



## **YEAR 12 NEWSLETTER** **February 2018**



### **Dear Parents/Caregivers**

Rebecca Legg and Bernard Oliver are the Year 12 Deans for 2018 and we look forward to working alongside you and your child this year. With your support we will continue to encourage and guide our Year 12 students through a successful and enjoyable year.

### **NCEA**

**Congratulations on the success achieved by your students in NCEA Level One. We achieved the highest achievement rate ever for Year 11 at Te Awamutu College. Provisionally 88.6%!** Also a special mention must be made to the large number of students who achieved credits at Excellence level.

Congratulations to students who have attained the 15 Excellence credits to gain their Bronze award, 30 Excellence credits to gain their Silver award, 50 Excellence credits to gain their Gold award or 60 Excellence credits to gain their Distinction award. These students are to be congratulated for outstanding results and it is exciting to see students continuing to strive for excellence.

Many of our students already have a number of Level Two credits. To attain the Level Two Certificate they require 80 credits; 60 from Level 2 Unit Standards/Achievement Standards and the other 20 from Level 1 Standards.

**NCEA INFORMATION EVENING  
FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS AND STUDENTS  
WILL BE HELD ON**

**THURSDAY 1 MARCH AT 7:30 PM**

**IN THE SCHOOL STAFFROOM**

### **UNIFORM**

Students are looking particularly smart in their senior uniforms and appear to be taking great pride in wearing the senior uniform. Just a reminder about shoes – it's either **black Roman sandals** or **black leather school shoes** with black socks/stockings. As the cooler, wetter weather arrives, students will need to ensure they have the correct school jersey, school jacket or school blazer.

### **ATTENDANCE/PUNCTUALITY**

A reminder that school starts at 8.45a.m. Students are expected to be present in their Form Class at this time. This is an important part of the day where information is communicated. Any lateness to school needs to be explained by parents/caregivers, either by providing a note for the student to bring to Form Class or by phoning the Student Centre (871 4199, press 1 from menu).

### **ABSENCES**

If a student is absent from school, their absence must be promptly explained. Phone the College (871 4199 press 1) and leave a message; send the student to school the next day with a signed note of explanation for the absence which is given to the Form Teacher; or simply e-mail us at [absentees@tac.school.nz](mailto:absentees@tac.school.nz)

### **INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES**

As a Year 12 student, your son/daughter is now eligible to apply for a number of International Exchanges. These are wonderful opportunities for mature individuals to gain from the experience of living in another culture. Information is available from the Deans should they wish to pursue this.

### **VEHICLE AUTHORISATION**

If your son/daughter intends to drive a car to school, you will need to have completed a Vehicle Authorisation form that can be obtained from the Student Centre. This information is kept on file and is useful to identify things such as the owner of vehicles with lights left on etc. Students may park their vehicles on Tawhaio Street or Mahoe Street. Completed forms must be returned to the Student Centre.

### **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE EVENING**

In past years we have had a very successful and enjoyable evening to recognise Academic Excellence in NCEA. We will repeat the evening again this year for Year 12 and Year 13 students who achieve highly. The evening of celebration for students and parents is set for **Thursday, 22 March** at 7:00pm at Vilagrad Winery. An invitation letter will be distributed to eligible students.

### **UNIVERSITY AND CAREERS ADVICE**

For students considering entering University in the future, please ensure that they are taking courses which will enable them to meet the entrance requirements for university study, e.g. in Literacy. For information regarding university pre-requisites, see the Course Selection book under "Where are you Heading?" For further information contact Mrs. Dickson (Careers Adviser). Mrs. Dickson is available by appointment to interview and guide students in their future education/career paths. She can be contacted on [cdickson@tac.school.nz](mailto:cdickson@tac.school.nz) or extension 231.

### **LEADERSHIP**

A number of leadership opportunities are available in the senior school. Aside from the Head Student and House Leader positions there are a number of Student Committees operating this year, including the Service Committee, SADD Committee, Sports Committee, Hokioi Committee, Culture Committee, Ball Committee, Health Committee and Environment Committee. Information about these committees and meetings is communicated regularly through the daily notices. We encourage all students to get involved in the wider life of the College this year.

### **ELECTIVES**

Students will participate in three days of Electives. These will run from Tuesday 27 March to Thursday 29 March. All students are encouraged to participate in this initiative as it provides opportunities for learning and experiences outside the classroom. They will be given a booklet explaining the activities that are involved. These include woodwork projects, golf, fishing, Asian cooking, Squash, tramping, sailing, scrapbooking and crochet and cross stitch (to name a few). The costs of these activities are wide ranging.

If you have any further questions or queries for your child this year please do not hesitate to contact us.

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