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Newsletter
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**Appreciation is a wonderful thing: It makes what is excellent
in others belong to us as well.**

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From the Principal's Desk

Powhiri for Mr McCracken

I was immensely proud of all those at Whangaparaoa College on Monday when we had a powhiri for Mr Steve McCracken, who will be the new Principal from the start of next term. Mr McCracken was accompanied by his whanau plus a large group of supporters from Kaipara College. The occasion was held in our gym with a full school assembly. There is more on this later in the newsletter, but I just wanted to say a big thank you to all our learners and staff.

More great feedback

After the powhiri, Mr McCracken and his whanau were given a tour of the school by some of our senior prefects. One of the visitors observed that our learners were happy and engaged and quickly added that our teachers looked happy as well, and were clearly connecting well with the tamariki (children).

Learner Led Conferences

Next week we have our Learner Led Conferences. These are an excellent opportunity for your child/children to talk with you about their learning; with their Kaiārahi present to keep things moving along. I look forward to seeing you all here with your tamariki either on Tuesday or Thursday next week.

Extracurricular Activities

A hallmark of our New Zealand education is the broad general education. It's so good to see so many of our learners and staff involved in such a wide range of sporting, performing arts and cultural activities. Thank you to the many parents and friends of the school who contribute to our extracurricular programme. Without you, our children would not have these interests, adventures and great memories!

Nga mihi nui (Thank you)

James Thomas
Principal



Powhiri for New Principal

On Monday 21 June, we held a full school assembly for a Powhiri to welcome our new Principal (to be) - Mr Steve McCracken. The gymnasium was full to capacity to cater for not only our learners and staff, but members of the Board of Trustees, learners and staff from Kaipara College and Mr McCracken's family members. It was a wonderful occasion enjoyed by all. For more pics, click [here](#)



Learner Led Conferences (LLCs)

We have **Learner Led Conferences on Tuesday 29 June (1.15-8.00 pm) and Thursday 1 July (2.15-5.00 pm)**. This is an opportunity for learners to discuss their progress, achievement and next steps with their whānau. **All parents/caregivers are expected to please make a 15 minute appointment with their child's kaiārahi (form teacher/academic counsellor).** Click [here](#) to make a time through School Interviews now, using the code **ngx37**. Once you have booked a time, you will receive a confirmation email with the time, teacher's name and room number. A map of the school can be found [here](#), and there will be maps of the school outside the main office and at various points around the school. Interviews are in your child's Rōpū Whānau room, so they can show you the way.

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.**

Musicfest



On Tuesday 15 June, a packed audience was treated to an array of fantastic performances by our talented young musicians in the college's annual Musicfest concert. Having missed a live audience last year due to Covid, it is fair to say that this was a hotly anticipated event in the 2021 calendar and it certainly did not disappoint. A huge thank you to all of those who rose to the occasion and performed so well that evening. Special thanks must go to those members of staff who helped organise the concert and also to the music tutors who run the bands and choirs. Congratulations to Alex Lu and Elizabeth Nicholson, who made the evening really entertaining with their witty *MCing*! Watch this space for more news of upcoming engagements involving our talented musicians, and thank you for your continued support of music at the college.

For more pics, click [here](#)

Year 13 Biology

On Thursday 17 June, senior biology learners enjoyed visiting Auckland Zoo as part of their NCEA Level 3 course. Zoo educators guided us in an informative day, that covered topics ranging from the evolutionary history of New Zealand birds; human evolution, and animal behaviour. Luckily we avoided an early morning downpour, which worked in our favour, as we discovered that the animals enjoy getting out and active after a downpour. The zoo educators showed us living examples of concepts that learners will be examined on in their end of year NCEA external exams. For more pics, click [here](#)



North Shore Mathex 2021

On Wednesday 16 June, eight of our Year 7 learners and eight of our Year 8 learners went to Northcross Intermediate for the day to take part in the North Shore Mathex Competition.

The competition involved each team of four learners being given one question at a time to answer. Once they answered this question correctly, they were given the next question and so on until they had either answered all 20 questions correctly - or the 30 minute time-limit was up, whichever came first.

One of our Year 7 teams started really well, answering the first few questions quickly, but some tricky questions slowed them down and they were only able to complete 14 out of 20 questions in the 30 minute time limit. It was a great effort and they are already trying to figure out what they can do to better their score next year!

The other teams also did well, answering a lot of questions and having lots of fun at the same time. Sadly, none of our teams placed in the top 5 this year but we've already started training for the Auckland-wide Mathex Competition that takes place in August.

Year 7



Year 8



Year 10 Market Day

Year 10 Market Day 2021 was as busy as ever with some super businesses pulling in the crowds.

Some of our top teams made up to \$200 in profit and have thoroughly enjoyed their entrepreneurial journey over the past 16 weeks.

What a blast as we look forward to the next intake for Term 3! For more pics, click [here](#)



MTECH



Zac French and Zach Juntilla were asked to create a Cam Toy project for their MTECH class.

Their idea was that an engine is considered a Cam Toy, but the teachers advised them not to take that on as it would be too difficult. They proved them all wrong and successfully produced the engine (see pic), which earned them top marks for their work. Well done boys!

Sport Overview



Cross Country

On Wednesday 16 June we held our whole school cross country, with both fun and competitive races.

Lots of fun, sweat and mud!

Congratulations to everyone who competed.

For the list of overall winners, please see our Whangaparaoa College Sport FB page [here](#)



For more pics, click [here](#)

Careers

Girls with Hi-Vis



Some of our Year 12 girls were lucky enough to go to the North Shore Girls with Hi-Vis event held on Wednesday 16 June.

Girls with Hi-Vis gives female school students the opportunity to visit an infrastructure company with their school, get hands-on experience, and hear from women in the industry.

This unique opportunity gives young women an understanding about what's involved in the many and varied roles available to them in Infrastructure's Civil, Energy, Telco and Water industries.



Career Pathways Expo

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We are taking 128 Year 12 learners to this Expo on Thursday 24 June. Anyone is welcome to visit the Expo - see dates and times above.

AUT Scholarships

AUT offers scholarships in the following categories:

Academic Excellence: High academic achievement. **NCEA 300 rank score.**

Significant Student: Contribution at a high level to the school or community. Applicants under this category must hold leadership positions and/or be active in cultural pursuits or sport at a representative level. **NCEA 250 rank score.**

Kiwa: Māori and Pacific students demonstrating all-round ability and leadership potential. Applicants applying under this category must declare that they are of Māori or Pacific descent and also declare this ethnicity when applying for admission to AUT. **NCEA 250 rank score.**

New Horizons: Students from a Decile 1 - 4 Auckland Region School. **NCEA 250 rank score.**

A large range of 3rd party scholarships are available in the [scholarships database](#). These have a diverse range of criteria.

Applications open on Thursday 1 July and close on Wednesday 1 September.

What is required of students:

Applicants must have already applied for an AUT degree. Once applications open, applicants can apply from [here](#). Applicants will be required to upload:

- A one-page personal statement explaining:
 - * the reasons for wishing to attend AUT,
 - * the academic goals they hope to achieve and
 - * any career aspirations they have.
 - * Applicants should state why they believe they merit the scholarship.
 - * The personal statement should also include an outline of the leadership positions the applicant has held within their school or community.
- A list of school, community, cultural and sporting achievements.
- A current certified copy of their NCEA achievement (Level 2).

All applicants will be expected to have demonstrated the potential for leadership.

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 has arrived and learners can access these products from Traci West in Learner Support, the Health Clinic or from the school Guidance Counsellors.

[Click here](#) for whanau factsheet English / [Click here](#) for whanau factsheet Te Reo.

IT Department

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**

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Upcoming Events

June	24	Big Sing Regionals North Shore Careers Expo, North Harbour Stadium Year 11 Market Day
	25	Staff Only Day
	28	House Chess Competition
	29	LLC – School Finishes at 12.30 pm
	30	Showquest, Aotea Centre Basketball Zone Day Trial
July	1	LLC – School Finishes at 1.30 pm Waterpolo Zone Day
	2	Year 10 French Bakery Trip
	5-9	Year 7/8 Matamata Sports Camp
	9	Last Day of Term 2
	26	Term 3 Begins

Term 3 Dates to Remember

August	5	Enrolment Information Evening, 7.00 pm
	7	Senior School Ball
	10	Staff Only Day

Community Notices



Fabric Technology needs your help! We need knitting wool so we can teach learners how to knit, and denim jeans to recycle into something new and creative. If you can help with donations of either of these items, please drop them off at the main office. Thank you in advance for your donations.



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