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Newsletter

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From the Principal

I was recently in South and Central America to meet agents and parents to support our International Students programme. It was a pleasure being an ambassador for our fine school and our special country. On a number of occasions, I found myself on the receiving end of very positive comments about our school and our community. For example, the CEO of a large agency with 44 offices in Brazil said that when he is asked to suggest a school in New Zealand where the learner will have a good experience and there will be no dramas; he recommends Whangaparaoa College. In another place, the parents of a girl who spent a year here were so appreciative. The girl left them lacking confidence and quite unsure whether study abroad would work for her. A year later she returned having had a great time and now speaks to groups of agents and parents about her positive experience. These positive outcomes are the result of a welcoming home-stay experience (thanks to our host families who go the extra mile); excellent learning opportunities facilitated by quality teachers; huge support and organisation by the staff of our International Department; and the encouragement and warmth felt from others. It is a team effort – and it is recognised and appreciated. Thank you.

At the recent Principal's Conference, we were addressed by the head of the Education Review Office (ERO). He identified quality schools as those with a four-five year review period, ie, after a review, ERO say they will not visit again for 4-5 years. I am pleased that Whangaparaoa College is one of these schools. The interesting thing is that only 21% of New Zealand secondary schools fall into this 'quality' category. Unfortunately, about 10% are required to have a review within two years because of a range of possible concerns or challenges. The remaining two thirds are revisited by ERO after three years. Knowing we are in this top group is not cause for complacency, but rather an opportunity to celebrate what we have, while always working to further improve the educational outcomes for our learners – your children.

I was talking with some parents recently who were concerned that their children seemed to be constantly on their phones. We may be feeling that something is wrong with the habits that are being developed, but it's hard to change direction because everyone seems to be doing it. Sound familiar? Here are a few ideas:

- At a certain time each evening place all phones on the bench or somewhere near the charging port, and then no using them after that. About 8.00 pm works well for us. It can be hard for the adults, but our example is important.
- Have dinner together as a time free from phones, devices, screens, TV, etc. Talk about the ups and downs of each person's day, listen, share dreams, tell stories from the 'good old days', etc.
- No phones, computers, screens or devices of any kind in the bedrooms. Sleep deprivation among our teenagers (and their parents) is a growing concern!

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Our congratulations to **Michaela Sokolich-Beatson** (Netball) and **Raquel Sheath** (Cycling) who have been selected to represent New Zealand at the upcoming Commonwealth Games. Wow.



I hope we will all take the opportunity to have some special time with family and friends over the Easter break – some fun, reflection, down-time; or whatever is needed.

Take care, ka kite ano
James Thomas, Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Thomas'.

Board of Trustees

Our Board of Trustees is looking for a Trustee who can commit until May 2019, and ideally, would be willing to be on the Board for at least a term beyond.

If this sounds like you or you know someone who'd be interested in this role, please email our Board Secretary, Caroline Butland **carolinebu@wgpcollege.school.nz** by 4 April 2018 to find out more.

If you're not familiar with the role of the Board of Trustees, more information can also be found on the NZ Trustees Association website **<http://www.nzsta.org.nz/representation/board-of-trustees>**.

Level 1 General Science Field Trip

Rangitoto Island - 7 or 8 May.

A reminder to parents to complete this online **permission form for the Rangitoto Island field trip**. These are **due by Tuesday 1 May** please.

Classes taught by Mrs. Winstone, Mr. Mueggenburg or Mr. Gempton are going on 7 May. Classes taught by Mr. Hodson and Mr. Curwen are going on 8 May.

All learners must be at the school bus bay before 8:20 am on the day of their class' trip.

Whangaparaoa Primary School Gala

These 5 lovely ladies volunteered their time recently to help Whangaparaoa Primary School raise money at their Gala.

Our Level 2 Hospitality class made the scones on the Friday and Emily, Camille, Lucy, Jazmine and Annika sold them in the Gala Café on the Sunday.

Awesome job ladies for helping out in your community.



Year 7 & 8 Enrichment Group

How sweet the moonlight sleeps upon this bank...

Our Year 7 & 8 Enrichment group are working on 15 minute and 4 minute scripts from the Merchant of Venice this term. We are entering the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival at the end of term.



Here is an excerpt from the programme:

Venice is a mercantile hub, rife with long-standing racial tension and financial transactions exacting unusual penalties. In peaceful Belmont, we witness the wooing of a fair heiress by casket lottery.

These two worlds collide when the bond is forfeit. A clever disguise and a shrewd argument save the day.

Come along to support our young thespians at Albany Junior High School, Friday 6 April, 6.30 pm. Tickets are available at the door.

Pictured: Antonio (Jonte McGowan) and Shylock (Sveta Hackett) in the back row and Portia (Laura Dymond) Bassanio (Ben Fereday) in the front row.

Sport

Auckland Athletics

Congratulations to the following learners on qualifying for Auckland Athletics taking place next week:

Samantha Bright	Javelin
Seamus Kelly	1500M
Aedan Burmester	100M Sprint
Tyler Blair	High Jump

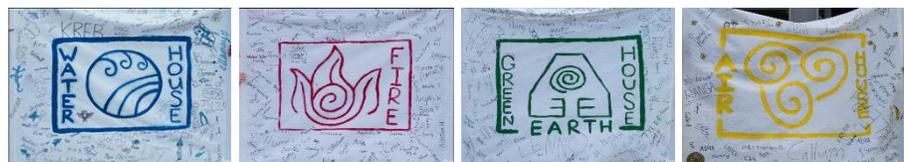
Good luck and have fun!

Swimming North Harbour

Good luck to our 5 learners attending Swimming NH next week:

Michael Aherne
Sarah Harrison
Brody Going
Teeka Lastennet
Cheyenne Leith-McKinley

Tabloids



The Whangaparaoa College Tabloids day was held on Friday 23 March. Learners participated in five events - dodgeball, water carry, plank relay, rob the nest, and a classic tug of war challenge. Each activity was House based and the winning team earned points for their House. All learners were encouraged to dress in their House colour (blue, red, green, or yellow) and the best dressed prizes from each House were announced at the end of the day. They were as follows; Water House - Jenny Abraham, Fire House - Arireti Teubaitoi, Earth House - Georgia Taylor, and Air House - Olivia Vague. The overall results of the day were; Air House taking out first place, Earth House in second, Fire House in third, and last but not least Water House!

Overall, Whangaparaoa College Tabloids was a very successful and entertaining day for all the Year 9-13 learners! The rainy weather didn't stop this schools spirit!

Photos by Jun Li, click [here](#) for more.

Course Outlines and Assessment Planners

Course outlines and assessment planners can now be found on our website under the learning tab. **We no longer use Moodle to share these documents.**

If you would like to find out more about NCEA, the NZQA website contains lots of useful information. Click [here](#) for link.

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).

Upcoming Events

March	28-30	National Jazz Festival, Tauranga
	29	Mufti Day, Rainbow vs Monochrome
		Boys Tennis Zone Day, North Shore
		Level 2/3HEED, Eat My Lunch Trip, Auckland
Mar-Apr	30-3	Easter School Break
	4-6	L3OUED Bush Survival Camp, Piha
	4	Junior Otago Math Competition
	5	Senior Tag Tournament, Moire Park Massey
	6	Term 1 Enrichment Shakespeare Group, Albany Jnr High
		Year 8 English, Movies Trip, "Wonder"
	7	Waterpolo Junior ODT 3, Year 9-13
	9-10	Level 2 Gateway H&S Course, Auditorium Foyer
	10	AUT Visit, Auditorium, 1.30pm
	11-12	Level 3 Gateway H&S Course, Auditorium Foyer
	11	L3OUED Kayaking
		Gene Editing Workshop, Richmond Yacht Club
	12	Auckland Swimming, Champ of Champs, Year 9-13
		Level 3 PE Endurance Event, Northern Arena
		Year 7 & 8 Beach Carnival
	13	End of Term 1
April	30	Term 2 Begins

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

Community Notices

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Supporting success in your school.

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The advertisement features the ASB logo at the top left. Below it, the headline 'Supporting success in your school.' is written in a yellow, sans-serif font. The main text is in white, explaining the donation offer. A large '\$500' is displayed in yellow. At the bottom, there is a small disclaimer in white text and the ASB Bank Limited contact information.

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