



WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

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Newsletter

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When one teaches, two learn. Robert Heinlein

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From the Principal's Desk

As you may know, I like to tell stories at assemblies that hopefully help people understand and/or remember the point of my message. Some prefects have asked me to put one of these stories down in print – so here we go. This is the story of about the wee satchel I had when I started primary school, way back in the early 1960's. It was a tiny little leather satchel about 25cm x 20cm x 5cm. Hardly big enough for a reasonable lunch!

Anyway, about ten years ago my Mum found the satchel in the back of one of her cupboards, and returned it to me. She had actually kept it all these years! The satchel reminded me of the quote, "I carry my satchel still", that is attributed to the famous Renaissance artist Michelangelo. As learners have heard me say many times at school – learning is something we keep doing right through life. It's not just learning facts and figures. We constantly have the opportunity to learn more about how to get on well with others, how to contribute, what to do to be a better person tomorrow than we were today, and much more. Learning keeps us active, interested, and interesting.

So, every day when I sling my current (somewhat larger) satchel over my shoulder I wonder, "What will I learn today?" – because I know there'll be something.

Skateboards and Scooters

A reminder that skateboards and scooters are not permitted to be ridden on the school grounds. This is for the safety of all of our learners and staff. Learners are welcome to skateboard or scooter to and from school but they must lock their skateboards and scooters up during the school day at the bike racks.

Excellence Prize Giving

Our Excellence Prize Giving is being held on Wednesday 2 December and parents/caregivers of award winners have been sent an email.

Thank you for your contribution.

Go well

Ka kite ano

James Thomas, Principal

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Congratulations

The following learners received Gifted Awards from the Ministry of Education;

Alex Lu 12HOL for Level 2 Science

Ariana Hunt 10GEM for Tennis classes

Elsdon Monk 7LIT for Saxophone classes and an Engineering Kit

Valerie Shearer 7WRE for Singing and Piano classes

Bonita Menezes

HOD Physics, GATE Co-ordinator

Year 13 learner **Kian Manilal** has just received the Bill Buckley Engineering Scholarship (presented by Mr Buckley) to attend Auckland University in 2021, to study Mechanical Engineering. Well done!



Madison Blackburn



PRESS RELEASE: 11 November 2020

Young wahine top awards at Blue Light Camp at Motu Moana, Auckland

Two young women Rangituhia Peeke (15) and Madison Blackburn (Downs) (16) walked away with top awards at the recent Blue Light Life Skills camp held at Motu Moana in Auckland from 2 to 6 November.

They beat an exceptional group of young people from across Aotearoa to win their awards with Rangituhia taking out the Overall Excellence Award and Madison the Overall Merit Award.

Year 10 Speech Competition

Our Year 10 Speech Competition was held last week, with support from the Whangaparaoa Lions Club, who provided judges and prizes.

Finalists were **Noah Goodwin, Emily Klaver, Tara Peters, Hannah Brennan, Daisy Klinkhamer, Hafsah Loukili, Alina Hesse & Sophia Scanlan.**

Final results were:

Daisy 1st place
Hannah 2nd place
Noah 3rd place

For more pics, click [here](#)



Evolocity

Two Engineering teams from Whangaparaoa College Technology entered the Auckland Regional Competition - Evolocity NZ. <https://evolocity.co.nz/> Both teams did very well, with impressively well-built electric vehicles. Congratulations to Year13 **Kian Manilal, Kenny Clarke and Liam Dobson**, winning their category 350w Bikes in the Drag Race event, Efficiency event and the Gymkhana. Also placing second in the Innovation category.

Year 12 **Katie Nottage**, and Year 11 **Theo Montes, Liam Pelling and Dean Baker** while not achieving a win, did very well with their Open category 700w Trike; coming second to a carbon fibre 1kw vehicle. Excellent teams and awesome support from parents made the day and we look forward to 2021.

For more pics, click [here](#)



Howick Historical Village Visits

All the Year 7 classes visited the Howick Historical Village to discover what life was like in the past. They participated in a 'real' court case, played with skittles, stilts and quoits, demonstrated greeting a teacher inside the classroom and tried some cursive handwriting. They were also shown how someone was caned! The photos show 7TURK from Friday 16 October. It was a fun day which was enjoyed by everyone.



Music Department

Music Performance at The Gulf Harbour Yacht Club

On Friday 6 November, the music department filled the Gulf Harbour Yacht Club with wonderful sounds! The audience were treated to performances from our Senior Choir, the Big Band, the Jazz Combo and our Junior Wind-band. It was wonderful to be able to perform to an audience after a year without many performances! Thank you to Mr Ward and Mr Dolbel for organising a great evening.

Ms Enright

HoL The Performing Arts



Maritime Museum Visits

Year 7's recently experienced the 'Ara Moana Ocean Roads' session at the Maritime Museum.

We discovered the amazing knowledge and innovation used by our Polynesian ancestors to conquer the mighty Pacific Ocean long before the time of celebrated European maritime explorers. The shores of Aotearoa were discovered by Polynesian explorers heralding the arrival of our first people - Māori.



For more pics, click [here](#)

House Cup




It was such a surprise and an honour to be the winners of the 2020 House Cup. The competition was amazing and I'd like to thank the other house leaders for their efforts in organising and running the house events alongside us. Even with **Water House** taking the victory, I do believe after this years events, this is a win for everyone and I'm so glad we all managed to make this year as enjoyable as it could be.


Caitlin Hamilton

Heath Lisle & Caitlin Hamilton


Year 7-10 Café Orders




Year 7—10



**Please pre-order your lunches
while the Seniors are away
as we don't have a lot
in stock.**





(and we don't want you to go without)

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 if you would like to register your interest in any of the above industries for next year.

Careers



No. 5 (Rodney District) Squadron Air Training Corps

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
- Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/5squadronatc>
- or visit our website: <https://www.5squadron.org.nz/join-us>

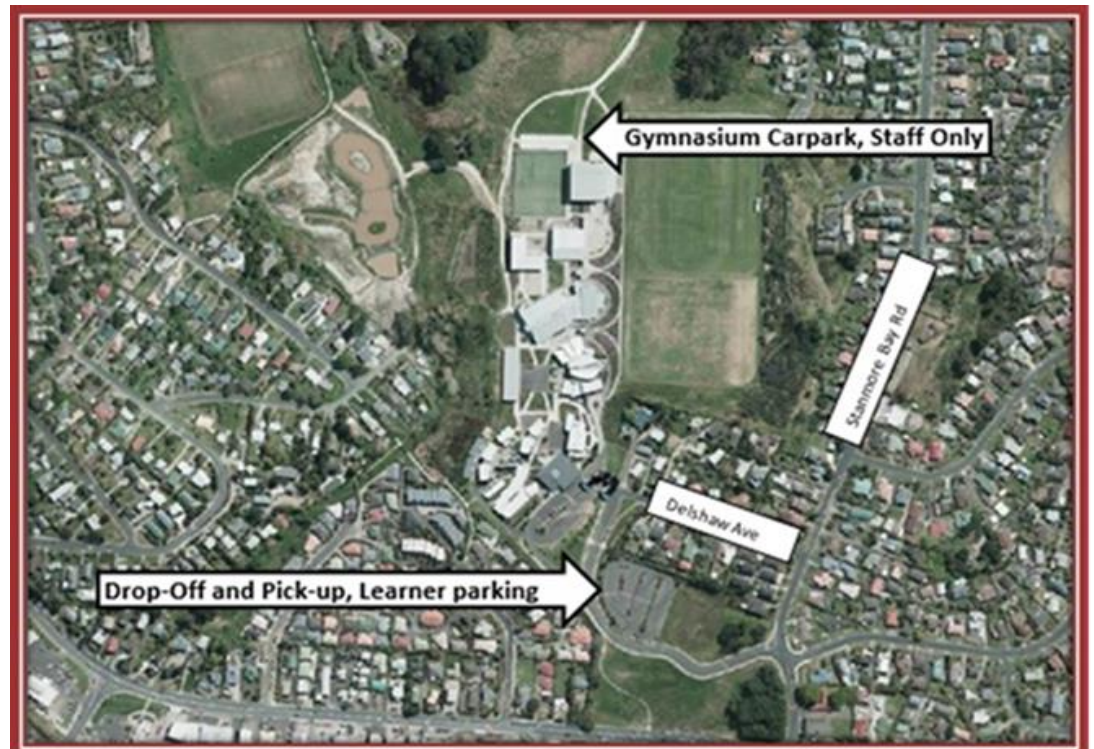
Carparks, Drop-off and Pick-up Zones

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

November	19	Teacher Only Day
	20	Top Team Zone Day
	22-26	Junior Girls & Boys Volleyball Champs, Tauranga
	23	Kickstart
		Year 8 Te Hana Trip, 8HGG/8HLL/(part)8AHN
	24	Year 8 Te Hana Trip, 8FRA/8WOF/(part)8AHN
		Year 5 visit – Games & Taster morning
	25	Kickstart
		Whanau Hui, Te Maramara a Tane, 7.00 pm
	26	Year 8 Te Hana Trip, 8DMR/8LND/(part)8AHN
	26-28	Waterpolo Junior NI Champs
	27	Year 10 French Bakery Trip
	28-29	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Tramp, Motutapu
	30	Year 8 Te Hana Trip, 8BEG/8ENR/(part)8AHN
December		Year 9 Speech Competition
	1	Year 7 Beach Carnival Day
	2	Touch Zone Day
		Excellence Prizegiving, Auditorium, 6.30 pm
	7	Leavers Dinner, The Good Home
		Year 7 and Year 8 Final Assemblies
	8	Year 9 and Year 10 Final Assemblies
		School Finishes at 12.30 pm
	9	Last NCEA Exam
	10-12	Silver Duke of Edinburgh

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

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.

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.

stowaway Lockers



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 or leave a message with the college office.

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



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

**Help us support families on
the Coast this Christmas.**

Many families on the Whangaparaoa Peninsula will struggle this year to provide food and Christmas presents to their children. Staff from our Kāhui Ako have an opportunity to partner with The Salvation Army to help bring a little Christmas cheer to the Coast this year.

Any amount you can contribute is much appreciated.

**The Salvation Army bank account: BNZ
02-0390-0176385-00. Please use reference
'CMgifts'.**



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