



# Whangarei Girls' High School

13 August 2021

## Word from the Principal



Tēna koutou katoa

How often is it that when we are least expecting it, something wonderful happens to brighten your day? That was the case for us last week when we received an extraordinarily generous donation from Colin Green, whose wife Paula (nee Hoban) as she was then, was an ex-student of Whangarei Girls' High School in the 1960s. Sadly, she passed away earlier this year and Colin has donated \$30,000 in her memory. We are currently consulting with staff and students as to the best way to use this generous donation.

Just a reminder about three important events coming up:

### Netsafe:

There is a Netsafe presentation on Wednesday 25 August, 6 - 7pm at Kamo High School in the hall. It has the aim of supporting young people online and covers online bullying, unwanted contact, social media and inappropriate content.

Kathryn Berkett is presenting on the neuroscience of trauma and responses and strategies to help young people impacted by these experiences on 30th September 7 - 9pm in Whangarei Boys' High School Hall. She is an outstanding speaker and no matter how many times you hear her present, you always come away with something more than you had before. Trauma is not always a big event - it covers a wide range of experiences for our young people.

### Course Selection for 2022:

Next week we have our options evening on Wednesday 18th August from after school until 6pm. This is a good opportunity to talk to teaching and careers staff about pathways and subject choices for next year and beyond.

I strongly encourage you to attend these events if you are able to - they both cover topics that are very relevant for all of us at this time and the more we can learn about

them, the more we can help our students.

Earlier this term we had our Teacher Only Day for this year to help us plan for the upcoming changes in Curriculum and NCEA. Some of our staff worked with their counterparts from all the schools around Tai Tokerau looking specifically at their subject areas. The first part of the day for the rest of the staff was spent looking at pathways, local curriculum, curriculum design and literacy and numeracy. The first changes for NCEA will be for Level 1 in 2023 and Level 2 the following year.

### Assessment Week:

School assessment week is coming up in a month's time. If you have a student in Year 12 or 13, please talk with her about her preparation for these as they are important for providing valuable feedback for both teachers and students in preparation for the examinations at the end of the year and also as a source of evidence should something happen at the end of the year to prevent your student being able to sit the national examination. If your student needs any extra help, please contact her teachers or Dean who will be pleased to support them.

### Congratulations to:

- Show Quest for winning the Regional Competition and then gaining the award for best theme in the National Final.
- The Ball Committee who ran a highly successful event last weekend. A new venue provided some challenges but they should feel proud of their outstanding organisation. Special congratulations to the Ball Committee prefects Jess Lang and Stella Lassey.
- Student Volunteer Army whose services continue to be sought after in our community. They go out of their way to help wherever they are needed. We are very proud of their commitment to their community and the many ways in which they have shown how capable and versatile they are.

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## Important Dates

**18 August 2021**

Options Expo Evening

**23 August 2021**

Option Selections Open

**30 August 2021**

Tournament Week

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You will have heard Minister Chris Hipkins say that we need to be prepared for a Stage 4 lockdown if the Delta is present in our community. As part of our preparation, we ask that you check your contact details on the parent portal and let us know of any changes which need to be made. This includes your residential and postal addresses and phone numbers.

We are still seeing students who are unwell. Please keep your student at home if she is sick as we do not have facilities to

look after sick students and we will be contacting you to ask you to pick them up. A message to our attendance officer ensures their attendance is marked as medical. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Ngā manaakitanga

**Anne Cooper**  
*Principal*

## Authenticity of student assessment work

In NCEA assessments that can be worked on outside of the classroom students need to sign an authenticity statement saying that the work in the assessment is their own and that they have acknowledged any information that they have got from other people and sources in the bibliography or throughout the assessment. If there is any doubt about the authenticity of assessment work, you will be required to produce evidence to support authenticity.

You may have to show some or all of the following:

- An interview regarding your understanding of the subject matter.
- The production of rough notes/drafts/logs of work.

It is your responsibility to keep this information for ease of proving authenticity.

If the assessment work is identified as not being authentic the student will be interviewed by the Principal's Nominee and Deputy Principal. If they find that the work is not the student's own, the student will receive a Not Achieved grade and a formal letter will be sent home. This is also called plagiarism. Plagiarism is taking another person's ideas, words, images or inventions and presenting them as your own. Paraphrasing or just changing some words from another person's work without quoting and acknowledging its source is also plagiarism. Plagiarism is detected digitally and is treated as a serious form of cheating and will result in a not achieved grade.

To ensure that the student's assessment work is authentic it is very important that it is not shared with other students or with tutors.

**Sonya Lockyer**  
*Deputy Principal*

## Option Selection Support

Week 3 9-13 August		Year 10 Career programme is run with all Year 10 students
Week 4 16-20 August	18 August	Options Expo- 2.15pm to 6pm
Week 5 23-27 August	23 August	Students can start selecting courses on Schoolpoint
Week 6 30 August - 3 September	2 September	Long whanau- course selection mentoring
Week 7 6-10 September	9 September	Long whanau- course selection mentoring
	10 September	<b>Option selections close on Schoolpoint</b>

### URGENT MESSAGE:

The school and hostel bank accounts have changed to ASB:

School 12-3099-0107679-00

Hostel 12-3099-0107679-02

**THE OLD BNZ BANK ACCOUNT HAS BEEN CLOSED!!**

## School Calendar

### August

- 13** Snr Netball Div 1 & 2  
Service Academy -  
Cookery  
Atamira Dance Company  
L3 Barista
- 16** Midweek Girls 15 Rugby  
13 ECD placements  
National Spelling Bee  
BOT Meeting
- 17** 11OED Pukenui Tramp 1  
Y12/13ESS Rocket Lab
- 18** Y12/13 Art History Walk  
**Options Expo Evening**
- 19** NSSA Badminton  
11OED Pukenui Tramp 2  
Women in Trades
- 20** Snr Girls Basketball  
Trades trip  
Service Academy -  
Cookery  
Epro8 Challenge  
Y11-13 Hauora Hospital  
trip  
L3 Barista  
Snowplanet Training
- 23** 12ACP ATV course  
Top Art Exhibition  
Midweek Girls 15 Rugby  
Y13 ECD Placements  
**Option Selections Open**
- 24** NSSA Y9/10 Jnr Netball  
10DOE Training Tramp
- 25** 11PEDSM Turbo Touch  
Netsafe Presentation  
13OED Cycle Training  
Get to Go Regionals
- 27** Secondary School Beast  
Snowplanet Training  
13OED Cycle Training  
12Economics Trip  
Y12 Allied Training  
L3 Barista
- 28** Clay Target Shooting
- 30** Y13 Drama Grad  
Production  
**Tournament Week**

## Lupton House Vacancy

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/53424002>

### Kaiāwhina

#### Definition:

1. (noun) helper, assistant, contributor, counsel, advocate.

We are seeking a new team member for our busy Girls' Hostel. Shifts are afternoon/evenings but flexibility to cover others is essential. Work is during school term time only.

We are looking for an energetic and caring person to work in the friendly environment of our boarding house. Nurturing our girls and helping them to reach their full potential is the key focus of this role.

The successful applicant will have excellent communication skills with the ability to foster positive relationships with our girls and their whanau.

In accordance with the Vulnerable Children's Act you will be required to pass police vetting.

Please send your CV including 2 referees to the email provided.

#### **Kelly Cameron**

*Head of Boarding*

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## WGHS Ambassadors

The WGHS ambassadors have been busy this term visiting our contributing schools to promote our school. Last week Miracle Manuka, Georjah Ross, Waimarama Mathews, Dayna Tahere and Jasmine Tuporo-Hapurona visited Manaia View to talk to the year 8 girls about what to look forward to when they come to Whangarei Girls High School.

These girls did an amazing job sharing all of the amazing things that they have been involved in at school. A big thank you to Leesh and Aileen from Te Ora Hou who also came along to tautoko these kotiro.

#### **Kim Rogers**

*Deputy Principal*



## Student Volunteer Army July Achievements

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

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

Kataina Mokaraka  
Ayla Da Silva  
Agostina Torres  
Jessie Canty  
Elsa Buckley  
Khushi Chand

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

Stacey Chambers

### **Congratulations!**

## Jersey Donation from The Warehouse

Thank you for the generous donation of school jerseys by The Warehouse. We know there will be some very appreciative students and whānau.



## IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

Please use the following email for school absences:

[absences@wghs.school.nz](mailto:absences@wghs.school.nz)

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

<https://www.facebook.com/WhangareiGirlsHigh/>



Like so many things we love, it didn't happen in 2020, but it's back better than ever in 2021

## Fantastic value at \$35 for a three course buffet meal.

Open to past pupils, Call some friends and get a group together or come along yourself, connect with other "old girls" and have some fun at the raffle table. If you want to grow the giggles we welcome any additional contributions to the raffle table. Items generally under \$10. Ticket sales by cash from the payments office at WGHS or online via internet banking to our account:

12 3099 0578163 00 with your name in the reference field and pick up on the night

If purchasing online please email [wghsoldgirls@wghs.school.nz](mailto:wghsoldgirls@wghs.school.nz) with your name and number of tickets required.

Last day for ticket sales is Monday 23 August  
Don't wait another year, join us for dinner in 2021