



Whangarei Girls' High School

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Word from the Principal

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Tēna koutou

Although it was an unexpected start to the first term, we were pleased and relieved that we were able to open for all students last Wednesday and that we have not gone back into Alert Level 3 over the weekend. Nevertheless, it is a timely reminder that it can happen very quickly and we do need to be prepared. Please encourage your students to bring their devices, chargers and necessary resources home each night so they are ready for distance learning which would start straight away. For those without access to distance learning, being able to carry on with assignment or portfolio work, talking with the teacher about ways to stay connected and having some good books to read is always helpful. There is always study for senior students.

Summaries of NCEA credits are being sent to Year 12 and 13 students on a regular basis. This is to help them plan their assessments for the rest of the year to ensure they gain the required credits for their qualification. We are aware that in this time of uncertainty, some students are making decisions not to sit external examinations. It is essential that this is an informed decision in consultation with their teachers, Dean or mentor. They must be able to see that they have the necessary credits from their internal assessments and have the necessary pre-requisites for their plans for 2022. Please do not hesitate to contact your student's teachers or Dean if you have any queries or concerns. You can keep up to date with your student's progress through the parent portal.

As you all know by now, COVID vaccinations have been mandated for all staff by 1 January 2022. They are also strongly encouraged for students aged 12 and over. We have been asked to keep a vaccination register for both students and staff so you will be soon be receiving a request for evidence of your student's vaccination to be sent to a dedicated email address. That information will then be held securely and confidentially on KAMAR, our Student Management System.

If your student would like to receive a vaccination, but has not yet been able to,

Kensington Health has capacity to be able to help students receive vaccinations. We would like to see what the level of demand is before deciding on the best way to carry this out. If there is enough demand, they are willing to provide a "pop-up clinic" for our students. If your student is aged under 16 and you would like them to receive a vaccination, please ask them to pick up a form from the Student Support Centre. Parental consent is required if they are under 16. If they are over 16, they put their name on the list with Sydina in the Student Support Centre.

Although the restrictions on the size of "gatherings" does not strictly apply to schools, we have been asked to restrict large gatherings as much as possible. If we bring in people from outside, then the rules for the public apply to us too. We are acting on the side of caution and restricting those who can come on our site and have had to postpone, cancel or reshape a number of events planned for this term. These include events such as Senior Academic Prize Giving and the Rā Whakanuia for Year 11 students, as well as the Whole School Assembly where prospective Head Girls address the school. We are currently exploring the best ways to bring these to you as virtual events. It was also disappointing that the Kāhui Ako have had to postpone Kathryn Berkett yet again as she is a much sought after speaker and we all learn so much from listening to her. We will let you know when she is able to come and do a presentation for parents and whānau.

Applications for senior student leadership roles closed this week and although the process will look a little different this year, we are delighted with the calibre of applicants. Likewise, voting is underway for the student representative on the Board of Trustees. It is encouraging to see students putting themselves forward for these important leadership roles and the depth of leadership capacity amongst our students.

Plans are progressing for changes to the whānau class structure for next year. Staff have been consulted, students are being consulted this week and the feedback from those consultations, along with the final proposal will come to you for your feedback very soon.

Important Dates

5 November 2021

Mufti/Gumboot Friday

10 & 11 November 2021

Cultural Awards

17 November 2021

Last Day for Seniors

25 November 2021

Last Day for Year 11

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Although we are living in uncertain times right now, please reassure your students that their wellbeing is paramount and their education will be well catered for. NZQA are giving great flexibility for senior students and teachers are tailoring the teaching and learning so every student knows what their next step is. Encourage them to have adequate sleep (without devices in their bedrooms), exercise regularly, maintain a healthy diet, make time for themselves to have some fun, do something for someone else and to practise gratitude on a daily basis – we all have things we are grateful for – even on a bad day!

This term will go very quickly, especially as we turn our attention to planning for 2022 at the same time as completing everything for 2021.

Kia kaha
He aroha whakatō
He aroha puta mai
If kindness is shown, then kindness you shall receive.

Ngā manaakitanga

Anne Cooper
Principal

Former students of Whangarei Girls' High School graduating from Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington

It is with pleasure that I enclose a list of your former pupils who have graduated from Victoria University between June 2020 and May 2021. We join with you in acknowledging and celebrating the students' wonderful success.

First Name	Last Name	Qualification	Majors
Abigail	Wyatt	BA - Bachelor of Arts	International Relations; Public Policy
		MSS - Master of Strategic Studies	
Amelia	Blundell	MARCH - Master of Architecture	Architecture
Breanna	Worthington	BA - Bachelor of Arts	Criminology
		BAHONS - Bachelor of Arts with Honours	Criminology
Brooke	Soulsby	BAHONS - Bachelor of Arts with Honours	English
Ekta	Gray	BCOM - Bachelor of Commerce	Human Resource Management & Industrial Relations; Management
Georgina	Bidois	BA - Bachelor of Arts	Political Science
Hayle	Cameron	BA - Bachelor of Arts	Criminology; Philosophy; Psychology
Helen	Campbell	MSC - Master of Science	Forensic Psychology
India	Herman	GDTCSG - GDip Teaching (Secondary)	
Isabella	Anderson	BMUS - Bachelor of Music	Classical Performance
Kate	Ryan	PGCPE - PGCert in Prof Economics	
Kendra	Scott	BAHONS - Bachelor of Arts with Honours	Criminology
Kristy	Hulse	BA - Bachelor of Arts	Media Studies
		BCOM - Bachelor of Commerce	Marketing
Libby	O'Brien	BSC - Bachelor of Science	Geology
Maddison	Nicholl	GDTCSG - GDip Teaching (Secondary)	
Marita	Hunt	MA - Master of Arts	Creative Writing
McKensie	Hooper	BA - Bachelor of Arts	Criminology; Psychology
Mili	Davie-Martin	PGCNS - PGCert in Nursing Science	
Monique	Tobin	BA - Bachelor of Arts	Film; Media Studies
Myra	Coley	MED - Master of Education	
Rachel	Evans	BAHONS - Bachelor of Arts with Honours	Cultural Anthropology
Sara	Jenkins	GDTCSR - GDip Teaching (Primary)	
Sarah	Barnes	BAS - Bachelor of Arch Studies	Architecture
Shannen	Smith	BEDTECH - Bachelor of Education (Tchg) EC	
Sophie	Gilbert-Keene	BA - Bachelor of Arts	Art History; Philosophy
Tegan	Wedding - Speight	BSC - Bachelor of Science	Geology
Victoria	Cammell	BA - Bachelor of Arts	Development Studies; International Relations

School Calendar

October

- 28 Y12 Service in Schools
Junior Speech Comp
Automotive Interviews
- 29 Y12 Service in Schools

November

- 1 Health Academy
- 2 Barista Course
Jnr Girls Cricket
- 3 Barista Course
11 PEDSM Touch
- 5 11PEDSM NSSSA 7/8
Gumboot Friday/Mufti Day
- 8 11PEDSM Kaikohe turbo
- 9 11GEO Poor Knights Trip
Jnr Ripper Rugby
- 10 Cultural Awards
11PEDSM Touch
- 11 Cultural Awards
11OED Reotahi
- 12 11OED Reotahi
- 15 Y9/10 Futsal
- 17 11OED Whangaruru
10PRI Dairy Farm trip
Last Day for Seniors
- 18 11OED Whangaruru
11PEDSM
- 22 Y11PEDSM to Matarau
Y9/10 Fast Five Netball
NCEA Exams
- 23 NCEA Exams
- 24 11SCIFM Reotahi Trip
Y9/10 Tennis Doubles
NCEA Exams
- 25 10DOE Catch tramp
9PRI Bream Head Reserve
NCEA Exams
Last Day for Year 11
- 26 10DOE Catch tramp
NCEA Exams

Health Department

Mental health awareness week 2021

Thanks to everyone who participated and connected through korero during the last week of Term 3. I am sure no one escaped the fact that this was happening with many forms of media showing their support.

An extra congratulations at WGHS goes to Leah McRae and Keira Richards who were the winners of our 'spot the postcards' competition. Winning prizes donated by the key to life foundation with 'I am hope' merchandise. See the photo on our facebook page.

GUMBOOT FRIDAY - Next Friday 5th November.

We are asking all students to come in mufti and wear their gumboots to show their support.

We are also hosting a Gumboot throwing competition, guess the lollies in the gumboot and a gumboot decorating competition. This is a really important topic and a fantastic way to raise funds and get everyone involved.

Having depression is like walking through mud every day. So on nominated Fridays during the year, we ask you to show your support, put your gumboots on, give a gold coin and take a walk in their shoes for just one day.

Gumboot Friday is a fun way for kiwis to join in the mental health conversation, while raising money to provide FREE and timely counselling for any young person in need.

Each year in New Zealand, between 120 and 180 young people die by suicide and it is estimated another 3500 attempt to take their own lives. While Government agencies are doing their best, some young people are stuck waiting up to six months to receive the counselling they so urgently need.

100% of donations deposited by you into the Kiwibank Gumboot Friday account goes to counselling for young people by registered mental health practitioners. This is so your money goes directly where it's needed: to young people getting the help and support they need, when they need it most.

Maths Department

Kia ora from the Maths Department

We are busy helping our Year 12 and 13 students for external examinations. Students who have access to a graphics calculator have an advantage in the exams and we are exploring ways we can increase the number of students who have a graphics calculator. Some useful information:

- Casio FX9750 or FX9860 are the best in our experience.
- The best price will be during the back to school sales at the start of the year.
- TECH brand sold through Warehouse Stationery do NOT meet the needs of students in Level 2 & 3.
- Students in Year 9 & 10 can use a graphics calculator. One calculator will meet their needs for the whole of their maths at Whangarei Girls' High School.

In 2022 we will be starting a Calculator exchange. If your student is in Year 12 and not continuing with maths or statistics or is leaving school and will no longer require their graphics calculator, we are happy to sell it on your behalf.

I will be running tutorials every Friday lunchtime to help students learn how to use their Graphics calculator until seniors start study leave.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Lockers

Be in quick – limited lockers available

If you wish to reserve a locker for 2022 or keep your current locker, you will need to fill out an online order form at <http://www.stowawaylockers.co.nz/order-form/> as soon as possible.

If you no longer require your locker for 2022, please let us know by email info@stowawaylockers.co.nz.

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

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