



WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

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*Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress,
working together is success.*

Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

Camps: It was great to be away with our Year 13 learners at their annual camp recently where highlights included the Tongariro Crossing, community service, caving, focusing on the year ahead, and lots of fun and connection with other learners and staff. This week, the Year 7 camps at Tawharanui begin. My thanks to all the staff who give unstintingly to make these events a success.

Muggy weather – again! We have become quite repetitive about the weather we experience in February and March. Yes, it's hot, humid and not conducive to good learning. It's past time to realise that it is not a bleep – but rather the new norm. Therefore, through our capital works programme, we will address this by installing heat pumps (which also work as air con) in as many rooms as possible, starting this year.

Numbers: The school roll keeps on increasing. We currently have 1650 learners at the school, plus about 100 teachers and 40 non-teaching support staff. We have once again been fortunate to recruit staff as required, including a former learner of our College; bringing the number of former learners now teaching here to eight.

New Build and Refit Projects: We are planning to build a new marae, which will include two teaching spaces. There will also be a refit of the ICT suite which will include an excellent space for learners with special educational needs, plus an additional two teaching spaces. We expect at least one of these to be finished by the start of 2021 – so we'll all fit in next year.

Communication: We value communication and feedback. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, our aim is to hear them, act on them, sort them out as quickly as possible and at the right level. When you need to get in touch, the first point of contact will normally be your child's subject teacher or their Kaiarahi. If they are unable to resolve the matter, or action your suggestion, they will get you in touch with the right people. On rare occasions I've had folk contact me as late as October or November about a matter that they say has concerned them for the whole year. They added that they didn't want to get in touch as they hoped it would resolve itself. Please, if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please get in touch.

Kāhui Ako: Whangaparaoa College is in a Community of Learning (Kāhui Ako) with three Primary Schools (Stanmore Bay, Whangaparaoa, and Gulf Harbour), plus a close association with 17 Early Childhood Education Centres. Recently, the four principals formed a four-way leadership team, which shows our commitment to working together for the good of all young ones on the Peninsula. We would like to acknowledge the hard work and energy that Lisa White brought to the leadership role over the last three years. Without her passion and tenacity, I doubt our Kāhui Ako would have got off the ground. Thank you Lisa.

James Thomas, Principal

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Strategies to Protect & Promote Wellbeing in Your Whanau

Tuesday 17 March, 6.00 -7.30 pm
Whangaparaoa College Auditorium
All Welcome

We would like to invite all parents in our Whangaparaoa community to attend a parent evening on **Wellbeing**. Presenting will be Adrienne Buckingham from the New Zealand Institute of Wellbeing & Resilience.

This session will cover:

- An understanding of what wellbeing is (including the role that mental wellbeing plays in our every-day lives and relationships)
- An appreciation of why promoting whole school well-being is urgent and important
- Key findings from wellbeing science relevant to school contexts
- How different schools are promoting wellbeing within their respective communities
- What parents can expect to happen in the year ahead as your school embarks on their whole school wellbeing journey

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Asha Burdess** who has gained the first ever Scholarship in Painting at Whangaparaoa College. This is a fantastic achievement as Visual Arts scholarship exams are very challenging.

We are very proud of Asha's achievement and wish her every success in her studies to be an architect.



Love Soup



Level 1 Food Tech is working this term with Love Soup, our local charity providing meals and support to those in need.

Recently Julie King came in to visit and speak to us about what they do at Love Soup and how the charity came about.

L1 Food will be creating some freezer meals to donate to Love Soup, that will be used for their Sunday night community dinners and donated out to their other charities such as Women's Refuge.

Julie gave us great insight into the importance of food rescue and minimising wastage. She also spoke about the impact of bringing the community together to support mental health and wellbeing, along with the physical health of nutrition. Many people who could feel lonely or isolated find a real sense of community coming along to enjoy a shared meal with others.

L1 Food is excited to be part of this community initiative.

Sports

Well done to **Finn Pye** and **Kosta Gladiadis** who have already achieved some great results at the 2020 New Zealand Open Skiff U13 National Championships, held at the Napier Sailing Club in January. Finn took out the title and trophy with 1st place and Kosta was close behind by 1 point in 2nd place!

Kosta also competed at the Ports of Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta 2020, placing 1st in the Inaugural Open Skiff.

Athletics School Champs Year 9-13

Junior Girls - 1st Jemma Day
2nd Layla Warren
3rd Kaitlin Hanna

Junior Boys - 1st Lucas Wyeth
2nd Phoenix Winter
3rd Callum De La Rue

Intermediate Girls - 1st Ariana Hunt
2nd Aimee Bright
3rd Rosie Risbrook/Jorja Wiig

Intermediate Boys - 1st Jack Heijn
2nd Josh Heijn
3rd Scott Ryan

Seniors – 1st Jack Kelly
2nd Kieran James
3rd Bevan Jones

Tabloids

Last Friday we held Tabloids for Year 9-13 learners, with each year group coming out for an hour of games throughout the day.

The games included an obstacle course, 3-legged water bucket fill and tarp drag relay, where everyone had lots of fun!

This is a house event and the results were as follows:

1st	Water
2nd	Earth
3rd	Air
4th	Fire

Well done!

Level 1 Geography

The Year 11 Geographers spent a day surveying Shakespear Park this week to enhance their understanding of sustainability. The group gave back to the community by volunteering towards sustainable strategies taken in the park.

During our trip, we got to learn about the many ways Shakespear Park stays sustainable and how they protect the environment. We even got to meet the local pigs and feed them apples! We heard from the Ranger, walked the Waterfall Gully Track, and volunteered by laying metal along the pest-proof fence to protect the Park from predators. All of the Geography learners worked well as a team and got the job done.

**Charlotte Poots
and Renee Wells,
Level 1
Geography.**



For more pics, click [here](#)

Careers

University Scholarships for Year 13 Learners

MoneyHub, a consumer finance website, has published a guide to hundreds of scholarships for any learner planning to start university in 2021. The comprehensive list includes scholarships offered by every university, as well as those specifically available to local learners. A list of privately-funded, Maori, Pacific and International University Scholarships completes the list.

Applications close throughout the year, with tens of millions of dollars available. MoneyHub has also published a list of tips for scholarship success.

For more details and to find suitable scholarships, visit the [MoneyHub Scholarship page](#)

Course Related Costs

A BIG thank you to everyone who has paid their child's course related costs or organised a regular payment with Learner Accounts.

Just a reminder that you can access your child's up-to-date statement via the parent portal. If you are making a payment by internet banking, please include your child's ID number.

There is no need to make individual payments for each item, one payment is all that is required. Sports fees do require a specific reference however. If you prefer, you can pay your donation term by term.

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 if they will be away for full or part days, and state the reason. Thank you.



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](#)

Upcoming Events

February	26-27	Year 7 Camp Grp 2, 7TOWL/7SMM
	27	L3OUED01 Sea Kayaking Trip, Wenderholm
March	2	10BUST Chelsea Bay Sugar Factory Trip
		NH Triathlon Zone Day, Long Bay
	3	L2CHEM Trip, Glenbrook Steel Mill
		WGP's Got Talent Auditions
		Year 8 Junky Monkeys (Soc Sci)
	3-4	Year 7 Camp Grp 3, 7LIT/7TURK
	4	L1 (2019) Excellence Breakfast, 7.45 am
		Tag Zone Day, Hato Petera
	4-5	Year 7 Camp Grp 4, 7WDF/7LDR
	5	ID Photo catch-up
		L2CHEM Trip, Glenbrook Steel Mill
	6	SENHEED Trip
	10	L3CSCI01 Leigh Trip, Goat Island
		L1 History Trip, Navy Museum/Kennedy Park/North Head
	10-11	Year 7 Camp Grp 5, 7JAR/7SHH
	11	League Tag Zone Day
		North Harbour Athletics Years 9-13
	11-13	L2OUED01 Tawharanui Camp
	12	Boys Cricket Zone Day
		Year 8 and 9 Attitude Presentations

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

Community Notices

> Supporting success in your school.

If you're a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you take out a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate \$500 to your chosen participating school.

\$500

ASB's lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply.
Eligibility criteria - Documentation of the facility agreement must be done by 30 June 2020.
For this promotion to apply, you must make mention of it during the home loan application.
Only applies to loans which are secured by residential owner-occupied property with a minimum of 20% equity. The offer is limited to one donation per new home loan. The donation will be made to the chosen school on complete draw-down of the home loan. Excludes lending through brokers. Full eligibility criteria, exclusions, terms and conditions are available at asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school.html

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09 421 9810 for further information on great home loan rates, and how
you can help support Whangaparaoa College with a \$500 donation.**

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