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From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora e te whanau o Whangaparāoa

Thank you for the warm welcome to Whangaparāoa College. The school and community have been incredibly hospitable, and I am looking forward to meeting more of our learners and the wider Whangaparāoa community.



I have instantly been hit by the enthusiasm our learners have shown to be engaged in their learning. As I wandered through a variety of lessons and over the course of break times, learners appeared to be eager to grasp knowledge, collaborate with others and challenge concepts and ideas by asking 'why'. As a school community, as it is everywhere, the challenge for us is to embrace and extend the learners to achieve their personal best.

In the first full school assembly, I outlined the priorities under my leadership, to the learners.

- I am resolute about them all being prepared to learn. This includes being at class, on time and with the right equipment. It also includes having the right attitude.
- The reason the learners attend this school is to achieve. Each learner might have a different expectation, but our challenge is to ignite the passion and desire for the learners to not only contribute back to society when they depart our school, but to be leaders. We all know they can do this.
- I expect the learners to be involved in the wider Whangaparāoa College community. This includes, but is not limited to Sports, the Arts and Cultural activities. Being part of the wider community also involves service back to our community and being positive role models and advocates.
- A safe environment is our collective responsibility. Every member of our community has a responsibility to look after themselves and others, physically, mentally, spiritually, emotionally and virtually.
- I want our learners to enjoy coming to Whangaparāoa College. I want them to want to be here. I want them to have fun!

The community of a school is vitally important. We are a big part of the community and are a resource where we can work together to get the best possible outcomes for our youth. I am looking forward to exploring opportunities for our learners to work with you to build upon the success of our school.

Please click [here](#) to view the slides from my presentation to our whānau and community on Monday evening.

Nga mihi mahana

Steve McCracken
Principal

Tuesday 10 August
School closed to learners

Options Evening

Our Options Evening is being held on Wednesday 11 August, 7.00 - 9.00 pm in A and C Blocks and Te Kauika Parāoa (formerly the IT Suite).

This event is open to all parents and learners and will be an opportunity to hear information from each faculty.

The Options Portal will then be open for learners to enter their choices for 2022 between 12 and 20 August.

Te Kauika Parāoa & Matariki Tree Planting

On Monday 2 August Matua Josh Fox led the official blessing and opening of Te Kauika Parāoa, formally the ICT Suite, which has now been redesigned.

Te Kauika Parāoa (The Pod of Whales) is home to IT, admin spaces for Learner Support and Careers, and extra classrooms and breakout/meeting rooms. Thank you to our college whānau and community visitors for coming along.

We then moved down to the Marae for our Matariki tree planting ceremony. It was fantastic to have two very important past learners Nathan Schultz & Triniti Netana-Nathan with us, helping our young learners plant some trees.



Year 10 Drama

Year 10 Drama Class Production – Through the Woods

On Tuesday 6 July (Week 10 of Term 2), one of our Year 10 Drama classes put on a performance for learners and teachers to showcase their amazing theatrical talent! This class of amazing learners spent last term writing their own script (led by Maddi Von Dreckmann 10CPL), designing and painting sets, making costumes, learning lines, collecting props – learning the intricacies of all that goes into putting a production onto a stage. They were superb. The audience were very impressed at the calibre of the performance and it was so great to work with a class of motivated and focused learners. Thank you for being such a fun class to teach!

Shannon Enright, HOL Arts and Languages



Primary School Visits

On Tuesday 27 July we welcomed over 200 Year 6 learners from Stanmore Bay and Red Beach schools with a Pōwhiri in our auditorium. On Thursday 29 July we had Whangaparāoa and Gulf Harbour schools visiting. They were treated to a performance from the Kapa Haka, junior choir, and dance groups. Our Year 7 Head of Learning, Dean, Cultural Arts Director and Sports Co-ordinator spoke. Visitors were taken in small groups for a tour of the school with some of our Year 7 and 8 learners.



Enviro Group

The Enviro Group has been busy with a lot of projects over the past few weeks. The beehive is looking good with many native plants flowering in the wetland to provide a lot of pollen, and the bees are coming back to the hive with their pollen sacs full. The 2 trap lines are catching a load of rats, especially the latest one installed being looked after by Isi and Ethan. If you live close to the school grounds, please consider getting a free backyard rat trap from Forest and Bird – contact Mrs Sinclair for information on these. The gardeners have also been doing the hard mahi of getting rid of introduced pest plants on the bank behind the school field, and also planting the raised gardens with vegetables and flowers that will produce flowers for bees. Nicole and Mrs Sinclair ran a planting morning at Karaka Cove in Red Beach recently, planting native trees for food and habitats for our native birds; to help mitigate the effects of climate change.

The Enviro Group meet Friday lunchtimes in S2 and are always open to new members. There are lots of different activities, big and small, that anyone can be involved with which will make a huge difference to our local community and environment.

Contact Mrs Sinclair at mariasi@wgpcollege.school.nz if you would like any information, or would like a backyard rat trap.



Ethan with a very big, very dead rat!



Kano setting up the beehive



Nicole in her happy place, planting veges and flowers

Sport Overview

Our **7/1 and 8/1 Netball Girls** have had success recently - 8/1 winning 4 from 4 and our Year 7 girls playing some great netball against some tough teams. Well done!



Also a great 59-21 win to our **Youth 14 Rugby** team against Rosmini!



Congratulations to the **Torpedo 7 Hillary Get2Go Challenge** teams who placed 3rd and 6th overall in Auckland on Thursday 29 July. The learners went around 4 stations, in teams of 8 - like an "Amazing Race": paddle boarding, problem solving, mountain biking and orienteering. A great achievement – well done.



Remember:

Year 7/8 Zone Day sign-ups for Gymnastics and Rugby League. Gymnastics (must compete with a club), League – Boys and Girls U55 kg and open grades. Sign up at the new sports office (beside G7).

2022 Enrolment Dates

Information Evening

Thursday 5 August @ 7.00 pm

School Tours

Thursday 12 August @ 9.15 am

Tuesday 26 October @ 11.45 am

Enrolment Interview Evenings

(Bookings by appointment through our website)

Thursday 12 August

Tuesday 17 August

Wednesday 8 September

Thursday 28 October

Tuesday 16 November

All 4.00 pm – 6.40 pm

For enquiries contact Jo Rust – Enrolment Administrator

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WHANGAPARĀOA COLLEGE

Examination Supervisors Wanted

We are seeking expressions of interest for roles as Supervisors for the school and NCEA exams. There are 2 sets of exams - Internal and External - some in October, then November through to December.

If interested, please email the Whangaparāoa College Exam Centre Manager at:
graham_cutts@rocketmail.com by Friday 13 August.

Experience may be an advantage but not necessary, as we will have a training session prior to exams.

The positions are remunerated and rates will be advised closer to the time when we know how many learners need to be supervised, etc.

The exams normally run during school hours, though one or two may not finish until 5.00 pm.



We, at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington, are delighted to invite you and your senior students, as well as their parents and whānau to **Open Day on Friday 20 August**. This email includes details about the Open Day, including a registration form for your school, and information about our **School Holiday Programme in July**.

Open Day is the best opportunity to see all that the University has to offer and get a taste of life in Wellington. The programme includes:

- Sample lectures and subject information sessions
- Expos showcasing university faculties, schools, and student services
- Tours of our accommodation, campuses, and facilities
- Opportunities to talk with current students, and staff
- Course Planning for students on Saturday 21 August

In addition, we will run a brief update session for Careers Advisers so that you can be informed about the latest developments at the University. If you have not yet registered for this and you would like to join us, you can indicate your attendance on the registration form below.

REGISTER BY FRIDAY 6 AUGUST

From the Nurse

- Year 7 **Boostrix Vaccinations** are on Thursday 19 August (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus).
- The **Auckland Regional Dental Service** mobile van will be arriving at the College on Sunday 15 August to provide FREE dental care to our Year 7 and 8 learners. They will be onsite until Friday 1 October.
- As part of a study, we have been offered **FREE Hearing Tests** for Year 9 learners and FREE education about how to protect their hearing. Email nurse@wgpcollege.school.nz if you would like a form to participate in this study. We need 50 Year 9 learners for the program to run. If you have already completed the form that was emailed to all Year 9 caregivers, you do not need to do it again.

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

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

To access the deals at:

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Upcoming Events

August	5	Enrolment Information Evening, 7.00 pm L2/3PHED Trip
	5-6	Year 8 Science - MOTAT
	6	SENHEED Coastal Clean up
	7	Senior School Ball
	7-8	Silver Duke of Edinburgh - Hauraki Rail Trail
	9	ICAS Writing Unitec Activate Dance Tour
	10	Staff Only Day
	11	ICAS Digital Technologies Cross Country Zone Day Options Evening, 7.00 pm
	11&13	KBB Music Festival
	12	Groups & Cultural Photos Lacrosse Tournament Enrolment School Tour, 9.15 am Enrolment Evening, 4.00 - 6.40 pm
	16	L2/3 History Trip
	17	Girls B/Ball Zone Day Enrolment Evening, 4.00 - 6.40 pm
	18	ICAS English Kids Sing Boys B/Ball Zone Day Year 10 Speech Competition

Term 3 Dates to Remember

August	20	Year 7&8 Disco, 6.00 - 9.00 pm
	27	Mufti Day - Daffodil Day
	30-3 Sept	Winter Tournament Week
September	5-10	AIMS Games
	20-28	School Practise Exams
October	1	Last Day of Term 3

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