



Whangārei Girls' High School

10 June 2022

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Important Dates:

13th June 2022
Rostered Day Home
Year 10

14th June 2022
Rostered Day Home
Year 13

15th June 2022
Rostered Day Home
Year 12

16th June 2022
Rostered Day Home
Year 11

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Word from the Principal



Tēnā koutou katoa

Along with other students from around Te Tai Tokerau, our students are competing in the Ngā Manu Kōrero competitions being held in Dargaville. We wish them all the best and look forward to the prizegiving on Friday night, followed by the handover of the mauri as we are honoured to be hosting this competition next year.

As you know, we are struggling to manage high numbers of staff absences this week, which is why the decision was made to roster students home and we will continue with this for four days next week. The situation will be reviewed each Thursday afternoon and the decision communicated to you the following day on Friday until we have more staff able to be back at work. Students have work posted in Google Classroom so their learning can continue, with hard copy work provided for students who cannot work online.

We are very mindful that COVID is still far from over and we continue to have both staff and students testing positive, as well as others who need to isolate as household contacts. We are also being constantly reminded to expect a severe flu season this winter.

We are doing our best to keep everyone as safe as we can by ventilating our classrooms as well as maintaining our heating. However, we all know that masks are our best form of protection, against flu as well as COVID. Again, we urge you to encourage your students to wear masks when inside. And a reminder that we require all visitors to the school to wear masks.

Thank you for keeping us informed if your student has COVID or is isolating as a household contact. Please continue to do that so their absence is coded correctly and our records are accurate.

With the first ever long weekend coming up to celebrate Matariki, it is a good time for us to reflect on the past year, celebrate the present and plan for the year ahead.

Take care, be kind and enjoy the long weekend in a couple of weeks.

Anne Cooper
Principal

English Department

Congratulations to Hannah Nayyar and Harshinni Nayyar (Year 11), Fransune Fourie (Year 12), and Suzi Saweirs (Year 13) who represented our school, with pride, at the Race Unity Speech Competition Regional Heats on Saturday 14th May.

This was a fabulous evening, featuring eight rousing speeches from inspirational rangatahi in our region. Suzi Saweirs was adjudged Runner-Up on the night. Congratulations!

Marg Northey, HOD English Department

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Do you have strengths in reading and writing with a passion for helping tomorrow's women succeed?

We are seeking skilled volunteers to assist our Year 11 – Year 13 students who have identified visual difficulties, hearing impairments or learning disabilities to assist as a reader/writer for assessments throughout the school year.

This is an amazing and rewarding opportunity to help our students achieve their full potential!

Please note that all staff and volunteers interacting directly with students in a secondary school education setting need to be police vetted.

For more information please contact:

Vinny Ridgway - vinny.ridgway@wghs.school.nz or Wendi Andrews - wendi.andrews@wghs.school.nz

Maths Department

Otago Junior Mathematics Competition

At the end of Term 1, we had 63 students from Years 9, 10 and 11 sit the Otago Junior mathematics competition. This competition is in its 37th year and aims to provide the opportunity for students to complete problem solving questions and compete against other students throughout New Zealand. Congratulations to the students who were invited to participate in Round 2:

Year 9 Maureen Kumar & Maya Raven, Year 10 Florrie Whitaker-Cook & Year 11 Harshinni Nayyar

Parents Supporting Parents

It seems life is very busy for everyone and several factors have meant postponed meetings. Given current circumstances we will not have any formal meetings. But should you require just a chat with someone who will understand as a parent then we are here and feel free to message. Otherwise we will resume when things have settled.

Are you a parent struggling with a child with mental illness? Would you like to connect with other parents who are living with the same awful struggle?

Our aim is to provide a forum where you can let off steam, knowing that the person/people you are talking to understand on some level. Whether this is at a group meeting, or in another way that we can support you, we hope to be able to do that.

Please call Lorraine for more details on 021 166 9764. Join us on Facebook to connect and find out more information <https://www.facebook.com/groups/651665085170218/>

Careers Department

Waikato University Trip

WGHS were fortunate to be provided with a small number of places in the Waikato University Halls of Residence to enable our students with an authentic university experience. We took the opportunity to visit other universities on the hiko down to Hamilton. We stopped in at Massey University, Albany campus and the students were able to see many students in their regalia as we had arrived on Graduation day. The students got a whistlestop tour of the campus and accommodation while learning about the opportunities for study at Massey. We then headed to AUT where we met other Northland schools to learn about the opportunities available and explore the campus. Finally we made it to Waikato, where the students were able to settle in and sample the food at the accommodation. The next day we met early for breakfast where some students found themselves totally unprepared for the cold morning. After a hearty breakfast provided by the student accommodation, we headed off to the Waikato University open day. The students chose a range of different lectures that allowed them to better understand the opportunities available at Waikato. The students felt the trip allowed them to either solidify their choice to attend Waikato or understand how to explore other options.

Waikato University kindly provided a free bus from Northland to their Open Day and some of our students took this opportunity to enable them to attend.

Upcoming open days (there will not be an organised school trip to these open days):

Lincoln University - Friday 22 July

Otago University - Sunday 31 July & Monday 1 August

Victoria University - Friday 26 August 2022, 8 am–3 pm

AUT - Saturday 27 August

University of Auckland (free bus provided see the UOA website) - Saturday 27 August

University of Canterbury - Friday 9 September

Massey University -

- Manawatū Campus (Palmerston North) Open Day – Wednesday 3 August
- Wellington Campus Open Day – Friday 26 August
- Auckland Campus Open Day – Saturday 3 September
- Aviation Open Day (Massey University Aviation Center, Palmerston North) – Saturday 10 September

Butchery/Bakery Academy Industry Visit

Our butcher/bakery academy went on their first industry visit to Treat Cake & Pastries. Rob & Crystal took the time out of their busy morning to talk with the students about how they keep their menu current and interesting. The students got the opportunity to taste some of the baked goods and coffee made in a cafe. The students gained a lot from this experience, not just about bakery, but also about business ownership. They are looking forward to the next industry experience and the staff are looking forward to the students putting their learning into practice - they can always find willing taste testers.

First Foundation

I had the privilege of joining Jazmine Murray, her whanau and mentor at the First Foundation Scholarship celebrations. Jazmine has been awarded a First Foundation Scholarship, where she will not only receive financial support & a paid internship, but also a mentor to support her through Year 13 and her University years. We are currently supporting a small group of Year 12 students through their application process and hope to have more receive this amazing scholarship next year.

Kylie Taffard
HOD Careers

WGHS Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day 2022 provided another great opportunity for WGHS to celebrate this nationwide awareness campaign around bullying and the small actions we can take to make big changes surrounding this issue.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Whangarei Pak'n'Save for the very generous morning tea prizes that were provided for the "best dressed" whanau class in each house. Congratulations to the following classes; BOLS, RUST, MDSMI, L, M, S. Also a thank you to Regent Countdown who provided lollies for the "guess the lollies in the jar" competition held in the library. Congratulations to the winners:
First Prize -Ms. Ganesh
Second Prize- Phoebe Ly (Y 9)
Third Prize - Naomi Williams (Y10)



Our Year 10 health classes also created a range of Pink Shirt Day competition entries including: poems, skits, art, songs, stories and other creative ideas. WGHS top entries for 2022 are:

1st place - Lola Hare - poem
2nd Stop motion ripples by Lily Ewenson, Naomi Williams, Rose Watkins
3rd - Art by Kiani Walters
Placing for fantastic effort and creativity - The Carousel ()
To the side is the winning poem written by Lola Hare, reflecting this year's theme of "Small ripples create big waves". Congratulations, Lola!

Small ripples create big waves

Irrevocable actions
Scared to say who
Most without good reason
Too bad to be true

Sticks and stones don't hurt
more than words
Comments whispered so not
heard
Stuck in a contract with un-
breakable terms

Wonder if we'll ever be free of
this cycle
If people will stop giving out
discriminating titles
And making things that are
harmful go viral

Hurting and affecting the lives
of others
Constant harassment that's mak-
ing them suffer
Don't realize that they too have
lives and lovers

They too have feelings, mostly
the hurt that others cause
Constantly feeling as if trapped
between walls
Wishing that this hadn't hap-
pened at all

A lot of the time things can get
extreme
Because so many people are
mean from a screen
Wishing we could retrace our
steps and go back to better
places we've been

So many young people inflicting
self harm
Shaking hands and sweaty
palms
Too many people just trying to
stay calm

Even one word can start an
unhealthy spiral
Triggers causing traumatic re-
vivals
Suffocating under pressure and
constantly stifled

Small actions
Take a stand, don't let it happen
to you
Big repercussions
Too bad to be true

Uniform

Tēnā koutou,

I'm please to let you know that the response to the proposed addition of a black v-neck sweatshirt with the school logo was overwhelmingly positive and we have let our suppliers know that this is now an approved uniform item. Bethells and Uniform Hub (Kamo) will be able to supply the sweatshirts shortly, The Warehouse may not have availability until December.

Many of you would like to see a sweatshirt option in the same colour blue as the woolen v-neck and we hope to be able to provide this in the longer term. Questions were also asked of the sustainability and quality of sweatshirt material used and how ethical the production is. These are important questions that we have asked of our Uniform Suppliers and I will update you with their responses in our next newsletter.

Ngā mihi,
Katrina Sylva
Tumuaki Tuarua, Deputy Principal

Sports Department

We have a new date for 'Raising a Champion'. It is now on Monday the 20th June 2022 at 6pm, in the school theatre.



WGHS PROUDLY PRESENTS

RAISING A CHAMPION

PRESENTED BY SHAUN MATTHEWS

A forum for parents to discuss & reflect on ways to challenge and support children to be successful in sport

23, MAY. 2022 | FROM 6 PM
WGHS THEATRE

Aim: Increased understanding and awareness of the impact parents have on the experience of young people in sport and recreation.

We will talk about the social and psychological needs of rangatahi and the various systems and structures available to young people in sport and recreation.

Register your interest at:
<https://forms.gle/uSSLxN86uL4sSaZP6>

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School Calendar

10 June 2022

Ngā Manu Kōrero
OED Yr10 Overnight Tramp 2
Butchery/Makery Meat

13 June 2022

Ngā Manu Kōrero Pōwhiri
Yr11-13 Civil Engineering
Rostered Day Home - Yr10

14 June 2022

OED L3 Cape Reinga Tramp
12 TFT Print day
NSSSA 3x3 Basketball
PESM 3x3 Basketball
Rostered Day Home - Yr13

15 June 2022

OED L3 Cape Reinga Tramp
PRI Academy Field Day Trip
2SST Bake Sale
Mid Week Football
Rostered Day Home - Yr 12

16 June 2022

OED L3 Cape Reinga Tramp
PRI Academy Field Day Trip
PESM Yr7-8 Table Tennis
Rostered Day Home - Yr11

17 June 2022

OED L3 Cape Reinga Tramp
Butchery/Bakery Meat
Fencing Course
Show Quest Fundraiser
Snow Board Training - Snow

18 June 2022

Rotary Speech Contest
UN Regional Hui

20 June 2022

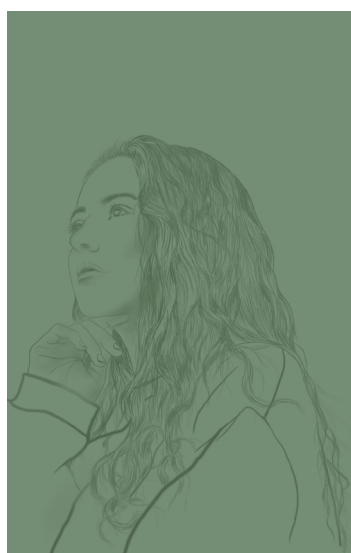
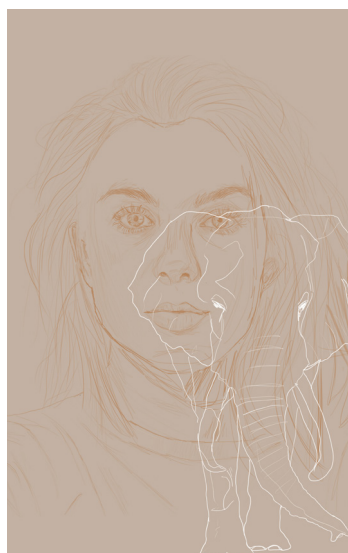
Matariki Celebrations
Raising a Champion Forum

21 June 2022

Matariki Celebrations
OED L2 Bush Survival
Yr10 Drama
Art History Trip - Auckland
Yr11 Sports Science

Art Department

11 Illustration - Introduction to Wacom Drawing



Awards at WGHS

At WGHS we are committed to acknowledging the excellent achievements, efforts, and the outstanding skills shown by our students over a year's learning. In the modern world, the desirable skill set for success is often given the label "21st Century Skills" and refers to skills including Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking and Creativity.

Over the school year, students in Years 9-11 will be nominated by their subject teachers for awards in Excellence in Learning, Excellence in Effort, and for demonstrating excellent skills in Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking and Creativity. Certificates will be issued throughout the year acknowledging these achievements.

These awards will allow us to select our Top Scholars in Years 9-11 and in each 21st Century Skill category, and the most outstanding students will be acknowledged at special prizegiving events at the end of the year. We are retaining Senior Dux awards at Years 12 and 13.

All certificates will state the subject area being recognised, and the nature of the award -eg Excellence in Learning in English, Excellence in Critical Thinking in Science, etc. This system will mean more students will be acknowledged and students will be acknowledged in a wider and more relevant skills set. The Top Scholars will be selected, based on the whole year's learning.

There will also be awards made in Sporting, Cultural, Leadership and Service areas, along with traditional trophies for areas such as "Best Allrounder", along with historical subject trophies and cups.

The aim is to be able to invite whanau to awards celebrations. In the event of restrictions being placed on us we will endeavour to live stream these events.

We are excited to be celebrating so many students' successes and we welcome your feedback and suggestions going forward.

Kevin Dean
Deputy Principal