



Presidents Report

Jarrod Goodall

WBHS OBA President's Message – Q3 2024

I begin this message by acknowledging the resignation of the Principal, Karen Smith. Karen has been a dedicated leader, guiding the school through a period of significant transformation. We wish Karen all the best in her future endeavours.

We welcome Alec Solomon as the new Principal/Headmaster. Alec is an Old Boy (1987 to 1991) and brings with him significant experience from his tenure as the Principal of Tikipunga High School over the last 11 years. Alec's appointment marks his return to the school, and we look forward to the contributions he will make to our school community.

Our biggest achievement this year is the completion of the Tall Tales book. The concept for this book began in early 2020, attracting many contributors. It features memorable stories from the 1940s to the 1990s, including humorous and adventurous anecdotes from school life and trips. Supported by various individuals, the project is an entertaining record of old school life, with a few stories using some creative license.

There are two versions available: a limited-edition hardcover for \$95 and a softcover priced at \$60. We are now taking preorders, with the book ready to be shipped by the end of November, just in time for Christmas.

We had our Auckland Networking Event in November, offering another opportunity for Old Boys to reconnect.

My year, the Class of 1999, is organising a relaxed 25-year reunion. I'm sure the old jokes and stories will resurface as we relive our youth.

It was also a proud moment for the OBA to induct the following Old Boys into the Fideliter Fellowship:

- **Rt Hon Winston Peters** attended WBHS in 1960: Winston Peters, the current Deputy Prime Minister of New Zealand, has a distinguished political career spanning over five decades, marked by his founding of the New Zealand First Party in 1993 and his reputation as a coalition "Kingmaker". His tenure has included roles as Deputy Prime Minister, Treasurer, and Minister of Foreign Affairs, where he has immigration and elderly care. Known for his dedication to fairness and accountability, Winston has influenced major policies, including the introduction of the SuperGold Card for seniors, and remains a significant figure in New Zealand politics.
- **Sir Michael Hill** attended WBHS from 1949 to 1954: Sir Michael Hill, a celebrated entrepreneur and philanthropist, founded the successful Michael Hill Jewellery chain after a pivotal moment following a house fire in 1977, transforming him into a visionary business leader. His achievements extend beyond jewellery to establishing the Michael Hill International Violin Competition and creating The Hills Golf Course, showcasing his dedication to arts, music, and the community. Known for his resilience and creativity, Sir Michael has become an inspiring figure in New Zealand and internationally, with his family actively supporting his diverse ventures.

Both presentations were proud moments for the school community, and the messages in the speeches were inspiring. Winston Peters emphasised using education as an "elevator" to help you climb as high as possible. Sir Michael Hill encouraged setting aspirational goals and challenging yourself to achieve them.

Carpe Diem
Jarrod Goodall
WBHS OBA President





Principals Report

Karen Smith

Kia ora koutou, this is the tenth and final time I will write my reflections on the year that has gone and the amazing achievements of our students.

I would like to begin by thanking the staff. One of the most important parts of being a Principal is ensuring we have the best possible teachers in front of the students and I am proud of the amazing staff we have, especially those who time and time again, go over and above expectations to ensure our students have wonderful experiences.

We started this year with two new Deputy Principals, Maria Dunn, and Huia Coll, who have made a huge impact on the school, the staff, and the students. Our leadership team is incredibly strong and Maria and Huia have brought a wealth of experience and complementary skills to the existing team. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge the entire leadership team for their dedication to the school.

Student highlights have been plentiful this year. In what has been and continues to be a very challenging political landscape for education, our students have continued to impress with their academic results. Our NCEA results have improved year on year despite these challenges and in the Sports and Arts arena, we have had an outstanding year.

Our musicians have had a wonderful year. Visual Soup, Kent Consort, Blind Eyes, Ready Set, and Fideliter Jazz Band all reached huge milestones in what will no doubt be long musical careers. We have been privileged to have these boys perform frequently at school events and assemblies. We are grateful for the support of Sir Michael Hill for funding the school's first Music Scholarship, which was awarded at the assembly inducting Sir Michael into the Fideliter Fellowship, to Vadim Fong and Dillon Worsfold.

In sports, our 1st X1 Hockey team was the stand-out, winning the India Shield for only the second time in the school's history. The last time was in 1979. It was lovely to connect with some of the Old Boys who were part of the 1979 team and hear some of the stories from back in the day.

As we have become accustomed to there have also been some wonderful individual achievements that should be mentioned.

- Nahuel Racioppi and Caleb Yeates - Selected in the NZ Future Black Sticks

- Cooper Ashill- Surfing NZ Secondary Schools Under 18 Champion
- Josh Wainwright- NZ representative at the World U18 water skiing Championships
- Kuahn Heta- NZ Māori U18 Rugby Squad

I would like to acknowledge that none of these successes would happen without the support of the many wonderful volunteers who support our students, sponsors, coaches, managers, drivers, photographers, teachers in charge and of course, committed parents. Thank you to all of you who have supported students in any way to follow their cultural, sports, and academic dreams.

Our student leadership team has been wonderful role models to the younger boys. Jack Saunders, Reef Sofala, M'Lago Morris, and Dajsean Tepania have continued the legacy of fine young men taking on additional responsibilities for the good of others. It has been a pleasure to see their growth and development over the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of the Board of Trustees. We are incredibly fortunate to have such committed and capable trustees who have both long and new associations with the school. The strategic leadership of the school is in good hands with the experience of the parents who have given hours of their time in this role.

As a final sign off I have been immensely proud and honoured to be the Tumuaiki of Whangārei Boys' High School for almost 10 years. There has been an incredible amount of change in that time, none more so than the significantly improved academic outcomes for our students. The school is in good heart, the staff are professional and very committed to their mahi and the trajectory of the school is overwhelmingly positive. I have been privileged to see hundreds of young men pass through the gates and more recently cross the bridge, onto pathways that set them up positively for life. I will continue to follow the progress of all the best ambassadors for WBHS- the terrific students.

Āpiti hono tātai hono, rātou te hunga mate ki a rātou.
Tātou te hunga ora ki a tātou Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou,
tēnā tātou katoa

Ngā mihi nui





The Executive Committee

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WBHS OBA Mission Statement

To provide opportunities for Old Boys' to meet and use their best endeavours, combined skills and life experiences for the benefit of Whangārei Boys' High School students.

The primary objectives of the Association are to:

- ❖ Promote good fellowship amongst Old Boys of the School and foster and preserve their remembrance of fellow Old Boys and the School and their interest in and active support of the school.
- ❖ Establish and foster a relationship between the Old Boys and the school by promoting the interests of the school in any way whatsoever but in particular by offering scholarships and prizes for proficiency in schoolwork, cultural pursuits or sport, and by the direct financial support of pupils attending the School and by other means that may be decided upon at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association.

Social Media Links



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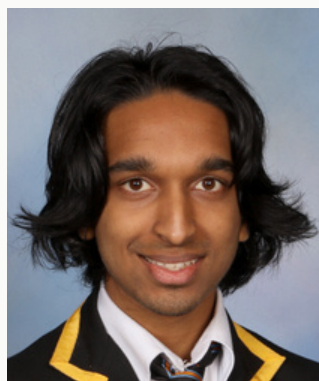
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WBHS OBA

How we've helped with your help



WBHS OBA Fine Young
Man Award 2024

\$1,000

Congratulations
Divyesh Lal



\$295.00 to Dillon Worsfold
on behalf of the Arts
Committee towards a
trophy and medals
for the WBHS Talent Show

Through Te Awatea
Wellness Centre, we
provided extra
physical and mental
health care to boys
who needed it. In
addition, we
provided lunch to
boys without food.

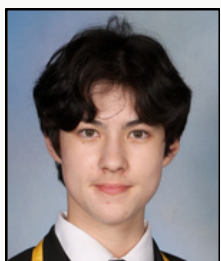


Tawhai

Tawhai Lawrence and Tawhiti Clarke
\$1,000 each towards a trip to Canada in July to
represent NZ at the First Nationals with the NZ Maori
Volleyball Team



Tawhiti



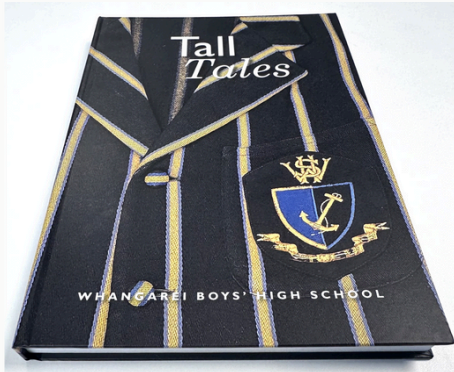
\$500.00 to Tristan Fewtrell
towards getting to the
University of Waikato for the
Valorant High School Esports
Tournament

Thank you very much
to the Endowment
Trust for the two
gazebos





Tall Tales Book Launch



We're excited to announce the launch of Tall Tales of Whangarei Boys' High School!

This book celebrates the school's unique spirit, capturing the humorous, heartfelt, and unforgettable stories that define its rich history.

We sincerely apologise that the following tale from Richard Parker was not included in the published book. Richard's story offers a glimpse into the types of stories shared, and if we proceed with another edition, his tale will be featured.

Richard's story

This book makes a perfect Christmas gift for alumni, families, or anyone who cherishes the WBHS legacy.

Limited Stock Available:

- Paperback: \$60.00 each
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Order your copy now before they're gone!

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Secure your copy now and celebrate the enduring spirit of Whangarei Boys' High School with someone special this holiday season.

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How we've helped with your help

We have developed a new Scholarship

The Old Boys Association Vocational Pathways Scholarship

**This scholarship champions young men facing
financial hardship and going into vocational training**

Our Inaugural 2024 recipients



Josh Tito Yr 12

**Has been accepted to study on
the A&P Pastoral Society's Farm
Intern programme next year**

**We wish both boys
all the best with
their studies in
2025!**



Jadyden Da Silva Yr 13

**Jayden plans to study
Architecture at
Northtec next year**

Thank you to the OBA

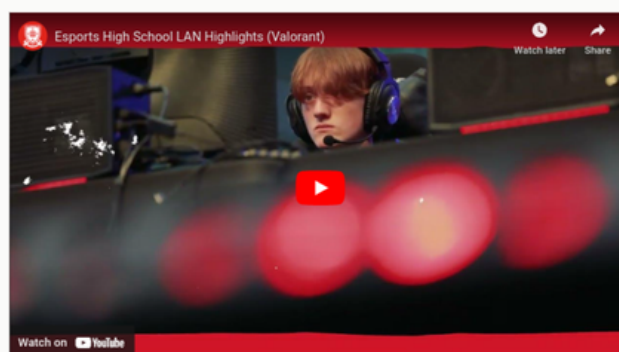
My name is Tristan, and I recently competed in the Valorant High School Clash tournament at the University of Waikato.

We sincerely thank you for your generous sponsorship. Your support was crucial in helping us participate and perform in the game. We couldn't have done it without your contribution.

We are proud to share a 5th-place place out of the top 7 high schools competing—the teams attending all qualified over the other 60 teams and 40 schools participating in the tournament. We ended up winning one game against Hamilton Boys and losing to Rangitoto and Tauranga Boys High School.

With your help, we could afford accommodation and food for the six of us. The trip was so much fun, and we are all so grateful for your help getting us down.

Attached are some photos of the trip and a YouTube montage that featured many clips of our team.

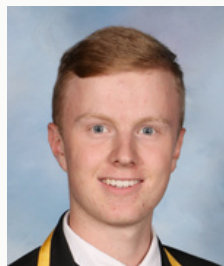


Thank you to the OBA

On behalf of the Arts Committee, I would like to express our gratitude for your donation towards the prizes for the WBHS Talent Show and brand new trophy. We hope that the trophy will continue to be presented to the winner each year.

Below are the winners for 2024
Lachie Antonio and Kelton Peters

Kind Regards
Dillon Worsfold



Thank you to the OBA

Tawhai and I would like to thank the Old Boys Association of the help to fund our trip to Ontario, Canada.

Our trip was with the Aotearoa Māori Poirewa u20 team and we participated in the First Nation invitational where we placed Third.

Also on our trip we learnt and embraced the culture of the indigenous people of Turtle Island the All Nation people.

We are ever so grateful for the support from the Old Boys Association.

Nga Mihi

Tawhiti Clarke And Tawhai Lawrence



Fideliter Fellowship Awards



Rt Hon Winston Peters

Rt Hon Winston Peters Citation






Sir Michael Hill

Sir Michael Hills Citation



Thank you Sir Michael Hill



**We have sold this wonderful artwork
for \$2,000.00**

**Thank you very much to one of our Old Boys
- class of 1968 for purchasing it.**

Sir Michael Hill was born in Whangarei and attended Whangarei Boys' High School from 1949 to 1954. He has graciously donated one of his drawings, conveying an incredible message, to support fundraising led by the WBHS Old Boys' Association for the benefit of the Whangarei Boys' High School. Despite encountering challenges during his time at Boys' High, Sir Michael's gracious contribution reflects his commitment to supporting our school and its students.

The Sir Michael Hill Music Scholarship will be awarding \$2,000.00 from the auction of this remarkable artwork to a deserving WBHS student in pursuing full-time music studies following graduation.

Thank you Sir Michael Hill



Vadim Fong and Dillon Worsfold win Sir Michael Hill Music Scholarship

Whangarei Boys' High School celebrated a momentous occasion as Sir Michael Hill visited the school to receive the prestigious Fideliter Fellowship Award, presented to him by the Whangarei Boys' High School Old Boys' Association. The event, marked by Sir Michael's generous spirit and support of young talent, was an especially memorable one as it included the presentation of the Sir Michael Hill Music Scholarship to two outstanding students: Vadim Fong and Dillon Worsfold.

The Fideliter Fellowship Award, established by the Old Boys' Association, is granted to individuals who demonstrate significant contributions to the school or broader community, with an emphasis on values of excellence and service that align with Whangarei Boys' High School's principles. Sir Michael, a globally respected business and arts patron, embodies these qualities through his commitment to fostering the arts and education across New Zealand.

During his visit, Sir Michael had the honor of awarding the Sir Michael Hill Music Scholarship, a grant that supports young musicians in their pursuit of artistic excellence. Recipients Vadim Fong and Dillon Worsfold, known for their musical talents and dedication, were selected for their achievements and potential in the arts. The scholarship aims to inspire students to continue their journey in music, emphasizing the importance of arts education.

In his presentation, Sir Michael expressed pride in the students' accomplishments and shared words of encouragement for their musical aspirations. The school community was inspired by his presence and commitment to nurturing young talent.

The event was a testament to Whangarei Boys' High School's dedication to recognizing and fostering excellence in both academics and the arts.

WBHS Old Boys' Association

Graduation Dinner

Heerikhuisen



Year 13 Deans Linda
Heerikhuisen and Peter
Cook



Yr 13 Deans sending their young men off into the big wide world! 5 years with the same group will form strong bonds.



Lands End to John O'Groats cycle adventure

by Al Kirk

The cycle trip is going really well and it's hard to believe we are only 3 days from reaching John O'Groats (last night we stayed in Inverness, and today we pedal 90km north to Lairg).

2 nights ago, we had the company of David Dent - Old Boy and very strong supporter of the school (who lives in Aberdeen). It was fortunate Dave was in the area (salmon fishing) so was able to come to the place we were staying (the highest village in the Highlands, Tomintoul) and have dinner with us.

Of our group of 12 cyclists, those in the picture all have connections with WBHS. A fabulous evening!

From left:

Phil Gardner - Staff 1998-2001. 2007-10

Al Kirk - Headmaster 2000-2015

David Dent - Old Boy 1968-1970

Bill Roberts - Old Boy 1962-65

Chris Minhinnick - Old Boy 1961-64

Bill Mallet - BoT member 1998-2001, BoT Chairman 2001-04



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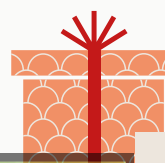
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*'All good men and women must take responsibility to create legacies
that will take the next generation to a level we could only imagine'*

Jim Rohn

Below is a brochure we will soon have in Solicitors' offices around New Zealand. Please take the time to have a look and consider investing in our school and boys long-term.

Our aim is to raise \$1,000,000.00 for the Endowment Trust which would create approx. \$50,000.00 for the school each year to use on things the Ministry of Education does not cover.

The formation of the WBHS Old Boys' Association Endowment Trust was initiated in 2009. The purpose was to establish a fund to take the place of the existing WBHS Foundation whereby Old Boys could build up a fund to create some sort of legacy for the future of not only the School but also the Association.

This was a fund that would be managed by Old Boys for Old Boys, although the ultimate goal always remains to provide help to the School. The broad objectives of the Trust are:

- To foster the pursuit and advancement of high educational standards for pupils of Whangarei Boys' High School.
- To support, assist and advance the aims and objectives of the Whangarei Boys' High School Old Boys' Association Incorporated so long as this Association remains a recognised charitable organisation in accordance with New Zealand Law.

The Trust is to be administered by Trustees who are appointed by the Association. The current Trustees are as follows:

- Erc Angelo (WBHS 1956-62) – Chairman
- David Dent (WBHS 1968-70)
- Murray Holdaway (WBHS 1970-74)
- Jarrod Goodall (WBHS 1995-99) – President of the WBHS Old Boys Association
- Paul Ahlers (WBHS 1976-79)
- Shane Culham (WBHS 1970-73)
- Mark Wilson (WBHS 1980-84) – Treasurer
- Lindsay Faithfull (WBHS 1973 -76)

WHANGĀREI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT TRUST

How can you leave your legacy?

- **Bequeaths:** Leaving a legacy via your will is a simple way of giving that costs you nothing in your lifetime but will make a positive difference to your school for years to come
- **One-off Donation:** No matter how small or large, when added to other Old Boys' donations these will make a big difference to the income-earning power of the fund.
- **Regular donation:** Even the equivalent of a cup of coffee a week can make a difference over a period of time. The Trust administrator can help you set up a weekly, monthly or annual donation.
- WBHS Endowment Trust's long-term investment horizon makes it an attractive place not just for donations but also for bequests and wills.



You can make a one-off credit card donation to the Whangārei Boys' High School Old Boys' Association Endowment Trust by visiting:
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How are the funds used?

- It is important to note that the donations themselves are never spent - only the income they generate.
- Trustees evaluate the performance of the fund and set aside amounts for the school to use. The School Principal will canvas staff and school members to propose projects to apply the funds to.
- From time to time the school may apply to the Endowment Trust for funds for a specific purpose.



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