



## NEWSLETTER, JULY 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 3 is ten weeks long, finishing on Friday 29 September.

We are now in the middle of the academic year and the focus for *all* students has to be academic achievement, with School examinations for the seniors in weeks eight and nine, 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 finish timetabled classes early in November, so they also need to be putting continual focus on their own individual academic progress.

Aside from the events for Term 3, we would like to give you advance notice about dates for the various award ceremonies held early in Term 4. This will give you time to forward plan if you wish to attend. We always appreciate and value parental support at these special occasions.

<b>Thursday 19 October</b>	Sports Awards (Whanganui Function Centre)
<b>Thursday 26 October</b>	Maori Awards (Whanganui Function Centre)
<b>Thursday 2 November</b>	Cultural Awards (Royal Wanganui Opera House)
<b>Tuesday 7 November</b>	Year 11 Prizegiving (1.30pm start). Final day for Y11.
<b>Wednesday 8 November</b>	Year 12 Prizegiving (1.30pm start). Final day for Y12.
	Year 13 Prizegiving (7.00pm start). Final day for Y13.
<b>Thursday 9 November</b>	NCEA examinations begin.
<b>Monday 13 November</b>	Junior examinations begin (two days)
<b>Friday 8 December</b>	Final day for the Junior School.
	Prizegiving at 11.00am.

All Academic prizegivings are held in the School Hall.

Final reports for 2017 will be issued to students and emailed to parents on the day of their respective Prizegiving.

## TERM 3 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>Wednesday 26 July and Thursday 27 July</b>	<b>Pasifika Fusion</b> in Palmerston North.
<b>Monday 31 July</b>	<b>NCEA Report</b> <i>A report will be posted home this week for each student in Years 11 to 13, indicating their progress towards their NCEA level certificate.</i>
<b>Tuesday 1 August</b>	<b>Team Photos</b>
<b>Tuesday 8 August</b>	<b>Central 6 Junior Tournament</b> <i>This is a sports exchange with games against Freyberg High School, Havelock North High School, Taradale High School, Tawa College and Kapiti College. Involves Junior teams in Netball, Basketball, Hockey, Football and U15 Rugby</i>
<b>Friday 18 August</b>	<b>NZQA Fees Due</b> <i>Please read the extra information about this below.</i>
<b>Wednesday 23 August</b>	<b>WHS versus Wanganui Collegiate School</b> <i>Games to be played at Wanganui Collegiate involving Rugby, Football and Basketball.</i>
<b>Friday 25 August</b>	<b>Trade and Industry Expo for Year 10 students</b> <i>More information will be provided to parents once details are available.</i>
<b>Saturday 2 September</b>	<b>Performing Arts Concert</b> <i>Venue Wanganui Royal Opera House Details to be announced.</i>
<b>Monday 4 September</b>	<b>Winter Tournament Week</b> <i>A number of our sports teams will be involved in competitions this week.</i>
<b>Tuesday 12 September</b>	<b>Period 5 Professional development</b>  <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>

<b>Thursday 14 September – Friday 22 September</b>	<b>WHS Senior Examinations</b> <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, case by case, based on their effort in class and their academic performance. Students will be told whether they qualify or not by Monday 4 September. A study pass will be issued, and parents of those students who have not earned it will be contacted.</i>
<b>Friday 29 September</b>	<b>Term 3 ends.</b>

Please encourage your son or daughter to plan ahead for the examinations, especially those in Years 11,12 and 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.

## NZQA FEES

This applies to students in Years 11, 12 and 13, and some Year 10 students studying Level 1 Social Studies. NZQA fees are due by **Friday 18 August** payable to the Bursars Office. NZQA may apply a late fee if the amount is not paid by the due date. The fee has been included on the financial statements already sent to families.

If you have a Community Services card, receive a Work and Income Study Link benefit, or have total NZQA fees exceeding \$200 in your household, you qualify for the financial assistance discount. This reduces the fee from \$76.70 to \$20.00. There is a Financial Assistance form which can be downloaded from the NZQA website, or a copy can be collected from our School Bursar's office.

Please contact us if you have any concerns about any aspect of the school.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

and

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