



SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

15 October 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Please be aware of the following important calendar dates:

- **Term 4 begins on Monday 15 October**, and concludes on **Thursday 6 December** for Years 9 and 10.
- **Sports Awards** Thursday 18 October - Racecourse Function Centre 6.45pm
- **Cultural Awards** Thursday 25 October – Royal Whanganui Opera House 6.00pm
- **Māori Awards** Thursday 1 November - Racecourse Function Centre 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: Monday 5 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: Tuesday 6 November, Prizegiving at 1.30pm in the School Hall.

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

This is the last day for Year 12 students unless they are asked to come in for extra lessons in relation to NCEA Level 2.

Year 13: Tuesday 6 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, and sent to families via email.

- **NCEA examinations** start on **Wednesday 7 November**. Students will be issued with their entry slips and instructions on their last day. An exam schedule can be found on the NZQA web-site. 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 23 October and Friday 26 October.

Junior Examinations

This year we are running a slightly different examination schedule for the Junior school.

On **Friday 9 November** all Junior students will sit **Social Studies and Science** as follows:

Friday 9 November – Morning 9.20 to 11.20am	Friday 9 November – Afternoon 12.05 to 2.05pm
Year 9 Science	Year 9 Social Studies
Year 10 Social Studies	Year 10 Science

Two hour papers for each subject.

Please note: We will be running a slightly altered Friday time schedule during the day, though note that the start and finish times are the same as usual.

Form time: 8.45 – 9.10am

Exam 1: 9.20 – 11.20am

Lunch: 11.20 – 11.55am

Exam 2: 12.05 – 2.05pm

Students will be released at 2.05pm. **Buses** will run at the normal time.

The Library Homework Centre will be open.

Junior students will complete their **English and Mathematics examinations** in **normal class time** across the week from **Monday 12 November to Friday 16 November**.

Summer Uniform

Students are expected to be in Summer Uniform by **Tuesday 23 October** (Tuesday after Labour weekend).

Parents are reminded that Andersons Uniforms, is our uniform outlet.

Please ensure that your son/daughter's uniform complies with the regulations. A full list of the uniform is available on the Schools' website.

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. 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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Principal

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