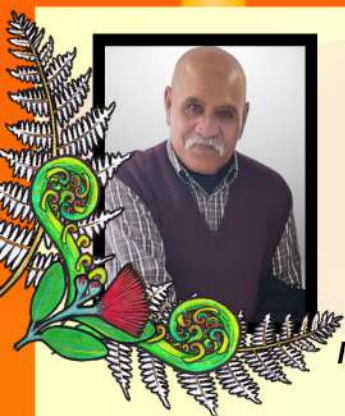




11 DECEMBER 2025

TE KARERE O TE KURA TUARUA O WHANGAROA

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*From the
Principal's desk*

Matua Hone Tua

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whānau

Ka timata ahau i tēnei mihi i runga i te tino pouri i a matou e mihi ana ki te mate ara to matou Kaumatua tino rongonui, a Hone Tua.

We begin this final message with a deep sense of sadness as we formally acknowledge the recent passing of our highly respected Kaumātua, Hone Tua.

Hone was a constant, guiding presence in our school community for many years. His wisdom, grace, and commitment to tikanga enriched the lives of countless students and staff. He played an instrumental role in guiding our cultural journey and fostering a strong sense of belonging at Whangaroa College. We extend our deepest sympathies to whaea Mereana, his whānau and friends. Hone's legacy will endure, and he will be greatly missed by us all. E moe, e moe, e moe.

Our students have truly excelled across a diverse range of activities this year. In sports, we've seen fantastic participation and remarkable achievements across codes, celebrating teamwork and individual prowess. On the cultural front, student talent has shone brightly, from inspiring performances to vibrant cultural exchanges. Inside the classroom, the dedication to learning has been clear. We are pleased to report a steady and solid year of academic progress. Our students have done well, reflecting the hard work put in by both learners and our dedicated teaching staff.

To our graduating Year 13 students: the time has come to say farewell as you embark on the next chapter of your lives.

Whether you are heading off to university to pursue higher education, entering the world of employment, or taking a different pathway, we are incredibly proud of the young adults you have become. You leave Whangaroa College prepared with the knowledge, skills, and resilience to make your mark on the world.

Remember the values and lessons you learned here, and approach every challenge with confidence and courage. We wish you all the very best for a future filled with success and happiness. Go well!

As the year closes, we take a moment to acknowledge and express our deepest gratitude to several valued staff members who will be moving on. Their commitment and contributions to the Whangaroa College community have been immense, and we wish them all the very best in their future endeavors. They leave behind a lasting legacy.

We are equally excited to welcome new staff members to the college for 2026. They bring fresh perspectives and energy, and we look forward to introducing them to you early next year.

As you may know, New Zealand is embarking on the introduction of a significant new national curriculum. While change can be challenging at first, we see this as an opportunity to refresh and invigorate our teaching and learning programs. I am confident that our outstanding staff, supportive community, and adaptable students will navigate these upcoming changes with professionalism and enthusiasm. We are committed to ensuring a smooth transition that continues to provide the best educational outcomes for all our students.

Thank you to everyone – students, staff, and parents – for your hard work, dedication, and support throughout 2025. Please have a safe and restful holiday break. We look forward to seeing you all for an exciting start to 2026!

Jack Anderson
Principal



Rainbow's End



Post-Stratosphere!
Uneasy feeling commences!



Sharlie trying to get her
Go-Kart to move.



TICKET



Raina after causing chaos
on the Go-Kart track. The
smirk says it all!



Getting air time!



Todd enjoying a student-
free escape ride on the Log
Flume.



After a very early start, our Year 9/10 group set off for a fun-filled day at Rainbow's End. The excitement to try every ride was met with a touch of regret when the Stratosphere wasn't the only thing doing a 360 — so were their stomachs! However, this did not stop them from riding as many attractions as possible and sharing their experiences as they passed each other on the way to the next adventure.

The day finished with a quick trip to Manukau Mall for some shopping and dinner for those whose stomachs had finally settled. A long journey home followed, where students continued to share their adventures with their awaiting whānau before finally looking forward to a well-earned rest.



Q: Whose screaming
at the top of the
Stratosphere could
be heard all over the
park and involved
yelling at Ms Grey
that this may have
been a mistake?





WAKA AMA



Give it a go day!



Sport Northland provided our students with the opportunity to experience Waka Ama at beautiful Lake Manuwai. It was a fantastic morning of learning about waka ama, including safety protocols and practical paddling skills.

Students worked together in unison to manoeuvre around the lake and were surprised at how quickly they could move when everyone coordinated their efforts.

We would like to thank everyone involved in making this event possible and for igniting a spark in some of our students to pursue further opportunities in waka ama.



The year that was....



2025



TERM 4 ATTENDANCE AWARDS

TOP ATTENDANCE FOR TERM 4

Bella Cansicio
Lily Davis
Nick Marino
Tracey Porowini
John Rudolph
Kauri Rush-Rudolph
Korrah Waru
EJ Fryer
Mita Hunt
Rihari Kemp-Bruce
Floyd Pilcher
Denzel Smith
Kasey-J Fryer



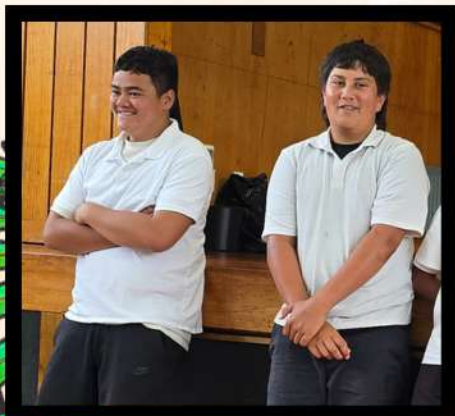
Kauri Hansen
Hunter Harris
Raina Hills
Neveah Hunt
Jemma-Leigh Murphy-Moka
Joe Rudolph
Taylor Waru
Isaachar Williams
Whaiao Williams
TeRuki Wood-Wikaira
Izzy Marino
Layana-Lee Porowini
Dan Williams



100% ATTENDANCE



Whaiao Williams receiving the WHC letterman jacket for 100% attendance in 2025.



Until our paths meet again...

This year we farewell several staff members and our Year 13 students. As they embark on their new journey, the Whangaroa College community wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

*'Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe
me he mauanga teitei'*

KIRITOPA ALLEN



TEACHER
*South Otago
High School*

Trading the northern heat
for the southern chill.

HONE HETA



TEACHER
Retirement

Relieving

SCHOOL GROUNDSMAN
Retirement

Spending time with his
moko and gardening.

JESS WILLIAMS



SERENA FRYER



YEAR 13 STUDENT
Massey University

Bachelor of Business

YEAR 13 STUDENT
Workforce

MAX MOLETA



2026 JOB VACANCIES

TEACHER AIDE

Fixed-term position for the 2026 school year (February 2 – December 11, 2026).
30 hours per week, term times only.

We are seeking a teacher aide for a one-year project to work with a targeted group of Year 9 and 10 students to improve foundational reading and writing skills with the aim of advancing skills by 5 levels by year's end. Evidence-based programmes already developed will be used in part to assist with this process. Quarterly reporting to the Board will highlight progress being made.

Please send covering letter and CV, including references to Nancy Lane, nl@whc.school.nz

Enquiries via email or phone (09) 4050199.
Applications close **December 16**, 2025, at noon.

TEACHER AIDE

Fixed-term position for the 2026 school year (February 2 – December 11, 2026).
30 hours per week, term times only.

We are seeking a teacher aide for a one-year project to work one-on-one with small groups of senior students to increase numeracy and literacy foundations using the SPEC programme with the aim of supporting students to develop the necessary skills to achieve NCEA Levels One and Two. Quarterly reporting to the Board will highlight progress being made.

Please send covering letter and CV, including references to Nancy Lane, nl@whc.school.nz

Enquiries via email or phone (09) 4050199.
Applications close **December 16**, 2025 at noon.

WHANGAROA COLLEGE CARETAKER

Permanent position, 40 hours a week

We seek a person to be part of the school team who will work to keep the College safe, clean and well-maintained as outlined in the job description.

Start date will be the beginning of the 2026 school year- exact date to be negotiated.
A house on school grounds may be available.

Please send CV and covering letter including referees who can be contacted on your behalf to nl@whc.school.nz. Phone (09) 405 0199.

Applications close **December 16** at noon.



2026 START DATES

TERM 1: 02 FEBRUARY – 02 APRIL

Monday 26 January	Anniversary Day
Tuesday 27 January	School Office opens
Wednesday 28 January	
Thursday 29 January	Teacher Only Day
Friday 30 January	Teacher Only Day
Monday 02 February	Pōhiri – Term 1 begins
Tuesday 03 February	
Wednesday 04 February	
Thursday 05 February	
Friday 06 February	Waitangi Day



*Whangaroa College
wishes you all a safe and
happy holiday!*

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