



SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

25 SEPTEMBER 2015

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Please be aware of the following important calendar dates:

- Term 3 ends today, Friday 25 September.
Term 4 begins on Monday 12 October, and concludes on Friday 11 December for Years 9 and 10.
- **Sports Awards** Thursday 15 October
- **Cultural Awards** Thursday 22 October
- **Maori Awards** Thursday 29 October

- Finishing dates for the Senior school:

Year 11: Wednesday 4 November, Prizegiving at 1.30pm.

Year 12: Thursday 5 November, Prizegiving at 1.30pm.

Year 13: Thursday 5 November, Prizegiving at 7.00pm. Followed by supper in the Library.

Final reports will be issued on each of these days.

- **NCEA examinations** start on Friday 6 November. Students will be issued with their entry slips and instructions on their last day. An exam schedule can be found on the NZQA website. Students are encouraged to print a timetable off and plan accordingly. Parents are reminded that NZQA exams cannot be rescheduled – they can only be done on the designated day.
- **NCEA Report.**
A progress report will be posted between Monday 19 October and Friday 23 October.
- **Junior Examinations** are on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November.(4 sessions)
Exam order: **Y9** Science, Social Studies, Mathematics, English
 Y10 English, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science
- **Period 5 Professional Development**
Two dates have been set: **Wednesday 11 November and Wednesday 2 December**
Students will be released at 1.50pm. The library homework centre will be open and buses run at the normal time. Note: This will only involve the Junior School.

- **Summer Uniform**

Students are expected to be in Summer Uniform for the start of Term 4.

The **Uniform Shop** will be open on **Thursday 8th October and Friday 9th October from 10.00am until 2.00pm.**

Parents are reminded that Andersons for Men by the fountain, is an alternative uniform outlet. Please ensure that your son/daughter's uniform complies with the following regulations:

Girls' Summer Uniform

Skirt	Charcoal straight skirt with front knife pleats and side pocket, worn on the knee. (bottom of skirt should be level with top of knee cap)
Shirt	Regulation tailored white short sleeved shirt, or, white polo shirt with School crest.
Footwear	Plain flat black sandals with heel strap (Roman type), or plain black leather lace up traditional style school shoes. ("Fashion" styles are inappropriate)
Socks	White ankle socks (only worn with shoes).
Jersey	Green woollen 'V' necked jersey with school crest.

Boys' Summer Uniform

Trousers	Black dress trousers (with front creases). Must be worn with white long sleeved shirt and school tie. Formal uniform can only be worn by students in Years 12 and 13.
Shorts	Grey shorts with self-supporting top.
Shirt	White polo shirt with school crest.
Footwear	Plain black sandals with heel strap (Roman style), or plain black leather lace up traditional style school shoes. With Formal uniform only: plain black leather lace up 'formal' shoes.
Socks	Grey with Wanganui High School colours around the top
Jersey	Green woollen 'V' necked jersey with school crest.
Belt	Plain black belt only.

Please note: Formal shoes (these tend to have pointy toes) are only to be worn by boys in Years 12 and 13, and then, only with the formal uniform.

There will be a **uniform check** for the entire School over the first two days of the term. Those students who are incorrectly dressed, or whose hair is considered inappropriate, risk being sent home, so please ensure that the regulations are adhered to.

Two issues we are concerned about are:

1. the length of the **girls' summer skirt** – it must be **on the knee** or longer, but no shorter.
2. the number of boys in Y9 – 11 are wearing incorrect shoes. These students are **not** to wear formal shoes.

We do appreciate your support with all uniform requirements, as we like our students personal presentation to reflect their pride in being a pupil here.

Paid PPTA Meeting

*There is a stop work meeting set for **Monday 19 October**. This meeting is scheduled to start at 9.00am and students will be expected in school for period 3 - 11.50am. There will be no form time that day. Buses will run as usual and students will be supervised if they are at school between 9.00 and 11.50am*

I will send a reminder notice prior to this to confirm the arrangements.

If you have any questions about any of this information please phone the School.

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