



Whangarei Girls' High School

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Important Dates

3 July 2020

Last day of Term 2

20 July 2020

First day of Term 3

25 September 2020

Last day of Term 3

12 October 2020

First day of Term 4

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Word from the Principal



Tēna koutou katoa

With only three weeks (including this week) left of this term, students and staff are looking forward to a well earned break.

Now that we are in Alert Level One, it is good to see sports resuming again, visiting groups arriving, field trips going out, performing arts productions underway and the Ball Committee able to plan their popular event with some certainty.

This week Year 13 students are beginning a trial of self managed learning on Wednesdays, where they have the option of coming to school or working off site. Contrary to popular opinion, no decisions have been made to continue with the trial past the third week of next term – and no decisions have been made regarding next year. It will be reviewed in the third week of next term when stakeholders will be surveyed again.

Although we have had some initial discussions on ways to include longer blocks of time in our timetable, no changes are planned for next term. We are currently focussing on pedagogy around personalised learning so each student is able to learn at her own pace. This will include working from Google Classroom and so it is important that your daughter continues to bring her device each day. For senior students, this sits nicely with the changes to NCEA announced recently. Please discuss your daughter's workload with her, help her to develop good strategies to meet deadlines and to negotiate with her teachers if she needs more time to complete the work.

We will be maintaining the sanitising and hygiene requirements as good practice and still ask that you do not send your daughter to school if she is sick.

Our Kāhui Ako have been continuing work on our focus on wellbeing throughout the schools in our district and in this current time it is proving more important than ever. Staff are working hard to build sustainable practices in our schools. I am proud of the Head Girl team and their Instagram aimed

at keeping our students connected. They are leading the Student Council and the prefects to implement initiatives focused on helping others and the wellbeing of our own community.

As part of this focus on wellbeing we are participating in a strengths- based research project about how students learn, succeed and thrive at school. The findings will help us to find out more about how our students develop positive attitudes, engagement and aspirations towards school and who their role-models for success are. It will help us to better understand the personal, teacher, whānau and community factors that positively impact our students' learning and success at school. The research is being conducted by Dr Melinda Webber from the University of Auckland. This week you will receive a letter from her, explaining the project in more detail and next week you and your daughters will be invited to complete the surveys which are sent directly to Dr Melinda Webber. We will share the findings with you and look forward to being able to use them to inform our future planning.

Enjoy watching your daughters playing sport and come to see the productions which will not be too far away as we gradually pick up most of our activities again.

Thank you for your support. It is critical that we work together as a community as we rebuild our economy.

He aroha whakatō, he aroha ka puta mai.

If kindness is sown, then kindness is what you shall receive.

Ngā manaakitanga

Anne Cooper
Principal

PTA

The next PTA meeting will be held at 5:30pm on Wednesday, June 24th, in the WGHS staffroom.

All are welcome to attend.

School Calendar

June

- 17 Pasifika Week Activities
International Rotorua Trip
- 18 Pasifika Week Activities
International Rotorua Trip
12PRI Project pest control
- 19 Pasifika Week Activities
International Rotorua Trip
12PRI Project pest control
MUFTI DAY
- 22 11 Duke of Ed tramp
12ENV Project pest control
Hospice volunteer training
- 23 11 Duke of Ed tramp
12ENV Project pest control
11PEDSM First Aid
Enterprise Orals
- 24 12PAD MIG Welding
- 25 12PAD MIG Welding
- 26 12PAD MIG Welding

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 awful struggle?

Our aim is to provide a forum where you can let off steam, knowing that the person/people you are talking to understand on some level. Whether this is at a group meeting, or in another way that we can support you, we hope to be able to do that.

The next meeting for the Parents Supporting Parents group is 5pm on Thursday June 25th, at Te Puna Ora (Student Support Centre at WGHS).

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

Do you have any spare or old laptops or Chromebooks?

An inevitable change to teaching and learning in the 21st century sees the need for students to have their own devices as part of schooling requirements. Unfortunately not all families are in the position to be able to provide their daughter with a laptop. With NCEA moving to exams being completely online many of these students will struggle to move forward in their schooling without a device.

Any donations of laptops to the school will be provided to those in need to help equip them for the optimum start to their future. The laptops will be completely re-formatted and converted to Chromebooks.

If you have a laptop or Chromebook you can donate, please bring it in to the school Reception.

Any questions, please call (09) 430 4460.



"And then I just hit delete. I haven't actually eaten any homework in years."

DP Update

Leave passes:

Now that we are at Level 1 the procedure for leave passes reverts back to what it was at the start of the year. A note or email is sent to Jenny, the student signs out and collects the leave pass and comes back to school and signs in on return. It is no longer necessary for parents to take their daughters to and from their appointments, if the students are able to walk or drive there independently.

Study classes for Year 13:

Students are expected to be in long whanau Tuesday and Thursday mornings but are permitted to study off site during their study periods. However, they cannot be sitting in cars.

Sharing food:

Students are now able to participate in whānau shared food events under Level 1.

Sonya Lockyer
Deputy Principal



New Bell Times

Mon/Wed/Fri

Whānau	8:45	-	8:55
Period 1	8:55	-	9:55
Period 2	9:55	-	10:55
Interval	10:55	-	11:25
Period 3	11:25	-	12:25
Period 4	12:25	-	1:25
Lunch	1:25	-	2:15
Period 5	2:15	-	3:10

Tues/Thurs

Whānau	8:45	-	9:15
Period 1	9:15	-	10:15
Period 2	10:15	-	11:15
Interval	11:15	-	11:45
Period 3	11:45	-	12:45
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