



TERM TWO NEWSLETTER May 2017

Tēnā Koutou,

Welcome back to Term 2 at Whanganui High School. This is a very important term for students as they continue building on their successes from Term 1, and continue consolidating their depth of understanding across all their individual learning areas.

From a school-wide perspective, final decisions will be made this term by subject teachers, Heads of Faculties, the Senior Leadership Team and the Board of Trustees regarding the shape and depth of the curriculum we will offer to our students in 2018. We are at the final stages of designing a curriculum across our school that will be creative and flexible enough to cater for the individual learning needs of all our students to ensure that they are as well prepared as possible for LIFE beyond school.

We are also at the final stage of creating our Whanganui High School Graduate Student Profile. The creation of the Profile has involved significant contributions from students, family members, staff members, community members and local businesses.

Thank you for your valuable contributions and insight into your view of the most essential characteristics required by students graduating from Whanganui High School.

The schedule of events for Term 2 is included here. If there is any change to these dates, you will be notified as soon as possible and the School website will be updated. During this term, 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 with staff. If at any time you have concerns about any aspect of the School, please do not hesitate to contact us. If the concern is related to your son's or daughter's progress in any subject, then I would encourage you to e-mail the teacher involved directly, or contact the relevant year level Dean. Please note that I am always happy to meet with parents regarding any aspect of their daughter or son's education. Please contact the main office (06) 349 0178 to make an appointment with me.

Student Achievement Conferences

We are changing the way in which we conduct Parent Teacher Interviews. We will be running Student Achievement Conferences, which will happen over a two day/one evening period. The new system will provide a wider window of opportunity for parents to attend, and accompany their sons and daughters to gather more detailed feedback on academic progress in each subject. We will provide more information closer to the scheduled date.

The Achievers' List

The School compiles an Achievers' List which records student's achievements in all areas of the school and community – academic, sporting, and cultural. The list is published in our 'River City Press' newsletter at the end of each term, and we celebrate the achievements at Achievers' assemblies which are usually held across the last week of each term.

We rely on both the students and their families to inform us about these achievements, so that the information is recorded accurately. If you wish to have an achievement recorded, please either phone or email Christine Hunter - 349 0178 (hunter.c@whs.ac.nz).

The Bus bay

We would like to remind parents that the bus bay is a restricted parking area from 8.20am until 9.00am and again from 2.45pm until 3.20pm.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you to ensure that we have your correct e-mail address, telephone and mobile phone/contact details. Please phone the Student Centre (349 0177) if you need to update this.

Ngā mihi nui

Martin McAllen

Principal

MED Leadership with First Class Honours,
PG Dip Ed Leadership, BA, Dip Teaching

Elizabeth Spooner

Associate Principal

Wednesday 10 May – Saturday 13 May	Production 'Rock of Ages' . A cast of 95 students, plus cast are involved. Tickets are available from the Royal Wanganui Opera House. \$20 adults, \$15 students and children, \$60 family concession (2 adults and 2 children) 7.30pm start.
Saturday 13 May	North Island Secondary Schools Swim Champs
Tuesday 16 May	Whanganui High School Cross Country at Springvale Park
Friday 9 June	Chamber Music
Monday 5 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 6 June	Teacher only day
Friday 27 May	Rock Quest
Wednesday 14 June	Hutt Valley High School sports exchange (away)
Thursday 15 June	Open Day Students will be released at 12.50pm so that staff can set up for Open Day. More detailed information will be released closer to the day.
Friday 16 June	Junior Reports issued Reports will be issued to students at the end of the day, and parents will be sent the report via email.
Saturday 17 June	International Cultural Festival In School Hall.
Friday 23 June	Senior reports issued Reports will be issued to students at the end of the day, and parents will be sent the report via email.
Wednesday 28 June	New Plymouth Girls' High School sports exchange (home)
Thursday 29 June	Student Achievement Conferences
Friday 30 June	Student Achievement Conferences
Friday 7 July	Last day of the term
Saturday 8 July	Whanganui High School Formal Function (Year 12 and Year 13 students)

Term 3 begins on Monday 24 July and it is a ten week term.