



# Whangarei Girls' High School

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## Important Dates

**20 May 2021**

Accord Teacher Only Day

**21 May 2021**

Pink Shirt Day

**4 June 2021**

E2E Teacher Only Day

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## Word from the Principal



Tēna koutou katoa

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful break with your students over the recent holidays and that they managed to find some time to relax and recharge their batteries.

The Year 10 SWITCH class are deservedly proud of the art work they produced last term, through working with Justice Hetaraka and the team from HĀ, looking at NZ's history and interpreting it through art.

Winter sports have now all started and we are very grateful to all those of you who have given us your time and expertise to coach and manage our teams. Without this level of support, we simply could not offer the range of sports or field the number of teams we do. Sport Northland's 'Balance is Better' approach to youth sport is particularly relevant for secondary school sport, with its emphasis on maximising participation and skill development. It is hoped the outcome in time will be a more young people being involved in sport for longer. We wish all our sports teams an enjoyable and successful season.

The two Kapa Haka groups have been practising hard for the majority of the year for the Regional Competition and the Tai Tokerau Festival. This year the two events were run together. We were so proud of them and thrilled that Kiahna received an award for the outstanding way she performed as wahine leader. Huge thanks to the tutors, staff and whanau who have given many hours to preparing the students for this huge event.

We had our whole school assembly last Friday and congratulate the school effort in raising \$10,000 for the Cancer Society through the Prefects and other teams in the Relay for Life and the mufti day held last term.

Congratulations to the talented students who received Elite Colours:

- Casey Taylor - 1st place in Open Women's grade - Cable Wakeboard Nationals
- Bella Earl - 2nd place in Junior Girls 4km road race at NZ Secondary School Road Race
- Holly Rule - 2nd place in Senior Girls 400 in NZSS Track & Field Championships

and was selected into the 2020 NZ Track & Field Team which would normally compete in the Australian Track and Field Championships. However, unfortunately that will not happen this year due to COVID-19.

- Bree Kennedy - Won Gold in 52kg Women's Premier Kumite, Silver in the Women's Premier Kumite Team and Under 15s Women's Premier Kumite and Bronze in the Under 15 Women's Kumite Open at the National Karate Championships.

This is the time of year where the students, and in particular the senior students, feel the pressure of assessments. We encourage them to pursue extra curricular interests and their other commitments; however, we also know that many students spend several hours a day on social media. We would encourage you to discuss this with your student and help them to find a moderate amount of time for social media so they can fit all their commitments into their busy schedules. It is helpful for them not to have phones in their bedrooms at night so they can have a good number of hours of quality sleep.

We are aware of a number of students who are not attending whānau time in the mornings. This is a compulsory part of the timetable and is where important information will be given regarding subjects such as course selection, NCEA and seeking student voice on a number of issues. It is important that your student is present - you are able to check this on the parent portal. Please contact your student's whānau teacher or Dean if you have any concerns.

I also remind you of the Accord Day next Thursday, 20th May. This is a Teacher Only Day given by the Ministry of Education to support the implementation of the changes to NCEA and wider strengthening of curriculum, progress and achievement.

The other dates for this year are: 3 August and 30 November. All the secondary schools in Tai Tokerau have the same days which are set by the Ministry of Education.

Ngā manaakitanga

**Anne Cooper**  
Principal

## Careers Department

### *Vocational Pathways Morning*

The Careers Department at Whangarei Girls' High School is hosting a Vocational Pathways Morning for our Year 10 and 11 students on Tuesday the 18th of May, at Whangarei Girls High School.

The purpose of this morning is to expose a large range of occupations to our Year 10 and 11 students to support them to make informed decisions for their future pathways.

As the focus of this day is on industries and occupations, we would love as many representatives from industry to come along to talk about their career journey and the opportunities available for all students.

If you would like more information please contact Kylie Taffard by email - [Kylie.taffard@wghs.school.nz](mailto:Kylie.taffard@wghs.school.nz) or call the careers office on 4304460 extn: 220 or 238

### *Otago On Campus Experience*

Kiahna Mangu has been successful in applying for the University of Otago On Campus Experience (OCE).

The OCE is a programme that enables a group of Year 13 Māori students to travel to the University of Otago to experience what it is like to live and learn in Dunedin.

Successful applicants were selected based on their all-round academic ability, their attitude to learning, a character reference from the school, and an essay highlighting their involvement in their school and Māori community, as well as their aspirations to attend the University of Otago.

Congratulations Kiahna.

### *WGHS Careers Department has a new website*

<https://wghs.careerwise.school/>

This is also found on the main WGHS website under "Student Information" > "Careers Department".

You can check out a wide range of career and tertiary study resources and links, upcoming careers events / information evenings / open days, CV templates, jobs, job search advice, scholarship information and how to get in touch with our team.

This is in addition to Career Central, our web based APP where students can fill in their own profiles and modules to manage their own career pathway journey: [cc.school.nz](http://cc.school.nz)

Next week, Tuesday 18th May, we have a big event specifically for Year 10 and 11 students - our Vocational Pathways Day, where we have a range of employers and industry professionals coming to share about the varied opportunities out there for our girls.

Ngā mihi

**Kylie, Becky, and Jo**

*WGHS Careers Department*

## Maths Department

### *Maths Outreach 2021*

On Wednesday 5th May we were fortunate to have Jasmine Hall visit to deliver her maths Outreach programme to a group of our Year 9 & 10 Maori and Pasifika rangatahi. Jasmine is a PhD student and lecturer at Victoria University and travelled to Northland as the Bevan Werry speaker for NZAMT. Her passion is encouraging young people to see the beauty in mathematics and she conveyed some powerful messages to our students about their ability to be successful in maths.

18 students worked with Jasmine on 2 problems. They worked collaboratively, discussed enthusiastically and showed perseverance and resilience in solving the problems. Students will be sharing the problems they solved with their maths classes in the coming weeks.

The students found it valuable "I really enjoyed these games, they made me think in different ways and challenged me". "I liked how you had to really think about it and in a different way".

### *Otago Junior Mathematics Competition*

51 students from Year 9 to 11 participated in the first round of the Otago Junior Maths Competition on Wednesday 14th April. It was a pleasure to see the effort and commitment of the students who participated.

The top 20% of students are selected to participate in the second round on Wednesday 12th May. Congratulations to Elsa Buckley and Shinayah Ko who have been selected for Round 2. We wish them all the best.

### **Rochelle Telfer**

*HOD Maths*

## **E2E Te Tai Tokerau Teachers Only Day**

The EDE Te Tai Tokerau Teachers Only Day is on Friday 4 June.

This day will provide teachers the opportunity to meet with different industries to learn about what the industries do and how students can pathway into these industries. It also provides teachers with connections to contextualise their subject teaching.

The school will not be open for instruction on this day.

## **WGHS PTA**

The next PTA meeting will be held at 5:30pm on Wednesday 19 May, in the WGHS Staffroom.

The guest speaker at this meeting will be Kylie Taffard, our Careers HOD.

Te Manawa Tahī is a learning support hub where you can come in and talk to education professionals about your child's learning needs. This is a free service.

What are your concerns? Are you worried about your tamariki at school/kura/ECE and the way they learn and/or behave? Do your tamariki have difficulty speaking, hearing or seeing? Any number of these concerns can affect a child's learning.



# Te Manawa Tahī Timetable



All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated

Date	Hub Locations			
05/05/21	<b>St Johns Ambulance Hall</b> 172 Hurndall Street East, Maungaturoto			
06/05/21	<b>Back 2 Basics Childcare</b> 179 Newton Road, Maungatapere			
12/05/21	<b>Bream Bay Community Trust</b> 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	<b>Clark Road Chapel</b> 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo, Whangārei		
13/05/21	<b>Barnados</b> 2 Armstrong Avenue, Maunu, Whangārei	<b>Ruawai – Tokatoka Hall</b> 25 Ruawai Wharf Road, Ruawai		
19/05/21	<b>Archie Bull Hall</b> 11 Kaiwaka – Mangawhai Road, Mangawhai	<b>Whananaki School</b> (9:00am – 10:00am) Whananaki North Road, Whananaki	<b>Whangaruru School</b> (12:30pm – 1:30pm) 2916 Russell Road, Punaruku, Hikurangi	<b>Te Horo School</b> 3239 Pipiwai Road, Pipiwai, Whangārei
20/05/21	<b>Onerahi Community Hall</b> Onerahi Road, Onerahi, Whangārei	<b>Matakohe School</b> (9:00am - 10.30am) 117 Matakohe East Road, Matakohe	<b>Tinopai School</b> (12:30pm – 2:00pm) 1913 Tinopai Road, Tinopai, Matakohe	<b>Te Rito</b> Cnr William Jones Drive and Rata Place, Otangarei
26/05/21	<b>Clark Road Chapel</b> 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo, Whangārei	<b>Tauraroa Area School</b> Omana Road, Maungakaramea		
27/05/21	<b>Raurimu Avenue School</b> 48 Raurimu Avenue, Onerahi, Whangārei	<b>Whānau Focus Centre</b> 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	<b>Te Ora Hou</b> 104 Corks Road, Tikipunga, Whangārei	
02/06/21	<b>Plunket Hikurangi (TBC)</b> 24-26 King Street, Hikurangi			
03/06/21	<b>Aranga School</b> (9:00am - 10.30am) State Highway 12, Aranga	<b>Kaihu Valley School</b> (12.30pm – 2.00pm) 66 Maropiu Road, Mamaranui, Dargaville	<b>Te Rito</b> Cnr William Jones Drive and Rata Place, Otangarei	
09/06/21	<b>St Johns Ambulance Hall</b> 172 Hurndall Street East, Maungaturoto	<b>Clark Road Chapel</b> 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo, Whangārei		
10/06/21	<b>Pouto School</b> (9:00am - 10.30am) 11 Opuna Road, Te Kōpuru	<b>Te Kōpuru School</b> (12.30pm – 2.00pm) 9 Norton Street, Te Kōpuru	<b>Back 2 Basics Childcare</b> 179 Newton Road, Maungatapere	
16/06/21	<b>Bream Bay Community Trust</b> (10:00am - 12.30pm) 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	<b>Mangakahia Community Room (TBC)</b> Mangakahia Area School, 1480 Mangakahia Road, Titoki		
17/06/21	<b>Barnados</b> 2 Armstrong Avenue, Maunu, Whangārei	<b>Arapohue School</b> (9:00am - 10.30pm) Mititai Road, Dargaville		
23/06/21	<b>Archie Bull Hall</b> 11 Kaiwaka – Mangawhai Road, Mangawhai	<b>Clark Road Chapel</b> 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo, Whangārei		
24/06/21	<b>Onerahi Community Hall</b> Onerahi Road, Onerahi, Whangārei	<b>Whānau Focus Centre</b> 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	<b>Te Rito</b> Cnr William Jones Drive and Rata Place, Otangarei	
30/06/21	<b>Tangowahine School</b> (9:00am - 10.30am) 36 Tangowahine Valley Road, Dargaville			
01/07/21	<b>Hora Hora School</b> 22 Te Mai Road, Woodhill, Whangārei	<b>Te Ora Hou</b> 104 Corks Road, Tikipunga, Whangārei		
07/07/21	<b>Ngunguru Sports Club</b> Kopipi Crescent, Ngunguru			
08/07/21	<b>Manaia View School</b> 64 Murdoch Crescent, Raumanga, Whangārei	<b>Te Rito</b> Cnr William Jones Drive and Rata Place, Otangarei		

Drop into the hub or contact us on **0800 5248 4256** or email [TT.Support@education.govt.nz](mailto:TT.Support@education.govt.nz)

## School Calendar

### May

- 13** 12/13GEO trip
- 14** 12/13GEO trip  
11OED Abbey Caves  
11PEDSS Orienteering
- 17** 13PRI Tractors
- 18** 12OED Survival
- 19** 11PEDS Turbo Touch  
Midweek Football #2  
Y12 M1TO bus tour  
Y9/10 Turbo Touch
- 20** **Teacher Only Day**
- 21** 11PEDSM Wheelchair Rogaine  
12HSCI North Tec Health Expo  
Snowplanet training trip  
Turbo Touch Wheelchair  
**Pink Shirt Day**
- 24** 12ECD Placements  
13PRI Tractors  
NZSS Golf Qualifier
- 25** 12ECD Placements  
13PRI Tractors  
11PEDSM NSSA Turbo
- 26** 12ECD Placements  
11PEDSM WPSSA  
12CHEX Internal Assessment
- 27** 12ECD Placements  
11PEDSM Turbo Touch  
11REO Waitangi Wananga  
13OED Training Tramp Squash Individuals  
Turbo Touch
- 28** 11REO Waitangi Wananga  
Y9 Novice Table Tennis
- 29** TFT Material Research Trip
- 31** 12ECD Placements  
Y9 Marae Kaupapa

## Sports Exchange

On 15 April 2021, Whangarei Girls' High School hosted Mount Albert Grammar School (MAGS) for a Sports Exchange. We had 5 Netball teams and one Basketball team compete against MAGS.

This is the first exchange the school has had since the early 2000's. It gave our students an opportunity to develop new friendships within their sporting code and test themselves against competitive opposition before the start of the season. A highlight of the day was the powhiri that was performed to welcome the visiting school and the fantastic whanaungatanga that was shared between students and members of staff.

Our Senior 1 netball team played an excellent game against MAGS Senior 2 Netball team in our school gymnasium. They came away with an excellent win after a very tight game. This game enabled players to demonstrate their skills to their coach, whānau members, teachers and peers and further solidified their positions within the team.

Our school basketball team played extremely well considering the team had not trained or had any game time together this season. The team just lost in the final few minutes and had supporters on the edge of their seats.

We had three junior netball teams compete throughout the day at the Whangarei Netball Centre. It was said that each team came away with a new skill set and a better understanding of how their team is to work together for the 2021 netball season.

We would like to thank Mount Albert Grammar School for helping make this exchange happen and to the Whangarei Netball Centre and our team of volunteers - we couldn't have done this without you.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa.

**Ashlee Dobbs** (HOD Sport)  
**Summer Pocklington** (Sports Coordinator).

## World Vision 40 Hour Famine

WGHS is raising money to help stop the biggest hunger crisis of our lifetime through the World Vision 40 Hour Famine.

The fall-out of COVID-19 is compounding the damage that extreme poverty, climate change and decades of conflict have already done to children's lives and futures in sub-Saharan Africa. Right now, millions of children are facing a hunger pandemic that is pushing them further into poverty, right to the edge of starvation.

This is our moment to help shape history. We will not stand by and watch the hunger pandemic happen.

Please join the WGHS 40 Hour famine fundraising page via links on Facebook or Instagram, or watch the notices for booklet signups.

**Jess & Emma**

*Global Issues Prefects*

(pictured right with Kamaia Bainbridge-Frost and Skye Tatton at the recent World Vision Youth



## Student Volunteer Army Achievements

The following Whangarei Girls' High School students have volunteered their time and received the following awards.

### March

#### **Gold (500 hours)**

Lucy Stanley  
Alice Robinson

#### **Bronze (32 Hours)**

Zoe Conradie  
Crystal Johnstone  
Karen-Lee Sylva

### April

#### **Silver (250 Hours)**

Abby Armstrong-Green

#### **Bronze (32 Hours)**

Olivia MacGregor-Hay  
Anyia Miller  
Sophie Wright

**Congratulations!**

Check out our Facebook Page for photos and regular updates on news and events around the school

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