



Whangarei Girls' High School

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Important Dates

9 July 2021

Last Day of Term Two

26 July 2021

First Day of Term Three

29 July 2021

Whānau Subject Hui -
Y12 & Y13

School Early Finish

3 August 2021

Accord Teacher Only Day

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Word from the Principal



Tēna koutou katoa

Another term is rapidly drawing to a close and everyone is ready for a well earned break. It is important that your student has a good break before the busy term of school exams, course selections for 2022, tertiary applications and all the winter sports tournaments.

At the end of this week, we will be farewelling some of our staff who are leaving us. Tom Cull has been in the Science Department, specialising in Physics, for the last four and a half years. He was recently awarded Teacher of the Month by the Student Council and we will all miss his kind, caring nature. We wish him all the best as he leaves the sub-tropical north to be closer to family in the South Island.

Zoe Miller has been teaching in the English Department for the last eighteen months and is leaving us to take up an opportunity to work as part of the Careers Department at Kamo High School. We thank her for the work she has done at our school and wish her well with her new change in direction.

Diane Packwood has been part of the team in Oranga House, SLIC and more recently Te Puna Mātauranga, supporting countless numbers of students with their learning since she began at Whangarei Girls' School

in 1997. She will be greatly missed and we wish her a long and happy retirement.

We are thrilled to welcome Mrs Nickie Muir to the English Department. Nickie comes to us from Kamo High School in the middle of August. Until then we are delighted that Liz Sugrue will take the classes, even though she is on leave for this year.

As a result of the survey the Year 13 students completed at the end of last term, we are making sure every student has a mentor. 41 teachers are making up the team of mentors who will work with a group of students to make sure they can see a clear pathway through to their end goal. This will start from the beginning of next term.

We are not at risk from the latest cyber attack affecting other schools, but we need to be constantly vigilant about not sharing passwords and checking where emails have come from before opening them. It is important we are not complacent as the attacks are becoming more and more sophisticated.

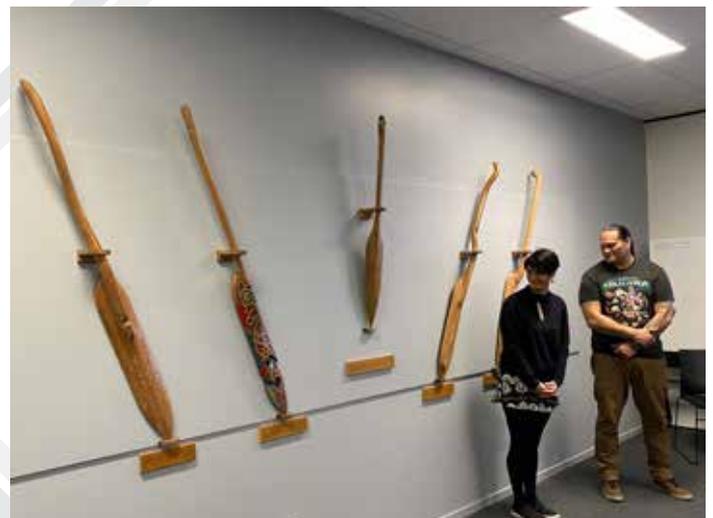
All the best for a relaxing term break with your students.

Whai i te hararei pai.

Anne Cooper
Principal

Ka Hikitia - Ka Hāpaitia

On Monday the 28th of June our very own Ralph Ruka and Janine Tito attended the Ministry of Education's launching of 'Ka Hikitia - Ka Hāpaitia, the Maori Education Strategy'. The launching unveiled 5 hoe, paddles, that embody the desired outcome domains of Ka Hikitia; Te Whānau, Te Tangata, Te Kanorautanga, Te Tuakikritanga, and Te Rangatiranga. The five hoe were carved by our Matua Ralph and painted by Whaea Jaybz. Āe marika, te rawe hoki!



Head Girls

Kia Ora Everyone,

We are nearing the end of term two and have reached the milestone of halfway through the year. At this midway point, we are able to reflect back on the last two terms and look forward to the following two, and we suggest our fellow students do the same. Take a look at what you have achieved in the past few months and set yourself some goals for the upcoming months.

When we look back at our past few months we can think about the selection and beginning of our 2021 Student Council. Since then the council has and is helping us make decisions relating to Girls Working for Girls Day Funds, they have also recently been split into subcommittees to help with other projects around the school, including outdoor seating, signage and looking at our school's heritage. We are super excited to see what these committees complete.

Looking at our future and the upcoming events of term three, we have Donations week, Winter Tournament week and School Assessment week and we cannot wait to see how it all goes.

We hope everyone had an amazing term 2, enjoy your well deserved holidays and see you again on Monday 26th of July on our first day back of term 3.

Head Girl Team 2021

Aimee, Chloe, Kiahna and Lucy



Option Selection Support

Term 3

Week 1 26 - 30 July	27 July	SchoolPoint opens for viewing. Year level summaries of courses are shared with students	Year 10 Career programme is run with all Year 10 students.
	29 July	<u>Careers Workshops</u> For students and whānau 2:40pm, 3:10pm, 3:40pm, 4:30pm, 5:00pm and 5:30pm	
Week 2 2 - 6 August	4 August	<u>Careers Workshop</u> 5:30pm - 6:30pm in the Library (for whānau and students)	Year 10 Career programme is run with all Year 10 students.
Week 3 9 - 13 August			Year 10 Career programme is run with all Year 10 students.
Week 4 16 - 20 August	18 August	<u>Options Expo</u> 2:15pm - 6:00pm	
Week 5 23 - 27 August	23 August	Students can start selecting courses on Schoolpoint	
Week 6 30 August - 3 September	2 September	Long whānau - course selection mentoring	
Week 7 6 - 10 September	9 September	Long whānau - course selection mentoring	
	10 September	Option selections close on SchoolPoint	

Ngā Manu Kōrero Speech competition

Our school competed in the Tai Tokerau Ngā Manu Kōrero speech competition held at Te Kura Taumata o Panguru from the 28th to the 30th of June 2021

The following students competed in their respective sections with mana and passion for their kaupapa kōrero.

Tiare Lanigan (Tā Turi Kara- Junior English) Topic- Te reo, Topic The thread that binds iwi, hapū and whānau

Aliyah Moriarty (Korimako- Senior English) Topic- Enough is enough

Kysha Mane (Pei Te Hurinui- Senior Māori) - Topic- Ako kainga kua ako kura

Matire Allen (Tā Hemi Henare- Bi-Lingual Section) Topic- Rua mano hipa atu, he reo tūturu tōku, he reo kōkuhu ranei?

Congratulations to Tiare who placed third place in Junior English and to Matire who placed 2nd in the Tā Hemi winning the Kahutiaterangi Waititi memorial trophy.

Also a big mihi to our roopu tautoko for the role you played in supporting our kohine on stage.

Kim Rogers
Deputy Principal



Note from the Deans' Centre

Kia ora whānau

We often have students who need to borrow an item of uniform, particularly in the colder, wetter months. If you have spare pre-loved uniform items that you would like to donate to a worthy cause, we would love to have them.

Also, we are the back up to the Student Support area and we are looking for a fridge/freezer to hold our cold/ice packs in. If you have a suitable and reliable working fridge/freezer taking space at your house and you would like to donate it to us, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Jenny in the Deans' Centre.

Nga Mihi.
WGHS Deans

Academic Council

The Academic Council is a group that was formed in Whangarei Girls' High School earlier this year. This student-led council includes a diverse team of students from across the school who strongly believes that resilience and collaboration are the passports to success.

Our goal is to make learning a positive and enriched experience for everyone at WGHS. We are there to assist you in your academic journey. This could mean: setting learning goals, developing action plans, devising time management tools and self-reflection techniques.

We are interested in gathering student voice about learning experiences here at WGHS so that we can best support your learning needs and goals - whatever they may be. We act as a bridge between the students and teachers to ensure that student feedback gets integrated into the learning process.

We are an open council, so this means you can pop in at any point.

If you are seeking assistance, have ideas or want to be a part of our team: come and join us in Room 2, Tuesday at intervals! We would love to hear from you!

Look out for the Academic Council survey in Term 3 to have your say!

Hannah and Harshinni
Nayyar

On behalf of the Academic
Council



Lupton House Vacancy

Looking for work?

Do you love to cook?

Lupton House is looking for someone that can work 3-4 shifts between Thursday and Sunday, cooking meals for our 60+ Boarding students.

Required during term time only.

Contact Kelly via email for full job details.
lupton.manager@wghs.school.nz

School Calendar

July

- 8 10DOE Tramp Qualifier
11PEDSM Turbo Touch ref
Dance Performance
Jnr Relationship/Sexuality
Hui
- 9 Dance Performance
Last Day of Term 2



- 26 *First Day of Term 3*
13 Commerce Trip
- 27 13 Commerce Trip
- 29 Girls Rugby 10s festival
Whanau Subject Hui
Y12 & Y13
School Closing Early
- 30 12ACP Pest Control

August

- 2 Midweek Girls 15 Rugby
- 3 FASD Training
Individual Badminton Div2
Northland Adventure
Racing
*NCEA Accord Teacher
Only Day*
- 4 Yr 11 Drama
Careers Evening
Clay Target Shooting
- 5 Y11 Drama
10SST Waitangi Day Trip
11OED Orienteering
Individual Badminton
Champs
Virtual Whole School
Assembly
- 6 10SST Waitangi Day Trip
Service Academy Cookery
- 7 School Ball (TBC)
- 8 12OED Mountain Adv

Processes to follow when a student needs to leave school before the end of the day

If a student feels sick when she is at school she needs to ask her teacher for a note to go to the Student Support Centre; or, go directly to Student Support if it is in break time.

The Student Support Centre will contact caregivers to pick up students if necessary and ensure they are signed out of school correctly.

If a student has an appointment during school time she needs to take a note to the Deans' Office before school or get her whānau to email absences@wghs.school.nz.

The student needs to collect her leave pass and sign out at the Deans' Office.

If you need to collect your student from school during the day please phone the attendance number 09 4304405 or email absences@wghs.school.nz to let the school know. Your student can be collected from the Deans' Office and will need to sign out at the Deans' Office.

You must be a registered caregiver per contact on our records to be able to pick up a student from school.

Sonya Lockyer
Deputy Principal

Payments to WGHS

For anyone wishing to pay any costs for students by internet banking, our details are:

ASB 12-3099-0107679-00

Please use your student's name and what the payment is for as the reference.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a new bank account, the BNZ account is now closed.

Careers Department

The Careers department was excited to host the leavers lunch, where WGHS graduates and the current Year 13 connected and the alumni shared great pearls of wisdom. The pearls of wisdom, such as, "the world does not end if you don't get into your first choice" can be seen on the Careers and Facebook page.

Save the date for the Careers Information Workshops in the Option Selection process information. These workshops will give practical tips and guidance around supporting your student to select pathways that are best for them.

Term 3 is massive for Careers events, especially tertiary open days and University course planning sessions at school. To see all of the upcoming events go to the events tab on wghs.careerwise.school.

To keep up to date with Careers events, news, scholarships and jobs, go to <https://wghs.careerwise.school/> and click "subscribe"

Please also follow us on social media:

Instagram - @careerswghs

Facebook - @careerswghs

Whānau Subject Hui - Year 12 & 13

Thursday 29 July (Week 1, Term 3)

This is an opportunity for caregivers of Year 12 & 13 students to book and meet with individual subject teachers to discuss student's progress and NCEA credits.

Bookings can be done online at <https://wghs.schoolpoint.co.nz> and logging in with your parent portal login. Emails have been sent to caregivers with booking instructions.

School will be closing early this day.

Classes for the whole school will run as normal for the first 4 periods, but there will be no classes after 1:45pm.

Buses will run at normal times. The school library will be open for students wishing to wait for their bus.

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

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