Principal's Newsletter 12 – Term 4 2026

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Kia ora koutou

It is a very sad time for our school community.

Last night, five of our Year 13 male students were involved in a car crash at Westmere.

I want to ensure that student and family privacy is completely protected and respected so I will not be going into specific individual details or naming any of the students.

At this point in time, I can confirm the following details:

- Two students have been discharged from Whanganui Hospital.
- One student is still in Whanganui Hospital.
- One student has been flown to Wellington Hospital.
- One student has died.

Our entire school teaching and support staff have all been affected very deeply by this tragedy and I extend our full aroha and full support to all the friends and families of our five students.

Ngā mihi nui

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