



# WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

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## Newsletter

Term 4 Issue 1

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### From the Principal

**Full School Assembly:** It was a real treat on Wednesday to have a full school assembly. We have these about three times a year in the gym and it's an opportunity to come together as a school, recognise outstanding effort and celebrate success. We also enjoyed being entertained by our talented Jazz Combo. A real feature of the assembly was to have Susie Klaver and Tom Burnett (our Head Girl and Head Boy) address the learners with their inspiring, interesting and challenging speeches.

**Threats and Abuse:** At Whangaparaoa College have 1500 wonderful young people who are here to engage with their learning, interact with their friends and have good days. We also have about 140 staff – 96 teachers plus a wide range of support staff who work hard every day for the good of your sons and daughters. Our staff and learners do not come to school expecting to be on the receiving end of threats and abuse. I recently placed a trespass order on one of our parents because they came to school and abused staff and learners. That parent is no longer welcome on our grounds. I will not tolerate rude, threatening and/or abusive behaviour directed towards anyone at our fine school. Respect is a key value and I expect all those involved with the College to uphold this value and always be a good example for our learners.

**Leadership and Peer Support:** Each year at about this time we run the Year 12 Leadership Programme. We are always impressed by the calibre of the 45 or so young adults who give up their time to improve their understanding of leadership. During the programme, they have input from our committed Youth Workers and members of the Senior Learning Team; as well as lots of opportunity to engage with, and learn from, their peers.

**2019 Improvement Plan:** The Board of Trustees last week adopted the following as our over-arching statement that expresses our intentions for the next four years:

At Whangaparaoa College (2019-2022) we will Know and Grow our Learners & Staff

....so their Hauora (overall well-being) is developed and enhanced.

Our Learners and Staff will be:

- ready
- connected
- passionate

Now we will set specific goals, as well as plan actions, that will ensure we achieve our strategic objectives.

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**Staffing 2019:** We had another successful enrolment evening this week with 65 more new enrolments for 2019. During one of the enrolment interviews, a mother asked me how we are being affected by the shortage of teachers that exists in Auckland. I was pleased to be able to say that we are in good shape with regard next year's staffing. Yes – we have staff leaving to retire, for promotion and to pursue other adventures. However, at the moment, we are fully staffed for 2019. I'm delighted to say that two of our new team members are outstanding young teachers who were previously learners at our College.

To our seniors who have NCEA External Exams – all the best. Remember to do everything your teacher told you.

To our Year 7-10 learners – work hard right up until Wednesday 12 December, and you'll be amazed how time will fly!

Ka kite ano



**James Thomas**  
Principal

## Careers

**PASIFIKA STUDENTS EVENING – Tuesday 30 October (6.00 – 8.00 pm)  
@ Victoria University, Level 4, 50 Kitchener St, Auckland CBD:**

Due to the growing number of Pasifika students making the move to Wellington to study at Victoria University, we are running an event for Auckland students and their families to learn more about transitioning into university studies, their (new) home away from home in Wellington, finances, support services, course planning and enrolment assistance, and other key information.

Parking and light refreshments will be provided onsite.

For parking and catering purposes please RSVP to:

[info-auckland@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:info-auckland@vuw.ac.nz) by 5.00 pm Monday 29 October.

Any questions about this event, please contact: Tapu Ve'a – Pasifika Liaison Officer [tapu.vea@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:tapu.vea@vuw.ac.nz)

## Lockers

**Be in quick – limited lockers available.**

If you wish to reserve a locker for 2019 or keep your current locker, you will need to fill in an online order form at [www.stowawaylockers.co.nz](http://www.stowawaylockers.co.nz) as soon as possible.

If you no longer require your locker for 2019, please let Stowaway Lockers know by email [info@stowawaylockers.co.nz](mailto:info@stowawaylockers.co.nz). You will need to return your key by post at the end of the term, sellotaped to a piece of paper that has your details on it, 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 Term 4 ending, and can be posted to: Stowaway Lockers, 220 Ngunguru Road, RD3, Whangarei 0173. Refunds will be direct credited to your bank account in January 2019.

**stowaway Lockers**



## Big Band Performance

The Big Band performed at the Hibiscus Coast Hospice Swing Fundraiser last Wednesday, and played really well. As always, they represented the school brilliantly.

You can catch their final performance of the year on Sunday 28 October, at the RSA on Vipond Road. See below ad for details.

**Come along and let us entertain you.**

# *Whangaparaoa College Big Band*



## *Hibiscus Coast Community* **RSA**

*43a Vipond Road Stanmore Bay*

*Sunday*  
*28th Oct*      **2 pm.**

*\$5:00 pp Door Charge Applies*



## Sports Excellence Awards

Congratulations to the following for Sporting Excellence Awards:

Year 7 & 8 Team of the Year – Year 7 & 8 Rugby League Zone Day Team  
Year 7 & 8 Sports Girl – Ariana Hunt  
Year 7 & 8 Sports Boy – Isaac Brown  
Junior Sportsperson - Cassie Bayes  
Intermediate Sportsperson – Liam McNulty  
Senior Sportswoman – Samantha Bright  
Senior Sportsman – Seamus Kelly  
Service to Umpiring – Kian Manilal  
Sportsmanship – Jennifer Mowat  
Contribution to Netball – Pip Wood  
Contribution to Sport – Jezena Gilmore  
Coach of the Year – Nathan Stockman  
Team of the Year – Rugby League Senior Boys

### **Blues and Merits:**

Jennifer Mowat – Lacrosse  
Seamus Kelly – Surf Life Saving  
Jamie Ward – Surf Lifesaving  
George Chignell – Waterpolo  
Thea Stout – Swimming  
Frazer Callaghan – Swimming  
Ashlee Pepper – Squash  
Joel McMullen – Longboard  
Summer Bourne – Tag  
Noelani Roberts – Tag and Netball  
Jonny Milne – Judo  
Jade Milne – Judo  
Georgia Taylor – Cheerleading  
Jade Hughes – Surf Life Saving

For this year MVP's and MIP's please go to:

[https://www.wgpcollege.school.nz/Arts%20%20Culture/Sports/Achievements/MVPs%20and%20MIPs?\\_live\\_edit=1&mv\\_pc=2379](https://www.wgpcollege.school.nz/Arts%20%20Culture/Sports/Achievements/MVPs%20and%20MIPs?_live_edit=1&mv_pc=2379)

## Metagenomics Day

Did you know that your human body is made up of just as many bacterial cells as human body cells? Yes, that's right, you are 50% foreign bacteria! This is just one of the interesting facts a group of lucky Year 12 learners discovered at Massey University's annual "Metagenomics Day" on Saturday 29 September.

The objective of the day was to extract DNA from soil samples and sequence the DNA in order to identify some of the millions of bacteria present in soil. Over a hundred learners from as far as Mount Maunganui College in the Bay of Plenty, attended the workshop. Learners used cutting edge lab equipment at Massey University's Albany campus. They conducted real research, similar to work conducted by PhD students; their data will ultimately be used for a real project conducted by researchers, at the Universities of Auckland and Massey.

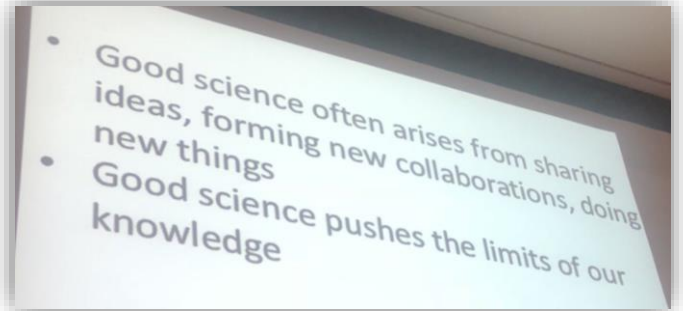
Learners worked in pairs and were given their own unique soil sample. Highlights of the day included using pipettes that could measure tiny amounts – (as small as one thousandth of a milliliter); isolating and amplifying DNA from a unique sample of soil; and finally competing against each other to see who could name the location of an unknown sample of DNA (the answer was - the gut of a bee)!



Three of Massey University's Biology professors led the day, sharing with us their amazing research and inspiring us to learn more about the tiny, tiny, tiny world of bacteria and viruses.

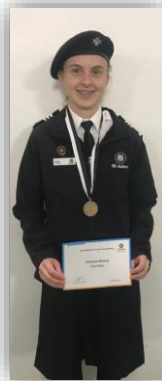
Participating Learners:

Jack Bain  
Charlotte Blackman  
Gavin Bouck  
Shanae Carter  
Sarah Clarke  
Jamie Cruickshank  
Danielle Pepper  
Kathryn Storey



For more pics, click [here](#)

## St John's First Aid

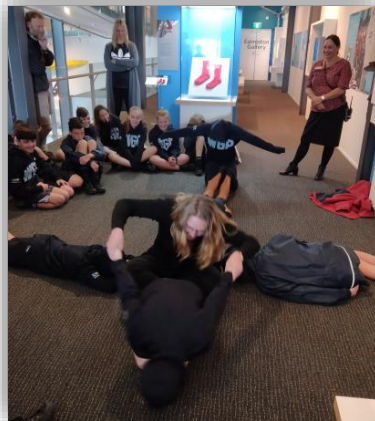


Congratulations to **Paige Robinson 10MUE**, a St John's First Aid Cadet, on achieving her Grand Prior Award. Over the school holidays she placed 1st in her region, and has been selected for the Youth Nationals. We feel very proud and much safer knowing that Paige is in our school, and will act competently if any accidents happen.



## Year 7 Maritime Museum Trips

One of these is a photo of Jean Batten's flight around the globe, and the other the Americas Cup win by Sir Peter Blake. The task was to use your team to show a "Journey" to the class, and the class had to guess what Journey the team was on. We also sailed under the Auckland Harbour Bridge, and had an amazing time learning from the wonderful educators at the Maritime Museum.



**Yvonne Carleton**  
**7CRL**

## Upcoming Events

<b>October</b>	25-28	Year 7&8 Waterpolo North Island Champs
	27	Year 12 Leadership Programme
	28	Big Band Performance, Silverdale RSA, 2.00 pm
<b>October</b>	29-Nov 2	Choi Kai You School (Hong Kong) Year 7 Group Visit
	30	Last Day for Seniors
	31	Year 13 Parade and BBQ
<b>November</b>		Year 7&8 Epro8, Silverdale Primary School
	1	Boy's Badminton Zone Day
		Girls Badminton Zone Day
	2	Year 7 Maritime Museum, 7JAR/7TURK
	7	Year 7&8 Athletics Day
		NZQA Exams Begin

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

## ASB Supporting Whangaparaoa College

If you are a parent, staff member or a member of the school community and draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate \$500.00 to your chosen participating school.



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 \$500.00 donation (see ad below).

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# \$500

Lending criteria and terms apply to home loans. Fees may apply. Eligibility criteria: documentation of the facility agreement must be done by 30 June 2019; mention of this promotion must take place during the home loan application process to ensure eligibility. Only applicable to loans which are secured by residential owner-occupied property with a minimum of 20% equity required; excludes lending through brokers; Limited to one donation per customer. Donation will be made to chosen school on complete draw down of the home loan. For full eligibility criteria, exclusions and further details see <https://www.asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school.html>

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### LAST EVER POP – UP STORE

NZ Uniforms will be on site at Whangaparaoa College in the auditorium foyer for two days for the last ever pop-up store.

**Tuesday 15 January – 10.00 am to 7.00 pm**

**Wednesday 16 January – 9.00 am to 3.00 pm**

For further information or online uniform purchases;

Ph: (09) 477 6300

Email: [albany@nzuniforms.com](mailto:albany@nzuniforms.com)

Website: [www.nzuniforms.com](http://www.nzuniforms.com)

## Community Notices



Casual workers needed  
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- Full driver's license
- Passionate about working with kids
- Buckets of enthusiasm
- Mobile device

- Live locally (we service Gulf Harbour to Silverdale/Dairy Flat)

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