

6 September 2023

Kia ora koutou

Congratulations to all students, staff, parents and supporters involved in the Winter Sports Tournament activities last week. We had sporting teams competing to a consistently high level across Hastings, Napier, Wellington, Blenheim and Nelson. Today, we have many of our junior students involved in the Central Six Tournament Day; the schools competing with us are Freyberg High School; Taradale High School, Havelock North High School; Kapiti College, Tawa College.

Senior School Examinations (Thursday, 7 September to Friday, 15 September)

Tomorrow, we begin our Senior School Examinations. These school examinations are extremely important preparation for students entered in the external NCEA examinations beginning in early November and are also used as 'Derived Grades' for those examinations.

I have asked all subject teachers to email parents directly if your son or daughter does not turn up to their scheduled subject examinations. I have also asked all subject teachers to pass lists of unexplained absences from the examinations onto me. Please strongly encourage your son or daughter to <u>attend all their scheduled examinations</u>.

Inter-school NCEA Moderation Afternoon (2.20 pm to 4.30 pm, Thursday, 21 September)

Please note that all classes will finish at 2.00 pm on Thursday, 21 September. We will be hosting the Inter-school NCEA Moderation Afternoon for teachers from across all Whanganui secondary schools from 2.20 pm to 4.30 pm.

I will base myself in the Library from 2.00 pm onwards and will be available to help any student with their normal Period 5 classroom learning if they require assistance.

School buses will run at the normal times and the Library will continue to be open until the normal closing time of 4.30 pm.

All the very best as we head towards the end of Term 3 on Friday, 22 September.

Ngā mihi nui *Martin McAllen* PRINCIPAL