



Principal's Christmas Newsletter



10 December 2021

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa

As 2021 draws to an end, I would like to take this further opportunity to thank everyone: students, teachers, support staff, admin, property staff and the Board, for the support I have been given throughout my first year as Principal at Wairau Intermediate. You all contribute to making our unique school the wonderful place it is. I wish you all a restful summer break and a merry Christmas as you enjoy time with family and friends.

Before we head into Christmas and the summer school holiday period, I wanted to give parents some final information and reminders for the end of the year.

Staff Leaving

At the end of this term we farewell the following staff:

Julia Kubala, classroom teacher 1/1

Philippa Drake, Drama Specialist Teacher

Lesley Redmond, Spanish/French Language Teacher

Sarah Stevens, Fabric Technology Teacher

Madi Willis, Property Assistant

Linda Giblin, Lunchroom Supervisor

We will very much miss all these valuable staff members who have contributed in so many wonderful ways to our Wairau whanau and we wish them all the very best for their future endeavours.

Graduation/Prizegiving

As previously advised and due to COVID -19 restrictions, parents are unable to attend this year's final assembly. Our prizegiving presentations and Year 8 graduation ceremony will take place as follows, with the students attending school on these dates to finish the school year.

Monday 13 December - Year 7 Students Only at School

Block 1: 8.30am – 2.30pm

Block 2: 8.45 – 2.45pm

Block 3: 9.00am – 3.00pm

The prizegiving for all Year 7 students will take place outside at 10.00am.

Tuesday 14 December - Year 8 Students Only at School

Block 1: 8.30am – 2.30pm

Block 2: 8.45 – 2.45pm

Block 3: 9.00am – 3.00pm

The prizegiving and graduation for all Year 8 students will take place outside at 10.00am.

Wednesday 15 December

This is a Teacher Only Day - **there will be no students onsite.**

2022 Term 1 Commencement Date

The first full day of term for all students will be **Thursday 3 February 2022** commencing at 8.45am. Year 7 students and any new Year 8 students will attend on **Wednesday 2 February** for 10 minute Meet the Teacher interviews. We will be emailing families in mid-January with information on how to make bookings for these. School buses will be running on the first day of term.

School Office Reopening

The school office will reopen on **Friday 28 January 2022** from 9.00am. New enrolments can be accepted at that time.

End of Year Reports

School reports will be issued to students on their final day at school on either 13 December (Year 7s) or 14 December (Year 8s). If your child **will not** be returning to school this year and **will not** be in attendance on the final day of term, you may phone the school office (09 410 7805) from **9.00am on Monday 13 December until 11.00am on Wednesday 15 December**, to arrange to pick up your child's report and their tote tray belongings via click and collect. **The office will be closed from 11.00am on Wednesday 15 December through until 9.00am on Friday 28 January 2022.**

School Resources

If any students have any **outstanding library books or school sports uniforms**, please make sure that these are returned on either **Monday or Tuesday** next week. **Parents will be invoiced for any items not returned.**

Stationery Information

Year 7 students have been given a flyer detailing where stationery packs can be purchased for next year. This flyer can be found in the report envelope. We have developed a partnership with Stationery City and hope that you will purchase your stationery from them in support of local businesses. The stationery list can be found on our school website www.wairau.school.nz.

School Tuckshop

Unfortunately, the school tuckshop will not run in the same way next year as COVID has had a financial impact on it operating in the same way. We are currently exploring ways in which to provide food and drink options in 2022. We will keep you updated.

On Monday and Tuesday next week we will be selling some of the remaining snack and drink items for the cost of either \$1.00 or \$2.00. We encourage students to bring their coins to school on these days. As there is limited stock, students will still need to bring lunch and morning tea.

After School Care & School Holiday Programme – Youthtown

Youthtown are offering after school care to our students on Monday 13 December and Tuesday 14 December. This service is also available for students next year and includes a van pick up at 3.00pm each day. Youthtown are also running a school holiday programme at their Glenfield centre from 13 December until 22 December at a special price of only \$10 per day and from 5 - 28 January for \$30 per day. For more information about their services and for contact information, please read their flyer attached to this newsletter.

Farewell Year 8 Students

It is with mixed emotions that we farewell our Year 8 students and any Year 7s who will not be returning next year. We hope they enjoy reading through the pages of our 2021 Year Book which we hope goes some way to serve as a memory of all that they have achieved this year. We offer them all our best wishes on the next phase of their educational journey.

Stay safe and well everyone. We look forward to a settled and exciting new year.

Ngā mihi



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