



SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

October 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Please be aware of the following important calendar dates:

- **Term 4 begins on Monday 9 October**, and concludes on **Friday 8 December** for Years 9 and 10. Nine weeks in all.
There is one **Accord Teacher Only day** this term: **Monday 20 November**.
- **Sports Awards** Thursday 12 October - Racecourse Eulogy Lounge
7.00pm start.
- **Cultural Awards** Wednesday 18 October – Space Gallery @ 6.00pm for Visual Art
and refreshments, then The Royal Whanganui Opera House, 7.00pm start.
- **Māori Awards** Wednesday 25 October – Whanganui High School Hall
5.45 pm start.
- **Pasifika Awards** Friday 27 October – Whanganui High School Hall
6.30pm start.

Tickets for all events can be purchased from the Student Centre and Main office.

Tickets for the Cultural Awards at the Opera House can also be booked online.

Please check the School website for confirmed start times.

- **Finishing dates for the Senior school:**

Year 13: Tuesday 31 October

**Graduation Breakfast 7.45am – Eulogy Lounge at the Whanganui
Racecourse.**

Prizegiving at 7.00pm in the School Hall.

*Year 13 students are not expected to be in school on this day, but they are
expected to attend their **final form time at 6.15pm** prior to assembling for the
Prizegiving.*

On this day, **school begins at 10.05am – the start of period 2 - for students in Years 9, 10, 11,
and 12.**

Year 12: Wednesday 1 November

Prizegiving at 1.30pm in the School Hall.

Prizegiving finishes by 3.05pm.

Years 9, 10, and 11 are released at 12.50pm.

This is the last day for Year 12 students.

Year 11: Thursday 2 November

Prizegiving at 1.30pm in the School Hall.

Prizegiving finishes by 3.05pm.

Years 9 and 10 are released at 12.50pm.

This is the last day for Year 11 students.

Students in the respective year groups are expected to attend these end of year awards.

Final reports will be issued on the last day for each year group and sent to families via email. On each of these days, buses run at the usual time and the Library Homework Centre will be open till 4.30pm.

We really appreciate parental support at our prizegivings – please be seated at least ten minutes before the start time. I would like to remind you to allow time to get to the Hall from your cars as parking will be at a premium.

- **NCEA examinations** start on **Monday 6 November**. Students will be issued with their entry slips and instructions on their last day. An examination schedule can be found on the NZQA web-site. Students are encouraged to print a timetable off and plan accordingly. Parents are reminded that NZQA exams cannot be rescheduled – they can only be done on the designated day.
- **NCEA Progress Report**
An NCEA progress report will be emailed to parents of students in Years 11, 12 and 13, on **Tuesday 17 October**.

Junior Examinations

The Junior examinations will be held on **Monday 6 November**.

These examinations are only run for English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.

The timetable for the examinations will be emailed to parents once it is confirmed.

Summer Uniform

Students are expected to be **in Summer Uniform by Monday 16 October**.

This allows a one-week change over period.

Parents are reminded that Andersons Uniforms, is our uniform outlet.

Please ensure that your son/daughter's uniform complies with the regulations.

A full list of the uniform requirements is available on the Schools' website.

We do appreciate your support with all uniform requirements, as we like our students' personal presentation to reflect their pride in being a pupil here.

If you have any questions about any of this information, please phone the school.

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