



NEWSLETTER, JULY 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 3 at Whanganui High School. This term is ten weeks long, finishing on Friday, 27 September.

We are now in the middle of the academic year and the focus for *all* students has to be on academic achievement, with School examinations for the seniors in weeks eight and nine, and for juniors early in Term 4. As Years 11, 12 and 13 students finish their timetabled classes at the beginning of week 4 of Term 4, we will be working hard to ensure they are well prepared for the External examinations. Our Junior examinations are held once the seniors finish timetabled classes early in November, so they also need to be putting continual focus on their own individual academic progress.

Aside from the events for Term 3, we would like to give you advance notice about dates for the various award ceremonies held early in Term 4. This will give you time to forward plan if you wish to attend. We always appreciate and value parental support at these special occasions.

Thursday 17 October	Sports Awards (Whanganui Function Centre)
Tuesday 22 October	Pasifika Awards
Thursday 24 October	Arts Awards (Royal Wanganui Opera House)
Thursday 31 October	Maori Awards (Whanganui Function Centre)
Tuesday 5 November	Year 11 Prizegiving (1.30pm start). Final day for Y11.
Wednesday 6 November	Year 12 Prizegiving (1.30pm start). Final day for Y12.
	Year 13 Prizegiving (7.00pm start). Final day for Y13.
Friday 8 November	NCEA examinations begin.
Friday 6 December	Final day for the Junior School.
	Prizegiving at 11.00am.

All Academic prizegivings are held in the School Hall.

Final reports for 2019 will be issued to students and emailed to parents on the day of their respective Prizegiving.

TERM 3 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday 24 July	Whanganui Collegiate sports exchange <i>At Whanganui Collegiate School</i>
Friday 26 July	Interim report <i>e-mailed to parents with email addresses and posted to parents without email addresses. It will contain information related to the Student Achievement Conferences.</i>
Monday 29 July – Friday 2 August	NCEA Report <i>A report will be e-mailed/ posted home during this week for each student in Years 11 to 13, indicating individual progress towards their NCEA Levels 1, 2 or 3.</i>
Tuesday 6 August	Central 6 Junior Tournament <i>This is a sports exchange with games against Freyberg High School, Havelock North High School, Taradale High School, Tawa College and Kapiti College. Involves Junior teams in Netball, Basketball, Hockey, Football and U15 Rugby</i>
Wednesday 7 August	Team Photos
Wednesday 7 August	Student Achievement Conferences (School Gymnasiums)
Thursday 8 August	Student Achievement Conferences (School Gymnasiums)
Tuesday 13 August	Hawera High School sports exchange (away)
Monday 26 August	Future Focus week begins <i>Students will be choosing their subjects for 2020.</i>
Thursday 29 August	Future Focus Evening <i>Presentation for parents in the Library – details to be provided closer to the date.</i>
Monday 2 September	Winter Tournament Week <i>A number of our sports teams will be involved in competitions this week.</i>
Thursday 12 September – Friday 20 September	WHS Senior Examinations <i>All subjects will be offering an examination and students are expected to attend these. Study leave is a privilege not a right, and therefore students have to earn the permission to have study leave. Students will be considered, case by case, based on their effort in class and their academic performance. Students will be told whether they qualify for study leave or not by <u>Monday 2 September</u>. A study leave pass will be issued, and parents of those students who have not earned a study leave pass will be contacted.</i>
Monday 23 September	Regional Moderation <i>Parents will be notified of any change to times closer to this date.</i>
Friday 27 September	Last day of Term 3

Please encourage your son or daughter to plan ahead for their examinations, especially students in Years 11,12 and 13. Encourage them to ask their respective subject teachers to explain exactly what topics will be assessed in the School examinations, so that they can plan a meaningful programme of revision at home and school. We will be offering a variety of tutorials for the Senior school, across weeks 6 and 7. These are held after school from 3.30 to 5.00pm, and from 7.00 to 9.00pm each evening. They will be advertised via the daily notices and the School website.

Your support with these important aspects of your son or daughter's education is highly valued and appreciated by our entire teaching staff.

NZQA FEES

Following a Government announcement, there are NO fees payable for domestic students, however Foreign Fee paying students still have NZQA fees due. The amount is \$383.30 and the due date for payment is Friday 16 August.

Wishing you and your family all the best during this very important term for educational achievement and learning.

Yours sincerely



Martin McAllen
Principal

and



Elizabeth Spooner
Associate Principal