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SPECIAL CHARACTER

Wesley College has a direct affiliation with the Methodist Church and, with the support of the Church provides education based on the beliefs of Methodism.

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2021 THEME

Toku manaaki tōku
toi ora
Tōku toi ora tōku
manaaki

'When service is my well-being,
my well-being is served.'

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Celebrating a great start to the school year.

What started off as a terrific start to the school year quickly changed to another Covid lockdown. However, at the beginning we had Chapel every morning to remind us that we are at a Methodist and Christian school and that every day we should be aspiring to live to the bible the best we can.

Students are wearing the uniform with pride and there is a really positive feel to the school. In particular, our Year 13 students and prefects have displayed a very high standard of leadership to the rest of the school and they are to be commended.

The Student leadership model will continue or grow this year. Alongside our traditional Prefects group we have 3 committees which involve a number of Yr 13, 12 and 11 students to support various aspects of the school. The emphasis is on developing student leadership across the board by focusing on 'service'. We look forward to seeing the model develop, and adding junior students to the groups in time.

Unfortunately with the 1st brief lockdown in week 3 we lost our Year 9 camp and Swimming sports day. While we have lost swimming sports for the year, plans are already in place for the Year 9 camp to take place at a later date. Sports practices are in full swing.

Living with disruption from Covid is a reality now, but we intend to take every positive we can from it. Rather than dwell on what might have been, if we lose one thing we make the next opportunity even better than ever. Covid has also taught us our students now need to be ready to be individual learners at any time. To this end we have introduced Individual Learning Time as part of the timetable for seniors this year.

Our Academic dinner has been postponed but when rescheduled it is a wonderful occasion that reminds us that Wesley College is a power house of educational achievement. NCEA and UE results for 2020 will be extremely positive again. When the final data is in we will publish these results.

Thank you for ensuring your children are back in the dorms by Sunday 5pm ready school Monday morning. Attendance continues to improve and our aim for 2021 is 97% attendance for all students. Thank you to all parents/caregivers who are contacting me when they have genuine reasons why their children have to be away from school. We are working together to ensure our students have every chance of success, if they are not here, they cannot succeed!

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Elected Parent Representatives

Mr Jeff Johansson	0211364723
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Mr Brian Evans	Principal

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Mr Troy Wigley	Student Trustee
Mr Jean Paul Eason	Staff Trustee

2021 BOARD OF TRUSTEES - MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are held at 5pm in the meeting room beside the dining room.

Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend the open section of the Board meeting.

27 May 26 August 11 November (via Zoom)

2021 DEANS

Year 9 and 10 Junior Dean School:	Mrs Ana Tangi	anat@wesley.school.nz
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PLEASE NOTE: Hostel Parents are on duty to take calls from 7am - 8am and 3.20 - 9.30pm.

BYOD (Bring your own Device)



2021 is proving to be another challenging year for our students and reflects the importance that every student must have access to an internet connected device of their own to work from at home especially during a lockdown.

We encourage families to take up the challenge to purchase a device.

Further information can be sourced from www.wesley.school.nz click on BYOD.

2021 EASTER WEEKEND EXEAT

Please note that Easter weekend is a long weekend for students.

Students may leave to go home Thursday 1 April after school.

Boarders may return Tuesday 6th April after 3pm.

Hostels will close at 5pm on the Thursday, students will need to be picked up by then.

ATHLETICS DAY

Students enjoyed a beautiful sunny day participating in our annual athletics days. Great sportsmanship on display.



YEAR 13 CAMP REVIEW

February 11 and 12th saw the reintroduction of the Year 13 School Camp. The camp included all Year 13 students, boys and girls, boarders and day students.

The camp program was organized by Mr Loma Uhila from the Wesley staff. Mr Uhila has organised over a thousand camps over the years so the Camp program for the two days was always going to be intensive. Mr Uhila was assisted on the Camp by Rev Salesa, Ms Vaike, Mr Vainikolo and Mr Raos.

The group left for Camp Morley at Clarkes Beach on Wednesday afternoon after school.

The first evening involved getting the students settled in and organised for the big day on Thursday. This included surrendering all cell phones, speakers and recording devices. This was a big shock for students as everyone knows that a teenager can't live without their phones.....

Dr Evans, Principal, also attended the 1st nights dinner to address students.



Thursday morning saw the students rise at 5.30am to do warm up exercises before tackling the mammoth day ahead. All the students were divided into four teams. Three were boy's teams and one girls team.

Mr Uhila held a briefing for all of the teams to explain the tasks to be carried out. These tasks were going to test the resilience and fortitude of the students. They were being placed in circumstances whereby they had to work as a team, think outside the square and work to the limits.

The tasks got underway around 6.00am still in darkness, with the first break not coming until around 11.00am.

The route involved a warm up section up the long 2km drive to the camp then returning to camp to trek up the beach at low tide to Clarkes Beach, some 4kms away from camp. All the groups were supervised by an adult on the journey.

After the first two hours, the students were really struggling to come to grips with the work and organisation that was needed to keep their team together. You could only progress as fast as the slowest member of the team. To their credit they soon worked out a system to share the workload evenly.

The first rest break seemed to take an eternity to come around. Halfway was reached around 11.30am. The tide was winning the race so the students were in for a wet return back to base. The nice dry beach had turned into a swimming pool waist deep in places.

We all arrived back at the camp base somewhat wet, tired and hungry.

Once everyone was showered and changed we had lunch and enjoyed a lazy and restful afternoon. It is safe to say the fitness levels of the students were duly exposed.

The afternoon saw some students go for a swim while others just rested and enjoyed the sunny day. Thursday night after dinner was fun time as we held a Charades night. The laughter and singing was so loud it brought the house down with excitement. In fact the camp director and his wife came over from their home to join in.

Friday morning saw us undertake a clean-up of the camp and pack up for a return to school for around 2.00pm. Arriving back at school for a Camp de-brief and lunch.

Thanks goes to the kitchen for providing all the meals for the camp. Excellent work from all the kitchen staff that helped. Thank you.



2021 TERM DATES

2021	School Term Begins	Boarders Return	Day Students Return	School Term Ends
1	2 February	Y9 & Y13 Leadership	11am	Y9 - 11.45am
	3 February	Y10-13	3-5pm	
	4 February	Full School commences, 8.20am		
2	3 May	2 May	3 May	9 July
3	26 July	25 July	26 July	1 October
4	18 October	17 October	18 October	8 December

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