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WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 10 November

- Y11 finish & reports issued
- Y11 Prizegiving at 1.30pm in the Hall
- Juniors, Y12, Y13 finish at 12.50pm

Wednesday 11 November

- Y12 finish & reports issued
- Y12 Prizegiving at 1.30pm in the Hall
- Juniors and Y13 finish at 12.50pm
- Y13 finish & reports issued
- Y13 Prizegiving at 7.00pm in the Hall (Followed by supper in the Library)

Monday 16 November

NCEA External Examinations Begin

Tuesday 8 December

- Y9 & Y10 finish & reports issued
- Junior Prizegiving at 11.00am in the Hall

Tēnā koutou katoa.

Over the last three weeks we have enjoyed celebrating a wide range of student successes at the Whanganui High School Sports Awards, Cultural Awards, Māori Awards and Pasifika Awards. It has been wonderful for students, staff and whānau to spend time together appreciating the many diverse strengths and talents across our school.

We now move onto our Senior School Prizegivings on Tuesday, 10 November and Wednesday, 11 November before the NCEA external examinations begin on Monday, 16 November.

Our senior students have been completely focused on completing their final internal assessment tasks or various portfolios this term and on working through their revision study for the upcoming examinations.

We wish all students sitting examinations all the very best over the next few weeks.

Ngā mihi nui
Martin McAllen - Principal



BREAKFAST CLUB



A recent survey by our Year 13 students, highlighted that 42% of students who responded either never, or rarely, had breakfast. Whanganui High School's Breakfast Club was established during Term 3 this year to fulfil this need. This initiative is provided with the help of the charity KickStart Breakfast. It is run by the school's Peer Mentor team, under the guidance of teacher Mrs Gail Glaister and Mrs Linda Hardcastle.

Our Peer Mentor team set up the breakfast and also play games and chat with any student who comes along. There is an open-door policy and all students are welcome. It runs every school day from 8.00am until 8.30am in the school's cooking room. The Breakfast Club will expand to other food items such as toast, butter and spreads in the near future.



LEARNING SUPPORT CENTRE & TE ATAWHAI UNIT

Whanganui High School's Learning Support Centre provides extra support for mainstream students who are finding subject work difficult due to a specific learning difficulty or condition (for example, dyslexia, dyspraxia, autism, anxiety, physical disability). The Learning Support Centre assists students in keeping up-to-date with their classwork, and to complete internal assessments (sometimes with reader-writer assistance). It is a quiet environment allowing students to concentrate, work and learn.

Te Atawhai Unit (Special Needs)

Safe, caring, challenging and supportive is the framework of our special needs Te Atawhai Unit. Te Atawhai provides for students with moderate to severe intellectual impairments who require alternative or additional resources to those usually provided in regular education settings. The guiding philosophy of Te Atawhai is to enable all students to develop their full potential by providing individualised learning opportunities. This is achieved through a multi-sensory curriculum and adapted programmes.

If you would like more information please contact our school SENCO, Glyn Cansfield on cansfield.g@whs.ac.nz

EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



Whanganui High School offers exciting EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) opportunities and experiences for students. The school has International tours to South America, Europe and Australia and class trips to local cultural and historical sites.

As a school, we have evolved with the challenges faced by schools running EOTC trips. Our belief is that all students should have the freedom to benefit from safe and well managed trips.

Some specific examples on offer are as follows:

- The Geography department offers students the opportunity to participate on trips to the Gold Coast, Mount Maunganui, Tongariro and South Island tours, where geography students explore New Zealand sights from mountains to the sea.
- The Outdoor Education department offers both day and overnight trips throughout the middle and lower North Island across level 1, 2 and 3 in caving, tramping, camping, mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling, rafting, high ropes, bush craft and rock climbing.

The school's Education Outside the Classroom programme is designed to bring the curriculum alive for our students and engage them as lifelong learners.



ENROLMENTS 2021

APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT
2021 ARE WELCOME
ACROSS ALL YEAR LEVELS

Martin McAllen, Principal, Whanganui High School