



## NEWSLETTER 16 February 2022

### Greetings to Te Awamutu College Community

- The arrival of the first positive COVID case amongst our students and staff was to be expected and something that the Senior Leadership Team had been planning for.

We were able to swing into action utilising resources and processes from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health.

The importance of staff and students following our range of health measures and practices is critical to reducing the risk of transmission at school and on school buses.

- Being in the red setting of the COVID Protection Framework has lead to the modifying/postponing/cancelling of events:
    - House Leader candidates have recorded their presentations digitally and these have been played to Form Classes before they voted.
    - Whole school assembly (where the Head Students and Board Student Representative speak and House Leaders are announced) has been reduced to Year 13 and Form Class Reps only.
    - Year 9 Integrated Curriculum Study: "Our Class and O-Tāwhao, Our Marae" will involve each Form Class spending a day in the Marae instead of customary noho. There will be a whakatau for students and a range of activities.
    - Inter-house Swimming Sports (Wednesday 23 February) is being modified to a competition for our serious swimmers but House points will still be up for grabs.
    - Inter-house Athletics has been postponed.
    - We will deliver information electronically to Year 9 parents/caregivers instead of holding our usual evening at the College.
    - We will deliver information electronically to Year 11 parents/caregivers about NCEA instead of holding an evening.
    - Academic Excellence Evening is being discussed and reviewed.
- We will keep you updated.

- Various trips (Education Outside the Classroom) are proceeding under relevant Health & Safety Guidelines.
- 21 February **Class/ID Photos**  
22 February **Year 13 Form Class/Sibling Photos**  
will take place
- **24 February Paid Union Meeting**  
The Te Awamutu College branch of the Post Primary Teachers' Association will hold a Paid Union Meeting 1 – 3pm (This is a legal entitlement under the Employment Relations Act 2000.)

**Accordingly, classes will finish at 12.30pm (end of Period 3).**

Buses will run at normal times.

The Library will be open for supervision.

Please make appropriate arrangements for your student(s).

Thanks for your continued support.

Kia Kaha



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