



# WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

*Together □ Believe □ Achieve □ Ngātahi whakapono tutuki*

## Term 3 Tales 2018



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Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday break.  
Make the most of your time – read a book, take a  
walk and spend time with friends and family.

See you back on *Monday 15 October* for Term 4.

## CoL



**Community of Learning Update  
– Whangaparaoa Peninsula  
Kāhui Ako**

Please click [here](#) for the link



## From the Principal's Desk

**Market Day:** I've just come back to my office after enjoying a market day organised by Year 10 Business Studies learners. The range of food and entertainment was impressive. The learners certainly took to heart the requirement that they create something new and add value; not just on-sell. It was great to see the way seniors supported the occasion and helped out on different stalls. All of this is a lovely example of enterprise, collaboration and school spirit. My congratulations to Mrs While, the other staff involved and all the learners.

**Support When Concerns Arise:** As you may be aware, we have had more than our fair share of attention this year with the media. I thought I'd take the opportunity to make sure you knew about the support and resources that are available if learners or parents have any concerns, including concerns about instances of bullying. The first thing is to let us know – it's amazing what we can resolve if we know about concerns and work together. Subject teachers, Academic Counsellors, Heads of Faculty, Deans, Deputy Principals and I will make ourselves available to help if we become aware of concerns. We also have specialist staff available including a school nurse, Learner Support staff and Guidance Counsellors, depending on the nature of the issue; and a close relationship with Coast Youth Community Trust, whose Youth Workers are at school every day. Learners can make appointments with our Counsellors and Nurse without a teacher referral, and all discussions are confidential. If learners or parents wish to access support or report a concern, the first 'port of call' would normally be the learner's Academic Counsellor; but you are welcome to approach anyone, including our receptionist, who will get you in touch with the best person to help. Feel free to make contact by phone, via email or face-to-face, whatever works for you. If you feel a concern hasn't been resolved, we also have a [complaints process](#), which outlines the steps available for you to take. The link to this flowchart on our website is [here](#). We take concerns seriously, and will work with you to resolve them.

**Reporting to the Board:** In addition to the supports mentioned above, we are fortunate that our Board of Trustees takes an active interest in Learner well-being and engagement as well as Staff well-being and engagement. I report to the Board about these matters, in addition to reporting on Learner progress and achievement, at our bi-monthly business meetings. These meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend.

**Planning for the Best Future:** Following initial strategy sessions with the Board of Trustees and school leadership, there has been a FaceBook forum throughout September for those interested in discussing, and contributing to our planning for the future. My thanks to those who joined the group. Central to our thinking is that we want all our learners to THRIVE, and for their Hauora (over-all well-being) to be as positive as possible. To do this we will have strategies and actions that mean our learners will be ready, be connected and be passionate. The next step in the process will be to consider specific priorities and focus areas with the Board of Trustees as we firm up our strategic plan for 2019-2022.

**Senior School Examinations:** Our senior school examinations finished on Monday and over the last few days our NCEA candidates and their teachers have been reviewing their efforts and seeing what they need to focus on as they now set their sights on the NCEA External exams. After the break there are only two weeks and two days of revision before the seniors start their study leave. I know our learners want to do well, and your encouragement is important. Careful revision and completing old exam papers will make a huge difference. These papers can be found on the NZQA website; and you can also access supporting material from previous years, including answers.

He pai te roopu, he pai te kite, ka tupu pai a tatou tamariki  
With a good team and a clear vision, our children will thrive

Ka kite ano



**James Thomas**  
**Principal**

# Whangaparaoa Library & College Ambassadors

During Maori Language Week, we decided to visit the library to take part in the Art Trail that had been created.

Anaru and **7JAR** exchanged ideas on how to create a stronger link between the College and the library, and also ideas about how to enhance the library image. We look forward to building upon our relationship with the Whangaparaoa Library. Thank you Ms Martin for facilitating this visit.

From the Whangaparaoa Library:

*Hi team,*

*On behalf of Whangaparaoa Library, I want to thank you for spending time in the library yesterday. You were exemplary and a credit to your school. Thanks for your well thought out ideas about how to improve your experience in your library.*

*You are all stars!*

*See you soon!*

**Anaru Bickford**

**Senior Librarian**

**Whangaparaoa Library**



## Mathex 2018

On Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 August, 28 of our learners travelled down to the Barfoot and Thompson Stadium in the city, to take part in this year's Mathex competitions. The competitions were held on separate nights – with the Year 9 and 10 teams competing on the Wednesday evening, and the Year 7 and 8 teams on the Thursday evening. Each team consisted of 4 members – 3 'math experts' and one 'math expert/runner'. Around 140 teams from various schools in Auckland competed each evening, a total of around 1100 learners took part.

After a quick stop at McDonalds on the way down, (to ensure everyone had the sustenance required to survive the evening), we arrived at the venue to face our first challenge of the night – finding the rest of our teams. Given that there were several thousand people (including learners and their families) in various states of nervous excitement, we were lucky that we had pre-arranged a meeting spot, and things went pretty much according to plan!

Once the teams had assembled on the competition floor, and the rules had been read out, the clock started and the next thirty minutes were mayhem. Teams were given one question at a time, and the object was to answer as many of the twenty questions available in the time given. Five points were given for each correct answer, and teams were allowed to pass on a question, BUT once they passed on a question they weren't allowed to go back to it. This meant they had to be strategic as well as fast. Each time the team decided what their answer was for that question, the runner was sent to the front, where their marker either told them 'correct' or 'incorrect'. If the answer was correct, they were given the next question but if the answer was incorrect, the runner was sent back to the group to try again. Needless to say the runners worked extremely hard, as they were running back and forth the entire time. All present agreed that taking part in Mathex definitely counts as taking part in a sport, as everyone's heart rates were racing that night.

Although none of our teams gained places this year, everyone who took part agreed that it was a great experience, and they are already looking forward to taking part again next year. It really was amazing to see so many learners from so many different schools taking part, and being so energetic and enthusiastic about Maths.

Many thanks must go to the teachers who arranged the event and travelled down to the evenings, the teachers who trained our learners in the weeks leading up to the competitions, the parents who helped out with transport, and of course all of the learners who gave up hours of their time to train for, and take part in the competitions.

For more pics, click [here](#)



## Author's Visit



On Thursday 13 September, we were lucky to have New Zealand author **Rachael Crow** visit, and talk to a group of learners interested in her trilogy. Rachael's debut novel *Spark* has been a hit with avid readers of the young adult sci-fi genre. It has received a Storylines Notable Book Award, and was shortlisted for the Children's Choice Award. *Stray*, the sequel, hit the bookshops in September 2015, and *Shield* was released late 2016.

Rachael spoke to a group of about 30 learners while we shared lunch. She spoke of her five year writing journey, being mentored as a writer, and developing her sense of craft. We enjoyed her sense of humour, and her obvious love of words and writing. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet a working author, and gain some insight into their creative life.

*Spark*, *Stray* and *Shield* are available in our school library. Rachael's next novel, *The Rift*, is due to be released on 1 November this year.



*"I love words. I always have. I love the shape, sound and texture of them, and sometimes pinning them down, but I didn't always know I wanted to be a writer."*

**Rachael Crow**

# Science Fair

## NIWA North Harbour Science and Technology Fair 2018

After two terms of planning, researching, experimenting and creating display boards, Whangaparaoa College submitted ten Year 8 entries into the NIWA North Harbour Science and Technology Fair 2018.

Of the ten entries, we obtained six awards:

**Mila Tapp** - Black Creature - Bronze Award Material World (Chemistry)

**Laura Dymond** - Kiwi Shield - Silver Award (Technology)

**Rose Shaw** - Exercise and Memory - Silver Award Living World (Biology)

**Lauren Jackson** - Girls' vs Boys' Memory - Gold Award Living World (Biology)

**India Hughes** - The Race between Sugars - NIWA Chief Judges Special Prize

**William Mueggenburg** - Baseball pitching machine - First in category prize Physical World (Physics)

Current Year 7's can look forward to the Year 8 WGP College Science Fair next year beginning in late Term 1, with finalists presenting work on display boards ready for Options Night in Term 3.



For full pictures, click [here](#)

## Sport

We have had some really good results from our learners playing in various sports both here and away from school, and would like to say a big congratulations to them all.

**Triniti Netana-Nathan** has been selected as a squad member to the 2019 Under 17 National team, for Poi Tarawhiti O Te Raki Paewhenua. In February 2019, 10 players will be selected from this squad to travel to the Aotearoa Maori National Netball Tournament in Invercargill at Easter.

Our **Year 7/8 League Boys** went on to compete at the Auckland Champions of Champions after winning the Harbour Tournament, finishing 4th in Auckland in the Restricted U55kg Grade.



Our **Year 7/8 Hockey Storm** team won their Season grade - Mixed Intermediate Grade A.



**Cooper Murrie** and **Thea Stout** competed in the Auckland Swimming Short Course Championships.

Cooper won Silver in the 200m Butterfly and Thea won Gold in the 1500m Freestyle. Congratulations everyone on these great sporting achievements!

### AIMS

We took 50 learners down to Papamoa for the AIMS Games last week, playing in Football (girls and boys), Futsal, Netball and Basketball. They all had a great time competing against some tough opponents.

A very big thank you to all the coaches, managers and parents, who helped out so that our learners were able to attend this massive competition.



### Kieran Read Visit

We were extremely lucky to have been nominated to receive a visit from All Black Kieran Read, by Jill Ryan, a parent of two of our learners.

Many thanks to Swisse Vitality for the \$5000 donation towards sport here at Whangaparaoa College. It was great to hear Kieran speak to learners about mindfulness and nutrition, and the 1st XV had the privilege of being part of a skills training session with him!

## Big Band Performance

On Wednesday 17 October, at 7.30 pm, the Big Band will be performing at a concert in aid of the Hibiscus Coast Hospice, at Centrestage Theatre in Orewa.

**See ad in Community Notices for details.**

The Year 7 Band members will be performing at our annual Performing Arts Prizegiving on Tuesday 23 October. They will perform just before the show starts at 7.00 pm, as part of the pre-show entertainment.

The Big Band will also be performing at the Hibiscus Coast Community RSA on Sunday 28 October, at 2.00 pm. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

# *Whangaparaoa College Big Band*



## *Hibiscus Coast Community*

# **RSA**

### *43a Vipond Road Stanmore Bay*

## *Sunday*

## *28th Oct*

# *2 pm.*

### *\$5:00 pp Door Charge Applies*



## From the Nurse

With Daylight Saving just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about sun safety. Please ensure your child wears sunscreen to school, and has sunblock in their bag to reapply during the day.

WGP Peak caps and bucket hats are available to purchase from NZ Uniforms.

Being well hydrated helps learners to learn and concentrate, so please encourage your child to bring a full water bottle to school with them each day, and drink it. With the change to warmer weather, we start to see an increased incidence of head lice. Please check your child's head regularly, and treat head lice appropriately. It is far easier to treat head lice in the early stages. Treatments can be purchased from the pharmacy. The public health nurse is available to assist with head lice enquiries/concerns 09 427 0339.

**Hub Health Pop-in** is a new initiative at the Whangaparaoa Community Hub, 707 Whangaparaoa Rd (below Coast Plaza). No appointments necessary. It is a free and confidential service for people aged 3 – 18 years. Public health nurses El and Sue can assist with advice about a variety of health issues, eczema and skin issues, nutrition and diet, toileting, puberty, head lice, ear and eye health. They can also help connect you with other health services and support. Hub Health Pop-in is open Tuesdays 2.00 – 4.00 pm.

**Alexis Purvis | Registered Nurse**



## Upcoming Events

<b>September</b>	28	Last Day of Term 3
<b>October</b>	15	First Day of Term 4
	16	Year 12 Leadership Programme
	17	Year 7 Maritime Museum Visit, 7DUN/7CRL
		Hibiscus Coast Hospice Fundraiser, Centrestage, 7.30 pm
	17-19	Level 3 OUED, Motutapu Camp
	18	Level 2 Science, Stardome
	22	Labour Day Holiday
		Armageddon, ASB Showgrounds
	23	Touch Zone Day
		Performing Arts Prizegiving, Doors open 6.15 pm
	24	Enrolment Night, 4.00 – 6.30 pm
	28	Big Band Performance, Silverdale RSA, 2.00 pm

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

## 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).

### Community Notices

## Supporting success in your school.

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**NZ UNIFORMS**  
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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)

# OREWA LIONS CLUB PRESENTS THE NOEL CRAWLEY MEMORIAL JAZZ/SWING CONCERT

WEDNESDAY 17TH OCTOBER  
7:30pm - Centerstage Orewa

Tickets \$45 Available at Hibiscus House  
Contact Sue Gurr (09) 421 9180 [sue.gurr@harbourhospice.org.nz](mailto:sue.gurr@harbourhospice.org.nz)  
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Concert usually sells out so pre-purchase of tickets highly recommended!

For tickets:

Call: Lions Club on 0800 546 672 or pop into the Hospice Shops in  
Whangaparaoa, Silverdale or Orewa



## Old Games Wanted

We have a lunchtime club that needs those games that your kids don't play with anymore.

Any board game would be useful; Lego that doesn't get used anymore. Playing Cards, Chess, Pick-up Sticks etc.

Please drop them off at the main office and I will collect them from there.

Thanks for your support

Chris Brown (Special Needs Co-ordinator)

(Please, they need to be in a playable state)

## Sponsorship and Support

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