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TE KARERE O TE KURA TUARUA O WHANGAROA

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Farewell HONE HETA



On Thursday, 21 November, the staff of Whangaroa College farewelled long-time caretaker, Hone Heta. After 20+ years of service, Hone finally laid down his leaf blower and hung up his keys. We wish him the best for his retirement.



As we come to the end of Term 4, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work, progress, and positive growth shown by our students across the school. This term has been full of determination, achievement and moments that remind us of the strength of our learning community.

Our junior students have demonstrated impressive commitment to improving their reading and writing. Many have made outstanding progress, with a significant number moving up at least two sub-levels in literacy. This achievement reflects their dedication as well as the strong support from teachers and whānau. Their growth has laid a solid foundation for continued success next year.

Our senior students have also shown focus and resilience as they work to complete their assessments and meet the literacy and numeracy requirements for NCEA. Their motivation to achieve these important milestones has been clear, and many are well on track to reach their goals.

In addition to academic progress, we have seen wonderful improvements in other key areas that support strong learning outcomes. Students are wearing our school uniform with pride, showing organisation in their daily routines, and demonstrating greater responsibility by attending school regularly and arriving punctually to class. These positive habits have had a noticeable impact on their engagement and success in learning. When our students take pride in themselves and their school, it strengthens both their confidence and their achievement.

I am incredibly proud of all our learners and the progress they have shown this term. Thank you to our dedicated staff and whānau for the ongoing support, encouragement and partnership that allow our students to thrive. We look forward to seeing you at the Whangaroa College prizegiving.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Matua Joe Tua
Director of Student Engagement

He waka eke noa – We are all in this together.
"To Wisdom With Honour."

LOCAL SUPPORT!

Our students had a busy week supporting Kāeo Primary School with their sporting events.



They helped with the organisation for Athletics Day, as well as marshalling and providing ongoing support for the cross-country event.



What better way to end the week than with a BBQ and a well-deserved dip in the pool!





Year 7/8

Water Safety

This term, our Year 7 and 8 students took part in Water Safety lessons with Little Dippers. The programme focused on building confidence in the water and teaching important skills such as floating, survival strokes, safe entry and exit techniques, and basic rescue methods.

Students also experienced real-life scenarios, including swimming in clothing, which helped them understand how to stay calm and make safe choices in unexpected situations.

A big thank you to the Little Dippers team for helping our students become safer, more confident swimmers.



2025 WHC PRIZEGIVING

Thursday, December 11th

10 am

Whangaroa College Hall

*All welcome to attend
and help us celebrate
our students
achievements and
success!*

PRIZEGIVING DRESS-CODE

As this is a formal event, ALL students must be in correct school uniform:

- Plain black pants or skirts – no logos or graphics
- Plain white polo top – no T-shirts
- Plain black shoes or heeled sandals – no Crocs or coloured shoes
- No hoodies or jackets are to be worn in the hall during Prizegiving

A limited set of uniform items is available from Matua Joe's office. These will need to be returned after Prizegiving.

PARENTS/COMMUNITY:

Whangaroa College is a smoke/vape-free area. There is to be no smoking/vaping on the school grounds.



UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 4: 06 OCTOBER - 11 DECEMBER

WEEK 9: 01 - 05 DECEMBER: NCEA EXAMS END

- Monday 01: Y9/10 Rainbow's End Trip
Tuesday 02: Reward Day - Cinema Trip
Wednesday 03:
Thursday 04: Waka Ama - Have a go day.
Friday 05: Y6 Transition Day - Whole day.

WEEK 10: 08 - 12 DECEMBER:

Monday 08:

Tuesday 09:

Wednesday 10:

Thursday 11: Prizegiving - 10am
End of school year.
Friday 12: Teacher Only Day.



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SMOKE/ VAPE/ ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

