



24 May 2024

Kia ora koutou

As we head into Week 5, Term 2, it is timely to go over a few reminders and upcoming events.

**Common Assessment Activities Literacy and Numeracy testing
(Monday, 27 May to Wednesday, 29 May)**

Over 300 of our Year 10, Year 11 and a few Year 12 students are entered into the May round of the CAA Literacy and Numeracy testing. All the students involved know which assessments they are sitting and when, and where they are sitting these very important assessments.

Please note that due to the huge timetabling complications – over 300 students across three year levels sitting assessments at set times while normal timetabled classes are still running – our timetable structure for Monday 27 May to Wednesday 29 May will be slightly different for those three days only.

Form Time will be at 8.50 am to 9.00 am, Period 1 will be 9.00 am to 10.00 am; Period 2 will be 10.00 am to 11.00 am; First Break will be 11.00 am to 11.30 am, Period 3 will be 11.30 am to 12.30 pm; Second Break will be 12.30 pm to 1.00 pm; Period 4 will be 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm; Period 5 will be 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm.

Staff Only Day (Friday, 31 May) & King's Birthday (Monday, 3 June)

A reminder that it is our Staff Only Day this coming Friday and then a Public Holiday for everybody the following Monday. At our Staff Only Day we will be carrying out Professional Learning Development on Positive Behaviour for Learning and My Mahi, as well as focused Faculty Learning Area work on changes to NCEA Level 1 and learning/teaching/assessment resource development. Please note that all staff will be at school for their normal Friday hours, so if you wish to call into the Main Reception area, the Finance Office, or the Student Centre you are welcome to do so.

Surplus Uniform Item Donations

We keep a limited stock of the complete range of our Uniform items in the Deans' House to lend or give to students who have incorrect uniform items or whose families are currently under such economic pressure that they simply cannot afford to purchase the required uniform item. I pay for the limited stock of items out of our Operational Funding so that all students – through no fault of their own – can be wearing the correct Whanganui High School uniform at all times. I always greatly appreciate donations of uniform items in clean and good condition if you have any surplus uniform items at home. Please email office@whs.ac.nz and our Receptionist

will pass your contact details onto our Deans' House Support Workers. Thank you very much.

Children's Spectacle Subsidy

A child or young person who is 15 years of age or under AND is a holder of a valid High Health User Card OR the family holds a current Community Services Card can apply for a subsidy level of \$287.50 each year until they turn 16 years old through Enable New Zealand. The subsidy is claimed through Optometrists and Ophthalmologists registered with Enable New Zealand.

We have copies of the Enable Spectacles Subsidy Application Form and a one-page information guide in our Reception if you would like to put in an application for the subsidy.

I am always happy to meet with caregivers and parents if you would like to discuss any aspect of education at Whanganui High School.

Ngā mihi nui

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