



# WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

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Newsletter

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*Poipoia te kakano kia puawai*

*Nurture the seed and it will blossom*

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## From the Principal's Desk

Don't be fooled – vaping is dangerous.

We are seeing an increase in the number of our learners who are bringing vaping equipment to school and vaping on the school site. This is not acceptable. Vaping is a nationwide issue with large numbers of young people who have never smoked cigarettes getting involved. Vape juice flavours such as cotton candy and blue raspberry appear to target young people, and the availability of 60mg/mL nicotine juice means that young people are quickly becoming nicotine addicted. This level of nicotine is up to ten times higher than cigarettes. There are many misconceptions about vaping and its effects and, sadly, we are finding distressed young people who are struggling with nicotine addiction. Many young people have the belief that vaping is relatively safe. Please take advantage of any situations where you can talk to your children about vaping. Sometimes our learners have accessed their vaping equipment through older family members and so we would ask you to involve your whole family in the discussion where possible.

This website has some great advice for whanau.

<https://www.hpa.org.nz/programme/education/young-people-vaping>

**James Thomas, Principal**

## Year 11-13 Study Leave

On Thursday 12 November we expect most Year 11-13 learners will be on study leave, however, to support their success there will be further opportunities for some learners to gain their necessary credits if they have not met their goals by that date. Deans and/or Kaiārahi will be in touch with you if we feel your child should take up the opportunity.

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## Enrolments

### Enrolment Nights @ Whangaparaoa College

Tuesday 10 November } 4.00 - 6.30pm  
Wednesday 18 November }

For enquiries contact Jo Rust

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## 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 [carolinebu@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:carolinebu@wgpcollege.school.nz).**

Ngā mihi nui.

## Year 8 Science Fair

Last week, we awarded our place winners for the Year 8 Science Fair which was held in August. A big thank you to Alister McKinnon and David Thew from the Lion's Club of Whangaparaoa, who presented the prizes and the Science Fair cup. The Whangaparaoa Lion's Club kindly donate prizes for this event each year.

Well done to our place getters and finalists, who will go on to compete in the North Harbour Science Fair against hundreds of learners in our region on Friday 13 November at Massey University.



1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners

<b>1st Place</b>	Charisa Bayes and Zoe Pedersen
<b>2nd Place</b>	Chloe Wu
<b>3rd Place</b>	Noah Collier and Kosta Gladiadis
<b>Technology Category Prize</b>	Aleisha Alders

### Runners up

Aimee Beard and Jessica Washer  
Sam Creagh  
Amelie Murray  
Lucy Jackson  
Siina Cooke and Savanna Ward  
Rose Schultze

For more pics, click [here](#)

## Mathex

On Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 October, 28 of our learners travelled down to the Barfoot and Thompson Stadium in the city to take part in this year's Mathex competitions. Each team consisted of 4 members – 3 'math experts' and one 'math expert/runner'. Around 200 teams from various schools in Auckland competed each evening, meaning a total of around 1600 learners in total took part.

Once the teams had assembled on the competition floor and the rules had been read out, the clock was started and the next 30 minutes were a massive frenzy of mathematical energy!

The competition involved the teams being given one question to answer at a time. Once they got the question right, they were given the next question and so on, until they had either answered all 20 questions correctly or the time was up.

Unfortunately, none of our teams managed to place in the top 10 this year, but everyone who took part had a great time and it was really awesome to see so many learners from all the different schools enjoying themselves so much whilst doing math!

A huge thank-you goes out to the teachers who organised the teams and helped them to train for the event, as well as those who travelled down to the city both evenings. A big thank you also goes to the parents who helped out with transport, and of course all of the learners who gave up their time to train for and take part in the competitions – see you all again next year!!



## Year 7 Maritime Museum Trips

Year 7 classes had a great time visiting the Auckland Maritime Museum this week. The trip highlight was a sail on the famous scow the Ted Ashby. We sailed under the Auckland Harbour Bridge and some lucky learners got to see a bungy jumper from below!





## School Ball

On Saturday 31 October, the Year 12's and 13's had an amazing night at the 2020 Ball held at the Hilton. The night was full of dancing and singing, as well as the legendary Prefect's dance. It's such a great experience being able to bond with everyone during the night, along with seeing the teachers and learners all dressed up and looking their best. It was definitely a night to remember! The venue was decorated perfectly, thanks to the ball committee for designing the theme and who were there earlier to set everything up for the evening. A lot of memories have been made for everyone who attended, along with many keepsakes to remind ourselves of the fun we had. Thank you to everyone who made it spectacular!



*Mid Summer  
Nights*

Date: Saturday 31st October  
Time: 7.00pm - 11:30pm  
Place: Hilton Hotel  
Bring ID and tickets upon arrival



## Sport

We have some great Summer Sport happening for WGP in Term 4!

**Waterpolo** has begun with a bang with our Year 7/8's competing in their first tournament of the year, The Winter Festival.



The team had 3 wins against St Mary's, Sacred Heart and Murray's Bay, placing them in the semi-finals - which they won!

With a tough game against Remuera Intermediate they pulled together some great play against a strong defence, but couldn't quite pull off a win - going down 7-4 to win the silver medal.

This team should be super proud of this effort, 2nd out of 18 teams is amazing! They have all been training really hard and totally deserve this result.

Our Year 9/10 team is also off to an amazing start to their season with 3 wins out of 4 games, in the North Harbour and Auckland Champs League. Well done everyone!



**Congratulations** to **Sam Bright**, last year's Head Girl who has made the New Zealand Women's Senior Waterpolo team.

Great to see our Seniors getting a chance to represent again attending the Harbour 7's **Rugby** Tournament. We took a Senior Boys and an U15 team. It was an awesome effort from the boys on the day!

Coming up this term we have some **Zone Days** for Year 7 & 8's that were previously postponed:

**Basketball** and **Volleyball** were moved to Term 4 due to Covid restrictions, so the teams could still play and what fun days they were! With both a boys and girls team for each sport, they were busy days and all teams played hard and had some great games!

The girls had a great day at the **Gymnastics** Zone Day. Well done to all our girls who attended and competed.

A special congratulations to **Alisa Coker** who placed joint 1st in Bar.

Also to **Ashlee Reed, Alisa Coker and Issie Champion** for placing 2nd for Team! (see pic)



## Free STAR Courses 2021



### FREE STAR short courses for Years 12 & 13 in 2021.

There will be a variety of Free STAR courses available to senior learners in 2021. The STAR programme is a resource for schools that is aimed at assisting senior learners in finding a suitable pathway into work or further study.

STAR is commonly known as a "Taster" course for an industry a learner may find appealing as a career option. The STAR courses are a fun, practical way of having a taste of the industry along with the opportunity to gain NZQA Unit Standards.

Possible courses for 2021 are:

Interior Design	Introduction to the Defence Forces	Adventure Education
Barista	Introduction to Childcare	Introduction to Tourism
Adventure Tourism	Tour Guiding	Flight Attending
Animal Care	Hairdressing	Presenting Workshop
Screen Acting	Cyber Security	Fashion & Media Makeup
3D Animation	Film	Photoshop
Gaming	Web Design	Design & Layout
Communication	Preparing for the workplace	

Please see **Mrs Barnes in Careers** or email [Careers@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:Careers@wgpcollege.school.nz) if you would like to register your interest in any of the above industries for next year.

## Careers

Ever wanted to fly, shoot, tramp, camp and make new friends all in one go?

**Air Cadets** is an awesome, military-style youth organisation for 13-15 year olds (or if you are attending Year 9 in 2021), that offers all of these things and more! Get a chance to develop teamwork, discipline and leadership through the many activities, courses and competitions we hold. Interested?

- Join us at our open day on 22 November 10.00 am to 12.00 pm at Hibiscus Coast RSA, 43a Vipond Road, Stanmore Bay
- Email us at [recruiting@5squadron.org.nz](mailto:recruiting@5squadron.org.nz)
- Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/5squadronatc>
- or visit our website: <https://www.5squadron.org.nz/join-us>



Below are some links for a range of apprenticeships available in NZ.

Have a read and see if any of these paths would suit you for a career:

<https://www.seek.co.nz/apprenticeship-jobs/in-All-Auckland>


<https://www.careers.govt.nz/courses/find-out-about-study-and-training-options/apprenticeships/>

<https://bcito.org.nz/>



## Stressed about Exams?







The Coast Stress Less Initiative is a free community event to help empower learners to succeed during the NCEA exams.





**EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO SUCCEED**  
16TH - 28TH NOVEMBER  
HOSTED AT OREWA BAPTIST CHURCH, 2 LOOP RD

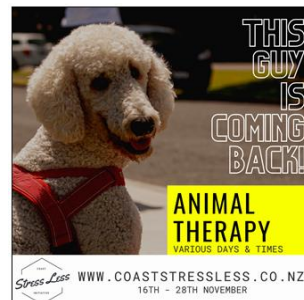
TOTALLY FREE

	MON 16TH	TUES 17TH	WED 18TH	THUR 19TH	FRI 20TH	SAT 21ST	SUN 22ND	MON 23RD	TUES 24TH	WED 25TH	THUR 26TH	FRI 27TH	SAT 28TH
<i>Study Space</i>	8AM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM	1PM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM
<i>Chill-out Zone</i>	8AM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM	1PM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM	8AM - 7PM
<i>Emotional #1 Workshop</i> <small>LEARN HOW TO MANAGE YOUR EMOTIONS</small>	1PM - 2PM												
<i>Emotional #2 Workshop</i> <small>LEARN HOW TO MANAGE YOUR EMOTIONS</small>		1PM - 12PM											
<i>Animal Therapy</i> <small>12PM - 1.30PM</small>				12PM - 1.30PM									
<i>Emotional #3 Workshop</i> <small>HOW TO MANAGE YOUR EMOTIONS</small>							1PM - 2PM						
<i>Animal Therapy</i> <small>9.30AM - 11AM</small>								9.30AM - 11AM					
<i>Sweet Study Success</i> <small>7PM - 9PM</small>									7PM - 9PM				
<i>Emotional #4 Workshop</i> <small>LEARN HOW TO MANAGE YOUR EMOTIONS</small>										2PM - 3PM			
<i>Animal Therapy</i> <small>11AM - 12.30PM</small>											11AM - 12.30PM		
<i>Equipped</i> <small>7PM - 8.30PM</small>												7PM - 8.30PM	

WWW.COASTSTRESSLESS.CO.NZ



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## 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, [ginnyc@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:ginnyc@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

<b>November</b>	6	Year 7 Maritime Museum Trip, 7JAR/7SHH Pod Trip to Shakespear
	8	Evolocity Challenge, Whenuapai Air Force Base
	9-10	Year 7 First Aid
	10	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Training Day Year 10 Speech Competition
		Enrolment Evening, 4.00-6.30 pm
	11	Kick Start, 9.30 am-1.00 pm
	<b>12</b>	<b>Seniors' last day, Year 13 BBQ &amp; Parade</b> Year 11-13 Final Assemblies
	13	Athletics Zone Day NIWA NH Science & Technology Fair, Massey Uni.
	13-14	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Tramp, Tawharanui L2OUED Shakespear Park Camp
	<b>16</b>	<b>NCEA Exams begin</b> Year 8 HPV2 Vaccine Year 9&10 Auckland Tag Champs
	16-17	L2&3 Barista Course & L2&3 Communication Course
	16-18	Year 10 Camp, Group 1, Marsden Bay Christian Camp
	16-Dec 2	International End of Year Activities
	18	Kick Start & Parents Evening Enrolment Evening, 4.00-6.30 pm
	18-20	Year 10 Camp, Group 2, Marsden Bay Christian Camp
	<b>19</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day</b>
	20	Top Team Zone Day

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

## 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](mailto:colinwa@wgpcollege.school.nz) or leave a message with the college office.

**Materials Technology** have some learner projects needing support from an **Auto-Electrician**.  
If anyone can refer a good contact, please advise Colin Watts, [colinwa@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:colinwa@wgpcollege.school.nz) or leave a message with the college 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](mailto: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 10 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](http://www.kenziesgift.com)

### 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

Specialised in Teen Sports / Growth Injuries



Coast Physio Group

**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 9.00 am to 2.00 pm**

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

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**