



# WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

*Together □ Believe □ Achieve □ Ngātahi whakapono tutuki*

## Newsletter

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*Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. — Mark Twain*

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## From the Principal

Last week in school proved a number of things pretty clearly; firstly, that the nation, including its young people, pulled together in the wake of the shootings in Christchurch and secondly, watching the reactions and the actions of our young people, gave me great hope for the future.

You will know that after the events of Friday 15 March, we at Whangaparaoa College held a full school assembly on Monday as an act of remembrance, solidarity and a reminder of our national identity. In my role as Acting Principal in James Thomas' absence, it is fair to say that I went home that evening from school extremely proud of our school, its learners and our teachers. The moment of silence was outstanding, the national anthem was sung with real pride and the kapa haka produced a spellbinding version of Hallelujah and a moving haka.

Wednesday brought about a mufti day to celebrate diversity, and we are intending to give the money raised to two schools in the Christchurch area, to support their students during this tough time. My thanks to the Prefects for both the organisation of this day and their exceptional thinking for the plans of where to from here.

On Friday, we observed the national two minutes of silence at 1.32 pm in the classroom spaces, and once again our young people rose to the occasion. As I said in my speech on Monday; "The future in New Zealand will absolutely need to focus on inclusion, kindness and tolerance – they are the only future and they are our challenge! The good news is that these values can be clearly seen in a place like Whangaparaoa College and its learners."

Meet the teacher for Year 8-13 will have given us a good opportunity to put a name to a face, have a brief chat about progress and potentially prompt some discussions at home about how learning has started in 2019.

In closing, each time I have the opportunity to stand in for James I am reminded of what a great team we have at Whangaparaoa College from learners, to teachers, to support staff, to whanau. With this team great things are possible and we need the learners to grab hold of the opportunities available and strive to reach their potential.

Nga mihi nui

**Graeme Williams**  
Acting Principal

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## Music

On Friday 29 March, the **Senior Jazz Combo** will be performing at the Mangawhai Walking Festival. They will be playing at 23 Robert Street during the afternoon, at various intervals between 1.30 pm and 4.30 pm.

On the morning of Saturday 30 March, the **Junior Jazz Combo** will be performing during the morning at the Whangaparaoa Primary School Gala.

Both combos will be competing on Saturday 6 April in the National Jazz Youth Competition, performing in Tauranga at the Bayes-Addison Theatre, during the afternoon session.

## Science

### Level One Science – Rangitoto Field Trips, 2 and 3 May:

All learners will have received an information letter and permission slip for the Rangitoto Field trip. This trip is to support the teaching and learning programme for *Achievement Standard 90952, Geological Surface Features*. Please be advised that learners need to be at school for 7.00 am on the day of their excursion. Buses will depart at 7.20 am to enable us to meet the ferry.

Could all parents/caregivers complete the permission slip as soon as practical and return it to the relevant Science teacher.

Thank you.

**Rhys Hodson, HoL Science.**

## Evolocity

<https://www.facebook.com/evolocitynz/>

This year, a group of our Year 13 learners - **Leroux Van Zyl, Balin Mitchell, Joaquin Alfaro and Nick Goodall** from the Technology and Physics programmes, are engaging in designing and building an electric vehicle using an electric motor componentry kit supplied to them.

Team members develop skills in:  
Mechanical & Electrical Engineering  
Electronics & Programming  
Sensor and Display Programming  
Video-making and Marketing and Teamwork.

Two weeks ago, the team competed in the initial event at Auckland University School of Engineering, to convert an existing bicycle to electric, and drive this around a circuit. A convincing first place went to our team. Well done to this group, and also thank you very much for the parent support.

We look forward to an exciting and worthwhile year with this group of learners.

For pics, click [here](#)

## World Vision Youth Conference

On Tuesday 19 March 2019, **Holly Dowler, Alex Jones, Jacob Batten and Maui Nicoll** attended the World Vision Youth Conference in Auckland, accompanied by a teacher.

We all came back feeling this conference had a strong impact on us. It was a moving experience. There were key note speakers from around the world there, to share their experiences and offer practical advice on how we as individuals can make a difference in our communities.

The experience has taught us to share knowledge and 'know how' in the Hibiscus Coast community, and to help young people learn more about how we can all contribute to make the world a better place to live in.

One of our learners aptly said "*it was an insightful experience.*"

**By Jacob Batten, Level 3**

## Art



### Top Art Exhibition

Congratulations to **Alisha Reddy**, who has had her 2018 Level 3 Painting folio selected for the NZQA Top Art Exhibition. This is a prestigious nation-wide exhibition and we are very proud of Alisha. Her board can be seen on [https://www.facebook.com/pg/NZQATopArt/photos/?tab=album&album\\_id=1642152309200062](https://www.facebook.com/pg/NZQATopArt/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1642152309200062)

Alisha investigated her cultural heritage as a Fijian Indian through the patterns and motifs of her cultures. Her work is currently featured on the front page (see link).

### Decorated Gumboot Competition - Friday 5 April 2019

In support of "Gumboot Friday" facilitated by the I am Hope Campaign, the Art department is running a decorated Gumboot competition. Learners can bring along their amazing decorated gumboot to the Art Department on Friday 5 April, before 9.00 am. There will be prizes!!

## Sport

Well done to the learners we took to the Swimming Zone Day last week. It was a fun day with **Josh Bayes, Siina Cooke and Zoe Pederson** going through to finals. Josh and Siina have also qualified for Interzone - congratulations!

Whangaparaoa entered 2 Cricket teams in last week's Zone Day, with the experienced team taking out 2 wins against Kingsway/Wentworth and Orewa. A big thanks to all the parent help and Gisele Naidu (learner), we couldn't have done it without you!

Well done to **Noelani and Ayana Roberts**, (see photo) who were a part of the winning U14 Girls Fiji Tag team, coming away with GOLD at the Junior Oceania Cup!

Congratulations to **Ellie Harfield** who has been selected to compete on the World stage, representing NZ as an elite athlete in the All Star Infinity Global Dance and Cheer Games team. This competition will take place in May in Hawaii. Well done on this awesome achievement!

Well done to all those who competed at North Harbour Athletics last week, with **Brody Newth, Seamus Kelly, Sam Creevey and Samantha Bright** qualifying for Auckland Athletics.



## Coaches and Managers Needed

Winter Sport pre-season trainings and team selection is well underway. If you are interested in volunteering in any sport as a coach or manager for the 2019 winter season, please email [joedu@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:joedu@wgpcollege.school.nz)

## From the Nurse

You may be aware of an outbreak of Measles in NZ. Please be aware that if we have a reported case of Measles at WGP College, then unvaccinated learners may be required to stay away from school until 14 days after the last case. Vaccination is your best protection.

If you choose to vaccinate your child, they will be considered to have immunity 7–21 days post vaccination. One MMR shot provides 95% chance of immunity, 2 MMR shots (advised) provides 99% chance of immunity. There is a 4 week gap required between the 1st and 2nd dose of MMR vaccines.

Adults born between 1969 and 1992 are entitled to a free MMR vaccine. Contact your GP for this.

If your child is unvaccinated and becomes unwell, please visit [www.arphs.health.nz](http://www.arphs.health.nz) or [www.health.govt.nz/yourhealth](http://www.health.govt.nz/yourhealth) for symptoms of measles. The contagious period is from 5 days before and until 5 days after the rash appears.

To reduce risk of meningitis and glandular fever please have a chat with your children about practicing excellent hand hygiene and not to share personal items such as drink bottles, eating utensils, toothbrushes and lipsticks.

## Upcoming Events

<b>March</b>	27/28	L3 Gateway H&S Course
	27-30	Year 10 Futsal Trip, Wellington (contd)
	27	NISS Waterpolo Championships
		Girls Tennis Zone Day, North Shore
	28	Boys Tennis Zone Day, North Shore
<b>April</b>	29	Mangawhai Walking Weekend Festival
	2	Boys Futsal Zone Day
	3-5	L3OUED – Bush Survival Camp, Piha
	4	Senior Tag Tournament
		EPro8 Engineering Challenge, Rosmini
		Year 10 Market Day
		Girls Futsal Zone Day
		Coach Induction Evening
	4-6	National Youth Jazz Competition, Tauranga
	5	Mufti Day – Gumboot Friday
		L1/2 Sociology Trip, Ihumatao
		Year 9/10 EPro8 Challenge, Rosmini College
	11	Project Based Pod Whanau Evening, 6.30pm
	12-16	Senior Girls NZSS Waterpolo Tournament, Rotorua
	<b>12</b>	<b>End of Term 1</b>
	23-27	Duke of Edinburgh Gold Final Tramp, Nelson
	25	ANZAC Day Parade - RSA
	<b>29</b>	<b>Term 2 Begins</b>

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



## Community Notices



My name is Marni Otway and I am a foster parent and also the Lead Social Worker of a local foster care agency, *Immerse*. I would like to put the word out to parents/staff/community to spread the word, that there is a great need for foster parents in our community. Our country is in desperate need for foster parents in general, (all ages of children), and specifically for teenagers. Unfortunately there are not enough homes available in our community.

We host ***Unpacking Fostering*** sessions, which are a great way to find out more about Immerse, and hopefully find your fit amongst all the various ways that you can get involved with us. Whether you have complimentary professional skills; a few spare hours a month; or you are ready to open your home to tamariki whāngai, come along to find out more!

During the session, you will have an opportunity to have your questions answered.

These events are hosted in our Head Office in Old Albany Village, Auckland.

Light refreshments are provided.

If one of the following sessions works for you then we'd love to host you.

Please register at [E: info@immerse.org.nz](mailto:info@immerse.org.nz)

**2019 DATES:**

- **Thursday 2 May ~ 7.00 – 9.00pm**
- **Wednesday 12 June ~ 7.00 – 9.00pm**

## 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)





## 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. They are able to treat under already existing ACC claims as long as they have been created within the last year. The ACC surcharge is \$10 for 30 minutes.

#### Clinic times are:

Monday	11.30 - 2.30
Tuesday	9.00 - 12.00
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 Heijs



Angela Hardy



[coastphysio.co.nz](http://coastphysio.co.nz)



## Future of Education

### Public meeting



**Hon Nikki Kaye**

MP for Auckland Central and  
Opposition Spokesperson for  
Education and  
Sport and Recreation



**Mark Mitchell**

MP for Rodney and  
Opposition Spokesperson for  
Defence, Disarmament,  
Justice and Pike River Re-entry



**Chris Penk**

MP for Helensville and  
Opposition Spokesperson for  
Courts

**Friday 29 March, 5:30pm**

Orewa Bowls Club,  
214 Hibiscus Coast Highway, Orewa

**Come discuss the future of our education system.** You'll be able to raise general education issues with a focus on proposals from the Government's "Tomorrow's Schools Review Taskforce". We've raised some serious concerns about the proposals which, in our view, could transfer power away from parents to officials. We want everyone to have access to information about the proposals. It's an opportunity for us to hear from you and ensure your views are shared.

## 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)

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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 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.**

## Sponsorship and Support

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FOR THEIR SPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORT OF OUR COLLEGE LEARNERS.



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