

Term 3 Issue 1 From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora e te whānau o Whangaparāoa

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Link to Careers Page As we start the last month of Winter, the usual winter illnesses combined with Covid-19 are keeping us on our toes as we try our best to cover all classes. When absolutely necessary, we are asking Year 12 and Year 13 learners to self manage without a teacher or reliever in the room. They have work to get on with during this time.

Our enrolment process for 2023 is underway with a tour of the campus and an information evening today, Wednesday 3 August. The tour starts from the Admin building at 6 pm, the information evening will be in our Auditorium from 7 pm. We also have learners from our contributing primary schools visiting us on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

We have a Staff Only Day on Tuesday 16 August. This is one of the 8 'Accord Days' provided by the Government to plan for and begin to implement the revised NCEA changes that are underway. For us, we are well underway with this planning and have implemented some of the changes as pilots, namely in numeracy for our half of Year 10 learners completing an Achievement standard at the end of Term 2. More details on the NCEA Accord Days can be found <u>here</u>.

In our full school (online) assembly last week, I shared the expectations we have around uniforms and attendance with the learners. We also reminded learners that Term 3 is often the most intense in a school year, particularly for seniors as they cement their learning and preparations for their upcoming exams and assessments, whilst balancing other commitments such as sport, tertiary applications and part-time work. Please support our learners well as they navigate this term and expect high standards from them.

We are looking forward to our school ball which is taking place this Saturday. It's always a treat to see our Year 12 and Year 13 learners dressed up and enjoying this special occasion.

Ngā mihi

Much

Steve McCracken Principal

Upcoming Events / Dates to Remember

All events are Covid-dependent

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| August | 4 | Year 12/13 Tough Guy/Girl | | | Year 7 (2023) Enrolment |
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| | 4+5 | Year 8 MOTAT | | 17 | Evening |
| | 6 | NZ Engineering Competition | | 17 | Year 7 Attitude Parents |
| | 6 | School Ball | | | Info Evening |
| | 9 | Futsal Zone Day | August | 16 | Staff Only Day |
| | | | September | 30 | Last Day of Term 3 |
| | 9 | Year 9 Shakespear Trip | October | 17 | First Day of Term 4 |
| | | (9SWA, 9REA, 9DVS) | | 24 | Labour Day Holiday |
| | 9 | Year 11 Market Day | November | 2 | Last Day for Year 12 & Year 13 |
| | 10 | 10 Enrolment School Tour | | 7 | NZQA Exams Start |
| | 10 | Cross Country Zone Day | | 16 | Last Day for Year 11 |
| | | | | 25 | Staff Only Day |
| | 10 | ICAS Digital Technologies | | 28 | Staff Only Day |
| | 11 | Year 7 Enrolment Evening | December | 6 | NZQA Exams Finish |
| | 11 | ICAS Writing | | 12 | Last Day of Term 4 |
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Board of Trustees Elections 2022

Thank you to our whānau who have shown an interest in these elections, we have had a good response. CES, who are running the elections on our behalf, will be emailing out voting papers on Wednesday 10 August. You will also receive direction on how to vote online.

Please look out for this email and check your Spam folder if you haven't received your voting paper. Any queries, please don't hesitate to contact our Returning Officer, Caroline Butland <u>carolinebu@wgpcollege.school.nz</u> or 4249211.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM ICT DEPT

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

EPro8 Engineering Competition

(9HAU, 9ACH, 9 PLL, 9DAVM)

(9DLY, 9WRD, 9MMH, 9VAE)

Year 9 Shakespear Trip

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Basketball Girls Zone Day

Basketball Boys Zone Day

Year 7 Attitude Workshop

Staff Only Day

ICAS English

Previously, learners logged into the school network using a generic user name and password. From Term 3 and onwards, learners now 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.

ICAS Assessments are being held in August.

The ICAS Assessment 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.



Attendance Matters



What Parents & Caregivers need to do

- Support and encourage your learner to have high attendance at school.
- Contact the school if your learner is ill via email: absences@wgpcollege.school.nz or phone: 424 9177. Illness absences over 5 days, requires supporting documentation.
- All 7-13 learners must sign out at reception before leaving the school. An email or phone call from home outlining the reason is required before the learner can leave.
- If you need to collect your learner during the school day, please contact reception in advance so that we are able to get them out of class in a timely manner.
- Please remember that you are able to check your child/the learner's attendance on the Parent Portal.

Support you should expect from our school

- Kaiārahi will phone home if we have not heard from you regarding your child/the learner's absence.
- Kaiārahi will contact you, if your your child/the learner has missed periods in the school day.
- The Dean will contact you if your child/the learner is showing signs of ongoing truancy or if we have not heard from you regarding ongoing absences.
- A Deputy Principal will invite you into school for a meeting to discuss ongoing attendance or truancy concerns.
- The school may refer your child/the learner to external support agencies in the case of ongoing attendance issues. These may include: Attendance Support Services, Truancy Officer, Rock on, Managed Moves & Northern Health School.

Please work with the school attendance staff in a polite and positive manner, we are all working together to support each learner.

Āhuatanga Whangaparāoa Awards 2022

The inaugural Āhuatanga Whangaparāoa Awards Assembly took place in the last week of Term 2. Āhuatanga Whangaparāoa consists of six āhua (characters/values): Manaakitanga, Rangatiratanga, Tangata Whenuatanga, Orangatanga, Kaitiakitanga, and Whanaungatanga. Learners across Years 7 to 13 received certificates in the respective categories, after they were nominated and selected by teachers and staff. It was a wonderful celebration and the recipients should be most proud of how they already display and represent the traits and behaviours we most value at our kura. Unfortunately, due to Covid restraints we could not invite whānau or have the whole school present at the ceremony but we invite you to enjoy the abridged video here: <u>Āhuatanga Whangaparāoa Assembly 2022</u>



Josh Sanford's Farewell as Director of CYC Trust



Lisa White, Deputy Principal, and Kim Osborne, Head of Counselling, attended the recent farewell for Josh Sanford as Director of CYC Trust. Josh has had a huge input into the lives of many learners at Whangaparāoa College over the past 14 years and has had oversight of our wonderful youth workers who work with our learners. Josh, and his wife Anna, will continue to reside in the area. We wish Josh all the very best for his future endeavours.



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

Online bookings for enrolment interviews are now open, please <u>click here</u> and enter code ZRQUQ

From The Nurse

HOW WGP COLLEGE SUPPORTS LEARNER HAUORA (WELLBEING)

- We have a team of experienced guidance counsellors <u>counsellors@wgpcollege.school.nz</u>
- We have a registered nurse on staff <u>nurse@wgpcollege.school.nz</u> 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 18 August .
- We offer HPV vaccinations to Year 8's (with parental consent). HPV 2 due 17 November .
- We have a visiting physio 3 days per week and a hand therapist 2 days per week (hand therapy free under ACC) .
- The Auckland Regional Dental Service provides dental care to our Year 7 and 8 learners who are enrolled (Term 1 and 2).
- Lumino mobile dental van provides dental care to enrolled Year 9 13 learners who are enrolled Term 1.
- Vision checks for Year 7 learners are on 22 August .
- Year 7 and Year 8 (catchup) WDHB vision testing.
- Year 9 Free Hearing tests— This is an opt out service, if you do not consent for your child to participate, please email courtneybr@wgpcollege.school.nz by 8 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 standalone 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 Registered Nurse. 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.

EnviroGroup

This weekend the EnviroGroup had the opportunity to help with planting along the edge of Amorino Park in Red Beach. Near where new houses had been built there had been a bank collapse. We were asked to help stabilise it by planting some natives above the bank and some along the collapsed edge. Using a few different species of native plants, we got to work. Along the top, a mixture of kōwhai, hebe, and flax were planted while primarily mānuka plants have been used along the bank, with some others added sparingly. Due to the incline of the bank, it was a very difficult job (with many near-falls) but we're proud to have accomplished it.

If this sounds interesting to you, or you are otherwise interested in helping out with our local environment, Whangaparaoa College's 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. We run a variety of environment-based initiatives, ranging from pest control to rubbish clean-ups.

By Ruby Douglas Year 11









Whangaparāoa College Food Waste Challenge

Join Ethically Kate for an interactive lunchtime workshop, and learn more about the importance of reducing food waste at school and at home. Be inspired to save food (& money!) and become a fan of eating the entire furry kiwifruit (yip, skin and all).

Kate Hall, known as Ethically Kate, is an educator, activist, and blogger who advocates for all people to live in a way that respects and protects people and the planet: www.ethicallykate.com

Take part in a challenge to come up with an innovative idea to save food waste at your school, and be in to win a \$500 voucher for a sustainable product!

When? Friday, 28 October 2022, 1.30pm Where? Whangaparāoa College, S2

Register by emailing Mrs Sinclair by 31 August: MariaSi@wgpcollege.school.nz





Year 13's to arrive between 6.30 pm and 7 pm.

Year 12's to arrive between 7 pm and 7.30 pm.

Official start is 7.30 pm and finish at 11.30 pm.

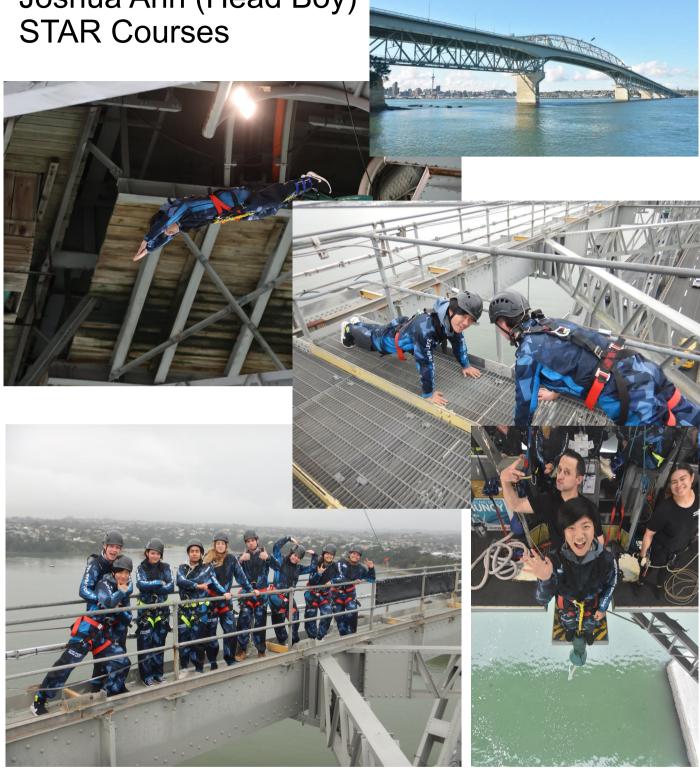
Rosie Risbrook (Head Girl) Spirit of Adventure



From 8-18 I travelled from Whangarei, up to Opua Bay on the Spirit of New Zealand, a three -masted barquentine ship with a length of 42m. On this 10-day voyage, 40 teenagers from around New Zealand (who didn't know each other) partook in learning how to sail the ship, rafting, bush walks, climbing (to the top of the mast), swinging off the ship and making valuable friendships and crucial life skills.

It was incredible and I highly recommend it to everyone. I managed to get a scholarship from the Capella group, so can you, it's definitely worth it!

Joshua Ahn (Head Boy) **STAR Courses**



Head Boy, Joshua Ahn, had a fun bungee jump experience while on a school holiday STAR course! Josh had this to say: "During the school holidays, I went on the Adventure Tourism STAR Course and learned about the various paths that tourism can take you worldwide. On the second day we ended up being able to do a bridge climb and go bungee jumping off the Harbour Bridge. It was an exhilarating experience and one in which I normally wouldn't have done without the existence of STAR courses and I absolutely recommend it to anyone who's interested or in the various other courses that you can experience via the school!"

STAR courses are short taster courses offered during the school holidays by external providers. Year 12 and 13 learners are eligible to apply. STAR courses can be a good option for learners as it can give them the chance to gain skills that will help them into a job or further study later on. For more information please check out our careers page on the school website: https:// www.wqpcollege.school.nz/.../STAR+Courses.html

Alumni-Foundation Corner

Claire Macdonald Class of 2018

Whangaparāoa College is one of the places I found my passion for the outdoors and decided that I wanted to pursue this passion after I left. I had no idea what this meant and went through a couple of jobs before finding myself in the deep end working in the maritime industry.

I've done the most basic of courses to become qualified deck crew and have landed myself in a job at Explore Group Auckland. I work very closely with the Department of Conservation which is where I have now opened a door to doing a Bachelor of Applied Science majoring in Animal Management and Welfare and Biodiversity management.

I found my passion for the outdoors from Outdoor Ed classes, especially our outdoor ed camp on Motuihe Island. The note to take is to always do what you enjoy doing, don't just follow the crowd. Took me 4 years since leaving school to discover what it is I wanted to do, despite life seeming fast paced and confusing it is worth not rushing into things and taking your time to decide where it is you want to go and what you want to do.



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 <u>brief Google form to be added to our database</u>.

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.



BISCUS COAS 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



THE HIBISCUS COAST SPRING BALL 2022 (an R20 event)

Dear Friends and Whānau, we are a group of parents hoping to raise as much money as possible for Whangaparāoa College.

We are parents with learners at the college spanning the last 15 years and have been members of the Board of Trustees, staff, and local businesses supporting the College over the years.

As our own kids are finishing their time at the college we want YOURS to keep on benefitting from the amazing learning and life experiences offered at our local college. After all, these kids are OUR future too. So let's give them an education with all the "bells and whistles" and not just the "no-frills" version the government provides funding for.

WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP WITH THIS So please:

* Share this post and our events far and wide https://fb.me/e/52yvddlbk

BUY TICKETS NOW AS SALES CLOSE SOON FOR CATERING PURPOSES

Consider offering sponsorship of some kind—see document above
 Encourage Local Businesses to support us

We can't wait to see you at our Community (R20) Spring Ball.

The Ball Committee—Email: therisbrooks@gmail.com

Sports







Are you aged between 14-17 years and looking for an afterschool 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 <u>http://orewaseascouts.co.nz/oss/orewa-sea-</u>scout-venturers/

During the holidays Aimee Bright represented New Zealand at the Youth under 19 world sailing championships in The Hague, Holland. Each country is only allowed to send one male and female per country per sailing class - this results in only the best from each country can compete.

Aimee was competing in the new Windfoiling class. It was the first time these fast foiling boards were included in the world championships. Aimee finished 18th out of 29 countries which is a fantastic results being her first major competition and considering many of the girls had so much more experience than her as we have been isolated here in New Zealand for the last 2 years.

Aimee has one more year competing in the youth division and looks forward to the season ahead and next years world championships.



Congratulations to our U13 boys that represented Coast Basketball at the North Harbour Junior Invitational Tournament over the weekend, winning the Div 2 final over North Harbour Lightning. Well done to Luka, Dan, Nikora, Oscar and Rokko!



WGP Senior Men's Basketball in 2022



The majority of this team has played together since Y8/Y9. This year, all that work has paid off. The boys had a great first half of the season and qualified to play in the Senior Men's Division for the first time in WGP history. The team is a good example of collaboration on the Coast. Local college, Wentworth, did not have enough players for a senior team, and we included two of their players in our team in what is now called a 'composite' team. On Thursday 4 August the lads will be playing in the semi-final against a very strong Takapuna Grammar team. If they can take the upset win it would set up a potential final with either WBHS or Orewa College.

I would predict Orewa to take that out as they have an extremely strong team. If the stars aligned, we could see an all-Coast final which would be fantastic for local basketball and a testament to the talent pool here. But...we still need to cause an upset in this semi-final first. All support will be welcomed by the boys Thursday 4 August at 6.30 pm at Event Finder Stadium (the old NSEC) in Wairau. If you can make it down there, I would guarantee a great game and our boys to play with passion and fire.

International

Host an international student next year!



Join our global whānau by hosting one of our wonderful international students in 2023. As a host family, you can learn about another culture, while enjoying new lifelong friendships

Please visit our website for more information and to apply: www.wgpcollege.school.nz/International/Accommodation Welcome Back International Students!

This term we have welcomed more International students to join our WGP whānau. It has been wonderful to have students from Thailand, Germany, Denmark, Spain, Korea and Japan. These learners are here for many different reasons. Some will complete their high school education here at WGP while others are here for just a short visit to improve their English and experience life in a New Zealand home and school. International students bring their own culture to share with our learners and we are so happy to have them back at our kura.

