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Upcoming Events:

- 6th-10th Dec NZQA Exams
8th Dec Tri Challenge
13th-14th Dec NZQA Exams
13th Dec Junior Award Ceremony / Last day of school 2021



Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou katoa

Every term four is a very exciting time of year. The school magazine develops into its final form, prize-giving awards are being allocated, we're meeting next year's Year 7 students (and their whānau), new staff are being hired, 'old' staff are being farewelled, new timetables are built, scholarships are being awarded and we say tearful goodbyes to our Year 13 students.

It's a time for recognition of hard work and a time for change. The year 2021 has certainly had more than its fair share of hard work and change. At the senior prize-giving ceremony, my highly inspirational speech mentioned that a little bit of stress is good for brain development. However, this should be delivered in small doses with recovery times in-between. As this is the last newsletter of the year, I encourage you and your whānau to make plans to recover from the year's stresses. Make the most of this beautiful country that we live in and enjoy the blessings of family and friends.

Ngā mihi o te wā me te Tau Hou

Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year to you all

Jason Reid





New COVID-19 Protection (Traffic Light) Framework

You may have heard that everyone in Aotearoa will move to the new COVID-19 Traffic Light Framework on Friday 3 December. Our zone will be moving to Orange.

Elimination and the alert levels have worked well, with New Zealand having the lowest numbers of cases and hospitalisations in the OECD. While controlled, Delta is in our communities and the strategy now focuses on minimising its impact.

With 85% of eligible New Zealanders now fully vaccinated, and by mid-December it is expected to be approximately 90%, this allows a careful reopening while continuing to protect New Zealanders.

This means that we don't have to change the way we are operating classes this year and everyone can continue to attend school onsite.

For next year, we can confirm that everyone will be back onsite for learning from the start of the school year, regardless of what setting under the new Traffic Light Framework we will be in (Red/Orange/Green). This is good news as it means we can plan with confidence for the start of 2022.

Health measures in place at school

This year and next, health, safety and wellbeing will continue to be a priority for us and the same public health measures you are very familiar with will remain in place:

- good hygiene and cleaning
- contact tracing systems in place
- vaccination requirements for workers (paid and unpaid)
- if you are sick, you must stay home and get tested
- good ventilation.

If we are at Red at any stage next year:

- face coverings will be required at school when indoors for students and staff in years 4 – 13
- we will ask that only essential visitors come onsite.

With all these measures in place, public health has confirmed the risk of infection remains low when at school, with households continuing to be where COVID-19 is spreading the most. As noted by Dr Caroline McElnay, Director of Public Health:

Our experience in New Zealand and overseas with COVID-19 shows that it does not affect children and teens in the same way it does adults. Children and teens don't become as unwell if they do get infected, and they don't tend to pass the virus on so much as adults when in a classroom setting.

Compared to other places, schools and early learning services are not environments where we have seen significant spread of COVID-19. Household members and work colleagues who are in close contact with people with COVID-19, are the most common sources of transmission.

However, if we do have someone confirmed with COVID-19 in our school, we have a plan in place to manage this and will contact you as soon as possible.

If you'd like to learn more about the framework visit [COVID-19 Protection Framework](#).





Top Academic Awards - Dux and Proxime Accessit

A fortnight ago we celebrated Year 11 to 13 achievements in our award ceremony. A full list of awards will be published in the 2022 magazine. However, the competition for the two top academic awards was extreme, and we want to acknowledge the two recipients who took these home on the 19th of November:

Dux - 2021 (the highest academic award) - Cassie Anderson (on right)

Proxime Accessit - 2021 (runner up to Dux) - Katrina Guiney (on left)





New Staff for 2022

We will be welcoming a number of new staff members in 2022. Here's a sneak peak of appointments that we've made over the last few weeks:

Fiona Cutler - we're welcoming Fiona back to Mackenzie College - this time in a brand new role as teacher of Integrated Studies! Fiona has a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Anthropology and has spent the last year completing her teaching qualifications.

Hayley Mitchell - Hayley has just finished her teacher training and is looking after the Visual Arts Department while Rachel Thompson is away on maternity leave. Hayley has a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Hons) majoring in Photography.

Elizabeth Cox - Elizabeth (Libby) is currently teaching Science and Chemistry at St Andrews College and will be joining our Science Department at the start of 2022. Libby has a Bachelor of Science majoring in Chemistry and will be teaching Science, Chemistry and Physics in 2022.

Whanau Awhina Plunket online Babysitting Course

Plunket Education in Schools are delighted to announce their new online Babysitting Course available for teenagers all over Aotearoa.

This course is designed to give high school students the knowledge and skills to babysit children of all ages. It's written for first time babysitters; students don't need to have previous experience to enrol.

The course ideal for students aged 14 and above and takes around 2-3 hours to complete.

Students work through nine sequential modules and on completion of the course and the final quiz will receive a certificate certified by Whanau Awhina Plunket to show employers that they have completed this course and are ready to babysit. As well as the certificate the students are sent a Babysitter's Manual that supports all the information they have learned in the online course.

During the course the following topics are covered:

- the role of the babysitter, including the expectations of the families you are working for
- ages and stages of children from birth to school age, their basic needs and their care
- professional behaviour including your presentation
- how to engage with children of different ages, including activities for each age group and behavioural information
- safety, including emergency situations, keeping yourself and the children safe, and basic first aid
- how to get a babysitting job.

This course is presented using videos, quizzes and activities which are fun as well as informative. Click [here](#) for more information or to sign your teenager up.





Start of Year 2022

Monday 31st January 2022

Teacher only day.

Tuesday 1st February 2022

Option Interviews for Year 11-13 students. The interviews are to discuss subject choices and achievement goals. At least one parent is requested to attend. 9am to 1pm.

Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd February 2022

Year 7 & 13 students

Friday 4th February

Whole school attend. Powhiri to welcome new students.

More information will be emailed to parents and posted on Facebook in late January 2022.

We look forward to welcoming all our new and returning students next year. If you have any queries, please contact the office on 03 6858603.

Tri-Challenge 2021

On Wednesday 8th December, Mackenzie College will run their annual year 7-10 Tri Challenge. Unfortunately, due to Covid 19 restrictions, No parents are to be inside the school ground or in the community swimming pool facility. Any parent spectators are encouraged to watch the event from the road side, maintaining distancing and limiting interaction with Mackenzie College students.

The event schedule:

1.25pm – 1.45pm Students changed and individual/teams numbered

1.45pm – 1.55pm Race Briefings at lunch area under the trees

1.55pm Individuals Start

2.00pm Teams Start

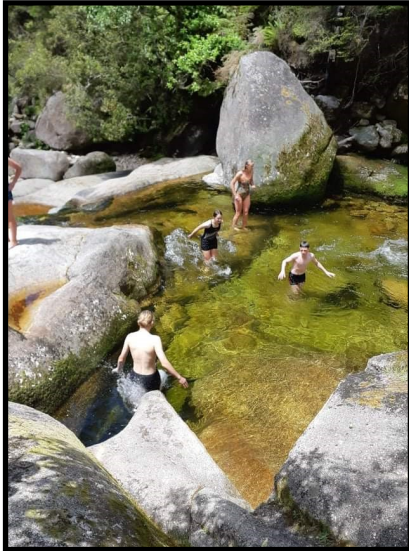
Prize giving at the conclusion of the last race at lunch area under trees. House results will be kept quiet until the junior award ceremony.

We continue to value the support of our community during this period of restrictions.





Year 9 Abel Tasman Camp





Student Planners

The manufacturer of your children's planners produces some items for parents to consider as they help their child make good use of their planner. Here is an item that relates to what's in the planners over the coming fortnight:

While students' Personal Timetables effectively allocates their time to their subjects and commitments, they also need to learn how they are going to organise that time to complete what they need to do. The willingness to plan and set time targets requires students to possess a growth mindset to overcome these challenges. Once they have set time targets, they then need to use their strengths to achieve them. There is an effective structure and process to follow this week to enable students to master this more intelligent way to approach what they need to do. The Five E's of Learning thinking tool on the website is ideal to assist them in this pursuit. Students need to set time targets for tasks such as:

- completing unfinished learning.
- planning and leisure activities with friends and family.
- practising subject material to reinforce concepts in their minds. (If they can do it at home on their own, then they know it.)
- connecting with and applying new knowledge learned to new situations.
- revising what they have learnt to build strong and fast brain pathways
- reviewing notes from class in a structured manner; time targets are a must here.
- going off on tangents which interest them and investigating new possibilities to explore and experiment with.
- reading, researching, evaluating, reflecting, thinking and imagining.

Vaccine Register for Students

Due to the introduction of the Covid Protection Framework (Traffic Light System) we are no longer required to collect vaccination information on our students.

Thank you to those families who have already sent this information in.





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