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From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora e te whānau o Whangaparāoa

Friday's Pink Shirt Day was a good reminder to everyone that bullying is not okay. Being an upstander rather than a bystander is so important. The slogan for this special day is *Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying* and we ask our school community to look after each other and be supportive and kind, both in person and online. The importance of self-control and tolerance is key and it is absolutely acceptable to have differing views and to disagree with each other; but this needs to be done with respect for the other people involved. This is a skill we all need to learn and nurture because we all know how difficult this can be. It is not always easy but it is in these situations that we need self-control and tolerance the most. Taking responsibility for actions and working on being a better person is a good life skill. Building a strong sense of personal and social responsibility is integral to everything we do at Whangaparāoa College, in partnership with whānau and community. We all have a part to play in creating a country we can be proud of for the way its people treat each other.

As the term progresses, we are starting to feel the effects of a combination of COVID-19 and winter illnesses. We have noticed an increased number of learners being absent from school, alongside a significant increase in staff absence. We are covering all classes appropriately at this point, however, the resources we have (relief teachers) are stretched to capacity. We will continue to ensure our learners are receiving the best possible education, but we do ask for your continued support as we navigate this. Additionally, for learners who are absent from school, it is your responsibility to catch up on work missed and ensure you communicate, where possible, with your teachers.

You will have noticed the increasing use of te reo Māori both in our written communications and in the media. To ensure we understand as we switch between two of our official languages, here is a list of terms and their translations/meanings that might be helpful:

- Haere mai—welcome
- Hui-meeting or get-together
- Ka kite—anō see you again
- Kaiārahi—a coach, guide, mentor (form teacher)
- Kia kaha—be strong
- Kia ora—a greeting of welcome
- Kōrero-to talk, share, discuss
- Kura—school
- Ngā mihi nui-many thanks
- Pōwhiri—a welcome ceremony where people become whānau
- Ropū whānau—key group (like form class) to which learners belong
- Whānau hui—times set aside for the ropū whānau to meet
- Whānau—family or close community

Thank you for your support as we work together to ensure our learners have a safe and memorable educational experience.

Ngā mihi

Steve McCracken

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Upcoming Events / Dates to Remember

All events are Covid-dependent

May	26	L3BUST Pitch Consultation	June	24	Matariki Public Holiday
	30	Yr 7 Girls Football Zone Day	July	8	Last Day of Term 2
	31	Yr 8 Girls Football Zone Day		25	First Day of Term 3
		·	September	30	Last Day of Term 3
	31	Auckland Uni Visit	October	17	First Day of Term 4
				24	Labour Day Holiday
June	1	AUT Uni Visit	November	2	Last Day for Seniors
	2	Rugby Girls Zone Day		7	NZQA Exams Start
		,	December	6	NZQA Exams Finish
	3	L3PHYS Rainbows End Trip		12	Last Day of Term 4
	6	Queens Birthday Holiday			
	7	Yr 7 Howick Village			
	8	Hockey Boys Zone Day			
	8	Yr 12 North Shore Careers Expo			

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ERO Reporting

The Education Review Office (ERO) has shifted to a more developmental approach to evaluation that supports each school's improvement over time. Key features of the new approach, Te Ara Huarau, are that ERO

- work with all schools in an ongoing way rather than as a one-off
- connect with each school's strategic planning and reporting cycle as part of their improvement journey
- work in partnership with schools, collaborating in support of equitable and excellent outcomes for all learners

As a result, each school will:

- have a dedicated ERO Evaluation Partner who works alongside the school
- have a different experience depending on needs, strengths, and their school's specific evaluation focus
- be on a three-year evaluation cycle

What will public reporting on ERO's website look like?

As schools' transition into the approach. FRO will work with schools to publish a one-off Profile Report. This will focus on the strategic goals schools have in place to improve learner outcomes and what the school is seeking to achieve through the evaluation.

Within a three year cycle all schools will then have a Te Ara Huarau | School Evaluation Report. This report includes information about the school's improvement journey, what the school has achieved for learners

All schools will receive a Board Assurance with Regulatory and Legislative Requirements Report about their board's attestation to meeting those requirements. Provision for International Students and Hostel Reports will be published where applicable.

Other reporting

Progress Reports - These reports are not published on ERO's website. Progress reports will provide specific information for specific audiences such as your board, the community or the Ministry of Education.

Get amongst it!

Key Dates to Remember

Whangaparāoa College is thrilled to be welcoming a group from South Korea for a visit in Term 3. They will arrive the last weekend of the school holidays -23 July, and depart on 12 August.



We will host them daily here at our college and can't wait to share our school, culture and friendships with them. We want to offer our College Whānau the first opportunity to be a host family, to one or two of these students.

This is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of and very rewarding too, as we create memories for these students to take back home and share with their

Your hospitality will be remunerated. If this is your first-time hosting, we will be onboarding and supporting everyone with this experience.

It is a good feeling to be back hosting our friends from around the world, it has been far too long.

If you would like to learn more about being a Host Family please either drop me a line suemck@wgpcollege.school.nz or call me on **424 9177 ext. 238**

More information is available on ERO's website. ERO.govt.nz/how-ero-reviews/Te-Ara-Huarau



"Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!"

On Friday 20 May, Whangaparāoa College, along with the rest of Aotearoa got behind Pink Shirt Day and their aim to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

We had a range of different learners get involved by planning and running activities for the day to spread the message of inclusivity and kindness. This included our amazing Year 9 leaders, Junior Health classes, one of our Year 12 learners, Tara Peters, who set up her nail painting station again this year, and of course our awesome prefects who ran lunchtime activities and got right behind the values of Pink Shirt Day.

All staff got behind this and showed their support in many different ways - We even had the Year 7 teachers who were away on camp joining in!

The following ropū whānau took out the Pink Shirt Day House Competition: 1st: 8MUE - Fire House, 2nd: 8BNJ - Earth House, and 3rd: 13LGO - Earth House

Thanks to everyone for getting involved. Let's keep spreading this message, every day, all year round!



ear 7 teachers on camp



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Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Camp

Last weekend, 14-15 May, 18 learners participated in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifying journey. Mr Peddie and Mrs Sinclair led us over, through and around Rangitoto and Motutapu Islands. The two-day, one night camp started at the school where we all gathered, departed in the school vans and headed to Devenport where the ferry left for Rangitoto Island at 9.25 am. The short ferry ride consisted of comparing bag weights and excited chatter for the weekend ahead. After a briefing on the wharf and a quick start we headed around the island and up to the summit of Rangitoto where we ate lunch, took lots of photos and had a wonderful view of Auckland from the top of the look-out. We eventually reached Motutapu after a couple of falls and a lot of complaining for a bathroom. We were greatly relieved after finally seeing the campground right on the water at Home Bay and being greeted by two flushing toilets! A couple of hours later there was a brave swim by Hope and Ruby, setting up camp, enjoying a hot dinner, some chatting and an early night.

Day two rolled around and the plan for the day was to walk back to Rangitoto around the coastline to the wharf to catch the ferry home at 4.00 pm that evening. Everyone was packed, full of rehydrated breakfast and ready to leave the campground at 9.00 am. The day went well, it consisted of some exploring through World War I bunkers, a lot of beautiful coastline, some rain and a very tricky last few hours over the rough volcanic ground of Rangitoto. Finally coming out of the trees and seeing the wharf we had a few hours to kill before the ferry ride home. We filled it with multiple card games by everyone, some two minute noodles and a debrief of our awesome weekend. A big "ups" to Daniel Clague and Finn Marley who decided to run back up to the summit of Rangitoto while the rest of us collapsed with exhaustion at the end of day 2—what a great effort boys! The objectives of the camp were to efficiently pack all required food and equipment for an overnight hike and camping experience in a remote location and of course to



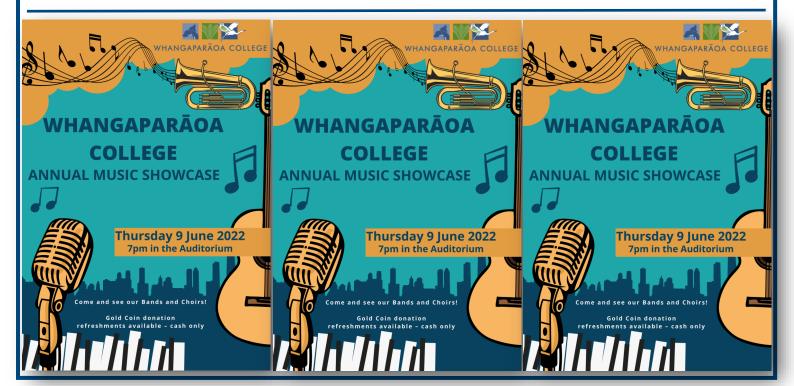


enjoy the adventurous experience of doing something with new people. That's what the Duke of Edinburgh award is all about. Thank you Mr Peddie and Mrs Sinclair for the trip. Everyone had a wonderful time.

EnviroGroup

Environmental Fun Fact: The Stitchbird (also known as the Hihi) is a small bird endemic to New Zealand. Before conservation efforts, its only surviving population belonged to Little Barrier Island. Now it exists in some pest-free reserves, like Auckland's Tiritiri Matangi and Shakespear, but there's one problem scientists are yet to find the answer to: what do they eat? We know it is a sugary type of nectar (synthesised for birds taken off Little Barrier), but we have not identified the plant they natively feed from. Even today, it's still a mystery.

If you have a passion for the environment and want to chip in on Whangaparāoa College's behalf, the EnviroGroup meets every Friday (or so) at lunchtime in S2, and new members are always welcome! That's anyone from Year 7 to Year 13, and staff.



Learner Council Committee Badges



Last week our Te Waha Ākonga—Learner Council Committee were presented with their badges by Mr McCracken. Te Waha Ākonga is a committee of learners aimed at collecting learner voice to better our Kura. Council Chair is Libby Williams and there are 7 aspects of focus: **Academic** led by Olly West; **Arts** led by Jasmine Martin; **Community** led by Madison Daniel and Josh Heijn; **Environment** led by Isi Booth and Jae-Won Ahn; **Māori** led by Maia Hood; **Pasifika** led by Kirk Vaha and **Sports** led by Jack Heijn.



'Give a Kid a Blanket'

is a community action of kindness running Auckland wide every year.

Follow #giveakidablanket

When: From Mon 30th May - 24th July

What to donate: New and excellent condition pre-loved blankets, sleeping bags, duvets, baby sleep sacks, winter bedding, duvet covers, pyjamas, jumpers, winter coats, beanies, socks, new pillows, new hot-water bottles.

All second hand items need to be cleaned/washed by the donor prior to donation. For several items, it would be great if they are bagged/boxed.

Where: donations to Mrs Law in B2 or C-Block Staffroom

House Points: Collect points for your house! Let Mrs Law know your house when you bring your donation.

Alumni-Foundation Corner

Sinead Howard—Learner: 2006 to 2012

Whangaparāoa College was fundamental in my love for music and performance. It was there where I was really encouraged by my peers and teachers to celebrate my out-going and creative nature on and off the stage. I have fond memories of the many stage challenges, productions, music classes and drama classes where I thrived under the guidance of Danielle Savage and Jo White. They weren't just fantastic teachers, but mentors too. It makes sense that I now work in the radio and music industry. You can find me chatting on Dance & Electronic music station, George FM, Weekdays 3 —7 pm and playing cracking tunes to thousands of partygoers at festivals and gigs across the country. I've been blessed with some amazing opportunities in this field, like interviewing bass artist Skrillex after he surprised me in studio or d-j'ing at Synthony in New Plymouth at the mighty Bowl of Brooklands venue, to 10,000 people. I am currently holding the title for the #1 Drive show in Auckland. If there is some advice I could give to the learners of Whangaparāoa College, it would be to celebrate your uniqueness, as it is the greatest gift to be you.



Whangapāraoa College Alumni-Foundation

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!!



We are excited to announce that we have recently formed a Whangaparāoa College Alumni-Foundation committee. Our first step is to create a database of our Alumni (past learners, staff, parents, whānau, and community members). If you, your child or someone you know has been associated with Whangaparāoa College in some way, please can you and/or they fill in this <u>brief Google form to be added to our database</u>.

Our two main purposes of this foundation are to provide diverse opportunities and to create new and renew old connections.

There is an upcoming fundraising event that you and/or others may be interested in attending—SAVE THE DATE—**Hibiscus Coast Spring Ball, Saturday 3 September 2022.** Funds raised will benefit the learners of Whangaparāoa College.

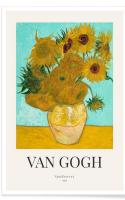
ART WANTED!!!

On Saturday 3 September there are plans for a Hibiscus Coast Spring Ball. The ball is a fundraiser for WGP College learners—you will be able to nominate where your \$ go to—sports, performing arts, or learners in financial need to pay for things such as camps, extra-curricular costs, uniforms, etc. that some may not be able to afford.

As part of the ball fundraiser, we are wanting to run a silent Art Auction. We therefore need art to be donated for this. Perhaps you, or some whānau or friends have some pieces of artwork in the back of cupboards or under beds at home, and you have nowhere to hang them? Perhaps you, or someone you know is an artist that would like to paint or draw something to donate to the auction?

Any queries, or to donate art, please see Lisa White or email lisawh@wgpcollege.school.nz







SAVE THE DATE: Banish the Covid blues and dance your way into spring whilst fundraising for our learners at the same time.

Join us at the Hibiscus Coast Spring Ball

More info to follow and on our facebook page <u>Hibiscus Coast Spring Ball events page</u>
But for now, dear whānau, friends and local businesses,

SAVE THE DATE Tell everyone you know about this event ... and let us know if you can help us out with this request

We are looking for any person or business able to offer sponsorship of \$400 and upwards to cover specific costs such as the band fees, catering, photography etc in exchange for advertising at the event and via social media posts related to the ball. We are also looking for BIG VALUE prizes, eg a free week at a Bach, a Waiheke Island Wine Tour, Holiday to Fiji etc to help with fundraising. If you can help with this please call Kate on 027 444 1434. Looking forward to seeing you all at the ball!

Thank you—the Ball Committee

Year 12 & 13 Year Gateway Learners

On Wednesday we welcomed Constable John Walker back to our college to chat with our Year 12 & 13 Gateway learners who are keen to explore a career in the Police.

Constable Walker has served with the NZ Police for many years; hence, an hour was not enough time to explore his knowledge, experiences, and the highs and lows of his career.

Our learners had many questions for him and Constable Walker was very open with his replies and discussion.

A great introduction to life as a Police Officer and the many divisions of the NZ Police you can work in.

Our thanks again to Whangaparāoa Police for your involvement with Whangaparāoa College.









Meet with over fifty different organisations including Universities, Polytechnics, Tertiary Training Providers, & Industry representatives from around New Zealand





The STAR Programme is a resource for schools that is aimed at assisting secondary school learners into finding a suitable pathway into work or further study. STAR is commonly known as a "Taster" course for an industry a learner may find appealing as a career option. The STAR Courses are a fun, practical way of having a taste of the industry along with the opportunity to gain NZQA unit standards. Over 50 learners attended various STAR Courses over the holidays, Barista, Intro to Armed Forces, Animal Care and Flight Attending. July Courses are available on the school website.

https://www.wgpcollege.school.nz/Learning/Careers/STAR+Courses.html

Sports Announcements/ News

Winners of Year 9 Dodgeball-9DVS

We were really determined to win the Year 9 Dodgeball Tournament. We were really excited for this day. As an outcome from our excitement, we came up with strategies. One of our strategies was for a couple of people to rush up and get as many balls back as we could. It worked. We won all our games! As a result of our teamwork and participation, we had lots of fun and an enjoyable time overall. Reece Kennelly



Link for our Winter Sports Draws https://linktr.ee/ Whangaparaoa College Sport



Year 9/10 Sports Campers

Our learners had a fabulous few days at Totara Springs Christian Camp. Well done for winning the girls volleyball and basketball finals on the last night and to the boys for winning basketball. Well done to all teams involved!



For any sports enquiries, email sports@wgpcollege.school.nz or follow us on Facebook Whangaparāoa Sport Facebook Page or Instagram Whanga College Instagram Page

Youth Week Handball Tournament

Well done to our winners! 1st, Tylor Gilmour (Yr 9), 2nd, Jesse Lu (Yr 11), 3rd, Cole Mey (Yr 7), 4th, Brody Newth (Yr 13).



Sailing Success

Well done to Valentina and Kosta Galdiadis, who on the weekend of 7-8 May, competed and had success in the 2022 Burnsco Interschool Regatta. The fleet racing regatta was hosted by the Bay of Islands Yacht Club. Valentina Gladiadis 7RST came 1st in the Open Skiff Silver Fleet and 1st Girl. Kosta Gladiadis 10BEG came 1st place in the Starling Fleet. The regatta had 9 different sailing classes that involved a bunch of different schools. A great weekend in a beautiful location. Well done to both learners!





Club Tennis

Luca Morris 12VAB won the Junior Club Champs at Whangaparāoa Tennis Club this year. There were 99 entrants in the competition and he won. He and his partner also won the senior mixed double club champs. An outstanding achievement for a junior player. Luca is also entering the senior singles club champs coming up in the next few weeks. We wish him well!











https:// www.nzaimsgames.co.nz/

Zespri Aims Games is one of the largest events in the southern hemisphere.

Over 15000 kids from all of New Zealand's Intermediate schools converge on Tauranga from 3-9 September. See their website for more details.

We will be selecting teams and entering them. The exact dates and costs will be advised as some of these teams will be led by a parent. Costs are normally in the region of \$600 per person but will vary depending on accommodation / entry fees etc.

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FROM THE NURSE

FREE HEARING SCREENING FOR YEAR 9 LEARNERS



WGP College will be participating in a study that offers FREE hearing screening and education to all Year 9 learners on 13 - 16 September.

ALL parents/caregivers of Year 9 learners will receive an email with information from the National Foundation for Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

If you would like to opt your child out of this screening please email courtneybr@wgpcollege.school.nz

We offered this to Year 9s last year but unfortunately the program did not proceed due to lockdown. Unfortunatley we are unable to offer the screening to the learners who are now Year 10.

Physiotherapy and Hand Therapy

We have a physiotherapist onsite 3 days per week to treat learners and staff. Under ACC and with a referral from the school nurse, the first treatment is free and further treatments are \$10.

We have a hand therapist onsite 2 days per week. All treatment under ACC is free.

If the school nurse is referring a learner to the physio or hand therapist, she will get permission from parents / caregivers.

The number to call to make an appointment to see a hand therapist or physio therapist at school or clinic is 09 426 6619



UNWELL LEARNERS:

If your child becomes unwell at school with Covid-19 symptoms, you will be contacted to collect them (as per our usual process). The nurse can give you a R.A.T. to do at home.

If the result is positive, your child will need to isolate for 7 days (including day 0).

If the result is negative and symptoms persist, your child will need to retest in 1-2 days.

If the result is negative, the learner can return to school when they are well.

LEARNERS WITH MILD SYMPTOMS AT SCHOOL:

If learners present to the Health Clinic with mild standalone symptoms such as a headache, or a runny nose, or fatigue, then the school registered nurse may opt to do a R.A.T. with the learner to determine if they are safe to return to class.

If the result is positive, whānau will be contacted to collect the learner. Whānau will be advised to report the results via 'My Covid Record' or if the learner is under 12, call 0800222478. The learner will need to isolate for 7 days (including day 0).

If the result is negative and the learner is essentially well, the learner can safely return to class. If further symptoms develop or symptoms worsen, please keep the learner home and retest in 1-2 days.

Any concerns related to this, please email nurse@wgpcollege.school.nz

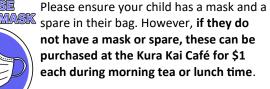
COVID BOSSTER VACCINATION: 16 & 17 year old learners are now eligible for Covid Booster Vaccinations. You can make an appointment at Whangaparāoa Medical Centre on 09 4248618.

MASK WEARING

Facemasks continue to be a tool that helps reduce the spread of Covid 19. We are trying to reduce the risk of Covid spreading in our school community by:

- Wearing facemasks indoors.
- Keeping classrooms well ventilated.
- Encouraging the use of hand sanitiser.
- Encouraging good cough / sneeze etiquette.
- Asking unwell learners and staff to stay home if unwell.
- Regularly using surface cleaners in our classrooms.





If your child has a mask exemption please email a copy through to nurse nurse@wgpcollege.school.nz.

Please ensure your child brings a full water bottle to school each day.







your community store open 7am - 10pm + 7 days a week 570-588 Whangaparaoa Road - 09 869 9013









NDATION Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Here for good

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