



Whangarei Girls' High School

24 September 2020

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Important Dates

24 September 2020
Head Girl & Prefect applications open

12 October 2020
First Day of Term 4

14 October 2020
Head Girl & Prefect applications close

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Word from the Principal

Tēna koutou katoa

We are back in Level One, it is spring and the end of term is nigh! Thank you for all your support in what has been another hard term with cancelled sports tournaments, cultural events, meet-the-candidates and the Ball and postponement of events such as the careers and NCEA evenings which we will reschedule for early next term. The uncertainty has been difficult for us all, but we must be thankful that we did not have to go back into Level 3. It is important that we all continue to practice good hygiene practices, social distancing where possible and keep using the QR code for contact tracing. We are grateful to you for keeping your students home when they are sick and for co-operating with our contract tracing and restrictions on gatherings.

Senior students have now completed their school practice exams and the feedback from these will assist both the students and their teachers to prepare well for the external examinations beginning in November.

Dance, music and drama concerts and productions are all being held this week – a logistical challenge with only one theatre but we are thrilled to be able to have live audiences again.

Early next term, we will be reviewing our pastoral system and community consultation will be an important part of this. Details of the meetings will be sent out early next term and will take the usual format of three different times to choose from over two or three days.

I am pleased to welcome Mike Bell to our staff for the rest of the year. Mike will be joining the Guidance Department on Tuesdays and Thursdays and we are delighted to have him join the team.

You may have already watched 'The Social Dilemma' on Netflix. If you haven't, then I strongly suggest you do. We know that many of our students spend several hours a day on social media. 'The Social Dilemma' shows the dangerous human impact of social networking. It is having a strong impact on the way we think and uses our own psychology against us. We know we have increased levels of anxiety in our young people today and this programme tells of a whole generation who are more anxious and more depressive, with less control over who we are and what we believe. It would be good to watch it with your whānau and have some good old fashioned debate about it. It's very powerful

Applications for the 2021 Head Girl team and prefects open this week and close mid-week in the first week of term. The application is completed online and deadlines will be strictly adhered to. Please discuss these leadership positions with your Year 12 students, encouraging those with leadership qualities to stand for these roles. Their leadership qualities may have been demonstrated in whanau classes, on the sports field, in youth groups or other activities outside of school – all this is valuable experience which will give them a good foundation for further leadership development as one of our senior school leaders in 2021.

Finally, I wish you all a safe and good break with your whanau over the holiday break and look forward to the students returning on time, in correct uniform, rested and refreshed, ready for the final term of this most unusual year.

Kia kaha

Ngā manaakitanga

Anne Cooper
Principal

Parents Supporting Parents

Are you a parent struggling with a child with mental illness? Would you like to connect with other parents who are living with the same struggle?

The next meeting for the Parents Supporting Parents group is 5pm on Thursday October 15th, at WGHS Health Rooms, in Gate 1.

Join us on Facebook to connect and find out more information <https://www.facebook.com/groups/651665085170218/>

Uniform

We are going to start Term 4 with a blitz on uniform to ensure that all students are wearing the correct uniform at school.

All students and whānau signed a contract when they enrolled at WGHS agreeing to follow the school rules and to wear the correct uniform. Please take the opportunity during the holidays to ensure that your student has the correct uniform and that their jewellery meets the school guidelines.

Students wearing incorrect items will be asked to remove them. If they are wearing incorrect items for a second time the parents/caregivers will receive a phone call, email or message from the whānau teacher. If the incorrect uniform continues to be worn after this communication, the parents/caregivers will be asked to come in for a whānau hui with the Dean. If this intervention is not successful the next whānau hui will be with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

The correct school uniform for Years 9-12 is:

- Black skirt with school logo (no more than 5cm above the knee)
- Black trousers with school logo (length not to be below the top of the shoe)
- Black shorts with school logo
- White shirt with school logo
- Blue Jersey
- Plain black shower proof jacket or puffer jacket (no hood visible)
- Plain, flat, black shoes with a full back, or black sandals with no more than one ankle strap (boots are not permitted)
- White ankle socks or natural stockings to be worn only with shoes

Jewellery items:

- ID or medic-alert bracelet
- Neck chain or bone carving- that has special significance
- Watch, ring and studs or small sleepers in pierced ears
- A discreet nose stud (No bars or rings)

N.B.

- Bandannas are not permitted
- Hoodies, sweatshirts and non-regulation jumpers are not permitted.

Year 13 Dress Code:

Year 13 students have the privilege of being permitted to wear a Dress Code that we consider appropriate for our workplace. This privilege may be withdrawn if it is abused.

In some subject areas students may need to change into clothing that is appropriate for that activity however in most situations the following Dress Code applies.

TOPS:

NO:

- Strapless
- One shoulder
- Halter necks
- Garments that show underwear
- Display of cleavage breaching good taste

BOTTOMS:

NO:

- Frayed cut off, ripped or ragged jeans or other items of clothing
- Track pants
- Short dresses or skirts
- Playsuits that do not comply with the required skirt/shorts length

GENERAL:

- Skirts and shorts must be NO MORE THAN an ID card length ABOVE THE KNEE
- Tops must meet bottoms when standing and arms raised
- Students are expected to wear appropriate footwear.
- Shorter skirts may be worn with leggings (these are footless and not see through) NOT tights (feet or transparency=tights) Tights are not pants

JEWELLERY:

- Discreet jewellery
- No visible piercings apart from discreet ear jewellery

If in doubt – please check with your Whānau teacher, House Dean, SLT, or Principal (Mrs Cooper)

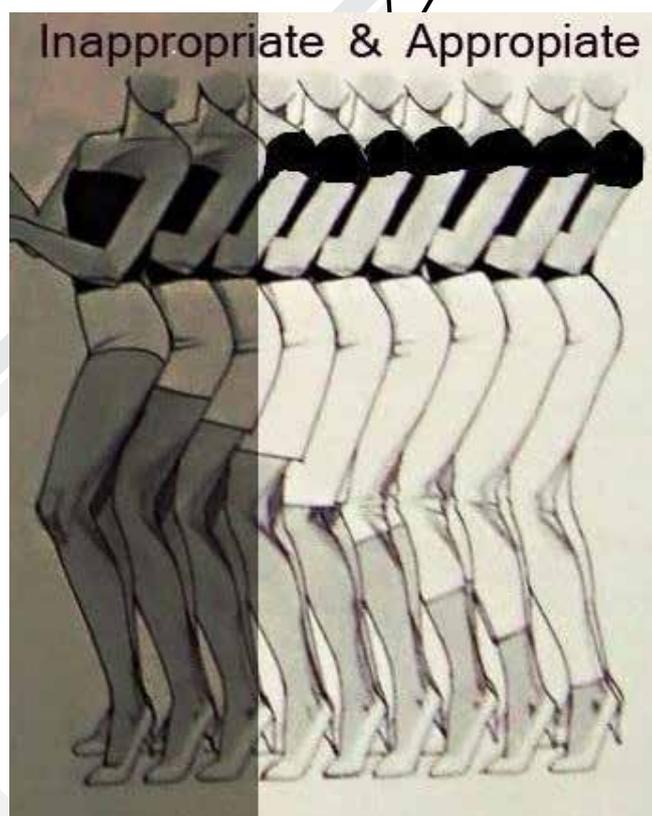
In the final instance, the decision on whether a student is appropriately dressed and in compliance with the dress code rests with the Principal.

Many thanks

Sonya Lockyer

Deputy Principal

Appropriate lengths for our workplace are indicated below



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



Date	Hub Location – Option 1	Hub Location – Option 2	Hub location – Option 3	Time
14/10/20	Otamatea High School , 120 Bickerstaffe Road, Maungaturoto	Barnardos , 2 Armstrong Avenue, Maunu, Whangarei	Whananaki School Library , Whananaki North Road	9:00am – 12:00pm
21/10/20	Bream Bay Community Trust , 9 Takutai Place, Ruakaka	Clark Road Chapel , 4-6 Clark Rd, Kamo, Whangarei	Back 2 Basics , Maungatapere	9:00am – 12:00pm
22/10/20	Parua Bay Community Centre , 1475 Whangarei Heads Road, Parua Bay	Ruawai Primary School , 4376 State Highway 12, Ruawai	Te Rito , William Jones Drive and Rata Place, Otangarei	9:00am – 12:00pm
28/10/20	Mangawhai Beach School , 34 Insley Street, Mangawhai	Whangaruru School , 2916 Russell Road, Punaruku 0184	Te Horo School , 3239 Pipiwai Road, Whangarei	9:00am – 12:00pm
29/10/20	Onerahi Community Hall , Onerahi, Whangarei	Matakohe Primary School , Matakohe		9:00am – 12:00pm
29/10/20	Tinopai School , 1913 Tinopai Road, Tinopai			12:30pm – 2:00pm
4/11/20	Waipu Primary School , 6 Argyle Street, Waipu	Clark Road Chapel , 4-6 Clark Rd, Kamo, Whangarei	Tauraroa Area School , Omana Road, Maungakaramea	9:00am – 12:00pm
5/11/20	Barnardos , 2 Armstrong Avenue, Maunu, Whangarei	Dargaville Primary School , State Highway 12, Dargaville		9:00am – 12:00pm
11/11/20	Archie Bull Hall Kaiwaka , 11 Kaiwaka – Mangawhai Rd	Hukerenui School , 9 Crows Nest Road, Hukerenui	Back 2 Basics , Maungatapere	9:00am – 12:00pm
12/11/20	Barnardos , 2 Armstrong Avenue, Maunu, Whangarei	Aranga School , Aranga, Dargaville		9:00am – 12:00pm
12/11/20	Kaihu Valley School , 66 Maropiu Road, Mamaranui			12:30pm – 2:00pm
18/11/20	One Tree Point School , 97 One Tree Point Road, One Tree Point	Clark Road Chapel , 4-6 Clark Rd, Kamo, Whangarei		9:00am – 12:00pm
19/11/20	Te Rito , William Jones Drive and Rata Place, Otangarei	Pouto Primary School , 11 Opuna Rd, Te Kopuru		9:00am – 12:00pm
19/11/20	Te Kopuru School , 9 Norton Street, Te Kopuru			12:30pm – 2:00pm
25/11/20	Paparoa Primary School , 14 Franklin Rd, Paparoa	Barnardos , 2 Armstrong Avenue, Maunu, Whangarei	Mangakahia Community Room , Mangakahia Road	9:00am – 12:00pm
26/11/20	Te Rito , William Jones Drive and Rata Place, Otangarei	Arapohue School , Arapohue		9:00am – 12:00pm
26/11/20	Tangowahine School , Tangowahine			
2/12/20	Ruakaka School , 12 Sandford Rd, Ruakaka	Clark Road Chapel , 4-6 Clark Rd, Kamo, Whangarei	Back 2 Basics , Maungatapere	9:00am – 12:00pm
3/12/20	Ngunguru Sports Cub , Kopipi Crescent, Ngunguru	Dargaville Intermediate School , 38 Charlotte St, Dargaville	Onerahi Community Hall , Onerahi, Whangarei	9:00am – 12:00pm
9/12/20	Maungaturoto Primary School , 8 Gorge Rd, Maungaturoto	Tikipunga Baptist Church , Kiripaka Rd & Heretaunga St, Tikipunga		9:00am – 12:00pm
10/12/20	Barnardos , 2 Armstrong Avenue, Maunu, Whangarei			9:00am – 12:00pm
17/12/20	Barnardos , 2 Armstrong Avenue, Maunu, Whangarei			9:00am – 12:00pm

Drop into the hub or contact us on **0800 5248 4256** or email TT.Support@education.govt.nz

School Calendar

September

- 24 Dance Concerts
13YES Directors review day
Equestrian Comb. Training
Head Girl & Prefect applications open
- 25 NZSS Clay Target
Y12 & 13 NCEA Reports
- 26 - 28 NZSS Clay Target

October

- 2 - 4 NZSS Mountain Biking
- 5 - 9 NZSS Surfing
- 12 *First day of Term 4*
- 14 12Drama Fringe Festival
11OED Kayak
Head Girl & Prefect applications close
- 15 11PEDSM Int Vball
12Drama Fringe Festival
12OED Performance
- 16 11PEDSM Int Vball
12 Drama Fringe Festival
Whole School Assembly
- 20 11OED Reotahi
- 22 12OED Performance
Cultural Awards
- 23 Junior Speech Competition
NSSSA Jnr Touch 9-10

Ecobaby

We are a Year 13 Enterprise business selling all natural, eco-friendly baby products. Check out the WGHS Facebook page for more information.

11 Hospitality - Special Event

For the Year 11 Hospitality 2020, Semester 2, Come Dine With Me course, we as a class, were given a brief to create a two course meal in groups of 2 or 3. This consisted of a hot meal, a cold dessert and a mocktail drink using recipes that we had found online or created ourselves.

We had one period to prepare the main course and dessert and another to re-heat the main, make the mocktail and then serve to some special guests - restaurant style. We invited members of staff, plus 3 students from our class.

Overall, it was a really fun experience that taught us a lot as we were thrown into the deep end, with lots of pressure.

11HOSC Class



Whangarei Fringe Festival

The very first Whangarei Fringe Festival is kicking off in October, with 100 events over 2 weeks. Starting on Sunday 11 October (the last weekend in the school holidays) with 'Hate Me Hearties! Buskers Festival' - 11am-2pm.

From the 21st - 22nd of October; *'The Willing Horse'*, award winning comedy by a New Zealand playwright, Isobel Andrews, featuring WGHS students and staff will be running.

Where: In the kitchen at 116 (opposite Jimmy Jacks)

Cast:

Hana Meuli-Hemara - Year 13
Aimee Clemow - Year 12
Hannah Owen - Year 12
Ruby Dickinson-Yeoman - Year 12
Finn Gilbert- Keene - Year 9
Liz Sugrue - English Dept
Lizzie Bearne - English Dept
Jenni Moors - English Dept
Alys Hughes - Dance Dept
Jan Fisher - Drama Dept

Northland Readers' Cup 2020

After months of delays due to Covid-19, the Northland Readers' Cup competition was finally held in our library via Zoom on Wednesday 9 September.

The Readers' Cup is a national Year 9 contest where teams read six set books and answer difficult questions very quickly. Our team of five - Celeste Mitten, Paige Bennett, Api Baker, Estie Nogher and Alice Henderson-Biss, came fourth in a very close competition - finishing only half a point behind third place getters, Tauraroa Area School, and a few points off the winners, Kerikeri High School.



Bookings:

WHANGAREIFRIDGE.CO.NZ

or EVENTFINDA.CO.NZ

or in person at:

or THE HUB -9am-5pm

or 116 - open 11am-1pm

On the 22nd is *MADE IN* - a fashion show case where you'll be able to see some WGHS originals.

As 2020 has been the year of cancelled events, the Northland Designer Bernina Fashion Awards did not run. The Year 11, 12 and 13 students have instead been invited to participate in this show.

The Year 11's have been working in groups developing upcycled collections.

Year 12 and 13 have been developing individual projects which started with a virtual museum visit during lock down.

Rachael Pedersen our Head of Textiles is also showing a collection.

Check out the Fringe Festival website for the full program and ticketing information.

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

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