



# WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

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## Newsletter

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*Courage. Kindness. Friendship. Character. These are the qualities that define us as human beings, and propel us, on occasion, to greatness.* — R.J. Palacio

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## From the Principal's Desk

It was recently reported in the media that a school will ban learners (up to Year 10) from bringing a phone to the school. One of the key reasons given was that the learners are distracted by having access to the technology. This of course has prompted folk to ask what our position is with regard cell phones at school.

At Whangaparaoa College, learners are allowed to bring smartphones to school; but phones must be in bags before learners enter class, and remain there for the duration of every class. While banning phones may reduce some distractions, it will not help our young ones learn to self-manage the technology – that is very much a part of our world. We also realise many parents want their children to have phones so they can keep connected for family reasons.

Be assured that our learners cannot access Instagram, SnapChat, WhatsApp and unacceptable sites via the school WiFi system because we have blocked many sites. Cell phones may not be used during class time and if they are, there are consequences, including having the phone confiscated.

Some parents are concerned their children have been involved with social media 'spats' while at school. Let me assure you that this can't happen via our school network. Parents, you have all the control here:

1. You choose if you want your child to have a smartphone.
2. You choose if you want your child to bring it to school.
3. You choose if your child has a data package which enables them to access social media sites, and pretty much anything else on the Net.

If you do not want your child to have access to certain areas of the internet, I suggest you remove their phone, or do not let them bring it to school, or do not allow them to have a data package. On this last point – text messaging and phone calls still work as a means of communication.

One other thing; can you please talk with your children (at the appropriate age/stage) about 'sex-ting' and other sexually inappropriate social media activities. I realise this might be embarrassing; but I believe it is important. If you want any support with this matter, Netsafe have a well-resourced website, <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/>. Maybe start with a coaching conversation at dinner-time with your family about the positives and negatives of internet access.

Have a good day  
Ka kite ano



James Thomas  
Principal

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## PUM - Monday 24 June

The PPTA have advised that there will be a Paid Union Meeting for all members on the afternoon of Monday 24 June. There will be normal school for all learners until 12 noon. School will then continue as normal for Year 7 & 8 in the afternoon. Buses will run at the usual time of 3.20 pm on that day. Year 9-13 learners will finish school at 12 noon. They will need to make their own way home.  
Many thanks for your patience and understanding.

## Learner Led Conferences

Learner Led Conferences are taking place in Week 9 of this term, Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 June. These conferences are an opportunity for our learners to share their educational journey for the year. It gives them a voice and ensures that all whanau are aware of the successes and the concerns they have, and are having going forward.

We are hopeful that all learners will be represented by a support person over one of these two days, as it gives power to the learner's voice, and we know that the more people that know about the journey, the more likely a child is to be successful. Please make it a priority to be at the meeting.

Bookings are now open and the Parent Code is: [jkzar](#)

Booking details and times:

Wednesday 26 June	School finishes	12.30 pm
	First appointment	2.00 pm
	Last appointment	7.45 pm
Thursday 27 June	School finishes	1.30 pm
	First appointment	2.00 pm
	Last appointment	4.45 pm

Bayes Buses will arrive for pickups at 12.30 pm on Wednesday 26 June and 1.30 pm on Thursday 27 June.

## Music

The Whangaparaoa College Senior Choir, together with members of the Kapa Haka group, performed last week at The Big Sing Choral Festival in the Auckland Town Hall.



They were accompanied on the piano by Year 11 learner Justine Park and led by Year 13 learner Sam Wilcox-Brown.

Their pieces were:

- The Seal Lullaby
- E Minaka Ana
- Four Seasons in One Day / Together Alone

For more pics, click [here](#)

## Mathex

On Thursday 13 June, four teams of Year 7 and 8 learners attended the North Shore Mathex Competition which was held at Northcross Intermediate. Mathex is a unique opportunity for our learners to participate in a vibrant problem solving team event, allowing them to utilize a diverse range of mathematical skills, which is combined within a fast paced, full on action event. The competition was fierce and our teams performed admirably. Well done. Mrs Franich.



## Showquest 2019

Over 80 learners from various year groups performed on the stage at Auckland's Spark Arena.

Some comments from the judges were:

- *Excellent storytelling, combining music, dance and technical elements to create a poignant and thought provoking message.*
- *Every corner of the stage was used, levels, corners and all with purpose.*
- *Well-crafted staging!*
- *Great ensemble work and excellent lead dancer who conveyed a lot of emotion.*



Fantastic work everyone, I am really proud of you.  
Mrs Emma Williams

For more pics, click [here](#)



## Spirit of New Zealand

Congratulations to Jethro Ewen and Louis Holland, who have both achieved a Scholarship to be part of the 10-day Spirit of New Zealand Voyage from the Spirit of Adventure Trust.



This was made possible by Karen Franklin from Harcourts, and also Bailee and Courtney from XPLOR Group.

## Performing Arts

### Performance and Workshop

Simple Truth Theatre Company came to the college and performed *An Unseasonable Fall of Snow* by Gary Henderson.

Tyler, Sam and Taylor were fantastic at delivering a reflective and informative workshop for our Year 12 and 13 Drama learners.



For more pics, click [here](#)

### Passionate about Drama!

Some young learners from Whangaparaoa Primary School who are passionate about drama, came to join our Year 9 Drama class. They participated in the hour drama lesson, working in small groups and performing on our stage in the auditorium.

A fantastic job by all involved, well done.



For more pics, click [here](#)

### Sports

#### Rugby IST Day 1

We recently took 47 learners to the Rugby 7's Intermediate Schools Festival. Our three Rippa teams and one 7's Tackle team, played really great games with a lot of wins! This tournament runs over 3 days and the next is in Week 10. A big thanks to our learner coaches, who came and ran the teams for the day. Looking forward to Day 2!

**Hockey Zone Day** took place last week, with us entering a mixed team into the boy's grade. The team had an awesome day!

Millie Timmer entered the Secondary School **Snowboard Champs** this week at Snowplanet, competing with Seniors and placing 3rd. Well done Millie - what a great achievement!



### Congratulations

Unbeknownst to everyone here at Whangaparaoa College, we have a baseball star amongst us: Caelan Hetaraka. Baseball is his passion. In 2016 he underwent treatment for a serious illness that kept him away from both school and baseball. However Caelan has subsequently devoted his time and energy into his favourite sport. With immense hard work, dedication and hours of practise, Caelan has achieved a multitude of accomplishments, including but not limited to:  
2018 - ABA Under 16 ASPAC Senior League, Philippines, World qualifier, Placing 3rd  
2018 - NZ Under 15 Development Squad tour, Taiwan

2018-2019 Supercity Baseball Under 16 Rep, Winners of the Gold Coast Classic, Gold Coast, Australia  
 2019 - North Harbour Under 16 Rep, Battle of the Bridge, Runners Up  
 2019 - Nomadic Baseball Squad, Dubai Baseball Competition, 2nd Place  
 2019 - Orewa Sharks Under 16 NZ Club Nationals Squad  
 2019 - Orewa Sharks Under 19 NZ Club Nationals Squad

Caelan is heading off to China later this month for the Senior Little League Competition, Asia Pacific international qualifier. We wish him and his team the best of luck as he makes us proud once again.



Caelan performing the Haka alongside his teammates in Taiwan last year.

## Careers

The **2019 College Careers Expo** will be held on the evening of **Wednesday 26 June** in the College Gymnasium.

The event will begin at **6.00 pm**.

All college learners and Whanau are welcome to attend.  
 A list of the universities and private providers attending will be available prior to the event.

### Victoria University Information Evening

Wednesday 3 July 6.30 pm

Ellerislie Event Centre, 80 Ascot Avenue, Remuera

### University of Canterbury Open Day

Thursday 11 July 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

Ilam Campus

### AUT Open Day

Saturday 31 August 9.00 am – 4.00 pm

<https://www.aut.ac.nz/events/aut-live>

## Midwinter Ball

Come and support Whangaparaoa College, time is running out, so grab your tickets now!

This is a black tie event. Tickets \$75.00 each.  
You can book a table of 6 or 12 or buy tickets individually.

Each ticket includes:

- Complimentary drink on arrival with Canapés
- Live fundraising auction
- Spot prizes
- Hypnotist stage show by Dave Upfold
- Live dance band, DNA

Just when you thought things couldn't get better....

Thanks to a fantastic local catering company we can now offer all our lovely Ball guests complimentary SUPPER INCLUDED IN THE TICKET PRICE.

Guaranteed NO rumbling tummies on the night!

A NEW COMMUNITY EVENT:

# Mid-Winter Ball

BLACK TIE

Starring Hypnotist  
**DAVE UPFOLD**  
and live music by  
**DNA**



Fundraising for Whangaparaoa College

Saturday 29 June  
Venue: Whangaparaoa College Gymnasium

Tickets \$75  
Phone Whangaparaoa College Learner Accounts  
or email [ticketssales@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:ticketssales@wgpcollege.school.nz)

### MENU

#### Canapés

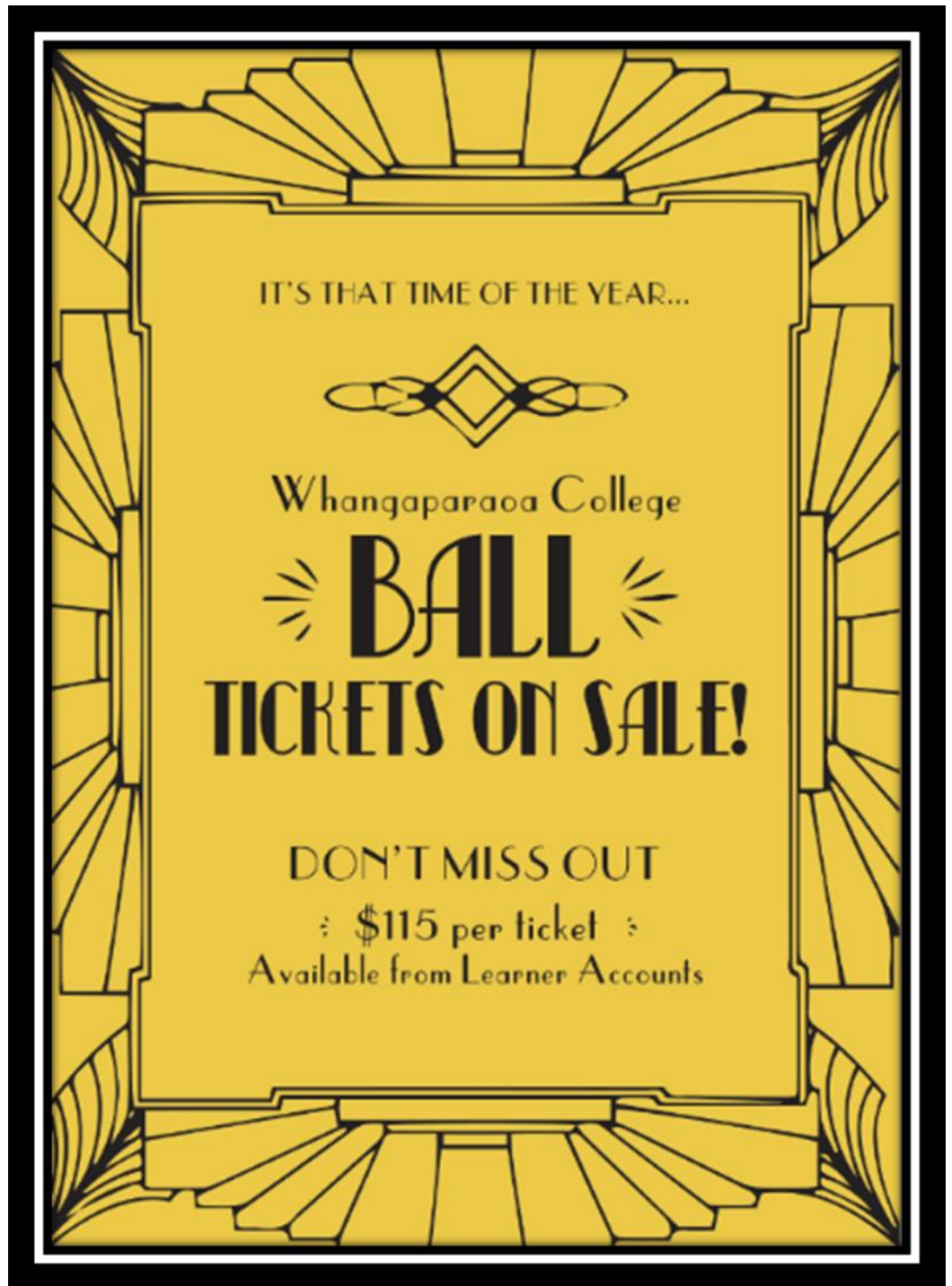
Pumpkin, feta and pine nut filoettes  
Cajun lamb w pickled red onion and harissa yogurt on crostini  
Pork belly slider w apple cider glaze  
Smoked salmon and black liquorish on blini  
Balsamic mushroom on kumara with truffle oil  
Steak on kumara rosti w wasabi mayonnaise

#### Supper

Butter chicken curry with coriander rice and poppadums  
Beef burger with Swiss cheese, tomato, lettuce, pickles and BBQ sauce  
Chickpea Burger, chickpea pattie with tomato, lettuce, jalapenos and chipotle aioli  
Fries and aioli



## Senior Ball



Tickets for the Whangaparaoa College Year 12 and 13 School Ball are now available from Learner Accounts. The ball is on Saturday 27 July at the Crowne Plaza. Tickets are \$115.00 and are on sale until the end of this term. If your child is unsure about whether they are able to attend the ball, they must see their year level Dean.



## SPACE SCHOOL December 2020



Learners will soon receive information about Space School. An opportunity to join with other NZ schools in going to the USA and experience several aspects of the US space industry from technology used and exploration missions, to industrial applications and business enterprise. The Junior Space School is for any learners in Years 7 to 9 this year, and the Senior Space School is for learners in Years 10 to 12 this year – though some exceptions can be made for learners in Year 13 this year.

There is a parent and caregiver information evening on Thursday 4 July in the ICT Suite, with the Junior session beginning at 6.00 pm and the Senior session beginning at 7.30 pm.

To RSVP please click this link [www.actura.co.nz/wpcollege](http://www.actura.co.nz/wpcollege)

## From the Nurse

### Measles in Auckland schools

Please vaccinate your child or young person if they have not had one measles (MMR) vaccine. It is free at your GP.

Students in a class with someone who has measles may be asked to stay home for one to two weeks, if they have had no MMR vaccinations.


Students with one or more MMR vaccinations can still attend school.

Measles info at: [arphs.health.nz/measles](http://arphs.health.nz/measles)

Check your child's immunisation records in their Well Child/Tamariki Ora book or ring your GP clinic.

Tell your GP or after hours clinic if you suspect measles before you arrive, so you don't infect others.

**Symptoms:** cough, runny nose, fever, sore red eyes, then a rash.



Auckland Regional Public Health Service  
Partners: Auckland Council, Auckland District Health Board, Auckland Libraries, Auckland Transport, Auckland Water, Auckland Energy, Auckland Gas, Auckland Fire, Auckland Police, Auckland Environment, Auckland Transport, Auckland Water, Auckland Energy, Auckland Gas, Auckland Fire, Auckland Police, Auckland Environment

## Examination Supervisors

### PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NOT REQUIRED

Whangaparaoa College and the Ministry of Education require people to supervise examination class rooms with NCEA external examinations.

If you are interested, please contact **Colin Forster**  
[cbf6901@gmail.com](mailto:cbf6901@gmail.com) or phone **021 122 2860**.

This role is remunerated.

## Upcoming Events

June	20	Musicfest 2019 (Bands & Choirs Concert), 7.00 pm, Auditorium
	20-21	L2OUED01 Orienteering Trip
	21	Year 10 French Bakery Trip, Browns Bay
		Lip-sync finals, Auditorium
		Year 9 Shakespear Trip, 9HAZ/9GEM
		L3OUED Year 5 Tabloid Sports
		Te Kotahitanga – Primary Visits
	<b>24</b>	<b>PUM, School closes at 12.00 pm Y9-13, Y7-8 as normal</b>
	25	Debating – Huanui College Visit
		Squash Zone Day, North Shore
	26	Careers Expo, 6.00 pm, Gymnasium
		Evan Woodruffe Workshop, Y12&13 Art
	26-27	Learner Led Conferences – see info page 2
July	27	L2/3PHED01 – Tough Guy/Girl Challenge
		Waterpolo Zone Day
	3	Junior Arts Showcase, 4.00 pm
		Pod Whanau Evening, 6.00 pm, Room C3
	4	Rugby/Rippa IST Tournament Day 2
		Space School Info Evening (see info previous page)

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

## 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](http://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](http://asb.co.nz/schoolbanking)

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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 <http://www.asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school.html>

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Put on your dancing shoes and join us for an unforgettable night at *Dreams - The Fleetwood Mac Experience*.

Raising funds for Harbour Hospice patient and family care in the Hibiscus Coast community, *Dreams* takes you back to one of the most memorable musical experiences of the '70s and '80s. Vocalists Karen Davy and Anna Fisher are consummate entertainers, backed by some of the best musicians in the business.

Jazz and blues band Indigo Blue will add their unique sound to the night, putting a bluesy spin on well-known songs and showcasing the huge harmonica skills of Keri Betti.

Enjoy refreshments and a cash bar, and the opportunity to show your support with spirited bidding for generously donated auction items.

Tickets are \$40.00 each or two for \$70.00.

Don't miss out on this dramatic and highly entertaining show!

Buy your tickets now at Hospice Shops in Whangaparaoa, Orewa and Silverdale, or online at [harbourhospice.org.nz/event](http://harbourhospice.org.nz/event).



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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](http://coastphysio.co.nz)





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