



Kia ora koutou

I hope the first two days of High School have gone well for you and your family. We have had excellent attendance over the last two days – around 95% student attendance across all year levels.

In my last newsletter on Tuesday, 25 January, I emphasised the importance of face masks being worn at school by all students and staff. This has been observed extremely well during the first two days of school – thank you for your support. Please note that masks need to be worn while in indoor spaces but do not need to be worn while outside in the fresh air.

We have been informed that hotmail email addresses are not always compatible with our KAMAR emailing system and are not always received by parents. Please check your junk/spam or promotion folders in case our school emails end up in those folders. Messages that come from me are always placed directly on our main Facebook page and our Website (under News and Events), but be aware that you may miss messages from other members of staff if you have a hotmail address. If you change your email address please let the Main Office (*Ph: 349 0178 or Email: office@whs.ac.nz*) know so we can update our records.

Mask Exemptions

A small number of students will have an exemption from wearing masks. If your son or daughter has an exemption from wearing a mask then the exemption card or a letter from their medical practitioner or health provider needs to be sighted by the Principal's office. Parents should email this information through to principal@whs.ac.nz I will also consider requests without an exemption on a case-by-case basis, based upon individual circumstances.

New Staff

I am very pleased to welcome the following new teaching staff to our school:

Heidi Barnet – English
Bailie Baxter – Social Sciences
Karen Booth Richards – Science
Samantha Bridge – Ngāpuhi, Hapu Ngāti Whakaeke – English
Kamna Choudhary – Science
Sarah Crook – Science
Rebecca Easton – Social Sciences
Matt Gallagher – Ngāti Ruanui, Ngāruahine, Ngāti Tuwharetoa – Social Sciences
Gabrielle McKenzie – Social Sciences
Shaun Wason – Mathematics
Lauren Williams – PE & Health/Supported Learning)

Nga mihi

Martin McAllen
PRINCIPAL