

Teena koutou whaanau  
Dear Parents / Caregivers

We are so glad to have resolved the Secondary Teachers Collective Agreement with an outcome that showed greater recognition of the important contribution our teaching profession makes to the success of New Zealand. At CHS we have really enjoyed not having the disruption of industrial action and the term has raced by as we can again run all aspects of our fantastic holistic learning programme. We are now halfway through Term 3 with only a short period of time before we host the end of year celebrations and senior students leave for their NCEA external examinations. We have created this [resource](#) to support our students with establishing a successful approach to studying. It contains very useful tips for students of all ages, and I encourage you to look through it with your child at home.

This is how the runout to the term will look:

- 28/8 – 1/9 Winter Tournament week. All the best to our 10 teams competing nationally and regionally against other schools. The full schedule is attached.
- 7/9 – 18/9 Assessment week. This is an important event for two reasons. Firstly, it provides the students with a clear indication of their strengths and weaknesses ahead of the Term 3 break, providing them with a chance to receive feedback and work on this over the break. It also serves as a 'derived grade'. This is the grade that will be used if a student is not able to attend the final NCEA exams for whatever reason. Please discuss these exams at home and help your child(ren) to best prepare for them.
- 19/9 Practical catchup day. From previous years we have found this day to be hugely beneficial for targeted students who need to complete practical work. Those students involved in this day will receive direct communication from their teachers.
- 20/9 – 22/9 Spirit week. This is a student-led event which includes events designed to build school spirit and raise funds to support the charities associated with each house.

### **Property update.**

The scaffolding is coming down this week from around S-block (see the attached images) and the work is on schedule! It is so exciting to see this long-awaited project taking shape – it will be a great asset to the school and provide some incredible learning spaces for our students from the start of 2024. Once the scaffolding is down and the internal spaces are a bit more presentable, I will share a collection of photos and video to give you an insight into what the building will provide our students.

### **Uniform success.**

Thank you for your support in improving how our school uniform is worn. Our students look great around the campus, representing Cambridge High School and our community very well. The flow on effect of this is that staff spend less time chasing students wearing incorrect items and students arrive in class ready to learn. I also wanted to provide a quick update on the review of the uniform. We met with our suppliers recently to discuss the survey feedback and ideas that we can explore further to improve the uniform. There are some easy fixes and some ideas that will take longer to explore. We will update you again once we have a clear indication of our next steps.

## Alumni cycling world championship success.

The UCI cycling world championships have been held in Glasgow this month. This is the first time that all cycling events have been held in the same city, at the same time. John McDonnell (ex DP at CHS) has been up there officiating and three of our CHS alumni competed, with the following results:

- Devon Briggs received four bronze medals.
- Leila Walker placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Womens' BMX final.
- Sam Gaze won gold in the Mountain Bike Cross-country short circuit and silver in the Cross-country Olympic.

All the best to our teams competing in winter tournament next week and our senior students with their school exams.

Ngaa mihi

Kind regards

Greg Thornton

## Winter tournament participation

<i>Sport</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>When</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Where</i>
Football	NZSS Football Boys Malcolm Cowie Tournament	Mon 28 Aug - Fri 1 Sep	1st XI Boys Football	Papakura
Football	NZSS Football Girls Maurice Hulme Tournament	Mon 28 Aug - Fri 1 Sep	1st XI Girls Football	Rotorua
Hockey	NZSS Hockey Boys Rankin Cup	Mon 28 Aug - Fri 1 Sep	1st XI Boys Hockey	Wellington
Hockey	NZSS Hockey Girls Chica Gilmer Trophy	Mon 28 Aug - Fri 1 Sep	1st XI Girls Hockey	Auckland
Lacrosse	NZSS Lacrosse Championships	Sat 2 - Sun 3 Sep	Premier Boys	Auckland
Lacrosse	NZSS Lacrosse Championships	Fri 1 - Sun 3 Sep	Premier Girls	Auckland
Netball	NISS Netball - Upper	Mon 28 Aug - Fri 1 Sep	Premier Netball	Hamilton
Climbing	NZSS Climbing Cup	Mon 28 - Tue 29 Aug	Climbing Team	Tauranga
Basketball	NZSS Basketball Junior Premiership - Zone 2	Sat 26 - Tue 29 Aug	Junior Premier Boys	Rotorua
Basketball	NZSS Basketball AA Premierships - Zone 2	Wed 30 - Sat 2 Sep	Senior Premier Boys	Rotorua