



# WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

*Together □ Believe □ Achieve □ Ngātahi whakapono tutuki*

Newsletter

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*"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere."  
Chinese Proverb*

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## From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

### Walking Billboards

At assemblies recently I thanked our learners for the way they welcomed and accommodated hundreds of visitors from our local primary schools over the last few weeks. It is something we do to help the transition from primary school to Whangaparaoa College. We are fortunate to have a close and positive working relationship with the contributing schools on the peninsula. This is the result of us all seeing our young people as the reason we do things, and more recently because of the extra opportunities we have with the Community of Learning (Kāhui Ako) resourcing.

I also noted that as a school we do not engage in direct marketing of the College, ie, we do not promote the College with billboards, run social media campaigns, nor have large newspaper advertisements, etc. Rather, we understand that each of us is an ambassador, an example of what Whangaparaoa College believes in and aims to achieve. As such, each person associated with the College – 1620 learners and 150 staff – are the strongest selling point. Each of us are 'walking billboards', representing Whangaparaoa College and telling our story.

Part of this is knowing – and living – our College Values. At Whangaparaoa College we believe in:

- The importance of learning;
- Pursuing personal excellence;
- Respect for others, ourselves, and the environment.

We do, of course, have Enrolment Information evenings; one being on Thursday 30 July; and numerous enrolment opportunities over the next six months. People who wish to see the school in action can join a tour guided by some learners, or if those times don't suit they can make an appointment to come and have a walk around during the school day at a time that suits them. It's a great way to pick up the feel of the place.

### Roll Growth

For some years we have been working with the Ministry of Education in an effort to ensure that there are enough buildings ready to accommodate our roll growth. Next year we will just fit into our current facilities, but we will require more buildings in the year 2022. In the last 12 months we have grown by about 150 and – based on conservative predictions – our roll will grow by an average of about 130 learners for each of the next five or six years. Orewa College is very full and they are also working with the Ministry about how to accommodate in-zone enrolments. A new secondary school is planned for the Wainui area but is not due to open for at least another six years. We certainly live in a great part of the country and of the world; and we can understand why people want to live here. We will make them welcome and provide positive educational opportunities.

All the best for the remainder of winter

Keep warm, dry, happy, and well!

Ngā mihi nui

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## Congratulations



**Stella Beattie** won the 'One Sentence Story Writing Competition' in the Senior Secondary Category across NZ, organised by the New Zealand Association for Gifted Children. Click [here](#) for link to publication (see page 7).



**Alex Lu** placed 3rd in the NZ Mathematics and Physics Competition.

*"The competition this year has been extremely tight and we were blown away by the high marks that a lot of the students were getting. Many Year 9 and Year 10*

*students did much better than expected in the Junior Division, and likewise for the Year 12 students in the Senior Division.*

*It was very impressive to see that the top two students in the Senior Division were Year 12 students.*

*Further, it was especially impressive to see that two students got full marks for their respective divisions, which was not expected".* NZPMC

Click [here](#) for results.

## Sport

**Maddi Wiki** won the awesome opportunity to attend the Mystics and Tactix netball match a couple of weeks ago as a "Future Captain" through the ANZ Future Captain's Competition. She also took her younger sister Ellie along for the experience and led the two teams out onto centre court. She got to watch the game from her own bench right next to the Mystics players. Maddi and Ellie are pictured here with Phoenix Karaka and Jane Watson.

Applications are still open for anyone between the ages of 8-12 to be a Future Captain too! Learners or their parents can apply [here](#).



A massive thank you to *Sarah & Andy Barnett* from *UniqueCreative* for sponsoring jackets for both our Hockey teams (see pic).

It was a tough start to the season for our Hockey Senior Boys with our composite Mahu/WGP team losing to Westlake.


Another big thank you to *Hayes Knight* for their continual support of the Senior Boys Hockey Team.

League had a great game first week back with a 12-8 win over Western Springs.

Girl's Football had an awesome start to their season with a 20-0 win over Kaipara 2nd XI.

Netball Year 7 & 8 have had a great start to their season with both wins and losses and having lots of fun!

## Production



WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE  
Presents

# Clue

**7pm** Wednesday 19 August  
Thursday 20 August

**High School Edition**

**Whangaparaoa College Auditorium**

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

**Tickets on sale at Learner Accounts and at the door**

Adapted from the screenplay by Jonathan Lynn. By permission on behalf of ORiGiN™ Theatrical on behalf of Broadway Licensing. Additional materials by Hunter Foster, Eric Price and Sandy Rustin. Adapted from the Paramount Pictures Film by Jonathan Lynn and the board game from Hasbro, Inc.

## Music Department



### Upcoming items to put in your calendar:

**Musicfest** – Term 3 Week 9, Wednesday 16 September at 7.00 pm

**Junior Musicfest** – Term 4 Week 4, Tuesday 3 November at 4.30 pm

## From the Nurse

### **IMMUNISATIONS**

Year 7 Boostrix vaccinations are booked for Monday 3 August.

Year 8 HPV 2 will be on Monday 16 November.

## Careers



### Online Future Student Evening

Unfortunately this year, we have not been able to hold many of our planned 'in person' Future Student Evenings for students and whānau. In order to be able to offer our Future Student Evening to those areas we were unable to visit, we will be hosting a 'virtual' Future Student Evening and welcome all students and their whānau to attend.

The evening will consist of presentations from our SPO team, the office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Māori), the office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Pacific) and representatives from our Campus Life team.

### University of Auckland Virtual Future Student Evening

29 July 2020, 7.00–8.30 pm.

<https://response.auckland.ac.nz/FutureStudentEvening?S=EML&C=FSE>

### School Leaver Scholarships

Applications for our entry-level and first-year scholarships are now open and will close on 19 August. Please see the information on [school-leaver and first-year scholarships](#) on our website for further details and to check the regulations of these scholarships.

To view details of all scholarships available please use the [search function available on our website](#) the scholarships database.

### Open Day 2020

We're launching an exceptional dual-option format for Open Day. We'd love to meet you in person at Open Day on Campus. We will also be offering Open Day Online this year, a three-evening event, which will be especially useful for those who can't make it in person. It will also be beneficial for those who wish to explore their options before attending our Open Day On Campus. Unfortunately, due to disruptions caused by Covid-19 we will not be able to offer the buses to campus this year.

### Open Day Online

Tuesday 25 – Thursday 27 August, 6.00–9.00 pm.

Over three evenings, this vibrant online experience will excite and motivate you. We offer a variety of sessions to meet your needs for both information and inspiration. There'll be online webinars, virtual tours and more from our eight faculties and many of our service units. Fill out the registration form for full session details and further updates.

### Open Day On Campus

Saturday 29 August, 9.00 am–2.00 pm.

Come and experience our impressive environments and facilities first hand. We'll be hosting exhibition areas, presentations, tours, entertainment and more. Our faculties are offering a great programme of presentations and tours. You're also welcome to visit our Halls of Residence and other key facilities.

To register for further details and updates please visit [openday.ac.nz](https://openday.ac.nz)

### 2021 University Entrance for School Leavers

Covid-19 has had a significant impact on New Zealand secondary school students, especially those making plans to start University. To support the future success of senior school students, we'll be changing the entry requirements to our programmes for 2021. We are also removing Table A and B requirements and making Early Offers for all students.

We have now added a FAQ section to the information on the [2021 University Entrance for School Leavers](#) to help assist with some common questions. If you have any questions not answered in the FAQs please do let us know.



## Carparks, Drop-off and Pick-up Zones

For the safety of our staff and learners, the gymnasium carpark is designated a staff-only carpark and Disabled drop-off/pick-up zone, Monday to Friday, 8.00 am to 4.00 pm. Only permit holders will be able to use this carpark. Permits are issued by Ginny Catterall, [ginnyca@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:ginnyca@wgpcollege.school.nz)

We have a spacious carpark near the front of the school (indicated below) for all drop-off and pick-ups, as well as learner parking. Entry is at 8 Stanmore Bay Road. **Please do not park on or across our neighbours' driveways on Delshaw Ave.**

Thank you for your co-operation.



## Attendance Matters

If a text is sent home regarding your son or daughter being absent for a lesson, please double check the **Parent Portal** and feel welcome to contact that subject teacher to clarify. If your child is away from school for medical or family reasons, please leave a message on the College Attendance web link:

<https://www.wgpcollege.school.nz/CONTACT+US/Absentees.html>

If they are absent for 3 days or more on medical leave, we ask for a copy of a Medical Certificate.

If your son or daughter has cold symptoms, please keep them at home. 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

<b>July</b>	30	Enrolment Info Evening, 7.00-8.00 pm L2SPSC Stardome Trip Year 8 Science Motat Trip, 8HLL/8LND/8WOF
	31	Year 7 Leadership Course
	3-7	Matamata Sports Camp
<b>August</b>	3	Year 7 Boostrix Year 9 Conservation Trip, 9BAY/9WEL (am) 9CPL/9SLP (pm)
	4	Year 9 Conservation Trip, 9PEA/9SRI (am) 9TAT/9CTN (pm) Cross Country Zone Day
	5	Open Day Tour, 9.15 am
	6	Year 9 Conservation Trip, 9GRE (am) Year 9&10 Hillary Get2Go Challenge Enrolment Evening, 4.00-6.30 pm Pod Whanau Evening, 6.00 pm
	7	L3PHYS01 Rainbows End Trip Year9/10 EPro8, Northcote College
	11	Senior Options Night, 7.00 pm
	12	Enrolment Evening, 4.00-6.30 pm Lacrosse Tournament Day Full School Assembly

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

## Community Notices

### Whangaparaoa College Physio Clinic (established 2010)

For Learners & Staff - convenient treatment at school

Neck or Back Pain  
Sports Injuries / Sprains (incl. hands)  
Physio Rehabilitation after Plaster or Operations  
Specialized in Teen Sports / Growth Injuries



**Discounted ACC Surcharge Only \$10 for School Clinic Treatments**  
Non ACC \$45

**No surcharge for Hand Injuries**

Parents / caregivers welcome to accompany their child

**Where? Admin Block – Downstairs**

**Hand Physio: Monday & Thursday 9.00am to 2.00pm**

**General Physio: Tuesday 9.40am to 12.00pm, Wednesday & Friday 12.00 to 2.00pm**

To make an appointment or discuss your needs:

Phone/text 021 187 3299 or Coast Physio 424 1309 or see the school nurse

**Proud To Support WGPC Sports Teams**



## Whangaparāoa Community Hub

@whangahub · Community organisation



We're running a sausage sizzle for Harbour Hospice at the **Arkles Bay Mid-Winter Swim** on **Sunday 2 August 9.30-11.30 am**.

It's the 4th year this event has run; last year there were approx. 60 swimmers and 120 spectators. The sausage sizzle will be free for swimmers and a \$2 donation to Hospice for spectators.

Facebook event: [facebook.com/events/212408319803398](https://facebook.com/events/212408319803398)

### HUB EVENTS June 2020 - May 2021:

- **Multicultural Event** – Friday 11 September 6.00-9.00 pm @ Sportscape  
The vision: bring together performances and food from the variety of peoples/cultures that make up the Whangaparāoa Peninsula community. It will be a FREE indoor 'picnic-style' event; attendees can BYO food/drinks or purchase from the food trucks we will have on site. \$5000 has been received from H&B Local Board to deliver this event. Invitations have been sent to all Whangaparāoa schools for performance groups; and also to Te Herenga Waka o Orewa Marae – for participation.
- **Coastie Christmas** – Sunday 22 November 12.30-3.00 pm @ Whangaparāoa College. The event will be the same format as last year, (details still being developed).
- **Movies in the Park** – Feb 2021
- **Music in the Park** – March 2021

CO-CREATE A

# 10 YEAR YOUTH PLAN

FOR HIBISCUS AND BAYS



Join us over three workshops as we design and develop a youth plan that involves young people in the creation, joins up work already underway, maps providers and activities as well as capturing aspirations for the future.

These workshops are designed as a series and are aimed at any organisations, groups or people that work with young people or people who are interested in improving the future of the Hibiscus and Bays.

**SESSION 1:**  
**AUG 7TH 10AM-12.30PM**

- Mapping and matching
- Shared understanding of youth well-being
- Map work already underway
- Define research questions

**SESSION 2:**  
**AUG 21ST 10AM - 12.30PM**

- Uncovering and theming
- Theming research discovery
- Outline plan and populate draft

**SESSION 3:**  
**SEPT 4TH 10AM-12.30PM**

- Confirming plan and bringing it to life.

**WHERE:**  
Hibiscus Coast Youth Centre, 214D Hibiscus Coast Highway, Orewa.

**RSVP BY: 31ST JULY 2020**  
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## Sponsorship and Support

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