



# WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

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## Newsletter

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### From the Principal

**Maori Language Week:** Personally, I think every week should be Maori Language Week. The widespread acceptance and use of te Reo Maori in New Zealand should mean that we don't need to draw attention to one of our official languages. We have so much to gain from the traditions and customs of our tangata whenua. On Thursday this week, it was a treat to be with our senior learners of te reo and participate in the hikoia te korero (walk the talk), a walk with hundreds of others on Queen Street to celebrate te reo.

**Media and Social Media Attention:** Thank you to those who have contacted me in response to my two communications in the last week. The response of the kids at school, the staff, and the vast majority of the community has been heart-warming, as folk have been quite upset and indignant by the coverage in the media and on social media. It has been important to receive a retraction and apology from the Ministry of Education.

So now, let's move on, let's be open to learn, let's address issues as they arise, and let's continue to improve and do our best each day. We will work together to ensure an amazing educational experience for your young adults.

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

### Showquest

#### Art is Life, Life is Art

Thirty-one Year 7 learners took to the stage at Spark Arena Auckland on Wednesday 29 August. *Life is a great big canvas and we are all artists.*

*Whangaparaoa College encourage you to throw all the paint you can at it.*

Thank you to Makayla Devonshire, Esther Storey, Alylai Flynn and Jessica Newton, all Year 11 learners, who showed great leadership in putting this performance together.



For more photos, click [here](#)

## Enrolment Nights

### Street Address:

8 Stanmore Bay Road  
Whangaparaoa  
Auckland  
New Zealand

### Postal Address:

PO Box 775  
Whangaparaoa  
Auckland 0943  
New Zealand

**ENROL for 2019**



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**ENROLMENT NIGHTS**

Wednesday	24 October	} 4.00 - 6.30 pm
Tuesday	13 November	

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Email: [enrol@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:enrol@wgpcollege.school.nz)  
<http://www.wgpcollege.school.nz/Enrolments/Application+Forms.html>

## Whangaparaoa Seabed



This project was built by **Alexander Winks in Year 12** for his NCEA course task. (Materials were either donated or recycled).

*The table is a thick Macrocarpa slab inlaid with shells found by my grandmother from around the coast, over the years she has lived here, and they are sealed in with layers of epoxy. The epoxy not only seals the wood and shells for years to come, but also makes the grain of the wood "pop" - as you can mainly see from the thinner end of the top.*

*I built this table so it could be auctioned and hopefully sold, to raise funds for the NZ Cancer Society. I also did this in memory of my grandfather, who sadly passed away from cancer a few years ago. I don't want anyone to have the hardship of having cancer or seeing another pass away from it.*

**Alexander**

## Congratulations



We are delighted that **Aedan Burmester** (Year 10) has secured a part in Tim Bray's production of *Bad Jelly The Witch*. Aedan will be busy rehearsing over the next few weeks, and the show opens at The Pumphouse Theatre in Takapuna on Saturday 22 September.

We wish Aedan all the very best for a fantastic performance.

## Sport

### Rugby League

For the first time in the school's existence, our Inaugural Whangaparaoa College Rugby League team, attended the annual Secondary Schools National Competition held at Bruce Pullman Park, Takanini. With the squad consisting of a large number of boys with little rugby league experience, we knew the Development Tournament was a real opportunity for us to grow and develop as a squad. The boys went unbeaten through pool play, with great wins against Manawatu College, Haeata Community Campus (Christchurch), and Papakura High. As it was, our semi-final loss against Howick College, who went on to win the competition, was the end of our winning streak. We then went on to lose in a close second encounter with Papakura High, 26-20. 2019 is looking bright for Rugby League at Whangaparaoa College.



### Waterpolo Tournament

The Year 7 and 8 Waterpolo team did amazingly well this weekend at the Tim Sonderer Tournament. They played in B grade, as they smashed the C grade in the last tournament.

They ended up a very credible 11th out of 16 teams.

These players have all improved so much this year, and are looking forward to the North Island Championships at the end of October.

A big thanks to all the parents who are supporting these learners.





## Judo

Another shout out to our Judo learners **Jonny and Jade Milne**, who are doing incredibly well at the moment.

Jonny took home Bronze in his category, Under 36kg at Judo NZ North Island Champs. He is now ranked 4th in NZ.



Jade smashed it winning Gold at the Judo NZ North Island Champs for Under 52kg. She is now ranked (tied) 2nd in NZ. This is the highest she has ever been ranked!

Next up is the South Island Champs and then Nationals.



## Netball UNISS 2018

Our Team 1 netball girls spent last week down at Mount Maunganui, competing in the 2018 Upper North Island Secondary Schools Tournament. This tournament is one of the highlights of the netball season, with over 120 teams competing across 4 grades. The girls had a tough, but great week away, where they demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship and represented the college well. **Kian Manilal** also went away with the team as our umpire. After an outstanding week of umpiring, Kian was appointed to the B grade final. What a fantastic achievement, congratulations Kian.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the team throughout the week, with special mention to Brooke Storey, Sheree Mattson and Chris Winks, who organised and stayed with the team.

UNISS 2019 will be held at Netball North Harbour.



## Gymnastics Zone Day

**Jemma Day, Ellie Williams and Brianna Kennelly** attended the Gymnastics Zone day and placed first overall.

Congratulations on being this year's Gymnastics North Harbour Intermediate Girls Champions.



## Why do I pay for my kids to do sport?

One of my friends asked,

"Why do you pay so much money for your kids to do all their sports"?

Well I have a confession to make; I don't pay for my kids to do sports. Personally, I couldn't care less about what sport they do.

So, if I am not paying for sports what am I paying for?

- I pay for those moments when my kids become so tired they want to quit but don't.

- I pay for those days when my kids come home from school and are "too tired" to go to their training but they go anyway.

- I pay for my kids to learn to be disciplined, focused and dedicated.

- I pay for my kids to learn to take care of their body and equipment.

- I pay for my kids to learn to work with others and to be good team mates, gracious in defeat and humble in success.

- I pay for my kids to learn to deal with disappointment, when they don't get that placing or title they'd hoped for, but still they go back week after week giving it their best shot.

- I pay for my kids to learn to make and accomplish goals.

- I pay for my kids to respect, not only themselves, but other players officials and coaches.

- I pay for my kids to learn that it takes hours and hours, years and years of hard work and practice to create a champion and that success does not happen overnight.

- I pay for my kids to be proud of small achievements, and to work towards long term goals.

- I pay for the opportunity my kids have and will have to make life-long friendships, create lifelong memories, to be as proud of their achievements as I am.

- I pay so that my kids can be out on the track, field, court or water instead of in front of a screen...

...I could go on but, to be short, I don't pay for sports; I pay for the opportunities that sports provides my kids with to develop attributes that will serve them well throughout their lives and give them the opportunity to bless the lives of others. From what I have seen so far I think it is a great investment!"

## Careers

University Course Planning Visit Schedule for Term Four:

AUT	16 October	10.00 – 11.00 am
Auckland	17 October	10.00 – 11.30 am
Massey	18 October	10.00 – 11.00 am
Victoria	19 October	10.00 – 11.00 am
Otago	23 October	10.00 – 11.00 am
Canterbury	24 October	10.00 – 11.00 am

University Liaison teams will be at the college to provide one-on-one advice to senior learners regarding their Under-grad programmes, and final advice choosing their Majors.

See [Quick Links](#) for more Careers info.

## Upcoming Events

<b>Sept</b>	9-14	AIMS
	13	Year 10 BUST Tip Top Trip
		Hikoia te korero, Auckland CBD
	17-21,24	Senior School Exams
	18	Year 8 Trip – MOTAT, 8HAZ/8DAVD/8WILS
	20	Year 8 Trip – MOTAT, 8DOL/8BRJ/8NATH
	21	Year 8 Trip – MOTAT, 8GEM/8GFR/8VNG
	26	Girls Volleyball Zone Day

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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in your school.**

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**\$500**

**ASB**  
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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>  
ASB Bank Limited 56290 02478A 0718

## Community Notices



### 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)

### Whangaparaoa College Physio Clinic (established 2010) for Students & Staff

John Lanigan, Dip Phty, Dip MT.  
Physiotherapist 30 years



Neck or Back Pain  
Sports Injuries / Sprains  
Physio Rehabilitation after Plaster or Operations  
Specialized in Teen Sports / Growth Injuries

Conveniently at the College to reduce time out of class  
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Parents / caregivers welcome to accompany their child

#### Where?

**NOW MOVED Downstairs in Administration block beside the Careers Advisor**

#### When?

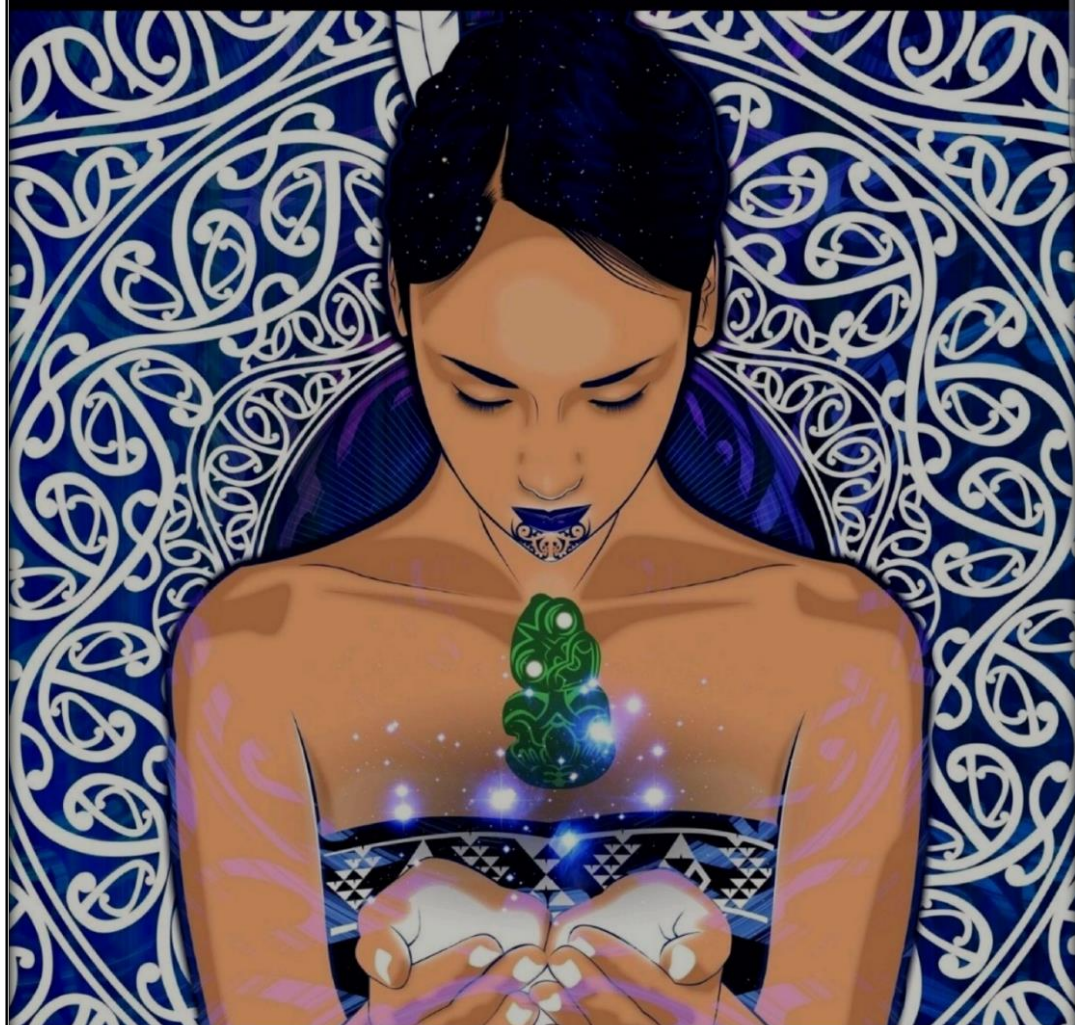
**Open every Monday, Wednesday & Friday 11.00 am to 2.20 pm**  
After hours treatments can be arranged at Coast Physio Whangaparaoa

To make an appointment or discuss your needs  
Phone / txt 021 187 3299 or Coast Physio 424 1309

**Proud To Support WGPC Sports Teams**



MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK: AOTEAROA 10-16 SEPTEMBER



## WHANGAPARAOA LIBRARY ART TRAIL

Local artists, schools, and kindergartens have come together to create a Maori inspired art trail. Collect all the kupu/words on the trail and go in the draw to win!

## Sponsorship and Support

**THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY BUSINESSES AND TRUSTS FOR THEIR SPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORT OF OUR COLLEGE LEARNERS.**



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