



NEWSLETTER, JULY 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Here we are in the middle of the year already, and considering that our Year 11 – 13 students only have a mere thirteen weeks of schooling left, the end of the year is on our horizon.

Term 3 is only nine weeks long, finishing on Friday 23 September.

The focus for *all* students has to be academic achievement, with School examinations for the seniors in weeks seven and eight, and for juniors early in Term 4. As Years 11, 12 and 13 students finish in week 4 of Term 4, we will be working hard to ensure they are well prepared for the External examinations. Our junior examinations are held once the seniors go, so they also need to be well prepared.

Aside from the events for Term 3, I would like to forewarn you about the dates for the various award ceremonies held early in Term 4. This will give you time to forward plan if you wish to attend.

Thursday 13 October	Sports Awards
Thursday 20 October	Cultural Awards
Thursday 27 October	Maori Awards
Wednesday 2 November	Year 11 Prizegiving (1.30pm start). Final day for Y11.
Thursday 3 November	Year 12 Prizegiving (1.30pm start). Final day for Y12. Year 13 Prizegiving (7.00pm start). Final day for Y13.
Monday 7 November	Junior examinations begin (two days)
Wednesday 9 November	NCEA examinations begin.
Friday 9 December	Final day for the Junior School. Prizegiving at 11.00am.

Final reports for 2016 will be issued to students on the day of their respective Prizegiving.

TERM 3 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday 30 July	Year 13 Formal Function
Monday 1 August	NCEA Report <i>A report will be posted home for each student in Years 11 to 13, indicating their progress towards their NCEA level certificate.</i>
Tuesday 2 August	Team Photos
Tuesday 9 August	Junior Central Six Tournament
Friday 19 August	NZQA Fees Due
Monday 29 August	Winter Tournament Week <i>A number of our sports teams will be involved in competitions this week.</i>
Tuesday 6 September	Period 5 Professional development <i>Students will be released at 1.50pm. The library Homework Centre will be open until 4.30pm and buses will run as normal</i>
Wednesday 7 September – Friday 16 September	WHS Senior Examinations <i>All subjects will be offering an examination and students are expected to attend. Study leave is a privilege not a right, and therefore students have to earn the permission to have it. Students will be considered on a case by case basis, and they should know whether they qualify or not by Monday 5 September. A study pass will be issued, and parents of those students who have not earned it will be contacted.</i>
Friday 23 September	Term 3 ends.

Please encourage your son or daughter to plan ahead, especially those in Years 11 to 13. Encourage them to ask their respective subject teachers to tell them exactly what will be tested in the school examinations, so that they can plan and execute a programme of revision. We will be offering a variety of tutorials for the Senior school, across weeks 6 and 7. These are held after school from 3.30 – 5.00pm, and from 7.00 to 9.00pm each evening, with the Library being the gathering place.

They will be advertised via daily notices and the School website.

Your support with these aspects of your son or daughter's education is valued, as we take immense pride in our students' academic results.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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