



WHANGAPARĀOA COLLEGE
Together Believe Achieve Ngātahi Whakapono Tutuki

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From the Principal's Desk

Ngā mihi o te tau hou Māori e te whānau o Whangaparāoa
Wishing you all a happy Māori new year.

We are excited to announce that Mr Graeme Williams has won the position of Principal at Freyberg High School in Palmerston North. He will start this position at the start of Term 4. Mr Williams has given 16 years of service to our school and community, with 9 of them being Deputy Principal. We will formally farewell him at the end of Term 3, but for now, huge congratulations.

Mānawatia a Matariki: *Celebrating Matariki*

Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki *Celebrate the rising of Matariki*

Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi *Celebrate the rising of the lord of the heavens*

Mānawa maiea te Mātahi o te tau *Celebrate the rising of the New Year*

Matariki hunga nui *Matariki, a time to come together*

Matariki ahunga nui *Matariki, a time of bounty*

Matariki manako nui *Matariki, a time of aspiration*

Throughout Aotearoa, New Zealand, communities are excited about the first ever celebration of Matariki as a public holiday. Matariki signals the Māori new year. It is a time of renewal and celebration that begins with the rising of the Matariki star cluster. It is a time to gather with family and friends to reflect on the past, remembering those who have gone before us, celebrate the present and plan for the future.

Here at Whangaparāoa College, we are marking Matariki on Thursday with a full school assembly, followed by a Matariki Fiafia festival between 1 and 5 pm. We will be joined by other schools and groups to celebrate together. This event is open to everyone who'd like to join us for some entertainment and festivities. We hope you can join us.

After carefully trying to balance the needs of Health and Mental wellbeing at Whangaparāoa College, the COVID lead team has recommended and we have accepted that we 'trial' 2 changes to our current COVID settings. From the start of next week, Monday 27 June, mask wearing will be highly recommended for staff and learners. We continue to try and balance the health and wellbeing needs of our school and community, and based on our current data, this places us best to serve our community. This will be reviewed again during the school holidays.

Tukua kia tū takitahi ngā whetū o te rangi
Let each star in the sky shine its own light

Ngā mihi

Steve McCracken
Principal

Steve McCracken

Upcoming Events / Dates to Remember

All events are Covid-dependent

June	23	School closes at 12.30 pm
	24	Matariki Public Holiday
	25-26	DoE Silver Practice
		School Closes 12:30
	28	Learner Led Conferences 1:15 — 8pm
		School closes 1:30
	29	Learner Led Conferences 2:15 — 8pm



WHANGAPARĀOA COLLEGE

OUR FUTURE VISION NGĀ MOEMOEĀ



Whangaparāoa College sits at the centre of the Whangaparāoa community, supporting and being supported by our local environment but connected to the world through digital technology.



Through our Mindfulness and Hauora programmes we instill a sense of belonging and self belief in our learners, allowing them to be self driven, critical thinkers and able to identify opportunities.



Our curriculum and pathway support enables our learners to achieve their personal goals and become outstanding members of the wider community.

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Key Dates to Remember

July	8	Last Day of Term 2
	25	First Day of Term 3
September	30	Last Day of Term 3
October	17	First Day of 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

Āhuatanga Whangaparāoa



Self-Determination | Potential
Success | Uniqueness



Cultural Knowledge & Pride | Identity
Cultural Responsiveness | Cultural Awareness



Growth | Wellness | Nutrition | Sustenance



Hospitality | Kindness | Support
Awareness | Mana



Guardianship | Protection | Mauri



Kinship | Relationships | Whānau

Pavement Art

Description of Earth House Drawing:

Starting from the left we have a marae (meeting house) that represents the house of the three faces on the right side.

The middle face is Tāne Mahuta- the son of Ranginui, sky father (top) and Papatūānuku, the earth mother (bottom).

The stars above the marae are the 7 stars of Matariki or the cluster of Matariki.

The Nikau palm in the middle represents Earth but also a symbol of our school as it is in our schools logo. And lastly, the borders are Māori inspired designs.

Congratulations to our winner, Earth House!!!

Celebrating Matariki 2022

We invite you to join Whangaparāoa College in celebrating Matariki for 2022. With Māori and Pasifika performances from Whangaparāoa, Ōrewa, Mahurangi and Kaipara learners, we welcome the community to join us in celebrating the Māori new year. There will be cash only market stalls available at the festival.

Matariki hunga
Matariki ahunga nui

A COLLABORATIVE WHANGAPARĀOA COLLEGE & OREWA COLLEGE EVENT

LET'S CELEBRATE

Matariki
2022

*You are invited to join us for our
Matariki Fiafia Festival
a showcase of dance and culture*



VENUE: Whangaparāoa College
DATE: Thurs. 23 June 2022
TIME: 1.00-5.00 p.m.



KAPA HAKA, PASIFIKA PERFORMANCES,
HĀNGI, FOOD STALLS

hau mai, haere mai





MusicFest

A celebration of musical talent from our bands, choirs, and curriculum classes. Everyone was awesome and it was great to be able to put on a show.

Congratulations



YOUTHTOWN
SONGWRITING COMPETITION AOTEAROA 2022

DANCE SQUADS – NZ DANCE CHALLENGE

Dance Squads is a new extracurricular dance initiative this year, put together by Mrs Hape and focused on high ability dance performance. Mrs Hape shoulder tapped myself, Jemma Day, Chelsie Brown and Nicole Fenton from her year 12 Dance class, to propose that we lead the Dance Squads for 2022. Since the beginning of term 2 we have been working on learning and rehearsing a dance choreographed by myself and fellow Squad leaders. The song we chose is Escalate by Tsar B. After a lot of hard work from our squad, on Friday 10th of June we attended the National Dance Challenge at Westlake Girls High School. We competed in the school's division and were thrilled to place 3rd in the Contemporary Dance category. This was a true testament to the dedication and can-do attitude of our fabulous dancers. Being our debut performance, we all had a fantastic experience performing alongside other amazing schools and talent. We can't wait to do it again!

Jemma Day - Dance Squads Leader

Singing Competition.
Lily Stiven one of our
Performing Arts learners in
Year 11 has made it through
into the final of the 2022
Youthtown
Songwriting Competition.



From The Nurse



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 courtneyb@wgpcollege.school.nz

We offered this to Year 9s last year but unfortunately the program did not proceed due to lockdown. Unfortunately 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 is unwell with obvious symptoms, please keep them home until their symptoms improve. If a learner has a persistent cough, they can return to school when they are able to manage to get themselves outside to cough.

If your child becomes unwell at school with Covid-29 symptoms, you will be contacted to collect them.

If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to isolate for 7 days (including day 0).

If the result is negative and symptoms persist, your child will need to retest. They can return to school if negative, when symptoms have improved.

LEARNERS WITH MILD SYMPTOMS AT SCHOOL:

If learners present to the Health Clinic with mild stand-alone symptoms, then the school nurse may opt to do a R.A.T to determine if they are able to return to class.

If the result is positive, Whānau will be contacted to collect the learner. Whānau will need to record the positive result on "My Covid Record" or call 0800222478 if the child is under 12.

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

The nurse has a supply of moon cups and period pants available FREE. First n first served.

MASK WEARING

Facemasks continue to be a tool that helps reduce the spread of Covid-19 and other winter illnesses. WGP College strongly recommends the continued use of face masks at school. We are trying to reduce the spread of Covid and other winter illness by:

- Encouraging facemask use indoors
- Keeping classrooms well ventilated (please ensure your child has warm uniform to wear)
- Encouraging good hand hygiene practices (including hand washing and sanitiser)
- Encouraging good cough/sneeze etiquette
- Asking staff and learners to stay home if unwell
- Supplying and encouraging regular use of surface cleaners in our classrooms

INFORMING WHĀNAU OF UNWELL LEARNERS

The process for unwell learners at WGP College is for them to present to the health clinic for assessment by the school RN. In many instances the school RN can provide treatment to support the learner to remain at school.

Learners should NOT be contacting home to be collected when unwell. The school RN will contact families if concerned or the learner needs to be collected.

This process supports learners with attendance, and it supports working parents.

Learner Led Conferences

Learner Led Conferences for Years 7 -13 are on **Tuesday 28 June, 1.15 pm – 8 pm** and **Wednesday 29 June, 2.15 pm – 5 pm**. You can make bookings by clicking on this link <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?z=rPKf00> and using the code **es82x**. These conferences are for each learner and their parents/caregivers to meet with their kaiārahi (form teacher/mentor) to discuss their learning and progress across all their subjects. We strongly encourage all parents/caregivers to attend these conferences. If, for some reason, you are unable to attend, your child will have a staff member allocated to them to sit with them for their conference.



WHANGAPARĀOA COLLEGE

Enrolment Dates

Information Evening

Wednesday 3 August @ 7.00pm

School Tours

Wednesday 10 August @ 9.15am

Tuesday 25 October @ 12.30pm

Year 7 Enrolment Interview Evenings

Walk-Ins on each date 4.00pm – 6.30pm

Thursday 11 August

Wednesday 17 August

Tuesday 6 September

Thursday 27 October

Wednesday 9 November

(Enrolment Interviews for Years 8-13 will be with appropriate year level Deans, via appointment or online)

EnviroGroup

Eleven years ago in Whangārei, a very special tui lived in an aviary, named after him. His name was Woof Woof, and he was one of the few birds you might be able to have an intelligent conversation with- in English. Tui have a wide vocal range, allowing them to make their many complex songs and calls- much like parrots. As a result, they have a knack of mimicking human speech. In fact, Māori often trained them for exactly this purpose. They also are able to mimic the sounds of glass shattering, car alarms, and classical music- among other things. So Woof Woof might not have been unique for his species, but he certainly held a special place in the hearts of the Whangārei community. As such, he was greatly mourned upon his death in 2011, at the age of 16. However, you can still find videos of his remarkable speech circulating on the internet, along with the reactions of astonished listeners.



If you have a passion for the environment and for mana whenua (endemic) animals like Woof Woof, 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.

Photo is of Woof Woof, taken from a Stuff article regarding his death.

ICAS Assessments are being held in August.

The ICAS Assessments series is designed to assess a learner's ability to apply classroom learning in new contexts, using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. The questions in the ICAS Competition are a training ground for the core skills at the heart of STEM. In tracking them, learners build the type of creative problem solving, discernment and analytical thinking that will prove essential to future employers.

All learners wanting to do the ICAS assessments, please give your names to Mrs Menezes in S11.



Tree Planting at Karaka Cove Reserve, Red Beach

Saturday 9th July & Sunday 17th July
9.30 am

Parking on Matheson Road, look for the flags and enjoy a short walk up through the reserve to the planting site.

Come and join Hibiscus Coast Forest & Bird volunteers and Auckland Council Rangers for our annual planting days at this hidden gem of a reserve in Red Beach. Spades and BBQ provided, please bring gloves and sturdy footwear.

For more information contact Hibiscus Coast Forest & Bird on hibiscuscoast.branch@forestandbird.org.nz

Saturday 9th &
Sun 17th July, 9.30am



Forest & Bird
TE REO O TE TAIAO | Giving Nature a Voice



Auckland Council
Te Kauhāreka o Tāmaki Makaurau

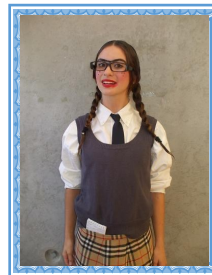
Alumni-Foundation Corner

Danielle Davies : 2004—2010

During my time at Whangaparāoa College, one of the most important things I learned came in the form of our year 13 mantra, *no regrets*. To me, having no regrets meant following my passions, doing my personal best, and spending my time in such a way that I will feel like I am truly living. This mindset opened up such a world of opportunities for me, where I felt motivated, empowered, and excited about my life. I couldn't have asked for more supportive, inspiring, and knowledgeable mentors than Joanne White and Philippa Jones. Under their tutelage, I was able to explore my deep love of the performing arts. Participating in the school musicals and plays, singing in Bellissimo choir, performing solos at prizegivings and Sol-Fa Concerts, and organising a school fundraiser concert so I could compete and represent New Zealand internationally with NZSSC, were some of the highlights of my college experience. I also committed to challenging myself academically. Upon leaving school I was awarded the dux, a goal that I had been working towards for many years. The idea of having no regrets also helped me to redefine a new idea of what success looked like to me. It is about having a well-rounded life, making time for family and friends, and enjoying the time you've got. I was lucky enough to make the most wonderful friends in college and prioritise those relationships. In those years when I was discovering who I was, I met the people who I would go on to share my life with forever. The value of these friendships is not lost on me and truly helped to shape my identity.

Since leaving school I have continued to live by the *no regrets* mantra. I still have a love of the performing arts, having studied a Bachelor of Music majoring in classical voice, and a Bachelor of Music Honours in vocal pedagogy, with first class honours. I have spent many years working as a private singing teacher, a primary school music teacher, and performing alongside my husband, Ainslie. I am also still a keen academic, having completed a graduate diploma of teaching, and I am currently only months away from finishing my Masters in Education. However, my greatest accomplishment and most fulfilling life experience by far is motherhood. I am thoroughly enjoying raising my three beautiful children alongside my husband while we renovate our home in Auckland.

I regularly reflect on my time at Whangaparāoa College; reliving fond memories with friends, remembering the words of advice I received, and thinking of the people I met. My life now is, if possible, even busier than it was then, but I still feel like I am spending my time in such a way that I am truly living with *no regrets*.



Whangaparāoa 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 [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—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



HIBISCUS COAST SPRING BALL

THE ROARING TWENTIES

Saturday September 3rd 2022 | 6:30 PM

The Beer Spot

Coast Plaza 719 Whangaparāoa Road,
Stanmore Bay, Auckland 0930

Fundraising for Whangaparāoa College Tamariki

**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 our Facebook page Hibiscus Coast Spring Ball events page But for now, dear whanau, 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, e.g. 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

Sports Announcements/ News



National Volunteer Week! - Thank you to all our amazing volunteers!



Orewa Sea Scouts

Are you aged between 14-17 yrs and looking for an after-school activity? Orewa Sea Scouts are taking enrollments for their Venturer Sessions - These run every Tuesday, term time from 6pm-8pm.

Suitable for all genders, Venturers develop their own programs – from vocational activities developing self-confidence to leadership courses and teambuilding exercises. A progressive award scheme enables Venturers to extend their range of skills and earn certificates that lead towards the Queen's Scout Award and the Duke of Edinburgh / Young New Zealander's Challenge Gold Award.

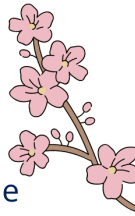
Do you like the outdoors, enjoy camping, kayaking, sailing, campfires, tramping, and having fun, then come and give Orewa Sea Scouts a try, Experience is not required as our leaders are there to help guide you.

If you would like to sign up for a Free 3 week trial (\$130 per term thereafter, additional costs for camps etc), then head over to our website and complete the contact us form <http://orewaseascouts.co.nz/oss/orewa-sea-scout-venturers/>



Get amongst it!

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 families.

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**

Talk soon - Sue

Thought about hosting an international student?



Join our global whānau by hosting one of our wonderful international students in our upcoming intake.

As a host family, you can learn about another culture, while enjoying new lifelong friendships

**IF YOUR FAMILY IS INTERESTED,
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

WWW.WGPCOLLEGE.SCHOOL.NZ/INTERNATIONAL/ACCOMMODATION



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



'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.

WANTED—Untreated plywood, timber or mild steel off-cuts

Our Technology workshop would very much appreciate the opportunity to collect and use any untreated plywood (400mm plus), wood, timber or mild steel off-cuts that are being thrown in the skip from Builders, Cabinet Makers or Engineers. Our learners will use these materials for projects they are working on. Please email Colin Watts colinwa@wgpcollege.school.nz THANK YOU.



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Talk soon - Sue



your community store

open 7am - 10pm ♦ 7 days a week

570-588 Whangaparaoa Road - 09 869 9013



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Orewa Community Centre, 40-46 Orewa Square
reception@hibiscuscoastcab.org.nz 09 426 5338
0800 367 222 www.cab.org.nz

Citizens Advice Bureau



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