



Year 13 Newsletter 2021



February 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Mr Prout and Mr Membrey are looking forward to working alongside you and your child this year. Congratulations to the vast majority of Year 13 students who have settled back into school with a positive attitude, smart uniform and the enthusiasm to achieve their best this year.

With your support we will continue to encourage and guide our Year 13 students through a successful and enjoyable final year at secondary school and work towards their career goals for the future.

This is an important year for your son or daughter as they enter their final year at Te Awamutu College. Students have made subject choices and should now be focusing on achieving success in their chosen subjects.

All students need to set realistic and challenging goals for their academic achievement this year.

NCEA

Congratulations to all our students who achieved their NCEA goals in 2020. Our cohort achieved some very pleasing results with 82.8% passing Level Two NCEA. This is our best result in the past 5 years and is above the National Average of 79.5%. 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 15-29 Excellence credits to gain their Bronze award, 30-49 Excellence credits to gain their Silver award, 50-59 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 have already gained some Level Three credits. To attain the Level Three Certificate they require 80 credits; 60 from Level 3 Unit Standards/Achievement Standards and the other 20 from Level 2 Standards. If students are looking at attending Tertiary study they may also need to check they have gained the 5 University Entrance (UE) reading and 5 UE writing credits. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Academic Excellence Dinner – Tuesday 30 March (Week 9)

A pleasing number of Year 13 students will receive a letter inviting them and their parent/caregiver to this enjoyable evening where we celebrate their achievement in NCEA. Relevant information will be distributed shortly.

Uniform

Uniform is generally being worn well but there are a few students who are yet to “get it right”. 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. It is also expected that students are to be clean-shaven.

Punctuality and Attendance

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. Lateness to any class twice in any one week will result in a lunch time detention. Students who have a study period in Period One must be at school for Period Two (10:00 am). Laminated passes have been issued. Please ensure that students are carrying their passes at all times throughout the school day. A replacement card will cost \$5.00 and needs to be ordered through the Student Centre.

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.

Year 13 Camp

113 students attended the recent Year 13 Camp at Tui Ridge Park. It was an awesome camp with all students enthusiastically participating in individual and group challenges. Our thanks go out to parents and caregivers who supported their child in attending this camp.

Head Students 2021

Congratulations to **Bayley Quin, Matthew Yarnley, Atareipounamu Crown and Mackenzie Harris** who have been chosen to represent the College as Head Students for 2021.

House Leaders:

The House Leaders and Deputy House Leaders have recently been elected. They are:

HOUSE LEADERS

<i>Cameron</i>	Keita Koroheke	Drèshawn Hape-Edwards
<i>Gorst</i>	Ezekiel Page	Eva Hughes-Roache
<i>Melrose</i>	Mitch Zeuren	Sophie Gold
<i>Selwyn</i>	Ngawaina Hohepa	Thomas Riddell

DEPUTY LEADERS

<i>Cameron</i>	Dawna Dragovich	Ethan Kiernan
<i>Gorst</i>	Emily Butterfield	Ryley Emery
<i>Melrose</i>	Loryn Orr	Richard Whitmarsh
<i>Selwyn</i>	Amy Kerr	Tumanako Hunapo

Congratulations to these students.

UNIVERSITY AND CAREERS ADVICE

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 or extension 231. It is also a good idea for your son or daughter to read the Daily Notices and attend the information sessions run at school by various universities.

Profile Reports will be issued on Friday 19 March (Week 7). These will give parents and caregivers information as to how their son or daughter has started the year.

We hope that this year will be both successful and enjoyable for your child. Please feel free to make contact if you have any queries or concerns. If I am unavailable, please leave a message on my voicemail or via email.

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