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Newsletter

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Me mahi tahi tātou mo te ora o te katoa

We should work together for the wellbeing of everyone

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From the Principal's Desk

Let's stay vigilant

A couple of weeks ago, I was fortunate enough to attend our daughter's wedding in Australia. It was a special occasion with family and friends, made possible because of the Kiwi/Aussie 'travel bubble'. I am reminded just how fortunate we all are with regard to the Covid-19 pandemic. Let's keep it that way. Let's continue to look after ourselves and our whānau. Let's remember those everyday practices that make a difference. Let's continue to wash our hands carefully, sneeze or cough into our elbow, stay home if unwell, use the Covid tracing app, and keep smiling.

Clarification re my email last week

I'd like to apologise for raising unnecessary questions and concerns because of the email I sent you last Wednesday. Hindsight is a great thing, and if I could push 'rewind' I would have included the following about the situation at school that day.

A senior learner was acting in a way that may have caused serious harm to themselves. This was witnessed by a number of others. The learner involved has support from their whānau and appropriate support services. Learners who saw what was happening were offered support. No other learners were involved. No weapons, threats or violence were involved.

If you have any questions, please contact us. I hope this will end any ongoing concerns.

Use of te reo Maori

It's great to hear in our media and see in our written communications an increasing use of te reo Maori. To ensure we understand as we switch between two of our official languages, I thought the following list of terms and their translations/meanings might be helpful.

Kia ora	a greeting of welcome
Whānau	family or close community
Ngā mihi nui	"many thanks"
Ka kite anō	"see you again"
Whakapapa	a person's background, roots, heritage
Haere mai	"welcome"
Pōwhiri	a welcome ceremony where people become whanau
Hui	meeting or get-together
Kia kaha	"be strong"
Kaiarahi	a coach, guide, mentor
Rōpū whānau	key group (like form class) to which learners belong
Whānau hui	times set aside for the rōpū whānau to meet
Kōrero	to talk, share, discuss

Year 13 Camp

This week I join our Year 13 Camp in Tongariro National Park. We normally have the camp in February but moved it because of the earlier lockdown. I'm sure it will be a great event with good memories – albeit rather chilly!

Keep warm
Keep well
Ka kite ano

James Thomas, Principal

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Facebook Live

Facebook Live – NCEA at Wgp College

Thursday 3 June, 7.00 pm

with Miss Lisa White, Deputy Principal and Mr James Thomas, Principal

This session will be most useful for parents of Year 11-13 learners who are working towards NCEA standards or qualifications. However, some Year 10 parents may also be interested. Learners have been given information at school assemblies. Information already given to learners will be repeated in this FB Live, with the opportunity for Q's and A's.

Digital Safety Korero

There will be a hui on Wednesday 16 June in the college Auditorium at 7.00 pm, for whanau to hear more about our Digital Safety Programme and have an opportunity to give feedback.

Evolocity



Over the past three years Whangaparaoa College has entered teams in the Evolocity Electric Bikers and Karts Challenge. <https://youtu.be/h7A6tEHLRAw>
<https://evolocity.co.nz/> <https://www.facebook.com/evolocitynz>

In those three years, we won the Auckland Top Karts and Bikes in the Gymkhana and Efficiency categories, and last year our Year 13 team won both the Auckland and National Limited Motor Class Standing Start 100m Sprint category. On Sunday 28 November there will be a National Competition for the Bikes and Karts for those that have placed well in the Regional Competition. This will be held again at the Hamilton Racing Karts track.

We really need to team with Engineering, Auto Electrical/Panel Beating and Carbon Fibre Companies (for sponsorship and mentoring), to help the teams in Year 11-13 with the building of their projects. Also, we would be more than willing to recognise the business in return (within our College guidelines).

Evolocity Vehicle Build Day and Troubleshooting.

Teams bring along their designs (paper, soft copy, prototype, beginning of actual vehicle) and spend the day developing their build with advice and guidance from UoA experts. Help with wiring the motor to the controller will also be provided.

Our next Build Day 5 is Saturday 26 June - Innovation and Programming the Arduino. Arduino is an open-source hardware and software company, project and user community, that designs and manufactures single-board microcontrollers and microcontroller kits for building digital devices.

We are currently trying to source any old go kart frames etc that could be repurposed. If anyone knows of any that may be available, please contact **Colin Watts** at colinwa@wgpcollege.school.nz

Auckland Writers Festival



"On Thursday 13 May, learners from our school, and many others, attended the Auckland Writers Festival. While there, we listened to four programmes, the first one was presented by Angie Thomas, the critically acclaimed American writer who wrote The Hate U Give, the second, Dan Salmon the Australian writer of Neands, Karlo Mila, the New Zealand poet was third, and Nathan Joe, a New Zealand award-winning playwright fourth. It was an absolute honour to attend the festival this year and to listen to them inspire all the young aspiring writers with so much. It was a great opportunity for myself and everyone who went, so I thank the college for giving us the chance to go! May these trips to the festival in the years to come continue and ignite a spark of creativity in our minds!"

Michael Clark 13LOW

Innovative Young Minds

The Innovative Young Minds (IYM) programme inspires young women in Years 11 and 12 from all over NZ to explore Science and Technology. The participants are exposed to the wide range of research and career opportunities available in STEMM through an engaging and interactive programme.



"This programme is a great way for young women to gain knowledge and make friends from all over the country. It was so easy, as everything was digital which enabled more young women to take part. It was a great way to spend my school holidays!" **Kano Sugawara 11DAVD**

Level 1 Art



On Tuesday 18 May, the Year 11 Art learners went to Brick Bay Sculpture Park. They walked around the 2 kilometre sculpture trail and were able to see a wide range of sculptures by both established and up and coming New Zealand artists.

The visit was intended as motivation for the art learners as they begin planning for their own sculptures that they will be making this term.

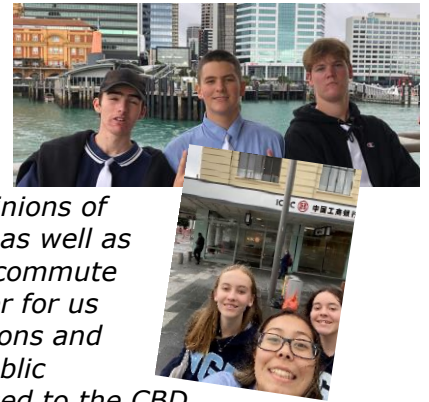
All of the learners were a credit to our school and the art teachers greatly enjoyed the outing.

Kathie Boyd, HoD The Visual Arts

Level 2 Geography



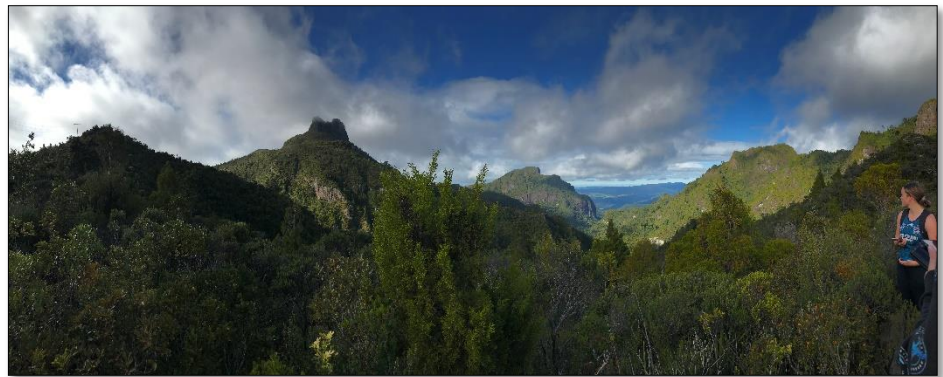
"We are looking at traffic data and public transport options, so we surveyed a group of Auckland public transport users. We asked them their opinions of causes and solutions to traffic, as well as their transport data, including commute times and destinations. In order for us to come up with our own solutions and opinions, we spent a day on public transport in Auckland. We bussed to the CBD, rode to Newmarket on the train, took a ferry journey across to Devonport and then caught a bus back to school.



Our findings will be part of an assessment on perceptions, causes and solutions to traffic issues."

Level 2 Outdoor Ed Pinnacles Trip

"Minus 7 degrees, but we made it to the top of the Pinnacles! It was a great way to exercise and feel a sense of accomplishment and to see the spectacular view. The stairs going to the very top were so hard." For more pics, click [here](#)



King's Empire Veterans

Our local King's Empire Veterans group have donated Senior and Junior cups for Community Contribution that have been awarded at our Excellence Prizegiving for the past few years. In addition, our local veterans have, for many years, attended our school ANZAC assembly and shared stories of their time in service.

On Thursday 20 May Frank Townley, President Silverdale Kings Empire Veterans, came to school to present a small KEV Poppy Lapel badge and a S-KEV badge to James Thomas, Principal, Lisa White, Deputy Principal, and Head and Deputy Head Prefects as a thank you token of the support Whangaparaoa College has shown towards the King's Empire Veterans over the years. For more pics, click [here](#)



NCEA Clothing Technology

We dream of a world in which every child has at least one new item of clothing. We want children to know that they are worthy of respect and that they are loved.

Our learners at Whangaparaoa College set about constructing dresses, trousers and shorts to donate to underprivileged young people in countries around the world. This may be the child's only new garment they ever have, so attention to detail and quality have been a huge focus.



Sport

Not a bad start for our **Rugby** Youth 14 Boys, 75-0 vs Kaipara College, also 50-17 vs Mahurangi College - Well done!

Lacrosse played away Thursday 20 May against Dioscesan Girls and came away with a 6-6 draw.



Congratulations to our Year 9 learners who won the Year 9 Grade A **Netball** Tournament Tuesday 18 May at Netball North Harbour.

To top it off even more, congratulations to our Senior 1 Netball team who also won their grade at Netball North Harbour Tournament, winning the Senior B Grade.



Awesome day for Whanga Netball!

We would like to acknowledge **Zoe Pedersen** who represented Coast Swim Club at the 2021 Division II Championships in Dunedin last week.

She did incredibly well with some amazing results, achieving the following medals:

GOLD – 400 IM
SILVER – 50 Fly
SILVER – 50 Free
BRONZE – 200 Fly

Coast Swim Club placed 3rd overall and Auckland won Top Region.



Loves-Me-Not



On Thursday 20 May, our Year 12 learners took part in the Loves Me Not Programme, which is a course designed to raise awareness around abusive relationships and consent. It is based on a student inquiry learning process, where the learners take action to prevent harm from relationship abuse.

The College would like to thank all of the local police officers, youth workers and counsellors who helped run and facilitate the course. The course was thought-provoking and triggered discussion on a range of important societal issues affecting young people today. The feedback from the Year 12 learners was very positive, and important conversations have developed from the day.

Pink Shirt Mufti Day



Kōrero mai kōrero atu mauri tū mauri ora: Speak up, stand together, stop bullying!

On Friday 21 May, Whangaparaoa College showed our support for Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day is about spreading the message of working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity, promoting kindness and inclusiveness.

Our prefects and student leaders organised activities to promote this cause and it was great to see so many of our learners endorsing this message.

For more information around Pink Shirt Day, please visit:

<https://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz/>

For more pics, click [here](#)

Free Hearing Tests Year 9

All parents/caregivers of Year 9 learners should have received an email about a free hearing test that is being offered at Whangaparaoa College this year. As it is part of a study, we need 50 learners to participate. This is a fabulous opportunity for Year 9 learners to have a free hearing test and education about protecting their hearing. Testing will occur at school from **Monday 30 August – Wednesday 1 September**. The testing is painless.

If you would like your child to receive a free hearing test, please complete the form included in the email and return it to nurse@wgpcollege.school.nz. Forms can also be dropped into reception or the school health clinic.

Upcoming Immunisations

Year 8 - 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.healthed.govt.nz

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.

Upcoming Events

May	31	Year 7 Girls Football Zone Day
	31- June 1	First Aid for Year 7
June	31- June 4	House CHAOS
	1	MAOR Cooking Class, Homeland Restaurant
		Year 8 Girls Football Zone Day
		Year 7 Howick Historical Village, 7WLL/SHH/PRK
	2	Year 11-13 UN Global Summit Experience
		Pod Presentation Evening, 7.00 pm
	3	Girls Rugby Zone Day
		Year 7 Howick Historical Village, 7JAR/LDR/TOWL
		NCEA Facebook Live, 7.00 pm
	4	Year 7 Howick Historical Village, 7WRE/WINK/TURK
		L3PHYS Rainbow's End Trip
	4-5	Kapa Haka Wananga
	7	Queen's Birthday Holiday
	8	L1GEOG01/05 Crime Time Trip
	9	Boys Hockey Zone Day
		Year 10 Dodgeball

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

Term 2 Dates to Remember


June	16	Digital Safety Korero 7.00 pm
	25	Staff Only Day
	29	LLC – School Finishes at 12.30 pm
July	1	LLC – School Finishes at 1.30 pm
	9	Last Day of Term 2

Community Notices






Art Exhibition & Sale



Queen's Birthday Weekend
Estuary Arts Centre
214B Hibiscus Coast Highway, Orewa

Preview & Auction Night
Thursday 3 June. 7 - 9pm

Tickets \$25
(includes glass of wine & nibbles)
Sales - Harbour Hospice (09) 421 9180
or harbourhospice.org.nz/event





Public Exhibition
Friday 4 June - Sunday 6 June
9am-4pm
Monday 7 June 9am-2pm

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