



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,
Kia Ora, Tena Koutou Katoa

Above 2017 Student Leaders from left:

*Nicholas Tinholt (BoT Rep.), Head Students:
Gemma Tims, Hayden Christie, Bethany Hay
and Stefan Browne*

Welcome to the Term 4 Final CONTACT for 2017.

The timing of this last newsletter coincides with the junior students enjoying their programmes – either the Year 9 Special programme or the Year 10 Wider Horizons programme. We have many students off site involved in a vast array of activities. I would like to thank my staff for their huge contribution and all the other parents that are supporting us in this venture.

My congratulations to our juniors on the manner in which they sat their recent exams. They were committed to their academic programme. Such preparation will hold them in good stead for next year. The exams results will have a bearing on their class placement in 2018.

Year 9's enjoyed a successful Athletics Day last Friday – again thanks to the staff for all your work in organising this event. As this happened, Year 10 welcomed the new Principal Russell Gordon to the college on Okohanga.

Junior tournament week has already been, and congratulations to our seven volley ball teams who qualified for the event. It is amazing for one school to have so many representative teams at a National tournament.

The 2017 edition of the magazine TREK is published and available for collection today. The cost is \$10.00 and if students have not pre-ordered then remember to go and purchase a copy from the office.

The final activity for our Year 13's was their Leavers Dinner. It was held at 6.30pm on Thursday evening, 7 December at the Bay Park Events Centre. It was to farewell a fantastic group of young people who have been with us for the last five years.

Year 9 and 10 Awards ceremonies will be held on Friday 8 December. School will commence at 8.45. Year 9 Awards will commence at 10.00am and conclude approximately 11.00am. The Year 10 Awards will start at 11.30am and will conclude approximately 12.30pm. Reports have been emailed already. This is the end of the school year.

If you have any uniforms that are in good condition and you wish to donate or sell them, the PTA second hand sale will take these. The sale will happen in our Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday 24 January 2018, 4.00 – 6.30pm, and then again on the following Tuesday 30

January. If you could also help, all you need to do is contact us, and we will be in touch. All uniforms must be labelled with the sellers name and contact details, and handed over to the school office prior to these dates.

Year 13 students are not required to re-enrol for 2018 classes. All HOD's will check the student's exam results to identify students who need to change their subjects due to not meeting entry criteria for particular courses. Deans will phone these students with an appointment time to discuss subject changes. However, students who were previously told they were unlikely to meet the entry criteria for certain courses and as a result of exam results have now met the criteria should ring and make an appointment with their Deans on Wednesday 24 January 2018.

Year 12 students likewise can do this on Thursday 25 January 2018.

All 2018 Year 13 students are encouraged to attend their camp on Thursday 25 January and Friday 26 January.

For 2018, only Year 9 and Year 13 students attend school on Wednesday 31 January, and the 'whole' school attends on Thursday 1 February. School will finish at 3.05pm on Wednesday 31 January for any further Year 13 subject changes, and on Thursday 1 February for any Year 12 subject changes. All changes must be HOD approved and will depend on class spaces being available.

Students must attend school in correct school uniform. Please check the uniform code which is available on our school website. Please check for items like wearing plain black shoes – no boots. White socks for the young ladies not black. All our school uniform has a school crest sewn on, to identify it as a uniform.

Thank you for your support for nearly eighteen years, and thank you for the many farewells that I have so greatly enjoyed and appreciated. This is a final goodbye from me as Principal, and in signing off, I wish the incoming Principal Russell Gordon, and you all, not only a very Happy Christmas and New Year, but also all the very best for your futures.

DG Randell
Principal

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