



30 October 2015

SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians

As we are approaching the end of the year for Years 11 to 13, we have some changes to the normal school programme.

Please note the following arrangements:

Wednesday 4 November

- There will be **three** normal periods finishing at 12.50pm
- Years 9, 10, 12 and 13 are to go straight home.
- **Year 11 students will remain for their Prizegiving** which commences at 1.30pm in the School Hall.
- At the conclusion of this ceremony Year 11 students will be issued with their reports.
This is the last day for Year 11 students.

Thursday 5 November

- There will be **three** normal periods finishing at 12.50pm.
- Years 9 and 10 are expected to go straight home.
- **Year 12 students will remain for their Prizegiving** which commences at 1.30pm in the School Hall.
- **Year 13 students are having an informal farewell function** in the Gym courtyard.
- At the conclusion of the Year 12 Prizegiving, the Year 12 students will be issued with their reports.
- The Year 13 Prizegiving commences at **7.00pm** in the School Hall, and students are expected to attend their **final form time at 6.15pm.**
This is the last day for both Years 12 and 13

Parents are welcome to attend the Prizegivings, but please be seated 10 minutes before the start time. There is supper in the Library for Year 13 students and their parents following their Prizegiving.

When students are released on both of these days they are expected to go straight home and not into the central business district. Buses will run as normal, and the Library will be available for bus students and those students whose parents request this via the Student Centre (Ph: 349 0177)

NCEA Examinations (Y11 – 13)

The NCEA examinations begin on Friday 6 November and conclude on Friday 4 December. The Examination timetable is available on the NZQA website, although all students will be issued with one, together with their personal admission slip, at their final Form time. They must bring this slip to every examination.

Please note that students are discouraged from bringing either their bags or their cellular phones when attending these examinations. NZQA have ruled that students who bring cellular phones must have a clear plastic bag to put them in, and this must be placed on the floor under their chair. Pens, calculators and entry slips must be carried in a clear plastic bag. NZQA have enforced some new rules this year:

- 1 Students are not allowed to bring **tissues** into the examination room. If tissues are required then the supervisors may be asked.
- 2 **No watches** are to be worn. This has to do with the new computer watches now available. Any watch brought into the examination room has to be placed in a plastic bag under the chair.
- 3 **Jackets** are not allowed. If a student does bring a jacket then it has to be placed under the chair.
- 4 **Long hair** has to be tied back. This relates to listening devices – ear phones.

I would encourage you to ensure your son/daughter is well prepared for these examinations. Study facilities in the Library, will be available during the examination period. Students MUST wear correct uniform to examinations, or if coming into School for extra tuition.

Junior Examinations

The Junior Examinations are on Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 November. The timetable is below. Students have been shown this timetable (also on the School website) and should be well involved in preparation for these important examinations. Option subjects are also likely to hold tests over the next two or three weeks.

Please note the changes in the daily time schedule:

- Form time: 9.00 – 9.20am
- Exam 1: 9.30 – 11.30am
- Lunch: 11.30 – 12.30pm
- Exam 2: 12.40 – 2.40pm

Students may go home at 2.40pm.

JUNIOR EXAM TIMETABLE 2015

All exams are two hours in length.

	Monday 9 November		Tuesday 10 November	
	9.30 – 11. 30am	12.40 – 2.40pm	9.30 – 11. 30am	12.40 – 2.40pm
Year 9	Science	Social Studies	Mathematics	English
Year 10	English	Mathematics	Social Studies	Science

Wednesday 11 November

Junior students will be **released at 1.50pm** so that staff can undertake professional development. Students are asked to go straight home. The Library will be open till 4.30pm and buses will run as normal.

Junior Prizegiving and Reports

Prizegiving for Years 9 and 10 will be on **Friday 11 December at 11.00am**. Students will receive their reports after this function - at approximately 12.45pm –and they will be released at this time.

Parents are welcome to attend the Prizegiving, but please be seated 10 minutes before the start time.

Thank you for your on-going support of your son/daughter at this busy time. Please encourage them to work hard for the best results they can attain.

Elizabeth Spooner
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