

Kia ora koutou

As we complete our sixth week of online learning, I again want to thank everyone for the incredible effort that it has taken to get us this far. Whether you are a caregiving at home juggling home learning and queues at the supermarket, an essential worker heading out for long shifts each day to keep things moving, trying to do your best at working from home whilst sorting out the rest of the whanau, teaching classes by zoom from the front porch or trying to get that English essay handed in on time and up to your regular standard...thank you! We are all very hopeful that we will move down to alert level 2 sooner rather than later and adhering to alert level rules and following public health advice is the fastest way to get to this.

There is plenty of talk in the community at present about mask use, vaccinations, alert levels, border rules, level 3 rules, Maccas runs and espresso coffee. The best place to go for up to date, accurate information about all those topics (maybe not the Maccas run) is the COVID-19 website. Click [here](#) to go straight to it and grab all the up to date public health information and resources.

Parent portal

Below we talk through some of the more relevant topics as we move into the school holidays, I do want to thank all of you for the level of parental engagement we have experienced over this lockdown and for the fantastic support we have received from you when we have made contact about your child's learning. Your immediate and supportive responses have certainly made a real difference to student engagement in online learning. At any time, you can see how your child is progressing by accessing the parent portal. Click [here](#) to go to the portal login page and if you need help with logins, contacts details for all staff can be found [here](#).

2022 enrolment dates

The issue creating the most interest in our community right now is the enrolment deadlines for our school for 2022. Due to the lockdown, we have changed the dates for our out of zone enrolment applications. Click [here](#) for more detail about enrolling at our school for 2022.

Extra learning opportunities for senior students

Over the last few weeks, we have been busy analysing achievement, online engagement and NCEA entry data for all students. We are aware learning online has been challenging for many students, particularly senior students who have NCEA assessments to complete before the end of this year. Early in term 4, we will be offering year 12 & 13 students who still additional support with their qualification (NCEA Level 2 or 3) extra learning opportunities through our XCEL programme. This programme involves students attending full day workshops to complete specific NCEA assessments during school day. Parent/caregivers will be contacted closer to the time with more details.

I do anticipate sending out an end of term newsletter next week, and that will be followed by an additional newsletter in the holidays, once we are certain of the alert level we will be in when term 4 starts. Enjoy your weekend!

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