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Aorere College Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, MALO E LELEI, FAKALOFA LAHI ATU, KIA ORANA,
ASSALAMU ALAIKUM, NAMASTE, NI HAU & GEETINGS

**Kia ora koutou
Nau mai hoki mai ki te
wahanga tuatoru.**

Welcome back to Term 3!

Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia Orana, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Assalamu Alaikum, Namaste, Bula Vinaka, Chao. Warm greetings to you all.

I hope you have all had a good holiday and students are looking forward to returning to school.



Attendance

This term we really want to focus on regular attendance and being on time to school. Too much learning time was lost last term to absence and lateness. A number of students were regularly coming to school an hour late, and this had a real impact on their learning. Where this is a result of students working at night, please let the dean know so that we can help students keep up to date with their learning. We understand that families are struggling financially, and we want to support students who have to work.

All classes, Monday to Friday, begin at 9 am.

Out of Zone Students

Due to roll growth and overcrowding, this year we will need to hold a ballot for Out of Zone students wanting to enrol in 2022. Out of Zone students who wish to attend Aorere College in 2022 must go into a ballot this year. This is where student names are selected at random until the total allowable places are filled. Only siblings of current students will be considered in the ballot. We will be contacting Out of Zone families soon with the details about this process. If you are Out of Zone, your Year 8 child **MUST** go into the ballot in order to gain a place at Aorere College in 2022. You need to fill in an enrolment form to be considered in the ballot and you will be able to do this later this term. Out of Zone students already enrolled at Aorere College will continue to have a place at this school and do not need to do anything.

Important Events in Term 3

- **NCEA Teacher-only Day:**
T3 Week 3
Tuesday 10th August

Teachers will be learning about the changes to the NCEA qualification and this date has been set by the Ministry of Education for all Auckland Secondary schools. There will be no school for students on this day.

- **Academic conferencing:**
T3 Week 5
Wednesday 25/8 2.30-8 pm
Thursday 26/8 2.30-8 pm

The academic conferences this term will be focused on achievement and pathway selection for next year.

- **Winter sport: End of season**
T3 Week 5
- **Tournament week: T3 Week 6**
Netball and League Nationals (boys and girls)

- **Subject Teacher meetings**
[Yr 11-13]
T3 Week 7
Wednesday 8th Sept
2.30-4.30 pm Hall

This is an opportunity for whānau to drop in and talk to subject teachers of Years 11-13 students. Appointments will not be needed. All subject teachers will be available.

- **External Exam Practice**
T3 weeks 6-10

These will happen during class time. Assessments will take place under exam conditions.

Running of Red Lights

Please be aware that there have been a number of reports about cars running red lights at the pedestrian crossing on Portage Road. Please talk to your children about the need to be aware and alert when crossing roads.

Thank you for your support.

Reporting Trial: Year 12

We are going to trial fortnightly reporting with Year 12 this term. Each fortnight, whānau will be sent a report with attendance data for each subject, late data and a response from subject teachers that describes whether students are engaging in their learning, completing work and making progress. We have chosen Year 12 for this trial because their attendance data is of concern. Our aim here is to involve whānau more fully in the learning relationship and provide the data they need to have meaningful conversations with their children. This will be in addition to the normal reporting/conferencing programme.

Have a great term.

Ngā mihi
Leanne Webb
Principal

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