

10 March 2023



Kia ora koutou

Industrial Action – PPTA Union Nationwide Teachers’ Strike on Thursday, 16 March

The PPTA Union has advised the Boards of all Area Schools and Secondary Schools throughout New Zealand that its member teachers will be taking strike action on Thursday, 16 March 2023.

Whanganui High School cannot provide normal instruction and staffing during the strike so the school will officially be closed for instruction on 16 March. We can, however, provide some staff supervision for students under 14 years of age by teachers who are not members of the PPTA Union.

Please email me directly at principal@whs.ac.nz if you are intending for your son or daughter to be at school on 16 March.

Students requiring supervision will need to meet at the flagpole area outside the Deans’ House no later than 8.50 am on 16 March. The supervised students will have normal break times and will need to be prepared to stay in the school library until 3.05 pm.

Scholarship Results

A small number of last year’s Year 13 students attempted the 2022 Scholarship examinations as well as their normal NCEA Level 3 examinations. Warm congratulations to the following students for their fine Scholarship examination passes:

Toni Adams – English
Olivia Bedwell – English and Biology
Chelsea O’Hara – Design
Victor Xie – Statistics

Parents’ Cyber Safety Evening

Our combined Takitini Hauora Kahui Ako is presenting a Cyber Safety Evening for parents at Whanganui Collegiate School Auditorium on Tuesday 14 March – 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm.

The evening will be presented by Rob Cope, Author, Parent and Filmmaker of the 2020 documentary ‘Our Kids Online’.

Topics will include: cyberbullying; social media; gaming and the developing brain; online predators; online porn versus healthy sexuality.

Rob will also cover a range of practical solutions to keep your children safer online and give advice on healthy ways to approach these topics.

Ngā mihi nui
Martin McAllen
PRINCIPAL