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Newsletter

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From the Principal

Attendance: One of the most basic elements for a successful time at school is attendance. The average attendance at Whangaparaoa College is currently 90%. While that is a good score in a test or exam and a lot better than the national average; it means that every learner at our College has on average one day off a fortnight. This is very concerning. Interestingly, the largest category of 'justification' for lack of attendance is 'medical'. I know we have coughs and colds in winter and there are also serious medical issues with which some people battle. However, to increase our attendance we need to improve the overall well-being of our young ones. There are four essentials – lots of positive contact with others, plenty of exercise, nutritious food, and 9-10 hours of sleep each night – that will help improve and maintain the wellbeing of children and young adults on the Peninsula. Let's work together and make a concerted effort with this, and we'll see the attendance rate improve.

Facial Expressions: Have you ever wondered why your teenage son or daughter thinks you are angry or grumpy or (as they say these days) a bit 'salty'? Some fascinating research has shown that during adolescence, when your son or daughter's brain is undergoing considerable change, they are very challenged when it comes to interpreting facial expressions. In fact, apart from being able to recognise that a smile is positive, the teenage brain views almost every other expression as being grumpy. I am learning to keep this in mind when I show surprise, puzzlement, excitement, consternation, concern, compassion, etc. I will very likely be misinterpreted, and this applies at home and school. A beaming, friendly smile, however, is always recognised, even if sometimes our child will wonder what we want!

MoE Reviews: You will be aware from the media that the Ministry of Education are currently involved with a number of very important reviews, including Tomorrow's Schools, NCEA, provision and maintenance of school property, and workforce requirements and well-being. The Ministry are keen to consult with the wider community and receive input from a range of sources. Details are available on the Ministry of Education website.

Celebrations:

- It has been a real pleasure in the last week to learn of the success of our Rockquest band. Sam Wilcox-Brown, James McGurk and Michael Johnston won the Auckland regional competition, and are now writing new material to submit for their National's performance.
- One of our League of Legends teams has won the ten week National Challenger Series, which involved numerous schools and hundreds of teams. League of Legends is an online strategy game, where two teams of five have to attack their opponent's 'fort', while defending their own. It sounds a little like 'Storm the Heights' which was a game we used to play at camps with 20 to 30 people on each team, trying to capture an opposing team's flag from one hill-top while defending our own flag on another.
- Our Senior Choir performed and received a standing ovation at last week's Big Sing competition. At Monday morning's teacher briefing we were treated to a beautiful performance by our Senior Choir who presented their rendition of Sting's 'Shape of the Heart'.

As always, life is busy and at the moment, we have the Learner Led Conferences coming up, NCEA assessments coming out of our ears, the winter sports programme is well into its second half, and a school break is on the horizon.

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Keep well, and please let's focus on the wellness of our kids with nutrition, exercise, sleep, and lots of positive interactions.

Nga mihi nui



James Thomas
Principal

Learner Led Conferences

Hopefully you will be well aware that Learner Led Conferences are taking place in Week 9 of this term, 27 and 28 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 had, 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.

Booking details and times:

Wednesday 27 June	School finishes	12:30 pm
	First appointment	2:00 pm
	Last appointment	7:40 pm
Thursday 28 June	School finishes	1:30 pm
	First appointment	2:00 pm
	Last appointment	4:40 pm

To book a specific time, click on this link www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
Use the Parent Code = **XQDQ2**

Music Department



Barracuda Swim School are Sam Wilcox-Brown (WGP) Guitar & Vocals, James McGurk (WGP) Bass, Neo Lee (Green Bay High School) Drums and Michael Johnston (WGP) Guitar

Whangaparaoa College's **Barracuda Swim School**, placed 1st in the North Shore regional finals of the 2018 Smokefree Rockquest on 8 June. They competed against 35 bands in the heats, and 11 other bands in the finals. Winning a \$500 Rockshop voucher to share, they gained an entry into the Rockquest National finals. To compete in the finals they must upload a set of 5 songs online, which will have to be within the best 6 bands out of 69. The top 6 will play their sets live.

The winner of the national finals will get a massive \$10,000 Rockshop voucher to share, and a recording and music video from NZ on Air.

Congratulations!! You have done yourselves and our college proud.

2018 Production



"A Murder is Announced"

This year, the senior drama production was Agatha Christie's *A Murder Is Announced*. Our Year 13 learners did a fantastic job of bringing these wonderful characters to life. When an announcement in the local paper states the time and place of a murder to occur and a victim falls, Miss Marple is on hand to provide the final solution.

Both nights (6 and 7 June) were well attended by our school community, and everyone involved was extremely proud to be part of such a great cast and crew. Thank you to all involved and everyone who supported us! For more pics, click [here](#)

Sport

Ski and Snowboard Champs

Well done to **Kyran Hannah**, who competed in the Ski and Snowboard Championships held at Snowplanet on 14 June. Kyran placed First in the Auckland Snowboard Championships Junior Division - Slopestyle and Slalom events.



Rugby League

Our Rugby League team have had a great start to their season with 2 wins from 3 games. Keep up the good work boys.

Zone Days



Super proud of our Rugby 15-a-side Year 7/8 boys last week.

Wins against Rosmini, Mahurangi and Murrays Bay, and losing narrowly to eventual winners - Orewa.

Market Day

Three classes of **Year 10** and two classes of **Year 11 Business Studies** have been preparing a business plan for more than a term, and products to sell to other learners and staff at school. A variety of products were sold ranging from brownie and ice cream to home-made lollipops, to bacon-wrapped sausages. These learners worked hard during the term in their groups to find the best product to sell to their target market. They worked in partnerships with other learners, whom they chose based on their strengths and weaknesses. Lessons were learned and money was made. The learners are now reflecting on what went well, what didn't go so well and what they might do better next time in preparation for Year 11 and Year 12 Business Studies. Another group of Year 10's will get to run a Market Day in Term 4.

For more pics, click [here](#)



New Host Family Needed

Sofia from Chile needs your help!



Sofia has had a great first term at Whangaparaoa College and is now in need of a new host family due to a change in circumstances. She is enjoying her AFS exchange in New Zealand and learning about the kiwi lifestyle. Her favourite subjects at school are history and English. Sofia keeps active by going to the gym and prefers a vegetarian diet. Sofia's favourite time of year is winter because of the landscapes the colder months produce. If you think Sofia would make a great addition to your family for the last two terms of the school year please contact Jo 04 9032276 joanna.holm@afs.org

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Careers

Please note these upcoming event dates:

University of Auckland Entry Level Scholarships are on offer **from Tuesday 15 May**
Whangaparaoa College Careers Expo will be held **on Wednesday 27 June, 6.00 – 8.00 pm in the College Gymnasium**

The University of Canterbury Open Day will be held **on Thursday 12 July**, for more info, click [here](#)

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)

Upcoming Events

June	20	L2GEOG Transport Day Table Tennis Zone Day Bands and Choirs Concert, Auditorium, 7.00 pm
	20-22	L1BUST/L1ECON Young Enterprise
	21	Mufti Day – "Alternative Days" Year 7&8 Whanau Feud House Quiz
	22	MATARIKI L2OUED Orienteering/Navigation Trip, Shakespear Park
	26	Year 8 ITM Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge
	27	Careers Expo, Gymnasium
	27-28	Learner Led Conferences, see details in previous section
	28	Hong Kong School Group Arrives
	30-July 1	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice, Miranda and Rotorua
	4	Year 7&8 Rugby IST 7's Tournament Level 2 OUED Orienteering/Navigation, Auckland University
July	6	Last Day of Term 2
	23	First Day of Term 3

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

ASB

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 lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

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Holiday Programme

Main Day 09:00 a.m.-03:00 p.m. \$36.00
Morning 1hr 08:00 a.m.-09:00 a.m. \$6.00
Afternoon 1 hr 03:00 p.m.-04:00 p.m. \$6.00
After noon 2 hr 03:00 p.m.-05:00 p.m. \$12.00
Afternoon 3hr 03:00 p.m.-06:00 p.m. \$18.00

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Hibiscus Coast Youth Centre

214D Hibiscus Coast Highway, Orewa

Sports 'n' Games



Mon 09 Jul

Sports, Games and Prizes. Get outside and run..... Bring a change of clothes, we will get muddy!!!!

Jump



Tue 10 Jul

Come learn new tricks or show us your skills at Albany's indoor Trampoline park.

Beach Day



Wed 11 Jul

Basket Ball, Touch and fun at the park. Bring a change of clothes, we will get sandy!!!!

Movies Double Feature



Thu 12 Jul

It's been a cold Holidays lets kick back and watch Movies..... ALL DAY

All Day Sk8 Park



Fri 13 Jul

Orewa Skate Park and the Youth Centre's indoor Park will be open for your enjoyment all day long.

Sports 'n' Games



Mon 16 Jul

Sports, Games and Prizes. Get outside and run..... Bring a change of clothes, we will get muddy!!!!

Clip 'n' Climb



Tue 17 Jul

Come push your comfort zone and see how high you can climb.

Beach Day



Wed 18 Jul

Basket Ball, Touch and fun at the park. Bring a change of clothes, we will get sandy!!!!

Zoo



Thu 19 Jul

Wrap up warm and come check out the new exhibits at Auckland Zoo....

All Day Sk8 Park



Fri 20 Jul

Orewa Skate Park and the Youth Centre's indoor Park will be open for your enjoyment all day long.

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