



WHANGAPARAOA PENINSULA KĀHUI AKO

What can we do together to make a difference that we can't do as individual schools?



KEY PEOPLE

TERM 4 NEWSLETTER, 2019

HAUORA FOCUS FOR 2020

Our main focus for 2020 is **Hauora** - the wellbeing of our learners. We are working on a number of initiatives that will help our learners to be prepared for what they face as they transition through their education and beyond.

We are committing a significant proportion of our 2020 Kāhui Ako budget to working with Dr Lucy Hone and the New Zealand Institute of Wellbeing and Resilience (NZIWR) on improving the hauora (wellbeing) of our learners, staff and community. The focus will include a Staff Only Day, ongoing professional development for staff, a parent/community evening and other initiatives throughout the year. One initiative we are investigating is utilising a psychologist or counsellor to support learners with high needs. Specialist support is desperately needed in our schools but it is expensive. If you want to help us make this possibility a positive reality and would like to contribute financially, or assist with fundraising efforts to help young people in our community, please contact Aidan Richards at aidanri@wqpcollege.school.nz or Hillary Leslie at hillaryle@wqpcollege.school.nz.

During 2020, the Across School Team will continue to embed the work they have started on **Transitions** and will continue involvement in the **Community**. They will also continue to be involved in professional development for teachers across our schools and ECEs to ensure ongoing **Effective Teaching and Learning**.



Gulf Harbour School
Principal, Mel Crosbie



Stanmore Bay School
Principal, Matt Sides



Whangaparaoa College
Principal, James Thomas



Whangaparaoa School
Principal, Kevin Cronin



Leader of the Kāhui Ako:
Lisa White, Deputy Principal
Whangaparaoa College

ACROSS SCHOOL TEACHERS



Hillary Leslie,
Whangaparaoa College



Karen Holleron,
Gulf Harbour School



Aidan Richards,
Whangaparaoa College



Year 6/7 Teacher Exchange/Visits

During Term 4, our Across School Teachers have taken classes for some of our Year 6 and 7 teachers in our schools, so that they could visit each other's classrooms. The main purpose was for the teachers to understand the environment that learners would be coming from, and going to, in their transition to college. Feedback from teachers has been very positive and they say that they feel better prepared to assist their learners with the transition.

Kickstart Update

Across School Teachers have worked with the SenCos (Special Needs Co-ordinators) in each school to run a special Kickstart transition programme for approximately 40 learners. These learners have learning, behaviour, or other needs such as anxiety. Kickstart is a more comprehensive transition programme to ease them into college.

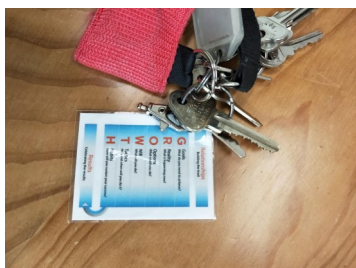
GROWTH COACHING—a reminder for teachers:



Coaching cards for your keyring, or bookmarks are available. If you would like these, please contact Karen Holleron, Hillary Leslie, Sam Unwin or Lisa White from the Across School Team.

Year 5 Visit to College

Learners reported that they start thinking about going to college when they are about halfway through Year 5. To give the learners a taste of college, the Across School Team were hoping to arrange visits for all Year 5 learners in our schools to college in Term 3. However, bad weather meant that the first trial event with Whangaparaoa School was postponed 3 times. During Term 4, the weather was much better and the Year 5 learners from Whangaparaoa School visited the college for a fun morning of activities including Adventure Based Learning, Robotics, Music, Maori games and Chemistry. We hope to run a similar morning for Year 5 learners from all of our schools in 2020. Click the link for feedback from the learners on the [Year 5 Taster Morning](#).





Kāhui Ako Vacancies

Across School Teacher - one year contract

A leadership opportunity has arisen within our Kāhui Ako for an Across School Teacher to join the Across School Team (\$16,000 p.a. allowance and 0.4 release). The successful applicant may have an interest, passion, ideas and commitment to any, or all, of the three key drivers of our Kāhui Ako - **Hauora; Transitions and Community; Effective Teaching**, but should be aware that the main focus for the team for 2020 is **Hauora**. Across School Teacher roles may include liaison with external agencies, facilitating PLD, creation and maintenance of a learner support register, fundraising, facilitation of resource sharing. In your application, please outline your passion, strengths and experience in these areas. Additionally, or alternatively, you may have **strengths or a passion in another area** which you believe would be of benefit to our Kāhui Ako. **Initial indications of interest by email or phone by Monday 9 December** to Lisa White - lisawh@wgpcollege.school.nz or 021 922 706. Lisa will then discuss the role further with you and provide information regarding the application process. **Applications will then be due by Monday Friday 13 December, 4.00 pm to ginnyca@wgpcollege.school.nz.**

Within School Teachers working across schools (2 positions) – one year contract

Two within school teacher roles with a \$8,000 allowance and 2 release periods are available. These two positions are extra roles allocated to our Kāhui Ako, but not allocated to a particular school. The principals have decided to appoint two people to these positions to join the Across School Team to work across our schools and ECEs on the 2020 Hauora focus for our community. **Initial indications of interest by email or phone by Monday 9 December** to Lisa White - lisawh@wgpcollege.school.nz or 021 922 706. Lisa will then discuss the role further with you and provide information regarding the application process. **Applications will then be due by Monday Friday 13 December, 4.00 pm to ginnyca@wgpcollege.school.nz.**


HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR STEPPING STONES WEBSITE?

Our Kāhui Ako Transitions team has created two stepping stones websites for our teachers and parents/learners in our community. It is to inform and support the transition of our children into ECE, on to primary school and then on to college. It includes resources for teachers, parents and learners to support these transitions. Check it out [HERE](#) for parents or here for [Educators](#).



Whangaparaoa

Stepping Stones

Kōhatu takahi



*Supporting Whangaparaoa Families
With Transitions to & Between
our Local Education Providers*

Find us at:
<https://sites.google.com/wgpcollege.school.nz/wgpsteppingstones/home>

WELCOME

Introducing Aidan Richards - Across School Teacher

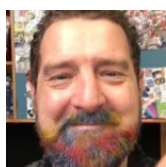


My name is Aidan Richards and I teach English at Whangaparaoa College. I am married with four kids and moved to the Whangaparaoa Peninsula at the start of the year and we love it here!

FAREWELL



Karen Holleron leaves us at end of January 2020 to take up a new position at Helensville School. Karen has been an Across School Teacher from Gulf Harbour School. We wish her the very best!



Sam Unwin also leaves us at end of January 2020 to take up a new role as Outreach Teacher at the Wilson Home. Sam has been a teacher at Whangaparaoa School, working in a Within School Teacher role, but as part of the Across School team. We also wish Sam all the best!



Thanks and ka kite anō from Lisa White - Leader of the Kāhui Ako



Kia ora. I am Lisa White and I have been Leader of the Kāhui Ako for the past three years. My contract finishes at the end of January 2020 and the principals will be advising the plan for leadership going forward in Term 1. I have greatly enjoyed my time in this role, working with a variety of teachers and leaders across our four schools and 17 early childhood centres. We have come a long way as a community of learning and it is awesome to hear learning conversations between teachers of different schools, to hear feedback on the GROWTH coaching skills that teachers are using, and to have received such great feedback on the work that the Across School Team have done to improve transitions for our learners from ECE to primary, and from primary to the college.

There are a few changes happening in the Across School Team for 2020. Sam Unwin, from Whangaparaoa School, is leaving us for a new role as an Outreach Teacher at the Wilson School on the North Shore. Karen Holleron, from Gulf Harbour School is leaving us for an Associate Principal position at Helensville School. Both Sam and Karen have put an awesome effort into improving transitions for the learners in our community. Congratulations to them both! We wish them all the very best in their new roles.

I am confident that the Kāhui Ako is in good hands with the four principals, and with Hillary Leslie and Aidan Richards. I am sure that the new appointees who join the team in 2020 will ensure a great pathway for improving Hauora, our next big focus, for the learners, staff and community in Whangaparaoa. Thank you to the principals for allowing me such an awesome opportunity for the past three years. I look forward to continuing to work with the teachers and learners in Whangaparaoa in my role as Deputy Principal at Whangaparaoa College. Ka kite anō!

Farewell Karen and Sam! And thanks for all the awesome work on Transitions!



***Kāhui Ako —What we can do better together ...
4 schools and 17 early childhood centres***