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Newsletter

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Mā mua ka kite a muri

Mā muri ka ora a mua

Those who lead give sight to those who follow

Those who follow give life to those who lead

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From the Principal's Desk

Coronavirus

Thank you for the feedback about how the school is managing concerns about the CoVid-19 (Coronavirus). We will continue to keep you informed of any new developments. As a community, I know we can be proactive, supportive and calm. The Auckland Regional Public Health Service have written to us as follows:

"We know a lot more about the virus today than we did in the early stages. The report of the WHO-China Joint Mission on Coronavirus disease (CoVid-19) suggests:

- *CoVid-19 spreads less effectively than influenza*
- *Disease in children appears to be relatively rare and mild, with approximately 2.4% of the total reported cases being amongst individuals aged under 19*

The main way the disease spreads is through respiratory droplets expelled by someone who is coughing. The risk of catching CoVid-19 from someone with no symptoms is very low. The chance of widespread community outbreak remains low."

This is encouraging; however, we will continue to be as informed as possible and ready for new developments. For example, we have the option of online learning in place, should this become necessary. Thank you for your effort around monitoring wellbeing and keeping learners at home if they are unwell. This of course is normal good practice and not something that has just become necessary because of CoVid-19. Thank you to the few parents who have been asked by Alexis (our school nurse) to arrange for your child to be collected. Let's remain vigilant around hygiene and sneezing etiquette.

A couple of requests: please be sure to let us know if anyone in your household travels overseas (particularly to a high-risk country); or goes into isolation.

If you were to visit our school during the day, you would see teachers teaching and your children either engaged in their learning during class time or spending time / playing with their friends during the breaks. Things are very much – business as usual.

Wellbeing Family Night

On Tuesday 17 March, our Whangaparaoa Peninsula Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning), which comprises ourselves, Stanmore Bay School, Whangaparaoa Primary and Gulf Harbour are holding a 'Wellbeing in Your Whanau' evening. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please see the ad in this newsletter for more information.

We have less than four weeks left of daylight saving; so, let's enjoy the evenings! Have a good week

Ka kite ano

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

Levels 1,2 & 3 Excellence Endorsements



Level 1

Excellence Breakfast celebrations held recently, commended learners who have achieved an NCEA Certificate of Excellence gaining 50 or more excellence credits at Level 1, 2 or 3 in 2019. This is a huge achievement, and celebrating with these learners and their parents at breakfast, is an opportunity to recognise their work and effort. **Alex Jones**



Level 2&3

Year 13 Camp



From the breathtaking views of the Tongariro crossing, to the tight squeezes through the caves, Year 13 camp was amazing. Helping and encouraging one another up the mountain was worth it - as we reached the summit and saw the 360-degree views of the Tongariro National Park. Sliding down the scree slope to get to the sulphur pools was heaps of fun. Doing our part in keeping Mount Ruapehu clean was gratifying - especially once we saw how much we had collected! Turning off our torches in the caves and seeing the glow worms come to life was a particularly phenomenal sight.

Altogether, the journey was a great bonding experience for the Year 13 cohort. Thanks to the staff and youth workers who gave up their time and enabled it to happen.

Siena Thompson

For more pics, click [here](#)

Mathematics



A Fraction More:

These enthusiastic Year 8 and 9 learners are at school at 7.45 am every Wednesday morning. They are enjoying being enriched and extended in their Mathematics and improving their problem solving skills.

Sports

Congratulations to **Ben Williamson** who Recently completed a three round event at Redwoods in Rotorua - *2W Gravity Enduro Mountain Biking*. Ben placed 1st in the Under 21's class of the competition for the 4th stage event, which has competitors ranging in age from 15 – 60 years, through a range of different age classes. He gained 17th place overall out of 240 riders.

This is an incredible achievement for the 16 year old!

Well done to **Jake Pye**, who competed in the *Secondary Inter-school Regatta* in Wakatere, in the Laser Radial Class.

This was a new class for Jake, who had an awesome day placing 3rd and coming back with a Bronze medal.



We took a team of learners to attend the *Triathlon Zone Day* last week. Unfortunately, the sea conditions were too rough for the swim section and the swimmers ran 200M instead. Everyone had a great day and lots of fun!

Special mention to **Isaac Scott** (left), 3rd in Year 8 Individual race, and our Year 8 Girls Team - **Lexi Wiig, Maisie Keclik and Siina Cooke** (right)- who finished 3rd.



All **Winter Sports** are now in training:

Mondays – Girls Lacrosse 3.30–4.30 pm and Year 7/8 Hockey 3.30–4.30 pm.

Tuesdays – Year 9–13 Girls Football 7.15–8.15 am, Hockey Senior Boys and Girls 3.30–4.30 pm.

Wednesdays – Year 11–13 Boys Football 7.15 – 8.15 am, Year 7–9 Basketball 3.30 – 4.30 pm, Year 7–9 Netball 3.30 – 4.30 pm, Senior Netball 4.30–5.30 pm, Year 9/10 Rugby/Rugby League - Period 5, Year 11–13 Rugby/Rugby League 3.30–4.30 pm.

If you have yet to attend any sports trainings, it is not too late to start!

Please come along and sign up with the coach at the training.

Baseball

Whangaparaoa College Baseball is back! We made it to a league after a whole year of training. We are taking our win with our loss and the smiles you see on our faces are due to the great “plays of the day”. Those catches, those throws and those brilliant tag-outs. Our goal is to make each play a better play and each game a new game. Looking forward to the play-offs in two weeks.



Social Sciences Year 8 Giant Junk Challenge

In week 6, the Social Sciences faculty arranged for *Conscious Kids* to run their 'Junky Monkeys' programme for all of Year 8. This involved a truck-load of giant junk and loose parts along with hammers, saws, screw drivers, cable ties, duct tape, electric drills and other equipment being set up at the school. The steep hill by the Berdinner Road entrance to the school was chosen as the best location to add gravity to the challenge. After a safety briefing, each class had open access to the equipment to explore and create whatever they wanted. This provided an exciting learning opportunity to extend their thinking about the Industrial Revolution and the development of technology that they are currently learning about in Social Sciences. The learners' enthusiasm, creativity and innovation was awesome to see – with a pirate ship, a giant marble run, musical instruments, a metal detector, various vehicles to zoom down the hill, plus much more being experimented with.

The feedback from the Year 8's was overwhelmingly positive, with learners from 8HGG commenting that they "liked rolling down the hill"; "we got to build whatever we wanted" and "it was fun".



For more pics, click [here](#)

Dance

Senior Dance


We have recently had some past learners come in as guest choreographers.

Tyler Coleman has been teaching the Samba to Year 12 and 13, and **Claudia Fowlie** has been teaching a variety of styles to Year 11. It has been great fun and we would like to say a big thank you to them both.

Emma Williams



Senior School Production



WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE
Presents

Clue

7pm Tuesday 31 March
Wednesday 1 April

Whangaparaoa College Auditorium

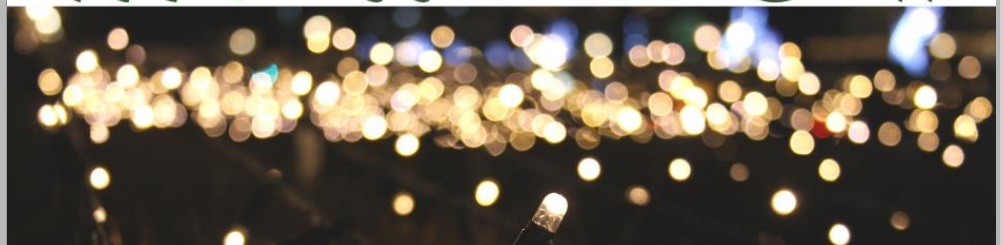
Adults: \$15 Students and Gold Card: \$10

Tickets on sale at Learner Accounts and at the door

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Mid Winter Ball

Mid-Winter Ball



SAVE THE DATE!

June 20, 2020

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Start spreading the word and watch this space for more!



A fundraising event for WGP College

Evolocity

Whangaparaoa College Technology Faculty will again be entering three teams in 2020 (a mix of Year 11-13 learners) into the New Zealand Electric Vehicles event i.e. <https://evolocity.co.nz/>

This programme sets learners a range of problem solving issues including Structure Design and Construction: metal, timber or carbon etc, Electronics, Welding, Programming etc. focused around building a 2, 3 or 4 wheel electric vehicle. They are judged on speed, efficiency and environmental design.

In 2019 we won *Best Economy Run (350w Bikes)*, *Best Motor Controller Performance (350w Bikes)*, *Fastest in Drag Race (350w Bikes)* in the Auckland competition. We also appreciated a story on their success in the local Hibiscus Matters.

A number of teams have sponsorship/support from various companies. We would welcome the same from any businesses wanting to help support these learners with this challenge.

Please contact **Colin Watts** at Whangaparaoa College, email: colinwa@wgpcollege.school.nz



From the Nurse

Covid – 19

We have a team of staff including a DP, HR and school nurse who meet regularly and are monitoring developments relating to Covid-19

- Please keep learners who are unwell home from school. Teachers have been asked to send unwell learners to the nurse and if they have heavy colds or flu-like symptoms they will be sent home.
- If a member of your family has returned from overseas travel in the last 2 weeks, please inform the school.
- Please talk to your families about washing hands frequently, especially before eating and keeping hands away from faces.
- Please talk to your families about coughing/sneezing into their elbow. Use tissues, dispose of them in a bin and wash your hands.
- Classrooms have tissues, multipurpose wipes for cleaning surfaces such as door handles and hand sanitizer.
- Posters encouraging people to wash their hands have been distributed and placed around the school.
- For many years we have given our staff the option of a free flu vaccination. This will continue.

We are taking precautions to keep the school community safe, and appreciate your support.

Alexis Purvis | Registered Nurse

LUMINO THE DENTIST

On Wednesday 18 March the mobile Lumino dental bus will be at WGP College to provide free dental care to all Year 9–13 learners who are enrolled.

An enrolment form is being sent home with your child.
Year 7 and 8 learners will be seen by the Auckland Regional Dental Service later in the year.

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.

If you have continued AP payments from 2019, we still need you to contact Learner Accounts to update you on the cost of current fees and to have you complete new forms for 2020.

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 Admin 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](#)

Noel Leeming please click [here](#) select mynoelleeming on the top bar, setup BYOD membership, choose school.

Upcoming Events

March	11	League Tag Zone Day, Sunnynook Year 9-13 NH Athletics
	11-12	Year 7 Camp, Group 4, Tawharanui
	11-13	L2OUED01 Tawharanui Camp
	12	Boys Cricket Zone Day Year 8 and 9 Attitude Presentations
	16	Boys Cricket T10 Festival Year 7/8 Tag Zone Day 2, Cornwall Park
	17	L3CSCI Goat Island Field Trip Wellbeing in your Whanau Parents Evening, 6.00 pm
	18	Lumino Dentists now on site Sociology Special Olympics Athletics, Millenium Stadium
	19	EL/International Polyfest Trip Swimming Zone Day, Millenium Stadium WGP's Got Talent Finals
	20	L1BIOL05 Tiri Trip Year 11-13 Maori Polyfest Trip, Manukau Sports Bowl
	23-24	L2 Gateway H&S Course
	24	Senior Tag Tournament Day Year 8-13 Finish at 1.30 pm Year 8-13 Meet the Teacher from 2.00 pm
	25	Mufti Day – Bandanna Day Girls Tennis Zone Day, North Shore Young Women in Leadership Programme, Massey Uni.
	25-26	L3 Gateway H&S Course
	26	L2/L3 GEO Auckland Transport Trip Senior Touch Tournament Day Boys Tennis Zone Day, North Shore

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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Contact your local Whangaparaoa ASB Branch on 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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