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# TE KARERE O TE KURA TUARUA O WHANGAROA

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## From the Principal's desk

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whānau

Welcome back to all our returning students, and to all our new whānau who have joined Whangaroa College this year. We are also delighted to have Jess Williams become a member of our staff. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to them all.

In 2024, five out of the seven Year 13 students who completed the school year achieved University Entrance. We are very pleased with their success and how well they performed during their time at Whangaroa College. We wish those students well, who are heading off to university in 2025, with their continuing studies. At our end-of-year prize giving, Kobe Hills received a well-deserved award recognizing his entire college career without any behaviour issues or concerns. This demonstrates his commitment to making the most of his opportunities and being an outstanding role model for his fellow students. I congratulate Kobe, all the students who achieved University Entrance, and all those who completed their final year of schooling here at Whangaroa College.

This year, we are placing a special emphasis on ensuring all students attend school as often as possible, arrive at all classes on time, and stay for the entire duration of each class. To encourage this, we have introduced the following incentives:

- All students with an attendance rate of 85% or more for the year will be entered into a draw to win a \$500 grocery voucher for their whānau.
- All students with an attendance rate of 85% or more for each term will be invited to a special lunch at the end of the term.
- Awards will be given for the student with the best attendance each term and at the end of the year, as well as awards for the most improved attendance.

We would greatly appreciate your support in making this attendance initiative a success.

We all look forward to another successful year at Whangaroa College. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Jack Anderson

Principal

## Welcome Whaea Jessica Williams



*Ko Whakarārā te maunga,  
Ko Wairere rāua ko Waiwhao ngā awa,  
Ko Te Kiripaka te whenua,  
Ko Te Ngaere te marae,  
Ko Ngāi Tupango te hapu,  
Ko Ngā Puhī te iwi,  
Ko Mātaatua te waka.  
Ko Jessica Williams tōku ingoa.*

He uri ahau nō Whangaroa. I moved home to Kāeo eight years ago to reconnect with my whānau and whenua. For the past seven years, I have been teaching at Te Kura o Hato Hōhepa Te Kāmura, supporting ākonga in their learning and growth. With years of teaching experience, I am excited to join the staff and students at Whangaroa College and look forward to being part of this wonderful school community.

## Congratulations! 2024 Year 13

Congratulations to the 2024 Year 13 graduates. Four of the graduates have secured their places at their chosen tertiary institutes of study.

### Andre-Jean De Burchgraeve

Auckland University: Tertiary Foundation Certificate, after which he plans to study for a Bachelor of Law.

### Jonah Thompson

Waikato University: Bachelor of Sport and Human Performance.

### Kayleigh Stewart

Waikato University: Bachelor of Business, majoring in Accounting.

### Kobe Hills

Victoria University of Wellington: Bachelor of Science, majoring in Geography.





# GENERAL INFORMATION

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school uniform is looking good at present, and we will endeavor to maintain this high standard throughout the year. However, situations arise beyond whānau control, and students will arrive at school in mufti items. As soon as these students arrive at school in the morning, they will need to head to the uniform room and exchange items with freshly laundered items. These must be worn at all times during the day. Students will need to exchange the borrowed items before they leave for the day.

This is also a reminder that our uniform consists of the following:



**Plain white collared polo shirt Plain black pullover, pants, skirt, shorts. Plain black shoes. Sandals with heel straps.**

## ABSENCES/ LATENESS

If students are absent from school, please contact the office to let them know as soon as possible.

Students who are late to school will need to sign in at the office and receive a late pass. This is an important process, as it will also mean that the student will be listed for lunches that day.

## ACCESS TO KAEO SHOPS

Students will not have access to the local shops during school hours without parental permission and transport. The local businesses are in full support of this and we thank them for their co-operation.

## 2025 STAFF

### Principal:

Jack Anderson

### Director of Operations

Wendy Sutherland

### Director of Student Engagement

Joe Tua

### Director of Learning:

Raewyn Cairns-Cowan

### Director of Student Wellbeing

Ben O'Donnell

### SENCO:

Abby O'Donnell

### WHĀNAU STAFF

**KAURI:** Y7-10 - Kiritopa Allen  
**MATAI:** Y7-8: Jess Williams  
**MIRO:** Y7/8: LeeAnn Samuels  
**TAWA:** Y7-9: Robyn Grey

**Y11-13:** Stacie Tumoana  
**Y9-10:** Wendy Sutherland  
**Y9/10:** Raewyn Cairns-Cowan  
**Y10-13:** Abby O'Donnell

**Y11-13:** Nikita Williams  
**Y11-13:** Ben O'Donnell

### TEACHING STAFF

**Kiritopa Allen:** Y7-9 Te Reo Māori, Y7-10 Socials, Senior NZ Histories  
**Raewyn Cairns-Cowan:** Senior Literacy, Senior Science  
**Robyn Grey:** Y9-10 Technology, Y10 Creative, Senior Design, Senior Service, Senior Creative.  
**Abby O'Donnell:** Y10 English, Senior Creative, Senior Literacy  
**Ben O'Donnell:** Senior Mathematics, Senior Socials  
**LeeAnn Samuels:** Y7 English, Mathematics, Y7-9 Socials, Y7-9 Creative  
**Wendy Sutherland:** Y8-9 English  
**Joe Tua:** Y8-10 Health, Senior Gateway, Senior Services, Senior Socials  
**Stacie Tumoana:** Y9/10 Te Reo Māori, Senior Te Reo Māori  
**Jess Williams:** Y7-10 PE, Y7-9 Technology, Y10 English, Senior Science  
**Nikita Williams:** Y8-10 Mathematics, Senior Numeracy



## 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 Ben O'Donnell for further information.

## 2025 TERM DATES

**Term 1:** 28 January - 11 April  
**Term 2:** 28 April - 27 June  
**Term 3:** 14 July - 19 September  
**Term 4:** 06 October - 11 December

## STATUTORY HOLIDAYS 2025

**Anniversary Day** - Monday, 29 January  
**Waitangi Day** - Thursday, 06 February  
**Good Friday** - Friday, 18 April  
**Easter Monday** - Monday, 21 April  
**Anzac Day** - Friday, 25 April  
**King's Birthday** - Monday, 02 June  
**Matariki** - Friday, 20 June  
**Labour Day** - Monday, 27 October



## 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.

## 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.

## BELL TIMES

WHĀNAU	8:45 - 8:55
1	8:55 - 9:55
2	9:55 - 10:55
BREAK	10:55 - 11:20
3	11:20 - 12:20
4	12:20 - 1:20
LUNCH	1:20 - 2:10
5	2:10 - 3:10



## BREAKFAST CLUB



The school's Breakfast Club has started again. Milo and weetbix are available. Students are reminded to sort any uniform issues before attending the breakfast club. We would like to thank Grant and Nancy Lane for their ongoing support in this area.



# PŌHIRI





# KĀHUI AKO INDUCTION

## MEET & GREET

WHANGAROA COLLEGE  
MATAURI BAY SCHOOL





GETTING  
BACK INTO  
LEARNING

*Junior Tech*  
**WORKSHOP**



**SENIOR** *FIRST AID*





# TERM 1, 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	27  <b>ANNIVERSARY DAY</b>	28	29	30	31
		<b>TEACHER ONLY DAYS</b>		<b>SENIOR/STAFF COURSES</b>	
1	3 48-13 START	4	5	6  <b>WAITANGI DAY</b>	7
2	10  <b>PŌHIRI</b>	11	12	13	14  VALENTINES DAY
3	17	18	19 <b>KĀHUI INDUCTION</b>	20	21
4	24	25	26	27	28
5	3	4	5  <b>ATHLETICS</b>	6 <b>ATHLETE TALK ASSEMBLY</b>	7
6	10	11	12 	13	14 <b>SENIOR TOUCH</b>
		<b>SENIOR DIVING COURSE</b>			
7	17	18	19 <b>NORTHLAND ATHLETICS</b>	20	21
		 <b>LEARNERS LICENCE</b>			
8	24	25	26 <b>Y7/8 STAND-UP PADDLE BOARDING</b>	27	28  <b>SWIMMING</b>
9	31  APRIL'S FOOLS	1 <b>VACCINATIONS</b>	2 <b>WAI FENCING COURSE</b>	3 <b>Y9-13 STAND-UP PADDLE BOARDING</b>	4 <b>SENIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL</b>
10	7	8	9 <b>ADVENTURE COURSE</b>	10 <b>NORTHLAND SWIMMING</b>	11 <b>END OF TERM 1</b>
			<b>NO INTERNET</b>		



# NOTICES

## JUNIOR ASSEMBLY



## HEAD LICE

There have been a few cases of head lice being identified at school. The office does have a limited supply of treatments for students and whānau. It is important for whānau to check their children as head lice can spread in a communal setting such as a school. We will be in contact with the public health nurse to help support whānau who need help with this issue.

## YEAR 7 & 8 IMMUNISATIONS

As part of the National Immunisation Schedule, students will be offered the following vaccinations at the end of Term One:

Year 7 students are offered Boostrix, to protect against tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough.

Year 8 students are offered Gardasil 9, a vaccine that offers protection against most cancers caused by HPV.

This week, all Year 7 and 8 students will be given information and a form to take home, complete and return to school.

Please return this to school even if you choose NOT to have your child vaccinated. This prevents any confusion, as we know the form has been seen by a parent or guardian.

## JUNIOR TECHNOLOGY

All students who have Food Technology and Hard Materials classes need to wear covered shoes during these lessons. Students may also bring a mufti shirt for the workshop but must change back into their school polo before leaving the class.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WEEK 5

03 MARCH - 08 MARCH

Monday 03:  
Tuesday 04:  
Wednesday 05: School Athletics Day  
Thursday 06: Olympic athlete talk assembly  
Friday 08:

### WEEK 6

10 MARCH - 14 MARCH

Monday 10: Senior dive course: 10-14/03  
Tuesday 11:  
Wednesday 12:  
Thursday 23: Senior Touch tournament  
Friday 14:

### WEEK 7

17 MARCH - 21 MARCH

Monday 17:  
Tuesday 18:  
Wednesday 19: Northland Athletics  
Thursday 20:  
Friday 21:

**KEEP  
INFORMED**



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APPS



COMING SOON