



NEWSLETTER, JULY 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 3 at Whanganui High School. This term is ten weeks long, finishing on Friday, 22 September.

We are now in the middle of the academic year and the focus for *all* students must 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 4 of Term 4, we will be working hard to ensure they are well prepared for the NCEA 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 12 October	Sports Awards
Wednesday 18 October	Arts/Cultural Awards
Wednesday 25 October	Māori Awards
Friday 27 October	Pasifika Awards
Monday 6 November	NCEA examinations begin. Final examinations on Thursday 30 November.
Friday 8 December	Final day for the Junior School. Prizegiving at 11.00am.

Please note: The precise dates and times for the **Senior Prizegivings (for Years 11, 12 and 13)** will be announced once Term 3 begins. They will definitely be early in the fourth week, which starts on Monday 30 October.

All Academic Prizegivings are held in the School Hall. Venues and timing for all other award ceremonies will be advertised closer to the events.

Final WHS reports for 2023 will be issued to students and emailed to parents on the day of their respective Prizegiving.

TERM 3 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Updated events are always posted on the school's website.

Friday 21 July	Interim report <i>e-mailed to parents with email addresses and posted to parents without email addresses. It will contain information related to the Student Achievement Conferences.</i>
Monday 24 July – Friday 28 July	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 1 August and Wednesday 2 August	Student Achievement Conferences <i>(School Gymnasiums)</i> <i>Students are released each day at 1.50pm at the end of period 4.</i>
Tuesday 8 August	Hawera High School exchange(away)
Thursday 10 August	Team/Sports Photos
Wednesday 16 August	Whanganui Collegiate School sports exchange (home)
Monday 21 August	Future Focus week begins <i>Students will be choosing their subjects for 2024.</i>
Tuesday 22 August	Future Focus Evening <i>Presentation for parents in the Library related to subjects offered for 2024. 5.00pm to 7.00pm continuous.</i>
Wednesday 23 August	Performing Arts Concert/Battle of the Houses <i>Royal Whanganui Opera House</i> <i>Check the School website for details</i>
Monday 28 August	Winter Tournament Week
Tuesday 29 August	Interschool NCEA Moderation (tbc) <i>Students are released at 1.50pm at the end of period 4(tbc)</i>
Thursday 7 September – Friday 15 September	WHS Senior Examinations <i>Most 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.</i> <i>Some students will be invited to attend extra classes during the examination period, to help them gain credits. This is often offered to students who need Level 1 Literacy and Numeracy credits.</i> <i>Parents of these students will be contacted.</i>
Friday 22 September	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

Elizabeth Spooner
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