



WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

Together ▢ Believe ▢ Achieve ▢ Ngātahi whakapono tutuki

Newsletter

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Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui

Be strong, be brave, be steadfast

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From the Principal's Desk

At our Year 7 Assembly this week I will be explaining the meaning of our school crest and motto, and thought it would be good to make sure our whole school community shared the understanding.



The Whale's Tail is symbolic of our Whangaparaoa area. The literal translation is "Bay of Whales". Whales group in pods, dive deep, take on challenges and look after each other. The Whale represents strength and working together.

Thus, we get the first part of our motto – Ngātahi (Together)



The Nikau Palm is New Zealand's only native palm. The seedlings on the floor of the forest are very small and vulnerable; but grow tall, strong and have a long life. Its abundant fruit supports many native birds. The Nikau Palm represents growth, confidence and belief.

Thus, Whakapono (Believe)



The Kotuku or white heron is a beautiful bird. The feathers traditionally adorn Maori cloaks as a symbol of excellence and high achievement. The Kotuku symbolises looking to the future and reaching great heights, which gives us the third word of our motto Tutuki (Achieve)

When we put it all together, here's what we get:



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We want to ensure that our staff and learners not only know about our crest and motto – but live it.

Ka kite ano

James Thomas, Principal

Year 8-13 Meet the Teacher Evening

Wednesday 24 March – 4.00-8.00 pm

An email will be sent home this week with information on how to access learner's progress reports and a link to book an appointment to see your child's teacher/s.

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Whanau Hui

Tuesday 30 March – 7.00 pm

The first Whanau Hui of 2021 will be held in Te Maramara a Tane on Tuesday 30 March at 7.00 pm. All families in the Whangaparaoa College whanau whanui are welcome to attend.

Emails

You may have recently received emails from some of our staff where the email address was [@wgpcollege.school.kiwi](mailto:enquiries@wgpcollege.school.kiwi). Please note that these email addresses were only temporary and they're no longer valid. If you need to contact our staff, please make sure the email address is [@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:enquiries@wgpcollege.school.nz). Also, if you have not received communications from us, please check your spam/junk folder.

Online Safety

Whangaparaoa College recognises the increasing role that the internet is playing in our learners lives. We believe that education is the best policy when it comes to helping our learners stay safe, comfortable, mindful, and empowered in their online dealings with each other and the wider world. As such, as part of our active improvement plan, Kaiārahi will be taking their Rōpū Whānau through an Online Behaviour and Safety programme this year. The programme will cover expectations for learner online interaction and strategies to help learners navigate the digital world with confidence and assurance.

Topics will include: Sending or posting sexual images and texts; watching, viewing, and/or sharing inappropriate content; conducting safe online relationships and online bullying.

If you are concerned about your child engaging in this learning please contact Dawn Sullivan dawnsu@wgpcollege.school.nz

NCEA 2021 at Whangaparaoa College

NCEA Level 1:

Last year we were reminded by NZQA of the flexibility inherent in the NCEA qualification, and that it is not necessary for learners to gain NCEA Level 1 before doing Level 2. Historically, more than 96% of Whangaparaoa College learners gain Level 2. So, for them, Level 1 is not important as a qualification, but serves as a foundation for Level 2. We provide alternative pathways for the few learners for whom NCEA Level 2 is not a realistic goal. So, for 2021, Year 11 learners at Whangaparaoa College will be expected to achieve:

- 20 credits at Level 1 (including literacy and numeracy)
- Examination experience – during Term 1, we will consider how best to give learners the opportunity to experience internal and external exams

NCEA Level 2:

- Learners will gain 80 credits (20 from Level 1 the previous year, plus an additional 60 from Level 2)
- Learners will gain University Entrance (UE) Literacy

NCEA Level 3:

- Learners will gain 80 credits (20 from Level 2, plus an additional 60 from Level 3)
- Learners capable of gaining their UE will be strongly encouraged to gain this and guided to a suitable programme to enable this. For UE, learners will need 14 credits in each of three university approved subjects, plus their UE Literacy and Level 1 Numeracy; and their NCEA Level 3.

Resubmissions:

If a teacher deems it appropriate, learners resubmit work. However, from 2021, learners can only resubmit an assessment to go from Not Achieved to Achieved. They are unable to resub for Merit or Excellence.

Year 11-13 learners have had the above information outlined to them in their last assembly. Kaiārahi and subject teachers will be ensuring that learners know that they need to achieve and are progressing well.

Free STAR Courses

Free STAR courses available to senior learners in 2021.

STAR courses are commonly known as "Taster" courses, usually 1-3 days, during the school holidays. The STAR courses offer a fun, practical way of having a taste of the industry and possibly also offer NCEA credits. For more information email natashadu@wgpcollege.school.nz

Trades Expo

There will be a Trades Expo in the Auditorium and Auditorium Foyer on Wednesday 24 March between 3.00 pm and 8.00 pm. This is an opportunity for learners and whanau to seek career information for pathways into trades.

Sport

It has been fantastic to see so many learners involved in summer sport. We ran 6 senior volleyball teams, an under 15 cricket team and senior waterpolo.

This week (Week 7) all winter sports have begun training; please keep an eye on the notices for the schedule of training and try-out nights. Good luck to the senior boys and senior girls team in the North Island Volleyball Satellite Tournament at North Harbour next week. With the huge growth in volleyball, we hope to enter the full 5-day tournament held in Palmerston North in 2022.

Congratulations to those WGP College learners who managed to complete most of their events away at the National Surf Lifesaving Competition at Mount Maunganui prior to the lockdown.

Try-out days for Year 7/8 Zone Days took place in Week 3 and the teams will be heading out over the next few weeks to represent the college in tag, futsal, swimming and triathlon.



Supercity Senior Girls

House

This term kicked off with three days of House events for the Year 7's and 8's. The highlight of the start-up was tabloid sports with learners competing in classic obstacle course races, bucket fills, and bucket planks. All year groups competed and the House spirit was awesome to see. Week 4 saw 9FRA take out the Year 9 dodgeball competition for Earth but with so much to play for, the House cup has never been more competitive. Unfortunately Lyp Sync has been postponed due to the Covid lockdown but Tug of War is coming up, so get to the gym and work on those arms!

Currently Water lead on 391 but hot on the heels are Earth and Fire both within 70 points, with last year's winners Air currently in 4th place.



House Prefects

Maths Department

A Fraction More

The mathematics department runs an Enrichment and Extension Program for learners who are strong in mathematics and enjoy being stretched and challenged.

Year 8 & 9 meet in A4 Friday at lunchtime

Year 10 and 11 meet in A6 at 7.30 am on Wednesdays

Year 12 & 13 meet in C2 at lunchtime on Wednesdays and at 7.30 am on Fridays

Love Soup

Through our Love Soup in-school's ambassador, Xavier Mika, we are lucky to be provided with some nutritious lunches on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week. If you know of learners who could benefit from this generous donation of yummy kai, please tell them to go to the Marae at lunchtime on these days.



Upcoming Immunisations

Year 8 - HPV1 on 20 May 2021, HPV2 on 15 November 2021

Year 7 - Boostrix on 19 August 2021

As part of the national immunisation schedule, all Year 8 learners will be offered the opportunity to be immunised against the HPV virus at school.

Information and a consent form has been sent home with your child. Learners have been shown an information video in class.

All Year 7 learners will be offered the opportunity to receive Boostrix (tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough).

Year 7 learners have also been shown a video in class and consent forms have been sent home.

Please complete the form and return it to your child's Kaiārahi.

It is important that the form is completed whether or not you give consent. If they have already received the immunisation, or you wish to take them to your family practice for the free immunisations, please complete Part B, the Non-Consent part of the form. This helps with the administration process of the programme.

Copies of the form and information about the vaccinations can be found at www.health.govt.nz

School Socks

After careful consideration and consultation with teachers, learners and the community, we are transitioning to plain black socks (above the ankle and below the knee) as school uniform for all learners. These can be purchased from NZ Uniforms or at any other retail outlet. Both the current blue socks and the black socks will be allowed for the rest of the year while we are transitioning.

Art Department

Newspaper Wanted!

We have a newspaper crisis in the art rooms.

Donations of newspaper urgently needed. Please drop off to the office or the art department if you have some to spare. Thank you in advance.

Absentees

Whangaparaoa College has a responsibility to account for all enrolled learners on a daily basis. In a large school this is a huge task, and we would ask for learners and parents to support us in achieving this.

Please help by ensuring that:

- ☐ When your child is away, an email or phone message is sent to the school office, preferably before 9.00 am.
- ☐ If your child is going to be away for two days or more, you advise the school of the reason by phone or email as soon as possible.

The email address for absences is absences@wgpcollege.school.nz

Or phone: 09 424 9177

For authenticity purposes, some absences may be followed up by the school to obtain verification.

Upcoming Events

March	17-19	L2OUED Adventure Based Learning Camp, Tawharanui
	18	Year 8 Hunger Ball
		Girls Cricket Zone Day
		L3SOCI Special Olympics, Millenium Stadium
	22-24	Year 7 Whitebait Connection
	22-26	Summer Tournament Week
	23	KiwiTag Zone Day, Sunnynook Park
	24	Trades Expo 3.00-8.00 pm
		Year 8-13 Meet the Teacher 4.00-8.00 pm
	25	Year 8 Hunger Ball (saver day)
		Swimming Zone Day
		L1GEOG01/05 Shakespear Park Trip
	29	L2/3 Drama Trip - The Haka Party Incident, ASB Waterfront Theatre
	30	Mufti Day – learners dress as they want to be when they grow up
April		L1 Art Trip, Brick Bay Sculpture Park
		Whanau Hui 7.00 pm
	31	National Youth Jazz Competition
		North Harbour Swimming Champs
	1	SENHEED Trip, Eat My Lunch
		Term 2 Zone Day Try-outs
	2-6	Easter Break

For more information from our school calendar please see [Quick Links](#)

BYOD Deals

Whangaparaoa College have teamed up with suppliers of BYOD devices and accessories to offer our community access to online deals.

To access the deals at:

Cyclone please click [here](#) and enter the password: **wgpcbyod**

PB Tech please click [here](#)

Noel Leeming please click [here](#) select mynoelleeming on the top bar, setup BYOD membership, choose school.

Community Notices



Whangaparaoa Community Hub

LOCAL FOOD BANKS

Please call ahead as there may be changes due to Covid-19

Helensville Foodbank
49 Commercial Rd, Helensville (09) 420 7725
Please call first to make an appointment
Opening Hours Mon / Wed / Fri 9.30 AM to 11.30 AM

Hibiscus Coast Community House
214 Hibiscus Coast Highway, Orewa (09) 426 3598

Hibiscus Coast Salvation Army
32 Greenview Lane, Red Beach (09) 426 0239

Homebuilders Warkworth
5 Hexham Street, Warkworth Phone: (09) 425 7048

Interchurch Foodbanks
24 Hour Helpline, Auckland wide (09) 302 2682

Love Soup Hibiscus Coast
717 Whangaparaoa Rd, Stanmore Bay
Food parcels for collection Mon, Wed, Thurs 1-3pm & Sunday 5-6pm
To order a food parcel message them via Facebook
@LoveSoupHibiscusCoast

Mission Fellowship
9 Wainui Rd, Silverdale. 027 333 8896

Orewa Baptist Church
2-8 Loop Road, Orewa (09)426 6976

Warkworth Foodlink
5 Pulham Road, Warkworth Phone: (09) 425 8861

Wellsford Foodbank (Wellsford Community Centre)
1 Matheson Rd, Wellsford Phone: (09) 423 7333

Whangaparaoa Baptist
Food parcels available for anyone in need. Contact Kerry 022 064 6604

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