



Wellington East Girls' College

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Principal's Message

Tena koutoukatua

Welcome to Wellington East Girls' College for 2011.

Over the last weeks we have welcomed new staff, students, parents and caregivers to the college. Returning students and staff work hard to make the transitions of beginning as smooth as possible.

This year we have been joined on the staff by:

- Art/Photography
- Digital Technologies
- Physics/Science
- Dance & Drama (Acting HOD)
- Music
- Maori/Geography
- English
- Mathematics
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- Drama/English
- French

Some existing staff are in new roles this year:

- Ms Anna Wilson - Assistant Principal (Acting)
- Ms Shelley Shackleton - HOD PE & Health
- Mr Ricky Prebble - Assistant HOD Social Studies
- Ms Alice Waters - Gifted & Talented
- Ms Fflur Morgan - Gifted & Talented

We are delighted to begin the year with such a talented and competent staff.

Our NCEA results show improvement in almost all areas at all levels. At Level 1, certificate acquisition showed improvement against 2009 results and significant improvement at merit and excellence level. At Level 2 and 3, students exceeded our targets for certificate acquisition and were very successful at Level 2 merit and excellence. This year the girls performed about the national average in all but one area. They out-perform girls in decile 8 schools and are very close to the performance of girls in decile 8-10 schools at merit and excellence level.

We have much to be proud of and congratulate students on their success.

We are looking forward to another very successful year.

Sally Haughton
Principal

Term 3 Dates

Feb 17	Parents' Assoc. Mtg – 7.00pm	Careers Centre
21	Athletics Sports Day	
22	Board of Trustees Mtg - 6pm	Careers Centre
Mar 1	Whanau Meeting – 6pm – Rm65 (tbc)	
10	Form Class Photos – Hall	
15	African & Migrant Parents –6pm	Rm65 (tbc)
17	Parents' Assoc Mtg AGM - 7pm	Careers Centre
18	Interim Reports posted	
25	Mid Term Break – School Closed	
28-1st	Summer Tournament Week	
29	Board of Trustees Mtg – 6pm	Careers Centre
April 4-7	PE200 Camp	
5	Whanau Meeting – 6pm – Rm65 (tbc)	
7	Senior Report Evening – 3.40-5pm – Hall	
12	Board of Trustees Mtg – 6pm	
11-13	PE300 Cycle Trip	
13	Junior Report Evening – 3.40-5pm – Hall	
15	Term 1 Ends	
May 2	Term 2 Starts	

2011 School Term Dates

Term 1	Wed 2 February to Fri 15 April
Term 2	Mon 2 May to Fri 15 July
Term 3	Mon 1 Aug to Fri 7 October
Term 4	Mon 24 Oct to Weds 7 December

2011 Public Holidays

Good Friday	Friday 22 April
Easter Monday	Monday 25 April
Anzac Day	Monday 25 April
Queen's Birthday	Monday 6 June
Labour Day	Monday 24 October

Reminders for Parents

Snapper and WEGC ID Cards

All students are required to have a current ID Card. The two options are:

Snapper ID Cards \$20.00

This card is recommended for girls who travel by bus as 20% is automatically discounted off the cash price of a single child fare. Brochures with more detailed information are available at the school office.

Snapper ID Cards are valid for the duration of time students spend at Wellington East Girls' College. So, if your daughter already has a Snapper ID Card she does not need to purchase another one. If she turns 17 this year she will need to have the card renewed. This can be done, with proof of enrolment, at no cost, at Snapper Head Office, Level 3, 33 Cuba Street, Wellington. They can be contacted direct on 0800 555 345.

WEGC Parents' Association

A special welcome from the WEGC Parents' Association to all new families at the school. Parents' Association meetings are a great way to get to know other parents and caregivers, and keep in touch with what's going on at school in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

One of our roles is to donate money to school activities. This money comes from the Parents' Association subscription, which each family pays as part of your WEGC school fees. We also host speakers on topics of interest.

Our next meeting is at 7.00pm on Thursday 17 February in the Careers Room (look for the signs from the main entrance), followed by the AGM on 17 March. Please feel free to come along – we would love to see you.

Contact Donna Smith (the current Parent co-ordinator) for further details. Home phone 977 6437 or email Donna.Smith@rongotai.school.nz

Hosting Visiting Japanese Students

In March we will have a group of 10 students from Shibuya Makuhari school. I am told that they are good English speakers and will be able to attend mainstream classes with their host sisters. They will be here from 13-25 March, arriving around 4 pm on 13 March and leaving on the morning of 25 March. There is a homestay payment to families for this period. Please let us know as soon as possible (by 13 February) if you are interested in hosting one of these students.

Congratulations to the 2011 Prefects

Head Prefect	Sarah Blackmore
Deputy Head Prefect	Danielle Warren
Arts	Leticia Durant
	Anisha Parshottam
BOT	Latu Clark
Charities	Lucy Hewson
Cultural	Ganud Khalif
Houses:	Ashna Singh
Jellicoe	Piraha Moore
Onslow	Hanna Tevita
Fergusson	Brooke Watt
Bledisloe	Melissa Prowse
Environmental	Caitlin O'Shea

Standard ID Cards \$7.00

These are WEGC standard ID Cards, lasting for one year only.

Statement of Account

Statements for students, school contributions/donations and course subject costs will be mailed out early March.

Parents' and Students' Cars

Please help us to keep our students safe. We ask parents not to drive into the school grounds when dropping off or collecting students, except in an emergency.

We also ask that you observe the yellow no-parking lines at the school entrance and do not park in such a way that puts students at risk as they enter and leave the school. Please arrange to meet your daughter further away from the school gates. Unauthorised vehicles are towed away.

Contact Annette Cumming or Roz Malkin on 3858514 Ext 836 or by email to international@wegc.school.nz.

The School Day

To cater for wide option choices we have a two week timetable – Week A and Week B.

Professional Learning for staff takes place every Wednesday, 8.20 to 9.30am. Students need to be at school by 9.30am. Buses will operate at the usual times. Students may arrive at school at the usual time. Electives take place every Wednesday, Period 3, until the end of Term 2.

	Week A & B	Wednesday
Period 1	8.45 to 9.45	9.30 to 10.25
Formtime	9.45 to 10.10	None
Period 2	10.10 to 11.10	10.25 to 11.20
Interval	11.10 to 11.30	11.20 to 11.45
Period 3	11.30 to 12.30	11.45 to 12.40
Lunch	12.30 to 1.30	12.40 to 1.30
Period 4	1.30 to 2.30	1.30 to 2.30
Period 5	2.30 to 3.30	2.30 to 3.30

Students, including Year 13's are required to be at school for the whole day. Year 13 students may leave the school during lunch hour. Year 12 students may also go out during the lunch hour provided they have a lunch pass, they sign out and in, and they are wearing correct uniform.

Please encourage your daughter to be on time for her first class at 8.45am.

Events	Bronte Bergquist
	Samantha Teifar
Library	Kari Edwards
Media	Caitlin Sampson
Music	Rebecca Howan
Peer Tutor	Alessandra Cuccurullo
School Council	Samantha Kearns
	Millie Rowan
Sports	Georgina Gatenby
	Amanda Rasch
Technology	Kunthea Ear
Tuakana	Olivia Hansen
	Ella Peihopa-Jackson