

# WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

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## From the Principal

What a busy time of year...

James Thomas is currently working through South America, ensuring our relationships with schools and educators in that part of the world is strong.

Our learners are starting to wrap up their summer sports and there is some momentum building towards winter sporting codes. Our itinerant music department is in full swing, with learners having access to many a fine tutor and musical experiences. Our bands are getting themselves set for various performances such as the Tauranga and Bay of Islands festivals, both of which are very prestigious on the national scene. When you add in things like Duke of Ed, Debating club and the many more extra-curricular activities, the majority of our learners are very busy and very involved.

At the moment, there are also many curriculum activities happening such as, EOTC activities, assessments or Achievement Standards towards NCEA. All of these are designed to increase our learners' experience and the skills they have to continue to be better community members.

Academic counselling is something which we are very proud of at Whangaparaoa College. It enables our learners to be heard in an explicit way and for time and resources to be given to the creation of plans/strategies. These discussions value the learner and ensure they are at the centre of the discussion. You may hear the phrase "5 minutes". In essence, it means that teachers will ensure that both in curriculum and academic counselling time, they will ensure that every learner will be given explicit time to discuss their progress and what an appropriate plan will look like for them going forward.

If you have questions about your child's plan and progress this year, please contact your child's Academic Counsellor; and if you are a parent of a Year 9-13 learner, do not forget about the Parent Teacher Evening on 27 March starting at 2.00 pm.

Jason Pocock Principal

## Newsletter 14 March 2018

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Prefects and House Leaders 2018

The following Learners have been selected as our **Prefect Executive** for 2018: Susie Klaver

Head Girl **Head Boy Deputy Head Girl** Deputy Head Boy Chair of Learner Council Giancarlo Moretti

Prefects Molly Beattie Casandra Caminos Harry Cull Connor Gentry Philippa Gouws Maxwell Grigson Kealan Higgins Katherine McLaughlin

Jennifer Mowat Hung Ngu Mollie Plenzich Alisha Reddy Shay Reddy Bree Stiven Harvey Watts

Thomas Burnett

Ella Risbrook

Ben Windress

#### **House Leaders**

Fire (Red)	Hannah White, Raymond Yang
Water (Blue)	Sophia Trimble, Alec Van Zyl
Air (Yellow)	Rachel Johnson, Pierre Duval
Earth (Green)	Hayley Martin, Tyler Davis

#### Meet the Teacher Interviews (Years 9-13)

#### Tuesday 27 March – school will close at 1.30 pm for Year 9-13 learners only.

This will be a normal school day for Year 7 and 8 learners. Buses will run at the normal time of 3.15 pm.

Meet the teacher interviews will take place between 2.00 and 8.00 pm. Interviews will be 10 minutes in duration and will take place in A, B and C Blocks.

Bookings can be made from 8.00 am on Thursday 15 March.

To make a booking, go to **www.schoolinterviews.co.nz** click on "make a booking" and enter the code: **gr85d** 

## Well Done Learners!



Last week, Orewa Police conducted a routine vehicle and driver check on Delshaw Avenue just outside our college.

The school received a call from Sqt. Vicki Parker from the Orewa Police Station, to say there were no breaches of licenses and there was 100% compliance with the learners.

The police were very pleased with the way the learners interacted with them and said our learners were very respectful and polite towards the police on duty.

## Music



On Friday 16 March, the school Jazz Combo will be performing as part of the Mangawhai Walking Festival. On Sunday 18 March, they will also perform at the Whangaparaoa Primary School Gala during the morning.

On Wednesday 28 March, the **Big Band and Combo** will be heading to Tauranga, to compete in the National Youth Jazz Competition. The Combo compete on Thursday and the Big Band on Friday, at the Bays-Court Addison Theatre. Do come and support us if you can!

#### Sport



**Jennifer Mowat,** for being selected in the Auckland U18 Lacrosse Team playing in the Australian U18 National Tournament in Adelaide over Easter!

**Joel McMullen,** selected to represent Orewa Surf Club at the 2018 New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships being held at Midway Beach, Gisborne, competing 14 – 19 March.



**Noelani Roberts** (left of photo) represented the NZ U12 Girls at the Junior Tag Oceania this weekend. Her team took out the competition, beating Queensland Pacific in the final 4-3!

#### **Inter School Sports**

**Softball Zone Day** was held last week with a team of Year 7 and 8's attending. They placed 7th overall with superb catches, great double plays and for the first time in our history of Zone Day competitions, a triple play. Some players have expressed interest and revealed talent that would lend them to try their hand at Baseball. These players should be looking out



for opportunities offered at school over the next 5 weeks. For more pics click here



#### **Triathlon Zone Day**

Last week learners from Year 7 and 8 attended the Triathlon Zone Day held at Okura. The boys placed 7th as a team! Well done.

Winter sports are up and running! If you are interested in playing any sport through the winter season, come along to trainings on these days: Rugby and League - Tuesday and Thursday, 3.30 - 4.30pm Lacrosse - Thursday, 3.30 - 4.30pm Year 7 & 8 Netball - Thursday, 3.30 - 4.30pm (Trials Week 8) Football Girls - Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30pm Football Senior Boys - Tuesday and Thursday, 7.00 - 8.00am Basketball Year 7 & 8 - Wednesday, 3.30 - 4.30pm Basketball Year 11 & 12 - Tuesday and Thursday, 3.30 - 4.30pm Basketball Seniors - Tuesday, 3.30 - 4.30pm Waterpolo Year 7 & 8 - Friday 16 March, 6.30 - 8.00pm, at the Stanmore Bay Leisure Centre. For any other sports information, please enquire at the Sports Office.

#### 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 ad later in this issue).

## Pick-up and Drop-off Zone

To alleviate traffic congestion and ensure safety at the front of the college, please use the upper carpark for picking up and dropping off learners in the mornings and afternoons.



### Lumino Dentists

Lumino, as part of the School Smiles Programme, will be in the college from 19 March – 11 May, to offer free dental care for learners in Years 9-13 (up to the age of 18 years).

Your child will be bringing home information and a registration form. A friendly reminder to all of our Year 12/13 learners to visit the dentist before they turn 18, as free treatment ceases thereafter.

## **Upcoming Events**

March

#### 15 Year 13 Drama Trip, 1984 (Matinee), ASB Waterfront Theatre Polyfest, Manukau Sports Bowl

- Huanui College Sports Exchange
  Jazz at Mangawhai
  Massey University Visit, Auditorium, 1.30pm
- 17 Waterpolo Junior ODT 2, Year 9-13
  - Triplets of Belleville, Aotea Centre, 6.30pm
- 19 Lumino Dentists on site
- 20 Drama Class Comedians, Lunch/after school workshop
- 20-22 L2OUED, ABL Camp, Piha Camp Ground
- 21 BCITO School Activity Day, Alexandra Park Young Women in Leadership Programme, Year 12, Massey Uni
- 21-24 Waterpolo NI Secondary School Champs
  - 22 Drama Trip, The Naked Samoans, Civic Theatre, 5.30pm Tabloids, Year 9-13, 1.00-3.00pm
- 23-29 Akatsuki School Group Visit
  - 26 Cross Country, Whole School, 2.15-3.15pm
  - 27 NH Senior Swimming, Year 9-13
  - Meet the Teacher, Year 9-13, 2.00-8.00pm Auckland Athletics, Year 9-13
  - Girls Tennis Zone Day, North Shore
- 28-30 National Jazz Festival, Tauranga29 Boys Tennis Zone Day, North Shore
- Level 2/3HEED, Eat My Lunch Trip 30-3 Easter School Break

Mar-Apr

## 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

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

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## You're invited – Let the celebrations begin!

Can you believe that our faculty is turning 50 years old? That's half a century of training students, parterning with Auckland DHB, and hosting public events for our community. We want to celebrate this milestone with an event that all can enjoy, which is why we're hosting a 50th Anniversary Family Open Day on Saturday 17 March. Held on our Grafton Campus at 85 Park Road, there'll be a range things to see and do—from MEDTalks and tours to robots and a kids' corner. Whether you're nine or ninety, there'll be plenty to keep you entertained.

Tickets are free, and you can find out all you need to know at: www.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz/50-openday

We hope you'll come and join the festivities!



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## Sponsorship and Support

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY BUSINESSES AND TRUSTS FOR THEIR SPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORT OF OUR COLLEGE LEARNERS.

