



WHANGAPARĀOA COLLEGE
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Term 2 Issue 5

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From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora e te whānau o Whangaparāoa

As Term 2 comes to an end, we are grateful that we have been able to continue with our teaching and learning at school. This has taken teamwork from many to ensure that classes have been covered when staff have been unwell or isolating. School trips and camps have taken place, which reinforce in a practical way what learners are taught in the classroom. I have had the pleasure of getting around the school during class times and witness the learners' positive engagement in their learning. Learners were able to share their learning journey and their achievements with their parents at our Learner Led Conferences last week. This event consolidates the supportive bond between home and school as we work together for each learner's success.

Learners have also been able to enjoy all the activities available to them during this term, thanks to all those who volunteer their time to make this happen. We are grateful to everyone who puts in the time so that learners can enjoy sport, cultural and many other activities, as well as learn new skills.

Watching so many of our learners participate in sports, contribute to cultural activities and perform in various choirs and bands is wonderful. This wide range of opportunities, including Duke of Edinburgh Award, coaching junior teams and mentoring is all an important part of a New Zealand education.

Our Matariki celebrations were a huge success, thanks again to all involved and to all who supported us. We planted trees behind our school marae, our whole school Matariki assembly brought us together and gave us the opportunity to recognise learners (individuals and teams) who have achieved at regional level or above. Our inaugural Matariki Fiafia Festival was well attended and we were pleased to be able to share this occasion with our community. We thank Ōrewa College, Mahurangi College, Kaipara College, Manurewa Cook Island Group as well as our Hibiscus Tuakana for their participation in this awesome event and we look forward to future events.

Our triennial Board of Trustees elections are coming up and this is a perfect opportunity for our parents and caregivers to be closely involved with our wonderful college. Please consider this opportunity.

As we continue to prepare our senior learners for their examinations and their NCEA qualifications at Level 2 and 3, we have revised the finishing dates. Year 12 & 13 last day is Wednesday 2 November and Year 11 last day Wednesday 16 November. These revised dates will allow us to put a specific plan of study in place for our Year 11 learners.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year at Whangaparāoa College and look forward to many more exciting years ahead.

We look forward to the upcoming break and hope that our learners will take this opportunity to catch up on some school work where necessary; have fun; and be all set to come back in Term Three, ready to engage in their learning.

Ngā mihi

Steve McCracken

Upcoming Events / Dates to Remember

All events are Covid-dependent

July	8	Last Day of Term 2	October	17	First Day of Term 4
	25	First Day of Term 3		24	<u>Labour</u> Day Holiday
August	6	NZ Engineering Competition	November	2	Last Day for Year 12s & Year 13s
	6	School Ball		7	NZQA Exams Start
	9	Year 11 Market Day		16	Last Day for Year 11s
	10	Enrolment School Tour		25	Staff Only Day
	10	Cross Country Zone Day		28	Staff Only Day
	16	Staff Only Day	December	6	NZQA Exams Finish
September	30	Last Day of Term 3		12	Last Day of Term 4

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM ICT DEPT

At the beginning of Term 3, we are changing the way that learners log into our network.

Currently, learners log into the school network using a generic user name and password. From the first day of term three, learners will log into the network using their personal log-in details (the same ones they are currently using for Google Classroom/Gmail and Drive).

Please [find here](#) detailed instructions on how to log in.

Every day, we see a large number of learners whose devices are not connecting to our network and who are, as a result, missing important learning time. Most of the time, these problems are associated with necessary updates not being installed. So, please remind your child to re-start their device regularly and install all necessary updates so they can optimise their learning time in class.

Board of Trustees Parent Election 2022

Nomination round

Our school will be undertaking a parent election **for 5 School Board vacancies**. This process will start with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community by **Friday 15 July 2022**.

We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instructions on how to place your nomination into our own School's Election website will be emailed to you if we have your email address in our database or you will receive it by post if we don't have your email in our database. Nomination papers will also be available at the school office. The school will send those on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

Nominations close on Wednesday 3 August at 12 noon. Election day is Wednesday 7 September.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Caroline Butland
Board of Trustees Secretary
Whangaparāoa College (09) 424 9211

Celebrating Matariki 2022

The Matariki Fiafia Festival took place on Thursday, June 23. It was a wonderful occasion to honour the numerous cultures who had the chance to perform.

Mahurangi, Ōrewa, Kaipara, and Manurewa were among the kura that performed at Whangaparāoa College. This festival was a time to reflect on the previous year, appreciate the present, and make plans for the coming year. Tēnā koutou katoa. We appreciate everyone who was able to join us in our celebration.

Ko ngā pae tawhiti, whaia kia tata.
Ko ngā pae tata whakamaui kia tina.

"The potential for tomorrow depends on what we do today."



Year 10 Market Day 2022



The year 10 Market Day has recently taken place here at Whangaparāoa College. We had more than 3 Business Studies classes with fifteen business groups who were part of Market Day this year.

It was a great opportunity for our young Business Studies learners to plan their businesses and sell their products at school! There was lots learnt from the day and it was really exciting for all.

We appreciate all staff and learners who were able to take time out and support our young entrepreneurs!



Youth Authors Challenge

The Young Authors Challenge is a short story competition created by The Auckland Writers Festival Gold Partner Barfoot & Thompson

This Year's Topic: A Great Day Out!

Tell us about a great day out with family or friends. Maybe it's a summer trip to the beach or Rainbow's End, a walk in the bush or up a maunga, a big celebration at a grandparents' house or movies at the mall. Whether it's fishing, biking, exploring a river or visiting the T-Rex at Auckland Museum, we want to hear about it.

Win some incredible prizes!

Category winners will each receive a \$500 cash prize and books valued at \$250
Their school will also receive a \$1,000 cash prize and books valued at \$1,000

School competition categories

Primary: up to 250 words
Intermediate: up to 500 words
Secondary: up to 750 words

Entries Close: 15 July 2022

To submit a story, or for more information and T&Cs go to barfoot.co.nz/yac
Please send any questions or queries to youthauthorschallenge@barfoot.co.nz

From The Nurse

HOW WGP COLLEGE SUPPORTS LEARNER HAOUORA (WELLBEING)

- We have a team of experienced guidance counsellors counsellors@wgpcollege.school.nz
- We have a registered nurse on staff nurse@wgpcollege.school.nz who can complete assessments for mental health, eating disorders, drug and alcohol use, concussion screens
- We offer boostrix immunisation to year 7's (with parental consent) scheduled for 18th August
- We offer HPV vaccinations to Yr 8's (with parental consent). HPV 2 due 17th November
- We have a visiting physio 3 days/ week and a hand therapist 2 days per week (hand therapy free under ACC)
- The Auckland regional dental service provides dental care to our Yr 7 and 8 learners who are enrolled (term 1/2)
- Lumino mobile dental van provides dental care to enrolled Yr 9 - 13 learners who are enrolled - term 1
- Vision checks for Yr 7 learners - 22 August

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 limited supply of moon cups and period pants available FREE.

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.

Gateway

On 29 June two of our Gateway Learners enjoyed an information morning at The Electrical Training Company, ETCO in Mt Wellington.

ETCO is 100% owned by Master Electricians, the industry training association for New Zealand electrical contractors. Established in 1991, they operate as a not-for-profit charity with the surpluses channelled back into developing industry training.

Apprentice training is a combination of on-the-job training through placements with electrical companies and contractors, and off-the-job training. This involves study at home, attending night classes and block courses at one of six training centres. Apprentices receive extensive instruction, supervision and support throughout all stages of their training which involves a series of assignments, assessments and examinations.

We were treated to a shared lunch and then braved the rain back to school.



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

Whangaparāoa College monitors two pest traplines around the school, used primarily to catch rats and possums, two of the worst introduced predators in New Zealand. We work in conjunction with Forest and Bird, in their initiative to get local areas catching pests in the hopes of lowering their numbers. Even if we may not see them all the time, these pests are prevalent in our local area, hunting our native animals. Last week, 5 huge rats were caught in trapline 2 that runs around the back edge of the field. Many houses back onto this trapline.



In addition to supplying communities with pest traps, Forest and Bird is willing to do the same for individuals wanting to help out. If you're interested in receiving a FREE rat trap for your own backyard, please contact Mrs Sinclair at mariasi@wgpcollege.school.nz for more information. They are easy to maintain, and have small enough entrances that you don't have to worry about accidentally trapping an animal not being targeted, such as a pet. Participants just need to agree to log their catches on the TrapNZ website.

On Thursdays after school, a group of WGP learners gather to deal with rubbish around the field, and pest plants growing nearby. These are very damaging to native plants attempting to grow in the area. In the hopes of getting rid of them, these plants are uprooted if possible or poisoned if not. Our efforts have been working to limit the pest plant population, and the rubbish collecting is also making an impact. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, anyone is welcome to come to S2 on Thursdays after school. If possible, please bring gloves and shoes with good grip.

The Photo above is of a Woolly Nightshade tree (pest plant) that was ring-barked and poisoned by Idony about 3 weeks ago - great work Idony! Next time, we'll get the moth plant growing underneath it.



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

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Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau



Year 7 Enrichment Class

This term the Year 7 Enrichment class was a group of learners who used their wild imaginations to create some awesome pieces of writing. The class met every Wednesday during period 2.

The course outline included:

- * Fun warm-up activities to get the creative ideas flowing.
- * Using different stimuli to generate both stories and poems.
- * Writers pay attention to the world around them.
- * Use the senses and exciting parts of speech.
- * Start with a title.
- * Use an image of a setting.
- * Asking questions.
- * Scenarios.
- * Round robin stories.
- * Story dice – online story idea generator.
- * The writing structure for stories and poems plus editing skills.



The learners loved working as both individuals and as part of a group, generating ideas together for their writing. There was much laughter and enjoyment which was wonderful to hear.

The last lesson for creative writing will be this Wednesday and the learners will be editing and publishing their written work.



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.



Year 13's to arrive between 6:30pm and 7pm.

Year 12's to arrive between 7pm and 7:30pm.

Official start is 7:30pm and finish at 11:30pm.

Alumni-Foundation Corner

Matthew McKay : 2007-2013

"I'm a professional skydiver and have been for the past 3 years working out of Skydive Auckland and for the New Zealand Skydiving School. I left school initially with the goal of becoming a chef, which I did by the end of 2015 after studying a diploma in culinary arts and kitchen safety management at AUT.

I used those skills to work around the world for about 5 years. After that I stopped enjoying it as much and decided to undergo a drastic change in careers, which is where the skydiving begins. In the last 3 years I have participated in over 1500 skydives, getting to train and develop skills in people from all over the world whilst simultaneously progressing in certain areas of skydiving myself.

I've skydived all over NZ and have loved every moment of it. During my time at Whanga it was the extra-curricular activities that I really enjoyed. I know that your grades are important, but the confidence to try new things and not be afraid of the outcome came from multiple band performances, stage challenges, choirs, sports and school productions.

For the current learners (especially year 12s and 13s), it is great to have a goal and to work hard for it, but it is also okay to change that goal and do a complete 180 to try something else, something new, as long as you work hard at it. As soon as you leave school try not to become flustered with how fast paced or confusing the world is. Stick to your goals and have fun with the process!

(P.S. Everyone should try skydiving at least once!)"

Update: Matt had a special guest in for a skydive last week - our own former Principal Mr James Thomas who was given a gift certificate when he left WGP. He especially asked for his 2013 headboy Matt to take him up for his tandem jump, which he thoroughly enjoyed.



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 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.

FUNDRAISING FOR WGP COLLEGE TAMARIKI

HIBISCUS COAST SPRING BALL

THE ROARING TWENTIES



Starring

**Magician
Danny Phillips**

**Auckland Dance
Band DNA**



**Casino
Style Fun**

**plus a Complimentary Drink on arrival
and delicious Canapé Supper**

**Saturday 3 September 2022 | 6.30 pm
Venue: The Beer Spot, Whangaparāoa**

Ticket sales
 **Events - Hibiscus Coast Spring Ball 2022**
Tel. 021 535 793

Sports



Melanie Dunn Watkins represented Ngāpuhi Ahi at the Girl's Māori Rugby League tournament. Her team placed 3rd in the U14 Girls section.

Melanie has been chosen as one of the top 5 best props out of the U14's section. Melanie has selected to represent the U14 Māori Girls' tournament team that plays in the Pacific Cup. Ka rawe Melanie!



Congratulations to our Year 7/8 Waterpolo players today, winning every game until the last one, but going down 3-1 to the HBC mixed team. Big shout out to Isi and Theo, our amazing coaches!



Our Year 7/8 Sports Camp kids! Ready for a week of Sports at Totara Springs Christian Camp in Matamata. [upthewhale](https://www.instagram.com/upthewhale)



Orewa Sea Scouts

Are you aged between 14-17 years and looking for an after-school activity? Orewa Sea Scouts are taking enrolments 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/>



International

After 27 hours on delayed flights and 14 hours in various airports around the world, we can finally welcome these 3 wonderful young people from France.

Esther, Emma and Eloi arrived over the weekend and we are thrilled they are here.

They are wonderful and we have enjoyed our first couple of days here with our pōwhiri, orientation and first day in class. So good to feel like an International whānau again.



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