



WELINK

Wellington East Girls' College

Newsletter No 1 – February 2010

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Welink is a newsletter produced as a link between the College and community. It aims to keep you in touch with news and events of Wellington East Girls' College.

Welink is given to the students at school to take home to parents. Please make sure that your daughter brings a Welink home. It contains essential information as well as news. It will also be on our website – http://www.wegc.school.nz/whats_on/newsletter.

Principal's Message



Tena koutou katoa Welcome to Wellington East Girls' College for 2010.

There is a very positive feeling in the school as we welcome new and returning students.

New students and staff were welcomed to the school with a powhiri on 2 February. We were delighted to see so many parents at the powhiri and again at the Year 9 barbeque.

This year we have been joined on the staff by:

Ms Evelyn Hewlett	Art
Mr Brent Stewart	Music
Ms Fflur Morgan	Drama / English
Ms Sophie Watson	PE and Outdoor Education
Ms Wilma Tan	ESOL (Teacher Aide)

Mrs Anne Rixon and Ms Rochelle Duke have returned to us from leave.

Some existing staff are in new roles this year:

Ms Samantha Miller	HOD Performing Arts
Ms Naseem Shariff	HOD Learning Support
Ms Samantha Robinson	Acting Asst HOD PE/Sport
Ms Amy Perkins	Specialist Classroom Teacher
Ms Kathryn Hutchinson	Year 9 Dean
Mrs Sharyn Latta	Acting Year 12 Dean

We are confident that we are beginning the year with a highly skilled, motivated and energised staff.

Our NCEA results show improvement in some areas at all levels. The results are unconfirmed at this stage. At Level 2 and 3 students exceeded our targets and showed significant success at merit and excellence level. At Level 1, certificate acquisition was lower than expected but the girls achieved well at merit and excellence level. The girls consistently perform above the national average in most areas. They out-perform girls in decile 8 schools and they are now close to, and in some areas are already, out performing girls in decile 8-10 girls' schools. We congratulate students on their success.

We are looking forward to meeting more parents and caregivers as the year unfolds.

Sally Haughton
Principal

Term 1 Diary Dates

<u>Feb</u>	12-13	Prefect Leadership – Sports Centre
	15	Athletics Sports Day – Newtown Park
	16	Whanau Meeting – 6.00pm
	17	Late school start – 9.25am
	17	Gardasil Session – 11.45am – Yrs 11-13
	18	Gardasil Session – 9.45am – Yrs 9-10
	19	Parents' Assoc. Mtg – 7.30pm – Careers Cent
	23	Board of Trustees Mtg – 6.00 pm
	28	Dragon Boat Festival
<u>Mar</u>	2	African and Migrant Parents Mtg – 6.00pm
	3	Form Class Photos - Hall
	8-12	Yr 9 Camps – Forest Lakes
	9	Samoan Parents – 6.00pm – Careers Cent
	16	Whanau meeting – 6.00pm – Rm 65
	17	Summer sports exchange with WGC at WEGC
	18-19	Gardasil Vaccination – Dose 1
	18	Parents' Association AGM – 7.30pm – Careers Centre
	19	Geography Trip to Martinborough
	19	Interim Reports posted
	22	Yrs 9 & 10 Attitude Presentation
	24	Yr 9 Aquatics – School Pool
	24	Junior School Dance – 7.30-10.00pm
	25	Senior Report Evening – 4.30-7.00pm - Hall
	27-31	PE Cycle Trip
	29	Music Solo Performance – 6.00pm
	31	Board of Trustees Meeting – 6.00pm
	31	Yr10 Touch Tournament – Top Field
	25	Junior Report Evening – 4.30-7.00pm - Hall
<u>April</u>	1	Easter Assembly - 2.30 -End of Term
	2	Good Friday
	19	Term 2 starts

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 Timetable	
Period 1	8.45 to	9.45	9.30 to	10.25
Formtime/Assembly	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/Electives	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.

Term Dates 2010

Term 1	Wed 3 February	to	Thurs 1 April
Term 2	Mon 19 April	to	Fri 2 July
Term 3	Mon 19 July	to	Fri 24 September
Term 4	Mon 11 Oct	to	Tues 14 December

2010 Statutory Holidays

Good Friday	Fri 2 April
Easter Break	Thurs 1 April - Tues 5 April
Anzac Day	Sun 25 April
Queens Birthday	Tues 1 June
Labour Day	Monday 25 October

Deans for 2010

Year 9	Kathryn Hutchinson
Year 10	Kathryn Munro
Year 11	Carol Pearson
Year 12	Elizabeth Crayford/Sharyn Latta
Year 13	Janet Hulbert

Prefects for 2010

Congratulations to the following senior students who have been elected as prefects for 2010:

Head Prefect	Jenna Bone
Deputy Head Girl	Ana Popovich
School Council	Tessa Finnigan Lucy Lightfoot Emily Wilson
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House Prefects	
Jellicoe	Marama Culliford
Onslow	Kirsten Va'a
Bledisloe	Georgia Lane
Fergusson	Bethany Forsythe
Sports	Laura Burke Olivia Dunn
Events	Amelia Gilbert-Milne Ellen Quirke
Cultural	Addis Mekonnen Olivia Porter
Tuakana	Lola Fau Helena Lawrence
Peer Tutoring	Jean Feary-McKenzie
Technology	Priya Patel
Magazine	Jessica Milne
Library	Julia Ashley
Arts	Elise Hoggard Laura Robinson
Music	Emily Wilby
Charities	Joanna Sage

BOT Spot

New Year's greetings to all parents and a special welcome to those of you who are new to the school! We hope that you will find Wellington East to be a school where you feel welcome and where your daughter is happy and successful.

2010 is the year for the Triennial Board of Trustees Elections and we will need new people to stand as parent elected trustees. Being a trustee is a fascinating way to be involved in the school and I encourage parents to think about standing in the election. Please contact me if you would like to find out more about being a trustee.

Douglas Ferry – Chair

WEGC Parents' Association

The next meeting of the Parents' Association is to be held on 18 February at 7.30pm in the Careers Centre.

Meetings are relaxed, informative, often have a guest speaker and are a great way to keep in touch with the school. Please feel free to contact Donna Smith on 9776437 evenings or email at Donna.Smith@rongotai.school.nz

English Department – Help for Samoa

The English Department has sent to Samoa unused Year 9 and 10 language books which are no longer part of our programme, but are still useful for language learning. Teachers there are desperate for resources - many are still teaching out of tents! The teachers in Auckland who are organising this aid for Samoa were very grateful.

HPV Immunisation Programme

This year all students will be offered the Gardasil Vaccination. The Regional Public Health will run two education sessions for students (and parents) on:

Wednesday 17 February 11.45am	Yrs 11-13
Thursday 18 February 9.45am-	Yrs 9-10

Consent forms will be distributed on 17 and 18 February. A letter will be sent home giving more information to all families

The Immunisation Team will be vaccinating WEGC students on the following dates:

Dose 1	Thursday 18 March	Friday 19 March
Dose 2	Thursday 13 May	Friday 14 May
Dose 3	Monday 20 September	Tuesday 21 September

Statement of Account

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

Bus Tickets 2010

Bus King passes can be purchased from the school office – cost \$80.00.

Snapper ID Cards/WEGC 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.

Standard ID Cards \$7.00

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

We envisage that both Snapper IDs and Wellington East Girls' College ID Cards will be available by the end of the month.