



# WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

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## Term 1 Tales 2018



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## From the Principal's Desk

**Resilience.** In earlier newsletters I have spoken about the importance of resilience. People with resilience are better able to cope with the ups and downs of daily life. An important part of developing resilience is having self-awareness. We want our young ones to understand their tendencies and the factors that help them demonstrate resilience in challenging situations. This year we are starting a specific resilience program. The first part of this is for learners to do an online survey which will give them information and insights; and will provide us with a valuable basis to help our learners understand areas of strength and areas that can be further developed to enhance their resilience.

**Emails** are very much part of our daily life. In many ways they can be an excellent form of communication. However, to make sure that they enhance positive communication, we have a range of protocols for our staff that ensure email communication will be effective. Some guidelines (stated as Do's and Don'ts) that we find helpful – and you might like to consider – are as follows:

### Email Do's:

- Use email to send information, ask questions, and request meetings.
- If you can walk and talk; or phone and talk – do so.
- Acknowledge requests by the end of the following day; and then make sure you follow up.
- If concerns are raised, invite the other person to meet.
- Check the suitability of your email by how it would look, feel, sound if it was published on the front page of the NZ Herald.

### Email Don'ts:

- Don't engage in email conversations – the meaning will be lost. Meet and talk.
- Neither send nor reply to emails if you are hungry, tired or upset.
- If you are asking for something, don't send the same email to two or more people. Either they'll all do something about it (which is a waste of time); or no one will do anything (which is frustrating for you).
- Don't put anything that is emotive – or may be seen as emotive – in an email. It will be misinterpreted; and will not help good relationships and communication.

**Teaching Scholarship.** As you know there will be a serious shortage of teachers in the Auckland area in the years to come. Yes – the government should do something about this. Rest assured that we are raising this matter in a range of forums. Something positive the Board of Trustees have been discussing recently, in relation to this situation and our desire to always be fully staffed with the best possible teachers, is to introduce a Teaching Scholarship for a Whangaparaoa College learner or learners. If you have any opinions, thoughts or ideas about this, I would love to hear from you.

**And now a two week break.** Apart from encouraging your children to help around the home, not spend all day on their phones, eat their 'greens' and not sleep all morning – please encourage them to read a book, or magazine, or some printed text every day.

Ka kite

**James Thomas**  
**Principal**





## OUR COMMUNITY OF LEARNING (CoL)

The Whangaparaoa Peninsula Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) was officially endorsed by the MOE in September 2017. Significant resourcing has been provided by the MOE for leaders and teachers in our community, to collaborate and undertake professional development for better teaching and learning. The Leader of our Kāhui Ako, Lisa White, meets with Principals and Deputy Principals from our four schools once a term. In addition, our 3 Across School Teachers, 2 Early Childhood representatives, and 17 Within School Teachers, have been doing some great work to improve the teaching and learning for our learners on Whangaparaoa Peninsula. Please click [here](#) to read our full Kāhui Ako newsletter for Term 1.



AIR NEW ZEALAND

## Gateway

Congratulations to **Harrison Thompson**, who has been accepted into the Air New Zealand Gateway Work Experience Program.

This is a prestigious program, open to learners from every Auckland secondary school, and only 20 learners are chosen each year. Learners go through a rigorous application and interview process, and this is the first time that Whangaparaoa College has had a learner accepted into this programme. This is a great opportunity, which will give Harrison a 'foot in the door' to a future career in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering with Air New Zealand.

Well done Harrison.

## BCITO



Whangaparaoa College had 14 learners involved at the BCITO (Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation) day at Alexandra Park Raceway recently. They tried a variety of different crafts such as Joinery, Building, Carpet-laying, Wallpapering and Brick-laying.

## English Language Polyfest Trip

On Thursday 15 March, 84 learners and 7 staff set off on our annual trip to experience the sights, sounds and tastes of Polyfest, an iconic Auckland festival, filled with colour and culture. This year, Polyfest celebrated its 43rd Anniversary. It is the largest Maori and Pacific Island festival in the world, featuring traditional music and dance by Auckland secondary students on 6 stages: Maori, Samoan, Niue, Cook Islands, Tongan and Diversity Stage (showcasing a mix of Asian, African and other ethnic groups). The variety of delicious ethnic food stalls was one of the highlights of the day.

The winning photos that captured our learners' different perspectives of Polyfest were chosen from a large number of entries.

Congratulations to the following learners whose photos can also be viewed on our website gallery – click [here](#)

The overall winners of each category are:

### Culture



***Vitoria Parenti***



***and Jielyn Lagonde*** (1st Equal)

### Friends



***Jielyn Lagonde***

### Diversity



***Fabricio Fagundes***

### Ethnic Food



***Chaojun Li***

## English Department Blog



Keep informed about what's going down in the English Faculty! Check out our blog:  
<https://whangaparaoacollegeenglish.wordpress.com/>

## Sport

### School Sports Exchange

We had our first school sports exchange take place with **Huanui College** (near Whangarei). Five sports teams joined us here at Whangaparaoa College for a day of matches. This was a brilliant opportunity for some pre-season "friendlies" in Hockey, Lacrosse, Netball, Basketball and Football. All learners had a fantastic time and we look forward to meeting with Huanui again next year!



### Auckland Athletics

Congratulations to our learners who participated in Auckland Athletics recently. **Samantha Bright** competed in the Senior Girls Javelin and came 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Swimming North Harbour

Well done to those learners who attended Swimming North Harbour last week.

We are now working towards AIMS and finalising all our teams for Winter Sports. Regular weekly sports fixtures will commence in Term 2. Draws come out each week, and will be put on the Sports Facebook page and the Sports section of the school website. Players are also encouraged to check the websites of their chosen sport for times and venues of games.

**Facebook - Whangaparaoa College Sport**

**Sports Weekly Draws:**

<http://www.wgpcollege.school.nz/Arts++Culture/Sports/Draws.html>

Please ensure that your child's EOTC form for the year has been completed before their first game: **2018 Sport Registration EOTC Form**

If you are able to help out this year with any transport for your son/daughter's team, please fill out the following form: **Transport Safety and Drivers Form** thank you.



## Performing Arts

As a department we have had a very busy term, with many opportunities for trips to the city to see wonderfully inspiring shows.

The Auckland Arts Festival, (which runs every March), is a culmination of many professional performances that our learners have the privilege of viewing. This then benefits their future Performing Arts assessments.

We look forward to viewing more professional performances throughout the year!

The Year 11 Drama learners visited The Pop Up Globe Theatre to see *Midsummer Night's Dream*, Year 12 Drama visited the Civic Theatre to see the *Naked Samoans Do Magic*, and Year 13 Drama saw *1984* at the ASB Waterfront Theatre.

The Year 11-13 Music learners saw *The Triplets of Belleville* at the Aotea Centre and the Year 11-13 Dance learners watched the ballet *Giselle* at the Aotea Centre.

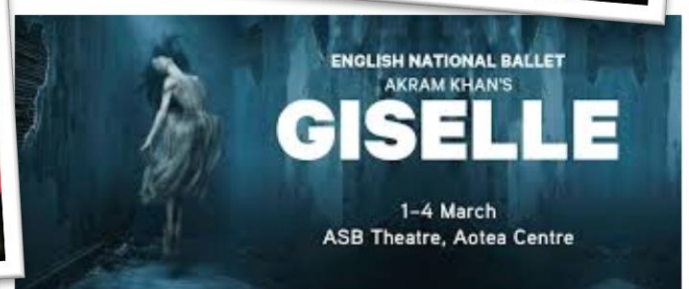
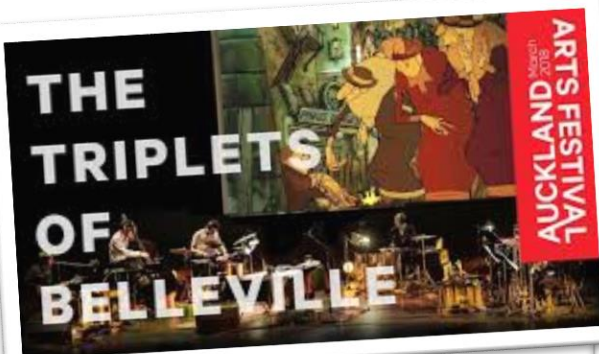
**Shannon Enright, HoL The Arts**



Pop Up Globe



1984





## Music Department

The Big Band and Senior Combo recently attended the National Youth Jazz Competition in Tauranga. Both bands won a silver medal and conducted themselves with distinction.

My thanks also go to Mrs Lisa Williams and Mr Edwin Dolbel, for helping to make this a great trip.

**Andrew Ward**

**Teacher in Charge of Extra Curricular Music**





# Level 1 General Science Field Trip

## Rangitoto Island - 7 or 8 May.

A reminder to parents to complete this online [permission form for the Rangitoto Island field trip](#). These are **due by Tuesday 1 May** please.

Classes taught by Mrs Winstone, Mr Mueggenburg or Mr Gempton are going on 7 May. Classes taught by Mr Hodson and Mr Curwen are going on 8 May.

**All learners must be at the school bus bay before 8.20 am on the day of their class' trip.**

## Absentees

To report your child's absence, select the Absentee option when you ring and we will then require you to please speak slowly and clearly, leaving your:

- Child's Name
- AC Group
- The reason for their absence
- Your name and telephone details

## Upcoming Events

<b>April</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>
	<b>30</b>	<b>Term 2 Begins</b>
		HPV 1 Year 8
May	1	Te Manu Taiko, Massey University
		L2 SOCI trip, Ihumatao and Otutaua Stonefields
	<b>2</b>	<b>Full School ANZAC Assembly</b>
	3-4	L2 GEOG Trip, Coromandel
	3	Orienteering Zone Day
	7	Year 7 Boys Football Zone Day, Rosedale
	7-8	L1 SCIE Rangitoto Trip
	9-11	L2 OUED, Pinnacles Camp
	9	Year 8 Boys Football Zone Day, Rosedale

**For more information from our school calendar [click here](#).**

# Community Notices



## University information evening

**The University of Canterbury | Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha (UC)** invites students from our school and their families to attend its Auckland Information Evening on Tuesday 15 May.

The evening is a great opportunity for senior secondary students and their parents, to learn more about the range of qualifications UC offers, to hear from leading academics and get key questions answered about:

- Scholarships
- Accommodation
- Student Support
- Degree and course information

Anyone considering university study in 2019 or 2020 is welcome at this free event, so register online to find out everything you need to know about life and study at UC.

Register at: [www.canterbury.ac.nz/events/tours-and-events/info-evenings/](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/events/tours-and-events/info-evenings/)

The UC Information Evening starts at 6.30pm on 15 May at ANZ Viaduct Events Centre, 161 Halsey Street, Auckland.

### Whangaparaoa College Physio Clinic (established 2010) for Students & Staff

John Lanigan. Dip Phty, Dip MT.  
Physiotherapist 30 years

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Coast Physio Group

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**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

**Proud To Support WGPC Sports Teams**



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