



# WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

*Together □ Believe □ Achieve □ Ngātahi whakapono tutuki*

## Newsletter

Term 1 Issue 1 2020

*Ka timata ngā akona i te takune pai.*

*Learners start with good intentions.*

## In This Issue

- From the Principal's Desk
- International
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Celebrating Success
- Sports
- Attendance Matters
- Upcoming Events
- Guidance
- BYOD Deals
- Community Notices
- Sponsorship and Support

## Quick Links

[Link to Parent Portal](#)

[Link to College Calendar](#)

[Link to NZQA Website](#)

[Link to Careers Page](#)

## Contact Us

Telephone: 09 424 9177

Fax: 09 428 4794

E-mail :

[enquiries@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:enquiries@wgpcollege.school.nz)

## Street Address:

8 Stanmore Bay Road  
Whangaparaoa  
Auckland  
New Zealand

## From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora and welcome to the start of the school year.

It seems like we have been back for quite a while and it's great to see the learners getting back into school life in such a positive manner. The school has experienced another increase in learners and the total as we speak is 1641.

James Thomas has handed me the reins this week and this newsletter, as he is down in the National Park with the majority of our Year 13 learners. The highlight of this trip is the learners completing the Tongariro Crossing, an achievement that will stay with these learners for the rest of their lives.

Those unable to attend are actively involved with a leadership programme in school.

So far we have welcomed our new learners across Year 7-13 with Powhiri's for all. A positive problem we encountered, was fitting all our Year 7 learners and their parents/caregivers into our Auditorium on Day 1. It was a tight squeeze and a new plan will be needed in the future.

The Year 7's have had a great couple of weeks with their Kaiārahi/Homeroom teachers and enjoyed a tabloid sports competition during Week 1. Camp awaits them in the next few weeks.

The Year 8's have had a busy start to the term, with tabloid sports and a hugely enjoyable whānau day in Week 1. They have also had the excitement of experiencing moving around school for their lessons and meeting numerous new teachers.

The new method of starting term for Year 9-13 appears to have been a resounding success, with really positive feedback from both learners and teachers with their 15 minute kōrero about the year ahead, setting goals and highlighting any areas in which they have challenges in their learning.

Now we are into the flow of the term, learning is the key to success and this is helped when the learners take personal responsibility in their learning and the way they act at school. I am pleased to say that this has been the case to date.

Finally, communication between learners, whānau and teachers is of paramount importance in the success of our tamariki. Please feel free to contact the Kaiārahi of your child in the first instance if you wish to touch base.

Kia pai tō koutou rā

**Graeme Williams**  
**Acting Principal**

**Postal Address:**  
PO Box 775  
Whangaparaoa  
Auckland 0943  
New Zealand

## International

Welcome to our fantastic new international learners!

After our 3 day orientation, they were excited to start classes last week and meet all their awesome new friends and teachers.



## Duke of Edinburgh

### Duke of Edinburgh Award – Parent/Caregiver Information Evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is an amazing extra-curricular programme that encourages young people between the ages of 14 and 24 to learn new skills, carry out service in their community, be physically active and take part in overnight expeditions.

It is a 3 level award – Bronze, Silver and Gold. Gaining Bronze and Silver is an achievement, but progressing to and completing the Gold award is highly prestigious.

There will be a parent/caregiver information evening about the award in the school Auditorium foyer from 7.00 pm on **Wednesday 19 February**. It is aimed at newcomers to the award – mainly those in Years 9 and 10 starting off at the Bronze level, but if you do have questions about the Silver and Gold levels, you are more than welcome to come along. If you can't make it but do have questions, check out the Duke of Ed (NZ) webpage first, then email me at [mariasi@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:mariasi@wgpcollege.school.nz).

See you there!

**Maria Sinclair (Duke of Ed leader and TIC)**



## Celebrating Success

**Bianca Lungu** from 10DAVD "danced like there was no tomorrow" in the school holidays.

Her passion and dedication has brought great rewards:

- Awarded a two week full time scholarship at the National Theatre Ballet School in Melbourne (please see photos attached)
- At the Dance Masters International Seminar, was awarded a scholarship at the Central School of Ballet in London, a Bloch Award, as well as being selected for their Intensive Training Programme
- Was reaccepted into the New Zealand School of Dance as a classical associate
- Selected by the Royal New Zealand Ballet for their 2020 Mentor Programme
- And just recently, Bianca got notification that she is in the finals of the World Ballet Competition in Florida later this year.

What an awesome lot of achievements, we are all so proud of her and wish her all the best especially in the World Ballet Competition.



## Sports

### Senior Netball Trials

Netball trials for Year 10-12 will be held Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 February  
Year 13's- 21 February, Period 5  
Call backs- 21 February, Period 5

### Athletics Year 9-13

Athletics for Year 9-13 will be on Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 February.  
Any learners wanting to take part in Athletics, this is now a sign-up only event.  
Sign-up's will be open from Monday 10 to Friday 14 February in the Sports office.

### Zone Days

Sign up's for the first Zone days - Softball, Triathlon and Tag, will be Tuesday 11, Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 February in the Sports office.

### Winter Sports Musters

All winter sports will start with musters/trainings Week 5. All information regarding muster days and times will be in the student notices.

### Tabloids

Year 7/8 Tabloids Day took place in the first week of term. The learners had a great time negotiating an obstacle course and other team activities such as water carrying!



Bonus points were given for best "Face Paint" and "Best Performance to a Music Clip". Special Congratulations to **7LIT** and **8FRA**, who were the overall winners for their year groups. What an awesome way to start the year!



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

## Attendance Matters

Attendance is an important issue that affects the whole community – your school, learners, parents and whānau, iwi and the wider community. Learner attendance has a clear influence on their engagement and achievement. All learners must be present at school, so they can participate and engage in learning.

If learners arrive at school after 8.40 am, they need to sign in at the main office. If they are going to be away from school sick for three or more days, please provide the ACG Kaiarahi or Tutor with a copy of a Medical Certificate.

Please remember to leave a message on the Absentee line or e-mail [absences@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:absences@wgpcollege.school.nz) if they will be away for full or part days, and state the reason. Thank you.



## Upcoming Events

|                 |       |                                               |
|-----------------|-------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>February</b> | 11-14 | Year 13 Camp and Year 13 in-school activities |
|                 | 17    | L3BUST Kickstarter Day                        |
|                 | 18    | 2019 L2&3 Excellence Breakfast                |
|                 | 18-19 | Athletics Sign-up                             |
|                 | 19    | Duke of Edinburgh Parent Info Evening         |
|                 | 20    | Class and Portrait ID Photos                  |
|                 | 21    | Year 9-13 Tabloid Sports                      |
|                 |       | International Surf Trip, Muriwai Beach        |
|                 |       | Classical Studies – The Iliad                 |
|                 | 25    | Boys Softball Zone Day                        |
|                 | 25-26 | Year 7 Camp Group 1, 7WRE/7WLL                |
|                 | 26    | Girls Softball Zone Day                       |
|                 |       | NH Senior Touch Tournament Day                |
|                 | 26-27 | Year 7 Camp Group 2, 7TOWL/7SMM               |
|                 | 26-28 | L2PHED01 Muriwai Camp                         |
|                 | 27    | L3OUED01 Sea Kayaking Trip                    |

For more information from our school calendar please see [Quick Links](#)

## Guidance

This program is being offered at Whangaparaoa College for our Year 7 learners this term. Please contact **Kim Osborne** from the Guidance Team **Ph.021922901**, if you wish to know more or register your learner.



**Marrzipan**

Does public speaking make you feel like peeing your pants?  
Do you want to increase your confidence?  
Ready to be the best YOU that YOU can be?

CELEBRATE YOUR INNER  
**Weirdo**

Classes in social skills, positive thinking & self-belief  
9 Classes including 2 Showcases per term  
Classes take place at your school  
Maximum 10 students per 45 minute class

[www.marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz)

Sign up for a trial lesson to experience the Marrzipan-Madness!

## 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](#)

## Community Notices

### Wanted:

Pool or beach inflatable toys that are popped or no longer wanted. Instead of sending them to landfill where they don't decompose for many years, the Year 11 Fabric class will repurpose them into funky fashionable bags. Please drop them off at the office any time in the next two weeks. (Please no mouldy items). Many thanks in advance, **Mrs Davies**.



## ARE YOU INTO FLYING?

Introducing **THE YOUNG EAGLES**  
PROGRAMME 2020.

at the **NORTH SHORE AERO CLUB.**



This is a sponsored programme available to selected students aged, 14 to 18. If you are interested in becoming a Young Eagle, please visit the NORTH SHORE AERO CLUB's website [www.nsac.co.nz](http://www.nsac.co.nz), click on Club, click on Young Eagles, read the fine print, fill in the application form and click Submit.

Applications close 5pm  
Saturday 22nd February





## Sponsorship and Support

**THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY BUSINESSES AND TRUSTS FOR THEIR SPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORT OF OUR COLLEGE LEARNERS.**



*Bayes Coachlines*



your community store  
open 7am - 10pm + 7 days a week  
570-588 Whangaparaoa Road - 09 869 9013

