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Newsletter

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Me mahi tahi tātou mo te ora o te katoa.

We must work together for the wellbeing of all.

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From the Principal's Desk

Focusing on Teaching and Learning

We have been aware for some time that New Zealand Secondary Schools tend to have too much assessment which distracts from time spent teaching and learning. We seem to have too many assignments, tests, projects etc, and we often make them more complex than they need to be. We want to ensure a quality of educational achievement more than a large quantity of credit accumulation.

To this end, in 2020 we will reduce the quantity and volume of assessments.

For example, learners in each senior course can gain up to 18 credits per course. This will in no way hinder the options learners have going forward. It is more likely to improve their prospects as they will have more 'merit' and 'excellence' credits as part of the 80 credits they need for each level of NCEA.

Bullying Prevention and Response Action Group

In an earlier newsletter I shared how we are using an external facilitator to work with a small group of staff and learners to examine our policies and practices in relation to the prevention and response to bullying. Last term there was a comprehensive survey of our learners that was developed by the New Zealand Centre for Educational Research. In a nutshell, we are like every school in New Zealand in that there are incidents of bullying at our school. The survey results showed that our school culture and climate is similar to most other schools; and in some ways better. The group is looking at specific areas in which we can further improve.

New Zealand Curriculum Requirements

I often hear educators from other countries say that our New Zealand Curriculum is an outstanding document and they would love to have something similar for their own country. While our curriculum gives lots of flexibility, there are some compulsory aspects, eg: values, key competencies, literacy, numeracy, and the assurance that there is a range of knowledge, skills and understandings covered. Our national curriculum does not place any subject area as more important than another; and no subjects are compulsory for senior learners. At Whangaparaoa we recognise the importance of reading and writing; and these literacy skills will continue to be compulsory (as they are nationally) and available in a wide range of our subjects. English will not be a compulsory NCEA Level 1 subject in 2020. Numeracy skills are still strongly linked with Maths courses which will continue to be compulsory for NCEA Level 1 learners. We want our learners to have flexibility while ensuring their pathways and opportunities are wide open.

School Ball

Last Saturday we had our School Ball. This was a special occasion where many of our Year 12 and 13 learners dressed up and enjoyed a wonderful night of fun, dancing, excellent food and glamour. At all previous School Balls, we have been complemented by the staff working at the venue for the maturity and respect shown by our learners. This happened again on Saturday night. We have high expectations of those attending the Ball – and they certainly lived up to our expectations.

Ka kite ano

James Thomas, Principal

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Enrolment 2020

INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday 1 August at 7.00 - 8.00 pm approx.

OPEN DAY TOURS

Wednesday 7 August at 9.15 am

Thursday 31 October at 11.30 am

ENROLMENT NIGHTS

Wednesday 7 August

Thursday 15 August

Tuesday 10 September

Wednesday 23 October

Tuesday 12 November

4.00 - 6.30 pm

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Rainbow's End Trip

On Friday 28 June, learners from our two Year 13 Physics classes went to Rainbow's End for the day, taking their learning offsite for a morning to hang upside down, fall from great heights and crash into one another, all in the name of physics!

To experience physics in action while having a bit of fun was a golden opportunity for us. We were able to apply simple harmonic motion, gravitation, the interchange between potential and kinetic energy, momentum, impulse and other physics concepts learned in class to the various rides. We collected data and observations for 2 rides in particular – the 'Stratosfear' and the 'Invader' to use in an internal after investigating the physics behind those rides. Good weather meant for a great day out and enjoyed by all learners.

Hazel Creevey, L3 Physics



Midwinter Community Ball

On Saturday 29 June, we held our inaugural Midwinter Community Ball in the College Gym. This was a successful fun-filled evening skilfully organised by Kate Risbrook, Ben Creevey, Chris McKay, Sue McKay, Kim Lane, Raewyn Manssen, Fiona Morrison and Silvie Watts (see photo below), along with a strong team of ex-learners who were happy to give their time freely to support their school. A huge thanks also to the following learners who helped on the night: Hazel Creevey, Twane Morgan, Katelyn Simpson, Gemma Mills, Holly Dowler, Violet Menefy, Sam Creevey, Seamus Kelly, Samantha Bright, Alex Jones, Balin Mitchell, Georgia Gibbons and Nikash Prakash.

The Ball, apart from being a great social event, was attended by about 150 people from the community and doubled as a fundraising activity. A little over \$13,000 was raised to support families and learners at Whangaparaoa College who might otherwise miss out on various educational activities, trips, camps, etc. Next year there is the expectation that the second Midwinter Community Ball will be held - no doubt it will also be a great success.



For more pics, click [here](#)

Production



Rehearsals are well under way for our production, so save these dates into your calendar:

Wednesday 21 August and Thursday 22 August.

Tickets are on sale now from Learner Accounts, listen out for the notices.



Emma Williams, HoL The Arts

ICAS Assessments

All learners wanting to enrol in the ICAS assessments need to see **Mrs Menezes in S11** or email bonitame@wgpcollege.school.nz before **Saturday 10 August.**

Careers

Auckland University Engineering Futures Evening 6 August

Register at: engineering.auckland.ac.nz/efe

Education and Social Work Experience Day Epsom Campus 8 August

Register at: experienceday2019.everbrite.co.nz

Auckland University Future Student Evening 13 August 6.00 pm

www.auckland.ac.nz/parents

Auckland University Courses and Careers Day 24 August

Massey University Albany Open Day 24 August

www.massey.ac.nz/opendays

AUT Open Day 31 August 9.00 am – 4.00 pm

www.aut.ac.nz/events/aut-live

Sports

Congratulations

Kosta Gladiadis won the Open Skiff class at the Annual Midwinter Youth Championship during the holidays. This is a great achievement competing against other sailors who came from as far as Dunedin, Taipa and even Japan.

Next up for Kosta is AIMS Games in September!



Samantha Bright

represented NZ in the U18 Australian Interstate Waterpolo Champs. Her team placed 5th.



Jonny Milne competed in the NZ Judo Intermediate Schools Championships in Tauranga during the holidays, earning a Gold in the Under 36kg grade and then a Silver in the Open Weight category, where he was the lightest by 10kg! Well Done!

Sporting Excellence 2019:

This year we are holding our **Sporting Excellence Prizegiving** on **Wednesday 25 September**.

If you know of a learner who is competing in any sport at Regional, National or International level, please follow this link and fill out the form to nominate them for a Blues or Merit Award for prizegiving this year.

<https://forms.gle/tn5cqmxEKFc8u8uZ6>

Dance

Congratulations to **Alyssa Howe** and **Jessica Bale** of *The Dance Floor*.

Both girls recently sat their BTDA Dance Exams and passed with top marks.

Alyssa passed both her Grade 5 Jazz Exam and Grade 4 Lyrical Exam with Distinction, and Jessica also passed her Grade 3 Jazz Exam with Distinction.

Great results girls, well done.

Tracy Sheills
The Dance Floor



Year 8 MOTAT Trips

In the first week of Term 3, the Year 8 Science classes went out to MOTAT to learn more about Simple Machines hands-on.

Tram rides added bonus excitement to the day.



For more pics, click [here](#)

From the Nurse

ARDS (Auckland Regional Dental Service) will have their Mobile unit at Whangaparaoa College from Saturday 10 August. They will see Year 7 and 8 learners who are enrolled with their service. Parents/caregivers are also able to enrol pre-schoolers with the service and they can see them while they are here. Call **0800 talkteeth** to enrol any child Year 8 and under.

Asian Youth Life Skills Workshop, Tuesday 3 September

This invitation is available in various languages on our website:

About us – School Information – Health



Date: 3rd September 2019
6:30pm–8:30pm

Venue: Raye Freedman Arts Centre
(Off Gillies Ave, Newmarket
Next to Epsom Girls Grammar)

Attendees: Asian Youths and their families/friends
(Certificates of completion will be available)

RSVP: by 23 August 2019
using QR code



For more information, please contact Tiffany Tu at
tiffany.tu@waitematadhb.govt.nz

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Upcoming Events

August	1	L1GEOG05 Field Trip 2 Enrolment Info Evening 7.00 pm
	2	L3ESSC Discover Centre Trip, Leigh Marine Lab
	2-16	Shanghai Far East School Visit
	3	L2&3PHYS, NZ's Next Top Engineering Scientist Comp
	6	Cross Country Zone Day, North Harbour
	7	Enrolment Tour, 9.15 am Enrolment Night, 4 – 6.30 pm Dance NZ Made Festival Pavement Art - Lunchtime Year 10 Camp (Group 1) Te Tahawai Marae
	8	Hillary Outdoors Get2Go Challenge Year 10 Camp (Group 2) Te Tahawai Marae Pre-AIMS Football Tournament, Rosedale
	9	L3OUED, Year 5 Adventure Based Learning
	10-11	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Practise
	12	Dental Bus Arrives for Year 7&8 Year 7 Art Gallery Trip, 7TURK/7WRE L2&3 Gateway Course
	13	Mufti Day – Winter Day Girls Basketball Zone Day Year 7-12 Options Evening, 7.00 pm
	14	Boys Basketball Zone Day KBB Festival Media Studies Trip Rugby/Rippa IST Tournament, Marist, Albany
	15	Sports and Cultural Photos Enrolment Night, 4 - 6.30 pm
	21-22	School Production – The Addams Family

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

NZ Uniforms Have Moved



Albany Store - On the Move



Our Albany, Auckland Store

Our brand new flagship store is at
19A Douglas Alexander Parade, Albany.

The new store is double the size, is brighter, has more changing rooms, more car parks, and will feature our Emprint kiosk, where we can print and embroider uniforms onsite - and we are all very excited!

We will have communicated all details to the parents and whanau currently on our parent database over the school holidays.

We are showcasing your school uniform in our new store and are providing your families with an even better in-store uniform experience.

If you have any questions, please just call your local store or NZ Uniforms customer service (see below for contact details), or alternatively Live Chat to the customer service team via our website. We are happy to help.

Best wishes from the team at NZ Uniforms Albany.

See our website www.nzuniforms.com or call 0800 698643 for individual store details.

Community Notices

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 donation.

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

How to claim this offer

Mention this offer to your ASB banker when you apply for your new home loan.


Your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019.


Visit www.asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school for more information and eligibility criteria.

Once your loan is fully drawn down, ASB will donate \$500 to your chosen participating school.

» asb.co.nz/schoolbanking

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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 56140 12436 0718


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(in Admin block)



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- Sports Injuries
- Neck and Low back pain
- Adolescent Growth Injuries/Pain
- Hand/wrist injuries

No referral required

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Physio Clinic: 11:30am-2:30pm Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

For an appointment please phone 09 424 1309, or text 021 187 3299

Tom  Angela 

 **coastphysio.co.nz** 

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