



Whangārei Girls' High School



5th June 2024

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Important Dates:

10th June 2024
House Day

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Greetings from the Principal



Tēnā koutou katoa. Talofa lava, Mālō e Lelei, Kia Orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Ni Sa Bula Vinaka, Malo ni, Fakatalofa atu and warm Pacific Greetings.

We are farewelling our Gateway Co-ordinator Patsy Yearbury on the 14th of June. We thank Patsy for all the work that she has done to enable our students to experience the world of work. We wish Patsy all the best in her new career pathway.

I have just spent 4 days in Queenstown at the SPANZ (Secondary Principals Association of New Zealand) conference. I would like to share the whakatauki that Sir Ian Taylor shared with us on our last day. Kō ngā tahu ā ō tapuwai inanahi, hei tauira mō āpōpō- "the footsteps laid down by our ancestors create the paving stones upon which we stand today."

My key learning from the conference is that I need to ensure that I spend time on leading initiatives that will produce intergenerational change for our students and their whānau, as well as dealing with the day to day decisions that being a leader of a school involves. Every day I need to frame my thinking around, how does the work that I am doing change peoples' lives? We as a school are on our journey from being a good to a great school so my focus at present is to help to ensure that we are pursuing greatness in all of our classrooms.

At the last two conferences that I have attended I am learning lots about how AI- Artificial Intelligence can be used by teachers to improve the learning of students in the classroom. AI can be used to help teachers to plan lessons and to meet the varying needs of students in their classrooms. We need to embrace the capabilities of AI and take the time to experiment to build our understanding and capability.

We are looking to change how Year 11 runs at our school for 2025. We want to provide opportunities for students to gain NCEA Level 1 over 1-2 years, help to build their understanding around what NCEA is and how it works and to reduce anxiety and build confidence around assessment in the NCEA system. We are proposing that students will sit up to one assessment per course for the 8 semester courses that they study other than English or Mathematics. In English and Mathematics students will be able to gain up to 30 credits. This would enable the students to gain up to 70 credits in Year 11, if they passed the CAAs. 60 credits are needed, alongside NCEA Level 1 Literacy and NCEA Level 1 Numeracy for students to gain the NCEA Level 1 qualification.

It was great to hear from the Principal of St Francis School about the fantastic job that our students were doing as they refereed and ran the



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Primary Schools Winter Sports Tournament on the 29th of May. She was impressed by these young people and how they positively engaged with the primary students and ran fair and friendly games. She also commended them for giving back to our primary schools while developing their leadership and sharing their skills. These are the leaders of the future that our community both deserves and needs.

Thanks to our Journalism Club who released their first school newspaper this week. This is a great initiative to help to improve the communication with the students. This is a student-led and run initiative.

Enrolment Zone:

The Ministry of Education is implementing an enrolment zone for our school for students starting in 2025. As a school we envisage that not much will change for us. All current students attending our school in 2024 are not affected by this new zone. If you have a student attending Whangarei Girls' High School already (Student A) and they will still be on our roll at the 1st January 2025 and your student has siblings who will be enrolling while the original student (Student A) is still attending, the younger students are treated as in zone enrolments. Once Student A leaves the school any other siblings will be counted as out of zone enrolments. N.B. Year 13 students come off the roll at the end of 2024 so will not be attending students at the 1 January 2025. Please see below for the official definition of a sibling:

Definition of a sibling

In this context, child A is the sibling of child B If any of the following apply:

- a) both children have the same parent; or
- b) a parent of child A is married to, or in a civil union with, a parent of child B; or
- c) a parent of child A was married to, or in a civil union with, a parent of child B at the time when child B's parent died; or
- d) a parent of child A is the de facto partner of a parent of child B; or
- e) both children live in the same household and, in recognition of family obligations, are treated by the adults of that household as if they were siblings; or
- f) the Secretary, by written notice to the school, advises that child A is to be treated as the sibling of child B.

In preparation for 2025, we will continue to do visits to all our contributing schools to share information about our school with all Year 8 students. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me on sonya.lockyer@wghs.school.nz



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The following policies are being reviewed this term:

- Appointment procedure (board)
- Equal employment opportunities
- Teacher Relief Cover
- Safety checking (board)
- Police vetting
- Timetable

We welcome your feedback on these policies. You simply go into www.schooldocs.co.nz, type the first few letters of Whangārei Girls' High School and you will see the name come up.

The user name is wghs and the password is aspirations. You then go into the 'current review' tab and the instructions and links to the relevant policies are all there for you.

The Term 3 CAA (Literacy and Numeracy Common Assessment Activities) will be sat between the 9-17 September.

Our School Ball is now on the 3rd of August and will be a combined WGHS/WBHS ball. Thanks to the group of students from both schools who are working hard on the planning for this event. The theme is "A Night under the Stars". Tickets will be on sale within the next week, and behaviour contracts will need to be signed. Tickets are \$75 a person. Years 11, 12 and 13 WGHS students can purchase tickets, and bring plus ones. Years 12 and 13 WBHS students can purchase tickets, but cannot have plus ones. These are the mutual agreements made by the committee's of WGHS and WBHS.

House Day was postponed until Monday the 10th of June due to heavy rain overnight and early in the morning. Students come to school in mufti in their house colours. They attend their normal classes for periods 1 and 2. Interval is from 10.50am - 11.05am. Students then go to whānau class to leave their bags and assemble on the field for the House Chant competitions. Students will be in a team that includes their whānau class and their buddy whānau class. They will take part in four rotations before lunch.

Lunch is from 12.54pm to 1.30pm. After lunch there are four more rotations. Winners are announced at 2.50pm. Please encourage your students to attend and take part in this fun day. The Kaiārahi and Pouārahi have invested lots of time and energy into planning a great day. They have also organised House Day activities in the H6/H7 rooms for students who would find the noise and size of House Day overwhelming.



Dental Planet is coming to our school from the 22nd July to the 9th of August. Dental care is free for NZ residents under 18 and Dental Planet



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provides publicly-funded dental care on-site. They work in partnership with Te Whatu Ora, to improve the number of high school students accessing quality dental care. This is your opportunity to enrol your adolescent with Dental Planet for their free dental care. They will see students from years 9 to 13 (under 18 years old), who are not currently enrolled with a dentist and have been enrolled with Dental Planet for their free dental check-up and treatment. If you would like your student to be seen by Dental Planet please click on the link below, phone 0800 262 2022 or email mobiles@dentalplanet.co.nz.

<https://analytics-au.clickdimensions.com/cn/avjqi/onlineenrolment>

Dental Planet.

THE MOBILE DENTAL VAN IS VISITING
WHANGAREI GIRLS HS
22 JULY - 9 AUGUST 2024

FREE BASIC DENTAL CARE FOR
YEAR 9-13 STUDENTS (UNDER AGE 18)

TO ENROL YOUR CHILD:
0800 262 2022
mobiles@dentalplanet.co.nz

Winter illnesses are taking hold across the motu, with 'flu season' arriving earlier than normal. Aotearoa is also at a high risk of a measles outbreak with immunisation rates dropping off since COVID-19. Please see below the Te Whatu Ora advice, particularly that the best protection against an outbreak of measles is the MMR vaccine.

Measles – Te Whatu Ora

If you would like to assist our students by being a Reader/Writer during assessments please contact cali.wati@wghs.school.nz for more details.

The Whangārei Girls' High School 2023 Annual Report will be published on our school website today.

Important dates:

- 5.30pm Wednesday 5 June 2024-This is the date for this term's Whānau Māori Hui in Te Rau Aroha. This is a meeting for Māori whānau and students to work with us to help us to improve how we are meeting the needs of our Māori students.
- 11 June 2024- WGHS Cross Country

Ngā mihi

Sonya Lockyer



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Year 12 Loves me not harm prevention programme

We are fortunate to be running this programme with all of our year 12's in conjunction with Whangārei Boys High school at the end of this term.

You will have received an email to explain the programme and the importance of supporting it.

Any issues please contact lorraine.barton@wghs.school.nz



Pink Shirt Day 2024

A huge big thank you to EVERYONE who shared the kindness on and around Pink Shirt Day. Our junior health classes created some amazing projects to promote "all kinds of kindness", including Ruby Harrington and Dayna de Bruin Adcock below who made cupcakes, topped with caring messages and gave them away. Our health committee baked pink cupcakes and organized musical chairs which raised \$300, we also hosted some fun karaoke at lunchtime. In total we raised over \$700 for the mental health foundation, thanks to everyone who bought raffle tickets.

We are hugely grateful to everyone who played a part, and especially grateful to the local businesses that generously provided prizes for our raffle. We have shared so many good stories and so many students have got behind the message and supported it.

Bee This Naturally
Sarahlee Studio
The Whitening Co
Venn Gifts
Local Talent Taverna
Hells Pizza

Hori Hustle
Event Cinemas
Kensington Fitness
Biltong Shed
Sustainable vets
My accountants

Shown below is also a copy of our winning "design a kindness" poster competition.



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Congratulations to Tyla Pestana, winner and to Ava Cohen our runner up.



Sports Management - Turbo Touch

At the start of Term 2 the Year 11, 12 and 13 Sports Management classes attended the 4 Turbo Touch Tournaments at McKay Stadium. We were either refereeing or event managing and running the whole tournament. During class we learnt how to referee with the help of Steven and JB from New Zealand Touch which provided us with the skills to referee at this level. It was super cool to see everyone having a go and also seeing the talent from the schools in Northland. As the tournament went on all the teams developed a better understanding of the game and became very competitive. They showed great skill, sportsmanship and teamwork.

11 students have been selected to referee at the Nationals in June.



School to Seas Programme

Over the April school holidays Maddy Amosa participated in the School to Seas programme. This included living at the Navy's Devonport base for a week and learning about how STEM is used in the wide variety of careers the defense force offers. This trip definitely solidified her choice of a career path in the aviation sector of the Navy.



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SVA - Student Volunteer Army

Congratulations to the following who have received pins to date this year. Bronze, Silver and Gold SVA pins will now be awarded at our Kāhui Assemblies,

Membership Pins - 5 hours

Ava Rankilor, Alexis Hannam, Amy Hannah, Ava Dainty, Brenna Hayes, Danika Boyd, Elly Neumann, Farah Ali, Frankie Lever, Ilka Hetz, Leelah Seumenicht, Lilli Nonia, Lily Craig, Lucy Kelly, Morgan Curran, Renee Pilon, Ruby Hudgell, Charlee Martinovich.

Bronze - 32 hours

Ava Rankilor, Ilka Hetz, Leelah Seumenicht, Lily Craig, Renee Pilon, Charlee Martinovich.

Does your rangitahi volunteer, but is not currently signed up with SVA. They can sign up by visiting <https://volunteer.sva.org.nz/> or they can come see Tamara in the careers office with any questions

Northern Region - Junior Young Farmers of the Year

We had two students compete at the NZ Junior Young farmers of the year competition in April, doing many modules which included identifying NAIT tags and connecting two wires together in three ways.

Nicky Wellwood and Chloe Ferguson competed in the 6 modules and placed in the top 5. They then participated in the buzzer round and ended up coming 4th. This was the first time Nicky and Chloe had competed in this competition and they were up against students from across Auckland and Northland.

We are very proud of their achievements and look forward to seeing them compete next year.

School Calendar



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Week 6 - Term 2

5th June 2024

100ED Parihaka
3PED Training
Midweek Football
Midweek Rugby
Whānau Māori Hui - Te Rau Aroha 5.30pm

6th June 2024

100ED Parihaka
3PED Training
Girls in Hi Vis
NSSSA Table Tennis Novice
PEDSM Table Tennis

7th June 2024

100ED Parihaka
3PED Training
2ACB Basic Meats
2ACM Waka Ama Paddle
NSSSA Basketball Champs
PEDSM Basketball
Toi Wearable Art

8th June 2024

Smokefree Rockquest

Week 7 - Term 2

10th June 2024

House Day
3PED Training
School Pride Week

11th June 2024

3PED Training
School Pride Week
3PEDSM Trip
NZ Chamber Music Contest

12th June 2024

3PED Training
Ngā Manu Kōrero Regionals
School Pride Week
Midweek Football
Midweek Rugby

13th June 2024

2ACP/2PRI Field Days
2ECD/3ECD Placements
3PED Training
Ngā Manu Kōrero Regionals
School Pride Week
3ECD Assessment
PEDSM Table Tennis
Senior Music Concert

14th June 2024

2ACP/2PRI Field Days

Week 7 - Term 2 continued..

2ECD/3ECD Placements
3PED Training
Ngā Manu Kōrero Regionals
School Pride Week
2ACB Basic Meats
2 ACM Waka Ama Paddle
PEDSM WNZSSSA Turbo Touch Auckland

Week 8- Term 2

17th June 2024

2ECD/3ECD Placements
3PED Training
Year 10/11 Dance - Lunchtime

18th June 2024

2ECD/3ECD Placements
3PED Training
Manual Handling Course (Trades)
Year 10/11 Dance - Lunchtime
3PEDSM Trip
Girls in Infrastructure Northland
PEDSM Dargaville Day 4

19th June 2024

2ECD/3ECD Placements
2OED Trip
3PED Training
Manual Handling Course (Trades)
Year 12 Drama (b)
Midweek Football
Midweek Rugby

20th June 2024

2ECD/ECD Placements
2OED Trip
3ECD Trip
3PED Training
Year 12 Drama (b)
NSSSA Squash Teams YR9-13

21st June 2024

2ECD/ECD Placements
3ECD Trip
3PED Training
Year 12 Drama (b)
2ACB Basic Meats
2ACM Waka Ama Paddle
PEDSM Dargaville Day 2
PEDSM WNZSSSA Turbo Touch Auckland
Year 9 Drama - Matinee