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Newsletter

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From the Principal

Welcome to the New Year. We have had a smooth start, and at the time of writing (Tuesday 13 February) we have had eight days of full timetable for all learners. I'm delighted to welcome an excellent group of new staff. Our school roll is up again and we have just over 1400 domestic learners, and 90 plus internationals from eleven countries. Our last years' NCEA results for Level Three and UE were the best in the College's history and above those for similar types of schools. Our Level Two results were on the mark with our past and similar schools. Our Level One results were down when compared to other years and we are having a look at the factors that may have contributed to this situation. We are always wanting to improve, so we reflect on our practice, welcome input and are open to new approaches.

The secret of their success. An interesting research project wanted to discover the factors shared by the most successful secondary school learners. They found that the most common factor was something very simple – the families of successful learners sat down together for their evening meal. They didn't watch TV, play PS4 games, nor use their devices; but rather they talked about their days, discussed what was going on in the world, and talked about the future. Listening, thinking, filtering, discussing, being thankful and caring, and even having an appropriate argument; these are all attributes that can be developed around the family dinner table.

Keep in touch. I sometimes have parents ask to meet with me late in the year where they raise concerns about how the year has been going for their child. I listen and do what I can – which in the first instance means getting the right staff member in touch with the family and their child. This is normally their Academic Counsellor (AC) and/or the Dean. It's amazing what we can sort out when we know about a concern. Please do not let weeks, months, or most of the year drag by if you have concerns. Of course, you don't want to be contacting the College with every little 'speed bump' that your child needs to cross. That would not help your child develop resilience, but instead would 'programme' them to expect you to bail them out. However, if a concern is ongoing – for even a short time – please contact their AC; before Term Four!

We are looking forward to 2018; to inspiring your children (our learners) so they make progress and achieve as well as possible. While doing this, we expect everyone at Whangaparaoa College to do all things with respect. Thank you for supporting our endeavours.

He pai te roopu, he pai te kite, ka tupu pai a tatou tamariki
With a good team and a clear vision, our children will thrive

Have a good day and a great year

James Thomas
Principal

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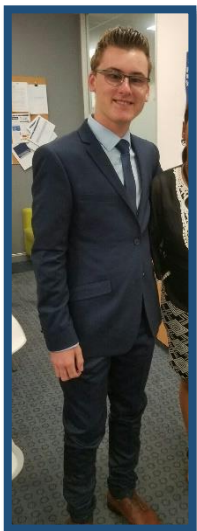
The Whangaparaoa College International Department is delighted to welcome all our fantastic new international learners.

Such an energetic and friendly bunch of fabulous young people! They will all be a super addition to our fine school.

They hail from; Germany, Japan, Brazil, France, Thailand, Chile, Vietnam, China, Austria, Slovakia and Korea!!



Congratulations



Jacob Batten for his excellent achievements in both the Bluelight Leadership Program, and the Prime Minister's Youth Program. Jacob is demonstrating a mature leadership style already and is using his own experiences to help make a difference as a social ambassador for Oranga Tamariki's Voyce Initiative as well. Jacob, a big thanks for representing your college and your community so well. We are sure you will have a profound impact on the next generation of New Zealanders. Keep using your strengths to make a difference!

Summer Bourne (Year 10) has been accepted into the NZ National Tag Team for 2018!

Summer went to the National Tag competitions in December and the coach asked her to trial for the NZ team as he was so impressed with her stamina and talent. In late January, Summer trialed and was asked to join the team! The Oceania tournament will take place in April and the World Cup will be in Sydney in November. Summer is excited for the year ahead but knows she has lots of work to do, including lots of training and keeping her fitness up!

Shannon Enright, AC 10ENR



Spirit of Adventure

At the end of last year, 10 learners went on a 5 day voyage on the Spirit of Adventure.

We began every morning with a 6.00 am swim, followed by setting up sails, deck work and a range of different team building activities. We weren't allowed to shower for 5 days, slept in bunks and had to attend night shifts to monitor the boat. We competed against 3 other schools and ended up making some really good friends along the way. This experience gave us a new mind set, friends, life skills and the experiences of a life time.

All in all it was a great opportunity and we would highly recommend it to others.

Written by Alex and Sierra.



For more photos, click [here](#)

Duke of Edinburgh

Early this term, Duke of Edinburgh groups will be meeting to verify numbers for each level and start the online enrolment process. Further information will be given to participants as to when the regular training meetings will take place and an overview of the year will also be provided.



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S
HILLARY AWARD

Once learners have enrolled and paid the fee, they can begin their activities.

Learners are to check the school notices for meeting times.

Bronze will meet early Term 1.

Silver will meet later in Term 1 and training will begin in Term 2.

Gold will meet in a few weeks and start to plan their expeditions and training.

For any further information please contact:

Deniseda@wgpcollege.school.nz

Mariasi@wgpcollege.school.nz (Bronze)

Derekmi@wgpcollege.school.nz (Silver/Gold)

Sport

Athletics

Year 9-13 Athletics will be held over 2 days this year: 20 and 23 February. This is a signup only event and learners will come out of class for their event and return back to class afterwards. Sign-up sheets are in the Sports office for learners to come and sign up during interval and lunchtimes. Signups to be done by 14 February.

Swimming Sports

Swimming Sports is for ALL year levels and is being held on 1 March. This is a signup only event. Sign-up sheets are in the Sports office for learners to come and sign up during interval and lunchtimes. Signups to be done by 26 February.

Winter Sports

All those wanting to play Netball, Basketball, Hockey, Lacrosse, Football or Rugby will start trainings in Week 5 of this term. Please listen to/check the student notices, for times and days of these trainings closer to Week 5.

Volunteers

We are still on the lookout for any volunteers who would like to be involved with sport this year. We need coaches, managers and drivers for our teams across all codes.

If you would like to volunteer to help out in any way this year, please email sports@wgpcollege.school.nz

Leaving School Between 8.40 am - 3.15 pm

Just a reminder that if you require your child to leave school during school hours, please send a note on the day with an explanation. Your child can then show the note to the teacher in the class they are leaving and your child will then bring that note to reception and sign out. Unfortunately, if they cannot show us that they have permission to leave, we cannot allow them to sign out.

Dropping Off Items at Admin

Many times during the day we are having lunches, sports gear, jackets etc. being dropped into Admin with the request that we pass them on to a learner. This is proving very difficult at times as our runner is usually already busy. If you do need to drop something off for your child, can we please request that you contact them and ask them to pick up the item from Admin at an appropriate time.

Absentees

NOTICE OF CHANGE

- Our College has upgraded the telephone system we use.
- The new **Absentee message system** no longer has prompts.

■ **To report your child's absence, select the Absentee option 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

Lockers

Lockers are available again this year, \$50.00 per year plus a refundable \$10.00 bond.

If you would like a locker for 2018, you will need to fill in an online order form at www.stowawaylockers.co.nz

GET IN QUICK as they are going fast!

ASB Supporting Whangaparaoa College

If you're 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).

Upcoming Events

February	13-16	Year 13 Camp, Mangawhai
	15	Year 8 HPV Information, Auditorium
	16	Senior Girls Waterpolo Competition
	20	Senior Athletics (Yr 9-13 – signup only)
	21	Level 2&3 Excellence Breakfast, Auditorium Foyer, 7.45 am L1HIST trip, Navy Museum
	22	Class and ID Photos Tag Zone Day, Freyberg Park
	23	Senior Athletics (Yr 9-13 – signup only) L3BUST YES Kickstart Day, Massey University
	24	Waterpolo Junior ODT 1
	26	Year 9 and Year 11 Attitude Presentations
	27	L1BUST Rainbows End Trip L3GEOG01 Orewa Trip

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:

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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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To make an appointment or discuss your needs:
Phone / txt 021 1873 299 or Coast Physio 09 424 1309

Proud to Support WGPC Sports Teams



Coast Physio Group





You could pocket \$40* a month with an AT HOP card

Buy and register your child's AT HOP card and pay less for school travel for children aged between 5 - 19 (excludes SkyBus and Waiheke ferry services).

Go Metro.  **Metro**

Check out at.govt.nz/schooltravel for more details

*Compared with a cash fare based on a 1 zone bus or train trip, twice daily, five days a week over a month.

Must have a child or secondary student concession applied to an AT HOP card.

Terms of use for AT HOP cards are available at at.govt.nz/etdhp. Fares and discounts are current as at 29 January 2017.

HIGH FLYER

SCHOOL TERM PROGRAM

TERM 1

This snow sports program is for students enrolled in an Auckland High School who are interested in learning to ski or snowboard, looking to improve technique and ability. Students will be grouped according to ability and age where possible. This is a great way to learn a new sport while meeting other like-minded people. The Program is on Wednesday afternoons after school.

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- 1 hour group lesson and snow access for the lesson only
- 1 hour rental equipment hire, skis & boots or snowboard & boots. (clothing not included)
- 1 hour Helmet Hire (helmets are compulsory)

Make new friends and learn awesome new Snow Sport skills! Register now! For more details contact Jeremy:

jeremy@snowplanet.co.nz | 09 427 0193

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