



WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

Together □ Believe □ Achieve □ Ngātahi whakapono tutuki

Term 2 Tales 2020

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From the Principal's Desk

As you know, Term Two has been a tough and sad term. To move forward as a school community we need each other. I am confident that we will continue to move forward if we do so **together/ngatahi** (this is the first word of our school motto).

At the recent full school assembly I acknowledged that life is not a smooth ride. Life has its rough patches and some are very tough. Success is not about avoiding these, nor living in a dream world where nothing unpleasant happens. A key ingredient for a successful life is developing the resilience to navigate through tough times.... and having hope in the future.

Hope is a wonderful thing.

- Hope helps us get up and get on with our day.
- Hope means we will feel positive about the future.
- Hope is infectious and so easy to pass on, and encourage others.
- Hope is a key element when we (individually or as part of a group) have goals we want to achieve.

I'm always interested in quotes that put great ideas clearly.

- o *"We have always held to the hope, the belief, the conviction that there is a better life, a better world, beyond the horizon."* Franklin D. Roosevelt
- o *"Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today."* Thich Nhat Hanh
- o *"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."* Albert Einstein.

Let's be real about the tough times.

Let's look after ourselves and each other.

Let's continue to move forward... together.

Let's look forward to the future with hope.

All the best for the upcoming break.

I look forward to seeing everyone back next term.

Nga mihi nui, ka kite ano



James Thomas
Principal

Sports

Winter Sports

We have had a great first couple of weeks of Winter Sports. Despite AIMS and UNISS being cancelled for 2020 due to Covid-19, sport is moving “full steam ahead”!

This year's sports line-up includes a 6th Grade Rugby team alongside the 1st XV and 3 extra Football teams including a girls' team. It is awesome to see so many learners involved in school sport. Netball has grown this year with more Year 9 teams, giving us 15 teams in total. Hockey's numbers have also grown, so we have put together a composite Senior Boys' team with Mahurangi College and also a Year 7/8 11-a-side team.

Congratulations to **Seamus Kelly** who was named in Silverdale Rugby's Premier 1 team that played over the weekend. This team consists of the best rugby players in the Silverdale Club who play against the best rugby teams in North Harbour. Seamus is a Whangaparaoa College alumni who captained the Whangaparaoa 1st XV Rugby team in 2019. This is a big step for a young man, going from schoolboy 1st XV rugby one year to playing in North Harbour's top club rugby competition the following year. Well done Seamus!



Whangaparaoa College vs. Westlake Boys Rugby League

Pictured above is our first Rugby League game of the season, which resulted in a 20-0 win to Westlake.

Lacrosse has had an excellent start to their season with a couple of games played already.

Waterpolo will resume next term with both Year 7 & 8's at the Leisure Centre and the Junior Team at North Harbour. Year 7 & 8 Waterpolo will also attend the Winterfest Tournament in Term 3 with further tournaments to come.

The Totara Springs Sports Camp in Matamata is also in Term 3 and we have selected 35 learners from Year 8 to attend. This is a big week of non-stop sport and lots of fun!

House Competitions

Winners of this term's Tug of War were **AIR** House!



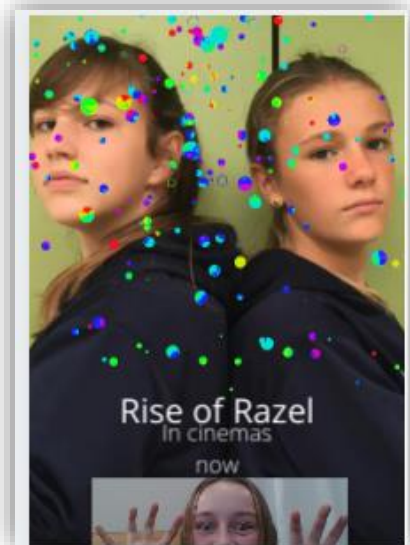
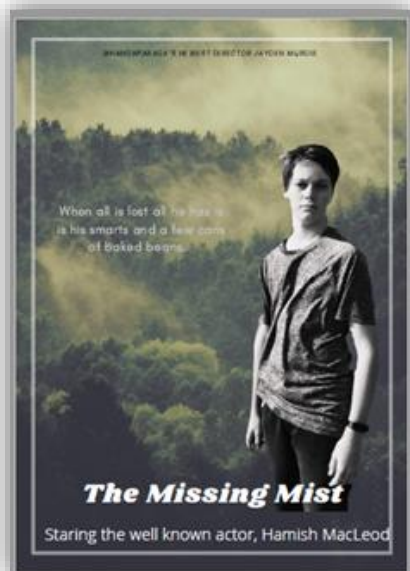
Coming up:

Get practising your **Lyp Sync** for Term 3.

Plus **Chaos** coming to the school in Term 3. Last year's winner has now left so we will have to find a new champion!

English Department

Check out the **Website and short film** 'Rise of Razel' and the associated learning tasks produced by our talented Year 8's.



Find out what happens to Jack Thompson when he gets **lost on a remote beach** in 'Missing Mist'. Check out their learning website.

Attendance

Under the Education Act, attendance at school is compulsory, unless the learner is unable to attend because of sickness, danger of infection, sudden and serious illness of a parent.

Learners are not permitted to leave the school grounds during the lunch break. Only Year 13 learners with study either side of the lunch break are allowed to leave the school grounds.

If your child needs to leave school during the day, please ensure they have a note to show their teacher and bring this to Admin to sign out. If a non-caregiver/parent is collecting your child, please include this information in the note or phone the school to advise this prior to collection.

Learners are required to be punctual and need to be at school prior to 8.40 am. For more information on the school day, [click here](#) to go to the school timetable.

Learners are ambassadors of the school and their whanau from the time they leave home until they return home, or at any function held under the control of the college. Therefore, we expect the highest standards of uniform and behaviour.

We would ask parents in cases of short term absence to report this by telephone on the absences line 09 424 9177 or by email to absences@wgpcollege.school.nz

If you are taking your child out of school during term time for an extended time frame ie. overseas trip etc, please notify the Principal by email prior to your departure.

From the Nurse

Year 7 and Year 8 (catch-up) vision and hearing screening will take place at school on Tuesday 8 September.

During Covid 19 Level 1, can you please keep learners who are unwell and have any cold symptoms such as cough, nasal symptoms, sore throat or fever at home.

ICAS Assessments

ICAS assessments are going to be held in August this year. The ICAS Assessments are designed to assess a learners' ability to apply classroom learning in new contexts, using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills.

Exams are available in English, Mathematics, Science and Digital Technologies. Those learners interested will receive permission slips to be signed by parents/caregivers.

Please see Lee at Reception or Mrs Bonita Menezes in S11 on 20 July for your permission slip.

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](#) enter the code: **BYOD2020**

Upcoming Events

July	3	End of Term 2
	13-14	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Training Exploration
	20	Term 3 Begins
	22	Year 7 Attitude Parent Evening, 7.00 pm
	24&27	Year 7 Attitude Workshop
	24	L1BUST Rainbows End Trip L3BIOL Auckland Zoo Trip
	27	Year 8 Science MOTAT Trip, 8AHN/8BEG/8DMR
	28	Year 8 Science MOTAT Trip, 8ENR/8FRA/8HGG
	29	Netball Zone Day
	30	Year 7 Howick Historical Village, 7WLL/7TURK/7SHH Year 8 Science MOTAT Trip, 8HLL/8LND/8WOF L3SPSC Stardome Trip
		Enrolment Info Evening, 7.00 pm

For more information from our school calendar [click here](#).

Community Notices

Attention - anyone wanting to make a difference to biodiversity on the Hibiscus Coast...

Some of our **Duke of Edinburgh** and **Envirogroup** learners are involved in a project with the local Forest and Bird group, building 40 humane backyard rat traps. These are available free to loan, provided you register the trap on the [TrapNZ](#) website and record any rats killed. The idea is that a group of 3-4 households on the same street get together and receive a trap to use amongst the households.

If you would like the opportunity to get one of these traps, are willing to organise a small group of neighbours and log trapped rats, please email **Maria Sinclair** mariasi@wgpcollege.school.nz

Liaison at Otago



University of Otago Information Evening

Thursday 30 July | 6.30pm–7.30pm
Great Northern Room, Level 1 | Ellerslie Event Centre
100 Ascot Avenue, Ellerslie, Auckland | Free on-site parking.

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Registration: <https://events.otago.ac.nz/slinfoevenings2020/akldinfoeveningreg/Site/Register>



Your local Ranger Group (Kahikatea) has spaces now. Join Rangers, a supportive space for girls and women to develop skills in event management, learn about governance and social issues and enjoy outdoor adventures.

Please check out our website, <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/>



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