



## TERM TWO NEWSLETTER April 2015

Dear Parent and Caregivers,

We have had a smooth start to the new term.

We have welcomed four new staff:

Nick Simmons (Social Sciences, taking over 10 He), Victoria Thiele (Dance and English), Riria Henry (Te Reo Maori), and Jo Love (English). Grant Collie (Social Sciences) will be joining us later in the term. Melissa Greenwood is now responsible for 9Lu, and Rebecca Kennedy has taken charge of 11Kr.

On the first day we had a uniform check and the students have presented themselves very well. They look good in the winter uniform and most wear the uniform with pride. Thank you for your support with this change-over.

On appearance - staff have noted a tendency for many boys to resist shaving. While we have shaving gear here, it is far more comfortable for this to be done at home. Please keep an eye on your son(s) in this regard.

Term Two is eleven weeks long, concluding on Friday 3 July. In this time you will receive a comprehensive report on your son's or daughter's academic progress in all subjects, and there will be another opportunity for you to speak to staff in the last week.

### **E-Mail Addresses**

Do not forget to ensure that we have your correct e-mail address. Please phone the Student Centre if you need to update this.

The schedule of events for the term is included here. If there is any change to these dates you will be notified.

Please contact me if you have any questions about any aspect of the newsletter.

Elizabeth Spooner  
Associate Principal

Friday 24 April	<b>Year 9 Minor Option 1 ends</b>
Monday 27 April	<b>Anzac Holiday</b>
Tuesday 28 April	<b>Year 9 Minor Option 2 begins</b>
Wednesday 29 April	<i>Our <b>production 'Annie'</b> opens at the Royal Opera House. It runs through to Saturday 2 May and bookings can be made at the Opera House. Adult \$20, Student \$15, Family of 2A + 2S is \$60.</i>
Saturday 9 May	<b>Rockquest</b>
Wednesday 20 May	<b>Period 5 Professional Development for staff.</b> <i>Students will be released at 1.50pm and we expect them to go straight home not into town or through other schools. The Library Homework Centre is open till 4.30pm and buses will run as usual.</i>
Friday 29 May	<b>Teacher only Day</b>
Friday 5 June	<b>Junior reports issued at the end of the day.</b>  <b>Chamber Music contest.</b>
Wednesday 17 June	<b>Period 5 Professional Development for staff.</b> <i>This is a moderation meeting involving all the local secondary schools. Students will be released at 1.50pm. Same as for previous PD days.</i>
Thursday 18 June	<b>OPEN DAY</b> <i>Students will be released at 12.50pm at the conclusion of period 3. There will be a special communication emailed in relation to this, closer to the day.</i>
Saturday 13 June	<b>International Cultural Festival</b>
Tuesday 23 June	<b>Sports exchange vs Hutt Valley High School</b>
Friday 26 June	<b>Senior reports issued at the end of the day.</b>
Saturday 27 June	<b>Year 13 Formal function</b>
Wednesday 1 July	<b>Parent Interviews</b> <i>Information about the on line booking process will be included with the reports.</i>
Friday 3 July	<b>Last day of the term</b>

**Term Three begins on Monday 20 July.**