



# WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

*Together □ Believe □ Achieve □ Ngātahi whakapono tutuki*



## Term 4 Tales 2019



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## Kāhui Ako

The Term 4 Whangaparaoa Peninsula Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) Newsletter can be viewed [HERE](#)





# From the Principal's Desk

For those of you who were not able to attend the Excellence Awards Prizegiving on Tuesday 3 December, I will share my speech.

*Kia ora tatou whanau*

*Kia tau mai te Aroha, nga manaakitanga o te Atua*

*Special Guests, Board members, Staff, Whanau and Learners....*

*It's great to be here this evening to recognise and celebrate so many types of excellence. First, I would like to thank our wonderful learners – actually there wouldn't be much happening at a school without you, so thank you for making all this possible.*

*Thank you to our teaching and support staff. We all know that the magic happens in the classroom – or the gym, workshop, on the field, or on the stage, etc. Our teachers are creating that magic with our learners and the rest of us support it.*

*I would like to thank our parents, friends and whanau for supporting both the endeavours of our young people and our efforts as a school. We are certainly part of an essential partnership. Thank you also to the many volunteers, our Board of Trustees and especially, our Board chair Heidi Parlane; all of whom contribute so much.*

*These days we hear a lot about the pace of life, the amount of change that is happening, how busy we all are, etc. I can tell you that this sentiment hasn't changed across my four decades of involvement in the education sector.*

*I could at this point outline changes that will, or might, be occurring with our curriculum, assessment practices, appraisal, technology, property, school governance, and/or funding. Actually, I will comment on the funding situation – the amount we receive from the government is simply not enough to provide the type of education we all want for our young ones, the type of education they deserve. That's why we need to charge a range of fees – thank you for your understanding, and contributing to your child's education in this way.*

*Right, back to my thoughts with regards 'changes'. In any time of great change, the most important things remain unchanged. There are many "important things" but for me these four stand out – connections, hope, achievement and contribution. These will keep us young and healthy; and ensure we are a pleasure to be around!*

- The importance of our connections and relationships with others is self-evident; but they do not just happen by magic, and sadly we do not always give them the attention they deserve.*
- Hope is a powerful drug. Without hope, without a positive vision of the future we will struggle. Let's look to the future with hope, and encourage others to do the same. Tihei mauri ora – behold there is life.*
- Let's all find something we are good at, something we enjoy doing, and do it! And this is where the school provides so many opportunities. This will ignite a flame within each of us; a flame that will unleash our passion and our potential; a flame that will give us a special energy and sense of purpose.*
- Contribute to the lives of others. Sounds simple; sounds almost ho-hum; but this one brings an amazing return on investment. Here's a suggestion for our learners: if you don't already, start tomorrow morning by making your folks a morning cup of tea or coffee.*

*So – connect, hope, achieve and contribute. They're good for us, they're good for others; and they will help us cope with the tough times. They align very closely with our Whangaparaoa motto – Ngatahi Whakapono Tutuki; Together, Believe, Achieve.*

*At the end of Term One 2020, we will be losing one of our treasures, I want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Jo White for her fourteen years of outstanding contribution to our fine school. We wish Mrs White and her husband Larry all the best for their adventures beyond April. Until then, we will make the most of the last term she is still with us.*

*Next year is 2020 – sounds rather special! I'm looking forward to achieving our 20/20 Vision; and the adventures ahead. Meanwhile, let's finish the year well. I wish you all the best for Christmas and the summer break.*

*No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou*

It has once again been a pleasure partnering with you all in 2019.

Take care and have a great summer!

Ka kite ano

**James Thomas, Principal**

### **Week 1 2020**

Please be aware that some aspects of the first three days of school next year will be different than previously.

- **Year 7** will all meet at the Auditorium for a Powhiri at 8.40am on Wednesday 29 January and then be with their Kaiārahi for the rest of the day. They will follow a normal timetable on Thursday and have a Year 7/8 tabloid sports day on Friday. Please remember to send them to school with a hat, sunscreen and lots of food and water.
- **Year 8** will be with their Kaiārahi on Wednesday, have activities on Thursday and a Year 7/8 tabloid sports day on Friday. Please remember to send them to school with a hat, sunscreen and lots of food and water.
- **Year 8-13 new learners** will have a Powhiri at 11.00am on Wednesday 29 January.
- **Year 9-13** will be with their Kaiārahi from 8.40-11.00am on Wednesday. The only other commitment Year 9-13 learners have after 11.00am on Wednesday and for Thursday and Friday will be a 15 minute appointment with their Kaiārahi. This meeting will be for learners to have a discussion about the year ahead and their goals. We will use the school interviews booking system for these interviews. Login details will be sent the week before school starts.
- **Year 8-13 class lists and ACG rooms** will be on display outside admin at the start of Wednesday 29 January so these learners know where to go. Prefects will be available to take new learners to their classrooms.

## **Excellence Prizegiving**

### **2019 Top Awards**

Kings Empire Veterans Junior Cup for Community Contribution: **Xavier Mika**

Kings Empire Veterans Senior Cup for Community Contribution: **Heleina Vaha**

The Grant Dabb Cup for Outstanding Contribution to Whangaparaoa College –

Male: **Nikash Prakash**

The Stephen Parker Cup for Outstanding Contribution to Whangaparaoa College –

Female: **Jade Maloyd**

Proxime Accessit: **Alan Chien**

Masonic Lodge Cup for Dux: **Asha Burdess**

### **Prefect Executive for 2020**

Head Boy: **Lucas West**

Head Girl: **Amy Horton**

Chair of Learner Council: **Alex Jones**

Deputy Head Boy: **Kian Manilal**

Deputy Head Girl: **Holly Dowler**

For more pics, click [here](#)

## Junior School Production



Wow! A fantastic job by an awesome bunch of learners from Year 7, 8 and 9. Two performances that were entertaining and full of joy. This musical would not have been possible without the efforts of the backstage crew, which included learners from a range of year groups working extra hours on sound, lighting, costume and props. We have a talented group of learners and staff who dedicate time and effort into the performing arts here at Whangaparaoa College, and you all can be very proud of your achievements this year.

Well done to you all.

**Emma Williams, HoL The Arts** For more pics, click [here](#)

## Congratulations

In August 2018, three of our teacher aide's **Lee, Melissa and Adie**, enrolled in an 18 month, Level 4 New Zealand Certificate in Health and Well Being Advanced Support Course.

The course develops the skills and knowledge required to support and empower people with complex needs. Over the next 12 months they sat 13 papers which involved a significant commitment around family and work life. With their dedication and support from teachers, Melissa completed her course in July with Lee and Adie completing in October.

The course has given them a stronger understanding of our tamariki, their whanau and our wider community. It has also advanced their knowledge in the ability to care for our learners. Congratulation ladies and well done!





## Year 9 & 10 Community Service



In week 7 we held our annual Community Service afternoons for Year 9 and 10. The learners were responsible for liaising with a local community business or charity and assisting them in some way.

We had a wide range of activities going on including; working with local primary schools and day-care centres, the public library, Hospice shop, Love Soup, the City Mission, animal rescue centres and our emergency service volunteers.

Our learners represented our school well and enjoyed being out and about in the community.

There has been great feedback and we look forward to continuing on with this event next year.

For more pics, click [here](#)

## Sports



**Kosta Gladiadis** has been very busy with his Yachting lately, with some excellent results.

Well done Kosta!

Open Skiff Gold Fleet

Stack Winter Champs 2019 (1st Place)

Hibiscus Coast Youth Regatta 2019  
(2nd Place)

Napier Sailing Club Summer Regatta  
2019 (3rd Place)

Yachting Zone Day Year 7-10 Regatta  
2019 (2nd Place)

We had 3 **Volleyball** teams playing this term. Our boys team finished 3rd in their North Harbour competition, the Year 10 girls finished 3rd in their grade and the Year 9 Girls finished 2nd. Well Done teams! All will be carrying on into Term 1 2020, with an additional 2 teams in the senior competition. Junior Girls pictured.





Our **Junior Girls Touch** team had a great competition this term placing second in their grade.

Congratulations to **Shay Heta** who attended Auckland Athletics recently competing against those who qualified from their Zone Athletics events. Shay ran the 100 metre for Year 7 Boys and came 10th. Well Done!

**Boys Futsal and Girls Fast Five Netball** (pictured below), travelled down to Tauranga for the U15 Blue Light Games. They had a fantastic couple of days in this tournament, with both teams taking out 1st Place in their codes. Well done teams, such an awesome result!





# Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Journey

## 23 - 24 November 2019

A full contingent of learners turned up at the downtown ferry terminal early Saturday morning, no one put off by the experience of the practice journey. It was a beautiful morning for a ferry ride over to Rangitoto Island. We let the hordes of tourists get a head start before starting our trip up the maunga. After a fun side trip to the lava caves, we reached the summit and enjoyed the amazing views as we ate lunch. We then tramped down the other side and headed towards the causeway that links Rangitoto and Motutapu Island. After clearing customs, we headed to Home Bay campsite, passing through rolling paddocks in which endangered Takahe roam wild (we saw one!).

The camp site was a welcome sight after a long hot day, and we raced down the hill to pitch our tents in the shade of huge old trees. We were exhausted, so it was a fairly early bed time after a delicious 3 course meal of dehydrated 'food'. Everyone was up bright and early on the Sunday morning for our walk back to the ferry via the hot, but interesting, coastal track that meandered past cute old baches and lava fields. There was time for a cup of tea and biscuits while we waited for the ferry, that deposited us back in downtown just in time for the end of the Santa parade – what a contrast to the empty quietness of Motutapu Island.

We had a great weekend thanks to a lovely small group of learners who hardly ever complained, usually had smiles on their faces and mostly had a lot of fun!! Thanks guys, hope to see you all doing Silver next year!

A very huge thanks also to the wonderful Mr Peddie.

**Mrs Sinclair**

**Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Leader**





## Tuatara Baseball

The Auckland Tuatara rubbed shoulders with Whangaparaoa players one late December afternoon. Lucas (from California), Jonny (from Alaska) and Emerson (from Venezuela) put us under the pump with fielding and batting drills. A great session was had by all as we learned focus, perseverance, breathing, dealing with failure and other life skills through the game of baseball.

Thank you Tuatara players for taking time out during your busy training schedule, and thank you Libor's Mum for providing the magnificent cake to farewell the super stars.  
For more pics, click [here](#)





## Cultural Excellence Award



"Kia ora, Aloha, Talofa lava, and many Pacific Greetings, I'm Skye and I'm Teata and we're Coconut Collections! A business where we've created 100% unique cards with Maori and Polynesian Myths and Legends on them. Coconut Collections aim to respect diversity and support children, families and communities with products and services encouraging Māori and Polynesian culture."

Teata (Aalyana) and Skye are two Year 13 learners who have worked incredibly hard this year in their final year of Business Studies. They have seized multiple opportunities that have been available to them through this subject and wider community. Through the Young Enterprise scheme, the girls were invited to present their first collection of beautifully designed Maori Myths and legend cards. Not only were they awarded Top 6 Businesses in the region, they were also presented with the Cultural award.

The girls should be extremely proud of themselves. We look forward to their Pasifika collection next 😊





## Enrolments 2020

There are no more enrolment evenings this year.  
If you have not yet enrolled your child for 2020, please do so at one of the times below:

Tuesday 21 January 9.00 am – 12.00 pm

Wednesday 22 January 9.00 am – 12.00 pm

If you are unable to come on either of these days, we cannot guarantee the learner will be able to start on Wednesday 29 January.

## 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](#) enter the code: **BYOD2020**

## Upcoming Events

<b>December 2020</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>End of Term 4, School finishes at 12.30 pm</b>
	20	Admin Opens
<b>January</b>	21-22	Enrolments 9.00 am-12.00 pm
	<b>29</b>	<b>1st Day of Term 1, All learners 8.40 am</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Waitangi Day Holiday</b>
	11	Year 7 Meet the Teacher, 7.00 pm
	11-14	Year 13 Camp, Pipers Lodge
	11-14	School activities for non-attendees of Year 13 Camp
	18	L2&3 Excellence Breakfast, 7.45 am
	20	Class and Portrait/ID photos

**For more information from our school calendar [click here](#).**

## Community Notices

Don't let your Children lose the skills they have learned at school this year! Keep their brains fired up with Kia Māia te Whai – Dare to Explore, a fun, free summer reading programme for ages 5-12. Sign up online from 18 November, and pick up your activity booklet from Auckland Libraries. Come along to free events throughout the holidays, meet other explorers and learn new and exciting facts. Visit [www.daretoexplore.nz](http://www.daretoexplore.nz) or [www.kiamaiatewhai.nz](http://www.kiamaiatewhai.nz) for more details.

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## Whangaparāoa Community Hub



The Whangaparāoa Hub Community Trust are currently seeking Board Members to provide governance support to the Whangaparāoa Community Hub. With the success of an initial pilot and ongoing operation, the Hub Trust is looking to continue to develop the current facility. This includes delivering a vibrant space that brings people together and enables community groups to deliver activities, as well as assisting in supporting new initiatives. The Trust is looking for people with skills and abilities who can contribute to the continued development of the Hub and Trust. We are also excited to be offering this opportunity as we enter the next phase of scoping and developing a permanent purpose built community space for Whangaparāoa.

If you would like further information about the role and an application form please reply to [kym.burke@cosynergy.co.nz](mailto:kym.burke@cosynergy.co.nz)



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