



TE KARERE O TE KURA TUARUA O WHANGAROA

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From the Principal's desk

Tena koutou katoa

As I write this newsletter article (26/10/2021) Whangaroa College is at Alert Level 2. We continue to work and learn in very challenging circumstances these days. However, as long as we continue to keep ourselves safe and employ good hygiene practices we will get through this. Hand sanitising has become part of our everyday lives in school and I encourage all our students to continue to hand sanitise when at home and visiting locations such as essential services.

Face coverings are not mandatory at Level 2. However, the Director General of Health strongly encourages staff and students aged 12 and above to wear face coverings in secondary school settings to align with the requirements when out and about and in indoor public places. The decision to wear a face covering remains an option for individuals (both students and teachers) and a decision for the individuals and whānau. Any decision on face coverings will be respected.

Where an individual chooses to use a face-covering they should supply and wear their own, and do so safely. This option applies to younger children too.

As at 11.59pm, Friday 22 October it became a requirement for students aged 12 and over to wear a face-covering on school transport (both Ministry and regional council-operated) unless they have an exemption. All other children are encouraged to wear a face-covering on school transport.

Just a reminder, if your child is sick, please keep them at home.

In the meantime, enjoy this newsletter to keep you informed of what has happened and what is coming up at Whangaroa College.

Naku noa na

Jack Anderson

SPORTS UPDATE

A message from NSSSC (Northland Secondary Sports Council)

COVID-19 is now in our region - we hope that it stays out of our communities. The mandate from the Government is very clear that we should minimise travel where possible and Kura should do all we can to minimise any potential spread of this virus. Many traditional school events can no longer be run kanohi ki te kanohi as a result of the pandemic. There are no obvious and manageable "online alternatives" for our planned sporting events.

As a result of the current climate, Northland Secondary Schools Sports Council (NSSSC), in association with Sport Northland, wishes to advise that all Northland Secondary Schools Sports Association (NSSSA) events are cancelled until the end of term four.

We understand this decision will be disappointing for our rangatahi, whanau and school communities. We value the place sport has in our communities. While we have decided to halt our regional events we continue to encourage Kura to provide sporting opportunities for their students onsite.

We look forward to seeing our rangatahi back in their school sporting uniforms in 2022.

**WEARING OUR
FACE MASKS
ON THE BUS**



LEARNING @ LEVEL 2!

We start the day in our Year Bubbles.

INSIDE



Sanitising before entering and exiting a class is a normal everyday process.



You can wear your masks, but they need to be worn correctly.



WHANGAROA STYLE

PLAY TIME



Students can play outside, but the same rules apply.



WASH YOUR EQUIPMENT WITH SOAP AND WATER

THEN RETURN IT IN THE CORRECT ORDER!

SOAP

We are reminded every day of the importance of staying safe and ensuring we are following the rules and expectations.

Enter!

THE HALL THROUGH THE BACK DOOR!

Exit!

THROUGH THE LOO IS WHAT YOU NEED TO DO!

Everyone has a part to play in keeping our learning environment a safe and healthy place for all.



TERM 4

CREATIVE POD

Students will be devising their own dramatic piece which they will then perform. Some are also learning about directorial techniques and guiding their peers.

SERVICE POD

The Senior Service students are studying for the end of year examinations. This will include the impact advertising has on food choices and the techniques used to try and make consumers buy specific products.

SENIOR ENGLISH

Students in Academic Literacy are completing all internal assessments. They will also be focusing on exam preparation as everybody in this class is sitting end of year examinations.

WORKPLACE LITERACY

Students in the Workplace Literacy class have focussed on achieving NCEA Level 1 Literacy standards. Students have developed the ability to find, use and write about issues such as the use of 1080, whether or not we should consider banning boxing, and global warming. The skills that they have developed will follow them into their various career pathways. In term four students will continue to add to their skills.

SENIOR MATH

Students in Academic Mathematics are studying Probability. This is in preparation for their NCEA external exams.

SENIOR CLASSICS

We are studying the ancient Greek Olympic games and comparing them to the Roman Gladiatorial games and the modern-day Olympics. The assessment for this is worth 6 credits and will be due at the end of the term.

SENIOR SCIENCE

Students are completing the revision of Microorganisms (Bacteria, Fungi and Viruses). They will be completing the assessment in week 3 (4 credits).

CLASSROOM LEARNING

YR 9/10 PRIMARY POD

We have given the students a scenario that an extreme solar blast has knocked out all electrical components, machinery, computers, cars, air planes etc. In their villages, they will develop survival skills and plan how to live off the grid. They will explore elements of survival through a range of activities and readings such as storing and preparing food, building shelters and growing their own food.

YR 7 INTEGRATED

The Year 7 Integrated students are looking at Marine Studies. They will focus on protecting the marine environment, both local and globally.

YR 7/8 MATH

We are studying circles and how to use a compass, the calculation of pi and the vocabulary of circles. The Year 8's are doing Number and Algebra Equations.

YR 9/ 10 SCIENCE

Students learn about Heat ,Sound, Light Waves and their applications in everyday life.

JUNIOR TE REO MAORI

Students will be learning how to recite a mihi. They will recite at least two Tauparara, learn to greet and acknowledge the living and those who have passed on. By the end of the term students will be able to stand and confidently deliver a formal speech.

YR 9/10 MATHS

This term the Year 9 and 10 students will be learning Financial Literacy. This will include budgeting and financial planning for a set real life scenario.

SENIOR TE REO MAORI

Students in Senior Te Reo Maori will be focusing on exam preparation for the end of year examinations.

YR 8 INTEGRATED

The Year 8 students are looking at sustainable practices they can do at home and school. Alternative cooking methods including researching traditional food preparation, and storage as well as several outdoor cooking activities. Students will prepare and cook a 'Mystery box' outdoor meal using vegetables they are growing in their 'Mini Greenhouses'.

SENIOR PRACTICE EXAMS

WEEK 3: 25 October - 29 October

The Minister of Education has announced that students in Auckland, Waikato and Northland will be able to receive an 'Unexpected Event Grade' for end of year NCEA exams.

This recognises students in these regions were not able to return to class at the start of Term 4, when teachers and students are normally preparing for the end of year exams.

The Unexpected Event Grade process is similar to what happens every year for students whose attendance or performance in exams is affected by an illness or injury. During the year, teachers gather evidence of students' learning and send grades to NZQA. These grades have undergone a quality assurance process to make sure they are fair and relate to the standard being assessed.

Where possible, students will be expected to attend exams. However, for students in Auckland, Waikato or Northland, NZQA will calculate a student's final grade based on whichever is higher – the grade supplied by the school, or the grade earned in the exam. If the student did not sit the exam, they receive the grade supplied by the school.

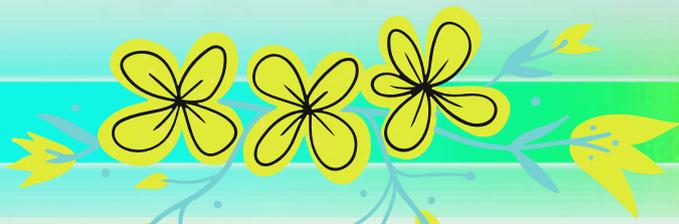
While this process only applies in Auckland, Waikato or Northland, other students who are unable to attend an exam (or are unable to perform their best) due to reasons beyond their control may be eligible for a Derived Grade.

We understand that students and whānau will be concerned about the safety of students sitting exams. The well-being of students is NZQA's top priority, as well. We are working with schools on measures that align with public health guidance.

WHANGAROA COLLEGE PROCESS:

During next week, senior students will undergo practice exams for the standards they entered in for the external exams.

- All exams will be conducted under the same conditions as the external exams.
- Social distancing protocols will be followed.
- It is important that students treat these exams in the same manner as the external exams. The above processes will be put in place if a student is affected by Covid-19 or there are any changes to Covid-19 Alert Levels in our region.



STUDENTS of the WEEK

Week 1 / 2 KAUPAPA: LIVING THE DREAM WITH COVID-19

Alana-Joe Metekingi
Anahera Tumoana
Ataahua Manuel
Atawhai Hansen
Kasey Leota
Dawn Epiha
Isaac Thompson

Role modelling the new rules.
Being at school one day and getting the rules right - no fuss.
Consistently following the Covid-19 rules at school.
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Accepting when she is wrong with a smile and an apology.
Consistently following the Covid-19 rules at school and enthusiasm in Integrated Studies. Doing what needs to be done without hesitation and owning his learning in Integrated Studies.

Isla Hori
Jayden Paul
Kaedy Murray

Always first in the room role modelling the new rules.
Consistently following the Covid-19 rules around the school.
Acknowledging the rules of the corridor and accepting the wrath of Ms Davidson. Consistently following the Covid-19 rules around the school.

Kaira King
Kasey Leota
Kobe Hills
Linka Bruce

Making sure we hand sanitise our hands before entering class.
Reminding the teacher about social distancing in the classroom.
Consistent in following the new rules at school.
Being the helpful reminder to always sanitise on the way into class.

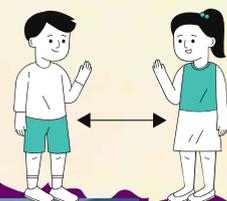
Manaakitia Rapata
Polly Stewart

Being chill about the new rules and getting on with it.
Always ensuring everyone in our Year Group has sanitized their hands.

Zarndy Sweetapple

Consistently following the Covid-19 rules at school and enthusiasm in Integrated Studies.

WHANAU OF THE TERM



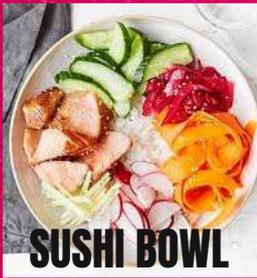
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Congratulations

School Lunch Menu

Week 3

MONDAY 01/11



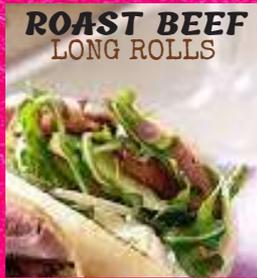
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TUESDAY 02/11



PASTA SALAD

WEDNESDAY 03/11



ROAST BEEF LONG ROLLS

THURSDAY 04/11



VIETNAMESE NOODLE SALAD

FRIDAY 05/11



CHICKEN TENDER WRAPS

Week 4

MONDAY 08/11



TUNA PASTA SALAD

TUESDAY 09/11



WRAPS

WEDNESDAY 10/11



HAWAIIAN PIZZA

THURSDAY 12/11



CHICKEN DRUMSTICKS with Potato & Green Bean salad

FRIDAY 13/11



Pulled Pork SLIDERS

REMINDERS

SENIOR PRACTICE EXAMS

Week 3: 05/11 - 09/11

Room 11 - 9:30am - 12:30 pm

All students are reminded to stay away from this area during the exam times.

Those students in Rm 8/9/10 need to be quiet when transitioning between classes and break time.

STUDENT WELLBEING

If your child is sick, please keep them home. If a student is unwell at school, they will be isolated in the school office and all attempts will be made to contact home to collect your child.

SCHOOL VISITORS

ALL visitors to the school need to report to the office in Rm 18. You will need to sign in. Due to our protocols, there is to be no one walking around the school. The office will be able to assist you with your requests, including finding students.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 3

01 November - 05 November
Senior Practice Exams

WEEK 4

08 November - 12 November

Due to the current circumstances, activities and events will be updated as the term progresses.

WEEK 5

15 November - 19 November

KEEP INFORMED



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WEBSITE

<https://www.whangaroacollege.school.nz>



SCHOOL:

<https://goo.gl/zJGZWw>

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