

### Principal's Message

Tena koutou katoa  
Welcome back to the fourth term.

We will be working to manage in the challenges of the final term in the context of the PPTA's planned industrial action. We will be taking all steps possible to maintain the normal functioning of the school while respecting the commitments made by PPTA membership to planned action in support of their collective contract negotiations.

Where possible the start times of events, meetings and performance assessments will be changed to allow staff to attend. We are looking at alternatives for some events. We have cancelled a planned teacher only day. This has implications for end of the year dates. We have reviewed these arrangements and the final day for students will be Friday 10 December.

The focus for the senior school in Term 4 is the completion of internal assessment work, the preparation for external assessments and planning for the new year. The school prize giving is a focus for our leavers and an opportunity to acknowledge success and participation. This year Her Excellency Lady Susan Satyanand will be our guest speaker. She will be accompanied by His Excellency The Right Honourable Sir Anand Satyanand.

We are holding the 85th Reunion at Labour weekend. The Wellington East Old Girls' Association have put together a day long celebration for past students and staff. We are looking forward to this celebration and opportunity to meet former students.

### Sally Haughton

October	
14	Whanau Tutahi Special Mtg 6.30pm
15-20	Year 10 & Scholarship Practice Exams
18	Jubilee Meeting - 6.00pm - CC
18	Parents' Association Meeting - 7.30pm
23	WEGC Old Girls Association Reunion - 9am-8pm
25	Labour Day
26	BOT Meeting - 6pm - CC
27	WEGC Sports Prizegiving - 3.30-5pm
November	
2	Samoan Parents Meeting - 3.30pm - CC
7	CSW Sports Person of Year Dinner - Prefects Announced

### Term 4 Dates

Duxton - 5pm	10	Prizegiving Rehearsal - Town Hall - 8.45am - 42
Prizegiving - 7.30pm - Town Hall - Students report at 7.00pm	10	
NCEA External Assessments start	13	
Old Girls' Association Meeting - 7.30pm	15	
Board Meeting - 6pm - CC	23	
December		
NCEA External Assessments end	1	
Board Meeting - 6pm - CC	7	
Last day for Students - Final Assembly	10	

### Parents' Association

At our last meeting on 16 September, we heard from Yvonne Carroll, BOT rep and member of Te Whanau Tutahi, about the plan to develop a whareanui/ marae at WEGC. It was good to talk with Yvonne about the processes they have been through so far, and what needs to be considered in developing this project. We hope to take the opportunity next year to meet and work with other parents' groups in the school.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Thursday 14 October (note: a week earlier than previously advertised) in the Careers Centre, near the main entrance.

Contact Donna Smith for further details: email [Donna.Smith@rongitai.school.nz](mailto:Donna.Smith@rongitai.school.nz) or phone 877-6437.

### Cyber Bullying

Parents are often concerned about what they should be doing to protect their daughters from unpleasant experiences involving cyber bullying. A survey undertaken in 2007 showed that 1 in 5 students had experienced cyber bullying in some form. Bullying in "cyberspace" can include:

- Posting nasty or threatening comments on your child's social networking profile (eg Bebo, Facebook etc)
- Sending anonymous messages
- Hacking existing website accounts or creating fake profiles for people the bullies want to intimidate or embarrass.
- Circulating photos or videos of people they are targeting - these can be real images or digitally altered to cause offence or embarrass the victim.
- Spreading rumours or trying to isolate others using this technology.

Cyber bullying often scares or embarrasses people so they feel upset or ashamed.

Here are some techniques you can use to help your daughter if she has a problem involving cyber bullying:

- Talk with your children about cyber bullying and check whether they understand the issue
- Reassure your child that you will not remove their technology as a knee-jerk reaction to problems (including cyber bullying). Young people say that fear of losing access to their computer or mobile phone is one of the reasons why they often don't report cyber bullying.
- Advise younger children to be careful to whom they give their mobile number, and to not pass on friends' numbers without asking them first.
- Remind them not to respond to texts from people they don't know.
- Talk with your child about what images, if posted online or sent on a mobile phone, could get sent on to others and be used to bully or embarrass them.

There is a very good website, [www.neisafe.org.nz](http://www.neisafe.org.nz) which has sensible information and gives links to other sites that could help you. As always, our teachers are prepared to help if it is suitable, and you or your daughter should contact her Form Teacher, Dean, the Guidance Counsellor, or the Guidance Coordinator if necessary.

### Reminders for Parents

#### School Fees

See school website for payment options and details <http://www.wegc.school.nz/information/fees>.

#### Cancellation

Please note, due to the stalled negotiations between the Ministry of Education and the Secondary Teachers Union (PPTA) industrial action has caused the Jubilee Celebration Wellington East Girls' Fair to be cancelled. This was to be held on the evening Thursday 28th October.

#### PPTA Action - Rostering Home

On the following days certain year groups will be rostered home as strike action continues.

Year 11 - 14/10  
Year 10 - 27/10, 11/11, 23/11  
Year 9 - 20/10, 2/11, 18/11, 1/12

#### Stage Challenge Photo orders

Photos from Stage Challenge and J Rock are now online and ready to order. The website address: [www.quickpix.co.nz](http://www.quickpix.co.nz) and the gallery password is: ROCK. Orders can be placed online using credit card, cheque or direct debit.



Tessa, Laura and Amelia received their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Awards last term

#### Wellington East Old Girls' Association



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 [onceweteachers@wegc.school.nz](mailto:onceweteachers@wegc.school.nz).

### Australian Maths Competition

Twenty-six East students participated in the recent Australian Mathematics Competition. Congratulations following girls who gained commendable results.

Y13	Mengxi Li	Distinction
	Diana Osavlyuk	Credit
Y12	Chavisa Rojratnadumrong	
Y11	Tiantian Xiao	Distinction
	Jessica Hancock	Distinction
Y10	Sophia Woodhams	High Distinction
	Gisela Kristono	Distinction
	Mika Zollner	Distinction
	Joely Huang	Credit
	Jasmin Lee	Credit
	Hannah Kennerley	Credit
Y9	Caitlin McCarrigan	Distinction
	Katherine Werry	Distinction
	Abigail Cartmell	Distinction
	Beatrice Velvin	Distinction
	Bryony Campbell	Credit
	Molly Judkins	Credit
	Rosemary Keay	Credit
	Casey Huang	Credit
	Shuashine Ramesh Kumar	Credit
	Sabina Rizos-Shaw	Credit

### Mathswell Competition

Fifteen students took part in the Wellington Regional Mathswell competition last month. Teams were entered at all three levels (Years 9,10 and 11), and competed in a problem-solving competition against 26-30 other schools. The participants were:

- Y9 Bryony Campbell, Casey Huang, Caitlin McCarrigan, Rosie Keay, Sabina Rizos-Shaw, Connie Tam
- Y10 Gisela Kristono, Mika Zollner, Joely Huang, Sophia Woodhams, Hannah Kennerley, Sonja Bimler
- Y11 Ziming Liu, Maya Wilde, Tiantian Xiao

All of our teams acquitted themselves very well. We are particularly proud of the Year 10 and Year 11 teams, who were the highest scoring girls' team at their levels.

### Debating

Our Premier B debating team successfully made it through to the semi-finals of their grade. Unfortunately, they closely lost to Tawa College negating the moot "That developing countries should have the right to prioritise economic development over the environment." Well done to Anna Rigg, Rowena Woodhams and Millie Rowan, and their fabulous coach Ms Wards.

Our Senior Certificate debating team has won the Wellington Regional debating competition for this grade! This year 64 teams from Wellington, Kapiti and Hutt schools competed in this draw which ran from the start of the year. So it is an impressive and well-deserved achievement to take out the grade.

Congratulations to Year 11 students Louisa Marschner, Yvette Coyle and Ziming Liu who were presented with the Rennie Cup. Wellington East met Wellington Girls' College in the final where they successfully negated the moot "That sports teams should be punished for the behaviour of their fans". The three adjudicators were unanimous in their decision. A big thank you to their coach Mrs Todd for her time, commitment and passion for debating, and the development and success of her team.

Senior Certificate Team (from left): Yvette, Louisa and Ziming



# Rhythm is a Dancer

Dance and Drama students from across the year levels present a night of DANCE!

Thursday 4th November.  
3.45pm - 5.00pm

WEGC Hall  
Koha entry

Items include:  
Year 9 Emotive Dance  
Year 10 Cultural Dance  
Year 11 Musical Theatre  
Year 11 Medleys  
Year 12 Cabaret  
Year 13 Gaga Medley

The MADE Festival held last term was a feast of art, music, dance and drama.

### Sport

Netball - 14th Place at Lower North Island Tournament (Wanganui)

Football - 10th Place at Lotto Premier Tournament (Nelson)

A massive thanks to all staff and parents who helped fundraise and travelled away with the teams. These trips can't happen without your amazing support.

### WEGC Sportswoman of the Year Awards

On Wednesday 27th October the WEGC Sportswoman of the Year Awards are happening. We have many talented students and coaches so it would be fantastic if parents or students up for awards came to this event. All WEGC parents and students are welcome to attend.

### Sports Uniforms

Sport uniforms from winter sports are now due back. Students please bring back playing tops, tracksuit tops and bottoms in a plastic bag and ensure it is named. This will avoid \$100 fees for lost uniforms at the end of the year.

### Winter Tournament Week 2010

Six WEGC teams travelled around the country to compete in various sporting codes and they all achieved good results.

Badminton - 10th Placed team at Secondary School Nationals (Auckland)

Underwater Hockey - 5th Place at Underwater Hockey Nationals (Rotorua)

Hockey - 6th Place at Audrey Timlin Trophy (Greymouth)

Basketball - 6th Place at National Qualifying tournament (New Plymouth). Qualified for Nationals in September school holidays (Palmerston North)

### The Nearly Hairless Chicks

Evee, Maya, Jessie and Elise of Year 11 raised over \$3000 for The Leukaemia Blood Foundation by getting sponsored to cut their hair off.