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END OF TERM TALES

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From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora e te whānau o Whangaparāoa

As you are aware, we went into a lockdown yesterday based on police advice. This morning we have addressed staff and learners via online assemblies. We have also had our counselling team available throughout the course of today and have asked teachers to refer to our counselling team, any learners they deem to need support. Please discuss this incident with your learner as you feel fit. If you need support to do so, please have a look at [this information](#) from the Ministry of Education.

Here we are at the end of Term 1. It has been a busy term with many disruptions but we are so pleased to have managed to stay open for teaching and learning. This is thanks to a huge team effort from the learners, staff and our community. For most learners, the benefits of face to face teaching and learning far outweigh online learning. Some of these benefits are:

- Having less distractions than at home so being able to concentrate more.
- Being able to access more information, richer understanding, stories and real-world examples from teachers and other learners.
- The opportunity to connect with, problem-solve, and network with other learners from a wide range of backgrounds.
- Completion rate of teacher-led classes is almost 5x higher than that of online learning.

We understand that this is not the case for all our learners and with our future planning, we will take this into consideration.

Our rostered home days have been a great opportunity for learners to manage their own learning. Recent data tells us that the Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in an estimated 29% of the New Zealand workforce moving quickly from centralised work locations to full time working from home. Rostering home is helping our learners to develop the skills they need for today's world of work. If you are rostered home for the day:

- Start your school day at 8.40 am
- Do the work for your timetabled classes
- Stick to normal times for morning tea and lunch
- Use the time to manage your own learning

We are sad to farewell one of our Deputy Principals, Dawn Sullivan who leaves us at the end of Term 1 to take up the position of Head of College at Pinehurst. We'd like to thank Dawn for her contribution to Whangaparāoa College over the last 5 years and wish her all the very best with her new adventures.



Dawn Sullivan



Davina Dean



Cristian Rodriguez

At the beginning of Term 2, we welcome our two Assistant Principals, Davina Dean and Cristian Rodriguez. Davina joins us from Rangitoto College and will oversee Hauora. Cristian joins us from Macleans College and will have oversight of Innovation & Technology. We look forward to working with both of them.

We will be in touch towards the end of the holidays with an update on the Covid Framework and how we will be starting Term 2.

As always we thank you, our whānau whānui, for your understanding and support this term. Together, we can work to help our learners reach their potential.

Take care and hopefully you get a break over the next few weeks to enjoy with your tamariki. We look forward to coming back refreshed on Monday 2 May, to start Term 2.

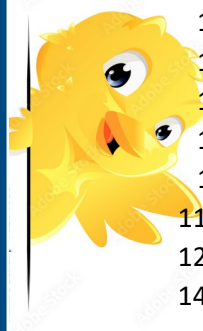
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Steve McCracken
Principal

Upcoming Events / Dates to Remember

All events are Covid-dependent

April	14	Last Day of Term
	15	Good Friday
	25	ANZAC Day
May	1	RSA Open Day
	2	First Day of Term 2
	3	L3HEED Eat my Lunch
	4	ANZAC Full School Assembly
	5	Yr 7-13 Cross Country
	5-6	L2OUED Pinnacles Camp 1
	9	Staff Only Day
	10	Mufti Day : Youth Week
	10	L2GEOG Transport
	11	Yr 8-13 Meet the Subject Teacher
	11	Yr 9 Dodgeball
	12	Yr 8 HPV1
	12	L1BIOL Tiri Trip
	11-12	Gateway H & S Course
	12-13	L2OUED Pinnacles Camp 2
	14-15	Bronze DoE 2021 Qualifying Trip



Key Dates to Remember

May	2	First Day of Term 2
	6	Queen's Birthday Holiday
	24	Matariki Public Holiday
June	28	Learner Led Conference 12.30 pm
	29	Learner Led Conference 1.30 pm
	8	Last Day of Term 2
July	25	First Day of Term 3
	30	Last Day Term 3
	17	First Day Term 4
September	24	Labour Day Holiday
	2	Last Day for Seniors
	7	NZQA Exams Start
October	25	Staff Only Day
	6	NZQA Exams Finish
	12	Last Day of Term 4
November		
December		



“Aroha for Ukraine” Project

Over the past 2 weeks learners in Year 7 have been creating poems, letters and pictures to offer messages of hope, peace and friendship for the children of Ukraine. Thanks to the “Aroha for Ukraine” project, our learner’s work will be submitted on behalf of the cohort, in the hopes it will be published in their book. Each Ukrainian child who arrives in New Zealand as a refugee will receive a copy of the book as a warm welcome to our country. We are really hopeful some of our amazing creations will be included.



Cancelling Lunch Orders on Kindo

If your child is unwell or cannot attend school for any reason, please cancel your lunch order on the “my orders” page BEFORE 9am 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>





Whangaparāoa College Alumni-Foundation

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!!



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FIND OUT MORE

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, 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 [brief Google form to be added to our database](#).

We hope that you managed to join the live online google meet on Tuesday 29 March outlining our strategic plan, hosted by Mrs Joanne White (past staff member), Mr Luke Le-Cheminant (past learner) and Miss Lisa White (current Deputy Principal).

Our two main purposes of this foundation is 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—**Whangaparāoa Community Ball, Saturday 3 September 2022**. Funds raised will benefit the learners of Whangaparāoa College. More details to come.

Alumni-Foundation Corner

Our next write up comes from another Whangaparāoa College Foundation Student : **Lewis Francis : 2004 to 2011**

"I am currently based in Sydney, Australia—Performing in Phantom of The Opera at the Sydney Opera House. I graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Auckland, and went on to work as a territory Sales Manager at Coca-Cola Amatil. While I was at university, I was awarded with a scholarship at Auckland Opera Studio. This award covered all my private lessons at the studio while I was attending business school. In 2017 I was cast in the Broadway show, The Book of Mormon in the Australian tour where I performed 8 shows a week for nearly two and a half years (close to 700 shows). I am very grateful I was able to become a full time actor.

Important Whangaparāoa College memories for me are the Bellissimo Choirs conducted by Miss Jones, Stage Challenge with Mrs White and athletics days, which was always fun too—so much school/house spirit!

To all current learners, I say—enjoy school and make the most of it! Find out what you are passionate about and figure out how to make it your profession. Be brave and go for it!

UPDATE—Last week, with very short notice, Lewis had to step into the lead role of Raoul in Phantom of the Opera. Playing this role was a dream of his and he nailed it! - Mrs White was lucky enough to watch the show).



Cultural Arts Events Coming Up

Sunday 1 May - RSA Open Day. Our Big Band, Concert Band, Rock School and Trombone Quartet will be playing at this event around 2.30 pm. If you are in the local area on this last Sunday of the holidays, then please support our learners representing the college out in the community.

Thursday 9 June - we are putting into place some plans for **Musicfest**. Hopefully this will go ahead in some format to showcase our musical talent.

Thursday 23 June – Matariki/Fiafia celebration. An amazing day of multi-cultural celebration and awesome performances.





Open Day

Sunday 1st May 12pm-4pm

Take a guided tour of the HBC RSA sections and clubs
Enjoy a delicious meal at the restaurant
Select from the wide range of beverages at the bar
Take advantage of our membership special!

43A Vipond Road, Stanmore Bay, Whangaparaoa
Come along and support your local RSA!

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Year 7 Enrichment Class

This term the Year 7 Enrichment Class focussed on learning about Philosophy and the teen brain. The class met every Monday during period 4.

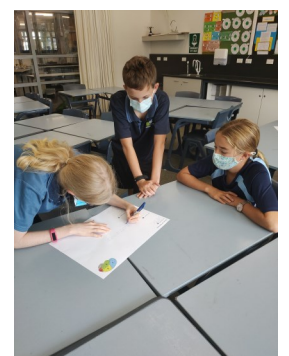
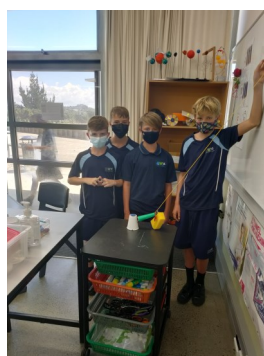
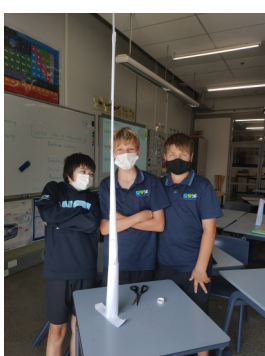
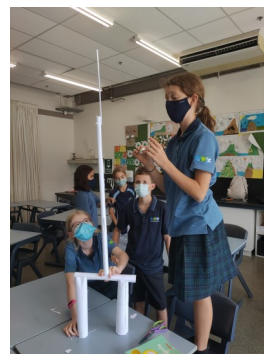
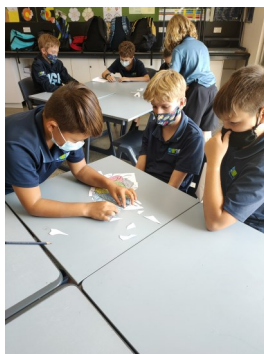
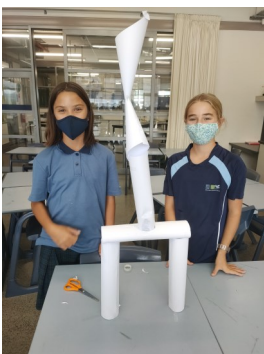
The course outline included:

- A brief introduction to Philosophy and the purpose of studying Philosophy.
- Types of thinkers and how a group of different thinkers can benefit team work.
- Study of the brain with a focus on the teen brain.
- Use of SOLO Taxonomy—how to take surface learning to deeper levels of learning.

Several individual and team activities helped learners figure out their thinking style. They were then able to decide the thinkers they needed to form an effective team.

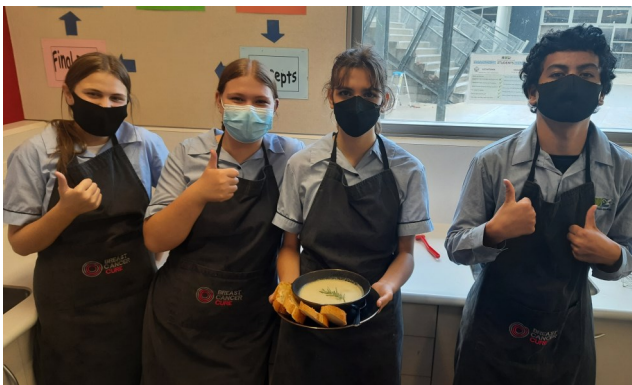
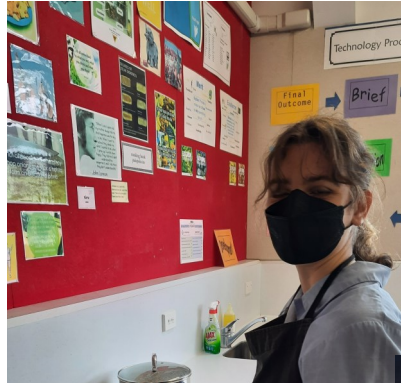
The learners had the opportunity to observe and study the vertical section of a pig's head with the brain intact. Each learner had a sheep's brain to study and dissect.

The teams used SOLO Taxonomy to answer the question: "Discuss the teen brain".



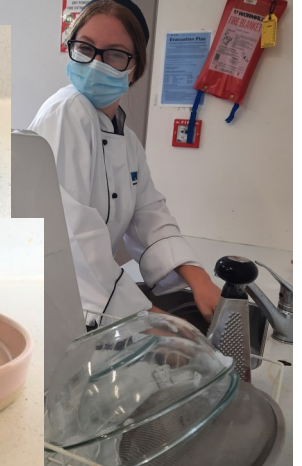
Level 2 Hospitality

L2 Hospitality are currently working on their Knife Skills Assessment which saw them practice their technical precision cuts. They practiced on a variety of vegetables to give them confidence in not only handling knives safely, but also prepping different types of vegetables. No food went to waste and all vegetables were turned into veggie soup (served with garlic toasted baguettes) and extra portions were frozen and donated to Love Soup. With the chill in the air and the season changing, what better way to nourish our community than with delicious and nutritious soup!



Level 3 Hospitality

Our L3 Hospitality class in their new Chef Jackets. Don't they look smart! This term they are doing a Baking Assessment Unit where they are learning hygiene, safety and techniques to produce industry standard baked products that we sell at our school's Kura Kai Café. A few baked goodies we've made so far are, Victorian Sandwiches, Strawberry Cream Swiss Rolls, Raspberry & White Chocolate Muffins, Lemon Shortbread and Chocolate Afghan Cookies.

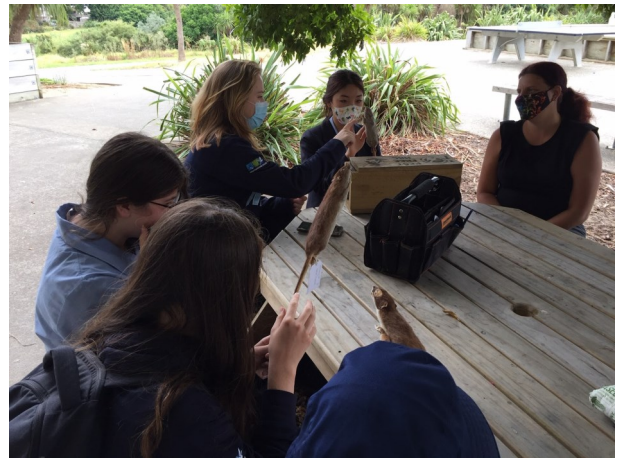


EnviroGroup

Recently the EnviroGroup met after school to learn about pest traps from members of Forest and Bird. They taught us how to set and maintain the traps and the sorts of animals we can expect to catch in them. Afterwards, we planted chew cards around the school grounds to check what types of pests lurk nearby. Hopefully, they won't be around much longer.

If this sounds interesting to you, we meet every Friday (or so) lunchtime in S2, and any extra help would be welcome! Anyone from Year 7 to Year 13, and staff, are always welcome to join in.

Photo—Various EnviroGroup members looking at taxidermied pests under the supervision of Andrea from Forest and Bird.



Year 10 Art

Our Year 10 Art learners have been working on lino printing this term. Such wonderful talent!



Student Volunteer Spotlight

Jayden Murdie is a Whangaparāoa College learner who volunteers as a buddy coach at Manly Sailing Club on the Hibiscus Coast. He has given well over 100 hours to the club and community in the past three years. He is working towards his Silver DoE Award and is also an amazing photographer. It is so awesome to see how much time he has dedicated to helping others get into sailing.



"It's so awesome to see how much time you've dedicated to helping others get into sailing, can you tell us more about how you volunteer?"

"I buddy coach a few of the different levels of Learn to Sail, including Level 1 and 2, a few times a week. This has accumulated to 72 hours of buddy coaching alone and at least 30 hours of fixing gear and volunteering at regattas.



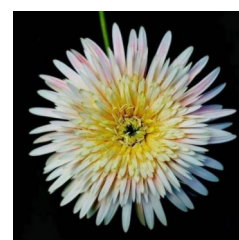
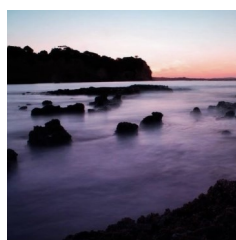
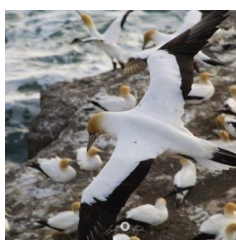
"How do you think your volunteering benefits your community?"

"It gives more opportunities for the kids to learn, as there are more coaches to help them. I, being more experienced with sailing, can make a good role model for the kids and hopefully help guide them through things that are difficult. Me being there can also help my coaches by giving them relief during the sessions that require someone to sail with kids.



"And how does being involved make you feel?"

"I'm very passionate about sailing and because of this, I love seeing younger kids learn to sail like I did. It is great to be able to coach them and guide them to make their sailing skills better.



Sports Announcements/ News

Through the incredible efforts from a combination of people, our Senior Girls Composite Waterpolo team were able to attend the 4 day North Island Secondary School (Div 2) tournament, in Hamilton recently.

We enjoy a composite team with Kingsway school and have a range of year levels and experience. Waterpolo is a vigorous contact sport for the girls and they were all unflinching in their performance in the pool.

Our pool games started off with a bang, losing to the eventual tournament winners, Diocesan Senior B. However, it set us up with resolve in our other pool games with 2 wins and 1 loss.

Our final game was the Plate Final versus Waikato Dio. We won 8-5, to come 5th overall. We came 3rd out of 9 teams overall!

Special mention to our Year 13 players, Isabelle Booth and Jessica Harrison in their final competition. Your kindness and calm leadership was felt over the weekend, we appreciate you!

THANK YOU to Clint Harris our coach. We are lucky to have you. Thank you for encouraging everyone equally through every game.

From front left. Isla Gilroy (Kingsway School), Georgia Pelikani, Brooke Oliver, Jessica Harrison Back Left Marita Light, Amy Harrison, Emily Stout, Aimee Bright, Isabelle Booth, Hannah Van Der Ploos, Ella Pelikani. Missing Akiera Walsh (Kingsway) and Jesse Fitzgerald (Kingsway).



WGP/Kingsway Composite Senior Girls Waterpolo Team
North Island Secondary School Champs, Hamilton
26-29 March 2022.



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

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

Apollo Projects Swimming Championships



Last week the 2022 Apollo Projects New Swimming Championships were held at the Sir Owen National Aquatic Centre in Auckland. The best swimmers from around the country converged in Auckland to battle it out for the title of National Champion. The event was streamed live on Sky Sports Next. Coast Swim Club had a team of 25 swimmers competing who won the title of Top Club for 2022 for the first time in the club's history, taking the title from North Shore Swimming Club who have won every year since 1996. Zoe Pedersen represented the Coast Swim Club in the 50 Free, 100 Free and 200IM. She did amazingly well, qualifying for the final in both the 50 and 100 Free, and only being 14 years old, placed 5th in both events. Zoe also broke the Auckland Record for 14 year old girls 100 Free with an impressive time of 58.29s. The 4 x 100 Free Relay team, which Zoe was in, also came first, winning Gold. We are incredibly proud of Zoe who will also be heading down to Wellington next week to represent Coast Swim Club at the New Zealand Group Champs.



Traffic Movement at School

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.



From The Nurse

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

PS: During the migration from Outlook to Gmail, the emails the Nurse sent from KAMAR did not transition over, apologies. If your child has been injured and you did not receive an email from the nurse, it is likely an email was sent but you would not have received it. Thanks

Rapid Antigen Tests (R.A.Ts)

The government has supplied schools with Rapid Antigen Tests.

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

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

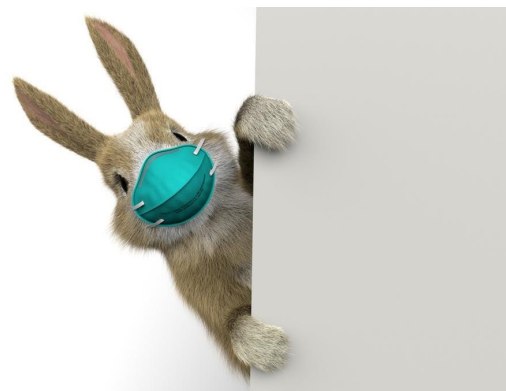
All Year 7 learners have been sent home with a consent form for Boostrix (Tetanus, Diptheria and Whooping Cough). ALL learners need to return a completed form to their Kaiārahi with either consent or non consent to receive this immunisation at school. Parents and caregivers have been sent an email with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



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. 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 Holiday Activities

Hibiscus Coast school holiday programmes and family activities. Enjoy lots of activities around the Coast. Check out walks and cycleways information by [CLICKING HERE](#), for parks and playgrounds [CLICK HERE](#), beaches, events and lots more [CLICK HERE](#).



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FREE half-day babysitting course in Stanmore Bay, Waiora Road 14 May 2022.

Students who would like to complete this course should email

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