



## NEWSLETTER, JULY 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 3 at Whanganui High School. This term is ten weeks long, finishing on Friday, 25 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 in Term 4. As Years 11, 12 and 13 students finish their timetabled classes at the beginning of week 5 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 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.

<b>Thursday 15 October</b>	Sports Awards
<b>Friday 16 October</b>	Pasifika Awards
<b>Thursday 22 October</b>	Arts Awards
<b>Thursday 29 October</b>	Māori Awards
<b>Tuesday 10 November</b>	Year 11 Prizegiving (1.30pm start). Final day for Y11.
<b>Wednesday 11 November</b>	Year 12 Prizegiving (1.30pm start). Final day for Y12. Year 13 Prizegiving (7.00pm start). Final day for Y13.
<b>Monday 16 November</b>	NCEA examinations begin.
<b>Tuesday 8 December</b>	Final day for the Junior School. Prizegiving at 11.00am.

All Academic prizegivings are held in the School Hall.

Final reports for 2020 will be issued to students and emailed to parents on the day of their respective Prizegiving.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3

<b>Wednesday 22 July</b>	<b>Whanganui Collegiate sports exchange</b> <i>At Whanganui High School</i>
<b>Friday 24 July</b>	<b>Interim report</b> <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>
<b>Monday 27 July – Friday 31 July</b>	<b>NCEA Report</b> <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>
<b>Friday 31 July</b>	<b>House Quiz</b> <i>Inter House event run at the Jubilee Stadium, periods 3 and 4.</i>
<b>Wednesday 5 August</b>	<b>Team Photos</b>
<b>Wednesday 5 August</b>	<b>Student Achievement Conferences</b> (School Gymnasiums)
<b>Thursday 6 August</b>	<b>Student Achievement Conferences</b> (School Gymnasiums)
<b>Saturday 8 August</b>	<b>Whanganui High School Ball</b> <i>(Year 13 students and partners)</i>
<b>Tuesday 11 August</b>	<b>Hawera High School sports exchange (home)</b>
<b>Tuesday 18 August</b>	<b>New Plymouth Girls High School sports exchange (away)</b>
<b>Monday 24 August</b>	<b>Future Focus week begins</b> <i>Students will be choosing their subjects for 2021.</i>
<b>Wednesday 26 August</b>	<b>Future Focus Evening to be confirmed</b> <i>Presentation for parents in the Library – details to be provided closer to the date.</i>
<b>Monday 31 August</b>	<b>Winter Tournament Week</b> <i>Only a small number of our sports teams will be involved in competitions this year due to Covid restrictions..</i>
<b>Thursday 10 September – Friday 18 September</b>	<b>WHS Senior Examinations</b> <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>Wednesday 2 September</u>. Parents of those students who have not earned study leave will be contacted.</i>
<b>Friday 25 September</b>	<b>Last day of Term 3</b>

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. There will be a variety of tutorials offered for the Senior school, across weeks 6 and 7, prior to the School examinations. 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**

Foreign Fee paying students have NZQA fees due. The amount is \$383.30 and the due date for payment is Friday 14 August.

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

Yours sincerely



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Principal

and



Elizabeth Spooner  
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