

# Carruth House

Developing Boys into Fine Men – Whangarei Boys' High School



## From the Director

Kia ora whanau

Well, what an interesting time we have all been through over these past few months. Our students had to suddenly demonstrate a high level of self-motivation and organisation when it came to continuing on with their learning. Our teachers had to quickly change the way that they delivered work and stayed connected with, and gave feedback to, their students. What became evident to me quickly was the power of our strong community.

I must say it's great to see so many of the boys back playing sport and enjoying all the extra-curricular activities. These experiences are a big part of Carruth and School life. It is not all just about academic learning. Schools provide our young men with a wide range of experiences both in, and outside of, the classroom and I know that for many, the loss of these extra-curricular activities has been keenly felt.

Thank you to you, our parents, who quite possibly took the biggest "hit" when the lockdown occurred. You were asked, in a short space of time, to become a "jack of all trades" in the family home, becoming learning co-ordinators for your children, along with managing everything else that the lockdown situation created.

These past few months have been a perfect example of everyone needing to do their bit to support each other and help our wider Carruth community. We have certainly ALL been in this together. It's fair to say my first two terms here at Carruth have been challenging, but I do love a challenge and the management of any boarding environment comes with its own challenges, especially in the ever-changing needs of boarders. However, the rewards that come through witnessing first-hand the development of the young men in our care makes this position extremely satisfying.

Enjoy the school holidays with your son's and I will see you all again next term.

Nga mihi nui  
Michael Gilmour

## Notices

### New Staff

- Kitchen Manager - We are pleased to welcome to our team Ngaikiha Harmer our new Kitchen manager. Ngaikiha has been working in the school canteen and we can't wait for her to start next term.
- Housemaster - We also have our new housemaster Wynyard-Devogue Peeni starting next term. Wynyard will live on-site and will be a great addition to the housemaster team.

## Term 3 Key Dates

- Monday 20th July - Carruth House will open at 4pm for Term 3
- 30th July Yr 8 open Evening/Tours
- Exeat weekend - Carruth House will close on Friday 28th August at 5pm and reopen on Sunday 30th August at 4pm.

## Exam preparation

- WBHS will be putting support in place for all boys to help them with their preparation for school exams, this will be very beneficial for the boys especially those sitting NCEA.

## Carruth upgrade

- The dormitories have had a much-needed facelift with a new coat of paint and new carpet. What a difference this has made, I am so happy that this has been done. A BIG thank you to our Board of Trustees for giving the green light for this to go ahead.



## What's been going on at Carruth



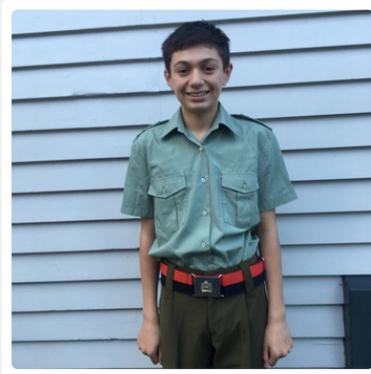
### Junior Young Farmer of the year

Well done Sean Alexander and Archer Walton on gaining a top 5 finish. The future of agriculture is in safe hands!



### Hockey

The Carruth Hockey team has made a great start to there season so far, winning there first 2 games.



### Army Cadets

Three of our junior boys are now apart of the Army Cadets. Sebastian looks the part.



### Dinner Time

Another Hearty feed for the boys.



### Prep

Heads are down and the boys are getting that homework done.



### Yr 9's

Our new Yr 9 students have settled into Carruth life really well.



## New School site

The new school site is underway.



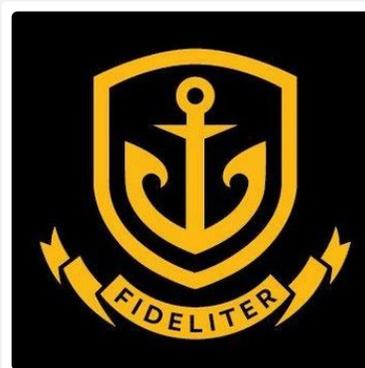
## School Bridge

Progress is being made for the new bridge.



## 1st XV Rugby

Big congratulations to Hori Kake on being named in the 1st fifteen.



## Year 12 Leadership Camp

Year 12 students Cole Tilly, Mahanga Mitchell, Jacob Matteucci, and Archer Walton recently attended the Year 12 leadership camp. Well done on putting your names forward to attend this camp.

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