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Newsletter

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The strength of the team is in each individual member.

The strength of each member is the team.

Phil Jackson

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From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora Tatou

The end of the 2019 academic year is fast approaching. Our senior learners are in the midst of study leave and sitting their external exams. It is great to see the seriousness in their approach and the way they conduct themselves around the invigilators. Our remaining Year 7-10 learners have a variety of challenges left in the remaining three and a half weeks; whether that is in 'Mulan', our Junior Production; volunteering and taking up leadership roles in Year 10; involvement in our Year 9 and 10 community service days, Year 7 and 8 Disco's or off to Mount Maunganui for the Blue Light Games.

Our Robotics team from Year 9 were also massively successful in their regional competitions and qualified for the National finals – well done guys.

Last week marked the 101st anniversary of Armistice Day and I was lucky enough to take 4 Year 10 learners to the RSA to commemorate the occasion with the remaining veterans and the Air Cadets. Our learners, whether with me or in the Air Cadets were a credit to the College and involved themselves in the ceremony and also spending some precious time with the older folk.

Having 4 weeks standing in for James Thomas is as always a privilege and gives me the opportunity to reflect on our College. The learners and teachers never fail to make me feel proud of the place with their commitment and their cheerfulness.

I hope you have all got some plans of some description for the Christmas holidays, near or far. Please make sure that your tamariki get a good mix of exercise, rest and being social. A good book, a run, a swim, having some good family time all fulfil these criteria.

Nga mihi nui

Graeme Williams

Enrolments 2020

There are no more enrolment evenings this year.

If you have not yet enrolled your child for 2020, please phone **Tracey O'Neill on 09 424 9177** and make an appointment as soon as possible, so that we can place your child in an appropriate class.

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Year 13 Parade and Leaving Assembly

At this time of year we sadly but proudly see our Year 13 learners leave for their exam study break. They come for a BBQ, colourful parade around the school and final assembly. We wish them well for their exams and for the beginning of the rest of their lives outside of the College.



Vector EPro8

Four Year 7/8 learners competed in the Vector EPro8 Challenge on 7 November.

It was amazing to see how they worked individually and collaboratively to solve the challenge. These individuals are the future of Whangaparaoa College. Excellent work has paid off and they have qualified to compete in the GRAND FINALS. Yeah! Congratulations to **Paige Sweetman 8SRI, Zach Juntilla 8SRI, Caleb Harris 7TURK and Jess Quayle 7SMM.**

For more pics, click [here](#)



OneWorld Robotics Competition

Two teams of 5 Year 9 learners competed in the 2-day OneWorld Robotics Competition on 16 and 17 November. Both teams did AMAZING work. Team Pluto impressed the judges with their excellent critical thinking and communication. They were awarded 2nd place in the Overall Category, 1st place in the Future Skills Category AND 1st place in the Presentation Skills Category. They have qualified to compete in the Global competition in March 2020 in Sydney. Please congratulate these learners:

Lenny Maguire 9HAZ, Shiven Pillay 9HAZ, Layla Warren 9HAZ, Noah Goodwin 9HAZ, Angus Cameron 9GFR, Angus MacLeod 9GFR, William Mueggenburg 9GFR, Mila Tapp 9GFR, Charlotte Newton 9GFR, and Terry Whittingham 9GEM.

For pics and video, click [here](#)

Armistice Day



As some of you may know, the 11th of November is Armistice Day. This day marks the end of World War One and the signing of the armistice between the Allies and Germany. Every year, there is a commemorative service held at the Hibiscus Coast RSA.

This year, 4 Year 10 learners attended this service, to show their support and gratitude towards the RSA and remember the sacrifices that were made for the freedom of our country. It was a very touching service and we would like to thank the RSA for organising the whole event.

Thank-you.

by Rosie Louise Risbrook

Duke of Edinburgh

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze – the practice expedition was held on the weekend of 9 and 10 November, with 11 keen Year 10 learners in the beautiful Tawharanui Regional Park. Saturday was spent hiking around the peninsula, soaking up the views and sun. After moonlit games of tag and spotlight on the beach, everyone slept well in their little tents. On the next day, after a variety of breakfast choices, Maurice (the ranger) organised saws and loppers for us to tidy up the vegetation around the camp ground. A bunch of very quiet, tired learners were then handed back to their parents. It was a great weekend, we hope everyone enjoyed it and will let you know about the recent Motutapu tramp.

Maria Sinclair



"The Human Knot"

Science and Technology

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Adam Dobbyn** and **Kian Manilal** from Year 12, for being successful in securing two of the 40 seats available to New Zealand Secondary Schools to attend 'The Rotary National Science and Technology Forum 2020'.

This Forum is a programme aimed at high achieving, well-rounded science, maths and technology learners in Year 12 at New Zealand Secondary Schools. At both Rotary Club and Rotary District level, selection is based on positive personal qualities and proven scholastic achievement.

Junior Production



A yellow poster for the Disney Junior production of 'Mulan'. The title 'Disney MULAN JR.' is at the top, with 'Disney' in its signature script and 'MULAN JR.' in large, stylized letters. Below the title, the dates 'Wednesday 27 November' and 'Thursday 28 November' are listed, followed by 'Start 7pm' and 'Doors Open 6:30pm'. The text 'REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE CASH ONLY' is centered. Ticket prices are listed as 'Adults: \$20, Gold card: \$15, Students: \$10', with a note 'Tickets on sale at Learner Accounts'. Credits for music, lyrics, and book adaptation are listed in smaller text. At the bottom, there are three small logos (a blue square, a green square, and a white swan) and the text 'WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE'.

Disney MULAN JR.

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Thursday 28 November

Start 7pm
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Music and Lyrics by
Matthew Wilder and David Zippel,
Stephen Schwartz,
Jeanine Tesori and Alexa Junge

Music Adapted and Arranged
and Additional Music and Lyrics by
Bryan Louiselle

Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by
Patricia Cotter

Based on the 1998 Disney Film "Mulan"
and the story "Fa Mulan"
by Robert D. San Souci

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia)
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia


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Leadership Programme

White jumpsuits, lego, and torrential rain... The best recipe for a Leadership Camp!

Every year, CYC Youth Workers help facilitate the Whangaparaoa College Leadership Camp. The intention of the camp is to develop the new leaders of the school, and identify the prefects for the year ahead.

This year it was held at the Red Beach Surf Life Saving Club. Approximately 40 learners attended - along with three of our Youth Workers and school staff.

Libby (24-7 Youth Worker) reports...

"Leadership camp is a really good space for people to display their natural leadership skills without having the pressure of having to prove themselves or try and put on a performance."

"This year, I got to join in on the full day workshop that happened during the school holidays. It was a fun day and everyone learnt a little bit more about themselves, about their peers, and about leadership. I had a great time getting to know some of the Year 12's that I haven't had much to do with, as my usual focus is on intermediates."

"I had the chance to join one of the groups as they went through a series of activities. This was a really good opportunity to see close up how everyone worked together and to see who naturally stood out amongst the group. Overall the day was highly successful, despite getting drenched in the rain- haha!"



For more pics, click [here](#)

Sports

Waterpolo Year 7/8 NI Champs

Congratulations to our Year 7/8 Waterpolo team for placing 3rd at the Year 7/8 North Island Champs in B Grade over the weekend.

*A few words from their manager – "4 days of tough competition resulted in a bronze medal match against Kristen A and they had the biggest comeback of the tournament. After a terrible start, they were down 6-0 at halftime but they never gave up and came out firing in the 3rd and 4th quarter, scoring 6 goals to tie 6-6 at the final whistle. This resulted in a penalty shoot-out....some amazing goal keeping by **James White** and some power shots by our WGP players won us the game!! Such a great team of fighters!!*

*A massive thanks to Coach **Cassie Bayes**, for all you have done with this team this year... (hope you liked your unexpected swim after the game....lucky you didn't have your phone in your pocket!)"*



Year 7 & 8 Athletics Champions 2019

Year 7 Girls

1st Ayana Roberts

2nd Jess Smalley

3rd Keira Holbrook

Year 8 Girls

1st Noelani Roberts

Year 7 Boys

1st Hunter Simmons

2nd Carter Finn

3rd Jai Allan

Year 8 Boys

1st Kevin Aaron

2nd Hiden Snowden

3rd Jack Phillips

Athletics NH Zone Day

Athletics NH Zone Day took place last week with a number of our learners competing. Well done to all the learners who qualified for this event and an extra special congratulations to **Noelani Roberts** who placed 1st overall in North Harbour for Year 8 Girls High Jump, **Shay Heta** who finished 3rd overall in Year 7 Boys 100m and **Cameron Horsford** who placed 4th overall in Year 7 Boys Long Jump. **Joel Brewer** also placed 4th overall for Year 8 Boys Long Jump!

Careers

Student Job Directory

MoneyHub has published a comprehensive directory of student jobs for summer 2019-2020. With 50+ well-known employers listed and links to their student job application details, there is something for everyone. Getting a summer job is a lot easier with this guide, exclusive to MoneyHub. To access the guide, visit the [MoneyHub Student Job Directory](#).

Attendance Matters

Attendance is an important issue that affects the whole community – your school, learners, parents and whānau, iwi and the wider community. Learner attendance has a clear influence on their engagement and achievement. All learners must be present at school, so they can participate and engage in learning.

If learners arrive at school after 8.40 am, they need to sign in at the main office. If they are going to be away from school sick for three or more days, please provide the ACG Kaiarahi or Tutor with a copy of a Medical Certificate.

Please remember to leave a message on the Absentee line or e-mail absences@wgpcollege.school.nz if they will be away for full or part days, and state the reason. Thank you.



Upcoming Events

November	20	Girls Beach Volleyball, Mairangi Bay Year 10 Massey University Taster Day Kick Start, Programmes 1&2
	21	Year 7/8 Kiwi Kick Zone Day, Sunnynook
	22	Top Team Zone Day Year 8 Disco
	23-24	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh, Motutapu
	24	NZ National Evolocity Challenge, Hamilton
	25	William Pike Hikoi, Army Bay
	26	Junior School Production Matinee
	27	Year 9 Community Service Day Year 7/8 EPro8 Semi-Final
	27-28	<i>Mulan</i> – Jnr School Production
	27-29	Tauranga Blue Light U15 Games
	28	Year 10 Community Service Day
	29	Year 10 French Bakery Trip
	3	Excellence Prizegiving, Auditorium 6.30 pm
	9	Leaver's Dinner
	10	Year 7&8 Final Assemblies
	11	Year 9&10 Final Assemblies School Finishes at 12.30 pm
December		

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](#)

Stowaway Lockers

Be in quick – limited lockers available.

If you wish to reserve a locker for 2020 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 no longer require your locker in 2020, 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 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 within one week of the end of Term 4, and must be posted to:

Stowaway Lockers, 220 Ngunguru Road, RD3, Whangarei 0173.

Refunds will be direct credited to your bank account in January 2020.

Community Notices



Supporting success in your school.

If you're a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you take out a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate \$500 to your chosen participating school.

\$500

ASB's lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply.
Eligibility criteria - Documentation of the facility agreement must be done by 30 June 2020.
For this promotion to apply, you must make mention of it during the home loan application.
Only applies to loans which are secured by residential owner-occupied property with a minimum of 20% equity. The offer is limited to one donation per new home loan. The donation will be made to the chosen school on complete draw-down of the home loan. Excludes lending through brokers. Full eligibility criteria, exclusions, terms and conditions are available at asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school.html

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Contact your local Whangaparaoa ASB Branch on 09 421 9810 for further information on great home loan rates, and how you can help support Whangaparaoa College with a \$500 donation.

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