

Kia ora kotou

We hope you enjoyed the first ever Matariki long weekend. We do hope that you were able to enjoy Matariki celebrations (of which there were many around Auckland) and some quality time with friends and whanau. This newsletter is full of some heavy information so please do take a bit of time to read through each section. As always, make contact if you have any questions.

Welcome Mr Greenwood

Mr Ben Claxton – one of our deputy principals, has recently been appointed as the new principal of Taupo-Nui-A-Tia College. Mr Claxton starts this role in term 3, so we have run an appointment process to find a replacement. We congratulate and welcome Mr Jeff Greenwood. Mr Greenwood joins us from Trident High School (Whakatane) where he is currently a deputy principal, and we will welcome him on campus in the first week of term 3.

Attendance and Engagement Strategy

The Government has developed an Attendance and Engagement Strategy for tackling the issue of regular attendance and engagement in schools. The strategy has three key parts: clear expectations for everyone involved, setting targets for attendance levels, and taking action where needed. It is framework for the programmes already underway and for further collective actions to help ākongā be present and participating in their learning, so they make progress.

Targets include lifting regular attendance from less than 60% to the 2015 level of 70%. Schools and Kura will have a new target to achieve in notifying parents and caregivers of absences. The detail of what it will mean for our school and region is yet to be worked out. Click [here](#) for more information.

Internet connections extended

All student households currently connected through the Ministry of Education will continue to have free internet access until the end of the school year. Services will remain connected until 15 January 2023 to provide time for potential transition to another service. The extension will help you continue to engage with distance learning support during periods of public health restrictions or self-isolation.

School Ball

Our school ball will be held at Ellerslie Events Centre on Wednesday July 13. Whilst this is an important and memorable event on our school calendar, we also acknowledge that it can be an expensive one. We do our best to minimise cost and the ball does not generate a surplus/profit for the school at all. Tickets are still available and can be purchased at the library and are available until Friday 1 July. It would be great to see as many at this event as we can. Pop into the Library for more information about the ball if you need.

Term 2 Senior Academic Tracking and Mentoring

All year 11-13 students have been asked to complete their term 2 academic tracking and mentoring survey via the student portal. This includes downloading and completing their NCEA credit tracker, which was sent to student's school emails. It is important for senior students to monitor their NCEA progress throughout this year, and this survey and credit tracker is one way to ensure they are on track. Click [here](#) for more information.

2022 Project 72 (year 9-10 students)

Last week all junior students were introduced to our 2022 Project 72 programme which will be held take place on 5-6 December. Earlier this week students were sent a link to register their P72 interest and this is due by Monday 4 June. Parents, please check your email for more information.

Health and Safety consultation

Another piece of consultation that we are engaging with at present is the review of our health and safety documentation. These documents have recently been revised and updated by our senior leadership team and approved for further consultation by our Board. To view the documents and/or to provide feedback, please click [here](#).

With a couple more weeks to go before the end of term, I urge everyone to continue the great work they are doing in communicating about illness/absence, engaging with their learning, getting to school on time and letting us know if you need any support. This term has certainly been bumpy in terms of learning continuity and staffing, and we thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Waiho i te toipoto, kua i te toiroa

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