



Whānau Pānui

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Kiā ora e te whānau

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Senior Prizegiving 2021

As advised earlier, because of COVID level 2 restrictions, this year prizegiving will be held in a different way, primarily to limit numbers. It will still be a celebration of the achievements of taiohi, and we know we are very lucky to have the opportunity for such an event, unlike those at level 3.

1. **Live streaming** - whānau will access to the streaming via a link. The link will be sent out by email to only our parents, especially the parents of recipients.
2. **In person**, being restricted to Kaiako, prize winners and one or two board members.

As a result, we will be running Senior Prize Giving during the day opposed to the evening. This will take place on **Wednesday 17 November 2021, from 1.15 pm - 3.05 pm (approximately)** in the **school hall**. What this means is that there will be a change to the structure of the day as follows.

School will finish at 12.30 pm and taiohi will be released to go home except for prize winners and Kaiako.

Buses will run at the normal time (3.15 pm) and so we ask that taiohi not involved in prize giving who would normally catch the bus that alternative transport arrangements are made.

The school can provide supervision at school until 3.15pm for taiohi who are unable to be at home unattended.

For those taiohi who have been cleared for Study Leave by this date, as they are on track to complete their qualification, this will be the last day for regular attendance. NCEA Exams begin on Monday 22 November. As advised in earlier Pānui those sitting external examinations will only need to attend for those examinations.

Many of our Year 11 to Year 13 taiohi will continue to work on learning and assessments to complete their qualifications. Emails have been sent advising of those potentially in that situation and we appreciate support from parents to prioritise completion of NCEA.

Years 9 and 10 taiohi return the following day and school continues until Thursday 17 December. Please refer to the Key Dates at the end of this Pānui.

Vaccination Register

Thanks to everyone who has provided the information that we are required to collect about vaccination status of students. As a clarification the reason we must maintain a register of vaccinations (in a way consistent with privacy law) is because of a [Direction issued by the Secretary for Education](#) under the Education and Training Act 2020 Schedule 25, Clause 3. Previously this had been stated to be because of the [COVID-19 Public Health Response \(Vaccinations\) Order 2021](#). That order requires staff and workers (paid or not) to be vaccinated to be on site.

If you have not yet provided the information the status is recorded as "Unvaccinated if the student has disclosed that they have not received any doses of a COVID-19 vaccine or if the student does not disclose their vaccination status"



Vaccination Order FAQs

I have fielded several questions about vaccination status and the Public Health Order. Below are some of the answers that I thought would be useful to share. We continue to get more information that clarifies the Public Health Order, and I am sure that will continue.

Is my child required to be vaccinated to be on site?

No. The Order that requires vaccination is for staff and other workers on site, not students. But we are required to ask if they are vaccinated or not.

Will my child be forced or coerced to be vaccinated?

No. Students are freely able to get advice from our Health Centre as part of that service offered. The school is not a vaccination centre.

Can my child be vaccinated without my (parental) consent?

While those aged 12-15 can give their own consent, the position of the Ministry of Education is that if there is a school-based vaccination programme then that will require written parental consent.

For **community-based programmes**, under New Zealand law, children, and young people **under the age of 16 years** may give or withhold consent to healthcare treatment, so long as they are competent to do so.

However, the Ministry of Health's recommendation that young people aged 12-15 years discuss the vaccination with whānau or a trusted support person first. For more information please [see the Ministry of Health's policy statement on informed consent for young people aged 12-15](#).

Because the school is so close to several vaccination centres it is very convenient for parents to give consent for a student to leave school for this reason, which is a justified absence or appointment. As normal, the school requires consent to leave site for any reason as it is our duty of care.

Does a parent need to be vaccinated to visit the school?

No. For instance, if you have a meeting with a staff member then you can still do that. If you wish to come to reception, you can do that.

Here is a quick reference of who the order applies to and who it does not for those who do not 'work' at schools.

The order does not apply to:

- Parents/caregivers dropping off, picking up, or settling children at a school or kura.
- Parents or caregivers attending meetings or events on site (for example, parent-teacher interviews)
- People who provide an educational service off site at a marae (or another significant cultural site) and are not directly employed/contracted by the school.
- General public using school facilities after hours (for example, playground, school pool).
- Employees of a contracted service attending onsite outside of school hours or when children or students are present (for example, weekend lawn-mowing service, tradespeople outside of school hours/hours of operation).
- Employees or volunteers for providers of EOTC, LEOTC services or excursions which are offsite (for example, library, school camp, museum staff).

But it does apply to

- Parents, caregivers, or volunteers at an education outside the classroom (EOTC), learning experiences outside the classroom (LEOTC) programme or excursion.
- Whānau who provide homestay accommodation for international or domestic students.
- Employees/volunteers of organisations who provide a service on an education site (for example, the Life Education caravans, dental care, PLD providers, external Ka Ora, Ka Ako programme providers, social workers in schools).

If you have any questions or concerns, please continue to ask and we will do our best to answer all queries.



Closing soon: TeachNZ career changer scholarships

If someone you know is looking to complete a teaching qualification, our TeachNZ career changer scholarships are open for applications.

Apply now at study.teachnz.govt.nz.

The scholarships allow study towards a teaching qualification, with paid course fees and an allowance of \$30,000 per year for up to three years.

Applications can be made for any subject or sector, but priority is given to applications for:

- Science, hard technology, maths, and te reo Māori
- Early learning and Māori-medium
- Applicants who are teacher's aides, kaiāwhina, kaiārahi i te reo, or have a limited authority to teach (LAT).

Applications are open now and close **Monday 15 November**.

Ngā manaakitanga

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Key Dates 2021

Events and dates are subject to change and will be advised.

Wed 17 Nov	Senior Prizegiving (1-3 pm) – physical / virtual event
Fri 19 Nov	Year 11-13 "End-of-year" Reports
Mon 22 Nov	NCEA Exams start (until Thu 14 Dec)
Sat 20 Nov	Board Strategic Planning (9 am – 1 pm) Wharenui
Friday 26 Nov	NCEA Accord Teacher-only Day 4
Mon 29 Nov	Full Board Hui – 5.30 pm, Wharenui (Te Puna o Te Pito Mata)
Mon 13 Dec	Junior Prizegiving (1 pm)
Tues 14 Dec to Thu 16 Dec	Year 9 and 10 end-of-year activities, including Year 10 camps (TBC)
Thu 16 Dec	Last day for Year 9 and 10 students
Fri 17 Dec	Year 9-10 "End-of-year" Reports
Fri 17 Dec	Staff only Day / End of School Year

Key Dates 2022

(Subject to change)

Thu 27 Jan 2022	Staff only day
Fri 28 Jan 2022	Kahui Ako Whanaungatanga (Connections) Day
Mon 31 Jan 2022	Anniversary Day (holiday)
Tue 1 Feb	Course Confirmation Day (Years 11-13)
Wed 2 Feb	Powhiri for new students (Year 13 in support) School starts for Year 9 Orientation for Year 9
Thu 3 Feb	School starts for all Years 10-13
Mon 7 Feb	Waitangi Day observed.
Tue 8 Feb	School term continues...
Thu 14 Apr	End of Term 1
Fri 15 Apr	Good Friday

Term 2: Monday 2 May to Friday 8 July

Term 3: Monday 25 July to Friday 30 September

Term 4: Starts Monday 17 October, and ends **no later than Tuesday 20 December**

