



WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

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Newsletter

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From the Principal

Today is the 1st of August, the weather is quite warm and the days are getting longer. This means the year is getting closer to a conclusion. I think it must be very hard for Year 11, 12 and 13 learners to think that their school year is nearly over because it is only the 1st of August. However, there are only 8 weeks of lessons remaining before our seniors have study leave for their end of year external exams.

As parents, it is a good idea to encourage our kids, ask what they are doing for their exams, e.g. looking at the NZQA website, and following the other great advice from their teachers.

It has come to my attention again, that research article after research article raises concerns about the extent of gadget use in our society. But the more recent articles I have read, are not so concerned about young people, but rather parents using phones and devices in such a way as to set poor examples for their kids. One even suggested that 80% of adults, when sitting at the meal table, have regular interaction with their device. May I suggest that we firstly make a priority of sitting down for as many evening meals as a family as we can?

Further, to make this as positive and worthwhile as possible, turn the phones off, do not look at television, and take the time to interact and discuss matters of interest as a family. It will do wonders for the relationships, and for the level of interest and thinking that everyone in the family can enjoy.

All the best with the remainder of the term.
Ka kite ano


James Thomas
Principal

Enrolment Nights and Tours

ENROL for 2019

INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday	2 August	7.00 - 8.00 pm
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TOURS FOR PARENTS & PUBLIC

Wednesday	8 August	5.00 pm
Thursday	16 August	11.30 am

ENROLMENT NIGHTS

Wednesday	8 August	} 4.00 - 6.30 pm
Thursday	16 August	

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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 the end of 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.

Music Department**Big Sing**

On Thursday 14 June, our school Senior Choir took part in the Big Sing at the Auckland Town Hall. Our Senior Choir this year is made up of 18 members (4 of whom are male), and meet weekly for rehearsals under the leadership of Mr. Andrew Ward.

The choir performed three songs for the Big Sing, including Sting's *Shape of My Heart*, and received a standing ovation from the audience.



Well done Senior Choir, we are extremely impressed with you!

Junior Drama and Dance Showcase

On Tuesday 31 July, we held a Junior Drama and Dance Showcase to show parents, caregivers and friends, the work our Years 8-10 have been putting into the Performing Arts department so far this year.

We had a wonderfully supportive and enthusiastic audience, who got to see the Year 10's perform their disco dance, view some of the best Year 9 silent movies from drama class, and watch the modern interpretations by the Year 8's of *Puss in Boots* and *Sleeping Beauty*.

It was a great afternoon and it was lots of fun to be in the audience- thank you Junior performers!

Sport



Congratulations to **Jade Milne** and **Jonny Milne** for their sporting achievements in Judo over the holidays.

Jade competed in the NZ Secondary Schools Judo Championships in Under 52kg and came away with Gold.

Jonny competed in the NZ Intermediate Schools Judo Champs and came away with Silver in the Under 36kg category. Well done to both of you!



Well done to our Whangaparaoa College learners who competed in the Pan Pacific Water Polo Championships over the school holidays representing our local Hibiscus Coast Water Polo Club.

The Pan Pacific Championships is the biggest Water Polo Tournament in the Southern Hemisphere, with over 1500 athletes, and 150 teams from 5 countries.

Results:

Samantha Bright U20	- 6th
Samantha Bright U18	- 5th
Holly Harris U18B	- 19th
Sarah Harrison U16B	- 28th
Jessica Harrison U14	- 7th=
Catarina Currill U14	- 7th=
Isabelle Booth U14	- 7th=
George Chignell U14	- 5th - Sea Wolf Club



Hangar 28

Miss Lisa White (Deputy Principal) and some learners started a couple of lunchtime groups last term. The ideas were similar and so the groups have merged.

The group meets most lunchtimes in Room J28 for fun activities, or outside near J block on fine days. On Monday's the group meets in Room T10 for more messy activities, and so far we have made play dough and slime.

For more photos, click [here](#)



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)

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

Upcoming Events

August	2	Enrolment Info Night, 7.00 pm
	3-5	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Final Tramp, Miranda & Rotorua
	4	School Ball
	5	Auckland Jazz and Blues Festival, Point Chev RSA
	6	Year 8, 9 and 10 Attitude Presentations
	7	Cross Country Zone Day, Saunders Reserve Drama Trip to Q Theatre
	8	Enrolment Night, 4.00-6.30 pm Enrolment Tour, 5.00 pm KBB Music Festival, Parnell
	9	Girls Lacrosse – One Day Champs, Keith Hay Park(TBC)
	14	Pre-AIMS Football Tournament Year 7/8 Options Evening, Auditorium, 7.00 pm Year 9-13 Options Evening, A&B Blocks, 7.00 pm
	15	Year 7/8 Rugby 7's IST Level 3 CLST – Vase Making Kids Sing
	16	Sports and Cultural Photos Enrolment Night, 4.00-6.30 pm
	17	Year 7&8 Waterpolo Winterfest, Dio,Epsom, Sacred Heart

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).



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

ASB
ONE STEP AHEAD

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 12478A 0718



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



New buses joining our fleet and a new look for some of our buses.

We have some exciting news to share. We have a number of “New Buses” joining our fleet over the coming months. Brand new 40 seat buses, Bendy buses and Double Deckers!

Some of our existing buses will also be changing their look - from Bayes colours and name into the Auckland Transport branding. We will still be offering the same great and reliable service as normal, the school runs will continue to operate exactly as they are now - picking up and dropping off at the same stops. And our Charter work will also operate to the same great standard it has always been.

Together we need to educate the learners that the buses will look different, and to ensure they look for the route information in the front destination of the bus.

The same bus drivers will continue to be driving the same bus routes.

These changes do only relate to the Hibiscus Coast school bus services, so 22 of the 85 buses in our fleet.

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

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Sponsorship and Support

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



Bayes Coachlines



your community store
open 7am - 10pm + 7 days a week
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