



WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

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Newsletter

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Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly

and most underrated agent of human change.

Bob Kerrey

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From the Principal's Desk

Recently I heard a presentation by Nathan Wallis who is an educator and researcher in the field of neuroscience. One of the great reminders for me from his presentation was that the teenage brain is a work-in-progress. From the start of adolescence until well into the 20s for some of our young people (especially boys!), the adolescent brain should be compared to roadworks – it's smooth sometimes and in other places there's a lot of work going on or needed. During adolescence, the frontal lobe is particularly subject to development. Nathan puts it this way, "The adolescent brain is shut down for renovations". One area of interest he shared with us is the adolescent's ability – or really their inability – to distinguish different facial expressions. Before and after adolescence we are better at distinguishing the facial expressions of others, than during adolescence. Nathan's comments are based on studies where people of various ages are asked to identify a range of expressions, eg: happy, sad, grumpy, scared, or interested.

Research shows that during the years that the frontal lobe is a work in progress, ie, during adolescence, they recognise only overtly happy expression; and everything else they pretty much think is angry. This is not everyone and it is not all the time but it does explain when I'm looking blankly at the kitchen wall wondering where I left my car keys why my teenager thinks I'm angry. I'm not angry – I'm just thinking! Or when you arrive home and you are concerned because you left your bedroom window open and it has been raining. You're not angry and you're certainly not happy; you are concerned about the mess you might find in your room – but your expression may be considered one of anger by a teenager. This could be an interesting experiment at the dinner table. Try a variety of expressions without telling them the 'game' and see what they come up with.

For me, it's a good reminder that our young people are a work-in-progress and need us to be like their coach; not permissive nor authoritarian; but rather they need our patience, our understanding, our expectations, our support, our safe boundaries, and our love. (Yes – parenting is a big job!)

Ka kite ano

James Thomas
Principal

PS: Thank you to all those who participated in the Board of Trustees elections; as a candidate and by voting.

PPTA

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We have been informed by the PPTA that there will be no industrial action on Tuesday 11 June. Therefore, we will have a normal Tuesday for all year levels.

As part of the industrial action, there may be more 'rostered home days' and full strike days in the future. At this stage, these might be as follows:

- Monday 17 June Full strike day Years 7-13
- Tuesday 25 June Year 11 rostered home
- Tuesday 2 July Year 12 rostered home

We hope this matter is resolved quickly.

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 will open from Wednesday 12 June and a parent code will be sent out.

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 Wednesday 26 June and 1.30 pm Thursday 27 June.

Careers

University of Otago Information Evening

Tuesday 18 June 6.30 - 8.30 pm
South Level 4 Lounge, Eden Park, Auckland

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

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.

Sports

Well done to those who attended **Auckland Cross Country** last week.

Results were as follows:

Junior Girls	Isis Welter 44th
	Ariana Hunt 71st
Senior Boys	Seamus Kelly 26th
	Sam Creevey 40th

Rugby League have had an excellent start to their season with 2 big wins from 2 games.



Lacrosse have had some brilliant wins, 4 from 4 games!

Football Boys have been playing for the last few weeks and have had 2 wins from 3 games. Well done.



We took 28 girls out to 2 **Football Girls Zone Days** recently. The competition was brilliant and they all had a lot of fun.

There has been a great deal of excellent sport happening both at home and away, and community support is always great to see. Check out the draw on our school website: <https://www.wgpcollege.school.nz/Arts++Culture/Sports/Draws.html> or our WGP College Sports Facebook page.

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

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.

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.

Measles info at: arphs.health.nz/measles

Auckland Regional Public Health Service
Keeping children and young people healthy

Midwinter Ball

Come and support Whangaparaoa College, grab your tickets now!

This is a black tie event. Tickets \$75 each.

You can book a table of 6 or 12 or buy tickets individually.

Each ticket includes:

- Drink upon arrival
- Canapés
- Live fundraising auction
- Spot prizes
- Hypnotist stage show by Dave Upfold
- Live dance band, DNA

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

WGP friends and families with businesses – can you please help us?

We need raffle and auction items for our community Mid-Winter Ball.

Items such as:

- Health and beauty vouchers
- Coffee cards
- Cinema vouchers
- Gift sets – beauty products etc.
- Hampers
- Holiday deals
- Adventure experience vouchers e.g. Windsurfing Lesson, Fishing trip
- Loan of something - trailer / boat / caravan / bach!
- Service vouchers - e.g. computer repairs / trades / health / gardening / cleaning / photography

If you or someone you know, can help us out with a donation, please email silviewa@wgpcollege.school.nz or if you have an item to donate, please drop it into the college reception, Attention: Silvie Watts.

Google

Google, the Google Street Car and Human Resources

Recently our Year 11 Business Studies learners, along with a few others, were treated to a talk by Bryan White, Program Manager, from Google in Zurich (brother of Lisa White, Deputy Principal).

Bryan spoke to the learners about his career journey from avionics engineering in the Air Force in New Zealand, to working on the new subway in London, to oversight of teams of technicians in various countries working on the Google street cars.

Learners were impressed with the way Google looks after their employees – slides and firemen's poles in the office, along with many restaurants to choose from, and resting/nap pods provided for break times.



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 or phone **021 122 2860**.

This role is remunerated.

Upcoming Events

June	7-9	40 Hour Famine
	7	L3OUED Year 5 Tabloid Sports Lip-sync tryouts
	12	Year 12&13 Drama – Simple Truth Theatre Company Rugby/Rippa IST Tournament, Marist, Albany
	13	Big Sing, Auckland Town Hall
	17	Auckland Region Industrial Action, Full Strike Day
	18-21	Year 9 Shakespear Regional Park Trip
	19	Rugby Zone Day, Moire Park Massey
	20	Bands and Choirs Concert Table Tennis Zone Day, NHTT Stadium
	20-21	L2OUED01 Orienteering Trip
	21	Year 10 French Bakery Trip, Browns Bay Lip-sync finals

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

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

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

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 56140 12436 0718

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.



WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

Coast Physio and Hand Clinic

(in Admin block)

Convenient on site treatment for:

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

No referral required

Hand Clinic: Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00am to 11:00am

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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