



# WELINK

Wellington East Girls' College

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## Principal's Message

### Tena koutou katoa

As the year draws to a close I would like to thank you for your support of the school, particularly in the last months as we responded to the safety issues related to the seismic strength of the Main Building. We have been heartened by this support.

This week we begin our farewells for staff.

· Annette Cumming leaves the school after 18 years as HOD Languages and International Director. We wish her well in the future.

· We accompanied Kate Gainsford to Aotea College for her Powhiri as she prepares to take up the role as Principal next year. We are proud of Kate's accomplishments and look forward to news from the Porirua basin.

· Alice Wards, HOD Social Sciences has been appointed to an Assistant Principal's position at Viard College and will leave us at the end of the year. Alice has ably led the development of Social Sciences at Wellington East Girls' College.

We wish you a safe festive season.

Sally Houghton

## Board of Trustees

The Trustees would like to thank staff, students and families for their support throughout this year. In particular we have been grateful for those who have expressed their support of our decision to evacuate the Main Block. This support has reassured the Trustees as we have faced months of very challenging pressures. As I write this we are still in the process of negotiating with the Ministry of Education about strengthening the Main Block.

I want to state our deep appreciation of Paul Brimer, Director of Dunning Thornton Consultants (structural engineers). Paul is a parent of the school, and his willingness to volunteer his time and considerable expertise has been of immense value to the Trustees in our decision-making and ongoing discussions with the Ministry. Paul has enabled us to understand the highly technical information that we have had to consider and he has given us insightful professional advice, without which we would have struggled.

I wish staff, students and their families a peaceful and happy summer.

Doug Ferry  
Chair

## Term 4 Dates

December	7	Final Assembly – Hall – 10.30am. All students to attend.
5		Leavers' Dinner
6	7	Christmas Assembly – Hall – 2.30pm.
	9	All junior students to attend.
		Second Hand Uniform/New Uniform Sale – 10.00am

## 2012 Dates

### 2012 Course Confirmation Dates

#### Years 12 and 13 only

Tuesday 24 January - 9am to 1pm (surnames A-L)

Wednesday 25 January - 9am to 1pm (surnames M-Z)

Students are expected to come to school to confirm their course for 2012 with their Dean. Students who have completed the online course confirmation form AND do not need any further discussion or changes DO NOT need to attend.

Students should bring a copy of their NCEA results. Year 11 Students do not need to confirm courses.

### 2012 Start Dates

#### Years 10-13 Students

8.45am Monday 30 January - Assembly in the Hall

#### New Students

10.00am Monday 30 January - Powhiri in the Hall for all new students and staff

### 2012 School Term Dates

Term 1 Mon 30 Jan to Thurs 5 Apr

Term 2 Mon 23 Apr to Fri 29 June

Term 3 Mon 16 July to Fri 28 Sept

Term 4 Mon 15 Oct to Tue 11 Dec

### 2012 Public Holidays

Wellington Anniversary Monday 23 January

Waitangi Day Monday 6 February

Good Friday Friday 6 April

Easter Monday Monday 9 April

Easter Tuesday Tuesday 10 April

Anzac Day Wednesday 25 April

Queen's Birthday Monday 4 June

Labour Day Monday 22 October