play out in the park
- three days of no devices and they did manage it!
- late nights and going to sleep later than they might do at home
- waking up earlier than they might do at home
- doing 'household chores' such as washing and drying dishes, cleaning tables, sweeping floors, mopping floors, serving food to others before they themselves got to eat
- ice skating
- trampolining
- repacking their own bags
- keeping track of all their belongings

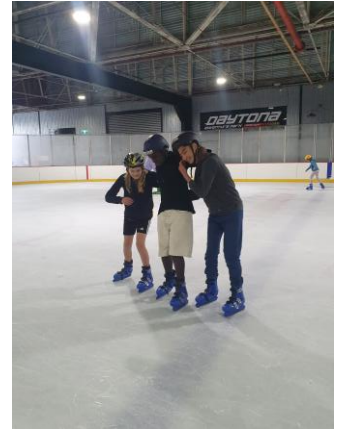
My thanks to the amazing team of whānau who supported the teachers and students over the three days which included Yasmin, Hyeon-Ju, Sonia, Chris, Maria, Ruth, Kjersti, Della, Ben, Emma and Michael.

I slept twelve hours when I got back home. Sleep and seeing my dog were the best things about coming back home from noho. The best parts of noho were orienteering, ice skating, and visiting the art gallery. The best meal we had when we were away was nachos on the first night. - Selva

When we got back to school I had to go to trampolining and tumbling straight. I slept for 10.5 hours after getting home! I really enjoyed ice skating and eating the most while we were away! Nachos was my best meal! Orienteering... I surprised myself as to how much I enjoyed it! - Eve

It was great to come home to sleep. I woke at 11.00am on Friday morning. The best parts of noho were orienteering and ice skating. The cake we had for Annie's birthday which was served with custard was so good. Falling while I was ice skating was the worst noho moment for me. - Delson

The best thing about coming home was seeing my cat and of course seeing my family. The best parts of noho were trampolining, ice skating, and orienteering. Going to the museum was interesting. I enjoyed eating the stuffing and the potatoes cooked in the hangi. I barely got any sleep on the first night as many people were whispering to each other. – Jay



I liked the park by the marae. I liked the pou in the marae. I liked doing karate with Anna. At the gallery I liked making a robot from all the blocks. – Louie



I really enjoyed going to the trampoline park. I liked trampoline way more than ice skating. Orienteering in Maidstone Park was so much fun. I worked with Lara, Jay and Eli to find all the orienteering letters which made up a sentence. The hangi dinner and the nachos dinner and the baking were my favourite food that I ate while away. – Faris

Year 5 & 6 Sleepover

Our Year 5 & 6 students had a sleepover at school last Tuesday evening. They took advantage of our Year 7 & 8s being away at their noho so they were able to sleep on both sides of the senior block. I am grateful to Mathew, Tessa, Kate, Della, Ben, Chris, Caroline, Julia, Jo, Yanhong, Bridget, James, Min Li, Rebecca, Amanda, Andy, Mattie, Kjersti, Mattie and Nabil.



I enjoyed toasting marshmallows and chilling out and playing games before bed. I slept beside Piper and Genevieve. I slept well. It was odd having breakfast at school. It was yummy though. I enjoyed having scrambled eggs and spaghetti. The whole day and sleeping over was so good. – Livvy



I really enjoyed roasting marshmallows. I liked having dinner at school and eating sausages, baked potatoes and kumara. We had baking for dessert. I found it hard to get to sleep as I was a little uncomfortable. – Farras

I liked playing games after dinner and just before bed. I liked playing the game Exploding Kittens. I also played the mirror maze game that Georgie brought. I liked when we were in our sleeping bags and on our beds and we got to do a calming activity. I did my knitting. I'm knitting squares for a blanket for the kittens at the SPCA. – Genevieve



I liked playing board games before bed. I played with Zach and Elliot. I hurt my back sleeping on the floor. I had an air mattress but it was bumpy! I had four dreams that woke me up during the night. The worst part of the sleepover was when someone screamed. - Drey

The food was really great at our sleepover. Our trip to Zealandia was amazing. We got to see tuatara and lots of birds. It had been ages since we had had a trip there. Back at school we got to toast marshmallows over the brazier before we got to bed at an OK time. – Leo



I liked that we got to play games in the evening before bed. I played Uno No Mercy with Aisha. It is a harder game to win than just Uno. Having a sleepover at school helps to prepare us for the Year 7 & 8 noho. - Luca

Garden to Table News

We made a roasted vegetable salad in Garden to Table this week. The salad was made by an all boys team of chefs. We cut up the carrots, pumpkin, potato, broccoli and then we roasted them. We served the vegetables with rocket. - Zach, Rhys, Luka, Archie and Mohamad.

I thought that yesterday the carrots were a bit too soft for my liking. I enjoyed the garlic in the salad most of all. I like strong tasty things. I'd like it if Levi helped us make small mini chocolate pies. - Junyi

In gardening we pulled weeds up out of the vegetable gardens. Genevieve worked hard at spreading the soil around. I think next week we are going to work on composting. We're going to start to fill a new compost bin. I removed chippy packets from the compost as the plastic can't go into our gardens as it doesn't break down. - Eloise

I liked chopping all the different vegetables. The knives were sharp but not too sharp. I liked how Levi used oil and salt on the potatoes. - Rhys

I liked the food we ate together yesterday. It tasted both sweet and sour. There were lots of vegetables in the dish. I liked the potato and pumpkin best. I didn't enjoy the carrot and the rocket that much. - Ginny

In gardening this week we moved around the soil to spread out the nutrients in the soil. We also crushed up some logs - dead wood. We pulled up weeds too. The seeds that were planted weeks ago have started to sprout. - Elliott

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries that you have about the school or feedback which you would like to share with me.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou,
Sue




A letter to my Friend

I like writing letters to my friend Jaqwan. Jaqwan has gone to a new school. I've sent him two letters. Anna has mailed my letters. I thanked him for the letter he sent me. I'm going to write to Na'a next. My writing has got so much better. That's what Anna told me. Writing with Lola has helped me.

- Manoa




Year 8 Open Days/Evenings





Te Kura Kōhine o te Rāwhiti o Te Upoko o Te Ika
Wellington East Girls' College

OPEN DAY
Thursday 13 June
3pm and 6pm



Please register your interest by booking a ticket on our website:
www.wegc.school.nz



**Te Kura Tuarua o Taraika ki Pukeahu
Wellington High School
Open Evening 2025**

Monday 9 June
4:30pm – 5:45pm and 6pm – 7:15pm
You and your whānau are warmly invited to attend our Open Evening for families considering enrolment for 2026.
This is a ticketed event and pre-booking is essential.
For details and booking link please visit www.whs.school.nz/open-evening.
Information packs will be available.

249 Taranaki Street Wellington 6011 | www.whs.school.nz | admin@whs.school.nz

2025 Wellington College Open Mornings

We would love for you to join us at one of our Open Mornings:

Monday 16 June 2025 at 9.00 am

Tuesday 17 June 2025 at 9.00 am

This is an opportunity for new students and their families to tour Wellington College facilities and meet the Senior Leadership Team.

Registration is not required. All students and their families are welcome to attend.

St Catherine's College Enrolments are open for 2025

Please contact us on office@scc.school.nz or phone 04 939 8988

Or to complete the enrolment form please [click here](#).

Open Night

11th June 6.00pm - 7.30pm

To register for a tour go to

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/yavac>

Important Dates

June

Fri 6 June – Y8 Rongotai Visit

Mon 9 June, 4.30pm or 6pm – Wgtn High Open Evening, Y8

Wed 11 June, 6pm – St Catherine's Coll Open Night, Y8

Thurs 12 June, 3pm or 6pm – WEGC Open Day Y8

Mon 16 June or Tues 17 June, 9am – Wgtn College Open Morning Y8

Tues 17 June – Wgtn Girls College Open Day, Y8

Wed 18 June – School Matariki Celebration

Fri 20 June – Matariki (*school closed for tuition*)

Mon 23 June – Book Fair

Tues 24 and Wed 25 June – Parent Teacher Interviews

Term Dates 2025

Term 2 2025

Monday 28 April – Friday 27 June

Teacher Only Day – Friday 30 May

King's Birthday – Monday 2 June

Matariki – Friday 20 June

Term 3 2025

Monday 14 July – Friday 19 September

Term 4 2025

Monday 6 October – Wed 17 December

Labour Day – Monday 27 October