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Term 1 Tales 2019



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Kahui Ako

The Term 1 Whangaparaoa Peninsula Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) Newsletter can be viewed [HERE](#)

From the Principal's Desk

Support for Christchurch

Last week, two of our staff and two of our senior prefects went to Christchurch to visit two schools and the mosque affected by the terrorist attacks of Friday 15 March. They were well received and their support was very much appreciated. For those who lost loved ones and are still struggling with injuries, it is still very early days, and our hopes and thoughts are with those in Christchurch and others who are affected.

Internet access

At Whangaparaoa College we have Wi-Fi available but we block many sites – especially social media sites. However, because many learners have a personal data package, they can still access sites during the school day. I would ask parents to monitor very carefully the sites that children are accessing and when they are being accessed. At times, concerning 'posts' are brought to our attention. Some of these are sent during the school day using personal data. Also of concern is that most of these negative posts are made after 10.00 pm and in the small hours. There is plenty of research that tells us that 24/7 access to gadgets is not healthy. As parents, we should also be aware that any of our children under 13 years, are not legally allowed to have Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and some other social media. I know it is challenging, but it is important that we know who our children are connecting with over the internet, the nature of those connections, and what time of the day they are connecting with others. As parents, it is certainly something we do in the face-to-face world – we know where our kids are going, who with, what they'll be doing and when they'll be home. Surely we would be equally vigilant with regard the digital world.

Anzac Day

On Thursday 25 April (in the second week of the upcoming break), senior staff and our prefects will be representing the college at the Silverdale Anzac Day service. You may have heard that there is a reduction in the number of Anzac Day memorial services around Auckland. There is no dawn service at Silverdale this year, but there will be a public civic service at 11.00 am. Then, in the first week of Term 2, we have our full School Anzac assembly attended by a number of our friends from the local RSA.

All the best for a good term break
Ka kite ano



**James
Thomas
Principal**

Board of Trustee Elections 2019

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 parent representatives to the Board of Trustees. A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters from 10 May 2019.

Nominations close at noon on Friday 24 May and must be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement and photograph. The Voting Roll is open for inspection at school and can be viewed during normal school hours. The list of candidates' names will be made available for inspection at the school as these come to hand.

Voting closes at noon on Friday 7 June 2019.

For more information on becoming a Trustee,

<https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee/>

Caroline Butland
Returning Officer

Otago Math Competition



On Wednesday 3 April, 56 of our learners took part in the Otago Math Competition. The competition was open to all learners in Years 8-11, with cash prizes offered for the top learners in each year level across the country. The competition asked learners to provide written answers to questions that involved using mathematical, as well as problem solving skills.

The results of the competition won't be released until later in the year, but based on the calibre of the learners involved, we are hopeful there will be some Certificates of Distinction and/or some prize winners amongst them.

A big **thank you** to all the learners for getting involved in the competition this year, and to their parents for allowing them to do so!



Mrs Joanna Bartch
HoL Mathematics

Sport

Well Done to **Josh Bayes** and **Siina Cooke** who qualified for and attended Inter Zone Swimming. Siina placed 7th for North Harbour, and Josh placed 2nd in their races! Congratulations guys!



This week we attended the Futsal Zone Day with 2 boys teams a girls' team. It was an awesome day out and great to see such skill on display!



The Year 10 Futsal Boys travelled to Wellington last week to compete in the NZSS Futsal Champs. They had a great time playing against schools they've never played before and experienced some tough competition. All in all a great week for the team!



Well done to **Lucas Ruperti**, Year 10 who sailed in the nationals over the week achieving 7th place!
He sailed with Soren Johnston from Wentworth College.

Well Done to **Kosta Gladiadis**, Year 7 who has been competing in numerous sailing competitions in the last few months, with some great results.
Such an achievement for someone so young!
Open Bic Gold Fleet
2019 Junior Sail Auckland (5th place)
2019 Kerikeri Open Cup (2nd place Silver)
2019 Bay Of Islands Interschool Regatta (4th place)
2019 Wellington Open Cup (3rd place Bronze)



We took two teams to the Senior Tag Tournament recently, with our Senior Boys winning their grade and the Senior Girls placing 3rd. Brilliant results - well done!

Congratulations to **Aimee Bright** who won a Bronze medal in the National Feva (2 person boat) Championships over the weekend.
She was sailing with Mattias Coutts from Wentworth College.
They are both only 13 so this was a great achievement

Well done to the Senior Girls Waterpolo Team who had an amazing week of games placing 4th in the North Island Champs.
The team has improved so much from last year, where they placed 11th.
Big thanks to Clint Harris the coach, and to all the parents for your support.
National champs are in 2 weeks' time in Rotorua.

It was also good to see those that came to our Coaches and Managers Induction Evening. Thank you in advance for volunteering to help with our school teams!

Careers

Whenuapai RNZAF Base offer monthly visits for learners wishing to join the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

Kian Manilal and Daniel Brennan are seen here with Flight Lieutenant Michal-Louise Paget, Co-pilot of the C130H Hercules Aircraft.

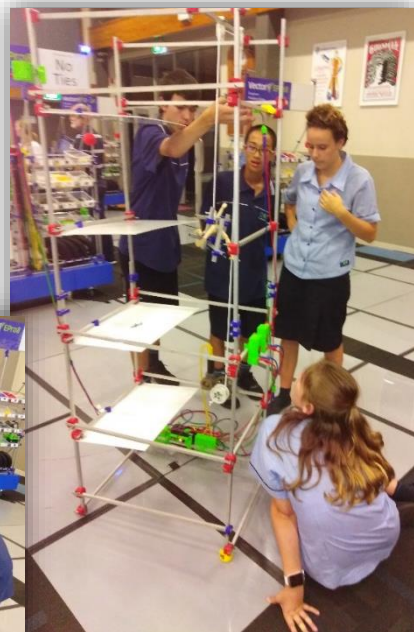


Gateway

On Wednesday 13 March, learners participated in the BCITO (Building & Construction Industry Training Organisation) skills day at Alexandra Park Raceway. The learners tried a variety of activities such as Gib Stopping, Brick Laying, Wallpapering, Aluminium Joinery and Construction. For more pics, click [here](#)



EPro8



EPro8 Technology Challenge

Our fabulous senior team of **Alex Lu, Sarah Harrison, Benjamin Mueggensburg and Alex Callaghan**, entered for the fourth year in a row and faced teams from central Auckland, with competitors at Years 11, 12 & 13. We did well to come in the top 6 teams, as the competition is far more fierce at the senior level, and plan to return again next year.

Music

This weekend, we participated in the **National Youth Jazz Competition**. Our Senior Jazz Combo won a Silver Medal, our Stage Combo won a Bronze and Sam Wilcox-Brown (centre of pic) won the title of Best Keyboard Player.



Gumboot Friday

Both Staff and learners went the extra mile to support Mental Health last Friday 5 April with a mufti day and "Gumboot Throw".



Carparks, Drop-off and Pick-up Zones

For the safety of our staff and learners, the gymnasium carpark is designated a staff only carpark and disabled drop-off/pick-up zone, Monday to Friday, 8.00 am to 4.00 pm. Only permit holders will be able to use this carpark. Permits are issued by Ginny Catterall, ginnyca@wgpcollege.school.nz

Scooters and Bikes

Please remember that all scooters and bikes brought to school need to be locked up by the owner. They are not to be ridden during school time.

From the Library

Dear learners and readers,
Please lend me your ears,
We're looking for lost books,
From over the years.

They may be in your house,
Or under the bed,
We hope that you liked them,
We hope they were read.

But others need to read them,
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Wherever they are,
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Search high and low,
You never know try your luck
And even check at the end of a rainbow.

Just drop them off
In our trusty returns box
No questions asked,
Just don't let them disappear like all the odd socks.

Whatever you find
It's great if you do
We really don't mind
So now we thank you.



Upcoming Events

April	12	End of Term 1
	29	Term 2 Begins
		HPV1 Year 8
		Year 7 Auckland War Memorial Museum, 7TOWL/7SMM
	30	Year 7 Auckland War Memorial Museum, 7WDF/7WLL
		YES Social Media Workshop, AUT Central Campus
May	1	Full School ANZAC Assembly
		Full School Cross Country
	2	Year 7 Auckland War Memorial Museum, 7DUN/7WRE
		L2/3GEO Fieldtrip to Orewa
	2-3	L1SCIE Rangitoto Trip
	3	Year 7 Auckland War Memorial Museum, 7JAR/7TURK
		Year 12 History Day Trip, Waikato
		Otago University Visit, Auditorium
		Year 9-13 Drama, Ugly Shakespeare Company
	4-18	Japan Tour
	7	Year 7 Boys Football Zone Day
		Jump Jam

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

Mid-Winter Community Ball

Some Board members, parents and staff are hoping to arrange a Mid-Winter Community Ball at the end of June, as a fun fundraiser.

If you're interested in helping, please email
Carolinebu@wgpcollege.school.nz

Community Notices

Wanted

Any **Dr Suess** books that your children have outgrown. Instead of sitting in that old box or collecting dust on the kid's bookshelf, they would be put to valuable use and would be very much appreciated by us.

If you can help, please drop them off to the School Office or the Learning Support Room (Old Uniform Shop).

Thank you very much for your support.
Chris Brown (SENCo)



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Wednesday	11.30 - 2.30
Friday	11.30 - 2.30

For appt Ph. 09 424 1309 or text 021 187 3299

Further information see the Coast Physio website.

Tom Hejls



Angela Hardy



coastphysio.co.nz



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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

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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>

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