

# WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE Together D Believe D Achieve D Ngātahi whakapono tutuki

Term 3 Tales



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# Kāhui Ako



The Term 3 Whangaparaoa Peninsula Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) Newsletter can be viewed **HERE** 

### From the Principal's Desk

#### **Study Leave for Seniors**

On Friday 1 November, most Year 11-13 learners will be allowed the privilege of study leave. However, please note that not all learners will have study leave. Here's how we will decide:

Learners will be offered further opportunities to succeed in NCEA Internal Assessments (and not have study leave) if:

- 1. They do not have Numeracy/Literacy in their level of study.
- 2. Their total combined (internal credits to date plus external credits available) is less than 80 credits.
- 3. They are entered into less than 15 credits for the upcoming external examinations.

Learners will be allowed study leave if:

- They have achieved their year level certificate
- They can show their year level dean evidence, or a strategy, which will allow them to overcome factors 1-3 above.

#### Vaping = Smoking: Both are Unacceptable

To cut to the chase – I consider vaping as I do smoking. Both are bad for your health, both are a waste of money, and both are not acceptable at Whangaparaoa College. Some schools are having considerable problems with vaping but this is not our experience. We will continue to partner with parents, maintain standards for learners, and do the best we can to ensure vaping does not become an issue.

#### **School Donations Bill**

You will be aware that decile 1-7 schools will be able to opt to receive \$150 per student from the government if the school does not ask for a donation. Some schools will be better off; others not so. There are all sorts of issues around school funding, but in short... not enough of the \$13 Billion spent on education in New Zealand is getting to the 'chalkface'; an old term, but you get the picture. That's why at Whangaparaoa College we need to ask for a donation and charge a range of subject, trip and activity fees. Both of these allow us to provide the type and standard of education you desire for your children.

All the best for the upcoming break. Ka kite ano

ames Thomas Principal



# **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

# Vector EPro8

The Science department is looking for donations of old/used scooters and scooter wheels for the **Vector EPro8** learners' competition project. Please contact **Indi** at **indisr@wgpcollege.school.nz** 

### Careers



### Sport

**AIMS 2019** proved to be the most successful Whangaparaoa College has had in a long time, with some wonderful results.

All our swimmers made finals, with **Josh Bayes** producing 2 Personal Bests and gaining a Silver medal in 100m Freestyle and 2 Bronze medals in 200m Freestyle and 50m Fly.

**Cooper Murrie** was 5th in both 100m Butterfly and 200m Freestyle, and 9th in 200m Individual Medley. **Siina Cooke** was 9th in 50m Breaststroke and **Zoe Pedersen** was 10th in 50m Butterfly.



From left: Zoe, Siina, Cooper and Josh



Our Year 7 sailor **Kosta Gladiadis** finished an impressive 6th out of 35 in Open Skiffs.

We entered a number of mixed team sports for the first time, all doing extremely well, especially teams **Quick Rip** and **6-aside Hockey**.



Quick Rip (left), were extremely unlucky to miss out on semi-finals, losing 4-5 to the team that eventually won overall, and finishing in 7th place.

Our Hockey learners were in a tough pool, but gained important development over the week, scoring some great team goals.

Our **Netball** girls (right) made it through to the "tough" A Grade and finished up in a respectable 31st place - along with our **Football** boys. Overall it was an awesome experience, great development was gained, and we came away with great memories for life!





A massive achievement for our **Year 7/8 League** boys, finishing 3rd in the Restricted Grade at Auckland Champ of Champs.

We would like to acknowledge **RICOH** for providing our sports teams with water bottles for the tournament. Thank you!



We had a fantastic week at **Sports Camp** last week with 32 of our Year 7 & 8 learners.

This camp involves 9 different schools competing against each other in numerous sports - Monday through Friday. The learners were kept super busy playing from morning to night.

We did really well for our first year competing, coming runner-up for Petangue, Indoor Soccer and Bowls



and winning in Kayaking, Swimming, Chess and Draughts. We also received the "Quality Living Award". We are very proud of our learners!

### **NIWA North Harbour Science Fair**

Congratulations to our Year 8 prize-winners who recently won awards for their Science Fair projects at the **NIWA North Harbour Science Fair Prizegiving**. NIWA sponsors seven national science fair competitions. This year, ten North Harbour schools and over 120 entrants participated in the event held at Massey University on Friday 6 September. Winners and special prizes were announced at the prizegiving at Northcross Intermediate on Tuesday 17 September. A focus on climate change solutions and sustainability was highlighted by the keynote speaker, NIWA Meteorologist Chris Brandolino, (who you may have seen on your TV screens talking about weather).

Well done to the following Year 8 learners for winning prizes in these categories:

**The Standley Jober Cup: Zachary Collier 8CTN**. An elevator that transforms gravitational potential energy into light.

The Convener's Special Prize: Connor Barnett and Finlay Miller 8CTN. Potato Power.

Bronze Medal, Consumer Science: April Lodge and Katelyn Winter 8AHN. Iron in corn flakes.

**Bronze Medal, Earth Science: Lucas Wyeth 8GRE**. Which candle burns the quickest?

**Bronze Medal, Living World: Jonny Milne 8SRI**. Investigating the significance of the height of the "tori" (thrower).

In addition, well done to **Skylah Thompson 8SLP; Ananda Fox 8WEL; Oliver Marchant 8GRE; Ruby Teviotdale and Ava Barnard 8GRE and Jesse Lu 8BAY,** for their high quality entries which received positive feedback from judges.

#### Teresa Winstone Head of Junior Science



For more pics, click here

### Mathex 2019



On Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 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. Each team consisted of 4 members – 3 'math experts' and one 'math expert/runner'. About 160 teams from various schools from all around Auckland competed each evening, meaning a total of nearly 1300 learners took part.

Once the teams had assembled on the competition floor and the rules had been read out, the clock started and the next 30 minutes were quite literally a whirlwind. The large number of competitors all running in the same direction created enough of a vortex to create a 'wind' inside the building that was causing papers to fly off the tables!

The competition involved the teams being given one question to answer at a time. Once they got the question right they were given the next question, until they had either answered all 20 questions correctly or the time was up.

Several of our teams did really well - coming close to completing all the questions in the time frame. Other teams were faster on the night however, and none of our teams managed to place in the top 3 this year. Everyone who took part had a great time and it was really awesome to see so many learners from so many different schools enjoying themselves so much, whilst doing math!

Many thanks go out 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 their time to train for and take part in the competitions.



## **Upcoming Events**

| September | 27    | End of Term 3                                  |
|-----------|-------|------------------------------------------------|
| October   | 14    | Term 4 Begins                                  |
|           | 16-18 | L3OUED – Motutapu Camp                         |
|           | 22    | Performing Arts Excellence Evening, Auditorium |
|           | 23    | Full School Assembly, Gymnasium, 11.25 am      |
|           |       | Enrolment Night, 4.00 – 6.30 pm                |
|           | 24-25 | Year 7 Financial Literacy Programme            |
|           | 25    | Year 12/13 Drama Trip, Q Theatre               |
|           | 28    | Labour Weekend Holiday                         |

For more information from our school calendar click here.

# **Community Notices**



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