

Te Awamutu College Newsletter ~ 2 December 2022

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Students

END OF TERM

- **“Hokioi” 2022 (School Magazine)**

We are hoping this will be able to be distributed to Year 9 – 12 students from Wednesday 7 December on (Year 13 receive one in their Leavers’ Pack at the Graduation Dinner Tuesday 6 December 7.00pm at Vilagrads)

- **Thursday 8 December**

- Period 3 Year 9 Deans’ Assembly (Hall)
- Period 4 Year 10 Deans’ Assembly (Hall)

- Junior Reports issued at 3.10pm

- **Friday 9 December**

Students attending on this day have a shortened Period 1 before interval then **Junior Prizegiving 10.30am (Hall)**. Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend.

Prizegiving will finish at 12.15pm approximately and students will go to their Form Class to collect bags and then be able to leave.

- Library open for supervision
- Buses run at normal times

- **Monday 12 December** “Open for Instruction”

We will have the Library open and supervised for students who are attending on this day.

- Buses will run at normal times
- The Canteen will **not** be open

IMPORTANT SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

Over the last few months the Te Awamutu Combined Schools Management Committee have been going through a tender process for the provision of school transport for our district.

Due to massive cost increases for transport providers the cost of providing school transport for our schools has increased dramatically, well above the level funded by the Ministry of Education. Historically, the income generated by the ineligible fee for carrying ineligible students, has allowed us to provide extra buses and to have far wider coverage (i.e. a far more comprehensive service than that funded solely by the MOE funding).

However annual cost increases have exceeded the rate at which the ineligible fee has increased over the last 12 – 15 years.

The Bus Committee have been very reluctant to increase the ineligible fee dramatically in recent years due to COVID related economic impacts in our community, however the time has come where the Committee can no longer sustain financial losses and the new tender prices force us into having to significantly increase the ineligible fee to better reflect the cost of provision of school transport.

The ineligible fee will be increased to \$100 per term from the start of 2023. Although this is a significant increase, it still only equates to approximately \$1.00 per ride.

As well as increasing the ineligible fee, the Bus Committee are also carrying out a comprehensive bus route review.



Uniform Shop Hours

2022

6 December—Tuesday	3.30pm-6.00pm
7 December—Wednesday	3.30pm-6.00pm

2023

23 January— Monday	9.00am-3.30pm
24 January—Tuesday	9.00am-6.00pm
25 January—Wednesday	9.00am-3.30pm
26 January—Thursday	9.00am-6.00pm
27 January— Friday	9.00am-3.00pm



- **Term Dates 2023**

<i>Term 1:</i>	Tuesday 31 January — Thursday 6 April
<i>Term 2:</i>	Monday 24 April — Friday 30 June
<i>Term 3</i>	Monday 17 July — Friday 22 September
<i>Term 4</i>	Monday 9 October — Monday 11 December

<i>Waitangi Day</i>	Monday 6 February (Term 1)
<i>Easter</i>	Good Friday 7 April (Holidays) Easter Monday 10 April (Holidays)

<i>ANZAC Day</i>	Tuesday 25 April (Term 2)
<i>King's Birthday</i>	Monday 5 June (Term 2)
<i>Matariki</i>	Friday 14 July (Holidays)
<i>Labour Day</i>	Monday 23 October (Term 4)

- **Starting Dates 2023**

Tuesday 31 January, 8.45am	Yr 9 (Hall) start Yr 13 (Marae) start Powhiri 10.00am
Wednesday 1 February, 8.45am	Yr 11 (Hall) start Yr 12 (Keith Millar Gym) start
Thursday 2 February, 8.45am	Yr 10 (Hall) start
Friday 3 February, 8.45am	Yr 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 at school



I wish the entire Te Awamutu College Community
an enjoyable Christmas, New Year and summer break.

Kia Kaha.

J. Mambery

Tony Mambery
Principal

