



# WELINK

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## Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Katoa

As the first term draws to a close we are reflecting on the successes and challenges of the term. We have been particularly impressed by the focus and motivation of students this year as they returned to school and settled into their learning. In organisations, including schools, there are times when shifts are apparent. We believe that there has been a change in the way the girls focus on and prioritise their learning. We are finding that they are talking about their learning differently, engaging in classrooms with a different energy and seeking strategies to improve their results.

It has been good to see so many parents and caregivers at school events and meetings this term. Thank you for working with us to support the girls.

Sally Haughton  
Principal

## End of Term 1 & Term 2 Diary Dates

|              |           |                                                                 |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>March</u> | 27-28     | Relay for Life Cycle Trip                                       |
|              | 29.31     | PE Cycle Trip                                                   |
|              | 29        | MU100 solo performance – 6.00pm                                 |
|              | 30        | Board of Trustees Meeting                                       |
|              | 31        | Yr 10 Touch Tournament                                          |
|              |           | Junior Report Evening – 4.30-7.00pm-Hall                        |
| <u>April</u> | 1         | Easter Assembly – <b>Term end</b> – 3.30pm                      |
| <u>April</u> | <b>19</b> | <b>Term Two Begins</b>                                          |
|              | 20        | Samoan Parents' Meeting – 6.00pm                                |
|              |           | Sheillah Winn Shakespeare Festival -6pm                         |
|              | 21        | Leadership Day for all Prefects                                 |
|              | 22        | Board of Trustees Nominations close at noon                     |
|              |           | Board of Trustees Meet the Candidates – 7.00pm – Careers Centre |
|              | 26.29     | Yr 12 PE Camp                                                   |
|              | 27        | Board of Trustees meeting – Visual Arts                         |
| <u>May</u>   | 4-7       | GE200 Trip to Tongariro                                         |
|              | 5         | Vocal Studies Recital –Room1 – 6pm                              |
|              | 6         | Semi Formal – 7.30-11.00pm                                      |
|              | 12        | Sports & Cultural photos – Hall                                 |
|              | 13-14     | HPV Immunization – Dose 2                                       |
|              | 13        | Swimming Sports – 9-11am – Swimmers Only                        |
|              | 17        | MU300 Music Recital – Room 1                                    |
|              | 18        | Whanau Meeting – 6.00pm                                         |
|              | 20        | Parents' Assoc Meeting – 7.30pm                                 |
|              | 25        | Board of Trustees Meeting – Health and Physical Education       |
| <u>June</u>  | 1         | Samoan Parents' Meeting                                         |
|              | 2         | Music Department Concert – Hall                                 |
|              | 2-7       | Sheillah Winn Nationals                                         |
|              | 7         | <b>Queen's Birthday</b>                                         |
|              | 8         | African and Migrant Parents' Meeting                            |
|              | 9-10      | Choral Festival                                                 |

- 14 Chamber Music Soiree – Rm1
- 17 Open Evening
- 18 Reports Issued
- 22 Whanau Meeting –
- 23 Winter Sports Exchange @ WEGC
- 24 Senior Report Evening – 4.30-7.00pm–Hall
- 28 DM300 Performance – Hall
- 29 Board of Trustees meeting – Performing Arts
- 30 Junior Report Evening – 4.30-7.00pm-Hall
- July 2 **End of Term**

## Interim Report Evening

**Junior Report Evening** Wednesday 31 March from 4.30-7pm

## Qualification Entries 2010

### FEES FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The National Qualification Framework (NQF) fees, including NCEA, for 2009 have been set by NZQA as:

|                             |   |          |
|-----------------------------|---|----------|
| Student entry fee           | = | \$ 75.00 |
| Foreign Fee Paying students |   | \$375.00 |

- Scholarships (up to 3 subjects) inclusive in NCEA fee. More than 3 subjects will cost an extra \$75.00 per subject.
- Scholarship for FFP students \$100 per scholarship subject additional to NQF fee.

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Students who are eligible for financial assistance will be advised when forms are available from the school office. It is expected that conditions will be similar to those in 2008.

### FEE PAYMENT

A statement for your daughter's exam fees will be mailed to you mid year. Payment can be made by instalments or by direct credit to the school, as well as a one off payment. You are urged to commence payment as soon as possible in order not to disadvantage your daughter's qualification entries.

## Fees/Donation/Course Fees

Families will have received their Statement of Account in the mail. Term 1 fees/donations are now due plus course material charges.

The school is happy to accept payment of these by instalment.

Many thanks to those who have paid their accounts and also to those who have chosen to pay by automatic payment.

## Uniform

Winter school uniform is to be worn in Terms 2 and 3. Blazers are compulsory during these two terms. Black leather lace-up school shoes are to be worn. (A reminder to families that cut-down roman sandals are not regulation uniform).

Uniform detentions will be incurred by students wearing incorrect uniform unless a reasonable written explanation in the form of a signed note from home is supplied.

### **Entertainment Books**

The school office now has a small number of 2009/2010 Entertainment Books for sale. These are available from the school office at \$60.00 each. **\$12.00** from each book sold comes directly to the college and is distributed to a needy cause. Please phone 385 8514 to order.

### **Brigadoon**

The authors of this beloved musical are Lerner and Loewe (who later wrote My Fair Lady). It is the story of a small Scottish village, Brigadoon, which appears once every hundred years out of the mists of time. Two Americans from the present get lost in the hills, and enter the eighteenth century world. Inevitably and romantically, the hero falls in love with a girl from this time. The cast includes students from Rongotai, Wellington College and Scots College. Students from our school are Freya Head, Emily Wilby, Wilhelmina Boag, Gabriella Mersi, Julia Ashley, Averil McFarlane, Lily Bayliss, Eluned Evan-Adams, Victoria Ferry, Sylvia Gallagher, Sophie Gwynne-Robson, Niamh Hammond, Rebecca Howan, Erin Law, Sapeer Mayron, Susanna Middleton-Olliver, Bethany Millar, Jessica Milne, Mamaeroa Munn, Anisha Parshottam, Melissa Prowse, Frances Dreaver-Stimpson, Petra Wheatley.

Over sixty students are already working hard in electives to design and make the set, handle the publicity and raise funds. A production of this size and scope is expensive to mount, so we are running raffles, selling Easter buns, applying for grants and generally thinking of as many ways as possible to pay for a high quality production. If any parents own businesses, and would be prepared to help us, maybe with the donation of such things as materials or paint, or money in exchange for an acknowledgement in the programme, we would love to hear from you. (Contact Mrs McLeod, the Director).

Performances are August 4, 5, 6 and 7 in the WEGC Hall.

### **Physics**

The results for the Wellington Final of the New Zealand Young Physicists Tournament held on March 13th. Wellington East Girls' College had one Year 13 team (Ana Clarke, Manisha Nathu and Diana Osavlyuk) and they were placed fourth. This competition consisted of solving a range of Physics problems (with no known solutions) and presenting a 12 min ppt presentation of their solution. They then had to engage in discussion with an opposing team in front of a panel of judges. Congratulations to the team!

### **Tutoring for Parents in Computing Skills**

by our Komputer Kooks (Wellington East Girls' College Computer Club)

*Wednesdays from 3.40 pm–5.00 pm.*

Do you want to up skill in IT? Would you even be happy to just learn some basic skills – anything at all on a computer? Well, our own Komputer Kooks have the answer!

In 2010 the Komputer Kooks are offering parents the opportunity to learn the basics. This could be learning to type, manage files, or develop competence in programs such as MS Word, MS Publisher, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, Internet

Explorer, Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Flash etc. It's up to you! Each parent will be catered for on an as-needs basis.

If you are interested, you could:

- Email the HOD Information Technology: [cris.roughon@wegc.school.nz](mailto:cris.roughon@wegc.school.nz)
- ring Cris on 04 3858514 ext 854
- ask your daughter to pick up a brochure from Room 17 and you could fill it out and send it back
- you could pick up a brochure at parent-teacher interview evenings
- you could contact the Technology Prefect, Priya Patel, through your daughter.

Who are the Komputer Kooks?

Komputer Kooks are the WEGC Computer Club. They are students who have an interest in ICT and who want to further develop our skills and the skills of others here at WEGC. There are 25+ Year 12 and 13 Komputer Kooks and we are involved in many IT activities around the school and in the region.

### **Sports/PE**

#### **Winter Sports**

Winter is coming. Our winter codes are starting to trial for teams. Students need to read the notice boards for dates and times so they don't miss out.

All parents and caregivers who have shown interest in coaching and managing will be contacted in the near future. Please feel free to call Elliott Brookes or come to the trials so we can meet you.

#### **Lost Property**

Can all girls who take part in any sports or PE please remember to put your name in your clothing. We have lots of lost property. If you have lost something please come to the Sports Centre and have a look.

### **Wellington East Old Girls' Association**

An ex-student of Wellington East Girls' College, Jan Surprise nee Brooke, was surfing the internet and read about Bryony Campbell's success in Future Problem Solving. Jan is now a US citizen living in Virginia. Bryony won the opportunity to travel to Winconsin in June this year for the FPS organisation and we wish her all the best.

#### **2010 REUNION – CONFIRMED**

**IT'S OFFICIAL...**there's a Wellington East Girls' College reunion this Labour Weekend.

The one day "mini-reunion" will celebrate 85 years of Wellington East's contribution to the lives and times of thousands of Wellington women.

There'll be year-group gatherings, a fun assembly, a special cake, formal and informal photos, and a cocktail function. For more information and/or a Registration of Interest Form, please email [oncewerecoast@wegc.school.nz](mailto:oncewerecoast@wegc.school.nz).