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## From the Acting Principal

Each new term starts with new challenges and experiences, which we hope and expect our learners attempt to achieve, through new learning and the giving of their best.

This term I have stepped, albeit temporarily, into the large shoes of James Thomas. James is on sabbatical for the term, exploring how middle managers are developed across a range of employers and sectors. The Principal's job has been enjoyable so far, with a range of new experiences and challenges for me to get my teeth into. These experiences are the same for our learners, with challenges ranging from involvement late last term, in J Rock in Year 7 and 8 or at Year 9 – 13 auditioning and involving themselves in Stage Challenge. During the holidays, the 1st XV Rugby team had a 'camp', with a range of visitors coming to challenge them around their rugby skills, their mental strength and their nutritional regime. This term, the Ball has come and gone, ICAS exams are rounding off and the job of learning continues apace towards the collection of credits and external exams.

Of course all of these activities require three key ingredients – the learners being keen to challenge and involve themselves; support from home and the involvement of committed adults facilitating these activities. My thanks goes out to all of these groups but it would be remiss of me not to name a few of these individuals. Emma Williams and Nicole Blyth (plus their team of helpers) for J Rock and Stage Challenge respectively. Billy Beggs, Paul Ripley and Greg Burnard, for their organisation of the Rugby Camp. Finally, Rebekah Hawthorne (and her learner team), for their exceptional organisation of the 2017 School Ball at the Crowne Plaza this last Saturday.

Talking of the School Ball, the Senior Learners that attend the School Ball never fail to excel themselves and behave with fantastic manners, great pride in their school and they always receive rave reviews from our hosts. The event was a pleasure to attend - although as a first time Principal the time period between 12.00 am and 8.00 am created a restless night's sleep waiting to know all learners had had a good night and had got home safely - it is an absolute highlight of the year.

Term 3 also brings challenges around NCEA, as we fast approach the final internal assessments and start preparing for the School Practice Examinations in Week 9/10. In Academic Counselling time this term, the focus is on Pathways and looks towards the future for our learners. Later in the term, this includes option taking for 2018. All learners and parents are invited to attend the Options Evening on Tuesday 15 August, to get information and advice regarding option choices. The more information you can gather about these choices, the better options your young person is likely to take.

During Term 3, winter sports continue and towards the end of the term, trips to AIMS for some of our Year 8 learners and UNISS for our Senior 1 Netball team round off the season. In the Performing Arts department, the school show preparations are underway and the Production takes place on the evenings of 30-31 August. A busy but exciting time ahead.

Nga Mihi nui. **Graeme Williams, Acting Principal.**

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## J Rock

The comments from the judges about our performance were outstanding. Awards of Excellence for Concept, Visual Enhancement, Costuming Character, Stage Use, Set, Design and Function and Performance Skill.

"The whole production was put together so well. You are all so talented."

"Fantastic performance, visually stimulating."

"Beautiful soloist – stunning!"

"Strong use of costume to define characters."

"Really well thought out use of lighting."

"Really strong and dynamic performance. You worked well together."

**For more photos click [here](#)**



## Stage Challenge 2017

A massive congratulations go to all of the learners who participated in Stage Challenge last term on Friday 7 July.

Three awards were won by Whangaparaoa College: Award of Excellence for Choreography, Visual Enhancement and most proudly, The Spirit of Stage Challenge. It was a very long and tiring day (6.00 am-midnight), but everyone worked extremely hard to put on a performance that would truly wow the 2000 audience members present. The performance went fantastically and the feedback the dancers, crew and supporting teachers received from the Stage Challenge judges and other participating schools, was hugely positive.

You did Whangaparaoa College proud, everyone – well done!!



## Hip Hop

The Year 11 Dance learners were extremely fortunate to have a visit from guest Hip Hop tutor Taitanyk Toniuk, at the end of last term. Taitanyk is a new emerging artist in the New Zealand Hip Hop and Contemporary Dance scene and has performed in a number of Pacific and Contemporary Arts Festivals.



The Year 11's spent six periods learning a Hip Hop dance sequence choreographed by Taitanyk, as part of the internal standard they had been working on. It was wonderful to have such an enthusiastic and inspirational member of the dance community work with the learners and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the time they had together!

Hopefully all going well, he'll be back again next year.

## Year 10 Fabric Technology



Year 10 Fabric Technology learners completed their 'onesies' last term. Pictured clockwise from front left are: Kaitlin Simpson, Anna Davies, Chloe Lyes, Chantel Goodfellow, Bethany Dibble, Ashlin McBride, Caitlin Hamilton. Mrs Davies is the teacher for this class.

## Visual Arts

### First place for Whangaparaoa College Visual Arts learner.

Congratulations to **Jaydn Schimanski** (Year 12 Photography), who won overall first prize at the *Artrageous* exhibition. This is a two-yearly exhibition of work from secondary schools from the Hibiscus Coast and North Shore.

In addition, **Visa Keo** (Year 11), won one of four Merit awards for his Lino Print work.

There are over 250 exhibitors at this exhibition and only six learners received awards.

We are very proud of all our Visual Arts learners.

If you are interested in viewing the exhibition, it is on until Sunday 6 August at the Mairangi Arts Centre, [www.mairangiarts.co.nz](http://www.mairangiarts.co.nz) for opening times.

Jaydn Schimanski receiving his award from Chris Flatley of Gordon Harris.



For a full list of exhibitors from the college, click [here](#)

## Year 7&8 Art Exhibition - Plaza

Some of our Year 7&8 learners have artwork on exhibit at Whangaparaoa Plaza, for the **St Stephen's Church Centennial Celebrations**.

There will be a prizegiving at the church on Sunday 6 August at 3.00 pm.

Our exhibitors are as follows, in alphabetical order:



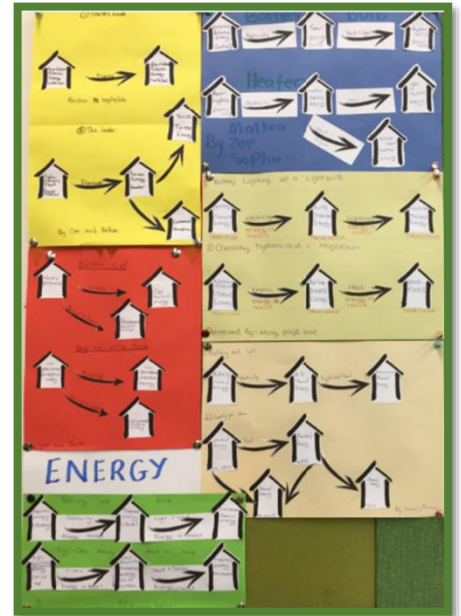
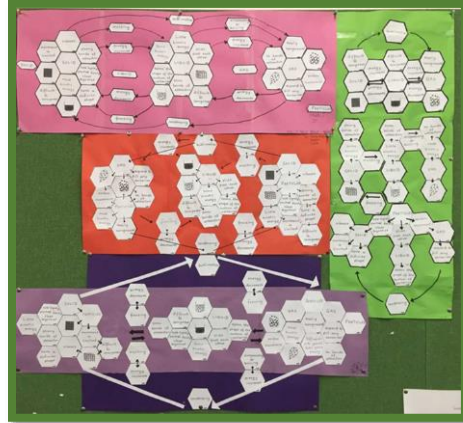
Lily Ahmad-Davis, Axel Amkreutz, Cassie Bayes, Tyler Blair, Lisa Brenner, Jason Daniel, Nicole Fenton, Kaitlin Hanna, Maia Holland, Maia Hood, Shurti Kumar, Gabrielle Naden, Genevieve O'Hearn, Menno Pardington, Tanisha Reddy, Kyler Rosendaal, Scott Ryan, Sophia Scanlan, Jarrod Simmonds, Allie Spear, Kano Sugawara, Cameron Travis, Shangqing Fern Wang, Bailey Waru, Jacob Wells-Davis, Jorja Wiig and Zoe Windelburn.



## Year 9 Science

**SOLO:** "Learning to learn" requires the learner to think about the strengths and weaknesses of their own thinking when they are learning and to make thoughtful decisions on what to do next.

Using SOLO in Year 9 Science:



## Year 11 Maths

(not 11 Statistics or 11 Applied Maths)

**TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER**

**Mathematics Common Assessment Task (MCAT)**

All 11MATH classes will be sitting Achievement Standard 91027(ALGEBRA) on Tuesday 19 September at 11:25 am. **This assessment is worth 4 NCEA credits.**

Learners will not have a second opportunity to sit this exam without approval from the Principal's Nominee. Please refrain from booking medical appointments or excusing your child from school on this day.

If you have any questions regarding this assessment, please email your child's Maths teacher or [timsa@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:timsa@wgpcollege.school.nz)

## Careers - Key Dates

Accommodation and School Leaver Scholarship Applications online from 1 August.

Otago University Halls of Residence Application open from 1 August.

Massey University Albany Open Day 12 August.

Media Design School Open Day is on 19 August.

Unitec Open Day is on 26 August - Mt Albert Campus.

Victoria University is holding 'Study at Victoria Open Day' on 1 September.

University of Auckland and AUT are holding their Open Days on 2 September.

## NZQA Fees 2017

Just a reminder that 2017 NZQA fees are due for final payment by **Friday 1 September (revised date).**

If you have a Community Services Card, there is a Financial Assistance Form available from our Learner Accounts Office.

## Upcoming Events

<b>August</b>	4-7	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Tramp
	7-Sept 22	Mobile Dental Clinic on Site
	8	Cross Country Zone Day
	9	Enrolment Night, 4 – 6.30 pm Enrolment Tour, 5.00 pm Rugby Zone Day IST 3 L1/2 Drama Trip, The Pickle King, Q Theatre, 5.45 pm
	10	Year 7 Boostrix Immunisation
	11-14	Bay of Islands Jazz Festival
	14	Year 8 MOTAT Trip, (8LES/8GIL)
	15	Year 8 MOTAT Trip, (8TOWL/8DKA) Year 7 Auckland Art Gallery Trip, (7VER/7HUN) ICAS Mathematics L3HEED NZ Health Issue Trip Junior/Senior Options Evening, 7.00 pm
	16	KBB Festival, St Mary's Church, Parnell
	17	Year 8 MOTAT Trip, (8SMM/8DUN) L2/3 Art Design Trip, Whitecliffe College Winter and Summer Group Photos Enrolment Night, 4 – 6.30 pm Enrolment Tour, 11.30 am
	18	Year 8 MOTAT Trip, (8CON/8MOSS)
	18-20	International Department Ski Trip Waterpolo Winterfest, Dio/Epsom Girls/Sacred Heart
	18-21	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Final Tramp

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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