Term 4 Tales
2015
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From the Principal’s Desk

On Wednesday, we had a wonderful evening celebrating excellence in academic endeavours at our annual Excellence Prizegiving. It was fantastic to celebrate so many young learners’ achievements. The following morning, 96 Year 12 learners embarked on their Year 13 Camp to National Park to bond as a group ready to embrace an exciting and challenging year in 2016.

Our recent Sports Prizegiving and Performing Arts Prizegiving showed evidence that our learners have a great range of opportunities, take these opportunities and show real growth as they compete and perform. I want to specifically mention the tremendous progress of our Kapa Haka group – it was the best we have seen in the life of the College. There are also the other activities and opportunities like Duke of Ed and Robotics, which help make this a special place.

At a governance level, we are in good hands. Finances are always tough, but our Board, finance team and all staff show real fiscal responsibility. The time of being rather ‘flush’ as a new school is well and truly over and I appreciate that our Board, staff and wider community, work with the constraints we face. Thank you. To say that property is in good order is an understatement. Whangaparaoa College has superb facilities; so much so, that numerous visitors from overseas think we must be a private school.

At Whangaparaoa College, we work together for the good of the learners. This is a challenging and demanding calling. Thank you all for sharing the responsibility; and for the passion, expertise and support that you contribute. We have a great school and together we all have a part to play to ensure our young ones receive the best possible education.

I look forward to the adventures that next year will bring. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy some special times with your family this Christmas.

Merry Christmas

James

Ehara toku toa i te toa takitahi; He toa takitini toku toa
(Our strength is not due to one alone, but to the strength of many)
Uniform Requirements for 2016

School Hats

In 2016, we will have the expectation that only navy blue, school embroidered peak caps, bucket hats and beanies are allowed to be worn at school.

All school embroidered hats will be available from the Uniform Shop at $15.00 each.

School Socks

Both boys and girls must wear the correct uniform socks from 2016 onwards.

School socks are available at the uniform shop. There will be a transition period for Term 1 for the girls’ socks, to allow a suitable time for these to be purchased. Navy blue socks however, must be worn.

UNIFORM SHOP DECEMBER/JANUARY OPENING HOURS:
LOCATION: Opposite the Admin Building.

Whangaparaoa College has designated an extra day for Primary Schools to purchase uniforms in December. This will allow new learners to purchase uniforms before the shop’s busy period in January.

DECEMBER 2015 PRIMARY SCHOOLS ONLY
Thursday 17th 1pm-4pm

JANUARY 2015 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS
Thursday 21st 9am-3pm
Monday 25th 12pm-3pm
Tuesday 26th 12pm-6pm
Wednesday 27th 9am-4pm
Thursday 28th 10am-3pm
Friday 29th 9am-1pm

FEBRUARY 2016 FIRST WEEK BACK AT SCHOOL
Tuesday 2nd Staff Only Day 1pm-3pm
Wednesday 3rd 8am-8.45am 3pm-4pm
Thursday 4th 8am-8.45am 3pm-4pm

NORMAL HOURS RESUME FROM THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9th
Tuesday 8am-8.45am 3pm-3.45pm
Wednesday 8am-8.45am 3pm-3.45pm
Thursday 3pm-3.45pm
Last week, over 170 learners took part in the junior production of Walt Disney’s “Peter Pan”.

Most started enthusiastically, although were rather stage shy. It didn’t take long for them to blossom and fly. Great singing and great dancing. The pirates were suitably scary, the lost boys sweet in their onesies and the Indians looked very brave indeed. There were also some gorgeous mermaids swaying in their lagoon and twinkly fairies carried the narrative along. There were excellent performances from all our leads too. We will definitely be seeing some of their names up in lights in the future!

Huge congratulations go to the whole cast and also to the learners who did all the backstage work and the fabulous sound and lighting crew.

Well done to everybody involved and a big thanks to all the parents and staff who made it possible.

Janette Steel
HoL Year 8
Classroom Teacher Year 7
For more photos, click here
“Shave for a Cure was run again this year and was a huge success. We had 20 shavees, and they raised over $8000 for the Leukaemia and Blood Cancer Foundation and the Cancer Society of NZ. The event was held in the auditorium on 22 and 23 October, hosted by the wonderful crew of Youth Workers from CYC Trust. Thanks again to everyone who participated, supported and contributed to this good cause. We wouldn’t have been able to pull it off over these past four years without your continued support. We are glad to announce Shave will be back at Whangaparaoa College in 2016! Keep an eye on the school notices at the beginning of next year for more info!

I’ve had the absolute pleasure to head up the organisation of Shave at Whangaparaoa College these past four years, with an awesome team of helpers. I’ve loved seeing the school rally and support those that have a heart to help people in the community, and it’s so awesome to see the young people in the school from all years participate in this awesome cause. I have a huge passion to see the school community grow to have a heart for the people of the wider community, especially those in need and I’ve totally seen that in my time at Whangaparaoa College. I’m stoked that Shave at Whangaparaoa College won’t stop in my absence. I’ve passed the baton on this year to four awesome, dedicated girls - Sofija Tomovska, Aimee Riach, Sasha Morpeth and Samantha Ashton. They’ve observed/contributed to the running of Shave for the past two years and took on a lot of the responsibility this year. I cannot wait to see their heart in this, and am excited to see Shave for a Cure continue to grow here at Whangaparaoa (and I expect it to - we’ve been in the top 10 schools for the past four years).

Go well team,
Brendon Carr
Year 13

For more photos click [here](#)
Sporting Success
Recently we have had a few successes that we would like to congratulate:

- **Sequoiah Wulf** 3rd in Shotput at North Harbour Athletics Zone Day, going on to Auckland Championships.

- **Shanae Carter** recently competed in the McMillan Cup, a nationwide inter-school Air Pistol shooting competition. Overall she placed 4th in the competition (out of all seniors and juniors), and won 1st place in the Junior section. Shanae is now off to compete in the Oceania competition.

- **Waterpolo mixed team** (Samantha Bright, Matthew Clarke, Holly Harris, Jade Hughes, Seamus Kelly, Korban Kirk, Brooke Marukore, Maxwell Grigson and Brooke Nicolson) went to the NISS Junior Waterpolo Championships and placed 2nd Overall in the Boys B grade.

- **Buell Verkade** (a Year 9 learner) has been selected to play for the NZ Kahu squad, an U18 girls’ team, which will play in the AFL Youth Competition against Australia on 11 and 13 December.

- **Cricket Blitz Yr 7/8 mixed team** placed 1st in their competition, winning their finals game by 2 runs!
WE WANT YOU!

ALL YR 7-13’S
NETBALL
TASTER & REFRESHER

Wednesday 10th, 17 & 24 February 2016

Whangaparaoa College invites all girls to come and ‘give netball a go’ before trials.

So whether you’ve played before or are new to the sport, grab your friends and meet us at 3.30 – 4.30 pm for some fun skills & drills and a friendly game on the college netball courts (J Block end of college – access via Berdinner Rd).

General information can be found on our Sports Website: www.allteams.co.nz/whangaparaoa-college/whangaparaoa-college-sport/
Facebook page: search Whangaparaoa College Sport

let’s play netball

Play Netball at Hibiscus Coast and/or North Harbour
HBC competition play Saturday mornings
NH competition Jnrs play in the week Suns play weekend
Trials at college courts
Yr 10-13 Sun 28th Feb
Yr 7-9 Wed 2nd Mar
Payment options available for fees

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS

For more information email sports@wpcollege.school.nz
2016 Sport

Term 1 dates for the start of sport next year are:

**Sports Registration and Fees**
Online registrations open from 1 to 26 February (all registrations must be completed for all sporting activities being played in 2016)

**Pre-Season Trainings**
Rugby: Thursday afternoons starting 28 January
Netball: Wednesday afternoons starting 3 March
All other sports codes: Begin week starting Monday 10 February

**Sports Information Evening**
Monday 15 February at 7.00 pm in the Auditorium (Week 3)

**Swimming**
Years 9-13 Swimming Tuesday 10 February
Year 7/8 Swimming Tuesday 16 February

**Athletics**
Years 9-13 Friday 19 February

**Team Musters / Trials**
Week 5 (starting Monday 29 February)
Netball: Years 10-13 Sunday 28 February
Years 7-9 Wednesday 2 March

**Volunteer’s Evening**
Thursday 17 March at 7.00 pm, location TBA (all coaches/managers to attend)

If you need more information about the sports offered at the college please follow either of the following links:

Web: http://www.allteams.co.nz/whangaparaoa-college/whangaparaoa-college-sport/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Whangaparaoa-College-Sport/601080449910112?ref=bookmarks

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**Hawaii 2016**

**Spaces still available!**

In the September/October holiday break in 2016, the Geography and Science departments are offering a field trip to the islands of Hawaii for learners in Years 12 and 13.

This trip will focus on aspects of tourism, history and land-use on the island of Oahu. Also, active volcanoes and space exploration on the island of Hawaii itself.

There will be meetings and briefings for parents in February. ALL Year 12 and Year 13 learners are invited, so please keep an eye out for details to come.
Upcoming Events

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For more information from our school calendar click here.

Community Notices

If you wish to reserve a locker for 2016 or keep your current locker, you will need to fill in an online order form at www.stowawaylockers.co.nz as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can call or text Robyn on 09 4375818 or 0274 221 783.

If you no longer require your locker for 2016, please let us know by email stowawaylockers@ihug.co.nz. You will need to return your key at the end of the term, cellotaped to a piece of paper with your details written on it 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 Term 4 ending 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 2016.

Year 10 Only
Graphing Calculators for Sale

The college has a limited supply of Casio fx-9750GII Graphing Calculators. These are the NCEA approved calculators for Level 1-3 Assessments. If your child is taking Year 11 Maths or Year 11 Statistics, this is the calculator required for the next three years. We only have 70 calculators available at the 2015 price and there are approximately 200 learners who will require this calculator for next year. Calculators can be purchased from Learner Accounts.

$90.00 (rrp: $132.95)
Room Hire spaces have become available. The Hibiscus Coast Youth Centre is a registered charity providing free/low cost programs to youth, we need your help to continue our 7 day a week services. Booking a room at the HBCYC allows us to dedicate more time to youth programs and help fund a safe space for over 600 youth and families visiting each week. Services directly benefiting youth are negotiable on price!

**Available Rooms:**
- **Gym/Main Hall:** This large space is ideal for sports, performances, meetings, parties or any other occasion that calls for a room with substantial space. Casual: $46/hr or Full Day: $300.00.
- **Café:** A fun, laid back environment set up with a fully furnished kitchen, couches, a projector and access to an outdoor balcony. Casual: $34/hr or Full Day: $230.00.
- **Classroom:** This is a simple and tidy space for activities and events requiring a traditional setup of a whiteboard, tables and chairs. Ideal for meetings, workshops and classes. Casual: $28/hr or Full Day: $180.00.
- **Wellness Room:** Setup with a couch, table, and kitchenette, this room is ideal for counselling or health services. Casual: $23/hr or Full Day: $115.00.

*Email us on findhbcyc@gmail.com, call us on (09) 426 5005 or pop in to see us at 214D Hibiscus Coast Highway.*
Billy Beggs from Bayleys Real Estate, is offering to donate $850 to Whangaparaoa College when a parent sells their property through him. This amount will be paid when settlement is made. Parents, who sell their house, will be able to have input about which school group will benefit from the donation. It may be for a sports team, performing arts group or other extra-curricular activity.

Please contact Billy if you are interested in selling your home or want a catch up on the state of the market.

Contact:
Mobile: +64 21 392 499
Phone: +64 9 428 0600
Email: billy.beggs@bayleys.co.nz

Supporting success in your school.
For new ASB home loans over $150,000 drawn down before 31 December 2015, ASB will donate:

$500 cash to participating schools.

To take up this offer you must be a parent, staff or member of the participating school. ASB’s lending criteria, terms and conditions apply. 20% equity is required in the security property. Other terms apply. Fees may apply. For Ts & Cs and to download the voucher visit asb.co.nz/schoolbanking. Offer ends 31 December 2015.

ASB Bank Limited PPU49035

Merry Christmas and happy New Year from Management and Staff at Whangaparaoa College.
We wish you all a safe and joyous holiday and look forward to seeing you again in 2016!