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Newsletter

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Never stop learning because life never stops teaching.

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From the Principal's Desk

Sad news

During the recent holiday break, we heard the sad news that our former head of Phys Ed, Mr Brad Milne passed away suddenly as the result of a medical situation. Our thoughts are with his family.

Covid-19

I want to acknowledge the response of our community to the Covid-19 pandemic. It is not over, but I think it is important to recognise its impact – which is ongoing for many. Also, the way people of all ages have supported each other and shown resilience has been amazing. While we need to be ready for possible changes in the Covid Alert level, we can be very grateful to be in New Zealand. We have friends in Ireland (a country with a similar population to New Zealand), where they had 1263 new cases just yesterday. We can look at the statistics, and think about the effects of nearly any other country – and be grateful.

As you will be aware through the media, there has been a member of the public test positive for Covid-19 (in the last 48 hours). Although this may not directly affect our community, as a school community, with our other local schools, we would like to reiterate that we always take the care and health of our staff and learners very seriously. Please ensure you continue to ask your children to adhere to Covid-19 protocols at school and when they are in our community. The following is a reminder of school protocols:

- If your child is sick or showing any signs of the symptoms of Covid-19 (runny nose, cough, loss of sense of smell etc), please keep your child at home and seek medical advice immediately.
- If your child presents with any symptoms during the school day, we will be calling you to collect them as soon as possible.
- When visiting our school, please ensure that you report to reception and use the Covid-19 Tracer APP before entering, then move straight to our 'sign in station' to follow and adhere to our instructions for sign in.
- We regularly remind staff and learners of our health and safety routines that we have put in place here at Whangaparaoa College. All Principals are being carefully guided by the Ministry of Education.

Thank you for your on-going support and being a responsible citizen in doing our part to keep our community safe and healthy. The little things really do matter, so let's continue to wash our hands, sneeze into our elbow, stay home (and get tested) if unwell, and be kind! Take care.

Own it! Fix it! Change it!

"My bad" is a great wee statement which was not heard when I was growing up. It's a way to take ownership when we slip up in some way. At assemblies I've been talking about the need to 'fess up when we mess up'. This is not just something for our tamariki (children) – but for all of us. Around the College we have posters that encourage everyone to "Own it! Fix it! Change it!" when we make mistakes. The "Own it!" is simply accepting responsibility; putting our hand up. "Fix it!" is about doing what we can to put things right, and should almost always start with an apology. "Change it!" refers to the need to be different next time. It's simple and effective. Try it with your kids when the time is right.

Nga mihi nui (thank you)
Ka kite ano (see you later)

James Thomas, Principal

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Enrolments

Enrolment Nights @ Whangaparaoa College

Thursday 29 October	} 4.00 - 6.30pm
Tuesday 10 November	
Wednesday 18 November	

Enrolment Afternoons @ Local Primary Schools

Stanmore Bay Primary	Thursday 22 October	} 2.30 - 4.00pm
Gulf Harbour Primary	Tuesday 27 October	

Tour for Parents & Public

Thursday 29 October 11.30am

For enquiries contact Jo Rust

Email: enrol@wgpcollege.school.nz Phone: 09 424 9177 ext 211



BoT By-Election

Whangaparaoa College Board of Trustees By-Election Results

It gives me great pleasure to advise that Charlotte Jones and Tim Davis were voted onto our Board of Trustees after our recent By-Election.

The voting count was as follows:

- Charlotte Jones 109
- Tim Davis 53
- Mel Walsh 49
- Michele Caminos 47
- Andre Chatfield 41
- Paul Beattie 41
- Gabriel Constantin 16

Caroline Butland
Returning Officer

Whanau Hui

Kia ora whanau

On **Wednesday 25 November at 7 pm in Te Maramara a Tanē** (the college marae), all learners and parents are invited to a **Whanau Hui** at the college. This hui will focus on building relationships/networking to support our tamariki at the college. The hui is aimed at Maori and Pasifika learners and their whanau, however, as we know what is good for our Maori learners, is good for all, so all learners and families are welcome. **Please RSVP with numbers attending by Friday 13 November** to Caroline carolinebu@wgpcollege.school.nz.

Ngā mihi nui.

Congratulations

YRE INTERNATIONAL WINNERS

September 22 2020 (excerpt from article by Jo Mulholland)



Young Reporters
for the environment

New Zealand Students Receive International Recognition in Environmental Competition

Keep New Zealand Beautiful are excited to announce that three New Zealand students have won awards at the 2020 Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE) International competition.

These three students were all winners from the national New Zealand Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE) 2019 competition and were put forward to compete in the 2020 YRE International competition. All three of the students received their awards in the Litter Less Campaign category, which is for entries related to the topic of litter and waste.

Year 9 Whangaparaoa College student Ariana Hunt won second place (shared) in the Article 11-14 Years category for her article 'To waste our life'. **Claudia O'Shannessey** from Rangī Ruru Girls' School won second place in the Photography 15-18 Years category for her photo titled 'Sustainable Surfer Seeks Waste at Sumner'. **Whangaparaoa College student Kano Sugawara** placed third in the Video 11-14 Years category for her film 'Not Just a Dream'.

Congratulations!

Clue



It was "third time lucky" for our senior school production of *Clue*!

After two production postponements earlier in the year due to the lockdowns, our hard-working and resilient cast got to perform on stage to a live audience on 17 and 18 October! It is always a privilege (and a novelty in 2020) to perform to an audience of friends, family and our school community – and our cast and crew were fabulous in two fantastic shows! I am so proud to work with such a wonderful group of learners – throughout this whole production, the positivity remained. I know none of us will ever forget this year!

Thank you so much to all of you who supported our cast and crew and came to see the show!

Ms Enright

HoL Performing Arts

for more pics, click [here](#)

Blake Trust

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to swim with a pod of Humpback Whales? Thanks to the Blake Trust, our Year 8 learners were lucky enough to have an underwater virtual reality experience which included swimming with dolphins, stingray, schools of snapper, and even the elusive Humpback Whale. Most of the footage was filmed in our own underwater backyard - the Hauraki Gulf / Tikapa Moana. The Blake Trust's friendly instructors showed us footage of healthy and unhealthy Tikapa Moana underwater habitats, and how overfishing and pollution has created Kina barrens, which are not ideal ecosystems. Our Year 8's enthusiastically brainstormed ways we can keep our Tikapa Moana healthy, so that we can enjoy it for generations to come.

Teresa Winstone
Head of Junior Science

for more pics, click [here](#)



Gold Duke of Edinburgh

During the term break, 7 Year 13 learners completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh final expedition on a 4 day tramp, carrying all the food and equipment needed for the four days on Great Barrier Island.

The first day, we all got stuck in the morning traffic as the Harbour Bridge was closed, which meant we missed the ferry and had to change our plans. We tramped around Shakespear Park for several hours to make up the time we would have been tramping and then we caught the ferry the next day. Overall, the learners experienced minor pain and suffering (blisters), a lot of mental anguish as one morning we climbed 924 stairs within the first hour to reach the summit of Mt Hobson, then continuing along to the Harataonga Bay camp ground.

Overall, the group completed the whole expedition with ease and a sense of pride, knowing that 4 years of learning new skills and giving free service to the local community, business coaching and participating in sports teams for the award of Gold Duke of Edinburgh had been enjoyed and achieved.

Derek Middleton
TiC



Year 7

Year 7 had a fantastic time on their trips to the **Howick Historical Village** last week. They travelled back in time to 1850 and learned about Victorian life. They took part in a courthouse drama, played with Victorian toys, and had a lesson in the school house where they had to write with pen and ink – the teacher even had a cane! It was a really fun and educational experience for us all.



Lisa Williams
HoL Year 7

for more pics, click [here](#)

Sport

It's great to be back in Term 4 with lots of sports ahead of us!

We began with a Year 7/8 Girl's Volleyball Zone Day, the Boy's Zone Day will be taking place in a couple of weeks time. We are lucky enough to be able to take part in several other Zone Days moved to this term, after postponement due to Covid levels - finally giving the teams a chance to play!

We have 4 Volleyball competition teams playing weekly, 2 in the Super League and 2 in the North Harbour Thursday night league, starting with games against Long Bay, Westlake, Rosmini and Orewa.

Watch this space for results through the Summer Sports season!

Yearbooks



Whangaparaoa College
Yearbook 2020

Whangaparaoa College Yearbooks are on sale now!

2020 has certainly been a memorable year, so be sure to grab a yearbook to look back on it in the years to come.

Get your order in by Friday 30 October.
Available at Learner Accounts for just \$30.00.

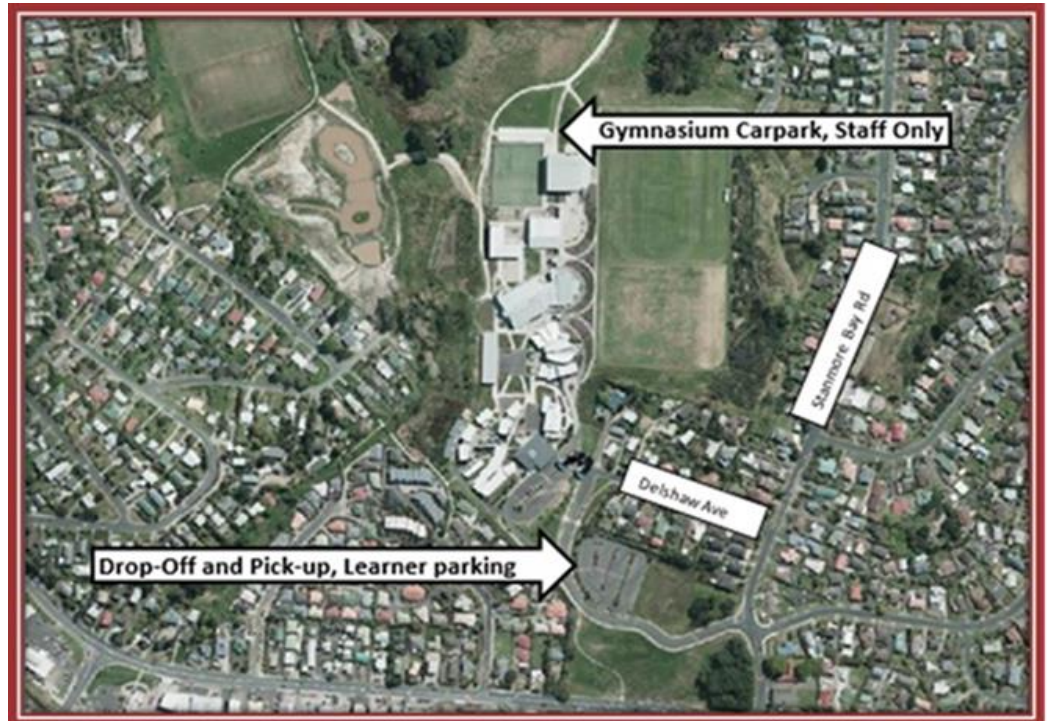


Carparks, Drop-off and Pick-up Zones

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

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.



Upcoming Events

October	23	ICAS English
	26	Labour Day Holiday
	27	Year 7 Maritime Museum Trip, 7LIT/7WDF
	28	Touch Zone Day
		Year 9&10 Mathex, B&T Stadium, Kohimarama
	28-30	L3OUED Piha Camp
	29	Year 7 Maritime Museum Trip, 7WRE/7TOWL
		Year 7&8 Mathex, B&T Stadium, Kohimarama
		Sociology Special Olympics, Nthn. Arena
		Open Day Tour, 11.30 am
November	30	Enrolment Evening, 4.00-6.30 pm
	30	Year 7 Maritime Museum Trip, 7WLL/7SMM
	31	School Ball, Hilton Auckland
	3	Junior Musicfest, 4.30 pm
	4	Full School Assembly
		Year 9/10 EPro8 Engineering Challenge
	5	Year 7 Maritime Museum Trip, 7LDR/7TURK
	6	Year 7 Maritime Museum Trip, 7JAR/7SHH

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

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.

Community Notices

Materials Technology Evolocity Teams are looking to buy 2 or 3 Full-face (second hand) Motor Bike Helmets. Medium size. Please contact Colin Watts, colinwa@wgpcollege.school.nz or leave a message with the college front office.

Lockers 2021

Be in quick – limited lockers available.

If you wish to reserve a locker for 2021 or keep your current locker, you will need to fill in an online order form at

<http://www.stowawaylockers.co.nz/order-form/>

as soon as possible.

stowaway Lockers



If you will no longer require your current locker in 2021, please let us know by email info@stowawaylockers.co.nz. You will need to return your key at the end of the term, (sellotaped to a piece of paper with your contact details) for your bond refund. Ensure the locker is left empty, as any remaining items will be disposed of at the end of the year. Keys will need to be received at least one week before the end of Term 4 and can be posted to: **Stowaway Lockers, 220 Ngunguru Road, RD3, Whangarei 0173.**

Refunds will be direct credited to your bank account in January 2021.

Nigel Latta on Anxiety

Whether you're a parent with young children or teenagers, or just trying to deal with the unprecedented uncertainty of the times we all find ourselves living in, we could all probably do with some pointers on how to manage our wellbeing. In this entertaining evening, Nigel will explore how Covid-19 has impacted all of our lives, young and old, and share some strategies for managing and coping with stress and anxiety. This is an evening that will be appropriate for all ages.

- Date: Tuesday 10th November
- Time: 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm
- Location: Westlake Boys High School, Forrest Hill, Auckland
- Early bird tickets are on sale now: **\$25.00** + fees, a saving of 10% off the standard ticket price
- More information can be found here: www.kenziesgift.com

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