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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,

It has been a steady and purposeful start to the year at Whangaroa College. Starting our term before Waitangi Day allowed us to find our rhythm early, and I have been incredibly pleased to see so many students returning with such focus and enthusiasm for their educational journeys.

Welcoming New Faces

We officially opened our year with a pōhiri to welcome our new students and staff. It is always a highlight to see our community grow, and we are delighted to have these new members join the Whangaroa College whānau. We look forward to the unique talents and perspectives they bring to our school.

Reflecting on Academic Achievement

Our 2025 NCEA results have given us much to celebrate, alongside some clear goals for improvement:

- Level 2 & Level 3: These results were very pleasing, reflecting the tremendous hard work and dedication of both our students and our staff.
- Level 1 Focus: Our Level 1 results are not yet where we want them to be. This was primarily due to students finding the Literacy and Numeracy CAAs (Common Assessment Activities) challenging.

Our Commitment for 2026:

We are determined to see an exponential increase in our Level 1 results this year. To achieve this, we are strengthening the delivery of literacy and numeracy across all subjects. We are also focused on building the confidence and resilience our students need to tackle these assessments head-on.

How you can help at home: Whānau support is vital.

You can boost your child's progress by:

- Encouraging them to read widely and often.
- Involving them in household budgeting.
- Finding everyday moments to apply mathematical concepts.

Attendance: The Road to 92%

While we saw a significant increase in attendance throughout 2025 compared to 2024, there is still work to do. Attendance is the foundation of student success; they have to be here to learn.

To keep the momentum going, we will continue our **attendance incentives** throughout 2026. Our school-wide target is **92% attendance** for every child. We appreciate your support in ensuring your tamariki are at school every day possible.

We are looking forward to a successful and vibrant year. I invite you all to be a part of our journey, share in our students' successes, and get involved in the many activities we have on offer.

I look forward to seeing you all throughout the year.

Ngā mihi nui,
Jack Anderson Principal

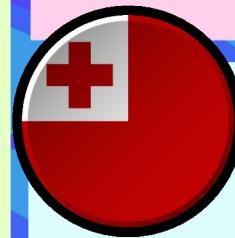
Welcome!

Rosemary CHAKKUNNY



Kia ora, my name is Rosemary Kannampuzha Chakkunny. I am originally from the southern part of India, where I completed all my earlier studies, specialising in Chemistry. I have recently completed a Master of Teaching and Learning (Secondary) at the University of Waikato.

At Whangaroa College, I teach Mathematics and Science to both junior and senior students. I truly enjoy working with students and supporting them to grow in confidence, curiosity, and understanding. I value creating a positive, inclusive classroom where learners feel encouraged and supported, and I look forward to continuing to learn and work alongside our students, staff, and wider school community.



CHRISTIAN PAEA

SCHOOL CARETAKER

Malo e lelei, My name is Christian Paea. I am of Tongan descent and also am from South Auckland. I went to school at Wesley College in Pukekohe. I was previously employed as the groundsman at Te Kura o Hato Hōhepa Te Kāmura in Waitaruke.



ATTENDANCE REWARDS

Students who achieved the top attendance in 2025 received their Letterman jackets. These jackets are able to be worn as part of the school uniform.

Bella Cansicio, Lily Davis, Raina Hills, Kaysey-J Fryer, Jemma-Leigh Murphy-Moka with Mr Jack Anderson.



PŌHIRI



WEEK 2 Assembly



YEAR 7 AND 8 STUDENT IMMUNISATIONS

WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH

All Year 7 and 8 students will be bringing a vaccination consent form home on Monday or Tuesday. Whether you choose to have your child vaccinated or not, it is important to complete the form and send it back to the school office.

Year 7 are due to have HPV/Tetanus, /Diphtheria and Whooping Cough.

Year 8 are due to have the HPV vaccination. Here is a video link for more information about school immunisation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CdhjoWhDpLA&t=2s>

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Connolly, Public Health Nurse, phone 0212214006 or email Margaret.connolly@tewhatauora.govt.nz

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Uniform items are available in Matua Joe's office if needed. You will need to see him before the first bell. The uniform monitors will exchange these items before the last bell.

A reminder that hoodies, crocs, labeled clothing and gumboots are not a part of our uniform.

BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club is open every day before school in the Whare Kai. Weetbix, toast and Milo are available for all students.

Grant Lane volunteers his time to ensure students are able to fill their bellies before class. Therefore, we ask students to respect this programme and practise our school values. This includes being respectful of the expectations in the room and using manners.

2026 TERM DATES

Term 1: 02 February - 03 April

Term 2: 20 April - 03 July

Term 3: 20 July - 25 September

Term 4: 12 October - 11 December

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 visitor's tag and the office person will retrieve the person/s who you are needing to see.

JOB VACANCY

TEACHER AIDE: Part-time Permanent

We require a teacher aide to support a high-needs student who is starting at the College. The position will initially be for 20 hours per week (term times only), but these hours may increase. Previous experience in supporting students with high needs would be helpful.

Start date to be negotiated.

To apply, please send a CV, a covering letter and the names of three referees who can be contacted on your behalf to nl@whc.school.nz or P O Box 126, Kaeo.

Applications close at noon on February 23, 2026.

Term 1 Calendar



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	16	17	18	19	20
4	23	24	25	26	27
5	March 02 WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY	03	04	KPS SPORTS WHC student support	06 
6	09	10	11 YR 7/8 IMMUNISATION	12	13 KPS SWIMMING SPORTS
7	16	17	18	19	20 WAIHAPA MARAE JUNIOR SCHOOL
8	23	24	25 DIVE COURSE MATAURI BAY	26	27 
9	30 WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY	31  Te Taia Tokerau Festival - Tokihi ki tua KAITATAI COLLEGE	April 01	02 END OF TERM 1	03 

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Subject to change due to availability

The school menu operates on a two week cycle.

MONDAY	SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE FRESH FRUIT	MEATBALL SUBS FRESH FRUIT
TUESDAY	CHICKEN, SPUDS, VEGES FRESH FRUIT	CHICKEN, SPUDS, VEGE FRESH FRUIT
WEDNESDAY	CHICKEN WRAP BROWNIE	NACHOS NUT TRAIL
THURSDAY	HAM CLUB SAMMIES MUESLI BAR	CHICKEN, EGG SAMMIES FRESH FRUIT
FRIDAY	BUTTER CHICKEN FRUIT CUP	HAM BURGERS FRESH FRUIT

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