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TE KARERE O TE KURA TUARUA O WHANGAROA

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From the Principal's desk

E mihi ana ki a koutou katoa e te whānau me ngā mihi nui o te tau hou

I trust everyone enjoyed the holiday season and spent quality time with friends and whānau. I know our students are always keen to return to school following the summer holidays. Hopefully, they found some time to reflect on how they can take advantage of the many opportunities available at Whangaroa College, and also on the amount of work that will be required from them to meet with educational success. I know whānau want what is best for their tamariki and your continued support in this space is gratefully appreciated. For children to be really successful at school, it requires a shared responsibility between the school, the whānau and the child. Therefore, I encourage and welcome all whānau to connect with the school to inquire about your child's progress as we all work our way through the year. Please contact the main office on 09 405 0199 and make an appointment to discuss your child's progress.

Welcome to all our new students, whānau and teachers. It is a great pleasure to have you all join our Whangaroa College community. It was great to meet so many new whānau and have a good kōrero at our pōwhiri. This year we welcome two new teachers, Kiritopa Allen and Laura Barclay who are valuable members of our staff. You will read about them in more detail later in this newsletter. I also want to welcome back all our returning staff and students and I look forward to catching up with you all throughout the year.

Learning time in school should be protected and valued and making the most of the learning opportunities is paramount. No doubt you would have heard of the current government's decision to ban cell phones in all schools. Like all other schools throughout the country, Whangaroa College will adhere to the cellphone ban. Details of the cellphone ban can be found on our facebook page, website and also on SchoolDocs that can be accessed through the school website. Please remind your children of the cellphone ban and encourage them to either leave their cellphone at home, or hand it in to the main office when they arrive at school.

There are many activities and events on offer at the college and I encourage all students to make the most of these opportunities. I also encourage friends and whānau to support the college in any areas you can. We are always looking for volunteers to help in our breakfast club, and as coaches and managers for our sports teams. If you are keen and able to support, then please get in touch with the main office.

I look forward to catching up with you all as the year progresses. As mentioned before, there is a lot on offer, so keep an eye out for these newsletters and our other communication streams.

Ngā mihi
Jack Anderson

Welcome! LAURA BARCLAY

My name is Laura Barclay, I am primarily teaching Sustainability to Years 7 - 10 and overseeing Senior Science. I come from a Commerce background having taught this previously and worked in the corporate environment. My (soon-to-be) husband and I recently moved to beautiful Northland to be closer to our family.

Already I have felt welcomed by staff, students and whānau at Whangaroa College and I'm looking forward to getting to know the community of Whangaroa College even more in the coming year.

Ngā Mihi

Laura Barclay

KIRITOPA ALLEN

Ko Kiritopa Allen tōku ingoa, he uri au nō Taiāmai ki te marangai. Kia ora my name is Matua Kiritopa and I am a beginning teacher from Ohaeawai.

This year I will be teaching te reo Māori and Social Sciences for our junior students. I am looking forward to entering into journeys with our students, inspiring passion for learning, so our ākonga may live out their life potential.

E te whānau o Whangaroa, e kore e mutu ngā mihi aroha ki a koutou. Mauri ora.

Kiritopa Allen





NZ SCHOOLS CELL PHONE BAN

In line with the current government's decision to ban cell phones in schools, Whangaroa College will introduce the cell phone ban at the beginning of the school academic year beginning on the 5th February 2024.

Cell phones are not permitted to be used by students throughout the day.

Parents can contact students via the main office.

Students can use the phone in the main office to contact parents in an emergency.

Exceptions for students with medical conditions or special circumstances will be permitted.

For an exception to the cell phone ban please phone the main office on 09 4050 199 and make an appointment to discuss your request with the principal.

CELL PHONE BAN PROCEDURE

- If you arrive at school with a cell phone you must hand the cell phone to office staff in the main office as soon as you arrive at school.
- Office staff will place the cell phone in a secure area.
- Cell Phones must be turned off when they are handed into the main office.
- All cell phones handed into the office will be returned at the end of the day from the office.
- Only the person who handed the cell phone to office staff will be allowed to retrieve the cell phone from the office.
- Do not ask any other student to pick up your cell phone.

BREACHING THE CELL PHONE BAN

- Any student who is caught with a cell phone at school during the school day or on any school activity will have their cell phone confiscated and it will be placed in the main office or secured by the teacher in charge of the activity. Your parents/caregivers will be contacted by the DSE and informed that you are in breach of the cell phone ban and your cell phone has been confiscated. The DSE will keep a record of all incidents.
- If you are caught a second time, the cell phone will be confiscated and only your parents/caregivers can pick up the cell phone from the school.
- If you are caught for a third time in breach of the cell phone ban then the normal school discipline process may be followed for continual defiance.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

BEFORE 8:45 AM

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL IN INCORRECT UNIFORM

AFTER 8:45 AM

As soon as you arrive at school, you will need to go straight to the uniform office where you will need to SWAP your incorrect item for the correct item of clothing. This will then need to be swapped back at the end of the day. This will be recorded on KAMAR.

You will need to go to the office to sign in and get a Uniform Pass. This will be recorded on KAMAR.

The DSE will monitor how many times a student is needing to make SWAPS and contact the parents as appropriate to offer support.

- When your parents have received 3 texts, then your whānau cluster teacher will call home to discuss the support that you may need to arrive in the correct uniform. This will be recorded in KAMAR.
- If you have a note from home, you will be issued a uniform pass by the DSE before school starts.
- The uniform SWAP will close as soon as the bell goes at 8:45. There will be NO students walking around school- ALL students will need to be in whānau classes.
- Whānau teachers will make a note of who is not in the correct uniform and email Sue, who will then send a text out to each student's parent. The Whānau teacher will record this in KAMAR.
- Three calls home and a call from the whanau teacher will notify the DSE who will contact the parent regarding uniform concerns. This will be recorded in KAMAR.

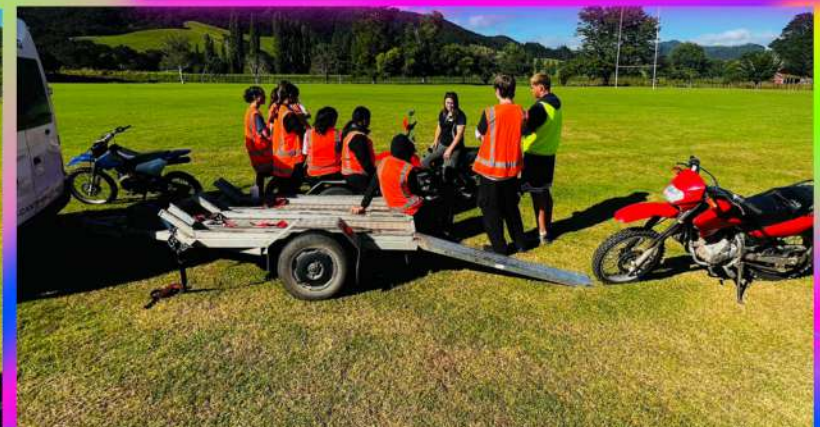
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SENIOR COURSES

Some of our senior students started their learning early this year. A Motorcycle Handling course and First Aid course were on offer. Staff and students participated in the First Aid course, learning how to deal with and provide support for medical issues.

The Motorcycle Handling course saw students gaining confidence in operating and riding bikes. Over the two-day course, it was not surprising to see the students zipping around the school field and having fun. We are happy to report that no First Aid support was needed during this event.



VISITORS

All visitors to Whangaroa College need to sign in at the school office. You will be given a visitors tag or the office person will retrieve the person/s who you are needing to see.

HEALTHY FOODS

High sugary foods and drinks are not permitted at school. We have plenty of fruit and snacks available for students during break times. Students are also supplied with healthy lunches that are prepared by our canteen staff.

2024 TERM DATES

Term 1: 30 January - 12 April

Term 2: 29 April - 05 July

Term 3: 22 July - 27 September

Term 4: 14 October - 13 December

STATUTORY HOLIDAYS 2024

Anniversary Day - Monday, 29 January

Waitangi Day - Tuesday, 06 February

Good Friday - Friday, 29 March

Easter Monday - Monday, 1 April

Anzac Day - Thursday, 25 April

King's Birthday - Monday, 03 June

Matariki - Friday, 28 June

Labour Day - Monday, 28 October



WHĀNAU FOCUS GROUP

If you are interested in supporting the school and students as a parent or caregiver, please consider joining our Whānau Focus group. In the past, the Whānau Focus group has helped with our breakfast club for the students each morning, as well as with various activities and fundraising initiatives. Please contact Leanne Donaldson on 09 4050199 ext 206.



BREAKFAST CLUB

The school's Breakfast Club will start next week. Milo and weetbix are available. Students are reminded to sort any uniform issues before attending the breakfast club.



R. TUCKER THOMPSON Sailing



The R. Tucker Thompson hosts and supplies students with sponsors (if needed), to participate in their week-long voyages. Our students have enjoyed the challenges and new skills learned at sea. They navigate the ship, go hiking, swimming, diving and are challenged to walk the mast! They also work on their social skills by meeting new people and making new friends.

If you are keen to apply for future voyages, talk to Mrs Donaldson for further information.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The Public Health nurse is available for all students. See the office for appointment times. Sanitary products are available throughout the school.



UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 3

12 FEBRUARY - 16 FEBRUARY

Monday 11:
Tuesday 12:
Wednesday 13:
Thursday 14:
Friday 15:

WEEK 4

19 FEBRUARY - 23 FEBRUARY

Monday 19:
Tuesday 20: Gateway course
Wednesday 21:
Thursday 22:
Friday 23: School Swimming Sports Meet the Teacher

WEEK 5

26 FEBRUARY - 01 MARCH

Monday 26:
Tuesday 27: Gateway course
Wednesday 28:
Thursday 29:
Friday 01: School Athletics Day

KEEP INFORMED



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APPS



COMING SOON