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Newsletter

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From the Principal

At this time of year I often have people say something like, "I guess you guys are winding down," or "Now that the seniors are doing exams, it must be a bit more relaxed." Nothing could be further from our reality. We are very busy with a range of things; many of which relate to being ready for next year.

Next year, Whangaparaoa College will have about 1600 learners, 96 teachers and 35 support and administration staff. Next year, we want to continue to help our learners to be ready for the years ahead. Next year, we want to be better than this year. This takes a lot of thought and planning. We have to be clear about our values. We have to be clear about what we commit to. We have to be clear about the areas we will focus on.

This last one becomes more and more important, because schools are increasingly becoming the 'go to' solution for society. Therefore, as we plan for next year, we will identify a small number of key focus areas, while continuing to support your sons and daughters in a broad range of areas.

Our Improvement Plan identifies areas for further development; it does not include 'business as usual' activities. Our values, commitment and focus area underpin all we do.

- Our Values: At Whangaparaoa College we believe in the importance of learning; the pursuit of personal excellence; and respect for others, oneself, and the environment.
- Our Commitment: At Whangaparaoa we will get to know our learners as individuals; and ensure they progress in their studies and other areas, so they are ready to take their place as contributing members of society.
- Our 2018 Focus Areas: Academic Counselling; learners at risk of under-achieving; and taking advantage of being a Year 7-13 school by developing a cohesive Year 7-10 curriculum.

We would appreciate your thoughts and suggestions as we plan for the year and years ahead.

If you have any contributions, please email me at

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Nga mihi nui

James Thomas
Principal

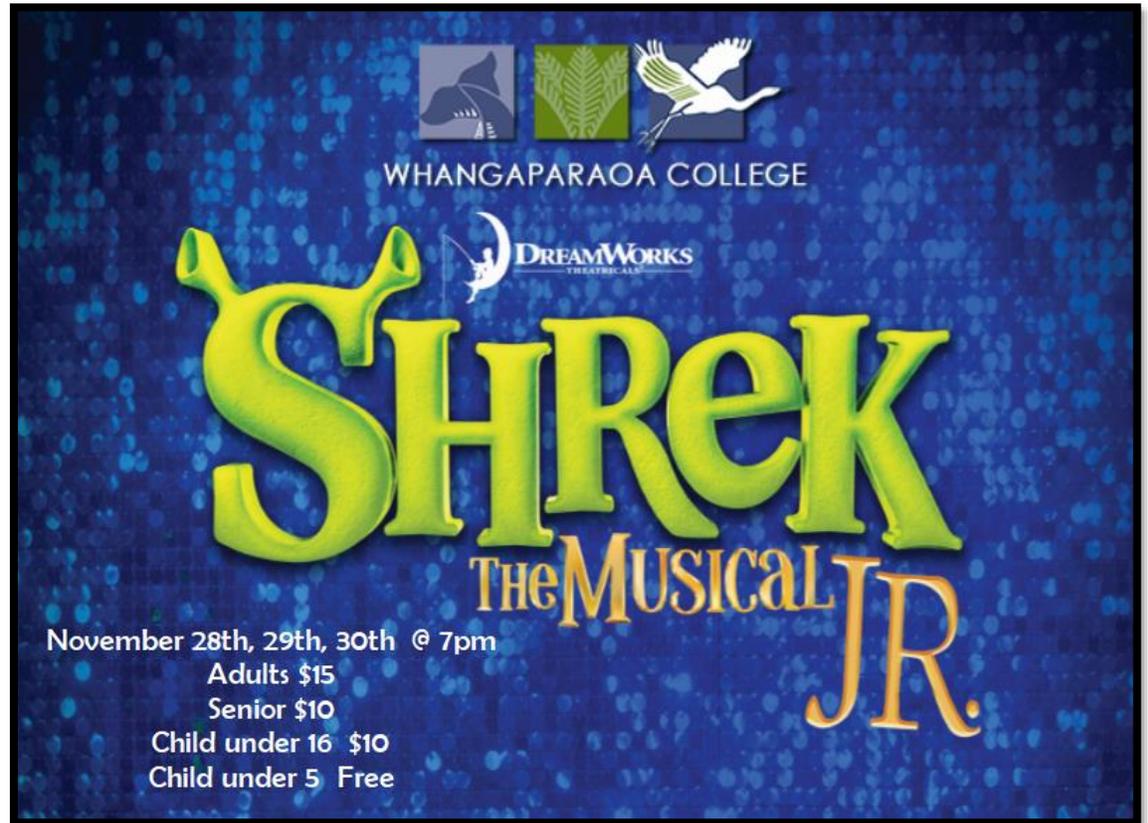
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Junior Production



NZ Engineering Science Competition

After months of deliberation, Auckland University (Engineering Department) announced the results to this year's NZ Engineering Science Competition.

The 2017 question was "How many rocket launches from Mahia Peninsula would it take to establish a lunar colony?"

180 teams took part with entries from 70 schools throughout New Zealand.

We are proud and happy to announce that one of our team's was amongst the top 8 Highly Commended entries in the country.

Congratulations to the team comprising **Harry Cull**, **Emma Hamilton**, **Regan James (Leader)** and **Connor Gentry**.



Sport

North Harbour Athletics

Well done to the following boys for their results in the North Harbour Athletics Zone Day last week:

Matthew McGill	1st, High Jump, Year 8 Boys
Owen Casson	2nd, 100m, Year 7 Boys
Ryan McCutcheon	2nd, Shotput, Year 7 Boys
Tyler Blair	4th, High Jump, Year 8 Boys

Whangaparaoa College Baseball



Whangaparaoa College Baseball – History has been made for baseball on Whangaparaoa Peninsula. It is our first season and we had our first win against Rosmini College recently. Despite our lack of experience and physical size, we have done extraordinarily well due to the commitment of Coach - Ryan Flynn.

Well done to our Captain, Aedan Burmester for encouraging players from the warm-ups to the final hooray. Thank you parents for helping the boys get uniform and equipment sorted, transporting players to games, but mostly for the support given to players in a brand new sport. The season has only just begun, so there will be more moments to celebrate.

2018 Coaches and Managers

If anyone would like to volunteer as a coach or manager for next year, please email joedu@wgpcollege.school.nz

Stowaway Lockers for 2018

If you wish to reserve a locker for 2018 or keep your current locker, you will need to fill in an online order form at www.stowawaylockers.co.nz as soon as possible. If you no longer require your locker in 2018, please let us know by email: info@stowawaylockers.co.nz

You will need to return your key at the end of the term, cellotaped to a piece of paper including your details, for your bond refund. Ensure the locker is left empty, as any remaining items will be disposed of at the end of the year. Keys will need to be received within one week of the end of Term 4 and can be posted to: **Stowaway Lockers, 220 Ngunguru Road, RD3, Whangarei 0173.** Refunds will be posted or direct credited to your bank account in January 2018.

NZ Uniforms Pop Up Shop 2018

NZ Uniforms will be opening a 2-day Pop Up Shop onsite at Whangaparaoa College in our Auditorium Foyer:

Monday 15 January 10.00 am - 7.00 pm
Tuesday 16 January 9.00 am - 3.00 pm



For any further details or to purchase uniforms online:

Phone: 09 477 6300

Email: albany@nzuniforms.com

Web: www.nzuniforms.com

Second Hand Uniforms

If you have any unwanted school uniform in reasonable condition and would like to donate it to school, we would be happy to accept this to pass on to some of our families in need. Thank you.

Stationery Lists 2018



Your child's school stationery list requirements are uploaded to this link:

Office Max My School

You can shop online, in-store, by phone or you can simply download a copy of the list.

Upcoming Events

November	25-26	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Expedition to Karekare
	27	NZQA Exams continue
	28-30	"Shrek", Junior Production, Auditorium, 7.00 pm
	29	EPro8 Semi-finals, Glenfield Intermediate Kick Start to College
	30	Year 10 French Bakery Trip, Browns Bay
December	1	Final Day NZQA Exams
	2-7	Spirit of Adventure Voyage
	4	Excellence Prizegiving, Auditorium, 6.30 pm
	6	Leaver's Dinner, Snow Planet, 6.30 pm
	7	Year 7&8 Final Assemblies
	8	Year 9&10 Final Assemblies
		2017 School Year Finishes at 12.30 pm
	12-15	Duke of Edinburgh Gold, Final Expedition, Great Barrier
2018		
January	15-16	<i>NZ Uniforms Pop up Shop</i> (see notice above for hours)
	23-24	Enrolments, 9.00 am - 12.00 pm
	24	Year 11-13 Course Confirmation, 9.00 am - 12.00 pm
	31	Term 1 Begins, 8.40 am
February	6	Waitangi Day Holiday

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

Community Notices

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kidslink.co.nz

Learning Behaviour Physical Needs Extra-Curricular Childcare



An online resource available to parents, to find a range of services that specialise in working with children, teenagers and their families, with issues that affect their learning, development and well-being.
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