



WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

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Newsletter

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From the Principal

Tomorrow's School's Review

Thirty years ago, the Department of Education (which had 800 employees), became the Ministry of Education, (which now has about 2500 employees plus numerous consultants). Thirty years ago, every school in New Zealand had their first Board of Trustees and the 'Tomorrow's Schools' era began.

There is currently a review of 'Tomorrow's Schools', and the taskforce responsible has made many significant recommendations for change. Some seem wise, e.g: some schools (especially very small ones), might prefer or need functions like property, finance and HR to be managed by an external support team, (which the taskforce suggest should be based around a 'Hub' or district model with about 120 schools). However, schools like Whangaparaoa, which have committed and effective staff and a quality governance Board, must be allowed to retain management of all functions, without any complex bureaucratic process. We would actually like more responsibility and authority in areas such as property.

From time to time, we need to review governance structures and supports in the education sector; but we must not lose sight of a bigger issue. There is a serious shortage of quality teachers in New Zealand. One essential part of the solution to this problem is to pay our teachers appropriately; at least 15% is needed to get close to pay rates in similar countries like Australia.

If you are interested in checking out the Tomorrow's School Review and sending feedback to the taskforce, please follow this [link](#).

'Strike' for Climate Change

At Whangaparaoa College, we are taking positive steps to be part of the solution to environmental concerns. For example, awareness about electricity use; changing all our light fittings to LED; upgrading water faucets to reduce water flow; installation of photovoltaic solar panels to generate electricity; recycling; and establishing a wetland area on our land in conjunction with the Forest and Bird Protection Society and Auckland Council. We listen and act on learners' ideas in this area.

We have learnt that students in New Zealand, have been encouraged to participate in a 'strike' as a way of showing their concern about climate change. I have concerns about how the human race is negatively affecting our environment; but I do not think encouraging our young people to take time off school is helpful.

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Clearly, the planned action is not a strike. A strike is the withdrawal of services by employees because they have a concern they want to express about, or to, their employers. My concern is that once again, schools are being expected to take time away from our core business (teaching and learning) because of issues in our wider society.

It's not that there are not serious issues that need addressing – but where will the growing demands on school time end? Perhaps teenagers could meet 'en masse' in the centre of Auckland in their own time. That would certainly be an authentic way of getting attention!

Friday 15 March will be a normal school day at Whangaparaoa College.

Behaviours that are not OK at Whangaparaoa College

We have a group of teachers and learners, coordinated by an external expert, called the "Bullying Prevention and Response Action Group". While we often remind learners about our expectations, and encourage positive behaviours, e.g: respect, kindness, being friendly; the group have suggested being specific about behaviours that are **not OK**.

For example:

- **Not Nice:** When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once – this is *Not Nice*; this is **not OK**.
- **Mean:** When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once – this is *Mean*; this is **not OK**.
- **Bullying:** When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it, over a period of time, even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset – this is *Bullying*; this is **not OK**.

It would be good if families could discuss the distinctions between these different behaviours.

He aroha whakato, he aroha puta noi
If kindness is shown; then kindness you shall receive

Thanks for your time.
Have a good day

Ka kite ano



James Thomas
Principal

Senior School Exams

Senior Exams (please be aware)
The Year 11-13 School exams have moved by one week.
They will now be held from **September 9 – 16**.

Year 7 Camps



This was the second week of camps at Tawharanui Regional Park for our last group of four Year 7 classes. The weather was superb and the learners had a blast! During their one night stay, each class took part in a snorkelling session run by Sophie from *Experiencing Marine Reserves*, and conservation sessions which included GPS Tracking, Monitoring the Wildlife and Checking on Predators. In the evening, they had the opportunity to go on a night walk, where some of the groups heard and saw Kiwi! The next day, we visited Ti Point Reptile Park, and got to touch a Tuatara! For more pics, click [here](#).

Year 11 Drama

Pop-Up Globe

Hilarious, highly energetic, and a little raunchy, are three ways to describe the Pop-up Globe's very comical take on *Shakespeare's Measure for Measure*. Year 11 Drama learners, along with some members of the Pod Class, attended the play on Wednesday 6 March. They were kept thoroughly entertained by the very talented cast, for the full two and half hours of the play. Learners and teachers alike, loved the play, and some learners stated determinedly that they would be going again next year.



Sport

Congratulations to **Aimee Bright**, who represented Whangaparaoa College in the Inter Schools Sailing Regatta at Wakatere Boating Club. She competed over 2 days and came away with a Silver medal in the Open Bic Class. Awesome achievement!

Triathlon Zone Day

We had some brilliant results at this event. We took individuals and teams from Years 7 & 8 and everyone had a fantastic day with lots of fun. Well done to those who competed!

Tag Zone Day

For the first time ever, this event was moved to Hibiscus Coast and what a turn out! We walked 5 teams down to the Raiders Club, where a total of 29 Harbour school teams competed. Our teams did really well, despite being put in some pretty tough pools! Thank you to our Year 11 learner coaches - Chris, Tarquin, Jordan and Matt.

Softball Zone Day

The team had a really great day with a nice easy win for one game, and a couple of tougher losses, but fun was had by all!

A big thanks to Nick, William and Tristan from Year 9, who helped coach the team and umpire on the day.

For pics, click [here](#)

Careers

Upcoming Events:

March 20	BCITO Activity Day Alexandra Park.
March 20	Young Women in Leadership – Massey University.
May 21	Young Women in Leadership – Massey University, Part 2.

From the Nurse

Please ensure your contact details are up to date, so that we are able to contact you if your child is unwell, or there is an emergency.

We also need current addresses to complete ACC forms correctly, so please inform the school when you move house.

The nurses now have a page on the school website,
<https://www.wgpcollege.school.nz/>

There is currently up-to-date information on the following:

- Year 7 Boostrix and Year 8 HPV Vaccinations. I have included info on Dispelling Myths Around Vaccination, so you can make an informed choice.
- Free dentistry from Lumino for Years 9 – 13.
- Information about periods, including a great teaching video about all the types of sanitary items available.
- Health Hub Pop-in, which is free for up to 18 years of age. They also have free wifi.
- Family/Whanau Support and Education Group.
- Triple P Positive Parenting Programme.

HPV and Boostrix Immunisation consent forms have gone home with learners. Please return these to the class teacher, office or nurse.

FREE Dental Care for Year 9–13 learners.

Lumino the Dentists arrive at WGP college on 20 March. If you haven't enrolled, consent forms are on the school website:

www.wgpcollege.school.nz **About us-School information-Health**

Year 7 and 8 learners will be seen by the Auckland Regional Dental Service later in the year.

Buses

Tuesday 26 March Meet the Teacher

**School finishes at 1.30pm for Years 8-13 only.
Buses will leave school as normal at 3.25pm.**

Upcoming Events

March	14	Polyfest Trip, Manukau Sports Bowl Swimming Zone Day, AUT Millenium
	19	NH Swimming
	20	Auckland Athletics BCITO Activity Day, Alexandra Park Young Women in Leadership, Massey University Lumino Dentists on site until Fri 17 May
	21	WGPTalent Finals (sign-up)
	21/22	Year 10 Business Trip
	22	L1-3HEED Amazing Race Trip
	25/26	L2 Gateway H&S Course
	25-29	Akatsuki School Group Visit
	26	Years 8-13(only) Finish at 1.30pm Years 8-13 Meet the Teacher, 2.00-8.00pm
	26-30	Year 10 Futsal Trip, Wellington
	27	Waterpolo NISS Champs Girls Tennis Zone Day, North Shore
	27/28	L3 Gateway H&S Course
	28	Boys Tennis Zone Day, North Shore

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 following ad).



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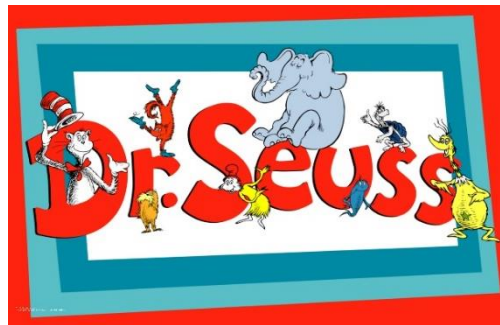
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Wanted

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)

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- Sports Injuries
- Neck and Low back pain
- Adolescent Growth Injuries/Pain
- Hand/wrist injuries

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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 Heijls



Angela Hardy



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.

National 

Authorised by Mark Mitchell MP, Parliament Buildings, Wellington.



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