



SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

August 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Student Achievement Conferences

Please remember that appointments need to be made by **5.00 pm tomorrow, Tuesday 6 August**, for the Student Achievement Conferences on **Wednesday, 7 August and Thursday, 8 August**. Students will finish classes at the end of Period 4 on Wednesday and Thursday. The school library will still be open until 4.30 pm as normal and school buses will run at their normal after-school times. The Conferences are being held in the Te Wehi and Te Mana gymnasiums (beginning at 3.10 pm and concluding at 9.00 pm each evening).

Live Reporting

Live reporting provides feedback on student achievement throughout the year. All live reports (as well as other relevant student/parent information) can be accessed through the KAMAR Parent Portal. Please contact the Main Office (06 3490178) or Student Centre (06 3490177) if you are unsure how to access Live Reporting. Parents are also welcome to use the iPad in the Student Centre when visiting the school; print-outs can also be requested, if required.

Whanganui High School Representatives Policy

Upon enrolling at Whanganui High School, all students and parents sign our Representatives Policy. One of the key points of this policy is that students are expected to have **at least 90% attendance at school** before they can represent Whanganui High School in any co-curricular activity (justifiable or explained absences are taken into fair consideration when looking at the overall percentage figure).

There is considerable research showing a strong correlation between student attendance and NCEA achievement. Please note that if your son or daughter's attendance is below 90% then he or she will not be able to represent Whanganui High School in co-curricular activities. It makes little sense for a student who is not attending school regularly to then be representing the school externally in co-curricular activities.

Pasifika Awards Evening

Please note that the date of this evening has changed very recently from Tuesday, 22 October to Friday, 18 October (venue to be confirmed).

Traffic Safety

We recently had a minor traffic accident after school on Purnell Street, involving two of our students in a car, and an adult driver in another car travelling to Wellington. In this particular case, neither student had a full licence; (one student had a restricted licence and the other student was a learner driver). Please support us by encouraging your children of driving age to drive responsibly at all times – only students with a full licence can take passengers in their cars; or if they are a learner driver they need to have someone with a full licence present in the car.

New School Website

Our Whanganui High School website has been in the process of being updated internally since the beginning of this year. The new website went 'live' just over two weeks ago. Please check it out if you haven't had the chance to do so yet.

Ngā mihi nui

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PRINCIPAL