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Term 3 Tales 2020



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From the Principal's Desk

Here we are nearly at the end of another term – where does the time go?

As our learners look forward to a two-week break, I would like to bring a couple of matters to your attention. Our children need our awareness and our support.

Over the last six months, I have become aware that some of our young ones have become involved with very unsafe and dangerous practices. For example, there have been adults in our community who have tried and on occasion successfully sold drugs to our learners. Of course, when we have become aware of this we have involved their families and the police, and taken the strictest possible action.

Another area of concern seems to be an increase in negative social media interactions. These have led to a range of unacceptable and destructive outcomes, including the sharing of sexually explicit material, 'stirring up' trouble and dramas that sometimes spill over and lead to fights. Again, such practices have been dealt with strongly.

I encourage all parents and caregivers during this coming break to know where our children are, who they are with, what they will be doing, and when they'll be home. I suggest this to be important both in the real physical world and the virtual world. This is something we can model as we keep our own whanau up-to-date with our own lives.

Some great advice from Netsafe and others is as follows:

- know the age limits for social media sites and enforce them with your children
- tell them to block negative contacts
- support them in behaving the same online as they should do in real life
- for younger children, ease them into digital citizenship by expecting them to share their password with you
- have discussions about the impact of online behaviour

Take care, be kind and look after each other.

All the best for the upcoming break.

Ka kite ano



James Thomas
Principal

Year 8 Science Fair 2020

"Have you ever wondered what fabric will be the most effective as a face mask?" or "How many steps in a run-up will give you the furthest jump distance?"

These were among the many interesting questions our Year 8 learners answered as part of their Term 3 Science Fair investigation. All Year 8 classes participated in investigating a question of their choice, with the top scorers in each class making it to our school finals. These were held on Tuesday 11 August. Our 25 finalists were judged on their final presentation and the top 10 have been selected to attend the NIWA North Harbour Science Fair in November.

Well done to all our Year 8's for participating in the event and congratulations to the top 25 school finalists. It was very hard to choose 10 regional finalists from this group as there were many interesting projects conducted.

Congratulations to the following Year 8 learners who have been selected to attend the NIWA North Harbour Science Fair in November:

Aimee Beard, Jessica Washer, Noah Collier, Kosta Gladiadis, Aleisha Aalders, Lucy Jackson, Siina Cooke, Savanna Ward, Rose Schultze, Chloe Wu, Charisa Bayes, Zoe Pedersen, Amelie Murray, Samuel Creagh.

Teresa Winstone
Head of Junior Science

For full pics, click [here](#)



Careers

Former learners of Whangaparaoa College graduating from Victoria University in Wellington

"It is with pleasure that I enclose a list of your former pupils who have graduated from Victoria University between June 2019 and May 2020. We join with you in acknowledging and celebrating the students' wonderful success.

2020 has turned out to be a challenging year for all of us. Due to lockdown we were unable to hold our usual graduation ceremonies in May. However, all those due to graduate at that time had their degrees conferred in absentia.

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Qualification</u>	<u>Major 1</u>	<u>Major 2</u>
Alex	Finlayson	GDTSC - GDip Teaching (Secondary)		
Andrew	Wilson	PGDSCI - PGDip in Science	Cell & Molecular Bioscience	
Huw	Thomas	BAS - Bachelor of Arch Studies	Landscape Architecture	
Matilda	White	BA - Bachelor of Arts	Media Studies	Political Science
Nina	Gurau	BMUS - Bachelor of Music	Music Studies	Classical Performance
Rebecca	Zhong	BA - Bachelor of Arts	Development Studies	English Literature
Wade	Hunter	BCOM - Bachelor of Commerce	Information Systems	

Victoria University is very proud of the achievements of these students and I am sure that you and your staff will also be very proud of them. Some schools demonstrate this pride by listing the Graduates' names and qualifications in school newsletters or magazines, as I am sure your whole community will be interested in these results.

As you are aware, we are continuing to work with your school, and we are looking forward to welcoming a new group of your students to Victoria in 2021."

Cathy Powley
Associate Director
Student Recruitment and Orientation

Musicfest

Musicfest 2020 was a bit different this year, but what wasn't? Whangaparaoa College learners didn't let the lack of live audience get their spirits down as they formed their own audience, cheering for each other as each school band performed their material. With quality of music as good as it has ever been, this exciting concert was recorded and will be made available online - make sure not to miss it!



Sports

Winter Sports

Our Winter Sports season has officially come to an end this week. We have had a few friendly games between our WGP teams to finish off the season!

Summer Sports

We are now looking ahead and trainings are up and running for Summer Sports with Volleyball training for North Harbour Super League and Nationals in November.

In Term 4 we have an opportunity to catch up on some zone days that were missed, Year 7/8 Athletics, for which classes are currently preparing, and our annual Beach Carnival to finish off the end of the term! We are looking forward to a term with lots of sporting activity!



Upcoming Events

September	25	Term 3 Ends
October	6-9	Duke of Edinburgh Gold Expedition, Great Barrier Island
	12	Term 4 Begins
	12/13	Year 7 Howick Village Trips, 7WLL,LDR/SHH,TOWL
	14	ICAS Mathematics
		Year 11 Study Day @ Home
	15/16	Year 11 Practise Exams
	15/16	Year 7 Howick Village Trips, 7LIT,WDF,SMM/JAR,TURK,WRE
	16	ICAS Science
	17	Evolocity Challenge, Auckland University, Newmarket
	20	ICAS Digital Technologies
	20-21	Junior Sports Day
	21	Enrolment Evening, 4.00 – 6.30 pm

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

From the Nurse

LUMINO MOBILE DENTAL BUS **FREE DENTAL CARE FOR YEAR 9 – 13 LEARNERS**



Due to Covid 19, the Mobile Dental Bus normal service has been disrupted. They will be at the College during the first week of the school holidays. Please **call/text 027 2228 521** to book an appointment.

The service will **NOT** be back at the College again in 2020 to see enrolled learners.

People under 18 are entitled to free dental care at selected providers: Lumino Red Beach, Whangaparaoa Dental, The Dental Bach and Dental Studio to name a few.

We recommend you make an appointment with them to access FREE dental care for your child.

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.

Community Notices

Anyone wanting to make a difference to the biodiversity on the Hibiscus Coast – some Duke of Ed 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

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Orewa Surf Lifesaving Club Open Registration Days



A kiwi tradition. Immerse yourself in your local community by becoming a member of the Orewa Surf Lifesaving Club. We believe in family, fitness and fun on the beach. Our junior program offers Sunday training for children from 3 to 13 years. It instils a respect for our surf while learning techniques to manage waves and rips, along with general life saving practices on our beaches.

Our open days give you a chance to ask questions, meet the team and sign up:
Sunday 11 October 2020, 10.00am-Midday at Orewa Surf Lifesaving Club.

First day on the beach, Sunday 1 November. Check out our website for more information about what we do, our approach and our mission:

<https://www.orewasurfclub.co.nz/aboutjuniorsurf>



Registrations Now Open 2020/2021 Season

Come and play Softball this Summer

Make new friends, learn a new sport and develop skills while having fun.

We are looking for new players of all ages,
from the under 5's to senior grades.

The season runs October to March with a break for Christmas.

We train locally once or twice a week.

Games are played on a Saturday at Rosedale Park, Albany.

Junior team games are about an hour, senior games are an hour and a half.

HBCSC encourages players of all abilities and age ranges, so no matter if you are just starting softball or are a seasoned pro come and join us.



To register, visit hbcsoftball.org.nz hbcsoftballclub

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