



# WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

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## From the Principal

**Let's be The Hope:** From time to time we have guests address different groups of learners. We often receive good feedback, but seldom do a wide range of learners and staff keep referring to a guest speaker's address the day after, and the day after that, and the day after that as well. Last week, Mike King – comedian, reformed alcoholic and drug addict, mental health campaigner – gave two 50 minute talks at Whangaparaoa College. The first was to Years 10 and 11. The second to Years 12 and 13. Many teachers and support staff took the opportunity to listen to Mike. He was direct, real, moving, funny, supportive, confronting and encouraging. His message was simple and important – we all have challenges, let's be open to support, let's look out for others and be the hope others may need at this time. After his inspiring and challenging presentations, Mike stayed around for about an hour and spent time with all those who wished to talk with him. I thank Mike for his input and generosity.

**Planning for the best future:** At Whangaparaoa College, we want all those closely associated with the school – the learners, the staff, and others – to thrive. We want to ensure their Hauora (overall wellbeing) is positive and enhanced. We have a saying that is a constant reminder – "At Whangaparaoa College we will Know and Grow our Learners and Staff". Maybe we should aim to know and grow (in an educational sense) our community as well. We are currently planning how we can help set people up for the best possible day-to-day experience and future. We are thinking about what that looks like and what we need to do to ensure it happens. We want our learners and staff to be ready for the adventures ahead, to be well connected with strong positive relationships, and to be passionate. We welcome your involvement in our Strategic Planning process.

For those interested, we are holding a meeting at school – **6.00 pm, Tuesday 21 August** – or you can contact me directly via email, [jamesth@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:jamesth@wgpcollege.school.nz), or call me **DDI 424-9211**.

**NCEA external examinations:** At a recent senior assembly, I asked Prefects to give some advice to those who will be sitting external exams in the not-too-distant future. Three themes emerged:

- Don't procrastinate – start now. The best way to feel ready on the day of the exam and reduce pressure, is to do something each day – starting now!
- Take advantage of your teachers. They are here to help. They are your best source of advice and support.
- Do lots of old NCEA exam papers as practice for the real thing – Yes, the actual papers from previous years. These papers, plus the answers and comments about how to do well, are available on the NZQA website [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz) under "NCEA Subjects". (See [Quick Links](#).)

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**Extra-curricular support:** Thank you to the staff, learners, parents and others who coach, manage, direct, drive etc, our learners with their extra-curricular activities. Your contribution is greatly appreciated, and ensures that an important part of a broad, general, all-round Kiwi educational experience can continue.

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

**NZQA Fees**

NZQA fees are now showing on your child's account which can be viewed via the Parent Portal.

Can you please make your payment to Whangaparaoa College for this **before Friday 24 August**, so we can forward the payments to NZQA before the cut-off date in September. See our website for payment details.

If you have a Community Services Card, please contact Learner Accounts for a Financial Assistance Form, which will reduce your NZQA fee to \$20.00.

**Staff Only Day**

The college will be closed to learners on **Friday 24 August** for a Staff Only Day.

**School Tours and Enrolments****TOURS FOR PARENTS & PUBLIC**

Thursday 16 August at 11.30 am

**ENROLMENT NIGHTS**

Thursday 16 August

Tuesday 11 September

Wednesday 24 October

Tuesday 13 November

4.00 - 6.30 pm

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## Gateway

There are 50 learners who have participated in work experience so far in 2018.



If you are continuing into Years 12 or 13 next year, and you want some work experience, or the chance to gain an apprenticeship, or get a part / full time job, then please select Gateway as one of your options.

**For further information about Gateway:**  
**Please see Mrs McIntyre in E2 or email**  
**[suemc@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:suemc@wgpcollege.school.nz)**

For more pics click [here](#)

## Youth Leadership

Recently, we were honoured to have two of our Year 8 learners awarded the prestigious **Sir Peter Blake Trust Award for Youth Leadership**. This award is sponsored by Westpac, and the local Whangaparaoa Branch Manager came to present these awards to **India Hughes 8WILS and Jonte McCowan 8DOL**.

These two learners were nominated by the Year 8 Dean, Melanie Brown, for their strength in leadership and entrepreneurship.

"They are two strong, capable young people, with a bright future ahead of them. They epitomise what it is to be a learner at Whangaparaoa College, with their consistently positive attitudes and making the most of all opportunities on offer to them."



## Epro8 Challenge

*Would you be able to build a bed strong enough for your "Uncle Albert", that features a light that automatically turns on in the morning to wake him out of his deep sleep?* This is the type of problem solving, engineering and robotics challenge, that three teams from Whangaparaoa College solved to get points on the score board, in this year's Vector Epro8 regional heat, held at Northcote College on Friday 3 August.



The Year 10 team, **Whangaparaoa Sharks (see pic)**, "mauled" most of their competitors, finishing a ferocious 2nd to secure a place in the finals coming up in two weeks.

**Members:** Alex Callaghan, Alex Lu, Ben Mueggenburg, Sarah Harrison.

The Year 9 **Whangaparaoa Snappers** "nibbled" their way into 4th place in the last two minutes, then unluckily dropped to 5th place after all the final buzzers were pushed.

The Year 9 **Whangaparaoa Marlin** "took the bait" early, leading the Year 9 Snapper team from the start, but were "snagged" in the last minutes by a ladder that would not automatically raise when the judge was around – but did raise whenever he was not! The Marlin finished in a commendable 6th place.  
**All Year 9 Members:** Dean Baker, Enzo Gladiadis, Erika King, Jack Sweetman, Jackson Wright, Jade Milne, Josiah Marriott-Simeon.

**Teresa Winstone, Teacher of Science**

For more pics, click [here](#)

## Sport



### Lacrosse

Well done to our Lacrosse team who came second in their season competition and had a brilliant day at the Lacrosse Championships Tournament, also placing second. A great end to your season girls!

### Cross Country

We took six Year 7 & 8 learners to Cross Country Zone Day this week.

They all did very well with a special congratulations for **Callum De La Rue** (second from left), who placed in the top 10 of his year group, qualifying for Auckland Cross Country in September.

Also **Jemma Day** (third from right) placed 11th in her year group, making her first reserve for the Auckland Cross Country.



### Winter Photos

Winter photos are on Thursday 16 August, please ensure you check the schedule that is posted on the Sports Facebook page. All players must have correct sports gear with them.

For any teams still playing that we have already collected playing gear from, we will bring the gear for you, and any teams that have now finished but still have their gear, i.e playing shirts and singlets, we will collect these after the photos.

## Music

KBB Music Festival – **Connor Gentry and Katherine McLaughlin** were chosen to play in Honours Big Band and Symphony Orchestra.  
*More to come.*



**Whangaparaoa Jazz Combo** won an award at the Auckland Jazz and Blues Festival.

**Junior Choir** are attending Kids' Sing in the Auckland Town Hall on Wednesday 15 August.

**Rock School** performing with **Senior Choir** - Wednesday 22 August 7.00 pm in the Auditorium -- Gold coin donation. All welcome.

## Careers

**Please note these upcoming event dates:**

University of Auckland Entry Level Scholarships are on offer **until Sunday 26 August**

The University of Auckland Courses and Careers Open Day will be held **on Saturday 25 August, 9.00 am - 3.00 pm** ([openday.ac.nz](http://openday.ac.nz))

### 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](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/events)

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

## Upcoming Events

<b>August</b>	14-17	Junior Science Fair
	15	Level 3 CLST – Vase Making Kids Sing, Auckland Town Hall
	16	Sports and Cultural Photos EPro8 Engineering Challenge, Mission Heights Jnr College Enrolment Night, 4.00-6.30 pm
	17	Year 7&8 Waterpolo Winterfest, Dio,Epsom, Sacred Heart Year 7/8 Rugby 7's IST
	20	Year 7 Art Gallery Trip, 7TURK/7SMM/7TOWL
	21	Year 7 Art Gallery Trip, 7WLL/7JAR/7KMJ Year 9 Speech Competition, Auditorium Intermediate Netball Teams Tournament Strategic Planning Meeting for Parents,Boardroom,6.00pm L3GATE Course
	22	Girls Basketball Zone Day Dance NZ Made, Bruce Mason Centre Takapuna Music Concert, Auditorium, 7.00 pm L2GATE Course
	23	Year 7 Art Gallery Trip, 7DUN/7CRL Boys Basketball Zone Day, NSEC L2/3PHED – Tough Guy/Girl Challenge Gateway Appreciation Evening, Auditorium
	<b>24</b>	<b>Staff Only Day – School Closed for Learners</b> L2/3HEED - Recreation Trip
	28	Tough Guy & Girl, Helensville Tennis Club
	29	Gymnastics Zone Day Year 7 Showquest, Spark Arena

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).



## Community Notices



# Supporting success in your school.

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

# \$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)

### Whangaparaoa College Physio Clinic (established 2010)

for Students & Staff

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Physiotherapist 30 years



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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**

## 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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