

NEWSLETTER



WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

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Dear Parents

Term three is a busy term as we start planning for 2011 as well as keeping the focus on learning for this year. Progress in term three is particularly important for learners at Years 11-13 working towards NCEA. It is this term where a lot of progress is made and where internals must be finished. Learners who have not made enough effort so far this year, can still achieve by making a big effort this term.

With planning for next term please see the information regarding enrolments and option dates. It is important that the information is returned on the correct date.

Recently you may have seen an article in Metro magazine regarding an analysis of NCEA results. The table displayed as part of that article is full of errors and incorrect use of information. It is an example of very poor reporting and is why the education sector is often against league tables of results. My personal view is that league tables are fine when correct but this is an example of how a magazine can publish an article full of mistakes and call it journalism. I have written to the editor of Metro and my letter follows.

As you can see I have addressed the letter to Mr Bevan Rapson as Editor. The Editor is in fact Simon Wilson, but Metro's own web page lists the Editor as Bevan Rapson. This gives you an understanding of the inaccuracy and unreliability of Metro as a magazine. I would ask that you talk to family and friends about this matter as the mistakes made are an insult to the whole Whangaparaoa community.

Commencing on Friday this week the Education Review Office will be at the college doing their three yearly review. Three reviewers will be here for four days. They may contact some parents for feedback. We look forward to inviting them into the college.

At present we have a number of groups visiting the college from China, Japan and in upcoming weeks Thailand and Korea. I would like to thank parents who have welcomed these learners into their homes. The feedback has been tremendous and our visitors are very happy.

Brian O'Connell
Principal
Whangaparaoa College



Mr Bevan Rapson
Editor
Metro magazine

Dear Mr Rapson

I am writing to you regarding the latest Metro article which ranks the schools in Auckland. In the case of Whangaparaoa College you have incorrectly interpreted or used incorrect data.

Please note the following

1. Whangaparaoa College is a new school and 2009 was our first year of Year 13 assessment. So the data in column 2 and in column 4 both of which require Year 13 students is only relevant for one year. There is no averaging to occur over three years for these columns.
2. In column 4 you state there were 2 scholarships awarded to Whangaparaoa College. There were in fact three. Vanessa Ng, Ashwin Rajan and Hannah Powell will, I am sure, all be proud to confirm they attended Whangaparaoa College and achieved a scholarship. This error of 33% significantly alters the final result and would have raised the school ranking considerably.
3. In column 2 you state our value for Level 2 + 3 is 22% but you have said that the weighted average is N/A. If you had given us a weighted average and I can not see why you didn't (you did for every other school), then it would have probably been at least 75% which would have moved our ranking higher again by a considerable amount.

I would appreciate if you could make these corrections to the table and confirm the rank of Whangaparaoa College to me as I would like to publish this to our community. The items mentioned are an insult to the staff and students of Whangaparaoa College and the whole Whangaparaoa community.

I have not checked the accuracy of other data in the table but I know that there have been concerns mentioned by other schools regarding the accuracy. If your staff are unable to handle this level of statistical analysis then I am happy for the mathematics department of Whangaparaoa College to support you.

What your table has so adequately demonstrated is the shortcomings of league tables. Many people in the education sector are against league tables not because of the desire to keep information private but due to the lack of integrity and reliability of the data from government bureaucracies and the paucity of serious investigative reporting in New Zealand. Perhaps that would be a suitable article for Metro to delve into.

Yours sincerely



Brian O'Connell
Principal

Whangaparaoa College

Book Week Mufti—Day

Friday 30th July

Dress up as your favourite book character
Bring a new or pre-loved children's book
in good condition and \$2.00
Books are being donated to
Ulei School Vanuatu
Goal to take 1000 books to Vanuatu



2011 Options Timeline

The next three weeks are very important for learners to ensure they select and can participate in subjects for our 2011 Year 9-13 learners. Please look at the following Timeline and make your family aware of these important dates.

26 July	Senior options booklet (2011) is placed on Website
2 August	Option sheets distributed to learners
3 August	Senior Options Evening (School Auditorium 7.00pm)
10 August	Careers Evening (School Auditorium 7.00pm)
13 August	2011 Option forms due back

For further information do not hesitate to contact the school office or check the website www.wgpcollege.school.nz



WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

ENROL 2011


Information Evening: Tuesday 27 July - 7pm

Enrolment Nights: Tuesday 3rd August 4pm-7pm
Wednesday 4th August 4pm-7pm

Out Of Zone Application Closing Date
Wednesday 1st September

Ballot Date Monday 6th September

Kids helping Kids, Wednesday 25th August, Gold Coin Donation

Rodney school-wide Mufti/Dress-up Day. On Wednesday 25th August students across Rodney will be wearing mufti or dressing up to raise money for the Cure Kids Foundation; an organisation providing research funding for children's life-threatening illnesses. Harper Collins publishers are generously providing a book package prize for the school raising the most money per capita. In October, two local teachers, Kelly Mount and Sue Smith are taking part in the Cure Kids Novotel \$10 Challenge. Dressed as the Cat in the Hat, they will be hitch-hiking from Queenstown to Auckland in three days to raise awareness and money for the foundation. Visit their website to find out more  www.fundraiseonline.co.nz/catsinthehats.

WHANAU SUPPORT HUI

You are invited to attend a Whanau Support Hui to discuss the learning and achievement of Maori/Pasifika learners at Whangaparaoa College on Tuesday 27 July at 6.00 pm. Members of the Education Review Office team will be in attendance and may have questions for you, or you of them. Please also pass on an invitation to any other whanau or community members that may wish to attend.

Please RSVP by emailing michellerym@wgpcollege.school.nz or by phoning the school office 09 424 9177



NZQA FEES

All Year 11,12,13 learners need to pay NZQA fees of **\$75:00** to Learner Accounts. Automatic payments do not cover NZQA - **Deadline 27th August**

'Artrageous' Art Exhibition at Mairangi Bay Art Centre

Success for Whangaparaoa College Art learners

Whangaparaoa College art learners have recently participated in the North Shore Secondary Schools art exhibition "Artrageous" held at the Mairangi Arts Centre for the first time. This exhibition is sponsored by Datacom and North Shore Libraries and has been running for 10 years. Eleven secondary schools participated this year with over 300 art works on display. Each year five prizes are awarded to the students considered by the judge to have produced work of a very high standard. Caitlin Funnell from Whangaparaoa College received a Merit award with a cheque for \$150.00 for her intricate book sculpture completed for her Year 11 external folio submission. This is a fantastic result and we are very proud of her achievement. In addition, another of her works and the work of Ben Taumoli in Year 10 were chosen for the small selected exhibition currently on display at various North Shore Libraries over the next 3 weeks.

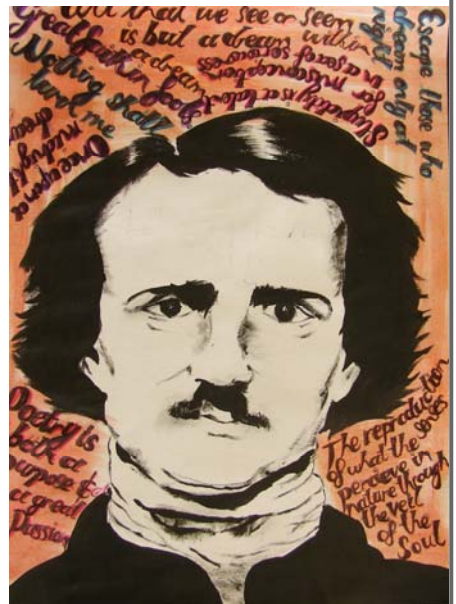


By Caitlin Funnell



By Ben Taumoli

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Sports Talk WGP

Welcome back to Term 3. We have a busy second half of the season with our Winter Sports. Most of our teams are in the top rounds of the competition after winning the 1st round games. Well done to those teams. A 'Thank You' to all coaches, Managers and Parents who have helped and continue to help support our sport's teams. The rewards are coming on and off the sports fields for our teams. Let's keep up the good work. We are always looking for parents who want to get involved and help out in coaching, managing and transport; we would love to hear from you in the sports office.

RUGBY'

1st XV have been training over the holidays and a friendly game organised against Birkenhead was played on Saturday with a 10-0 win to Whangaparaoa College

The second half of season kicks off for all teams this Saturday 24 July with all games at home.

1st XV v Kristen 12:00

4th v Northcote 10:40

7th Grade v Rosmini 9:30



7th Grade v Mahurangi lost 22-23

Whangaparaoa lost in the last minute with a penalty kick. We led from the start scoring the first try, then they scored and by half time we had two tries each but with 1 conversion to us. We started second half with 14 players. There was a lot of dropped ball and not so good passing, but there were some excellent tackles and two great team tries. Once we get back into training next week should be great. Both teams finished with 4 try's.

Websites for results and fixtures

www.asbcollegesport.co.nz

www.harbourhockey.org.nz

www.hibiscusnetball.co.nz

www.hbcnetball.co.nz

www.netballnorthharbour.co.nz

NETBALL NEWS

We now have only six weeks left of play for netball. Below are some dates to remember.

Netball Dates:

26th August – Intermediate Finals

28th August – Last playing day at North Harbour for Senior teams

30th August – 3rd September – UNISS tournament in Auckland

4th September – Last playing day at HBC followed by prize giving

5th – 10th September – AIMS Tournament in Tauranga

16th September – Netball Prize giving

Our Teams playing at Harbour have now crossed over to play the final six weeks in Championship and Flight competition below is where our teams are placed.

Team	Grade
Whangaparaoa Col 1	COLLEGE OPEN A – CHAMP
Whangaparaoa Col 2	COLLEGE 3 – CHAMP
Whangaparaoa Col 3	COLLEGE 3 – FLIGHT
Whangaparaoa Col 4	COLLEGE 4 – CHAMP
Whangaparaoa Col 5	COLLEGE 6 – CHAMP
Whangaparaoa Col 6	COLLEGE 10 – CHAMP
Whangaparaoa Col Y9/1	JUNIOR 1 – FLIGHT
Whangaparaoa Col Y9/2	YEAR 8/1 – FLIGHT
Whangaparaoa Col Y8/1	YEAR 8/2 - CHAMP
Whangaparaoa Col Y8/2	YEAR 8/2 – FLIGHT
Whangaparaoa Col Y7/1	YEAR 7/3 – FLIGHT

HOCKEY

1st XI Boys have now moved up to Grade 2 at North Harbour and had their first game before the holidays against Glenfield. It was a close game but with no goals scored ended 0 -0



CYCLING

During the school holidays the North Island Championships were held in Ngaruawahia.

Reon Sheath competed in the Under 15 boys, in which there were 74 entries !!! Reon competed extremely well and was involved in the sprint finish to race and finished 11th. Racquel Sheath competed in the Under 17 girls, and dominated the race winning the title for the 3rd time in 4 years !!!!



SPORTS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Quiz Night Friday 6 August

Dress theme for the evening "Favorite Sports Personality or Team". Buy your tickets fast for a fun night with friends. Dress as your favorite sporting hero or team. Fundraising for Winter Tournament \$15. Tickets are selling fast so get yours early. We will have items for auction during the evening. A few prizes are listed below:

Snow Planet Day family pass ,three Ceramic Oil Fin Heaters, All Blacks regalia signed by Ali Williams, Books, Baby Sitting Vouchers, Luxury Food Hamper, Portable Bradley Smoker

Sports Excellence Dinner Tuesday 21st September

Guest Speaker Shaun Quincey

NZSS – Winter Tournament week 29 Aug – 3 September

AIMS Tournament 6-10 September

FIXTURES

Wed 21 July	Soccer Jnr A	Home	v	AJH @ WHGP	4:00
	Soccer 1 st XI	Away	v	Northcote @NCote	4:00
	Snr B Soccer	Away	v	Kingsway @ Kingsway	4:00
	1 st XI Hockey	Away	v	Rosmini @ Harbour 1	7:00
Thurs 22 July	Lax Snr	Away	v	Auckland @ AGS	4:00
	Lax Jnr	Home	v	AucklandWHGP	4:00
	BB Girls	Away	v	Hato @ AUT	5:30
Fri 23 July	1 st XI Hockey G	Away	v	Glenfield @ Harbour 3	5:00

If any Parents are willing to assist with managing or helping to coach a team please feel free to contact me.

Sharon O'Brien -09 424 9219

sharonob@wgpcollege.school.nz



BALL

Whangaparaoa College Senior Ball—Saturday 31st July



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It is \$45 until the end of 2010, this includes a \$5 lease fee to the school and a \$10 refundable bond.

Storylines Writer and Illustrators workshop

Date - Saturday 21st August

12.30 - 2 pm (Creating characters - writing workshop)

2.30 - 4 pm (Bring it to life will ya! - illustration workshop)

\$15 per workshop - all materials supplied. Ages 10 - 14 years

for more info and to book go to www.storylines.org.nz



All Star Cheerleaders are running free trial classes for American Style Cheerleading. Held on Tuesdays at the Hibiscus Coast Youth Centre, Orewa. 5-10yrs 4-5.30pm and 11yrs+ 5.30-8.30pm. Everyone is welcome no experience necessary. For more information call 0800 CHEERLEADER or www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz.





OREWA 6 Km WALK

My name is John Tapp, and after having had heart surgery I am organizing and participating in the 3rd **OREWA 6km WALK** on the 1st August to raise funds for the Heart Foundation.

Entries are available from:

Orewa Menswear

i-Site Orewa – Orewa Care Pharmacy

The Leisure Centre

Adults. \$10

15 years and under. \$5

Families \$20

Please join me and the rest of the field on the WALK

OR by donating to the Heart Foundation,
C/- 46/101 Red Beach Road, Red Beach

OR contact John at (09) 427 5062.

CAR BOOT SALE

Whangaparaoa College Car Park

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or email on cbf@orcon.net.nz

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