



April 2018

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 consolidate their depth of understanding across all their individual learning areas.

The schedule of events for Term 2 is included here. If there is any unexpected change to these dates, you will be notified as soon as possible by email, and the School website will be updated immediately.

If at any time you have concerns about any aspect of the School, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would much rather know about a concern at the earliest possible stage. If the concern is related to your son or daughter's progress in any learning area, then we would encourage you to e-mail the teacher involved directly, or contact the relevant House Deputy Principal or Dean. Please note that Mr McAllen is always happy to meet with parents regarding any aspect of your daughter or son's education. Please contact the main office (06) 349 0178 to make an appointment with him, or email him at principal@whanganuihigh.school.nz

Student Achievement Conferences

This is the second year that we have run Student Achievement Conferences, replacing the previous Parent-Teacher Interview format. This year we have planned two opportunities for parents/caregivers to discuss their son or daughter's learning with teachers:

Term 2 – Week 2: Thursday 10 May and Friday 11 May.

Term 3 – Week 3: Thursday 9 August and Friday 10 August.

As all teaching staff are involved, normal classes will not be running on these days. Students are encouraged to accompany their parents/caregivers to the Student Achievement Conferences.

Time schedules:

Thursday 10 May	Interview times:	9.00am to 12.00pm
		1.00pm to 5.00pm
		6.00pm to 8.00pm

Friday 11 May	Interview times:	9.00am to 11.30am
		12.30pm to 3.00pm

The **guideline** for time allowed for each interview is **10 minutes**. Bells will not ring, so goodwill and common sense will apply regarding the need for slightly longer interviews.

Making Bookings

- ***Bookings for the Term 2 Student Achievement Conferences open on Monday 30 April at 4.00pm, and close on Wednesday 9 May at 5.00pm.***
- *Bookings can be made using the online booking system:
Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code **3t6nw**, then follow the instructions.*
- *If you have no internet access, or require help, please call the Student Centre on (06) 349 0177 and ask for their assistance to help you make bookings.*

The Achievers' List

The School compiles an Achievers' List which records student 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 appreciate students and their families informing us about these achievements, so that all information is recorded accurately and completely. If you wish to have a student achievement recorded, please either phone or email Christine Hunter - 349 0178 (hunter.c@whs.ac.nz).

Winter Uniform

All students are expected to be in correct Winter uniform on the first day of Term 2. All items are available from our official uniform suppliers - Andersons Uniform shop - which is across the road from Pita Pit in Victoria Avenue.

Friday Time Schedule

As from Term 2, students only, will finish school at **2.05pm** rather than 2.15pm. Teaching staff and support staff will finish school at their normal time.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you to ensure that we have your correct email address, telephone and mobile phone emergency contact details. Please phone the Student Centre (349 0177) as soon as possible, if you need to update any relevant details.

Ngā mihi nui

Martin McAllen
Principal

Elizabeth Spooner
Associate Principal

Term 2 Events Planner

Thursday 3 May to Saturday 5 May inclusive	Junior Production – Once on This Island <i>Tickets are \$10.00 and available at the Student Centre or at the door. Show starts at 7.00pm.</i>
Wednesday 9 May	WHS Cross Country <i>Held at Springvale Park. More information will be sent to families once entries have been completed.</i>
Thursday 10 May and Friday 11 May	Student Achievement Conferences <i>See details included in this newsletter.</i>
Thursday 24 May	Whanganui Secondary Schools' Cross Country <i>Whanganui Collegiate School course.</i>
Saturday 2 June – Monday 4 June	Queen's Birthday weekend
Tuesday 5 June	Teacher only Day <i>Teaching staff will be attending professional development</i>
Friday 8 June	Chamber Music <i>Competition held at WCS Auditorium</i>
Saturday 9 June	Rock Quest
Thursday 14 June	OPEN DAY There will be normal classes during periods 1, 2 and 3. Students will be released at 12.50pm so that staff can set up displays. Buses depart at the normal times. The open day sessions run from 4.00 – 6.00pm and 7.00 - 9.00pm. <i>A special reminder notice will be sent the week before.</i>
Tuesday 19 June	Hutt Valley High School sports exchange (Home) Winter codes.
Wednesday 27 June	New Plymouth Girls' High School sports exchange (Away) Interschool Moderation There will be normal classes during periods 1, 2 and 3. Students will be released at 12.50pm. There will be a special reminder with details sent the week before.
Friday 6 July	End of Term 2
Saturday 7 July	Whanganui High School Formal Function/Ball (Year 13 students and partners)

Term 3 begins on Monday 23 July.