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## From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora e te whānau o Whangaparāoa

It's great to see everyone back at school after the Easter holidays. We hope to have minimal Covid disruptions this term so that we can focus on our teaching and learning as well as enjoy all the extra curricular opportunities available to our learners.

For the first time in over 9 months, we were able to get together in person as a whole school on our school field for our ANZAC Assembly last Wednesday. We were honoured to host some Kings Empire Veterans from the Hibiscus Coast RSA who also took part in the assembly along with learners and I. Poetry, readings and waiata were enjoyed by all, a wreath and some Poppy poems were laid against the stage and the Last Post played as we remembered those who have gone before us and those affected by current conflicts.

This term also sees our winter sports in action again. It's so good to see our learners getting involved in sports and enjoying their sport. Our music lessons are also well supported and there too, learners are taking the opportunities offered to them. On Sunday 1 May, our Big Band, Concert Band, Rock School and a Trombone Quartet played at the Hibiscus Coast RSA Open Day. They all did us proud and we'd like to thank everyone involved.

We have noticed that learners are causing damage in the school bathrooms. Teachers have been asked to remind learners that they must use the bathrooms and get a drink of water during break times and in the 5 minutes they have between classes. This will also be less disruptive for all learners and allow us to isolate specific incidences of vandalism and poor behaviour. Of course, learners we know who have permission to leave class during the lesson will be allowed to do so. Please have a conversation with your child/ren about using the bathroom at the appropriate times and not damaging property that doesn't belong to them. They can bring a drink of water to have during class so that they don't need to leave class.

We look forward to a busy and productive term ahead. Term 2 can be challenging for learners, so we continue to ask for your support in ensuring they are connected to their learning and doing the best they can at all times.

Long may this wonderful weather continue.

Ngā mihi

Steve McCracken

We welcomed our 2 new Assistant Principals Mrs Davina Dean and Mr Cristian Rodriguez at the start of the term at a powhiri for new staff.



## Upcoming Events / Dates to Remember

All events are Covid-dependent

May	11/12	Yr 8-13 Meet the subject teacher
	12	L1BIOL Tiri Trip
	12	Yr 8 HPV1
	14/15	Bronze DoE 2021 Qualifying
	16-20	Year 7 Camp
	16-19	Year 9 & 10 Sports Camp
	18	Victoria University Presentation 1.30-2.15 pm in Auditorium
	20	Mufti Day—Pink Shirt Day
	21/22	Silver DoE Extra Practice
	24	L3GEOG Orewa Trip

## Key Dates to Remember

June	6	Queen's Birthday Holiday
	24	Matariki Public Holiday
July	8	Last Day of Term 2
	25	First Day of Term 3
September	30	Last Day Term 3
October	17	First Day Term 4
	24	Labour Day Holiday
November	2	Last Day for Seniors
	7	NZQA Exams Start
December	6	NZQA Exams Finish
	12	Last Day of Term 4



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## ANZAC Day Full School Assembly

On Wednesday 4 May, Whangaparāoa College had our first full school assembly. It was held outside on our school field. With the rain threatening, the school gathered to remember the sacrifices made for us and reflect on all that was lost in conflict. The ANZAC assembly began with a Mihi read by BraydYn Rangitutia, one of our Prefects, followed by an opening prayer/reading from the Head Boy, Joshua Ahn. The Kapa Haka group also performed a beautiful Waita for us all. We were then fortunate enough to listen to a poetry reading performed and written by: Kyra-Lynn Barclay (Yr 10), Trisha Kumar (Yr 10), Charlie Teviotdale (Yr 9) and Taylor Liston (Yr 8). Following this, we were addressed by our Principal Mr McCracken and Mr Dave Dryden who is RSA's president. 7JAR then laid the wreaths they had lovingly created and The Soldiers' Ode was read in Te Reo by Tyrone Marino, our Deputy Head Boy. The Last Post was played, followed by a moment of silence. It should be noted that as our school stood in silence, it could be seen that the construction workers next to the school removed their hats and joined in our moment to remember them. The Soldiers' Ode was read in English and to finish off the Assembly, the Kapa Haka performed Whakaaria Mai. A special thanks to the Kings Empire Veterans from the Hibiscus Coast Community Returned Service Association (Dave Dryden—RSA President, ex RNZN, Frank Townley—KEV Malayan Emergency British Army, Kerry Hamilton—RNZN Malaysia Confrontation) for joining us. We appreciate you so much! - written by Rosie Risbrook



## Anzac Day at the RSA

On Sunday 1 May, our school bands entertained an enthusiastic crowd at the RSA. This was a particularly special occasion as it was the first time in eighteen months that we were able to perform at a venue outside the college. The audience were treated to the sounds of the Concert Band, Trombone Quartet, Rock School and Big Band. Thanks must go to all of the music teachers who made this event happen.





## Alumni-Foundation Corner

Our next Alumni member is none other than staff member and SILVER FERN Michaela Sokolich-Beatson : **2010—2014 as a student and presently as a teacher.**

*"I left Whangaparaoa College in 2014 as a learner and went to the University of Auckland, where I completed a Bachelor of Physical Education. I am now back at WGP College as a Health and Physical Educator. In between all of that I found time to play Netball for the MG Mystics, where I have been since 2016. I also found time to play a few games for the Silver Ferns. Fun fact, I was on a teaching placement at WGP College when I got the surprise call to say I had made the Silver Ferns. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Whangaparaoa College. I had great teachers and great friends. I loved having the opportunity to play multiple sports and have some experiential learning opportunities through outdoor education and PE. My advice to current learners would be to seize all opportunities that are on offer. Don't take yourself too seriously and enjoy the ride!*



**"Michaela representing NZ at the Commonwealth Games"**

## Whangaparaoa College Alumni-Foundation

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THE WORD!!!**



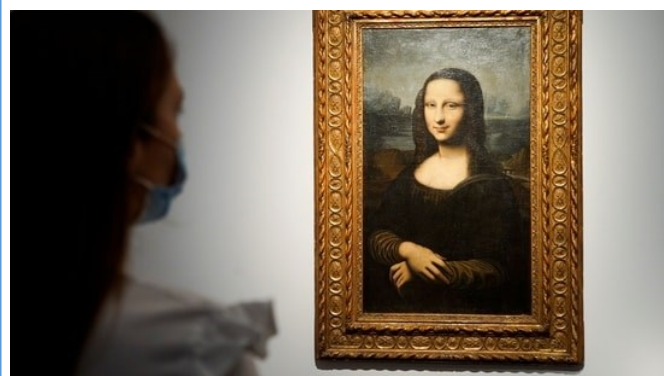
We are excited to announce that we have recently formed a Whangaparaoa College Alumni-Foundation committee. Our first step is to create a database of our Alumni (past learners, staff, parents, whānau, and community members). If you, your child or someone you know has been associated with Whangaparaoa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

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—**Whangaparaoa Community Ball, Saturday 3 September 2022.** Funds raised will benefit the learners of Whangaparaoa College. More details to come.

## ART WANTED!!!

On Saturday 3 September we are having a Whangaparaoa Community Ball (venue to be confirmed). The ball will be a fundraiser for Whangaparaoa College learners in financial need to pay for things such as camps, sports fees, 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](mailto:lisawh@wgpcollege.school.nz)





## Hibiscus Coast Astronomical Society at Whangaparāoa College



The Hibiscus Coast Astronomical Society held their first “in person” meeting in nearly a year on Thursday 5 May in the Whangaparāoa College Auditorium Foyer. Dr. Chris Benton, HCAS President, discussed how to identify objects in our night sky including the easily observable stars and how to tell if what you are looking at is a planet. This was followed by viewing some of these objects via telescope.

All further Society meetings will continue to be in the college auditorium foyer on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 7:30pm. Dr. Benton will begin the first in a three part series of presentations about Mars on 19 May called [Liquid Water on Mars, a story of Climate and Change](#). All are welcome to attend.

### Traffic Movement Plan, Stanmore Bay entry.

For the safety of our staff, learners and visitors, please follow our traffic movement plan. Please note that any cars parked in the staff and visitor carpark are NOT permitted to move between 3.10 pm and 3.25 pm while learners are walking in that area.





# Sports Announcements/ News

## Cross Country Results

On Thursday 5 May we held our College Cross Country across all year levels with both competitive and non-competitive races. Congratulations to all our place winners.

### Year 7 Girls

1st—Evie Self  
2nd—Mia Peters  
3rd—Piper Middleton

### Year 7 Boys

1st—Owain Roderick-Clarke  
2nd—Dylan Taylor  
3rd - Lakai Henderson & Quinn O'Mara

### Year 8 Girls

1st—Brooke Witherington  
2nd—Ataahua Raj  
3rd—Mason Pickles

### Year 8 Boys

1st—Rokko Walker  
2nd—Flynn Holbrook  
3rd - Mason Pickles

### Year 9 Girls

1st—Amber Duffett  
2nd—Isla Gardiner  
3rd—Gemma Marley

### Year 9 Boys

1st—Dylan Blanchard  
2nd—Jake Lunam  
3rd - Reece Kennelly

### Year 10 Girls

1st—Jessica Smalley  
2nd—Hope Duffett  
3rd—Maisie Kechlik

### Year 10 Boys

1st—Olly Turner  
2nd—Sam Creagh  
3rd - Kosta Gladiadis

### Year 11 Girls

1st—Hannah Waetford

### Year 11 Boys

1st—Andrew Musson

### Year 12 Girls

1st—Jemma Day  
2nd—Ariana Hunt  
3rd—Kano Sugawara

### Year 12 Boys

1st—Brodie Fortunato  
2nd—Jacob Alexander  
3rd—Angus MacLeod

### Year 13 Girls

1st—Madison Daniel & Rosie Risbrook

### Year 13 Boys

1st Jack Heijn & Josh Heijn



## Swimming



During the first week of the school holidays Year 10 learner Zoe Pedersen was a part of a team of top age group swimmers who travelled to Wellington to compete at the Apollo Projects New Zealand Age Group Champs 2022.

This is the National Championships for swimmers aged 13-18 who compete in age groups for National Titles and placings against the best swimmers in New Zealand! Coast Swim Club placed third overall which is the highest we have placed and is impressive for our team of 16 swimmers! Zoe Pedersen from Whangaparāoa College was part of the team and did incredibly well. Zoe won 3 individual medals GOLD – 50 Free, GOLD – 100 Free, BRONZE – 50 Fly. Zoe was also a finalist in 200 IM, 100 Back and 100 Fly Well done Zoe! What an amazing result



For any sports enquiries, email [sports@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:sports@wgpcollege.school.nz) or follow us on facebook [Whangaparāoa Sport Facebook Page](#) or Instagram [Whanga College Instagram Page](#)

# FROM THE NURSE



### HPV VACCINATION

Consented year 8 learners will receive their HPV vaccination at school on **12 May**. They will receive their 2nd and final dose on **17 November**.

ALL year 8 learners need to return a completed form stating either consent or non consent please.

### 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](mailto:courtneybr@wgpcollege.school.nz)

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

**COVID BOOSTER 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

Mask wearing is mandatory at WGP College (unless you have a mask exemption).

Please ensure your child has a mask and a spare in their bag. However, **if they do**

**not have a mask or spare, these can be purchased at the Kura Kai Café for \$1 each during morning tea or lunch time.**

If your child has a mask exemption please email a copy through to nurse

[nurse@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:nurse@wgpcollege.school.nz).

**PLEASE WEAR A MASK**

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



### 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 stand-alone 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](mailto:nurse@wgpcollege.school.nz)



**STAR**

Secondary Tertiary Alignment Resource

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>

**STAR Courses are fully funded except for the Defensive Driving Course**



# Coastie Clean Up

5th June 2022

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