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Newsletter

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From the Principal

Planning for the Best Future – Join our FaceBook Discussion: Thank you to those who have sent an email, attended a forum, made a phone call, etc, with their thoughts, suggestions, and questions about the future focus here at Whangaparaoa College. We will soon finish consideration of the big picture and start looking at how to make our hopes and dreams actually happen. Everyone is keen to ensure that our learners THRIVE in the fullest sense; so that their Hauora (overall wellbeing) is positive and enhanced. We want our learners to be ready for the adventures and challenges ahead, to be well connected with strong positive relationships, and to be passionate! To help ensure their growth and development in this way, we will Know our Learners. Please join our FaceBook discussion [Here](#) and contribute as we plan for the Best Future.

Visits to 22 Other Schools: On last week's Staff Only Day, our Whangaparaoa College teachers headed off in small groups to visit 22 other schools, where we were shown around the school, met students, heard about the other school's key initiatives, spent time in curriculum areas and generally 'soaked up the atmosphere'. Then, we all headed home to Whangaparaoa College for a shared lunch and debriefed during the afternoon. The feedback has been very, very positive. It was so refreshing to get out and see how other schools do things, pick up good ideas for our further improvement, realise how fortunate we are in many ways, and have the time with colleagues to discuss/debate aspects of our educational practice.

Proposed Changes to Our House System: At the moment, we mainly have big inter-house activities related to the athletic and cross country for the whole school, and swimming with mass participation for those in Years 7 and 8. We have been reviewing how our learners can be involved in a range of activities, so they can enjoy contributing and competing, and feeling very connected. After discussions with learners, staff and some parents, we are considering the following:

- Academic Counselling Group's (Form classes) become the basis for our House System and learners are in whatever House their Academic Counselling Group is affiliated with
- Academic Counsellors stay with the same group of learners (as much as possible) and 'travel' through from year to year with them
- Where possible, Deans will move up to the next year level with their cohort of learners
- Year 7 Academic Counsellors (Homeroom teachers) are likely to stay as Year 7 Homeroom teachers – not 'travel' with their learners
- House activities will be based around Academic Counselling Groups

If you have any thoughts, ideas, etc, please let us know.

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


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Principal

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Learner Support Parent Information Evening

Tuesday 11 September, 7.00 pm in the Auditorium.

(Presentations 7.00-7.30 pm; Questions/Chat 7.30-8.00 pm)

Come along and get an update on what support is available for your children through our Guidance and Special Needs departments.

Lisa White, Deputy Principal, will give a brief overview of our Learner Support Team which includes our School Nurse, Counselling Team, Careers Team, Deans Team and Special Needs Team.

Kim Osborne, Guidance Counsellor, and Chris Brown, Special Needs Co-ordinator, will each speak about what support is offered by their teams and give an update of what changes/improvements are happening in each area.

There will be time for general questions, and an opportunity to speak briefly to, or make an appointment to speak with Kim or Chris at a later date.

School Tours and Enrolments

ENROL for 2019



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ENROLMENT NIGHTS

Tuesday	11 September	} 4.00 - 6.30 pm
Wednesday	24 October	
Tuesday	13 November	

TOURS FOR PARENTS & PUBLIC

Friday	31 August	2.15 pm
Thursday	6 September	11.00 pm
Monday	10 September	1.00 pm

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Attendance

At Whangaparaoa College, regular attendance is crucial to have a successful education.

- Attending school on a regular basis is hugely important. Every day counts towards a teenager's learning and pays huge dividends for their future.
- It's really important that you place importance on regular attendance. As always, teenagers learn by example and will take your lead. If you show a relaxed attitude to their going to school, then they will too. We have very high 'Medical' absences on our Attendance. Please ensure the medical absences are being used for valid reasons.
- The Ministry of Education is very clear that your child is legally required to be in school.

Jo White, Deputy Principal

Year 13 Classics - Vase Making

On Tuesday 7 August, the Classics class made use of the local Art Studio to experience what it is like to work with clay and create vases, similar to those we study.



We have since returned to decorate the vases using traditional clay slip. For more pics, click [here](#)



Music



Junior Choir

Wednesday 15 August was our first official performance at the Auckland Town Hall! Such an awesome venue.

We chose to perform 3 songs; 'This is Me', 'Perfect' and '42nd Street'. These were sung during the afternoon to a panel of judges and to other participating choirs.

In the evening concert, we sang our favourite '42nd street' and also enjoyed listening to the other school choirs perform.

So much experience was gained from this trip, not just by performing our pieces, but by watching others rehearse/perform and by being involved in a formal concert in such a magnificent venue.

It has given us so much motivation and excitement.

We cannot wait till next year!

Year 10 EPro8 Challenge

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1 Whangaparaoa Sharks	500
2 Northcote College Team	1470
2 Destroyers	470
4 Birkenhead College 1	460



Year 10 EPro8 Challengers take 1st place in semi-finals.

The Whangaparaoa Year 10 Sharks once again "mauled" their competitors in the EPro8 engineering and robotics challenge on Thursday 16 August at Mission Heights School. With nerves of steel, they managed to outscore the team they came second to at the heats, Northcote College, as well as teams from Birkenhead College, St. Mary's College, Waiuku College and Rosehill College.

EPro8 is an engineering and robotics challenge, where teams of four compete to build and design working objects like extendable fire truck ladders, safes with burglar alarms, and even booby traps designed to go off when a cookie jar lid is opened!

Congratulations to **Alex Callaghan, Sarah Harrison, Alex Lu, and Ben Muegenburg** on their win! Good luck for the final on Monday 3 September.

Teresa Winstone, Teacher of Science

For more pics, click [here](#)

Science Fair

Whangaparaoa College Science Fair was held last week, with a number of incredible entries. These top learner projects are going on to compete in the North Harbour Science Fair against a number of other schools:

William Mueggenburg, India Hughes, Laura Dymond, Rose Shaw, Macson Harding, Cohen Niblett, Axel Amkreutz, Mila Tapp, Lauren Jackson, Shiven Pillay, Noah Goodwin and Chloe Little.

We wish them the best of luck.

For more pics, click [here](#)



Sport

As the winter season comes to an end, we have several teams preparing for tournaments. There are over 50 learners going to AIMS, Seniors going to Rugby League and Netball, and an under 15 side in the Auckland Basketball competition – good luck to everyone!

The **Sports Excellence Prizegiving** is on **Thursday 27 September**, where top sport awards will be presented.

We have had unparalleled success with our Year 7 and 8's this year, with particular success in Waterpolo and League:



Well done to the Year 7/8 under 55 kg League team, who beat Orewa 1-0 in the final, to become champions of North Harbour. The team will now go on to represent the school in the greater Auckland competition. The team was coached by parent TK and staff member Mr Courtney.

Congratulations to the mixed Year 7 and 8 Waterpolo team who won their grade at Winterfest, beating Sacred Heart in the final of the C Grade competition. The team was coached by Sam Bright, and well done to goalie Aimee Bright, who won Most Valuable Player for the whole of her grade.



Dance

Congratulations to **Alyssa Howe** of The Dance Floor, on passing her Grade 2 BTDA Lyrical Exam with Distinction, and her Grade 4 BTDA Jazz Exam with Merit.
Well done Alyssa!



Comedy



My name is **Alice Cassidy**, I am 17 years old and I have been doing comedy for just over a year. I started when I was 16, and took part in a stand-up comedy course called Class Comedians. This course took high schoolers from Wellington and Auckland to a four-week workshop, where professional comedians came in to help hone our comedy skills. At the end of the course, I did a 6-minute set in front of 200 people at the Q Theatre, as part of the 2017 International NZ Comedy Festival.

Having finished the course, I decided I wanted to keep this comedy train rolling, so I started gigging as much as I could at The Classic Comedy Club, and other bars around Auckland that did open mics. I got some really fantastic feedback from audiences and pro-comics such as Dai Henwood, Jeremy Corbett, and Justine Smith. All this amazing support and my own personal passion for it, led me to getting into the semi-finals of the 2018 RAW Comedy Quest, launched in 1995.



The Raw Comedy Quest is New Zealand's biggest comedy competition, with \$2000 in prize money, and promises of further work as a professional comedian to be won. There were around 100 people who entered the quest this year, and only 20 got through to the semi-finals. I plan on continuing this passion and I cannot wait to see where it takes me.

Careers

University of Canterbury

'Parents as Career Educators' seminar – a free event to help parents assist their teens to consider ALL their future career or study options (including work, apprenticeships, university, polytechnic, private providers or other possibilities).
Thursday 6 September 2018, 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm at The Parenting Place, 300 Great South Road, Greenlane, Auckland.

Register online at: www.canterbury.ac.nz/events

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

Upcoming Events

August	29	Gymnastics Zone Day Boostrix Immunisation Catch-up Year 7 Showquest, Spark Arena
	30	CYC Trust – Understanding Myself
	31	L2OUED High Ropes/Rock Climbing, Birkenhead BCITO & Defence Forces Presentation, Auditorium
	31	Tour for Parents and Public, 2.15 pm
	31-Sept 2	Tim Sonderer Waterpolo Tournament
Sept	1-4	U15 Boys Junior Basketball, North Shore Events Centre
	2-7	UNISS, Mt Maunganui
	3	EPro8 Final, Mission Heights Junior College
	3-7	Secondary Schools Rugby League Tournament, Papakura
	4	Year 7 Vision Testing (incl. some Year 8) Lip Sync, Auditorium
	6	Mufti Day – theme “International” Lip Sync, Auditorium
	7	North Harbour Science Fair Zone Day, Massey University
	7-9	Year 13 Ski Trip, Pipers Lodge, National Park
	9-14	AIMS
	11	Enrolment Night, 4.00 – 6.30 pm Learner Support Parent Info Evening, 7.00 pm, AUD L2CHEM Trip, Marsden Point Oil Refinery
	12	Year 10 BUST Tip Top Trip

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

Communication Corner

Parents and caregivers, are you following our school Facebook page?
It's a great way to keep up with what is happening at Whangaparaoa College! ☺

Please find and like us here:

<https://www.facebook.com/Whangaparaoa-College>

Have you downloaded the
Whangaparaoa College App?

You can get daily notices, see calendar events,
login to the parent portal, fill in forms, use the
absentee button, receive alerts and MORE!



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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Community Notices

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
Discounted ACC Surcharge Only \$10 for School Clinic Treatments / Non ACC \$45
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



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)



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

Website: www.nzuniforms.com

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