



Whangārei Girls' High School

13 April 2022

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Important Dates:

14 April 2022
End of Term 1

15 April 2022
Good Friday

25 April 2022
ANZAC Day

2 May 2022
Start of Term 2

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Word from the Principal



Tēnā koutou katoa

It's the last week of a challenging first term and we thank you for all your support and co-operation as we have navigated our way through Omicron. We are anticipating that by the time Term 2 begins on 2nd May that we will have passed our peak and all students will be attending school every day.

Colour Run

Congratulations to the Head Girl Team, prefects and all the students and staff who made the Colour Run such a great success. It was exactly what we needed to lift spirits, have some fun and raise funds for the Cancer Society at the same time.

Whole School Assemblies will now be divided up into Kāhui assemblies.

- Mansfield and Rutherford
- Lovelock and Sheppard
- Bell and Manaia

These student-led assemblies will have some parts of them that are the same for all three, but there is also likely to be something unique to each group. We are delighted to be able to invite whānau to join in celebrating your student's successes again. These are planned for the first week of next term.

Kāhui Councils

Applications for the new Kāhui Councils are now open and will close at the end of this term. This is a new leadership opportunity for those who like to have a voice in decisions, consult with others and run events. The Student Council will be selected from the three Kāhui Councils. Please encourage your student to apply if they are interested in leadership. They are open to students from all year levels.

Winter uniform

As the weather begins to cool down we see some interesting variations to the school uniform. Please use the holidays to check that your student has regulation uniform for the new term. We have a plentiful supply of jerseys – please contact us if your student needs one.

If there are any changes in the Traffic Light Settings over the holidays, we will send an update. In the meantime masks will remain mandatory.

Enjoy a well deserved break over Easter and the holidays and we look forward to more stability in Term 2.

Kia pai to rā

Anne Cooper
Principal

International

Add some diverse CULTURE to your whanau! Looking for families of all types to host our international students for 2022 and 2023.

You get:

- Amazing cultural experience - learn about countries from around the world
- Global Connection - share Maori, Pasifika and other NZ cultures with your international student

- Unbeatable learning experience for your family
- Fortnightly homestay payment of \$480.00

If you would like to learn more about hosting an international student through Whāngarei Girls' High School please email Toni Richardson at toni.richardson@wghs.school.nz or mobile 021 435 517.



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 will be in Term 2, Thursday 19th May in the Health Rooms. Please call Lorraine for more details on 021 166 9764. Join us on Facebook to connect and find out more information <https://www.facebook.com/groups/651665085170218/>

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Do you have strengths in reading and writing with a passion for helping tomorrow's women succeed?

We are seeking skilled volunteers to assist our year 11 – year 13 students who have identified visual difficulties, hearing impairments or learning disabilities to assist as reader/writer for assessments throughout the school year.

This is an amazing and rewarding opportunity to help our students achieve their full potential!

Please note that all staff and volunteers interacting directly with students in a secondary school education setting need to be Police vetted.

For more information please contact:

Vinny Ridgway - vinnyridgway@wghs.school.nz

Wendi Andrews - wendiandrews@wghs.school.nz

Parent Portal

Are you checking your students parent portal for achievement results and comments. By the end of this term, every subject will have data regarding your student's progress.

Not sure how to access the portal? Please contact your student's whanau teacher or the office at office@wghs.school.nz

Special Year 13 Day

There is a special Year 13 day planned for 12th May next term.

We will have numerous outside providers sharing their expertise with students for the day.

The theme will be 'finding happiness and having success in these challenging times!'

There will be a diverse range of workshops for students to choose from that best meet their own individual needs. This will include various financial, legal, health, wellbeing and careers related contexts.

The day will be interactive, personalised and solution focussed so students will have more tools for their kete moving forward. Kai will be provided also to feed their minds.

More information to come next term.

Ngā mihi
Phil Mechen

School Calendar

13 April 2022
Dance Concert
Music Concert
10 SWITCH He Kakano
NSSSA Tennis Champs
Dance Concert

14 April 2022
Dance Concert
Yr11 PESM WPSSA

16 - 18 April 2022
Condor 7's Rugby
Nationals

18 - 20 April 2022
St Paul's Netball
Tournament

26 - 28 April 2022
ANZAC Hockey
Tournament

2 May 2022
Nursing for a day

3 May 2022
PAD academy welding
course
Yr 12 leadership

4 May 2022
PAD academy welding
course
Yr12 leadership

5 May 2022
PAD academy welding
course
Whole School Assembly
Yr 13 ECD Food
preparation

6 May 2022
PAD academy welding
course

School Uniform

We have secured a deal from Kathmandu to have Kathmandu jackets (and other items) available at a large discount (\$84.99 for a jacket that usually costs \$250) in the last week of the upcoming holidays (Thursday 28th April to Monday 2nd May).



Welcome

Kia Ora Whangarei Girls High School Students, Parents & Staff

Kathmandu Whangarei is pleased to invite you to an exclusive shopping programme.

We are offering a one off **Community Discount** on purchases across the entire range.

Promotion Information:

To be held at our Whangarei store from Thursday the 28th of April – Monday the 2nd of May.

During this event we will offer our guidance and expertise, from important information on correctly fitting backpacks, different sleeping bag options, choosing the correct footwear, to technical information on clothing and apparel.

This is an ideal opportunity to learn more about what is needed for your upcoming adventure to ensure you will be safe and comfortable.

How to take advantage of this offer:

Simply present this flyer at the Kathmandu Whangarei store on the above dates to gain access to your community discount.

Terms & Conditions:

- Offer only valid at the Kathmandu Whangarei store between 28/4/22 – 2/5/22
- Purchases are strictly for Whangarei Girls High School Students, Parents & Staff only.
- Discount offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or sale/clearance discount.
- The store manager may revoke or restrict this offer at their discretion.

Kind Regards

Kathmandu Whangarei Team

KMD Team please use this code to apply discount



Processes to follow when a student needs to leave school before the end of the day

If a student feels sick when she is at school she needs to ask her teacher for a note to go to the Student Support Centre; or, go directly to Student Support if it is in break time.

The Student Support Centre will contact caregivers to pick up students if necessary and ensure they are signed out of school correctly.

If a student has an appointment during school time she needs to take a note to the Deans' Office before school or get her whānau to email absences@wghs.school.nz.

The student needs to collect her leave pass and sign out at the Deans' Office.

If you need to collect your daughter/whanāu member from school during the day please phone the attendance number 09 4304405 or email absences@wghs.school.nz to let the school know. Your daughter/whanāu member can be collected from the Deans' Office and will need to sign out at the Deans' Office.

You must be a registered caregiver or or contact on our records to be able to pick up a student up from school.

Sonya Lockyer, Associate Principal

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