

Dear Parents / Caregivers,  
Teena koutou e te whaanau,

This email is to confirm the finalised plans for the last week of term.

It is Spirit week, a long-standing tradition at CHS and is our last major student-led event. The focus is on developing school and House Spirit through running **FUN**draising events, the proceeds from which are used to support our House Charities.

This year the emphasis is on the fun factor and finishing the COVID disrupted term on a very positive note. Sausage sizzles are running throughout the week and other Spirit week events are as follows (here is a great [promo video](#) from our student leaders):

Monday – Stilts and juggling session and live music from students and pie the teacher.

Tuesday – Car smash and Zorb football and a sausage sizzle.

Wednesday – The Haunting at CHS.

Thursday – is a national assessment for many of our Year 11s (the Algebra Mathematics Common Assessment Task (MCAT)). We will also use this day to complete practice exams for other subjects in other year levels. Here is the [timetable](#) for the day and students will need to attend in correct school uniform for their exams.

Friday – Senior students will attend to focus on completing internal assessment work and many of our students will have been directed by their subject teachers to attend. Catchup opportunities are timetabled across three session times using this [alternative timetable](#) for students in Years 11, 12 and 13. This will enable students to get access to staff advice and school facilities for a longer period of time than a one-hour lesson will allow, providing them the opportunity to catch-up and finalise their work before the term break. Students will need to attend in correct school uniform and normal school rules will apply on this day. Please note the canteen will be closed on Friday. Years 9 and 10 will not be attending school on this day.

**Week 1 Term 4.** All students attend school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

Senior students will sit their school examinations from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. They will be required to attend school in their uniform for their exams, according to [this schedule](#).

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. All students are expected in school on a normal timetable. Targeted students only will come out of class to sit catch-up exams, as necessary.

Finally, this morning I would like to share with you the details on the [support that NZQA](#) have offered students studying NCEA. We have held assemblies with students to share this information and outline the details around the upcoming school and NCEA exams. Please also note that NZQA have recently informed us that we will not be able to hold exams under COVID alert Levels 3 and 4. They have not said what would happen in this instance, whether they would be able to delay the exams or if we would need to go to derived grades. A reminder that a [derived grade](#) is available for candidates who suffer from an illness, trauma or misadventure that happens at the time of the NZQA external assessments in November. It is a normal part of our procedures and is there to support all students when unforeseen circumstances mean their performance is significantly impaired. In this situation the first place we look at is the most recent exam performance, our school exams.

Kind regards

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