



WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

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Term 1 Issue 4

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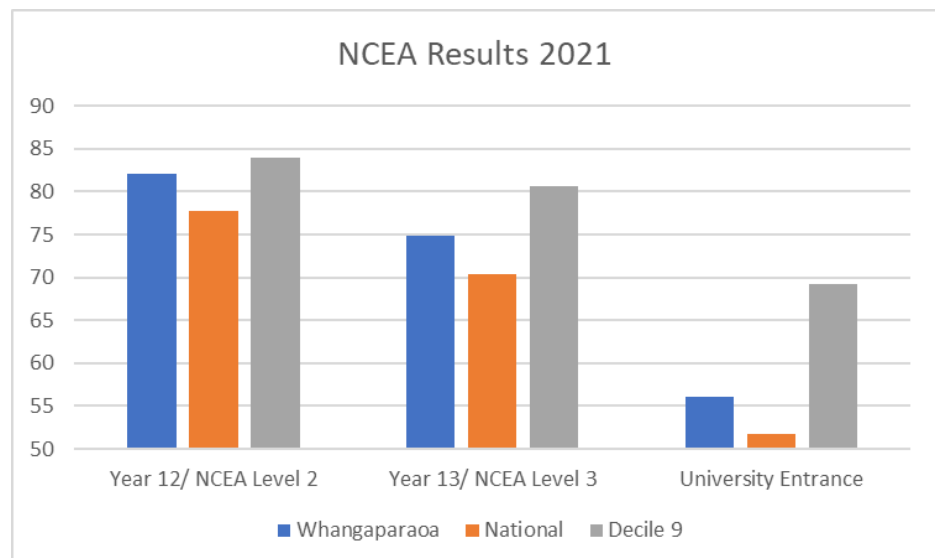
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From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora e te whānau o Whangaparāoa

We'd like to start by thanking our community for their understanding over the last few weeks as we juggle things to ensure that teaching and learning continues at school for our learners. The extra work put in by staff has not gone unnoticed, as they go the extra mile to help their learners and their colleagues. It definitely helps working together and supporting each other for the sake of our learners.

In the past week we have received our confirmed NCEA Results for 2021. In addition to the amazing results of Alex Lu gaining 5 scholarships, our overall results are positive. There are still areas in which we wish to enhance over the course of this year, particularly our University Entrance rates.



We are pleased with the level of attendance and engagement from learners as we head into the last few weeks of Term 1. Given the current climate, things are not easy for many dealing with this pandemic but continuing to try their best is all we can ask of our learners.

At our full school assembly this week, which is being held online, I am reminding all learners of the importance of appreciating and respecting our environment by placing any litter into the bins provided. We have noticed of late that our grounds have more and more litter and this is not acceptable. We are lucky to have such amazing grounds and facilities and we expect everyone to look after them.

Having a good routine of being at school on time, in the correct uniform, with the correct gear is important for everyone. Learners should take responsibility for this life skill with the support of their whānau. One way we can support our learners and keep up to date is by downloading the SchoolApp. Details are within the newsletter, but it is an easy way of keeping up to date as we push notifications out to the community.

We are pleased to see many learners take up the opportunities offered to them, both in sports and in extra-curricular activities. Taking part in these and other activities gives learners an extra sense of belonging. They learn life-long skills and meet other like-minded people.

He totara wāhi rua, he kai mā te ahi
United we stand, divided we fall

Ngā mihi hui

Steve McCracken

Upcoming Events / Dates to Remember

All events are Covid-dependent

March	26-29	Water Polo NZ Champs
	29	Wgp College Alumni-Foundation Facebook Live 7pm
April	1	L2OUED ABL Day
	6-8	L3OUED Huia Camp
	9-10	Bronze DoE 2021 Training Trip
	14	Last Day of Term
	15	Good Friday

Key Dates to Remember

April	14	Last Day of Term 1
May	2	First Day of Term 2
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

Reports

We understand that some people experienced technical issues with opening reports. We have been in contact with our database company and they have advised this is due to not having the latest PDF viewer on your device. Once this has been installed the reports should open without any issues. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Cancelling Lunch Orders on Kindo

kindo.

If your child is unwell or cannot attend school for any reason, please cancel your lunch order on the "my orders" page BEFORE 9 am on the day of delivery. **No refunds will be given after this time as orders begin to be processed.**

Here is the link to Kindo's support portal for cancelling a lunch.

<https://support.mykindo.co.nz/portal/en/kb/articles/cancel-an-order-for-a-selected-date>

Traffic Movement Plan

Traffic Movement Plan, Stanmore Bay Road 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.



Alumni-Foundation

WGP Alumni Corner : in each issue we will be hearing from one of our former learners or staff about their time at WGP and what they've been up to since.

Alumni - find out more Q & A

Tuesday, 29 March · 7:00 – 8:00pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/juc-sqmw-sjf>

Kicking us off with our first write up is past Whangaparāoa College Foundation Student : **Luke Le Cheminant : 2005 to 2009**

When I think back to my time at Whangaparāoa College, the thing that comes to mind the most was the support I was given to grow into my own person. Whether it was fellow students or teachers, I never felt pressured to act in any way but my own, in fact I felt like I was encouraged and applauded for being my honest self. A prime example of this was Jo White who taught me drama and praised my "unique" sense of humour and empowered me to feel confident in front of my peers. Leaving the college, I had a strong belief in my own identity and would be tested less than a year later when I became a prison guard. I was so out of my depth and had no idea how to handle myself around some pretty dangerous individuals and could only take note of what the other guards did. 6 months in, I still felt uncomfortable and unsure in this role. It was thinking back to my time at Whangaparāoa college and my unique approach I was allowed to nurture, that led me to decide that if I was gonna do this job, I would do it my way with my own unique spin and would never feel pressured to act in anyway but my own. Within a year I was in a position of leadership and within three years leading the whole unit. In 2015 I graduated from Police College and worked in the Orewa station for three years where I was training new constables within my first year and acting Sergeant in my second. In 2019 I qualified as a Protection Officer for the New Zealand Police Protection Services, protecting VIPs and foreign dignitaries and even ended up in a teaching role as a Police Tactics Instructor. In April I will have served 11 years and owe my entire career's success to trusting my own unique approach that was nurtured at Whangaparāoa College.



WGP COLLEGE ALUMNI-FOUNDATION FIND OUT MORE

Google Meet Live Event

Link on Whangaparāoa College Facebook Page
Tuesday 29 March, 7 pm

Hosted by:



LISA WHITE

Current Staff Member



JOANNE WHITE

Past Staff Member



LUKE LE CHEMINANT

Past Learner

We are in the beginning stages of setting up a Whangaparāoa College Alumni-Foundation for past & present learners, parents, whānau whānui and local community members.

Join us online as we present our one-page strategic plan; "Us-on-a-Page"



The bands are up and running as best we can with the restrictions that we are dealing with at the moment. It has been great to hear the learners producing some good music together with their friends. A big thank you to everyone who has helped with the organisation of these bands so far.

We are hoping to have some other performing arts activities up and running during the year so keep an eye out for what is to come.

Follow us on Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/Whangapar%C4%81oa-College-Cultural-Arts-102506442396295>



Good News!!! We received the Cultural Arts Awards 2021 back from the engravers They have been a long time coming with lots of delays over the last few months. This meant we were able to give out the miniature awards to the winners. Congratulations to everyone!

Emma Williams—Cultural Arts Director



7TURK Whale Tales

24 JANUARY - 18 APRIL 2022

Whale Tales is an immersive public art trail, across Tāmaki Makaurau!

Inspired by the threatened (nationally critical) Bryde's whale, the trail is made up of 80 Big Broo and 82 Pepi Pod whale Tail sculptures dotted around Auckland's streets, parks, and open spaces.

Explore the unique and stunning whale Tail sculptures, designed by talented artists and students, and sponsored by generous businesses and organisations. Every Tail has its own tale too, so soak up the rich stories as you journey through the trail.

After the trail ends, the sculptures will be auctioned to raise funds for WWF-New Zealand's vital work to protect and restore the Hauraki Gulf and the Bryde's whales that call it home.

WHALE TALES APP
Download from the App Store or Google Play

LOVE A TAIL? BID FOR IT AT AUCTION!
Register to bid email kwahsh@wwf.org.nz

VIRTUAL TRAIL
Can't get out and about? Then let's go virtual! virtual.whaletales2022.org

DONATE
Test Whales to 2022 to donate \$3 to World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) - New Zealand. Funds will support work to restore the Hauraki Gulf and help save our Bryde's whales.

MERCH RANGE
shop.whaletales2022.org

AUCTION EVENT
Mon 2 May
Bid to purchase your favourite Tail at this evening event!
Online or in person whaletales2022.org/events

whaletales2022.org
[@whaletales2022](https://www.facebook.com/whaletales2022)
[@whaletales2022](https://www.instagram.com/whaletales2022)

PRESENTED BY **Harcourts**

A World in Art event in partnership with Auckland Council

7TURKs Whale Tail will be on display at the Plaza for the duration of the Whales Tales 2022 art trail around Auckland. You can download the app to collect Big Broos and Pepi Pod Tails here

<https://trail.whaletales2022.org/>

The Plaza will be running a colouring competition around the pepi tails too and there is also a scavenger hunt happening, so please get the word out and let's get the children and their families in to see the tails, support and vote, enter the competitions and of course, support our Plaza businesses!



Year 7 Activity Day

As part of the Whangaparāoa College Senior Health Programme and assessment, learners are involved in the planning and executing of the annual Year 7 Activity Day. The Year 11 learners have spent the first half of this term working on their activity and on Friday of week 5 all their efforts were rewarded with happy excited Year 7's participating in their activity. There were a range of activities including, Tic Tac Toe, Slide Duck N Dive, Octopus Dodge, Slip N Slide, Flipper, a Fun Run and HEAPS of water!! The day was full of laughter and fun from all learners and the Year 7's enjoyed the range of activities that had been planned for them. Well done to the Year 11 Senior Health learners for a successful day.



"7PRK had an amazing afternoon participating in the Health Activity Day run by the Year 11 learners. It was awesome watching the 2 year levels work together."

Sports Announcements/ News

Congratulations to our WGP 2022 Athletics Champions (Year 9-13)

Junior Boys—1st Jai Allan, 2nd Lachlan Andrews
Junior Girls—1st Jess Washer (38 points), 2nd Jessica Smalley (37 points)
Intermediate Boys—1st Lau'el Ram, 2nd Oliver Turner
Intermediate Girls—1st Lexi Wiig, 2nd Keira Holbrook
Senior Boys—1st Jack Heijn, 2nd Josh Heijn
Senior Girls—1st Ariana Hunt, 2nd Kano Sugawara

Congratulations to Jessica Smalley who finished 3rd in the Junior Girls 3km race at the College Sport Athletic Champs at Mt Smart Stadium.

Girls 3000 Meter Run Junior

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Name	Age Team	Seed	Finals
1 Imogen Barlow	13 Saint Kentig		10:07.86R
2 Asha Edwards	13 Takapuna Gra		11:00.28
3 Jessica Smalley	13 Whangaparaoa		11:22.28
4 Laura Hammond	13 St Dominic's		12:33.49
5 Chloe Fisher	13 Mt Albert Gr		12:43.97
6 Imogen Forrester	13 Kristin School		12:52.78



To order sports hoodies go to this link
[Sports Hoodie](#)

College Sport North Harbour Swimming Zone Day 2022 : Years 9-13

Sign Up for College Sport Auckland Swimming Zone Day.

When: Thursday 24 March

Where: Sir Owen G. Glenn National Aquatic Centre

Cost: \$20 (If using school van) \$10 (if traveling with a parent)

Time Frame

Warm Up 9.00 – 9.20 am

Race Start 9.30 am

Finish 1.00 pm (approx.)



If you are interested in trialling for this years
AIMS Games go to this link for more
information.
[AiMs Games](#)

Changes to School Sports Mandate

Changes to school sport came into force through the COVID-19 Public Health Response Amendment Order from 11.50 pm Saturday 12 March 2022.

All children and young people, regardless of their vaccination status, can participate in school organised teams and groups as an individual representing the school in a competition or event. This applies whether on or off the school site and to registered schools only.

School organised teams, groups and individuals are to be treated as if they are vaccinated and cannot be required to show a My Vaccine Pass. This means the capacity limits for vaccinated students are applied when sport takes place out of school hours or off school grounds.

Supporting staff, including coaches, managers, teachers and parent volunteers continue to be required to be vaccinated. This includes student coaches, both when they coach teams from their own school and those from other schools. They will still be required to show a My Vaccine Pass if the external venue or facility requires.

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

Citizen 21—Cyber Safety Training

Citizen 21—Cyber Training with John Parsons Friday 1 April. <https://www.citizen21.co.nz/cyber-safety-schools>

We are lucky enough to have secured a day with John to deliver online safety to our kura. These sessions will be run through Google Meet. John will deliver three sessions to our learners and we have one session specifically tailored for parents.

John Parsons—works with education, health and private sectors, providing specialist advice and direction on the safe and ethical use of Digital Communication Technology.

He is a published author of “Keeping Your Children Safe Online” and a social commentator who works throughout New Zealand and Internationally.

“Empathy is a gift children share between themselves every day, so when we see it we should acknowledge it, and when possible, reward it” - John Parsons

Timings

10 am—11 am—Google Meet with Year 7 & 8 Learners

12.30 pm—3.15 pm—Google Meet with Years 11, 12 & 13

6.30 pm—7.30 pm—Google Meet for all interested parents: <https://meet.google.com/evr-vmag-dbb>



From The Nurse



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@wgpcollege.school.nz.

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

VACCINATIONS

Year 7 Immunisations

All Year 7 learners have been sent home with a consent form for Boostrix (Tetanus, Diptheria and Whooping Cough). ALL learners need to return a completed form to their Kaiārahi with either consent or non consent to receive this immunisation at school. Parents and caregivers have been sent an email with more information.

The date the public health nurses will be at school vaccinating for Boostrix is 18 August 2022.

Year 8 Immunisations

All Year 8 learners have been sent home with a consent form for HPV Immunisation. ALL learners need to return a completed form to their Kaiārahi with consent or non consent to receive this immunisation at school. Parents and caregivers have been sent an email with more information.

The date the public health nurses will be at school vaccinating for HPV is 12 May for HPV 1 and 17 November for HPV 2.



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. Courses available during April and July school holidays for our Year 12 and 13 Learners

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

STAR Courses are fully funded except for the Defensive Driving Course

Hibiscus Coast Op Shop: 107 Centreway Road, Orewa

Volunteers Urgently Needed

Volunteering at our Op Shop is more than just a good use of free time - it's fun.

Shop manager Val Dymock is on the lookout for new volunteers and says anyone with a few hours to spare might want to consider spending it volunteering at the shop.

"It's a place to come and have a laugh and make new friends," she says. "People are feeling isolated and don't necessarily want to come out, but our Op Shop is doing what we can to provide this place for people to still come to make friends and have a laugh."

The shop is invested in our local community and supports various community initiatives, schools, hospital Chaplains and needy families.

"Without volunteers, we can't open and can't make money to provide these services," says Val who runs the Op Shop.

The shop also provides a service for locals who might not be able to buy things new.

"We can kit you out, your house out, your kitchen out. There's everything here and the price range is starting at a dollar," says Val.

"And we cater for all demographics - antique dealers, people who want to buy stuff and put it on Trade Me to people who want to buy clothes from an op shop because they don't want to buy new for sustainability reasons. But without staff we can't provide all those things."

If you are interested, please call Val on: 021 133 6545 or call in at the Op Shop

We can show people round if they feel daunted at the prospect of something new - come in and have a look around the shop, meet a few people and we can go from there.

Many thanks

Ruth Goodenough

Administrator

Hibiscus Coast Presbyterian Church

107 Centreway Road, Orewa

Tel: 09 426 4502

Op Shop Volunteers Needed



your community store

open 7am - 10pm • 7 days a week

570-588 Whangaparaoa Road - 09 869 9013



Employment Issues

Consumer Complaints

Legal Questions

Tenancy/Landlord Issues

Relationships

Budgeting & Financial

Neighbours & Fences

Family Matters

Free, confidential, independent info and advice

Not sure? ASK US.

Citizens Advice Bureau Hibiscus Coast
Orewa Community Centre, 40-46 Orewa Square
reception@hibiscuscoastcab.org.nz 09 426 5338

0800 367 222 www.cab.org.nz

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