



## Newsletter – September 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Students

- **Week 7** – Term 3 proved to be another busy one:
  - Inter-House Basketball was competitive with Melrose triumphing.
  - Members of our 2020 premier Sports teams/squads received a badge to recognise this achievement.
  - The 7 candidates for our Board of Trustees Student Representative position spoke confidently at Senior Assembly. They will do so again (to the Juniors) this week. It is good to see such a strong line up and not an easy decision for students to make when they vote.
  - Inter-House Cross Country had pleasing numbers with Cameron victorious overall.
  - There was a good turnout to our Year 9 2021 Parent/Caregiver Information Evening.
  - Valuable Field trips occurred for Level 3 Geography (Rotorua) and Level 3 Earth and Space Science (Froggatt Edge) linked to assessment (and credits).
  - Our teams in Epro8 (Engineering and Problem Solving Challenge) came 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Two teams move on to the finals. Congratulations and thanks to Julian Pescud and Dave Smith for being the driving forces.

- **The 2020 Ball** “Fly Me to the Moon” (19 September) has been cancelled due to the current COVID-19 situation.

I had communicated to the Year 12 and Year 13 students that if the latest announcement kept us at Alert Level 2 then unfortunately there would be no Ball for 2020 (we usually have close to 300 people attending, including 60 Outside Partners, and obviously can't maintain social distancing).

The Government's Alert Level update is due to be announced on 14 September and in place at 11.59pm on 16 September. This is too late and too uncertain for our Ball to remain a possibility.

I believe that most students had resigned themselves to the reality that there would now be no Ball. We join Cambridge High School, Hillcrest High School, Matamata College and other schools in this unfortunate and disappointing effect of COVID-19.

The 2020 Ball Committee (chaired by Caitlin Sanders) had put in a lot of time and effort into discussions, decisions, planning and preparations. Thank you for this.

Refunds for the Ball tickets already paid for, can be obtained by emailing [ruth.taylor@tac.school.nz](mailto:ruth.taylor@tac.school.nz) and providing appropriate bank account details.

- **Leavers' Garment 2020**

Year 13 student have seen the design for this year's item and most have tried on a sample for size.

The Board of Trustees have decided that in light of the Ball being cancelled (along with several other important events this year) that they will pay for every current Year 13 student to have a Leavers' Jersey – as a permanent memento of 2020.

I am sure that students and parents/caregivers will appreciate this generous gesture.



Students who have already paid for their Leavers' Jersey, will have the \$65.00 left in credit on their account – it could possibly be used for the Graduation Dinner. If however a refund is preferred, then email [ruth.taylor@tac.school.nz](mailto:ruth.taylor@tac.school.nz) and provide appropriate bank account details.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Week 8**

- Talent Quest auditions
- Level 1 Outdoor Education Tramp (3 days)
- Level 2 Geography (Hamilton Field trip)
- Actual Enrolments for Year 9 2021 in our library
- Level 1 Sports Science Surfing trip
- NZ Blood Service Visit

- **Week 9**

- SADD (Students Against Dangerous Driving) Week
- Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
- BOT Student Rep Election
- Inter-House Touch, Netball and Soccer (final 3 events)
- Head Student 2021 applications due
- Senior Reports issued
- Winter Sport, Culture and Committee photos

- **Week 10**

- Year 10 Vision Testing
- Careers Expo (Y12/13) – TBC
- Level 3 Outdoor Education Trip (9 days) - South Island
- Māori and Pasifika Achievement and Success Day
- Mufti Day (Women's Refuge)
- Senior Report Evening – TBC
- Talent Quest

(Check out our website for more details)

So a busy end-of-term with still lots happening.  
Keep healthy and safe.

Kia Kaha.

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Principal

