



Whangarei Girls' High School

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Important Dates

4 June 2021
e2e Teacher Only Day

7 June 2021
Queen's Birthday
Public Holiday

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Word from the Principal

Tēna koutou katoa

This week started with the flag at half mast as we mourned the passing of much loved Sports Co-ordinator, Sara Watson. Sara worked in the Sports Department for 22 years, overseeing many changes in sport and having a direct impact on so many students in a wide variety of sports. Sara left towards the end of last year due to ill health and sadly she was unable to return. Our thoughts and sympathy go to her girls, friends and whānau.

We have held the second hui to work on a framework for our kaupapa. We are very appreciative of those who gave up their time to help us work on this mahi. As soon as we have an agreed framework we will bring it out to you for consultation.

We have had our first meeting with our ERO Review Officer and are pleased to be part of the new model of ERO Reviews.

You may have read in the media recently about the number of young people vaping. This is illegal for people aged under 18. Please talk to your student about the dangers of swapping

one addictive habit for another. Although the risks of vaping are still largely unknown, it is generally agreed by health experts that it does carry risks, especially to heart health.

Congratulations to the Health Department for the highly successful Health Expo last week. A lot of work went into the organisation and there was a good uptake from the students.

Your student will have told you that we are focussing on the correct uniform being worn, as with the temperatures dropping, a lot of non-regulation uniform is being added. Students can wear either the regulation skirt or trousers and the jersey and / or a black jacket. If there is an issue with your student having the correct uniform, please contact the whānau teacher or Dean.

4th June is a Teacher Only Day and all the teaching staff will be travelling to Okaihau for Professional Development around Vocational Pathways, industry and employment trends – this will help us to ensure our curriculum is relevant and localised.

Ngā manaakitanga

Anne Cooper
Principal

Health and Wellbeing Expo

On Friday 21st May we hosted our first Health and Wellbeing Expo at WGHS and it was a huge success!

Students and staff were able to wander through the expo whilst sipping herbal tea, listening to the WGHS Radio, absorbing calming aromatherapies, sharing positive affirmations and trying out various Shakti mats. We even had a Tik Tok dance off!

We would like to say a special thanks to the following organisations/businesses who came in to share their expertise and set up engaging information for our staff and students: Sydney from Rainbow Youth, Kensington Fitness, Lorna Byrne from Whangarei Wellbeing, Ngatiwai, I Am Hope, Blush Beauty, Rubicon, Youth Space, Te Ora Hou, Lorraine Barton and Wendy Huddleston, B-free and our school Nurses and Counsellors.

Ngā mihi to the Health / PE Department and the student Health Committee who demonstrated excellent organisation skills and

leadership to prepare and set up for the expo. It was also Pink Shirt Day and WGHS showed up in a beautiful array of pink to get behind this important foundation. Students have been involved in a range of activities to learn about bullying, how to prevent it and how to show kindness towards others.

Korero Mai, Korero Atu, Mauri Tu, Mauri Ora!

Student Volunteer Army May Achievements

The following students have volunteered their time and received the following awards.

Bronze Pin (32 Hours)

Jazmyne Sutton
Jodi West

Silver Pin (250 Hours)

Riana Lane

Gold Pin (500 Hours)

Bella Earl



School Calendar

Music Department

May

31 12ECD Placements

June

- 1 12ECD Placements
13PRI Tractors Course
12/13 TFT Trip
- 2 12ECD Placements
13PRI Tractors Course
11PEDSM WPSSA
- 3 12ECD Placements
11HLTM Sexual Health
11OED Orienteering
Kiwi Tag
- 4 12ECD Placements
Y12/13 Classics - Albany
e2e Teacher Only Day
- 5 12ECD Placements
- 6 12ECD Placements
- 7 *Queen's Birthday*
- 8 12ECD Placements
Rugby League 9s Festival
- 9 12ECD Placements
10 Drama
- 10 12ECD Placements
10 Drama
11OED Waipu Caves
12ACP Pest Control
NSSA Table Tennis
- 11 12ECD Placements
11OED Waipu Caves
12ACP Pest Control
NSSA Table Tennis
- 12 12ECD Placements
Motorcross
Rotary Speech Comp
- 13 12ECD Placements
- 14 12ECD Placements
- 15 12ECD Placements
12OED Survival
- 16 12ECD Placements
12ACP National Fielddays

The Music Department has been busy during this first half of the year. We have employed an additional classroom teacher, Marie Netzler who, in addition to her role as itinerant vocal and keyboard teacher, is teaching Year 9 and 10 classes this year. It's great to have a third classroom teacher who is adding new ideas and approaches and keeping our junior programme fresh and exciting! The Year 9 programme continues to offer whole-class ensemble playing on a variety of instruments including playing violins and cellos with the help of Sistema Whangarei's Sam Winterton.

This year we are piloting a new course called Tuakana Training delivered by Sistema Whangarei. There are currently approximately 15 students from a variety of year levels who are gaining NCEA credits and being trained to support primary aged school children to play violins and cellos and learn the skills necessary to function in a support role in a community music education programme. We hope to roll this programme out next year and we are currently looking at developing it into a music education apprenticeship which will provide students with a tangible pathway out of school into employment in music education.

At the end of Term 1 we had a very successful Year 10 and 11 concert in the Music Block with a full house. Year 12 and 13 students are busy writing original songs and slowly preparing to put together their senior music concert on September 23rd in the Hall Theatre. This is a great opportunity for them to showcase their talent and have an entire concert exclusively featuring them in a variety of combinations from solos, duets and larger groups.

Last month the Music Department received a kind donation of \$5,000 from the Whangarei

Women's Club. We decided to use the funds to purchase a lovely new upright piano which will be used for concerts. On June 23rd, we will be hosting an afternoon concert of a select few students performing on the new piano with tea and cake for an invited audience of ladies from the Whangarei Women's Club.

On Sunday May 23rd, Year 9 students Kiani Christie, Joanne Pukeroa-Walters, Year 10 student Georgette Williams and Year 11 student Izabelle Kaka, who are the group Wairua Kohine, performed their original song at the Smokefree Rockquest competition. It was a tough competition this year and although they did not make it through to the next round, the Music Department is supporting them to continue to prepare a set of songs that they can take on tour to our contributing schools later in the year. Well done girls for representing the school with such professionalism, mana, courage and passion!

Our chamber group Strings Attached is currently preparing to perform an original composition 'Divisions' by Year 12 student Nicole Smart at the New Zealand Chamber Contest at St John's Church, Kamo Rd on June 15th. This is a wonderful opportunity for the girls to get professional coaching and a chance to perform chamber music in a national competition. We wish them all the best luck in the competition.

Please stay tuned for further exciting developments, concerts and projects as we roll on through 2021!

Mr. Nick Grew
HOD Music

Careers Department

Tertiary Scholarships Talk

Wed 2 June, lunchtime, WGHS Library

Year 12 & 13 students are welcome to come along and learn about school leaver scholarships, how to apply, how to put forward your best application, timelines of opening and closing dates.

Regent Training Centre - Open Day

Thurs 10 June, 10am - 2pm

29 Maunu Road & 13 Morningside Rd

Parents and Caregivers of 15 - 19 year olds for whom school is not really working; you may be interested in considering an alternative. Regent Training offer Level 1 - 3 courses in areas including Automotive, Carpentry, ICT,

Fitness/Health, Hospitality. Check out the facilities, be in to win prizes, meet the tutors and support staff, have free lunch.

Free careers advice and development evening

Wed 2 June, 6:00 - 7:30pm

Northtec City Centre Hub, 3rd floor, 38 Bank St, Whangarei

NorthTec is partnering with TEC and Connected.govt.nz to help students and their parents as well as others in the community, access free careers advice. Muriel Willem and Lisa Halvorson will be speaking and there will be the opportunity to make follow-up appointments on the night.

For more information, contact: promotions@northtec.ac.nz

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

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