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## From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora e te whānau o Whangaparāoa

This most recent outbreak of COVID-19 means we are currently closed for face-to-face instruction; however, the online learning has begun already and with positive learner engagement. A huge thank you to our community, learners, staff and whānau, for being so agile and responsive. We are well placed to continue connecting and engaging with learners to ensure they are where they should be. We will continue to communicate with you as the situation evolves.

We have had an action-packed start to the term. We have begun to welcome learners in Year 6 visiting Whangaparāoa College, and also allowed our current learners to begin their option selections for 2022. It is fair to say that planning for next year is well under way.

One of the highlights of the school year is the annual Year 12 and 13 Ball. Held at the Hilton Hotel, our learners looked amazing and represented themselves, their whānau and our school with absolute pride. Congratulations to everyone for such a successful evening.

As you know, last week we had a Staff Only Day. This day was part of the 8 Accord Days that were negotiated by the PPTA to support the development of NCEA, and strengthen the curriculum, progress, and achievement practice. Our staff were very fortunate, as part of this learning, to be welcomed to Te Herenga Waka o Orewa Marae in Silverdale. This allowed true connections to be formed and staff to embrace local tikanga. Additionally, staff spent time in their faculties working through resources provided by the Ministry of Education that leaders saw relevant and fitting of their needs regarding the raft of changes, nationally, that are on the horizon.

I would like to strongly encourage whānau of senior learners that drive vehicles to have an honest and open conversation with their children about road safety. The tragedy that has occurred in Timaru is a clear reminder to us all about the vulnerability of inexperienced drivers. If you need support in having these discussions, feel free to use this website as a reference: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/building-your-driving-skills/young-drivers>

Please look after yourselves and your whānau in this current Alert Level 4 Lockdown. As we receive more information, we will share that as fast as possible with you. For now though, encourage routines for your learners, keep connected with us, and most of all, be safe and follow the rules.

Nga mihi mahana

Steve McCracken  
Principal

## 2021 School Ball

On Saturday 7 August, Whangaparāoa College Year 12 and 13 learners got all glammed up in gorgeous gowns and tuxedos to attend the 2021 Ancient Greek themed ball. With sparkling fairy lights and pillars wrapped in vines, the Hilton Hotel venue looked stunning. The night was MC'd by none other than the beautiful Sam Bernard, dressed as a Greek God. Firstly, everyone took their seats and enjoyed a delicious buffet meal and after everyone was stuffed to the brim, the prefects got up and performed an awesome group dance choreographed by Kyla Murrie. Later on, we had the excitement of the evening awards! They were as follows: Best dressed - Parusha Chetty, Cutest Year 12 Couple - Macey Todd & Noah Gallagher, Cutest Year 13 Couple - Ashlyne Daji & Te Ruki Waetford, Prince - Joshua Ahn, Princess - Rosie Risbrook, King - Chris Waetford, and Queen - Rachel Taylor. The Stockman Award for The Drippiest Outfit - Toby Burrows. After the awards, everyone (including the teachers) crowded to the dance floor to have a boogie. The incredible DJ played everyone's favourite songs, as people rocked to the music on the stage below. Throughout the evening, people could have their photos taken by the photographers or have a laugh with their friends in the photo booth. As the night ended, everyone piled back into their buses and headed home feeling exhausted but happy after a brilliant evening. Thank you so much to everyone who helped organise this amazing event, it was a team effort, and you should all be so proud of what you created!

**Rosie Risbrook, Year 12**

For more pics, click [here](#) or [here](#)



## MOTAT

Year 8 classes recently experienced the MOTAT "Make-A-Machine" activity provided by MOTAT educators and their STEAM van. Learners were challenged to work in small groups to produce a working Rube Goldberg Machine using cardboard rolls, cups, string, cotton reels and sticky tape. To add to the challenge, all the machines were all connected to create one large class machine - if one machine failed, the final machine would fail! Learners applied their forces and simple machines knowledge, as well as collaboration and teamwork in order to complete their machine in a short time frame. Our Year 8 learners showed perseverance and creativity – well done!

**Teresa Winstone, Head of Junior Science**





## Cook Islands Language Week

Congratulations to the Taia family members who recently competed in the Cook Island Culture and Dance Competition - **Te Maeva Nui**.

Leihanee, Samson and older sister Bella (ex-learner), competed for a spot on stage against hundreds of other performers. Only 20 boys and 20 girls were chosen for various item performances. At times they wanted to quit due to pressure, exhaustion, travelling and having to keep up with school. With encouragement and a few days off to practice and school 'here and there', they persevered. It was a very tough competition and only the best of the best were chosen.

"We practiced 4-5 evenings a week travelling from Whangaparāoa to Mangere, Papatoetoe and Manurewa in South Auckland. Most nights we got home just before midnight. Some materials for our costumes like the seashells, were collected from Orewa.

We are happy to announce that we won all our categories in the competition!

In the first week of August, we celebrated Cook Islands Language. Our Hibiscus Coast Cook Islands Community Youth Group hosted workshops at the Whangaparāoa Library and also supported our Cook Islands North Shore Community at their workshops in the evenings".



Leihanee

Library Displays



Taia Family Performance



## KBB Music Festival

Two of our bands performed in the KBB Music Festival at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Parnell last week. The Big Band and the Concert Band performed brilliantly, and the Big Band gained a bronze medal. Congratulations!



Whangaparaoa College Big Band 2021





## Activate Dance Tour

**Unitec Activate Dance Performance and Workshop** were here on Monday 9 August for our dance learners in Years 10 to 13, to watch a performance and work with a group of Year 3 university students. The performance and workshop were part of the university dance course at Unitec. Our dance learners enjoyed workshoping with the students. It was a great experience, and combined movement ideas, coordination, musicality, rhythm and phraseology. The afternoon was so much fun and a great learning experience in the world of dance.

**Emma Williams, HoD Dance**



## Duke of Edinburgh Silver Camp

On day one of our camp, we biked around 25km through the Karangahake Gorge in Waihi, which was packed with a lot of history. When we got to Waihi Top 10 Holiday Park, we set up our tents, hopped in the spa pool and then we all made our dinners. Day two consisted of waking up early to get in a couple more hours of biking. Some of the locations we encountered over the weekend were the Victoria Battery Historic Site, a 1km tunnel, and a train station.

**Kano Sugawara, Year 11**



## STAR

Thirty-nine of our learners were able to experience their chosen STAR course during the July holidays. Each learner gained knowledge as well as credits in their respective courses, such as Barista, Hairdressing and Beauty, Cyber Security, 3D Animation and also at the Ashton Warner Nanny Academy. STAR courses are government funded short taster courses held during holiday time. Our Year 12 and 13 learners are encouraged to apply for these during term time. We will be offering a Life Skills/Communication course and a Defensive Driving course in the October holidays. More details will be available to Year 12 and 13 learners later this term. If you have any questions regarding STAR Courses, please contact [natashadu@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:natashadu@wgpcollege.school.nz)



## Sport Overview

Congratulations Whangaparāoa College **Year 7/8 Water Polo Team 1**, for winning the Hibiscus Coast Water Polo Year 7 and 8 Sunday League for Term 2. The team worked hard in a difficult league, which included all the local club teams, Orewa College, Mahurangi College, and Kingsway. Thanks to our amazing student coaches, Theo, Issi, Emily and Aimee. Keep up the hard work everyone and let's see what we can achieve this term!



Team 1



Team 2



Team 3



Team 4



Team 5



We want to acknowledge and celebrate the success of our learners, so a big shout out to **Torbein Beauvais**. He has been selected as 1 of the 30 best **Under 14 Rugby League** players in NZ, and will be attending an elite sports program which consists of 3 training camps each school holidays, with the Brisbane Broncos, Sydney Roosters and West Tigers. Torbein represented Tāmaki Makaurau at the NZ Maori Rugby League Nationals last holidays, and they won the Under 14s final. He has also been invited to join the Warriors U14s development team for fortnightly training. Keep up the hard work Torbein!

A great result for our **Year 9/1 Netball** team, winning their section at the Auckland Netball Combined Points Tournament. They beat Westlake 14-12, Botany Downs 15-8, Whangarei 16-8, Waikato Dio 17-3, and drew with Marist to make it through to the quarter finals. They went on to play a strong Auckland Girls team, unfortunately losing 15-8.



Well done to **Zoe Pedersen** in **Swimming**, winning Bronze in 50 Fly and 50 Free at the Auckland Short Course Championships.



On Wednesday 4 August, over 60 Year 7 and 8 learners took part in the **Junior Tough/Gal Challenge** held in Helensville. Whangaparāoa won the award for brightest team!

### Upcoming events (Covid-dependent):

- 25 August, Gymnastics Zone Day
- 30 August – 3 September, Winter Tournament Week
- 7 – 10 September, AIMS Games



## L2 & 3 PE

Last week we took our L2 and L3 PE learners to Helensville to participate in the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge. This is a 6km course requiring learners to wade through mud pits, climb over obstacles, and crawl under electric shock wires. It was a great day with a great bunch of learners.

Tim Bayes-Powell HOL Health/PE



## Enrolments 2022

### **\*\* 2022 Enrolment Dates \*\***

### **School Tour**

Tuesday 26 October @ 11.45 am

### **Enrolment Interview Evenings**

(Bookings by appointment through our website)

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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## Saving Hope Foundation



### I am collecting donations for the Saving Hope Foundation.

There will be a bucket at the main office and in the Performing Arts office for you to donate resources. The resources we are looking for are toilet rolls and kitchen rolls with no paper on them; newspaper which has no staples and is not glossy; old or cheap towels, blankets, dog toys, dog treats and food.

The buckets will be in place for your donations throughout this term. Every 2nd Thursday, I will be collecting the resources and taking them to the Saving Hope Foundation for the puppies that they rescue and care for. Thank you for your support.

**Libby Williams, Level 2 Health learner.**

## From the Nurse

- The **Auckland Regional Dental Service** mobile van is now at the College to provide **FREE** dental care to our Year 7 and 8 learners. It will be onsite until Friday 1 October. (**visits are Covid-dependent**).
- 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](mailto: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. **This is now urgent for final spots.** The tests are scheduled for 30 August to 1 September.

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.



## IT Department

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

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## Upcoming Events

		<b>All event are Covid-dependent</b>
August	25	ICAS Science Gymnastics Zone Day
	26	L2BIOL Tiri Trip Year 7 Auckland Museum Trip, 7TOWL/SHH Year 7&8 Mathex Competition, Barfoot & Thompson Stadium
	26-27	Chix
	27	<b>Mufti Day - Daffodil Day</b> L2OUED Rock Climbing/High Ropes Year 7 Auckland Museum Trip, 7JAR/LDR Music Performance, Gulf Harbour Yacht Club
	29-3 Sept	UNISS, Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre
	30	Year 7 Auckland Museum Trip, 7WLL
	30-31	Year 7 Attitude Presentations
	30-1 Sept	Free Hearing Tests Year 9
	30-3 Sept	Winter Tournament Week
	31-3 Sept	Rex Dawkins Football Tournament, Whangarei
	September 1	ICAS Mathematics House Year 10 Tug of War Year 7 Attitude Parents Evening, Auditorium, 7.00 pm
	2	League Zone Day Year 7 Storytelling Visitor

## Term 3 Dates to Remember

September	5-10	AIMS Games
	20-28	School Practice Exams
October	1	<b>Last Day of Term 3</b>

## Community Notices



**RE: Learn How to Survive and Save Lives – 2022 Youth Search and Rescue Applications Open**

There are still a few spaces left in the 2022 Youth Search and Rescue programme. This course is internationally recognised where students learn land and sea survival skills, trial the latest search and rescue technology and gain strong leadership and confidence skills.

The course is based on the qualifications needed for our national search, rescue and emergency response organisations including NZ Police, Civil Defence, Fire an Emergency, Rescue Helicopter, LandSAR and Coastguard. Students also earn Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards along the way.

To be eligible, students must be between 14 and 16-years-old on 1 February 2022. Applications close 30 September 2021.

Apply now at [www.YSAR.org.nz](http://www.YSAR.org.nz)





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