



NEWSLETTER, JULY 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 3 at Whanganui High School. This term is ten weeks long, finishing on Friday, 1 October.

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 in week 3 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.

Thursday 30 September	Sports Awards
Thursday 21 October	Arts/Cultural Awards
Tuesday 27 October	Māori Awards
Friday 29 October	Pasifika Awards
Tuesday 2 November	Year 13 Prizegiving (7.00pm start). Final day for Y13.
Wednesday 3 November	Year 12 Prizegiving (1.30pm start). Final day for Y12.
Thursday 4 November	Year 11 Prizegiving (1.30pm start). Final day for Y11.
Monday 8 November	NCEA examinations begin – final examinations on Thursday 2 December
Friday 10 December	Final day for the Junior School. Prizegiving at 11.00am.

All Academic prizegivings are held in the School Hall.

Final WHS reports for 2021 will be issued to students and emailed to parents on the day of their respective Prizegiving.

TERM 3 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday 30 July	Interim report e-mailed to parents with email addresses and posted to parents without email addresses. It will contain information related to the Student Achievement Conferences .
Monday 2 August – Friday 6 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 3 August	Teacher only Day
Thursday 5 August	Team Photos
Tuesday 10 August	Hawera High School sports exchange (away)
Wednesday 11 August	Student Achievement Conferences <i>(School Gymnasiums)</i>
Thursday 12 August	Student Achievement Conferences <i>(School Gymnasiums)</i>
Wednesday 18 August	Whanganui Collegiate School sports exchange (away)
Thursday 19 August	Battle of the Houses Royal Whanganui Opera House <i>Check the School website for details</i>
Monday 23 August	Future Focus week begins <i>Students will be choosing their subjects for 2022.</i>
Wednesday 25 August	Future Focus Evening <i>Presentation for parents in the Library – details to be provided closer to the date.</i>
Monday 30 August	Winter Tournament Week
Thursday 16 September – Friday 24 September	WHS Senior Examinations <i>All subjects will be offering an examination or time to complete portfolios/technology projects, 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, and they will be told well in advance of examinations starting. Parents of those students who have not earned study leave will be contacted.</i>
Thursday 30 September	Sports Awards
Friday 1 October	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.

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

Yours sincerely

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Martin McAllen
Principal

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Elizabeth Spooner
Associate Principal