



**SPECIAL NEWSLETTER**  
**29 SEPTEMBER 2017**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Please be aware of the following important calendar dates:

- **Term 4 begins on Monday 16 October**, and concludes on **Friday 8 December** for Years 9 and 10.
- **Sports Awards** Thursday 19 October - Racecourse Function Centre 6.45pm
- **Maori Awards** Thursday 26 October - Racecourse Function Centre 6.00pm
- **Cultural Awards** Thursday 2 November - Royal Opera House 6.00pm

Bookings (and confirmation of starting times) for all events can be made via the Student Centre and Main office.

- Finishing dates for the Senior school:

**Year 11:** Tuesday 7 November, **Prizegiving** at **1.30pm** in the School Hall.

**Years 9, 10, 12 and 13 are released at 12.50pm.** Prizegiving finishes by 3.05pm

This is the last day for Year 11 students unless they are asked to come in for extra lessons in relation to NCEA Level 1.

**Year 12:** Wednesday 8 November, **Prizegiving** at **1.30pm** in the School Hall.

**Years 9, 10, and 13 are released at 12.50pm.** Prizegiving finishes by 3.05pm

**Year 13:** Wednesday 8 November, **Prizegiving** at 7.00pm in the School Hall, followed by supper in the Library for students and their families.

This is the last day for both Y12 and Y13 students.

**Final reports** will be issued on each of these days.

- **NCEA examinations** start on Thursday 9 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 emailed between Tuesday 24 October and Friday 27 October.

- **Junior Examinations** are on Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 November (4 sessions)

**Exam order: Y9** Mathematics, Science, English, Social Studies

**Y10** Social Studies, English, Science, Mathematics

Over these two days we run a **different 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 are released to go home at 2.40pm and buses will run at the normal time.

The Library Homework Centre will be available.

- **Summer Uniform**

Students are expected to be in Summer Uniform by Tuesday 24 October (Tuesday after Labour weekend).

***This year we are having a one week change over period, and students can wear either winter or summer uniform, but whichever uniform they are wearing must be correct and not a mixture of both.***

Parents are reminded that Andersons by the fountain, is our 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, <b>worn on the knee.</b> (bottom of skirt should be level with top of knee cap)
Shirt	Regulation white polo shirt with School crest, or tailored white short sleeved shirt.
Footwear	Plain flat <b>black</b> sandals with heel strap (Roman type), or plain black leather <b>lace up</b> 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 (Y12/13 only)	Black <b>dress</b> 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 <b>black</b> sandals with heel strap (Roman style), or plain black leather <b>lace up</b> traditional style school shoes. Year 12 & 13 - <b>With Formal uniform</b> plain black leather <u>lace up</u> 'formal' shoes may be worn.
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 just after Labour weekend. Those students who are incorrectly dressed, risk being sent home, so please ensure that the regulations are adhered to.

Some uniform 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, and slip on shoes are also not part of our code.
3. Shaving – a reminder that boys are expected to be cleanly shaven.

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.

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

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