



# WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

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## Term 4 Tales 2020





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## **Announcement Heidi Parlane, Board Chair**

It is with regret I announce that James Thomas has resigned as Principal of Whangaparaoa College. James has given 15 years of dedicated service to the College and 9 years as Principal. He has shown strong leadership throughout, most recently during the uncertainty of COVID-19. He leaves us big shoes to fill. The Board are very appreciative that James has provided an extended notice period, and will finish at the end of term 2 next year. This gives us time to find the right person to lead Whangaparaoa College into the future. We will have the opportunity for farewells closer to the time, however the Board would like to thank James for his immense contribution to the College and wish him well for the future.

Heidi Parlane, Board Chair

## **From the Principal's Desk**

As you see from Heidi's announcement above, I will be stepping down from the Principal position at Whangaparaoa College in the middle of next year. I want to say that it has been an honour to lead our fine school; and I have enjoyed and benefitted from working with so many good people during my time here.

I've been thinking about my next steps for a while, but when Covid hit, I wanted to be here and help navigate through the unknown challenges. I am not retiring, but plan to remain in the education sector. On the home front, our youngest has just finished school and will soon be leaving home. So, Sally and I are very mobile, which means we are fortunate to have a range of options.

I will, of course, work with the Board and our community in whatever way I can to ensure a smooth transition.

In the meantime, I am looking forward to a good break and a positive start to the New Year.

Aroha nui  
Merry Christmas



**James Thomas**  
**Principal**

# Excellence Awards

**Dux** – Siena Thompson

**Proxime Accessit** – Alex Jones

## **Prefect Executive for 2021**

Head Boy – Alex Lu

Head Girl – Rachel Taylor

Deputy Head Boy – Matthew Tataurangi

Deputy Head Girl – Thea Stout

Chair of Learner Council – Nathan Travis

*Congratulations*

## **Principals Awards for Overall Academic Excellence**

Year 7 Julien Vallee

Year 8 Charlie Floyd

Year 9 Emily Stout

Year 10 Kano Sugawara

Year 12 Alex Lu

## **The Grant Dabb Cup for Outstanding Contribution to Whangaparaoa College – Male**

Kian Manilal

## **The Stephen Parker Cup for Outstanding Contribution to Whangaparaoa College – Female**

Savannah Galvin

## **Principals Awards for All Round Excellence**

Year 7 Lucas Molloy

Year 8 Charisa Bayes

Year 9 Emily Stout

Year 10 Ariana Hunt

Year 11 Rosie Risbrook

Year 12 Nathan Travis

Year 13 Kieran James

## **Sports**

Year 13 Service to Sport Award Female – Amy Horton

Year 13 Service to Sport Award Male – Kian Manilal

## **Cultural**

Outstanding Contribution to Kapa Haka – Triniti Netana-Nathan

Outstanding Contribution to Dance – Alex Jones

Outstanding Contribution to Drama – Lily Watts

Outstanding Contribution to Music – Emerson McCullough

Overall Cultural Excellence – Emerson McCullough

For all pics from our Prizegiving, click [here](#)

*Congratulations*

## Year 7-13 Dean's Awards

Year 7	Poppy Edge
Year 8	Carter Finn
Year 9	Maya Russell
Year 10	Isabelle Wells-Davis
Year 11	Rosie Risbrook
Year 12	Paige Robinson
Year 13	Violet Menefy
Year 13 International Dean's Award	Estefanya Patjane Ceballos

## Enrolments 2021

### **Enrolment Dates for 2021**

Our office will be open for enrolments

Wednesday 27 January 2021 9.00 am -12.00 pm

Thursday 28 January 2021 9.00 am - 12.00 pm



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## Year 10 Camp

The sun shone all week for the 170 learners that attended our Year 10 Camp at Marsden Bay Christian Camp. Another beautiful spot in Aotearoa.

The food was incredible, our hosts were incredible and our learners were amazing. The activities ranged from fishing, kayaking, flying fox, water slide, soft tag archery, bumper balls, making pikelets, a mural project, a murder mystery, a camp fire with marshmallows, our school waiata, and team building games. There was a lot of laughter and making connections while spending quality time together.

A massive thank you to all the teachers and parents that worked so hard and made this possible. A memorable and rewarding way to end the year.

**Sandra Grech, TiC**



For more pics, click [here](#)

## Kapa Haka Teina



Ngā mihi nui ki te kapa haka teina mō a rātou whakaaturanga tuatahi mō tēnei tau. Kei te tino whakahī tatou i tō rātou mahi Kapa Haka. Waihoki, ngā mihi nunui ki a Whaea Ana rāua ko Matua Jay mō ā rāua mahi rangatira i te tau nei ki awhina i ngā teina ki te whai i ngā mahi kapa haka.

Congratulations to our Junior Kapa Haka for their first performance of the year. We are proud of the work you have all put into kapa haka. Also a big thank you to Whaea Anna and Matua Jay for their support and expertise with junior kapa haka this year.

Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu - Adorn the bird with feathers so it may soar.

For more pics, click [here](#)

## Science Fair

Congratulations to our Year 8 prize winners who recently won awards for their Science Fair projects at the NIWA North Harbour Science Fair on Friday 13 November. Learners attended Massey University for the zone day with over one hundred other learners from North Shore schools. They presented their projects to two judges and were lucky enough to have Massey scientists involve them in some hands-on science activities. Winners and special prizes were announced at the prize giving at Northcross Intermediate on the Tuesday 1 December. Whangaparaoa College learners produced some very interesting displays that captured the judge's attention. Well done!

### PRIZEWINNERS:

**Gold award:** Environmental Technology – **Aleisha Aalders**. Project: Smart water tank.

**Silver Award:** The Living World – **Charisa Bayes & Zoe Pedersen**. Project: Which soil helps plants to grow the best?

**Bronze Award:** The Physical World – **Aimee Beard & Jessica Washer**. Project: How far/high can you jump?

In addition, well done to **Chloe Wu, Noah Collier, Kosta Gladiadis, Sam Creagh, Amelie Murray, Lucy Jackson, Siina Cooke, Savanna Ward and Rose Schultze** for their high quality entries which received positive feedback from judges.



# EPro8 Challenge

## Semi Finals

A team of Year 7 and 8 learners from WGP College entered the Semi Finals EPro8 Challenge on Thursday 5 November. The team competed with 8 other teams from secondary schools across NZ. These are *Team ION* with **Charlie Teviotdale (7SMM)**, **Oliver Woolton (7SMM)**, **Caleb Gardner (7WLL)** and **Elsdon Monk (7LIT)** and *Team ROBOSYNTHOSIS* with **Caleb Harris (8AHN)**, **Raes Ahmed (8HLL)**, **Joshua Wood (8HLL)** and **Jess Quayle (8LND)**. Both teams did very well and managed to complete several challenges. Excellent team effort and awesome support from parents. For more pics, click [here](#).



## Grand Final

A team of Year 9 and 10 learners from WGP College entered the Grand Final EPro8 Challenge on Tuesday 10 November. The team competed with 12 other secondary schools across NZ. They did very well and finished 2 out of 4 challenges. Excellent team effort and awesome support from parents. The photo shows **Michelle Ackerman (9BAY)**, **James Harper (10DOL)**, **Angus MacLeod (10GFR)** and **Shiven Pillay (10CAN)**. For more pics, click [here](#).





# Sports

## Volleyball

For the first time, we competed at the North Island Junior Volleyball Championship in Tauranga, sending both a boys and girls team.



With over 32 teams in each grade, our teams learned and improved throughout the week. Our boys qualified for Division 1 after playing only one season.

Volleyball is our fastest growing sport at Whangaparaoa College, with lots of great opportunities if you play.

We recently also sent 11 teams to the North Harbour Intermediate Schools Beach Volleyball Competitions.

## Athletics

Congratulations to **Ethan George (Year 7)** and **Torbein Beauvais (Year 8)** who both competed recently at the Intermediate Schools Auckland Athletics Champs. Ethan finished in 9th place in Shotput with a throw of 9.57m. Torbein finished in 11th place in Shotput with a throw of 10.10m and 14th place in the 200m in a time of 26.40sec.



## From the Nurse



The Lumino Dental van will be at Whangaparaoa College in Term 1 2021 from **Thursday 4 February until Friday 19 March**, to provide free dental care to enrolled Year 9 – 13 learners. [Click here](#) to enrol if your child hasn't been enrolled in previous years. Dental care is free until the age of 18 years old.

# Learner Support

## LEARNER SUPPORT DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Kia ora whanau

This year has been a year of change for us in the Learner Support Department for various reasons. We would like to thank Chris Brown, Jo White and Di Conn for their work in this department, and wish them well in their new roles or adventures.

Next year, we welcome Rob Carty as our SenCo and Jessica Brennan as SenCo Support who join our team of Lisa White (DP with oversight of Learner Support), Nicky Simms SenCo Support, Traci West Learner Support Administrator and our fabulous Teacher Aides.

The department roles for 2021 will be:

Role		Name(s)
Deputy Principal with oversight of Learner Support		Miss Lisa White
SenCo		Mr Rob Carty
SenCo Support	 	Mrs Jessica Brennan and Mrs Nicky Simms
Learner Support Administrator		Miss Traci West
Teacher Aides (some permanent; some on contract based on funding)	             	Mrs Myra Dibble Mr Wilbur Jacobsen Mr Andrew Peddie Mrs Diane Lowe Mrs Melissa Rounthwaite Mrs Helen Graham-Shore Mrs Jenny Kavanagh Mrs Alta Smith Mrs Lee Wilks Mrs Martina Dobbyn Mrs Nadine Keyser Mrs Mala Reddy Mrs Raewynne Sangster Mrs Debbie O'Hara

Our team look forward to working with you and your children. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any query/issue by emailing [traciwe@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:traciwe@wgpcollege.school.nz). Traci will put you in touch with the appropriate person.

Ngā mihi nui, Lisa White



## Year 7 Devices 2021

As 2021 commences and the new Year 7's arrive at Whangaparaoa College, we are hoping to have them integrated on our system as quickly and easily as possible.

For those that have Chromebooks, you can set up a personal google account as the owner of the Chromebook if you do not already have this. However, we ask that their Primary School account will have been removed by the school it belongs to, as we will not be able to add their College account until this is done and it may cause a delay in setting them up.

For all parents buying new devices, please refer to our minimum specification along with recommended devices.

<https://www.wgpcollege.school.nz/site/whangaparaoacollege/Minimum%20Specs.pdf>

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to email our ICT team: [ict@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:ict@wgpcollege.school.nz)

## Upcoming Events

<b>December 2020</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>NCEA Exams Finish</b>
	10-12	Silver Duke of Edinburgh
<b>January 2021</b>	27-28	Enrolments, 9.00 am-12.00 pm
<b>February</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Auckland Anniversary Day</b>
	2	Staff Only Day
	3	Term 1 Begins for Learners

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

## 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.

# CYC Trust News

## School Ball!

Our Youth Workers got the privilege of hanging out with our young people at their school ball!



## FWD Markets

Our FWD students have been working hard this month creating stalls and a product to sell. We think they did amazing!



## Year 10 Camp

We headed to Year 10 camp for some quality time with young people and a whole lot of fun!



## Winner of an XBOX!

Each Wednesday our Youth Workers go live on instagram and run some challenges! Congratulations to Josh Young, who completed the puzzle and won himself an Xbox!





### Going Back in Time

Terry-Lee (24/7 Youth Worker) took a trip with the year 7's to the Maritime Museum!



## Happy November!

WOW, we can't believe that November has past already! It's that time again... CHRISTMAS TREES! We would love to catch up with you and provide you with the best Christmas trees on the coast so pop in and say hello!

**CHRISTMAS TREES**

From 4<sup>th</sup> Dec

Buy a tree and support CYC Trust

 coast youth

Weekdays & Weekends  
Cnr Whangaparaoa Road and Wade River Road

**TREE STANDS AVAILABLE!**

Trees proudly supplied by ComGro NZ Ltd

Community Based Fundraising

Prices from \$20	
Standard Tree	\$45.00
Large Tree	\$75.00
Tree Stand	\$10.00





# Ōrewa Christmas Lunch

**Doors open 11:30am 25/12/2020**

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**Ōrewa Community Centre**

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