



NEWSLETTER 20 June 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers

SCHOOL CLOSURE – Friday 8 July

We continue to be affected by staff and student absences because of COVID and now, winter illnesses. Of course, other occurrences such as funerals, sick children, trips, professional learning & development and jury service also lead to the need to cover classes with relievers.

We have been able to continue staffing the school through our dedicated and loyal external relievers and teachers taking extra classes (thereby losing their non-contact periods). This has meant that we have not yet had to roster home any students.

Staff have also had to support students with distance learning during their COVID-related absences and support students returning.

Teaching, learning and assessment programmes have also had to be adjusted along the way.

Our priority is both students' learning and achievement AND the well-being of our staff and students.

To recognise the extra load on our staff, show them our appreciation and to acknowledge that students and staff have coped remarkably well under the orange setting, the Board has decided to close the school on Friday 8 July so that the Term 2 break can commence a day earlier.

Junior Report Evening will now be held on **Wednesday 6 July**
(4 – 7pm in the Hall) and last day of term is **Thursday 7 July**.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR OUR FAMILIES:

School Uniform at cost price

The Board have discussed how they could support parents/caregivers in an equitable way during a time when prices and living expenses are rising significantly.

The Board has decided that from **Term 3, 2022** school uniforms will be sold at cost price (with no profit margin to cover Uniform Shop expenses).

We are able to do this as a result of sound financial management and utilising our income from the Rogers Trust.

So, there will be no reduction to normal school expenditure.

This measure will continue to 2023 and be reviewed by the Board in June 2023.

We are sure that this decision by the Board will be welcomed and appreciated by our parents/caregivers.

ENROLMENT SCHEME

The Board approached the Ministry of Education to seek an enrolment scheme due to the increasing roll and the prediction of further Te Awamutu District growth.

Roll growth has already been recognised by the MOE with the provision of 3 modern and attractive modular classrooms (in place at the start of this year).

The Ministry of Education is now advertising and communicating about the proposed enrolment scheme/zone and consulting with relevant groups (parents/caregivers; nearby schools).

There will be a meeting at the College on 4 July 7pm (Staffroom) to provide information and answer questions.

You can view information and draft proposal (including map) at <https://consultation.education.govt.nz/education/te-awamutu-es>

Thanks for your continued support.

Kia Kaha



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