

Te Awamutu College Newsletter – November 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Students

- **Senior Prizegiving** - Thanks for the great support at Senior Prizegiving (Friday 3 November). It was an enjoyable event which showcased the amazing achievements and actions of our talented students in the academic, sporting, culture, arts, service and leadership areas. An immense thanks to “Te Awamutu Courier” and Editor, Dean Taylor, for the fantastic coverage given.
- **Staffing** – We sincerely thank Long-term relievers who have stepped in to take classes this year:
Suzanne Reid (English)
Amanda Almeida (English)
Steve Tanfield (Science)
Rob Shirley (Mathematics & Statistics)
Marianne Roberts (Science)
We believe that all or most of you will be in our Day Relievers ranks for 2018 so it’s not farewell.
- **Canada Rugby Development Tour (18 April – 2 May) 2018**
The tour group of 30 boys, 2 staff members and 6 supporters look forward to this trip. A lot of hard work has already gone into fundraising:
 - quiz nights
 - raffles
 - firewood
 - sweetcorn
 - boat holding at rowing regattasand these will continue in 2018. Thanks for the continued support.
The touring squad are currently seeking **sponsorship** for their tour gear (jersey, jacket, training shirt, track pants, polo shirt and bag). If you would like to take this opportunity to sponsor an item/items (and get appropriate recognition/acknowledgement) then please contact Brent Oliédam (Teacher in Charge) through the College on 871 4199.
- **School is not over!**
We have an enjoyable and worthwhile *End of Year Learning Programme* planned for all Year 9 and 10 students. Please make sure your child/children keep attending right up until **Friday 8 December**.
- **Parents/Caregivers of our “Graduating” Year 13s** – see you at our awesome Graduation Dinner, **Tuesday 5 December, 7.00pm at Vilagrads**. Tickets are **\$48.50** and can be purchased at the Student Centre up until Friday 1 December.
- **Junior Prizegiving (College Hall) is on Friday 8 December** – last day of Term 4 – 10.30am start. Students will be released after this (approx. noon). **Buses will run at normal times.**



- **End of Year Learning Programme** - For six days we will suspend normal classes (Friday 24 November – Friday 1 December). Students will spend a day having class(es) involving each of the following learning areas:

- English
- Social Studies
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Science
- Health and Physical Education
- Options

They will spend a whole day with an Options teacher. This should allow them to “have a good go” at completing projects or attempting activities and tasks for a longer period of time.

With the other subjects, they will move from teacher to teacher. Teachers will have prepared activities which will interest and challenge students.

We are excited by the possibilities of this programme.

Students will resume “normal” classes for Week 8 (the last week of Term 4). It is important that all Junior students keep attending school – teachers will still be returning students’ work, there are Prizegiving practices, Deans’ Certificate Assemblies will be held, “Hokioi” (the school magazine) and Junior Reports will be issued.

- **Term 4 Calendar 2017**

WEEK 6

Monday 20 November	100ED Kayak
Tuesday 21 November	100ED Kayak
Wednesday 22 November	Pd 4: Deans to Organise 90EE Kayak BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 23 November	90EE Kayak
Friday 24 November	End of Year Learning Programme (EYLP) begins

WEEK 7

Monday 27 November	EYLP
Tuesday 28 November	EYLP
Wednesday 29 November	EYLP
Thursday 30 November	EYLP
Friday 1 December	EYLP
	NCEA Exams Finish

WEEK 8

Monday 4 December	Pd 2 Junior Prize Giving Practice.
Tuesday 5 December	Pd 1 Junior Prize Giving Practice. Graduation Dinner 7pm (Vilagrads)
Wednesday 6 December	Pd 4 Junior Assembly
Thursday 7 December	Deans’ Assemblies Pd 3 Yr 9 Pd 4 Yr 10 3.10pm Junior Reports issued
Friday 8 December	Junior Prize-Giving 10.30am (Hall) END OF YEAR Staff Luncheon



- **Uniform Shop Hours**

2017

6 December – Wednesday 3.30pm-6.00pm
 7 December – Thursday 3.30pm-6.00pm

2018

18 January – Thursday 9.00am-6.00pm
 19 January – Friday 9.00am-3.00pm
 22 January – Monday 9.00am-3.00pm
 23 January – Tuesday 9.00am-3.00pm
 24 January – Wednesday 9.00am-3.00pm
 25 January – Thursday 9.00am-6.00pm
 26 January – Friday 9.00am-3.00pm

- **Term Dates 2018**

Term 1:	Tuesday 30 January – Friday 13 April (11 weeks)
Term 2:	Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July (10 weeks)
Term 3:	Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September (10 weeks)
Term 4:	Monday 15 October – Friday 7 December (8 weeks)
Waitangi Day	Tuesday 6 February (Term 1)
Easter	Good Friday 30 March (Term 1) Easter Monday 2 April (Term 1) Easter Tuesday 3 April (Term 1)
Anzac Day	Wednesday 25 April
Queen’s Birthday	Monday 4 June (Term 2)
Labour Day	Monday 22 October (Term 4)

- **Starting Dates 2018**

Tuesday 30 January, 8.45am	Year 9 (Hall) start Year 13 (Marae) start Powhiri 10.00am
Wednesday 31 January, 8.45am	Year 11 (Hall) start Year 12 (Keith Millar Gym) start
Thursday 1 February, 8.45am	Year 10 (Hall) start
Friday 2 February, 8.45am	Year 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 at school

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Tony Membery
 Principal

