



WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

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Term 1 Tales 2021



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From the Principal's Desk

Vaping is illegal for school age children

Unfortunately, I need to report that we have seen a growing problem with vaping in our community; and because about 1600 young people come to our school each day from our community, then some of them come wanting to vape. This is unacceptable.

I need there to be no confusion:

- Vaping anywhere, at any time on the school grounds; or during any school activities, is unacceptable.
- Vaping by anyone in a smoke-free area is illegal.
- Vaping is illegal for school age children, and the Police will be involved with learners who break the law.
- Vaping is harmful. Some of the 'juices' have high levels of nicotine and are very addictive.
- Vaping is like smoking, in that all the usual laws and rules apply.
- Vaping is a dirty habit, which like smoking, creates an unpleasant environment for others.

So, what can be done about this situation?

For our part, we will continue to be vigilant and follow up on all reported instances of vaping.

Parents, please talk about vaping with your children. If you know or suspect one of your children is vaping – help them and please don't leave it up to us entirely. One thing you could do is ensure they don't bring any vaping paraphernalia to school. Actually check their bags if you suspect anything. Any vaping paraphernalia we find will be handed to the Police.

Let's work together on this.

In closing

It's been a strange term with only five full Monday to Friday weeks. We look forward with hope to a smoother Term Two. In the meantime, have a good term break.

Ka kite ano (see you again soon)



James Thomas
Principal

Excellence Breakfast

Congratulations

Congratulations

On Thursday 8 April, we held an Excellence breakfast to celebrate with learners and whanau for those who gained an Excellence Endorsement at Level 2 or 3 NCEA, or gained Scholarship, in 2020. Unfortunately, as the breakfast was postponed due to a Covid Lockdown, not all recipients or whanau were able to attend.

Those who gained **L2 NCEA with Excellence** are: Stella Beattie, Kyle Bennie, James Crawford, Sarah Harrison, Jessica He, Alix Hines, Alex Lu, Benjamin Mueggenburg, Lila Opie-Brackley, Ashlee Pepper, Rachel Taylor, Nathan Travis, Maisy Unwin, Amara Veerasamy and Molly Wilde.

Those who gained **L3 NCEA with Excellence** are: Abhishek Bankoti, Adam Dobbyn, Chloe Drawbridge, Savannah Galvin, Brandon Gentry, Kieran James, Alex Jones, Amelia Kay, Kian Manilal, Violet Menefy, Estefanya Patjane Cebellos, Rebekah Potter, Kara Ripley, Beatriz Serpa, Siena Thompson, Thammarat Verkade, Tran Phuong Binh Vu, Brooke Warrington, Bo Watts and Lily Watts.

Scholarship was gained by: Jade Maloyd (Photography), Zara Weissenstein (Technology) and Alex Lu (Calculus).

Particular congratulations goes to Alex Lu, who gained this scholarship while in Year 12. Learners usually sit Scholarship in Year 13.



Senior Production



WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

Presents

NIU SILA

A play by
Oscar Kightley &
Dave Armstrong

7PM Thursday 6 May

7PM Friday 7 May

Whangaparaoa College Auditorium

Adults: \$10 Students & Gold Card: \$7

Tickets on sale at Learner Accounts & at the door

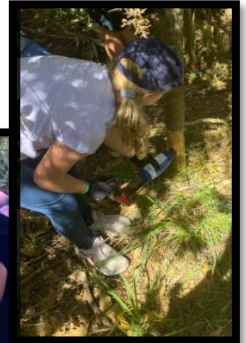
By Arrangement with Playmarket New Zealand

Niu Sila is a play about a friendship spanning 30 years. In 1970's NZ, Ioane Tafioka, fresh off the boat from the Pacific Islands, moves next door to Kiwi kid Peter Burton. They begin an unlikely friendship that will change their lives.

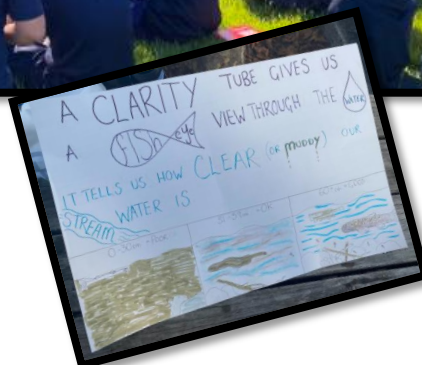
This funny and thought-provoking story will both delight and challenge. With performances from the wonderful Hibiscus Tuakana group, we look forward to performing for you all on 6 and 7 May!

Year 7

Our Year 7 learners have taken on the very important task of re-developing the wetlands located on the outskirts of our schools property. Working with the local council, to help control the overgrown weeds and make it a usable space once again for the school, replanting native plants and designing and building outdoor learning spaces. An enviro-group - **'Kaitiaki mō te Taiao' group (Guardians of the Environment)** has been created - made up of learners from each Year 7 class. They are being trained (by Kane from Restore Hibiscus) in how to deal with each of the different weeds that are growing in the wetlands that we are able to clean up. These learners then teach the rest of their class, so that everyone can be a part of the restoration. This wonderful experience allows learners to take ownership, understand the importance of conservation, and also lead their peers.



Whitebait Connection are a freshwater community conservation education programme that have come in to talk to our classes about water clarity, measuring pollution and seeing what life there is in the wetlands – birds, fish and other creatures. This is in the hopes that we can monitor the life and pollution levels until our wetlands are completely clean and ready to support the species that it should. They helped us to understand the WHY in developing our Wetlands.



Snorkelling and Shakespear Adventure

Our Year 7's spent the day out at Shakespear Regional Park along with EMR (Experiencing Marine Reserves), a national programme of experiential learning about marine conservation - walking through the bush to the waterfall, snorkelling at Te Haruhi Bay and of course, finding time for a sand sculpture competition!



Tug of War

Well done to **7WLL** who won the House Tug of War - Go FIRE!!



Year 8 Te Hana Trips

Our Year 8 classes have been travelling up to Wellsford for their Social Studies topic 'Pre-European Māori Life in New Zealand'. Te Hana Te Ao Marama offers an authentic Māori cultural Marae experience, which will enrich our learners' understanding of our Social Studies concepts, values and tikanga.



Performing Arts

Senior Jazz Combo

On Thursday 1 April, the Senior Jazz Combo competed in the 23rd National Youth Jazz Competition and were awarded a Silver medal! We played four songs including a piece written by the combo! We were Alex Lu on keyboard, Michael Clark on trombone, Nathan Travis on drums, Kyle Bennie on bass and vocals by Rosie Risbrook and Ella Batten. We headed down to Tauranga early on the Thursday morning thanks to our Principal Mr Thomas and HoD Music Mr Ward, as our legendary chauffeurs. We really enjoyed our time at the competition and felt our hard work more than paid off. It was an amazing opportunity and lots of fun. We look forward to playing together again soon!

Kyle Bennie, Y13 learner



Link to the National Youth Jazz website which has a live stream of the performance:

<https://www.nationalyouthjazz.org.nz/live-stream/>

Extra-Curricular Performing Arts is now in full swing!

- Monday: Year 9 and 10 Choir at lunch time.
Concert Band after school.
Kapa Haka Teina during the school day.
- Tuesday: Year 7 and 8 Choir P3.
Year 8 Band after school.
Production rehearsals after school.
Rock School Band after school.
- Wednesday: Year 9 and 10 Choir at lunch time.
Senior Choir after school.
- Thursday: A Jazz Improv Group at lunch time.
Production rehearsals after school.
- Friday: Big Band at lunch time.

We also have a Dance Challenge Competition that some Year 9 learners are practicing for, Showquest for Year 7 and 8 and Senior Kapa Haka.



Emma Williams, Cultural Arts Director

Hibiscus Multicultural Festival



On Friday 26 March, Future Whangaparaoa Trust held a celebration of culture, featuring performances (in which some of our learners took part), food and free activities.



Kapa Haka



Tiau Family



Lei Sang

Pics thanks to



"It was mind-opening as we got to experience what other traditional dances were. I felt proud to perform and represent our school." **Cassidy Chase**

Health Education



Eat My Lunch

On Thursday 1 April, a group of our senior Health learners got up early to volunteer at Eat My Lunch. Eat My Lunch's mission is to ensure no child goes hungry. Our learners spent the morning making hundreds of sandwiches for their 'Give Schools' and delivered these lunches to a number of schools around Auckland. It was great to see Kiwi kids helping other Kiwi kids.



Sexuality Education Feedback

Thank you to everyone who has provided us with feedback around our Sexuality Education programmes. We are currently reviewing our Health Education programmes, in particular Sexuality Education and we would appreciate as much community input as possible. If you haven't already, please take some time to complete this short survey. There is some general information included in the survey to read before answering the questions.

Survey link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdp3obL4zjNvfIRdb-23t3RKB7o_FkhuoLANAsn4JjuVPTBtA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Thank you for taking the time to complete this.

Sports

Whangaparaoa College Cricket overview:

A new cricket team was established for the college during Term 1 made up of Year 9s and 10s - some had previous cricket experience, however for 5 players, it was their first time out on a pitch.

Excellent commitment and comradery was shown by the players not only toward each other, but also toward the opposition. It was quite common for the opposing team manager to pass comment at the enthusiasm and commitment shown by our players – great work to all for representing the college so well.

A total of 6 games were played against colleges in the Auckland area, with some very close losses and a win against Orewa College! A big thumbs up to all players for an awesome season and a great all-round effort. Bring on Term 4 when the season picks up again.

Parent involvement was fabulous with umpiring, scoring and vocal side-line support, all the while being mindful of cricket etiquette!



Year 7 and 8 Tag

Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 Boys Tag team who competed at the NZTFI Tag Champion of Champions, finishing with a 2nd in Auckland.

They won all games convincingly to reach the final, but unfortunately lost 3-4 against Glen Eden in a very tight game.



From the Nurse

A Year 7 and catch-up Year 8 FREE VISION TEST will take place at the college on Tuesday 3 August. If you do not want your child to be tested, please email

Nurse@wgpcollege.school.nz

If your child already wears glasses or contact lenses, they do not need to be tested but they will need to attend so that information can be recorded. You do not need to notify the nurse if that is the case.

Careers

Moneyhub is a scholarship guide for school leavers. Below is a link for the student guide for parents and whanau.

<https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/money-in-a-nutshell.html>

Upcoming University College visits here:

Auckland University Wednesday 5 May

Waikato University Wednesday 19 May

Mega Pathways Expo, North Shore Stadium - 23 & 24 June (plus evenings on both days)

Upcoming Events

April	16	L1-3MAOR Polyfest
		End of Term 1
May	3	Term 2 begins
	4	L2/3 Art Trip
	5	Full School ANZAC Assembly
	6	L1BIOL05 Tiritiri Matangi
		Orienteering Zone Day
	6-7	Senior Production, Niu Sila
		L2OUED Pinnacles Camp, Thames
		L1SCIE Rangitoto Trip
	10	World Vision Youth Conference, Auckland
	11	L2GEOG Auckland Transport Trip
		Year 7&8 Auckland Writers Festival, Aotea Centre
		Year 7 Boys Football Zone Day
	12	Year 9-13 Auckland Writers Festival, Aotea Centre
		<u>Term 2 dates to remember</u>
May	21	Mufti Day, Pink Shirt Day
	25-28	Year 13 Camp @ school and away
June	7	Queen's Birthday holiday
	25	Staff Only Day
July	9	Last day of Term 2

For more information from our school calendar [click here](#).

BYOD Deals

Whangaparaoa College have teamed up with suppliers of BYOD devices and accessories to offer our community access to online deals.

To access the deals at:

Cyclone please click [here](#) and enter the password: **wgpcbyod**

PB Tech please click [here](#)

Noel Leeming please click [here](#) select **mynoelleeming** on the top bar, setup BYOD membership, choose school.

Community Notices



NZSL ALPHABET

Have fun with your whānau, family and friends.
Learn your name and teach others theirs!



Next month we will celebrate **New Zealand Sign Language Week (NZSL)** from 10 to 16 May. NZSL Week is an opportunity to showcase sign language and provide everyone with opportunities for learning sign language.

You might like to start practicing by introducing yourself (shown in the poster pictured) with your class or whānau. You'll find details [here](#), along with other useful resources to practice basic signs with tamariki.