

Western Springs College

Nga Puna O Waiorea

Newsletter No 5 – 28th May 2012

Springs Calendar TERM TWO 2012

Week Six

May 28 – June 1

Monday 28 May

Intermediate Workshops

Senior Exam Study Day

Tuesday 29 May

9AE Arataki Visit

Tuesday 29 – Thursday 31 May

Senior Exams

Week Seven

June 5 – June 8

Monday 4 June

Queen's Birthday

Monday 4 – Tuesday 5 June

Yr 12 Geo Trip

Tuesday 5 – Friday 8 June

Open Week

Thursday 7 June

Yr 12 Careers Day

Week Eight

June 11 – June 15

Friday 15 June

Southern Skies Auction Night @
7.30pm

Week Nine

June 18 – June 22

Monday 18 June

Yr 12 Geography Trip

Week Ten

June 25 – June 29

Monday 25 June

Junior Parent Evening # 2

BOT Meeting 6pm at the Marae

Thursday 28 June

Pofiafia Night school hall @ 6pm

Friday 29 June

Trash to Fash

Message from the Principal:

Open Week, Tuesday 5 June – Friday 8 June

Parents are welcome to join the **Open Week tours** which leave from the hall foyer at 9.15am each morning next week from Tuesday onwards; the tour, which involves visiting lessons across all year levels and across all curriculum areas, finishes close to 11.00am. There will be an opportunity to talk informally with senior students and current parents in addition to senior managers and teachers.

The annual **Open Week Information Evening** is being held in the hall from 7.00-8.30pm on Tuesday evening. This meeting provides an opportunity to hear from the senior managers with time set aside for informal conversations.

Road Safety Improvement Works

Auckland Transport has notified its intention to commence work from tomorrow (29 May) on the installation of traffic control lights at the intersection of Great North and Motions Roads. We have been assured that vehicle and pedestrian access at the intersection will be maintained at all times during construction.

Another feature of the works will be seven speed tables along Motions and Old Mill Roads "to maintain a slow speed environment outside Western Springs College and Auckland Zoo." We have also been informed that, while working in close proximity to the school, machinery works will be suspended during school peak periods.

(See the Auckland Transport notice below.)

Auckland Regional Public Health Service Notice: Whooping Cough

We have received a communication (letter and fact sheet) from the Public Health Service medical officer following the diagnosis of one of our students with whooping cough. See below for information and guidance about the disease.

Master Planning Consultation

There will be an opportunity for parents at the June Parent Action Group meeting on 19 June from 8.00pm in the staffroom to engage with planner Peter Davidson concerning WSC's vision for the rebuilding programme.

Peter is currently conversing with a wide range of teachers as we work to bring together the various school community sector interests into a coherent whole school plan which meets the needs of all of our stakeholders. He will also be meeting with the Student Council to listen to the wish list which the student representatives will be putting together after talking with fellow students in their respective form classes and houses.

Enviroschools Silver Award: "Our school has a strong commitment to creating a sustainable world."

Congratulations to all of the students, teachers, parents and community supporters whose dedication to the sustainability movement at Springs has resulted in WSC receiving this highly valued award. The award is in acknowledgement of a range of initiatives in areas such as curriculum development, habitat restoration, waste management, safe travel and health-wise behaviour.

Sports

The WSC first eleven football team, which is currently undefeated, will be taking on premier side Westlake Boys High School in the next round of the Auckland knockout competition next Wednesday, 6 June, at 3.00pm down at Seddon Fields. The team's form this year has been impressive and warrants a good turnout in support of the home team. See the Sports Newsletter below.

Physical Education Department

Year 11

Currently the Year 11 PE students are participating in a skill development unit, focusing on Volleyball. This ties in with Achievement Standards 1.3 (3 credits) and 1.6 (3 credits).

Over the next 3 weeks students will be required to bring their PE uniform to most lessons, AND have their Action Plans (in big yellow booklet) ready BEFORE each lesson. Without either, the student will not participate in that lesson until both actions are remedied. In order to ensure maximum on court time to improve their Volleyball skills, a gentle nudge from home would be appreciated. Thank you!!

Year 12

Please remember to continue making payments towards the Year 12 Snow Camp. Students who do not make full payment or who have not set up payment plans with school will not be able to attend camp. The students will be working towards two Achievement Standards on camp worth 6 credits in total! A letter confirming total cost and details of the camp will be sent out towards the end of this term.

Year 13

This term Year 13 students have been researching trends in physical activity levels of New Zealanders and will be taking action to promote physical activity to Year 7 and 8 Pasadena students. This is a great opportunity for them as they will be planning physical activity sessions and essentially taking these students for their PE lessons twice a week for three weeks. Not only will they be making a positive contribution to the well-being of the Pasadena students, they will also be developing essential communication and leadership skills. This will take place in weeks 8-10 of this term.

Mathematics News

Homework Centre Mondays - 3:20pm till 4:20pm

Maths Homework Centre is on Mondays every week after school. Students who want some extra help with any topic at any level just need to come along and ask about the topic. There will always be at least one Maths teacher there to help out. The Homework Centre will be in B8 computer room so students can also choose to work on "Maths Buddy" during this time.

Students wanting to improve their mathematics achievement should be encouraged to start attending these sessions as soon as possible rather than waiting till the more hectic periods of the year.

Calculators

We'd like to remind parents that all Mathematics students should be bringing a calculator to every Maths lesson. In the junior school, and some senior classes, students are expected to have a scientific calculator (such as the Casio fx82 series). These can be purchased at the school office or any stationery store.

Students in the advanced senior classes are expected to have a Graphic Calculator (the recommended model is the Casio FX9750 series). These are not stocked at the school office but can be found at many stationery and electronic stores (retail for around \$130). These calculators can be a great help improving achievement. They also offer a useful means for the investigation of concepts in class that might otherwise be extremely time consuming.

NZQA states that students are not able to use cell phones or similar devices such as calculators because of their ability to communicate and store information.

Numeracy

In clarification of the Numeracy requirements for NCEA, to pass NCEA Level 1 (and all subsequent levels) students must achieve 10 or more numeracy credits. All Mathematics standards are numeracy standards, so we aim to ensure all students get 10 Mathematics

credits during the year. There are some standards in other subject areas which will also count towards numeracy. These will be indicated on their course outlines.

Jared Hockly
Head of Department

Year 12 Learning Community

Course Endorsement

NCEA Course Endorsement

Course endorsement with Merit or Excellence recognises a student's exceptional performance in individual courses. Students who may not be able to achieve Level 2 NCEA with Merit or Excellence (for the whole certificate) can aim for course endorsement in one or more subjects.

Course endorsement can motivate students to achieve their potential.

Students will gain an endorsement for a course where they achieve:

- a. 14 or more credits at Merit or Excellence.
- b. At least 3 credits from externally assessed standards and 3 credits from internally assessed standards
- c. Sufficient credits in one single school year. Unlike NCEA credits, course endorsement credits must be gained in one year.

Note:

Physical Education and Level 3 Visual Arts will be exempt from (2) above.

**Students will soon be able to log-in to the NZQA website (www.nzqa.govt.nz) to monitor their eligibility and progress towards course endorsement in subjects.

A logged-in student can soon find a 5 minute video about a student called "Andrea" to see how this works.

To learn how to use the NZQA website to monitor your own credits, watch a short video at <http://goo.gl/GTbKI>.

Add the video link to Delicious or your favourites and monitor your progress as the school reports more credits to NZQA.

Parents as Career Educators Seminar

Many thanks to the students and parents who attended last Thursday evening. Although vast amounts of information are available on the internet about careers and courses, there is nothing to substitute for talking to people. The information provided by Sarah Moyne (Careers NZ) and Professor Andy Philpott (Auckland Uni Engineering School) lead to quite a few detailed questions at the conclusion of the evening.

Careers Expo Year 12 Visit 7th June for Year 12

We will travel by bus to [the ASB Showgrounds at Greenlane.](#)

Student Preparation for Expo Visit:

1. Consider what areas of study or careers you are interested in first then do some research on the www.careers.govt.nz first to consider "How to get there".
2. If expo people are too busy, make a time to come back and see them.
3. Allocate enough time to spend with each.
4. Prepare an introduction. Keep it short. Introduce yourself and say why you're interested in this career or course.
5. Have a list of questions to ask.
6. Take notes and gather information.
7. Ask for their business card or get their name and email to follow up.
8. Before moving on to the next booth make sure you've got the contact details of the

- person you spoke to so you can follow. Don't expect them to contact you.
9. Take the visit seriously. It's about your future - focus and don't get distracted.

University of Auckland Seminar Reminder:

Just a quick reminder that The Schools Partnership Office will be holding a seminar for students and their families who would like to learn more about The University of Auckland on Tuesday the 29th of May at 7:30pm. It will be held on City Campus, in the Owen G. Glenn Building.

Registrations for this event are online, and can be found by following this link:
<http://www.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/home/for/parents-and-family/events-11>

Kay Wallace

Sports Newsletter

SPORTS AND CULTURAL DONATION

The Board of Trustees recently decided to authorise an increase in the sports and cultural donation from \$75 to \$120. There are a number of factors which influenced this carefully considered decision:

- additional revenue is urgently required to raise further the standard of WSC's sports and cultural programmes;
- this is the first increase in the donation since 2008;
- donations, which are not compulsory, are tax deductible;
- there are options to pay per term or by automatic payments in convenient instalments, as opposed to paying once at the beginning of the year;

It is important that all families clearly understand the purposes of the sports and cultural donation.

The sports donation enables us to run a comprehensive sports programme catering for almost 50 teams representing WSC in College Sport competitions. The donation covers specific costs such as the salary for the sports director and the wages of his part-time administrative assistants, the employment of coaches for sports such as netball, soccer and basketball, the purchase of sports equipment, and the payment of registration costs for College Sport.

The additional revenue from the donation increase will enable us to resource equipment improvements and the additional administrative staffing required for improved organisation and management of our sports teams, including the running of the sports uniform store and the up-to-date management of the website sports pages.

It is simply not possible to offer a varied and well managed extra-curricular activities programme without the financial support of these donations. Thank you to those parents who have already paid their fees and donations.

ORIENTEERING

Orienteering is a challenging adventure sport that exercises both the mind and the body. The aim is to navigate between control points marked on an orienteering map and decide the best route to complete the course in the quickest time.

The school orienteering programme opens in February with the sprint series, a series of six races in the grounds of schools around Auckland. The Sprint Grand Final combines students from the West Auckland and the Central/Shore zones. Students are selected on the basis of the points they have gained in the series. This year three WSC students ran in the finals: congratulations to Josie Jackson, Oscar Mahy and Joseph Monk who competed in the Junior grade.

Four Individual Secondary School events follow the sprints – the relay event held at Moire Park, Massey, the Individual Championships in Woodhill Forest, the North Island Championships held in Hawkes Bay and the New Zealand Secondary Championships in New Plymouth. The WSC team attended the two Auckland events with our Junior Girls Relay team gaining third place, and our other teams running in pleasing times. In the forest event Issey Ingham gained first place in her grade, running the non-champ race for her first time.

This is the third year Western Springs College has fielded a team, with runners in the Senior and Intermediate grades and a great group of Juniors coming through. Anyone interested in this sport should check out Auckland Orienteering Club as there are events all year round. The Auckland Summer Series is a fantastic warm up for the school series, starting in March. Some of this year's team will be getting together to use this series as training. Anyone interested in joining the group or thinking about joining the team next year should contact Deborah at debjewel@yahoo.com.

A very big thank you to Deborah for all her hard work and commitments for making this happen.

WATER POLO 2012

The WSC Senior Boys water polo team recently competed in the North Island Secondary Schools Championships. While the team did not place highly, with only one win and a draw from their 6 games, they played with 100% commitment and pulled off some great plays, showing that they deserve to be in this competition.

A highlight was breaking the “goal drought” that had been plaguing the team this season. The team scored 29 goals throughout the tournament indicating a new-found confidence in their play. Top goal scorers were Liam Mitchell 11 and George Tee 6.

Noah Rudd, Sasha Lissienko, Simon Bonney (Year 10) and Max Dicken (Year 9) fearlessly stepped up into this senior grade competition and did a great job against some very big players.

A couple of comments from parents sum up the general feeling of those who supported the team:

“I think they have all gained confidence, and have gained pride both in relation to the team itself, and their performance.”

“...thanks to the senior boys for being very welcoming to the junior boys who participated. I think it was a great experience for the juniors to play this tournament.”

Thanks to Anthony Brown, our coach, for preparing the boys and supporting them throughout the tournament.

The Sports Department would also like to thank all our coaches and managers throughout the season. Thank you especially to Susan Hirst and Jane Clayborough.

TENNIS

Term one has seen a keen interest in boys' tennis, especially from our Junior Year 9 and 10 students. Playing in Auckland Junior A3, our boys demonstrated their skills by comprehensively beating all opponents, only dropping 3 games out of 36 games, across 4 matches. The team is now well positioned to progress up the grades to a tougher level of competition. Congratulations to Nick Tapsell, AJ Cox, Akshay Goordheen, Benji Lines, Baxter Wallace, Trey Soper-Rua, Edward Hamling, Na'or Alfassi Berman and Mitchell Horne.

The Senior Boys also battled hard winning 3 out of 5 matches, with two matches lost by a margin of just 1 game. They will have the opportunity to play these teams again in term four at which time we hope to win these close matches and come out near the top of the grade.

The second part of the boys' tennis competition resumes in term four when final results for each team will be confirmed.

A big thank you to all the players and parents for their support.

Andrea Monro

Soccer

Western Springs Sports is delighted to announce the appointment of **John Cunningham as Programme Manager of Western Springs College Football**. John brings a huge amount of experience to the school. He has had 19 years coaching experience in both Junior and Youth grades, including the coaching of Metro league teams in the 14th, 15th and 17th grade Auckland competitions, three Nike Cup campaigns for the Central United club and coaching the Senior Reserves at the Metro Club. He holds coaching qualifications to an 'Advanced' level for Youth grades and Level 2 for Senior grades.

As Programme Manager, John will work with all school football coaches across the Senior and Junior squads, focusing on training consistency and skill development for both the players and coaching staff. In this role he will help identify players in the Junior school who are showing strong promise and place them into some of the senior trainings to prepare them for the following school season. Our objective is to create strong squads capable of competing at a progressively higher level within the Auckland Secondary School Competition over the next few years.

John will also coach the Senior first XI with the objective of winning their grade this season and providing a platform to move up the grading system in 2013. Both the Senior first XI and second XI will be training together which will support player movement between the first and second team when required.

The Senior first XI Boys team have been entered for the first time in the Auckland Secondary Schools Knock-Out Cup Competition. The boys have done really well, winning their qualifier, then beating Takapuna Grammar to make it through to the next round (final 16 schools in Auckland). We are scheduled to play Westlake Boys High School (Premier side) on **Wednesday 6th June, with the kick off at 3.00pm at the Seddon Fields**.

All school team coaches have now been appointed with the following training times, **effective since Week 1, Term 2:**

| Boys Soccer Team | Coach | Manager | Training Times |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Senior First XI | John Cunningham | Andrea Monro | Wed 7:00am – 8:15am |
| Southern Skies | Chris Casey | Andrea Monro | Wed 7.00am - 8.15am |
| Senior Second XI | Anthony Brown | Kim Munford | Thurs 7:00am – 8:15am |
| Junior First XI | Tony Wang | Kathryn Wallace | Thurs 7:00am – 8:15am |
| Junior Second XI | Kieran O'Sullivan | Will Wallis | Thurs 7:00am – 8:15am |

A very big thank you to Andrea Monro for all her support in summer with tennis and her drive in securing our new soccer head coach for 2012, John Cunningham.

TOUCH

Congratulations to the WSC Mixed Touch team – champions of the Central Zone Mixed competition. Their record was outstanding, defeating all comers, including winning the grand-final 13-1 against MAGS, and compiling an undefeated consecutive streak of six wins.

On March 24, our mixed champions represented the Central Zone in the high profile Northern Regionals at Avondale Racecourse. The standard was very high as 72 teams strived to make the top three in their respective grades to make the Touch Nationals in early December. Our team battled hard all day and finished just outside the qualifiers – a disappointing final outcome, but a great experience all the same.

RUGBY

As we are into week four of the rugby season, I can report all teams have been competing well.

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| 2 nd Grade (open) | Played 4 won 4 |
| 5 th Grade (under 68/72kg) | Played 4 won 3 lost 1 |
| 6 th Grade (under 60/64kg) | Played 4 won 1 lost 3 |

A quick note for all students: registration forms need to be handed in to your team manager by the end of this month. Rugby subs are due by June 15.

NETBALL

Netball is the largest and most popular female sport at Western Springs College and has been well established over the past few years winning the 1st and 2nd Senior division in 2010 and 2011.

Netball is offered to all participants from elite athletes to social teams playing at Te Pai courts in association with Netball Waitakere. The winter season runs from March to August and is followed by the finals in September. Netball Waitakere has now moved all Premier and Senior teams to Tuesday evenings, leaving the Junior teams to play on Saturday mornings. This is great for the senior teams who are now free to play club netball on Saturdays.

WSC is fielding 12 teams this season, catering for 120 players spread over 1 Premier team, 5 Senior teams (including a Senior Rumaki team who play on Tuesday and Wednesday), 3 Year 10 and 3 Year 9 teams. The season started with 3 grading rounds and we are now into the competition round where our Junior teams are in the 2nd and 3rd division with all 6 teams winning their games on Saturday May 19th 2012. Way to go Springs!!! At the senior level we have a Premier team, with the Rumaki Senior and WSC Gold teams in the 2nd division – both teams won their games last Tuesday - alongside the WSC Senior Green and WSC Senior White teams. Keep it up girls!

Every year we struggle to get coaches and managers for our netball teams. This season our awesome coaches and managers are made up of 3 volunteer Rumaki parents, 3 fantastic ex WSC students who take time between their tertiary studies to coach, 1 tertiary sports student, 1 Senior student and very good supportive staff members. Even Sports Coordinator, Pete McIntyre, is a netball coach! We are always looking for coaches so feel free, if you are interested, to see Pete McIntyre for next year. Volunteers are always welcome.

Netball fees are only \$30 this year. The girls do not have to pay for registrations or transport. This fee is very low compared to other schools. I would encourage all parents who have netball players to please pay for their sports and cultural donations and their \$30 fees. It's great to see many parents come and support their daughters at the netball games. I have a great time chatting to you on the sideline. Keep on coming as it just boosts the girls' confidence and game performance having whanau support. GO SPRINGS

Kau Tepaki – Netball Co ordinator

SOUTHERN SKIES TOURNAMENT

For the first time, Western Springs College is sending netball and soccer teams to the Southern Skies Tournament in Brisbane.

We need to raise money to get the teams there in July, so we have organized the **Great Auction Night Fundraiser**. This event will be held on **Friday 15th June, from 6.30pm in the school hall**.

DON'T MISS IT!

Only \$10 a ticket, this gets you a complimentary beer/wine/juice with entertainment by Linn Lorkin and Marmaduke.

We have some fantastic auction items up for grabs ... Artwork, Jewellery, Baches, Fine Dining, Sports Memorabilia, Items from Workshop and Zambesi, AND MORE ... A full list of items will be available next week.

Put this date in your diary and order your tickets now by emailing tickets@whetstone.co.nz or call 021 828 114.

WSC Senior Aussie Rules Tournament

Day one saw Atea facing off against Moana and Kapura competing against Oranga. The rain was coming down; however it did not stop either side or the crowd from showing up on the back field of Western Springs College to watch the opening games of the inaugural Senior Aussie Rules Tournament. The Atea squad put up a good battle; however it was Moana coming out on top with a score of 28-14. The Kapura and Oranga game was an epic battle of sorts! Seeing both teams fighting hard for the ball but both sides found it difficult to find the poles. In the end it was a 4-1 win for Kapura after Oranga was deducted 6 points for having too many men on the field.



Mother Nature was on our side on day two, with a massive high moving its way over Auckland providing plenty of sunshine and very little wind. Whenua and Oranga took to the field in game one and it was Oranga dominating possession from the whistle. With females scoring double points it was crucial for Whenua to find the girls to make a comeback, however they could not get the break they needed and Oranga took the game out with a score of 40-8. The next game

was Moana versus Kapura and although it started off as a close match, Moana could not beat Kapura's experience, as many players on their team played in this year's Auckland Senior Hawkes Cup.



Day three of the tournament saw Moana come out strong against Whenua, as Whenua did not have enough players for a full squad. Luckily, some of the Year 11 Sports Academy filled in the gaps so a game could be played. Moana put up a staggering 65 points to Whenua's 1, which is the confidence they need with a tough match against Oranga Thursday. Atea, like Whenua, struggled for numbers and just managed to scrape a side together at the whistle. The last minute team could not ward off the Kapura side, as they were amped and ready to exert their dominance with a 29-0 win.



Thursday saw two battles, one for the top of the table, the other for the bottom. Atea and Whenua were both hungry to get their first wins, whereas for Moana and Oranga it was a fight for a spot in the final. Whenua had the lead until the final minutes of the game, when Atea managed to score a 6 putting them ahead just before the whistle. The Moana and Oranga game was fast paced and full of excitement, however Oranga never seemed to get into their stride as they were missing some key players. Moana took out the game 31 -7, securing their spot in the final against Kapura.

On Friday the two top teams from the round robin competition squared off for top of the table. The experienced Kapura side versus Moana, a team who was coming off a massive win against Oranga! The

game could have gone either way; however it was Kapura who came out of the gates early and never lost momentum, beating Moana 15-5. All players showed fantastic skill and sportsmanship!



Leaders' Voice

A Bloody Affair **By Georgia Rudd**

The forms were complete; the prick was done; now all I had to do was get a needle in my arm to donate 470ml of blood. I sat in my chair waiting, looking away as the needle goes in. No sweat. I am saving 3 lives, it's all for a good cause. Last week Western Springs students and teachers did their deed of the day by donating blood, most for their first time. It was great to see so many people ignore the pricks and needles to help save others, and the support given throughout the day. It was an awesome, if not a little tense atmosphere but giving the "gift of life" was an amazing feeling. All sorts of people need blood – 3,000 blood donations are needed each week, so now it's your turn to donate! A big congratulations to all the teachers and students who donated. For more information go to <http://www.nzblood.co.nz/>

Student Council **By Hannah Clarke**

Things are running a little differently this year with house points at Springs. The Deans have passed the torch onto the Student Council who have come up with criteria that need to be met in order for an event to qualify for house points. The Student Council has just finished approving the first round of events. This involved a lot of organising, heated discussion and fair compromises. Having a wide range of students on the council, all with different backgrounds and ideas, has resulted in an array of different views on issues being presented. We believe that this has been extremely beneficial to the council as well as the wider school community who we represent. We are very pleased with the system to date and look forward to its continued success.

Shave for a Cure By Hannah Clarke

We had 13 students, and of course Mr Hockly (HOD Mathematics), brave the shave during week nine last term. As a school, we managed to achieve our target of raising \$10,000 for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand. Coming up later this term, a representative from

the charity will come to Western Springs College and accept a GIANT cheque from all those who participated. We are very excited to have helped out this local charity which takes such pride in the work that they do. Our hair is getting so long now that some of us need another haircut...

New Zealand Music Month By Eden Roberts

This year Springs kicked off New Zealand Music Month with a variety of performances at Selwyn Village in a blue marquee with a sonically superb sound system. The elderly residents were treated to an array of 'Fleetwood Mac', chilled acoustic vibes, and captivating hip hop dancing. Another opportunity for showcasing the talent here at Springs was with the school being treated to an intimate library performance at lunchtime, jamming out unique interpretations of 'Flight of the Conchords' with uplifting sing-alongs. Hands clapped wildly as beautiful jazz saxophone crafted tranquil, soothing melodies for lulled listeners. And what would a Springs performance be without some good old singing with acoustic guitar? NZ Music Month has been a fantastic opportunity for our budding music students to gain experience and exposure with the perfecting of their craft, and they have been supported with much enthusiasm from the school community with their eager ears.

Technology

Could I remind all students and parents that I run after school sessions on Monday 3.15pm until 5.30pm and Thursday 3.15pm until 6.30pm. These are open to all Technology students. Some students have had the foresight to use this opportunity to catch up or get ahead with their portfolios. However, I would love to see many more students attend. There surely is no better way of improving your grades.....and it's free. See you there.

Matt Clayton

International Department - Homestay

Do you or a friend or relative have a spare room in the house? Would you like to host an International Student and be rewarded with a cultural experience? We have students that require a home for both short or long term, with close proximity to college. If you would like to know more please ring or email Celia 815 6730 ext 752 or internationaloffice@wsc.school.nz

Work Starting Soon

Safety Improvement Works
Great North Rd & Motions Rd / Old Mill Rd

Auckland Transport

An Auckland Council Organisation

24 May 2012

Great North Road and Motions Road Safety Improvement

Auckland Transport is committed to making the road environment safer for pedestrians and motorists in our existing network.

As part of our region-wide *Safety Improvement* programme, we have engaged *Traffic Systems Ltd* to undertake improvement works at the intersection of Great North Road and Motions Road as well as Motions Road and Old Mill Road. This upgrade is aimed at providing **safer crossing** points for pedestrians at the intersection and addressing the safety issue on Motions Road! Old Mill Road.

The scope of work will include:

- (1) **Signalisation** of Great North Road and Motions Road with pedestrian crossing on all 3 approaches;
- (2) Installation of 7 **speed tables** (some associated with planted side islands) on Motions Road! Old Mill Road to maintain a slow speed environment outside Western Springs College and the Auckland Zoo;
- (3) Installation of red coloured surfacing and planted side islands outside No.1 06 Old Mill Road;
- (4) Improvements to existing **lighting** and **roadmarking** will also be undertaken at the same time.

We intend to **start work on 29 May 2012** (weather permitting) and the work is expected to take about **6 weeks** to complete.

Works will be staged to minimise disruptions and most of the work will be carried out between **9am to 4pm Monday to Friday**.

The works will be completed as quickly and efficiently as possible, but the completion date may change due to unforeseen circumstances and/or weather conditions. If the work is not completed within the indicated timeframe, please assume the work will continue until completion.

An approved Temporary Traffic Management Plan will be implemented during construction. Every effort will be made to minimise disruption of traffic flow. Please be assured that both vehicular and pedestrian access at this intersection will be maintained at all times during construction. However, there may be some delays at times with the delivery of materials on site and we ask for your patience. Please note that a qualified Site Traffic Management Supervisor will also be present on site at all times during construction to deal with any traffic management issues.

If you have any questions, concerns or special requirements before or during the course of work please feel free to contact myself at:

027 511 2352 or hester.leung@aucklandtransport.govt.nz

We apologise for any inconvenience we may cause.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation while we undertake this upgrade.

Regards

Hester Leung
Infrastructure Development
Engineer
Auckland Transport



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Facsimile: 09 623 4633
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25th May 2012

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

(Whooping cough (pertussis))

A child from Western Springs College has been diagnosed with whooping cough.

What is whooping cough?

Whooping cough is a highly contagious bacterial infection spread by coughing and sneezing. People with the disease usually start by having a runny nose and dry cough. The cough gradually gets worse and lasts for weeks, often developing into long coughing attacks. It can affect all ages, but may be particularly severe in babies and young children. Babies can become very ill and may not be able to feed or breathe properly. Many need to be hospitalised, and some may die. It is not uncommon for babies to catch whooping cough from their older siblings or parents – often before they are old enough to be vaccinated.

Immunisation is the most effective way of reducing whooping cough in our community. It is important to check that your children are fully up to date with their immunisations. **If in doubt ask your doctor.**

Adults living with or who care for young children, pregnant women, or those with health concerns (for example lung or heart conditions) should also consider getting immunised. Ask your doctor what your family can do to protect themselves from whooping cough.

If your child has possible symptoms of whooping cough, they should stay away from Western Springs College, and see their doctor as soon as possible for evaluation. If their doctor thinks that whooping cough is a possibility, your child may require a test, and a course of antibiotics. Your child should then stay away from Western Springs College until they have taken the first five days of the course of antibiotics. If you choose not to give your child antibiotics, they need to stay away from Western Springs College for three weeks from the start of their bad cough.

Your doctor should let Auckland Regional Public Health Service know that he/she suspects whooping cough, so that we can assess the rest of the household and contacts, to see if anyone else requires treatment. This is important to stop the spread of whooping cough to people at higher risk of serious complications.

Where can you get more information?

The below whooping cough Fact Sheet provides more information about the disease.

For further information, please contact your doctor or Auckland Regional Public Health Service on 09 623 4600 (ask to speak to the AMT nurse).

Please show this letter to your doctor to help them provide the best care and advice.

Yours sincerely,
Medical Officer

FACT SHEET PERTUSSIS (WHOOPIING COUGH)

This fact sheet is for children and adults who have been diagnosed with pertussis (whooping cough), are worried they might have it, or have been in contact with someone with pertussis.

What is pertussis?

Pertussis is a highly infectious disease caused by bacteria, which is spread through the community by coughing and sneezing, in the same way as colds and influenza. Roughly every four to five years we experience an outbreak of many cases of pertussis – known as an epidemic. The last large pertussis epidemic occurred in 2004-2005, with a smaller outbreak in 2009-2010.

Young children, especially babies under six months, can become extremely ill and occasionally die from pertussis. Older children and adults get pertussis too, which if not diagnosed and treated, may spread to young children.

What are the symptoms?

Pertussis starts with a runny nose and dry cough. The cough gets worse over the next few weeks, often developing into very long coughing attacks. In babies and children these coughing attacks often end with a 'whoop' sound when breathing in, or end with vomiting. Babies with pertussis can turn blue or stop breathing. If you think you or your child might have pertussis, see your family doctor without delay.

Immunity (protection) to pertussis decreases over time, so older children and adults can catch whooping cough and pass it on to babies and young children even if they have been immunised or had the infection before. It is important for children to get their booster immunisations at 4 and 11 years to keep their protection up during their school years.

What can be done to prevent pertussis?

Getting immunisations on time offers the best protection against pertussis.

Newborn babies do not get very good immunity/protection from their mother, even if she has had pertussis before. In babies, delays in being immunised increase the risk of being admitted to hospital with pertussis during their first year by four times, so it is very important that immunisations are given on time.

To give your baby the best protection, pertussis immunisations should be given at the recommended times, that is:

- Six weeks
- Three months
- Five months

Boosters are then given at:

- 4 years
- 11 years

If for some reason your child has not completed the full course of immunisations, or you are not sure, see your doctor or practice nurse to discuss catch-up immunisations.

You can also check whether your child is up-to-date with immunisations by calling the National Immunisation Register on 09 638 0393 or 09 638 0394, or by checking in their Plunket (Well Child) book.

Other means of protecting babies and young children from pertussis

Pertussis is most severe in babies and young children, especially if they are too young to have completed their immunisations or have a weak immune system (immunocompromised). Things that can be done to protect other children include:

- Keeping babies away from people with a runny nose, coughing, or sneezing
- Asking people who are ill not to visit if you have young children
- Immunising adults and older children greatly decreases the chance of them getting pertussis and passing it on to babies and young children. Immunisation is recommended for:
 - Older children and adults in families with young babies or that are expecting a baby
 - Adults who care for babies or young children e.g. nurses, midwives, early childhood workers
- Adults who are parents or expecting a baby, or who care for babies, should discuss their options for immunisation with their doctor. Adult immunisation against pertussis is not currently free
- Treating people with whooping cough to stop it spreading though your family/whanau/community/preschool/school

Treating people with whooping cough to stop it spreading

If someone in your family has had a cough that ends with a whoop or vomiting, or that has lasted for two weeks or more, they should see their doctor or nurse for advice. Adults often don't realise they have pertussis. In the early stages of infection with pertussis it can be difficult to work out what it is. A special nose swab or blood test may help in the diagnosis.

The correct antibiotic (usually erythromycin) may help prevent the infection spreading further. If there is a baby, a child who hasn't had all of their immunisations, a pregnant woman, or a person with a weak immune system in the family, your doctor may advise a course of antibiotics for everyone in the family in an attempt to protect them from being infected by other family members.

Should adults and children with pertussis, or who have been in contact with someone with pertussis, avoid contact with others?

Yes. People who have been diagnosed with pertussis or been in contact with someone with pertussis should avoid contact with people who may be susceptible to infection. This includes young babies, children who are not fully immunised, pregnant women in third trimester, and people with a weakened immune system. If you are not sure if this means you, please ask your doctor.

They should stay away from daycare, kindy, kohanga reo or other preschool education, school, and community gatherings and also stay away from work (e.g. for adults) until one of the following has occurred, either:

- they have taken **five** days of a course of an appropriate antibiotic, or
- three weeks have passed since the start of the bad coughing attacks

If you suspect you or your child is sick with pertussis phone Healthline on 0800 611 116 or visit your doctor. For more information on immunisation, please call the Immunisation Advisory Centre for free on 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863) or visit their website www.immune.org.nz

For further information, contact the Auckland Regional Public Health Service, phone 09 623 4600

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