



Special Letter 26 October 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last Day of School for Junior Students

Please note that an error was made when notifying the school community of the last day of school for Year 9 and Year 10 students. The actual last day of school will be Tuesday, 11 December - Year 9 & Year 10 Prizegiving.

Notification of PPTA Paid Union Meeting for Teaching Staff - Tuesday, 13 November 2018

All state and integrated secondary schools in the Whanganui-Manawatu region have been notified by the PPTA (Teachers' Union) of a compulsory Paid Union Meeting on Tuesday, 13 November from 1 - 3 pm at Awapuni Racecourse, Palmerston North. The purpose of this meeting is to brief members and conduct a ballot in regards to negotiations for the Secondary Teachers' Collective Agreement, which expires in October 2018.

The Employment Relations Act requires our school to release PPTA members to attend the meeting.

Normal timetabled lessons will need to finish at the end of Period 2 (11.05 am) on Tuesday, 13 November so that PPTA members can travel to the meeting in Palmerston North. Students can go home at this time if this is convenient to you.

We will, however, still be able to keep the school open and offer supervision - by teaching staff who are not members of the PPTA - for parents who wish their children to remain at school for the entire normal school day.

At this stage the bus companies have not confirmed whether they will be able to pick up students earlier in the day or whether they will need to remain at their normal times. We will provide this information closer to the time.

Please note that NCEA external examinations for senior students in Years 11, 12 and 13 are totally unaffected by the Paid Union Meeting and will run as scheduled on Tuesday, 13 November.

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