

Kia ora koutou

As we move into the final three weeks of the term, we felt it important to provide you with a few reminders of things that are coming up.

### Junior exams

On Tuesday 22 November we start our junior examinations. These will take place in specifically timetabled slots of two hours each morning and students will be aware of where they need to be and when, as they have been given instructions by form teachers and classroom teachers.

Date	Period	Year 9	Year 10
Tuesday 22 November	Period 1	SCIENCE	ENGLISH
	Period 2		
Wednesday 23 November	Period 1	MATHEMATICS	SOCIAL STUDIES
	Period 2		
Thursday 24 November	Period 1	SOCIAL STUDIES	SCIENCE
	Period 2		
Friday 25 November	Period 1	ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS
	Period 2		

If you have any questions about exam timing or conditions, feel free to contact your child's form teacher or subject teachers in the first instance. As always, contact details for all staff can be found by clicking [here](#).

### Change to bell times each Wednesday

As we are moving into exams, and have other important events coming up mid-week, bell times for a Wednesday will be changing to match every other day of the week.

That means for the remainder of this year, classes begin at **8:45am every day**. We appreciate your support in making sure that students arrive at school on time.

### Teacher only days 28-29 November

We have still to use the final two teacher only days that have been approved by the Minister of Education. These teacher only days are provided to help staff plan and prepare for the coming changes to NCEA (in 2024) and to work on the changes being made to the New Zealand Curriculum.

Our school will be closed to junior students (note: NCEA exams will continue as normal) on Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 November.

### Year 8 Taster Day – Wednesday 30 November

Any students who are in-zone for Papatoetoe High School and any students who have been accepted as an out-of-zone enrolment for 2023 are warmly invited to our year 8 taster day. Students wanting to attend are asked to be at Papatoetoe High School by 9:20am (simply report to our school hall).

We will guide students through a series of "taster" lessons where they will get a chance to do some learning and understand what classes will look and feel like next year. These micro lessons (and the tour that goes with it) will conclude at 12:30pm and, following a short farewell, students are free to return to their own schools. This event is only open to year 8 students and is not open to family members.

### Project 72 (5 - 6 December)

Project 72 is an event we do every year for Year 9 and Year 10 students. It involves two days off normal timetable with teachers planning and leading different off-site and on-site projects. All students will meet with their project leader on Week 6, Friday 25 November at 2.15pm.

Project 72 will commence on Monday 5 December for most students (with some heading off to camps a day earlier).



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**Lost Learning Tutorials**

In response to Covid-19 disrupting lessons we will be running lost learning tutorials for students on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 December.

**Junior prizegivings 2022 (Thursday 8 December)**

As we have now moved on from alert levels and the covid protection framework, we have been able to return to our tradition of holding prizegiving's to celebrate the successes of the year.

This year we will hold our prizegivings as follows and students will be released for the year at the end of their respective prizegiving ceremony:

Year 10 prizegiving	9:45am
Year 9 prizegiving	12.30pm

Once again, we would like to thank you for your support through the term and look forward to the busy, yet rewarding, last few weeks.

Sincerely

The team at Papatoetoe High School