



9 May 2024

Kia ora koutou

### **Paid Union Meeting**

As outlined in the newsletter sent out to parents at the beginning of Term 2, this is a reminder that all PPTA members across the Whanganui region will be meeting together at **1.15 pm on Thursday, 16 May**. Please note that our timetabled classes will need to finish at the end of **Period 3 (12.50 pm) on Thursday, 16 May**, to enable PPTA union members to attend the union meeting.

Our school buses will continue to run at their normal times and students who need to stay at school will be supervised by non-PPTA union members in the School Library. All other school operations will run as normal.

### **Personal presentation and our school LIFE values**

The hugely overwhelming majority of our students wear their school uniform with pride, attend their classes, and exhibit our school LIFE (Learning, Integrity, Fellowship, Excellence) values at all times.

A tiny minority of our students do not always meet our LIFE expectations. Such students engage in activities such as deliberately vandalising our student toilet areas or in being disrespectful to fellow students or teachers - these students always face serious consequences such as stand-downs for their unacceptable actions.

Please also note that students wearing non-uniform items will always have those items confiscated by staff members - such items are then collected by students from the Deans' House after school on Friday afternoons and kept at home. All students are also expected to be clean-shaven at school - we provide quality single-use disposable razors and smooth shaving cream in the Student Centre for those students who have arrived at school noticeably unshaven.

As always, I am happy to meet with parents if you would like to discuss any matter connected to any aspect of your son or daughter's education at Whanganui High School.

Nga mihi nui

Martin McAllen  
PRINCIPAL