

Teena koutou,
Dear Parents / Caregivers and Students,

Nau mai, hoki mai. Welcome back everyone. I hope that you enjoyed a good break and managed some time out. I found it a challenging first half to the year and was glad to be able to get a break. Students look like they have had a great break and are ready for the term ahead. This is an especially important term for our senior students as they complete assessments and prepare for their final examinations. The year seems short when we realise that our seniors are on study leave in 13 school weeks.

A couple of things to bring to your attention today, as we look forward to the busy term ahead.

- Major events for Term 3
- Uniform update
- Industrial action update

MAJOR EVENTS FOR THE TERM

I know that you all keep an eye on the coming events to see what is upcoming at CHS. If you miss any communication, please go to the [Communications and Coming Events](#) page on the website. This is where we store all emails and coming events and share the school calendar.

It is going to be a great term with some important events to look forward to. Here is a summary of the major events to look out for. Please note that this email goes to parents and students and so not every event is relevant to all parties:

19 July	Senior Parent Evening. Early closure (1:30pm) to support this popular event.
27 July	CHS Open Evening. Open to all members of the community who are interested in what CHS has to offer. It is of particular interest to those looking to join us in the next year or two. Early closure (1:30pm) to support this significant event.
28 July	Teacher Only Day.
28 July	CHS Got Talent. Hosted at the Raleigh Street Christian Centre.
1 Aug	Matariki celebration. This is a great community event with student performances, food, and workshops. There is something for everyone so bring the whole whaanau along.
8 Aug	Subject Choice Information Evening. Each year our timetable is built around student choice. We want to support you all in making the most informed choice possible, considering future learning pathways and areas of interest when making these decisions.
25 Aug	Leadership Camp. This event is for all students in year 11 and 12 who are interested in a leadership role in the coming years. It includes team building and leadership development.
28 Aug to 1 Sep	Winter Tournament week. Selected teams take part in national and regional tournaments around the country.
7 Sep to 19 Sep	'Assessment Week'. This is an important window in the calendar that helps prepare students for their external examinations in Term 4. The grades are used if a student is unable to sit their final exams. It also provides students with feedback on areas they need to work on in the remainder of the year.
20 Sep to 22 Sep	'Spirit Week'. This is a fantastic way to finish the term, with student leaders running a range of fun events for our students. It is also used to raise funds for our local and national charities (all houses are attached to charity organisations, for details visit the House pages on our website).

UNIFORM UPDATE

I want to start by saying a huge thank you for your support of the drive to improve our uniform. Students are looking great out there today, representing themselves, our school and our community very well. Thank you, also, for the feedback you have provided on the CHS uniform. The Board are currently analysing the responses and making sense of the recommendations and requests. As you can imagine, we do not anticipate a consensus view on what we would all like to see changed. However, there is a clear appetite for change, and it is great to receive such quality information from our staff, students and parents over the future direction for the uniform.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION UPDATE

Although, we do not have any official update to share with you today I wanted to share a summary with you about where things sit currently. The PPTA and government are in arbitration, the outcome of this could take a further 2 to 4 weeks to realise. During this time the PPTA have stopped all industrial action. The outcome of this process will then be shared with PPTA members nationwide for a vote and with cabinet for final approval.

The possible outcomes at this point are a signing of a new agreement or the resumption of industrial action. We have no further details about what this will entail but will keep you updated as the term progresses. As you can imagine, we are very hopeful that the arbitrated process will result in an improved offer that recognises the importance of resourcing our education system to provide high quality learning for our students.

Once again welcome back and I look forward to seeing you at some of our major events, or on the sideline of one of our sports or arts events.

Kind regards

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Greg Thornton

Principal