



Whakatane High School – Sports Report

Week ending: 15 AUG 2021



RUGBY

U14's

WHS Under 14 vs Trident High School - Grand Final

The passion and emotion etched across the boys faces did nothing to hide the sense of anguish following the nail biting grand final against Trident.

The boys settled for the silver medal in what can best be described as a thrilling encounter between the 2 strongest teams in the Bay of Plenty.

Final score 15 v 17. 2 tries to Cody Neale and 1 to Kaio Moses.

Special shout out to coaches Jordan Coxan and Cliff Harper who have successfully developed this team, empowering the boys to lead with a strong sense of mana and respect for each other and the game. Also to Mark Hanlen and Gemma Coxon for all your behind the scenes managerial support and efforts to ensure everything ran smoothly for the boys.

Bring on 2022!



TABLE TENNIS

We sent a team of 9 over to join 23 other secondary school teams from around the Bay to compete in the recent BOPSS Table Tennis Champs.

Pool play consisted of 3 or 4 rounds, then semis and finals. Each one of our 3 teams were able to get at least 1 round win under their belt so a huge improvement on last year, Shout out to Skye Martin for being a part of a winning game for the first time in 2 trips to the BOPSS comp.

The team of Jai Julian, Ben Peat (pictured bottom left), and Miharo Cass came overall 2nd in the Junior Boys competition so an extremely good day for those boys! Stepped up big time but going down in the final to a very classy TBC side 5 games to none. The other junior boys team was also impressive winning multiple rounds but missing out on the semis.

All in all a great day had by all and Whakatane high looked like an emerging powerhouse in the bay for the sport of table tennis



HOCKEY

6 A SIDE

Congratulations to **WHS 1 (Gold)** and **WHS 2 (Black)** who drew 3-3 at the local secondary schools 6 a-side Hockey final.

Both sides played well with Black leading 3-1 with two minutes left. A buzzer beater goal from Callum Giles drew the game in the last second. The students decided that a draw and a share of the spoils was a fair result.

Great sportsmanship and a great game for the crowd also.



1st XI Girls

Had a good 4-1 win over Taupo nui a Tia tpo place 5th in the BOP Schools Hockey League for the 2021 season. A great effort from our young team which consists of 6 year 9 students!

1st XI Boys (pictured here)

had a very competitive game against JPC Thursday night, 12th Aug. Just couldn't get the ball in the net! Final score 0-0.

2nd XI

played Whakarewarewa in Rotorua and needed a win or draw to make the semifinals.

The whole team played very well, showing some great stick skills & positional play that kept them under pressure. Joel Jones opened the scoring in the first quarters for us and they also scored one. Going into the last quarter the score was locked at 1-1. Unfortunately, they stepped the tempo up a gear and scored 2 fast goals and our tired legs couldn't keep up with the final score, 6-1.

POD -Our defence back 4 of Jake Laurent, Cole Broadmore, Sam Smith & Ethan Heal

The boys are now looking forward to tournament week.



BASKETBALL

Senior boys Gold won their semi-final against Trident HS Blue, in spectacular fashion Monday 9th. Up 31-9 at the break with some great set plays and consistent shooting from the senior players. The team was given some specific directives from coach, ex-student Rob Neho, and they kept working on things into the second stanza. The younger players were given an opportunity to step up and did well to secure the spot in the final with the final score, 55-28 to WHS over Trident.

The other semi-final was tightly contested and finished with a 3point shot to put the Trident Senior A team through to the final with us 39-38 over TKK Tane.

Final Game was scheduled for 7.20pm, Monday 23rd August.

Senior Boys Black Monday night senior B beat Te Oriini in our first semi final of the repechage round (winner wins 5th place). Score was 70-19.

Stand outs were Kohi Thrupp- 16 points, 8 rebounds & 5 Steals and Peter Steer-21 points & 11 Rebounds.

Senior Girls played a great game but unfortunately went down 38-25 to Opotiki Snr Girls in their Semi-final.

Junior Girls

lost by quite a significant margin to Trident in their semi-final. They will face Opotiki in their play-off or 3rd and 4th.

FOOTBALL

1st XI Boys had a good 4-0 win on Saturday against Aquinas college here at Athletic Park. We absolutely dominated at times and played some great football.

Goals from Charlie Waters, Michael Everett, Ryan Clader and Jono Schooler.

Players of the day going to Callum Edlin and Captain Michael Everett

1st XI Girls had a good hard game against top of the table Mt Maunganui College. Last time the 2 sides faced, we took a heavy 10-0 loss so to only be down 3-0 at the break with stand-in keeper, Lily Muggeridge doing a great job, we were pretty happy with marked improvements. The girls showed true integrity and grit and kept fighting throughout the game. They linked up well and played some really good football at times. This was proven with WHS getting the final goal of the game through Eden Moloney. Moloney was in fine form throughout the game on the wing and finally managed to take a chance with a great swinging shot sailing into the top right corner of the net.

Player of the day going to year 9, Chelsea Kerr for her pivotal play in the midfield, great support up front and brilliant corner taking.

Junior A Boys

had a close 4-3 loss to Bethlehem College. The score was 2 all at half time. Goals for us were scored by Ben Peat, Joshua Allison and William Dawson.

2nd XI Girls

had their game postponed due to the TOD (Teacher only day).