



# WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

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## Newsletter

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*No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. — Aesop*

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## From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora

During the last two weeks, learners have heard messages at assemblies about the importance of tolerance and self-control. It is okay to disagree with each other and have differing views in a situation; but we need to do this with respect for the other people involved. As adults, we are aware of how difficult this can be and that it is a skill we have to cultivate. It is not always easy – but that is when we may need tolerance the most.

In an age of social media we can enjoy the positivity of these platforms but can also be subjected to negativity. As a result, we (and our kids) need to develop emotional maturity involving tolerance, kindness and empathy. To do this, the home/school/community partnership is critical as schools don't exist in a social vacuum.

In a recent article an Invercargill Principal said:

"Schools very much emphasise positive values such as tolerance and kindness in their day to day work with young people, and work hard to build healthy and positive social skills. Inevitably however, attention falls on them when things go wrong, rather than on the positive things going on every day, by most students, most of the time. Remember, all schools experience the same range of behaviours and deal with the same issues."

Our Teachers, Deans and Senior Learning Team always follow up on incidents that are brought to our attention in order to resolve matters in a positive way; and safety is always a priority. We have also talked to learners in assembly about the importance of being part of the solution, not the problem – not being a bystander to poor behaviours nor withholding information for fear of being a 'nark'; but helping to keep everyone safe and being a positive force for change. It is revealing when we have negative impact on the school from outside, that our learners do take it personally and are hurt by negative portrayals and posts about their College.

In order to assist us in this journey we have a few suggestions. Some of these are included because of concerns I have about the way a small minority of parents can sometimes behave in tough situations:

- Think about the attitudes and behaviours that are being role modelled to our young people out of school as well as in, eg, what are they watching, how do the adults in their lives role model resolving disagreements and conflict?
- Continue teaching your children to accept responsibility for their actions.
- If there are matters of concern (eg, breakdown of relationships, social media 'stuff') please engage with us in respectful conversation. Allow us time to investigate such situations, and support the outcomes. Respectful partnership works best.

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- Exercise self-control. If parents react and respond from an emotionally charged or ill-informed position; it is likely the young person observing will think this response is acceptable.
- Build your child's capacity for life by helping them develop a sense of perspective and the skills to deal with normal social conflict, frustration and irritation; in a positive and respectful way.

Building a strong sense of personal and social responsibility is integral to everything we do at Whangaparaoa College in partnership with whanau and community. We all have a part to play in creating a country we can be proud of for the way its people treat each other.

Nga mihi nui



**James Thomas**  
Principal

## BoT Elections

Every three years, a new Board of Trustees is elected to govern the school, and this is due to take place again soon. Nominations are invited for the election of 5 (five) parent representatives. You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Please ensure that both parts of the form are signed.

A nomination form has been posted to all eligible voters. Thank you to those who have expressed an interest in this role, and returned their completed nomination form. If anyone else is interested, please send in your completed nomination forms to the school office in the envelope provided, to reach us no later than noon on Friday 24 May 2019, when nominations close. Information is available on the following website <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee>.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school office.

## 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 two weeks prior to the conferences and a parent code will be sent out.

Booking details and times:

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

## Sports

### Winter Sports

Our winter sports season is now well underway.

Hockey and Lacrosse started with a bang, with all senior teams winning their first games, well done guys.

It is absolutely awesome to see the amount of netball being played this year, with having three more intermediate teams than in the 2018 season.

Football Year 7 and 8 Zone Days went well, with the Year 8 Boys winning the Plate Final. Well done boys!

**Kosta Gladiadis** won Gold in the Gold Fleet for the O'pen Skiff, at the 2019 Bay Of Islands O'pen Cup, held on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 May.

Congratulations to **Jonny Milne**, who competed in the Auckland International Judo Competition last weekend. He earned a Bronze after competing against some tough competition.

The following are this year's home Cross Country Champs:



#### **Year 8 Girls**

1st Jordan McKenzie  
2nd Soraya Trotter  
3rd Edie Franks

#### **Year 8 Boys**

1st Lucas Wyeth  
2nd Callum De La Rue  
3rd Hiden Snowden

#### **Intermediate Girls**

1st Rosie Risbrook

#### **Intermediate Boys**

1st Jack Heijn  
2nd James Crawford  
3rd Lewis Langford-Cartwright

#### **Year 7 Girls**

1st Hope Duffett  
2nd Charisa Bayes  
3rd Jessica Smalley

#### **Year 7 Boys**

1st Isaac Scott  
2nd Carter Finn  
3rd Kosta Gladiadis

#### **Junior Girls**

1st Ariana Hunt  
2nd Crystal Francis  
3rd Isis Welter

#### **Junior Boys**

1st Sam Phillips  
2nd Cohen Niblett  
3rd Aidan Wood

#### **Senior Girls**

1st Camille Huchez  
2nd Buell Verkade  
3rd Holly Harris

#### **Senior Boys**

1st Seamus Kelly  
2nd Nick Goodall  
3rd Max Richardson

We took 10 learners to **North Harbour Cross Country** on Tuesday 14 May, to compete against runners from schools in the North Harbour region.

Well done to the following placings:

**Junior Girls**

Isis Welter 17th  
Ariana Hunt 41st

**Junior Boys**

Sam Phillips 10th

**Intermediate Girls**

Rosie Risbrook 29th  
Crystal Francis 39th

**Intermediate Boys**

Jack Heijn 19th  
Lewis Langford-Cartwright 21st

**Senior Girls**

Camille Huchez 10th

**Senior Boys**

Seamus Kelly 13th  
Sam Creevery 14th  
Nick Goodall 15th



Senior Boys **Seamus, Sam and Nick**, also placed second as a team. Well done again.

## Mathematics

### A Fraction More: Years 8-10

On Thursday mornings before school, a keen group of budding mathematicians meet to solve difficult problems that stretch them and enhance their problem solving skills. This is a relaxed fun environment where learners can work together to explain their thinking and learn from one another.



Everyone is welcome, we meet in C2 at 7.45 am.

## Pink Shirt Day

On Friday 17 May we celebrated Anti-Bullying Day - Pink Shirt Day 2019, by having a morning tea and lunchtime interactive space in the middle of our school. Everyone from all year levels around the school got involved, took photos, drew with chalk on the concrete walls and danced up and down a cat walk.

*"I am a Year 13 Learner at WGP College and was so overcome with joy and happiness to see how many kids came in pink and supported the cause".*

All funds raised on Pink Shirt Day were for the Mental Health Foundation. Click [here](#) for pics.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:silviewa@wgpcollege.school.nz) or if you have an item to donate, please drop it into the college reception, Attention: Silvie Watts.

## Youth Voice Project

**Your Voice Counts** – that’s what we think when it comes to our local community. Over the next month, **Coast Youth Community Trust** is wanting to hear from as many high schooler’s aged between 11 and 18 years of age as we can, about what you think of our Coastie Community. If you live between Red Beach and Gulf Harbour and want your voice heard, fill out the 5 minute survey and be in the draw to win a GoPro HERO 7 black!



Link to survey:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/your\\_voice\\_counts](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/your_voice_counts)

## School App

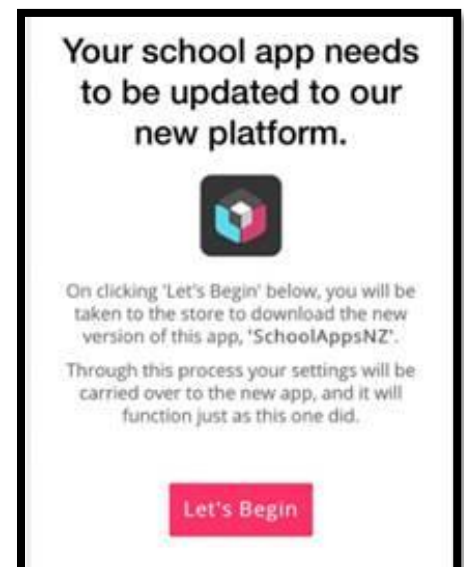
### Important Notice

Recent rule changes to the Apple App Store will affect our WGP College School App. Our current App developers have developed what is called a “container app” that all school Apps will be loaded into, this is called

**SchoolAppsNZ**. The key change between our current App and the “container app” is that users will now access our School App from the SchoolAppsNZ icon rather than our current Apps icon, which has our school logo. Our School App will be changed on **Friday 24 May** to the new “container app”.

For current users, you should not need to do anything as, when this is updated, an alert notification will be sent to users on that date.

On opening the School App, you will see this page on the right.



Once you click “Lets Begin”, you will be taken to the App Store/Google Play Store to download the new App. When you open the App, you will be taken to the home page of our School App, which will look exactly as it currently does.

SchoolAppsNZ have put together this short video that visually shows you the process. Click this link:

<https://schoolappsnz.co.nz/updating-to-schoolappsnz/>

## Upcoming Events

<b>May</b>	23	Year 12 Biology Trip, Tiritiri Matangi
	24	Year 11 ART Dagma Dyck, Artist Workshop
	25	Evolocity Build Day 3
	27	Year 13 Business Pitch Sessions
		Year 7 Girls Football Zone Day, Ashley Park
	28	Year 8 Girls Football Zone Day, Ashley Park
	<b>29</b>	<b>PPTA &amp; NZEI Industrial Action Day</b>
	30	Auckland War Museum, Classics Trip
	31	L3PHYS Rainbows End Trip
		L3OUED Year 5 Tabloid Sports
<b>June</b>		Year 10 Groups – NZ Defence Force Careers Bus Visit
		Rugby/Rippa IST
	<b>3</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday Holiday</b>
	4	L3BIOL Zoo Trip
	4-7	Year 8 Silverdale Marae Trip
	5-6	L1-3HEED01 – Eat my Lunch Trip
	5	Boys Hockey Zone Day, Rosedale
		Showquest, Spark Arena
		Sports Council Meeting, 5.30pm
	6	Girls Hockey Zone Day, Rosedale
		Netball Fast 5's Sign-up Finals
		Year 11 Market Day
	7-9	40 Hour Famine

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](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)

**ASB**  
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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 56640 12436 0718

**Contact your local  
Whangaparaoa ASB Branch on  
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information on great home  
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help support Whangaparaoa  
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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](http://coastphysio.co.nz)



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