

Term 3 Issue 2

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From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora e te whānau o Whangaparāoa

As we've <u>previously communicated</u>, the next two Fridays, 19 and 26 August, will be Learning from Home days for learners. Teachers will have advised learners what work they can get on with during those days. Please click on the above link for more information.

Our recent Year 12 & 13 Ball was a huge success and enjoyed by learners and staff who attended. The learners did us and themselves proud and everyone looked amazing.

Many of our learners are nearing the end of their winter activities. Recently we have had our bands participate in the KBB Music Festival, a highlight of their performance year, and our winter sports programmes, all 106 teams, are nearing the end of their competitions. Thank you to the whole community for making our extra-curricular programmes so exciting and successful.

Enrolments for 2023 are underway, if you know of anyone who would like to enrol their child/ren for 2023, please refer them to <u>our website</u> so that they can book an enrolment interview time - information is under the Enrolments tab.

The last day of school for our Year 11 learners is Wednesday 16 November. This is two weeks later than the Year 12 and 13 learners leave. These two weeks will be structured to help learners prepare for Level 2/Year 12. A cross-curricular year level trip to Rangitoto is being planned, more information will follow once this is finalised.

Thank you for your continued support of our learners. Working together to ensure that each learner achieves their best is key.

He waka eke noa - we're all in this together.

Ngā mihi

Steve McCracken

Principal

Upcoming Events / Dates to Remember

All events are Covid-dependent

| August | 18 | Year 7 Boostrix |
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| | 19 | LEARN FROM HOME DAY |
| | 19-21 | Silver Duke of Ed Final Qualifying 2022 |
| | 19-21 | Year 7 & 8 Waterpolo Tournament Team |
| | 19 | L3BIOL Zoo Trip |
| | 22 | Year 7 & catch up Year 8 Vision Testing |
| | 22 | ICAS Science |
| | 23 | Dance NZmade |
| | 23 | Year 7 Auckland Museum Trip (7TURK, 7JAR, 7KNO & 7MCM) |
| | 23 | Senior Options Night 6.30 pm |
| | 24 | Gymnastics Zone Day |
| | 24 | L2OUED Rock Climbing 2 |
| | 24 | Year 7 & 8 Auckland Writers Festival |
| | 25 | Year 7 Auckland Museum Trip (7WLL, 7CTI, 7RST & 7WINK) |
| | 25 | Year 9—13 Auckland Writers Festival |
| | 25 | L2BIOL Tiri Trip |
| | 25 | L2OUED Rock Cimbing 1 |
| | 26 | LEARN FROM HOME DAY |
| | 26 | Year 7 Auckland Museum Trip (7FTR & 7PRK) |
| | 28 August—2 September | UNISS |
| | 28 August—2 September | Winter Tournament Week |
| | 31 | ICAS Maths |

2022 Term Dates

| September | 30 | Last Day of Term 3 |
|-----------|----|-----------------------------------|
| October | 17 | First Day of Term 4 |
| | 24 | Labour Day Holiday |
| November | 2 | Last Day for Year 12 & Year 13 |
| | 7 | NZQA Exams Start |
| | 16 | Last Day for Year 11 |
| | 25 | Staff Only Day |
| | 28 | Staff Only Day |
| December | 6 | NZQA Exams Finish |
| | 12 | Last Day of Term 4 |

2023 Term Dates

Please note that there will be more Staff Only Days during the year, dates yet to be confirmed

| Tuesday 31 January | Staff Only Day |
|---|---|
| Wednesday 1 February | First day of Term 1 |
| Monday 6 February | Waitangi Day |
| Thursday 6 April | Last day of Term 1 |
| Monday 24 April | Staff Only Day |
| Tuesday 25 April | ANZAC Day |
| Wednesday 26 April | First day of Term 2 |
| Monday 5 June | Queen's Birthday Holiday |
| Friday 30 June | Last day of Term 2 |
| Monday 17 July | First day of Term 3 |
| Friday 22 September | Last day of Term 3 |
| Monday 9 October Monday 23 October Monday 6 November Tuesday 5 December Tuesday 12 December | First day of Term 4 Labour Day Holiday NZQA Exams begin NZQA Exams end Last day of Term 4 |

Donations

Like many businesses, the last two years have been financially challenging. It is becoming increasingly challenging to maintain the amazing opportunities we are able to deliver our learners due to the financial pressures we are facing.

As a Board, we are operating a surplus budget and are quickly eating into reserves. We would appreciate your contribution to the College via the payment of your school donation, paid via your KINDO account.

N4L App

Your child's online safety and security is really important to us! Therefore, we've enabled a new tool that will help facilitate positive conversations around digital citizenship and online behaviour with our ākonga /learners.

This tool allows us to see online browsing data over our school's Wi-Fi network, including attempts to access websites currently blocked by the school.

We intend to use it in a positive manner to support conversations around technology use, planning of our digital learning curriculum and in pastoral care. This aligns with the user agreements learners signed at the beginning of the year to ensure we all play our part in creating a safe environment, whether on or offline.

The only people who will have access to the tool are ICT and Deputy Principals Gail & Cristian. Note that we may also need to disclose your personal information in response to a security threat or legal obligation (refer to further information on privacy set out below).

How do we protect information collected and displayed in the Reporting app? Our school and N4L, the providers of the tool, take privacy seriously.

The video below will outline how they handle your data, and you can find more information here.

If you have any questions please contact cristianro@wgpcollege.school.nz.



School Ball



Our school ball took place on the evening of 6 August with the theme 'Royal Roulette', Las Vegas casino inspired. The ball committee spent hours of their own time in the weeks leading up crafting amazing props like oversized dice and playing cards. A huge shout out to all those who assisted in crafting these props, award sashes and table centrepieces.

The committee's goal this year was to create a ball that had something for everyone. The live band produced an atmosphere that was both entertainment and a performance. The playing cards and poker chips on tables gave those waiting for food or having a break something to do with their friends and of course the regular photobooth and photographers were hugely popular as you may have already seen.

Almost 300 Year 12 and 13 rangatahi (youth) dressed up for the occasion in stunning dresses, suits and gowns - the largest group in years! A huge amount of appreciation needs to be given to everyone who attended as their Manaakitanga was so great, the venue security commented how impressed they were.

Thank you to all those parents and caregivers who were involved in organising outfits, hair appointments, transport, pre-ball functions and of course hosting events. Without you we wouldn't have this amazing bunch of learners.

KBB Festival



On Thursday 11 August, both of our school bands (Big Band & Concert Band) performed at the KBB Festival in Parnell, Auckland City.

The Concert Band performed in the Holy Trinity Church at 11 am followed by the Big Band at 4 pm in the Saint Mary's Cathedral. This is always an amazing festival to be part of and it was great to see and hear other Auckland school bands.

Our whānau performed very well on stage and the audience was treated to some wonderful sounds by our bands.

A huge thanks to all music teachers who made this event possible.

-Lisiate Ha'unga (Music Teacher)

Unfortunately, the music department's planned visit to the Gulf Harbour Yacht Club on 19 August has had to be postponed. We will rearrange a date for later in the year hopefully.

Tough Girl/Guy Challenge



Our level 2 and 3 PE learners participated in the Tough Girl Guy Challenge at Kumeu last Thursday. They all had a great run and represented the school well (as always). Our girls came third in the Tough Schools Challenge, where the top three runners from each school are placed. These girls were Ariana Hunt, Aimee Bright and Alyssa Manilal.



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

EnviroGroup

Over the holidays, the EnviroGroup was pretty busy! One of the activities we got up to was visiting the Whangaparāoa Recycling Centre to help make worm bins. Three of our members were able to make it, and learnt all about the process. Did you know that your old recycling wheelie bins are what's used to make these contraptions? Indeed, as we learnt, the recycling centre takes these abandoned bins and cuts off one of the long sides to turn into the lid - creating a coffin-like structure - before firmly attaching the lid on with screws. These bins are then filled with organic garden waste, food scraps, and a number of worms before covering up the structure with wool house insulation.

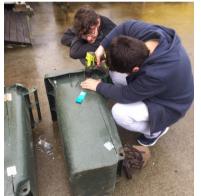
Beyond worm bins, the centre has many great ideas for recycling, most of which are free - some with a small transport fee. They also offer products, such as fill-your-own cleaning products, if you're thinking of starting recycling yourself. And beyond that, they give out food some days of the week. Truly, it is a wondrous piece of the Whangaparāoa community!

If you are interested in sending something to be recycled at the recycling centre, the price list can be seen here

If you are interested in helping out with our local environment, Whangaparāoa 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 roving reporter Ruby Douglas Year 11





Antonio, Ethan, and Nicole approaching their first bin



Ethan pouring soil into a bin





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





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You must be between 14 and 16 years old

For more info and application forms: www.YSAR.org.nz

Alumni-Foundation Corner

Jared Lanigan Class of '09 - Foundation learner

I treasure my years at Whangaparāoa because my teachers routinely encouraged me to give a bunch of stuff a try!

Spirit of Adventure, Smokefree Rock Quest, playing "Troy" in High School Musical, whilst playing fullback for both the League and First 15 teams – a real-life jock-theatre nerd! GO WILDCATS!

I was prefect, a member of a prayer group, and shot zombie films in the dead of night!

This haphazard grazing of life's possibilities didn't stop with college. I moved to Sydney with my band, meditated on a retreat in the Thai jungle, motorbiked through Vietnam, taught English in the wops in Korea, stayed with Brahmans at the burning Ghats of India, solo hiked in Nepal, and hitchhiked through the Southern Cone of the Americas before settling once more to work on a coffee farm in the mountains of Colombia.

Since being back, I've worked in the Social Services, now facilitating workshops in communities as far-flung as the Chatham Islands and the Human Rights Commission on how to take care of ourselves and others.

Needing to relate to a broad range of kiwis depends on the kind of traits I developed while not following "the rules" in my 20's: an open outlook, a sense of play, being relatable and being present. All things which were being fostered right back at Whangaparāoa in 2005.

The significance of those few years looms large in my spirit!



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.



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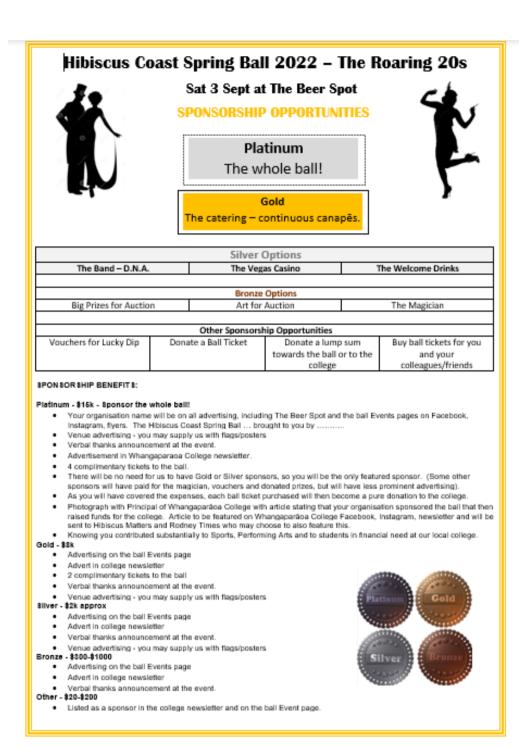


plus a Complimentary Drink on arrival and delicious Canapé Supper

> Saturday 3 September 2022 | 6.30 pm Venue: The Beer Spot, Whangaparaoa

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





HIBISCUS COAST SPRING BALL (R20 Event) - Sat 3 Sept at The Beer Spot

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW BEFORE SALES CLOSE! Numbers needed for catering. A great night of entertainment band, casino event, adult lucky dips, art auction, great food!

Dress: Formal or 1920s. This is a fundraiser for Whangaparāoa College learners - you get to choose which of 3 areas you want the profits to go to when you enter the ball: (1) Sports; (2) Performing Arts; (3) Learner Wellbeing - e.g. in Financial Need.

More info and link for tickets sales here: https://www.facebook.com/events/417283293568505
If you don't have Facebook, link here for tickets: https://www.eventbee.com/.../hibiscus-coast.../event...

WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP WITH THIS.... So please: If you are interested in helping us, Email: therisbrooks@gmail.com The Ball Committee

Sports



House Tug of War Results

1st 10BEG- Fire 5 points

2nd 10HOL- Earth 3 points

3rd: 10 HLL- Fire 2 points

4th 10HGT- Air 1 point

Örewa Surf Lifesaving Club – Junior Family Membership Early Bird Registration now open

Make the most of Summer Sundays and join us at beautiful Ōrewa beach as a member of Ōrewa Surf Lifesaving Club. We offer a fun, safe and family-oriented environment, building life skills, fitness, and respect for the water for children aged 3-13. Our members come from all over Auckland to enjoy everything Ōrewa Surf Club has to offer. Go to our website for more information about our junior surf programme: https://www.orewasurfclub.co.nz/sunday-sessions

Final day to take advantage of our early bird family membership rate is Sunday 16 October 2022. First day on the beach, Sunday 30 October.

Ready to join: https://www.orewasurfclub.co.nz/how-to-join





Congrats to Issie
Champion who was
selected in the Auckland
Under 15 Lacrosse
Team!

Good luck for your tournament in September in Perth!

Sports - WGP College Senior Men's Basketball 2022 vs Orewa College





On Friday afternoon the Senior Men's basketball team played in the Open Men's final for the first time in WGP College history. Captained by Year 12 Ethan Baldwin, they fought valiantly but eventually went down to a very strong Orewa College team 42-60. The team was really well supported and would like to thank all those that wished them well and came to cheer them on. Bring on 2023!

Rugby Youth 14



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

We have spent the past three weeks hosting a wonderful group of students from Korea On Thursday we celebrated with a farewell "Pizza and Korean Fried Chicken" Party for our wonderful school buddies and their students. Our awesome domestic students have been so welcoming and caring, taking these students to class and keeping a close eye during break times.

The group have had a wonderful time with ESOL classes, sightseeing trips and have been welcomed into the homes of our very generous and loving host families. A huge thankyou to all involved.

If you would like to create memories and be involved with the hosting experience, please email Sue McKay or call her for a chat. suemck@wgpcollege.school.nz

09 424 9177 ext. 238

From The Nurse

HOW WGP COLLEGE SUPPORTS LEARNER HAUORA (WELLBEING)

- We have a team of experienced guidance counsellors counsellors@wgpcollege.school.nz
- 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 (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Whooping cough) 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.
- Year 7 and Year 8 (catchup) WDHB vision testing on 22 August.
- Year 9 Free Hearing screening tests (13—16 August) All year 9 families
 have received an email with information about this FREE hearing test
 and hearing education being offered to our Year 9 group 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.

All learners who feel unwell at school need to go and see the school nurse. In many instances she can support the learner to remain at school. If she assesses they need to go home, she will contact parents. We are seeing a trend of learners contacting home themselves.

The process is in place to support learner attendance and learning, and to support working parents. If your child contacts you please ask them to go and see the nurse

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 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.

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