



# WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

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*Me mahi tahi tātou mo te oranga o te katoa*  
*We should work together for the wellbeing of everyone*

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## From the Principal's Desk

Occasionally we come across a story that is simply inspirational and gives us real hope about the good that exists in our world.



Spanish runner Ivan Fernandez Anaya is still receiving attention for a race he lost in December 2012. Here's why, as told by Spanish newspaper *El Pais*:

*Fernandez Anaya was running second, some distance behind race leader Abel Mutai -- bronze medalist in the 3,000 meter steeplechase at the London Olympics. As they entered the finishing straight, he saw the Kenyan runner -- the certain winner of the race -- mistakenly pull up about 10 meters before the finish, thinking he had already crossed the line.*

*Fernandez Anaya quickly caught up with him, but instead of exploiting Mutai's mistake to speed past and claim an unlikely victory, he stayed behind and, using gestures, guided the Kenyan to the line and let him cross first.*

*Tough decision, right? Actually, no. "He was the rightful winner," Fernandez Anaya said. "He created a gap that I couldn't have closed if he hadn't made a mistake. As soon as I saw he was stopping, I knew I wasn't going to pass him."*

Sportsmanship is not dead.

James Thomas  
Principal

## 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.

## Learner Led Conferences (LLCs)

Please be aware that our Learner Led Conferences are on Tuesday 29 June and Thursday 1 July. Parents/caregivers of all learners from Years 7-13 are asked to please make a 15 minute appointment with your son/daughter's kaiārahi to discuss their progress, achievement and hauora. Learners will be leading the conference. Instructions will be sent out prior to the conference dates informing you how to make an appointment online. Each conference will take place in the teacher/learner's usual Rōpū Whānau classroom. A list of teachers, rooms and a map will be put online and at the main office and other locations to enable parents to find their way to appointments. However, as each learner will be leading their own conference, they will be able to show parents/caregivers to the room. Mr Peter Davies, Careers Counsellor and Mr Rob Carty, Special Needs Co-ordinator (SenCo) will also be available for appointments. Please note:

### Tuesday 29 June

School finishes for learners at 12.30 pm.

Appointments (15 mins each) from 1.15-7.45 pm – finish by 8.00 pm

### Thursday 1 July

School finishes for learners at 1.30 pm.

Appointments (15 mins each) from 2.15-4.45 pm – finish by 5.00 pm. **Buses will be here for these earlier finishing times.**

## Year 11 Market Day

Weather dependent, learners in the Year 11 Business classes will be running a market day on **Thursday 24 June** at lunchtime. Learners have worked really hard this year and devised some cool PRODUCT ideas which they are now taking to market. The PLACE is the BLACK MATT (outside E block). Bring along some cash and check out their products. Hope to see you there!

## Musicfest



Musicfest, our annual music showcase, will be held on Tuesday 15 June at 7.00 pm in the Auditorium. All are welcome to attend and entry is free this year. **Please bring cash for drinks at the interval as there will be no Eftpos available.** There will also be an opportunity to make a gold coin donation after the show.

All performers are expected to be in the Music Department NO LATER THAN 6.30 pm, unless otherwise instructed to arrive earlier by their band conductor.

The concert will finish at approximately 9.30 pm. We look forward to seeing you all on the night!

## Calligraphy Club

Have you ever wanted to learn calligraphy? Mrs Copley is running a lunchtime club on Wednesdays in V4. There are calligraphy pens available for purchase at \$10.00.



## Year 13 Camp

On Tuesday 25 May, a large number of Year 13's travelled to Piper's Lodge. Before heading out on the road, we were sorted into four groups: Kotuku, Tohora, Nikau, and Ahi. In these groups, we participated in the same events at the same time, with some groups doing the Tongariro Crossing on Wednesday, and some doing it on Thursday. The Crossing was not the only thing that we went out to pursue. The Okupapa Caving Experience was a very unique experience to say the least, where at times your feet got so cold that they felt like they were going to fall off! Then we walked to the Viaduct as a good warm up for the day, before the 'true walk'. When Caving, I felt like I had become one with the caves, and the next day would become one with nature. The Devil's Staircase was by far the most enduring part of the Tongariro Crossing, while the mountain was an experience, where once you get to the top, you are pulled in by all the snow and vibrant colours glistening all around you. The Crossing was approximately eight hours, so you can only imagine how fatigued we were after it. To say the least, the Tongariro Crossing was a once in a lifetime opportunity. Staying at the Lodge with your roommates was also a great experience, where we could play pool and table tennis. We also got into our groups for our activities and ended up creating films; reflecting and integrating the themes and genres that we were given to make a short film about our camp. With all the laughs and enjoyment that we had, camp was one of the best school trips that I have ever been on! Thank you Whangaparaoa College!

**Michael Clark 13LOW**

For more pics, click [here](#)



## Ugly Shakespeare



### Ugly Shakespeare 2021 – Romeo and Jules

Over 50 of our senior Drama and Dance learners were treated to a performance by the Ugly Shakespeare Company on Monday 24 May. Three talented actresses performed a version of Shakespeare's classic *Romeo and Juliet* but their version was fast-paced, comedic and depicted the entire play in under 50 minutes. The play was designed to **take the fear out of Shakespeare**. It was a very funny, engaging piece of theatre for our learners and one which everybody enjoyed.

## Te Herenga Waka o Orewa Marae

Some learners from both Orewa and Whangaparaoa Colleges, had the privilege of visiting [Homeland NZ](#) and being led in a cooking class by Peter Gordon and his wonderful team as part of their Community Tuesday Initiative. Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa! For more pics, click [here](#)



## Pod Projects

### Personalised Learning Pod Projects Presentations

Learners in the 2021 Year 11 Personalised Learning Pod have spent the last term working hard on their first projects centred on topics they are passionate about. They shared these projects with a range of different classes visiting the Pod classroom and at a Presentation Evening. The Pod learners loved this opportunity to gain feedback on their ideas and progress. To see a list of their projects or learn more about the Personalised Learning Pod programme see the Pod [website](#).

For more pics, click [here](#)



## L2 Sociology

"On Monday 10 May we, as well as many other school students, attended the World Vision Youth Conference. At this conference we were spoken to by two main guests, Yoseph Ayele and Lydia Hollister-Jones, as well as the host, Laz Lemantau. Yoseph worked with the NZ government to co-design and implement the Global Impact Visa, and Lydia is known to work with human-trafficking survivors in Cambodia. Other notable members of World Vision also appeared and spoke, such as Kiwi singer Paige Tapara and Jess Quinn.

They spoke about the issues that face our world and how these problems are not being worked on enough towards solving. They demonstrated this once through an activity with pegs. Each of the pegs at first represented a food item, however, once all pegs were collected, they were instead labelled as a basic need for human survival.

This helped to demonstrate the selfishness that is in our modern world, and how some people having no pegs, while some people having many, reflects different living situations.

The conference also discussed the hunger crisis that is plaguing Sub-Saharan Africa, where over two hundred million people are being affected by the food shortages caused by Covid-19. This also demonstrated that a small amount of money can be very useful for people to buy things that allow them to improve their financial situation (such as livestock.)"

**Madison Daniel and Kallum Kirk Year 12**



## Year 8 Art

In Term 1, Year 8 Visual Art learners created beautiful canvas collage art works inspired by Tauranga artist Emma Prill. This shows a collage of 7 pieces of learners work.



## Gateway

We were very lucky to be able to welcome Senior Constable John Walker from the Whangaparaoa Police Station a few weeks ago. We have some Gateway learners who are keen to investigate and gain knowledge in a career in our emergency services.

A work placement isn't easy to complete on site with these providers, so we made arrangements for them to join us at the College for a question/answer session.

Constable Walker was a wealth of information and our learners heard about his experiences in the force spanning over 20 odd years.

It was a great morning and we look forward to welcoming Silverdale Fire, Coast Guard and St Johns Ambulance during the month of June.



Seven of our Gateway learners had a great day visiting the Devonport Naval Base. These learners are interested in exploring a career with the Navy and we were welcomed by Warrant Officer Ray Jensen.

Ray had a fabulous itinerary organised for us. We enjoyed a ship visit on HMNZS TE KAHA, where we were shown how life at sea is for these crewmen. Our learners soon learnt that there is a huge variety of "career" choices within the Navy. It certainly offered them plenty to think about.

We were able to explore the Seamanship Training Establishment and view the warehouse storage facility which provides the Navy and its ships with essential items. The staff at the RNZN Bridge Simulator Facility were fantastic. The facility includes three mock-up ship bridges used to teach ship handling and navigation practices. We were split into three teams and a battle was had, with three ships

competing for first place while dodging obstacles and navigating the ocean. So much fun.

A quick lunch on base was followed by a tour of the Officer Training School for new entry applicants. We watched a group train on the parade ground, learning marching techniques in full uniform. A very motivating way to end a wonderful day on Base.

For more pics, click [here](#)

## L1 Geography

The Level 1 Geographers have been investigating crime on the Hibiscus Coast. They have been surveying people about their perceptions of crime in the area. Recently, local police officer Constable Sam Webb came to talk to the group about the crime that occurs on the Coast. He also accompanied us on a walk around the school to help the learners identify the areas that are high and low risk for crime to take place. We all learnt a great deal and a lot of stereotypes were "busted"!



## Year 7 Trips

Last week Year 7 classes went to visit the Howick Historical Village. They had a great time learning about life in colonial New Zealand 150 years ago. They took part in a cooking session, making pikelets over an old fashioned range, they learned what life was like when people first arrived from England and Ireland, and they took part in a lesson in the old school house where they had to write with pen and ink. A fun and educational day out!



## Sport Overview

Our **Girls Football Team** recently came away with an 8-0 win against Orewa and a 4-0 win against Long Bay.




**Girls Lacrosse** had a great match Thursday 27 May vs Marist. They played well as a team which gave a lot of them a chance to score goals. The final score was 17-0. It was great to have support on the sidelines from parents and other squad members. It looks like the team will move up to Division 1 following these grading rounds and they are ready for the challenge!



**Girls Hockey** had a win of 4-0 and **Boys Hockey** a 1-1 draw.

The **Year 7&8 Hockey** team is on a hot streak winning almost all games we've played. We have only drawn one game and in last week's game vs Kristin, we won 8-1. We are coming first in the Year 7&8 six-a-side teams.

**Boys Rugby** won 79-0 vs Westlake on Saturday 29 May.

ROUND 3		CONFIRMED
	79 - 0	
Youth 14 Blue Wangapepa College		Youth 14 Black Westlake Boys High School
Sat 29th May 2021 at Stanmore Bay		

Congratulations to our **Netball** North Harbour Rep. players, **Ariana Hunt (U16)**, **Ayana Roberts (Year 9)** and **Jessica Washer (Year 9)** who played in the first rep tournament of 2021.



Great having our famous netball teacher Michaela Sokolich-Beatson showing our Year 9/1's some of her training tips.

## iSport Foundation



**Xavier Mika** was named Junior Ambassador for the iSport Foundation late last year. His duties include seeking out damaged or broken sports equipment, connecting youth to sponsorships and inspiring youth to engage in all or any sport. Xavier takes his leadership role very seriously and was selected for this role as he is involved in most sports and Duke of Edinburgh awards.

Xavier spent some time in Rotorua with Dan Carter, Ritchie McCaw, Willie Apiata, Lesley Elder and Honey Hireme-Smiller.

Xavier's next job is a coaching session with Dan Carter in South Auckland. Exciting stuff!!

In other news, Xavier's lunch program has taken off and is now at Orewa Primary School, Orewa College and the Orewa Youth Centre.

Xavier is still very humble and getting on with his studies.



## Careers

### From Massey University

As scholarship season is upon us, we just wanted to get in touch with an update on the Massey University scholarships available to learners this year plus our campus tour dates that prospective learners can book via the events page:

[https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/about-massey/events/events\\_home.cfm](https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/about-massey/events/events_home.cfm)

Tours are listed for 11.00 am - 12.00 pm and 2.00 - 3.00 pm fortnightly on Fridays.  
N.B. There are also extra dates during school holidays.

11 June	3 September
25 June	17 September
9 July	4 October
16 July	8 October
19 July	15 October
23 July	29 October
6 August	12 November
20 August	26 November

### **Massey University Vice Chancellor's Excellence Scholarship OPEN NOW – Closes 20 August**

\$21,000 | Three year's duration | Ten awards

For high achieving candidates who have a record of academic excellence, leadership and community engagement and are intending to enrol in the first year of a bachelor's degree.

*Eligibility: New Zealand citizen or permanent resident | High achievement*

### **Massey Halls Student Accommodation Scholarships - Undergraduate OPEN NOW – Closes 20 August**

\$5,000 | One year's duration | Five awards

For high achieving candidates who have a record of academic excellence, leadership and community engagement and are intending to enrol in the first year of a bachelor's degree while living at the Massey Halls Albany or the Massey Halls Manawātū

*Eligibility: New Zealand citizen or permanent resident*

### **Massey University Academy of Sport Scholarship OPEN NOW – Closes 20 August**

\$5,000 | One year's duration | Up to 25 awards | Massey University Academy of Sport Membership

*For new student athletes enrolling at Massey University with a previous record of high achievement in sport and who show future potential in their chosen sport.*

### **Massey University Undergraduate Scholarship OPEN 10 July**

Up to \$5,000 | Three year's duration | 60 awards

For candidates enrolling in university for the first time, demonstrating excellence in study, work, community or other areas of life.

*Eligibility: NZ Citizen or Permanent Resident | Enrolling in University Study for the first time*

## From the Nurse

Whangaparaoa College has signed up to receive free period products to distribute to learners to ensure no learner misses school due to their period. Stock will be arriving mid-June, and learners can access these products from Traci West in Learner Support, the Health Clinic or from the school Guidance Counsellors.

Please keep learners at home if they have obvious cold symptoms such as sore throat, heavy cough and/or persistent runny nose. Staying at home while unwell helps protect the whole community and helps keep us all well.

## 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

June	15	Musicfest, Auditorium, 7.00-9.30 pm
	16	House Cross Country Year 7&8 Mathex, Northcross Intermediate Girls with Hi-Vis Event Digital Safety Korero, Auditorium, 7.00-8.30 pm
	17	L3BIOL Zoo Trip Year 7 Enviro Group Planting
	18	Fiafia Festival, Auditorium Year 11-13 Maori Boys Wānanga
	21	Table Tennis Zone Day Full School Powhiri for Steve McCracken
	22-23	L2GEOG Coromandel Trip
	23	Boys Rugby Zone Day HOUSE Pavement Art
	24	Big Sing Regionals North Shore Careers Expo, North Harbour Stadium Year 11 Market Day
	25	<b>Staff Only Day</b>

## Term 2 Dates to Remember

June	29	LLC – School Finishes at 12.30 pm
July	1	LLC – School Finishes at 1.30 pm
	9	<b>Last Day of Term 2</b>

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