



# Whangarei Girls' High School

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## Important Dates

**28 February 2020**  
House Day

**5 March 2020**  
Whānau/Family Hui

**6 March 2020**  
Whānau/Family Hui  
No classes

**18 March 2020**  
Girls Working for Girls

**9 April 2020**  
Last day of Term 1

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## Word from the Principal



Tēna koutou katoa

Clubs and Socs - these lunchtimes were well attended with many students showing interest in joining one or more of the wide variety of activities on offer. Please discuss with your daughter what extracurricular activity/ies she is participating in this year as it is important for students to do at least one thing beyond the classroom. Apart from helping her to have a stronger sense of belonging, it also enables her to strengthen skills and qualities such as leadership, collaboration, problem solving, communication, creativity and to connect with a wider group of people.

Thank you to everyone who supported the "Big Splash" - it is participation which brings the successful results. Congratulations to Manaia House and to the individual champions: Junior - Ellie Whittam (Lovelock); Intermediate - Jazmine Murray (Bell) and Senior - Rebecca Reade (Mansfield)

We look forward to meeting the whānau of all new students to our school this year. This is an important and valuable opportunity for you to meet with your daughter's whānau teacher and for us to learn more about your daughter's start to high school and her future progress.

Tuesday we had our whole school photo - the last one was taken in 2015 when the roll was 1368. We are now well over 1400. Our aim is to take one every five years so every student is in a whole school photo.

House Day on Friday will see the culmination of the prefects' hard work. They have taken on

this immense organisation and have worked hard, taking into account feedback from previous years, to make a most enjoyable and fun day for everyone. This is a great time for whanau class bonding, house competition, tuakana teina and leadership potential to shine. Please ensure your daughter attends school on Friday and participates in House Day.

'Girls Working for Girls' day is racing up fast on 18th March. This annual fundraiser goes to projects decided by the Student Council. Approximately half the money goes into the 'Girls Working for Girls' scholarships and the rest was put aside for a covered seating project which will be able to be completed this year.

All the best for the many sporting ventures coming up very soon - in particular those competing at the school athletics championships, the cricket, volleyball and touch teams and those competing in surfing and mountain biking over the next couple of weeks.

Student attendance - we are dismayed at the poor attendance patterns of some students so early in the year. Please check your daughter's attendance in the parent portal and contact your daughter's whanau teacher or Dean if you have any concerns. There is always a high correlation between attendance and achievement and we want students to achieve their goals. Please reinforce the message that education is important and attendance in class is essential.

**Anne Cooper**  
Principal

## Cybersafety and Netsafe

Yr 9 Students are currently receiving digital training including learning about cybersafety. We are teaching students about the Harmful Digital Communications Act and teaching them to report any form of cyber bullying or inappropriate conduct. NETSAFE is the body that we are encouraging them to refer to. We would urge parents to also be aware of and use Netsafe.org.nz for assistance with scams or any form of cyber bullying or misuse.

**Kevin Dean**  
Deputy Principal

## HPV Immunisation Catch Up Programme

WGHS is holding HPV catch up clinics at school on 4, 13 and 24 March. If you would like your daughter to be immunised please ask her to pick up a consent form from the Deans' Office. This is to be completed and returned prior to the catch up dates.

Any queries about the vaccine please see the MOH information page <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/preventative-health-wellness/immunisation/hpv-immunisation-programme>

## School Calendar

### February

27 NSSSA Surfing #1  
9MUS to Ngunguru

### 28 HOUSE DAY

### March

- 2 11OED Reotahi  
12GEO Town Basin
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12GEO Town Basin  
12ESS Kawiti Caves  
WGHS Athletics Champs
- 4 12ESS Whg Beaches  
In Zone Careers Coach  
NSSSA Volleyball Snrs  
HPV Vaccinations
- 5 12PRI Dargaville Fieldays  
NSSSA Mountain Biking  
Whānau/Family Hui
- 6 NSSSA Senior Touch  
Whānau/Family Hui  
**(No Classes)**
- 9 12ECS First Aid
- 10 12ECS First Aid  
9PRI Bream Head  
11SCIFM Goat Island
- 11 12ECS First Aid  
Y12 Road Safety
- 12 12ECS First Aid  
13 Health Workshop  
NISS Rowing  
11OED Overnight Kayak  
11PED Sports Manage  
NSSSA Track & Field  
12PRI Waifencing Skills
- 13 NISS Rowing  
11OED Overnight Kayak  
HPV Vaccinations



## Head Girls



Kia ora from the Head Girl team, there's heaps going on at the moment and we hope you are all enjoying being involved! Here are some of the things that have been happening, and to look out for that are coming up.

Swimming sports was a huge success this year. It was very cool to see the students and teachers in their bright house colours having a good time. A massive congratulations to Manaia House for taking the overall win, and to all the competitive swimmers for their efforts.

We also fitted in Clubs and Socs day last week, and it was great to see so much enthusiasm.

House Day is coming up this Friday the 28th. Our prefects have lots of super fun games organised for the day. House Day is about making connections in your whānau, your houses and with the prefects and teachers. Come along with a great attitude and a primo outfit!

Student Council applications open on Wednesday the 26th of February. We encourage any students in Year 9 to Year 12 who are passionate about helping improve the school and who are keen to represent the student voice to apply. This is a great leadership opportunity.

Mā te wā.

Amelie, Paea, Sophie and Mathilda.

### Maths Department News

*Reminder free public talk*

Mathematical magic and the digital revolution - Professor Geoff Whittle speaking at WGHS, 6pm to 7pm Thursday 27th February at the Hall Theatre. More details and registration here <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/mathematical-magic-and-the-digital-revolution-whangarei-tickets-86873100783>

*Free Tutorials.*

Any student who would like some extra help with mathematics is welcome to attend the free Tutorial in Room 32 every Wednesday lunchtime. Naumai haere mai. I hope to see you there

Year 9 & 10 students have completed their Beginning of Year number test. Students can view their results by logging into e-asttle.

**Rochelle Telfer**

*HOD Mathematics*

### Parent Portal

The parent portal allows students and whanau to access student assessment results and comments, timetable, attendance, calendar etc. You should have received your log on and password for this tool via email. Use the link on the school app or the school website to access this - <https://www.wghs.school.nz/>

If you haven't received the email, please contact the school. Please note: sometimes emails from the school will go to your junk/spam mail. If this has happened, please make sure you mark us as not spam to ensure future emails aren't missed.

### LOCKERS

Be in quick – limited lockers available.

Lockers are available again this year, \$50 per year plus a refundable \$10 bond. If you would like a locker for 2020 you will need to fill in an online order form at <http://www.stowawaylockers.co.nz/order-form/> as soon as possible.

### Whangarei Girls' High School PTA

**Our next meeting is the AGM.** Wednesday 26 February at 5:30pm in the Staff Room (Upstairs from the Main Office). Contact Phoebe Curtis on 027 724 6734 for further information. We look forward to meeting you.

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

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