



15 February 2021

Kia ora koutou

### **Special Newsletter - February 2021**

This special newsletter is just focusing on two specific areas: our movement into Alert Level 2 until at least 11:59 pm on Wednesday, 17 February; and important events for the rest of Term 1.

I sent our Revised and Updated Alert Level 2 Safety Plan (2021) to all teaching and support staff members on Sunday evening. Key points for parents and students:

- \* Whanganui High School is open as usual.
- \* All students and staff who are unwell must stay at home.
- \* Physical distancing measures will be maintained so that there is no breathing on or touching of each other.
- \* Good hygiene and cleaning practices will be followed: regular hand-washing and drying; coughing or sneezing into one's own elbow; no spitting; keeping surfaces as clean as possible.
- \* Accurate contact tracing registers will continue to be maintained as well as full utilisation of the NZ Covid Tracer app. All visitors to the school must sign in at the Main Reception or the Student Centre - no exceptions.
- \* Hand sanitiser is available in every single classroom and common area in the school.
- \* Relevant instructional signage is put up in public places throughout the school.
- \* House Assemblies will be cancelled for at least all of this week.
- \* The Year 9 Parents' Information Evening on Wednesday, 17 February has been postponed to 6.30 pm, Tuesday, 2 March.
- \* Inter-regional Professional Learning Development and class trips have been postponed until at least Thursday, 18 February.

I greatly appreciate your support and will continue to keep you informed as quickly as possible regarding any significant developments. I attach for your information Important Term 1 dates.

Kia kaha koutou

**Martin McAllen**  
**Principal**

## IMPORTANT TERM 1 DATES:

(Please note all dates are dependent upon the relevant Alert Level at the time)

<b>Friday 19 February</b>	<b>Whanganui High School Swimming Champs</b> <i>12.00pm to 2.00pm at the Splash Centre (if we are still at Alert Level 2 only students and staff will attend).</i>
<b>Tuesday 23 February</b>	<b>Level 1 NCEA Information evening</b> <b>6.00 pm – 7.00 pm in the School Hall.</b> <i>This is an excellent opportunity for parents and caregivers to learn about NCEA (National Certificate of Educational Achievement). Any questions you have will be answered.</i>
<b>Wednesday 24 February</b>	<b>Class Photographs</b>
<b>Thursday 25 February</b>	<b>Whanganui High School Athletics Day – Whole School</b> <i>9.00am start (approx.) at Cooks Gardens. House Competition. More in-depth information about the day's organisation will be sent prior to the event. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.</i>
<b>Tuesday 2 March</b>	<b>Year 9 Parents' Information evening</b> <b>6.30 pm – 8.00 pm in the School Hall and Library</b> <i>This is an excellent opportunity for parents to hear about the services the School provides and how to access information related to daughters and sons.</i>
<b>Friday 26 March</b>	<b>Interim Reports will be issued for all students</b> <i>These reports will be emailed; copies will also be sent by post to families without email access.</i>
<b>Monday 22 March</b>	<b>Summer Tournament Week begins</b>
<b>Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 April</b>	<b>Student Achievement Conferences</b> (Parent Teacher Interviews) <i>Details will be advised in the Interim Report</i>
<b>Friday 16 April</b>	<b>Term 1 ends</b>
<b>Monday 3 May</b>	<b>Term 2 begins</b>

Please note that the Easter break is Friday 2 April to Tuesday 6 April inclusive.  
School resumes on Wednesday 7 April before finishing for Term 1 on Friday 16 April.