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From the Principal

School Zones

The Whangaparaoa College zone takes in all the Peninsula and finishes at the Hibiscus Coast Highway. The Orewa College zone currently extends out the Peninsula to about Brian Crescent, and across near the Peninsula Club. Orewa College is proposing to reduce their zone so that we share a common boundary on the Hibiscus Coast Highway. This is because there has been huge developments in their zone (Millwater etc) and they will soon run out of space. There is a consultation period until early July. Orewa College have kept us informed of their proposal and if people are interested, there are full details and maps on the Orewa College website.

Behaviour at Sports Fixtures

Recently there was a very unfortunate incident at a sports game involving Whangaparaoa College parents and players. I feel it is important to be clear about our expectations of parents and supporters. Research shows that the main reasons our children and learners play sports is to participate and have fun. I, along with many others, like to win; so I train hard, play my best and try to win. However, no amount of frustration or poor behaviour from the opposition should lead to players being encouraged by their parents to retaliate physically. No amount of frustration should lead parents to abuse players, coaches or referees; or go onto the playing area and get involved physically. It is unacceptable for Whangaparaoa College parents or learners to be involved with unsportsmanlike behaviour. If you wish to support a Whangaparaoa sports team; great! But please note that we expect all supporters to live up to our values. If you cannot do this; please do not attend games, as failure to behave well is a terrible example to our young people.

In Brief:

- Later in the term all learners, parents and the appropriate Academic Counsellor will meet for the Learner Led Conference. These are an essential opportunity for our learners to share with whanau their progress and achievement with learning. Please make these a priority, thank you.
- As a result of requests being made and common sense, the uniform code will be changed slightly to allow senior girls to wear dress black trousers. The details are included in the following section.
- We are now in the second half of Term Two! At recent assemblies, I asked the seniors how they feel about their efforts and progress so far this year. The year is marching on rather quickly, but there is a lot of work yet to be done, and a huge opportunity for learners to reach the goals they have set for themselves.
- As I said in my last newsletter, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact the appropriate person. If you are not sure who to contact please email me (jamesth@wgpcollege.school.nz) and I'll make sure the right person gets in touch.

Nga mihi nui


James Thomas
Principal

Uniform Code

Proposed addition to uniform code, plus clarification.

Whangaparaoa College has amended its uniform code to include dress black trousers for senior girls, ie Years 11-13.

Definition: Dress black trousers are straight, ankle length trousers, without pattern or texture that are 100% matt black.

Not allowed: Jeans, cargo pants, skin tight pants, tracksuit pants, leggings, tights (without a regulation skirt)

For both senior boys and girls, the standard required for dress black trousers is that of the trousers available from NZU (New Zealand Uniforms). However, learner's may also source dress black trousers from other places. People must be sure they comply with our definition and required standard, before wearing trousers. If unsure ask at the school office.

Performing Arts

Ugly Shakespeare



The **Ugly Shakespeare Theatre Company** came to the College on Monday 28 May and performed to all our Year 9-13 Drama learners. The Year 9 and 10's watched *Romeo and Juliet* and the Year 11-13's watched *Twelfth Night*.

It was so entertaining and funny! Then some lucky Year 9 and 10's had a workshop with the actors and learned lots from their expertise and talent.

Thank you for visiting us!

YouDance 2018

On Tuesday 29 May, a number of Year 13 Dance learners were thrilled to represent Whangaparaoa College at this year's YouDance Youth Dance Festival at the Raye Freedman Arts Centre in Epsom, Auckland. YouDance is a professional event showcasing high quality work by youth in Senior Secondary dance groups, in a collegial, non-competitive environment. This was the first time a group from this college have ever participated at the event, making the prospect of performing all the more exciting. The learners worked spectacularly hard in the weeks leading up to the event, and attended a number of lunchtime and after school rehearsals, as well as an all-day Sunday rehearsal. The performance itself went extremely well and received a huge round of applause from the audience. The learners all agreed it was the best they had ever performed and left the theatre after a long day, feeling very proud of themselves!



If you missed out on this show, the piece titled *Sila*, will be performed at the Whangaparaoa College Dance Showcase on Wednesday 13 June, at 7.00 pm in the Auditorium.

Capoeira Workshops

The Year 12 Dance learners were extremely fortunate to have a visit from guest Capoeira tutor, Jeremy Warne, this term. Jeremy is from *Capoeira Mandinga Aotearoa*, who are based in Auckland. He trains in Capoeira Angola, a traditional form of the Brazilian artistic expression, which traces its roots back to the African people and brought to Brazil in the times of colonialism. The Year 12's spent five hours learning the very basics of this art form, in preparation for an internal assessment they will be sitting this term.



It was wonderful to have such an enthusiastic and inspirational member of the Capoeira community work with the learners, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the time they had together.

Hip Hop Classes

The Year 11 Dance learners are delighted to have our regular guest Hip Hop tutor, Taitanyk Toniuk, visiting this term. Taitanyk is an emerging artist in the New Zealand Dance scene, and has performed in a number of Pacific and Contemporary Arts Festivals, as well as with Auckland-based dance company *Trip the Light Dance Collective*. The Year 11's will be fortunate enough to spend six periods with Taitanyk, learning a Hip Hop sequence as part of the internal standard they have been working on.



It's always so much fun having Taitanyk with us, and wonderful to work with such an inspiring and energetic dance artist.

Sport

Congratulations to the following Whangaparaoa College **Netball** girls for being selected into the 2018 Development Teams for Poi Tarawhiti o Te Raki Paewhenua:

Serenayde Fenton	Year 7
Sasha Peihopa	Year 8
Giselle Tainui	Year 8
Aroha Ropitini-Broughton	Year 8
Bronte Keil	U15
Jorja Ryan	U15

Zone Days

Six teams have attended zone days this week.

We have had Football Zone days for Year 7 and 8 Girls and Rugby 7's and Rippa.



Football



Rippa

Our Rippa girls played brilliantly, with 4 wins from 4 games - Well done girls!

Seamus Kelly, Nick Goodall and Sam Creevey are entered into the **2018/2019 Mizuno Auckland Half Marathon 5 series** (various dates from September onwards) and the **ASB Auckland Half Marathon** in October. Good luck boys.

Winter season standings to date:

Hockey Senior Boys 3rd	Secondary School 3rd Grade Pool B
Hockey Senior Girls 4th	Secondary Schools 4th Grade
Hockey Y7/8 Thunder 5th	Intermediate School Mixed 6 a-side
Hockey Y7/8 Storm 3rd	Intermediate School mixed 6 a-side
Lacrosse 1st	Auckland Division 2
Rugby 1st XV 2nd	North Harbour Open C
Basketball Team 10 (U19) 2nd	U19 Boys League 2
Basketball U17 6th	U17 Boys League 1
Basketball Senior Boys 4th	Open Men
Basketball Junior Boys 1st	Junior Boys League 2

From our Guidance Counsellor

Kia ora caregivers/whanau

Regarding the recent publicity about the challenging material contained in the Netflix Season 2 of "13 Reasons Why", you are urged to read the following supportive information from the Mental Health Foundation.

It provides a range of valuable advice for young people and their families.

Please follow the link below:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/get-help/13-reasons-why/>

New Host Family Needed

Sofia from Chile needs your help!



Sofia has had a great first term at Whangaparaoa College and is now in need of a new host family due to a change in circumstances. She is enjoying her AFS exchange in New Zealand and learning about the kiwi lifestyle. Her favourite subjects at school are history and English. Sofia keeps active by going to the gym and prefers a vegetarian diet. Sofia's favourite time of year is winter because of the landscapes the colder months produce. If you think Sofia would make a great addition to your family for the last two terms of the school year please contact Jo 04 9032276 joanna.holm@afs.org

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Careers

Please note these upcoming event dates:

University of Auckland Entry Level Scholarships are on offer **from Tuesday 15 May**

University of Otago Information Evening **is on Tuesday 19 June, 6.30 pm** (South Level 4 Lounge, Eden Park Auckland)

Whangaparaoa College Careers Expo will be held **on Wednesday 27 June, 6.00 – 8.00 pm**

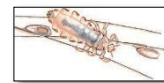
The University of Canterbury Open Day will be held **on Thursday 12 July**, for more info, click [here](#)

The University of Auckland Courses and Careers Open Day will be held **on Saturday 25 August, 9.00 am - 3.00 pm** (openday.ac.nz)

From the Nurse

Head Lice

Head lice or nits are very common in children and easily spread around school. They can be annoying, but are treatable. Your child may have an itchy scalp, especially around the nape of the neck, crown and ears. You may see live lice on the scalp, or hard, pale grey or yellow-white eggs (nits) like grains of salt, attached to the hair, close to the scalp.



- Check your child's hair regularly - once a week is a good guide.
- If you find live lice or unhatched eggs, treat your child as soon as you can.

Although using a fine-toothed comb every day can be time-consuming – it is a good idea. Treatments don't need to be expensive, and your chemist can advise you on the best way to deal with the problem.

Upcoming Events

June	6	Girls Hockey Zone Day L3BUST Pitch, Massey University Senior School Production, Auditorium, 7.00 pm
	7-8	L2OUED Pinnacles Camp, Thames
	7	L3OUED01 ABL Programme Mathex Year 7&8, Northcross Intermediate Senior School Production, Auditorium, 7.00 pm
	8-10	40 Hour Famine, Justice League
	13	L2&3 Te Manu Taiko, Massey University Year 10-13 Dance Showcase, Auditorium, 7.00 pm
	14	Big Sing, Auckland Town Hall NH Ski & Snowboard Champs Market Day, 1.30 - 2.15 pm
	15	Rugby Zone Day
	19	Bakery Trip Year 12&13 Photography Trip, Pah Homestead
	20	L2GEOG Transport Day Table Tennis Zone Day Bands and Choirs Concert, Auditorium

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

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 below).



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