



# NEWSLETTER

April 2019

Tēnā kotou katoa

Welcome back to Whanganui High School for the beginning of Term 2. I enjoyed having many conversations with parents during our Student Achievement Conferences after school and into the evening on Wednesday, 10 April and Thursday, 11 April.

The Student Achievement Conferences confirm that student success is built on a strong foundation of effective communication and partnership between each individual student, parents, and all teachers.

## **Live Reporting**

Our live reporting system through our student management system KAMAR provides more immediate feedback on your son or daughter's academic achievement in class. All live reports can be accessed through the KAMAR parent Portal. At the student Achievement Conferences, it was clear that many parents have been checking teacher feedback regularly throughout Term 1 – thank you.

At the beginning of the year, all families were sent a personalised email detailing logon and password details. Please contact the Main Office (**349 0178**) or Student Centre (**349 0177**) if you have not received this information.

Parents without internet access at home can use the iPad in the Student Centre when visiting the School. Print-outs can also be requested if required.

## **Student/Parent/Staff opportunity to be involved in a re-naming process**

At the March Board of Trustees' meeting, I outlined my intention to involve our school community in giving new names to five distinct parts of Whanganui High School: Vogel Gymnasium; Reeves Gymnasium; Ballance Courtyard; Seddon Gymnasium; The Deans' House. Each member of the BOT fully supports my proposal.

I am seeking names from our school community that will be more inclusive and more connected to all of our students and all families at Whanganui High School.

Please reply back to my Principal email address ([principal@whs.ac.nz](mailto:principal@whs.ac.nz)) with your suggestions and any supporting points by **4.30 pm, Friday 10 May**.

**All suggestions will then be considered by the Senior Leadership Team and the Board of Trustees.**

## **Winter Uniform and Personal Presentation Expectations**

I believe that 97% of our students wear their uniform correctly and present themselves well at all times during the school day. Unfortunately the remaining 3% of students attempt to push the boundaries to a greater-or-lesser extent with varying levels of short-term success.

Our uniform and personal presentation expectations are clearly stated in the Policies section of our website and all families agree to abide by our expectations when enrolling children at Whanganui High School. Please ensure that these expectations are clearly matched by your son or daughter at all times.

**IMPORTANT TERM 1 DATES:**

<b>Wednesday 8 May</b>	<b>WHS Cross Country</b> <i>Held at Springvale Park. More information will be sent to families once entries have been completed.</i>
<b>Thursday 16 May</b>	<b>Senior Careers Expo</b> <i>More information will be provided closer to the date.</i>
<b>Thursday 23 May</b>	<b>Whanganui Secondary Schools' Cross Country</b> <i>Whanganui Collegiate School course.</i>
<b>Saturday 1 June – Monday 3 June</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday weekend</b>
<b>Tuesday 4 June</b>	<b>Teacher only Day</b> <i>Teaching staff will be attending professional development</i>
<b>Saturday 8 June</b>	<b>Rock Quest</b>
<b>Wednesday 12 June</b>	<b>Chamber Music</b> <i>Competition held at WCS Auditorium</i>
<b>Thursday 13 June</b>	<b>OPEN DAY</b> 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>
<b>Monday 17 June – Wednesday 19 June inclusive</b>	<b>The Arts Concert</b> <i>Information will be provided closer to the date, via the School website.</i>
<b>Tuesday 18 June</b>	<b>Hutt Valley High School sports exchange</b> Winter codes.
<b>Tuesday 25 June</b>	<b>New Plymouth Girls' High School sports exchange</b>
<b>Thursday 27 June &amp; Friday 28 June</b>	<b>Manu Korero &amp; Paerangatahi (Opunake)</b>
<b>Saturday 29 June</b>	<b>International Cultural Festival</b>
<b>Friday 5 July</b>	<b>End of Term 2</b>
<b>Saturday 6 July</b>	<b>Whanganui High School Formal Function/Ball</b> (Year 13 students and partners)

Ngā mihi nui



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**PRINCIPAL**