



# WHANGAPARĀOA COLLEGE

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Newsletter Term 1 Issue 2 2022

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#### From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora e te whānau ō Whangaparāoa,

Last week I had the pleasure of joining the learners and staff on the Year 13 camp at National Park. Not only did we have remarkable weather, but the learners represented themselves, their whānau and the community exceptionally well. It was a great reminder for us all as to how lucky we are to live in Aotearoa, New Zealand. Some Year 13 learners stayed at school and enjoyed various activities including getting to know each other, a beach walk, random acts of kindness - making food for learners and cards for teachers, Myers Briggs personality testing, and chalk art. More details are throughout this newsletter.

We are well planned and prepared for COVID-19, should it enter the school and learners or staff test positive. We are anticipating cases, and when that occurs, we will communicate with those affected directly, and put out wider communications. Please bear with us as the situation progresses. At this challenging time, please ensure that we are aware of relevant situations relating to you and your household by emailing Graeme Williams <a href="mailto:graemewi@wgpcollege.school.nz">graemewi@wgpcollege.school.nz</a> directly, eg, if you and/or anyone in your household has been asked to self-isolate or has Covid. We are doing our best to continue school life as normal but we are ever conscious of all the Covid restrictions. We want our learners to enjoy as much of their school experience as possible.

Within this newsletter are some general reminders about our school expectations. In summary, we expect all learners at school, on time, ready to learn and doing the right thing. If we could have your support to discuss this at home, it would be appreciated.

Ngā mihi nui

Steve McCracken Principal

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#### **Quick Links**

**Link to Parent Portal** 

Link to College Calendar

**Link to NZQA Website** 

**Link to Careers Page** 

#### Please Note: Staff Only Day Wednesday 9 March

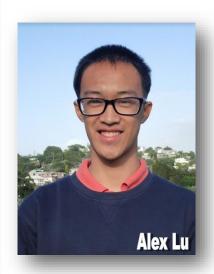
This is an Accord Day planned by the Ministry of Education for teachers to plan for the future new curriculum.

School is closed for learners on this day.

#### **Excellence Breakfast**

On Monday 14 February we held an Excellence Breakfast to recognise our Year 12 and 13 learners from 2021 who gained their NCEA with Excellence, as well as Benjamin Mueggenburg who gained a Scholarship in Physics, and Alex Lu who gained Scholarship in Physics, Chemistry, Maths with Statistics, Biology, Maths with Calculus (Calculus in both 2020 and 2021). Alex Lu was applauded and received a standing ovation to recognise his achievement as Dux of Whangaparāoa College in 2021. In addition to this, George Gavrilov and Shiven Pillay from Year 11 in 2021, both gained their NCEA L2 with Excellence - a year ahead of usual.

Unfortunately not all learners/parents could attend the breakfast for various reasons. However, we congratulate all of those learners listed and pictured below.







#### Year 12 NCEA Excellence Level 2

Libby Williams Georgia MacDonald

Zoe Wu Shuhei Yokkaichi

Amberleigh Dyer Courtney Shearer

Joshua Ahn Isi Booth

Olly West Kallum Kirk

Jessica Harrison

Alyssa Manilal Year 11 NCEA Excellence Level 2

Rosie Risbrook George Gavrilov

Jemma McNulty Shiven Pillay

Kallum Kirk

Alex Lu

Benjamin Mueggenburg

James Crawford

**Nathan Travis** 

Stella Beattie

Lila Brackley

Ladana Tangdol-Boskett

Yuxuan He

Rachel Taylor

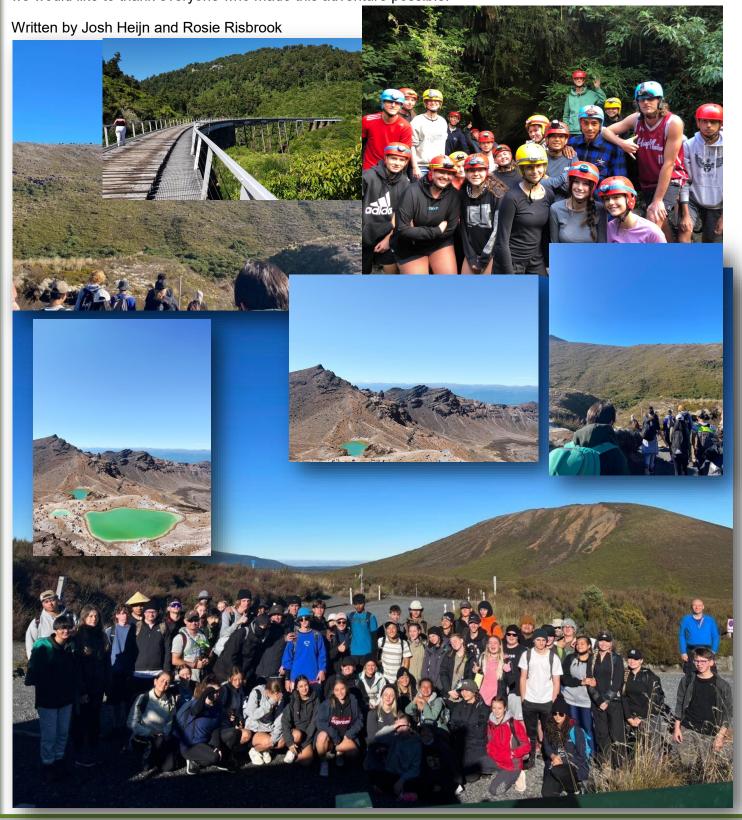
Sue Lim

Jae-Won Ahm Madison Daniel



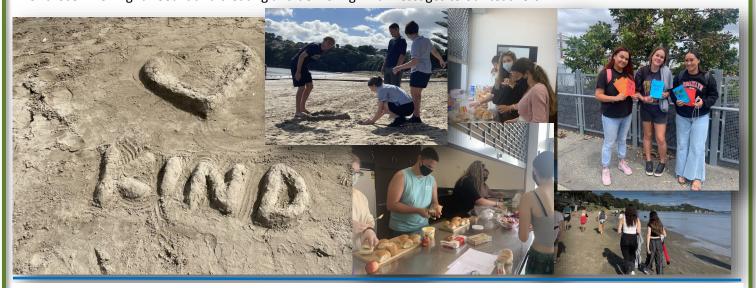
#### Year 13 Camp Tongariro Crossing

Year 13 camp was a blast! Early Tuesday morning 100 Year 13 learners bundled into vans and set off down South towards Lake Taupō. It took us about 4 hours to reach our accommodation. Pipers Lodge was a cosy, welcoming place with gorgeous views of Mt Ngauruhoe and a pingpong table—where many learners were humbled by the great Mr Moss. The first evening we settled into our rooms and played some evening games orchestrated by Mr Dempsey and Hannah (from CYC). One of the games included making banana mascots! There were three main activities that different groups partook in over the days. Firstly walking the 19.4 km of Tongariro crossing, up the devil's staircase through the saddle, then a clumsy descent down scree (surfing on stones) to the crystal blue lakes. It was quite hilarious for us fit youngsters watching the "more experienced" teachers. There was nothing funnier than watching Mr Moran sliding down the steep slope like it was a slide. Secondly, caving through underground tunnels with wetas and tight spaces. Lastly, a beautiful walk to the Hapuawhenua viaduct in Tongariro National Park. By the end, everyone was exhausted and the drive back was definitely more relaxed. Overall it was an absolutely amazing experience, and on behalf of the Year 13's, we would like to thank everyone who made this adventure possible!



#### Year 13 At Home Camp

Our Year 13 at home campers spent some time doing random acts of kindness; like stocking up our freezer with lunches for those who might need it and creating and delivering kind messages to our teachers



#### Year 7 Meet the Teacher Night (via Google Meet) - Thursday 24 February, 7 pm

A further email will be sent to the parents/guardians of all Year 7 learners this week with information about this evening and links to the Google Meets.

**7 pm** - Google Meet with Mr Steve McCracken, Principal; Ms Lisa Williams, Head of Learning for Year 7; Mr Joe Duffett, Director of Sport; Mrs Emma Williams, Director of Performing Arts. A link to this meet will be emailed to Year 7 parents/guardians. LINK FOR THIS MEETING: <a href="https://meet.google.com/poe-ursb-hue">https://meet.google.com/poe-ursb-hue</a>

**7.30 pm** - Google Meet with your child's teacher (kaiārahi). *Each Year 7 kaiārahi will email parents this week with a link to this Google Meet.* 

This is a chance for you to meet the principal, ask general questions, find out about extra-curricular activities, and a further opportunity to meet your child's teacher and ask any questions. The Google Meet time will be for general information and questions. If you wish to communicate directly with the teacher, please send them an email.

If you wish to communicate with one of the Year 7 "taster" teachers, please talk with the kaiārahi who can pass on an email address.

#### **Expectations of our Learners**

In order that teachers can teach and learners can learn in a calm environment, we have expectations of our learners which we remind them about regularly. Please could you discuss the expectations outlined below with your child so that they understand we are working together in order to keep the College a place of respect, safety and learning:

- Phones must be on silent and in bags before the start of class.
- Our school uniform needs to be worn correctly and details about uniform can be found on our website.
- Learners are expected to own their behaviour. They should be kind to others and treat other people the way they would like to be treated.
- Learners are expected to be at school from 8.40 am-3.15 pm each day unless they are sick or isolating. All absences should be communicated to the learner's kaiārahi and absences@wgpcollege.school.nz.

Thank you for your support.

He waka eke noa.

#### **Duke of Edinburgh Award 2022**

An information meeting for whānau of new learners to the Duke of Edinburgh Award is happening via Zoom Meeting on Tuesday 1 March from 7 to 8 pm. This is for all 3 levels. Please use the link here to join, and the access code is UR8mLu if needed.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89032022211?pwd=RGZ3dkpzL2lyaEhtclhsdE4zTzVJUT09

If you can't make the hui, please feel free to contact Maria Sinclair on mariasi@wgpcollege.school.nz and I can organise another Zoom if required, or answer your questions via email.



#### **Itinerant Music Lessons**

On Monday 14 February, our 2022 itinerant music lessons began in a slightly different location than they ever had before! We had to think 'outside of the box' (as many other NZ schools did) and set up gazebos outdoors to allow for fresh air, ventilation and safe distancing whilst playing instruments and having vocal lessons. So far the lessons have gone brilliantly thanks to the flexibility of both our teachers and learners. Thank you so much to all the people involved in making this happen!

For any enquiries please email music@wgpcollege.school.nz





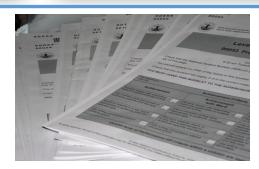


#### 16 Year Old Boy Battling with Cancer Needs Your Help

The son of two of our teachers (Carla Taylor and Lisa Williams) has cancer and is needing support. John Taylor attends Mahurangi College. If you are able to spare a few dollars to assist with treatment and medication, etc, please go to this link:

https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/john-taylor-16yo-has-cancer-and-needs-your-help





#### NCEA Exam Review and Reconsideration

The closing date for NCEA external exam Review and Reconsideration applications is Friday 25 February.

The closing date for Scholarship Review and Reconsideration applications is Friday 4 March.

review or reconsideration

Please email our NCEA Administrator Tracey O'Neill for further information traceyon@wgpcollege.school.nz

#### From the Nurse



#### MASK WEARING

Mask wearing is mandatory at WGP College (unless you have a mask exemption). Please ensure your child has a mask and a spare in their bag. However, if they do not have a mask or spare, these can be purchased at the Kura Kai Café for \$1 each during morning tea or lunch time. If your child has a mask exemption please email a copy through to nurse@wgpcollege.school.nz.

Please ensure your child brings a full water bottle to school each day.

#### FREE DENTAL SERVICES AT WGP COLLEGE

LUMINO mobile bus will be onsite providing FREE dental care to Yr 9 - 13 learners in Term 1. Please follow the link below to enrol your child if they have not previously been enrolled. Parents of Yr 9 learners, please be aware that COVID disrupted dental services for our intermediate learners in 2020/21 so your child has probably not had a dental check for 2 years. Please enrol them with Lumino following the link or with a provider in the community. Dental care is Free until the age of 18.

ARDS (Auckland Regional Dental Service) mobile van will be onsite providing FREE dental care to enrolled Yr 7/8 learners in Term 1. Babies born in Auckland are automatically enrolled. If your child was not born in Auckland and is not enrolled with ARDS call 0800 talkteeth to enrol.

Parents, can you please inform the school nurse nurse@wgpcollege.school.nz if your child has a health vulnerability and will need to learn from home if WGP College gets a Covid positive case.



The Lumino the Dentists Mobile Unit is scheduled to come to Whangaparaoa College in 2022. Term 1, weeks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

The Lumino the Dentists, School Smiles Programme is fully funded by the Ministry of Health. It offers free dental inations, oral health education, x-rays and a professional dental clean for students in year 9 to year 13, \*up until their 18th birthday. Treatment including white fillings, sealants and extractions of baby teeth are also provided on the school grounds as required. For other treatment not completed on board the unit, you will be referred to your local practice or orthodontic specialist.

#### Enrol with us!

If you'd like us to see your child during our visit, please complete the online enrolment form via the link below. If we have seen your child at Whangaparaoa College before, please also complete this online enrolment form, to make sure we have up to date contact/medical information for your child, as we now advise our patients/their parents of

Please call or text us on 0272228521 if you have any questions.

#### Click here to enrol with Mobile 3

#### Keeping Students safe during COVID-19.

Lumino operating guidelines are over and above Dental Council of New Zealand and Ministry of Health requirements.

- 1. Triage and Contact Tracing for students and Lumino staff. dents' temperature taken by contactless thermometer prior to appointment. Dental unit staff screened daily. Triage questions prior to appointment on exposure to, or symptoms of, COVID-19. Students to sign in and contact tracing details collected.
- umino follows all DCNZ Infection Control protocols Lumino is well resourced with PPE for their entire team.

Students will be provided with an anti-microbial mouth rinse both prior to and after treatment. Students will be provided with alcohol-based hand sanitiser both prior to and after treatment.

You can find out more about Lumino's additional safety measures for COVID 19 here.



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- The link for enrolment doesn't work Please copy and paste this link into your search end
- . If I enrolled my child previously, do I need to enrol again? Yes, to ensure we have consent to see your child in the enrolment form every year.
- . What is an NHI number? An NHI number is your child's "National Health Identification number" if you do not w it, your GP doctor can provide this for you. Unfortunately, we cannot see children who do not have an
- . If my child was seen at Primary School, do I need to enrol? Yes, Primary School Dental Service and High
- If my child is currently seeing an orthodontist, can they be seen at school for their free dental check-up? Yes. and do cleaning for free, we can see the
- . My child currently visits another dental practice, can they be seen again at school? No, children under 18 can ng for your child's other dental check-up
- Do I need to book an appointment? 

   No, you will receive a text message with your child's appointment
  the day before the appointment, please ask your child to come and see us at their appointment time. We
  also send our runner to get your child from class if they forget to come and see us at the allocated time.
- . What can I expect on my child's visit to the dentists at school? Once a student comes to see us, we will ask them to fill in a Covid-19 questionnaire form and take your child's temperature using a laser thermometer. Then, one of our highly qualified clinicians will take x-rays, check their teeth, and do a clean/scale and polish. If further treatment is required, your child will be asked to come back for a second appointment
- sealants, we will send a card home with them to be signed by you, before completing this treatment on the Mobile Unit at School. We will not perform any treatment without consent from a parent/guardian.
- What happens if my child is referred to an orthodontist? Unfortun alth and this will need to be paid for privately at an orthodontist of your choice, please let us know if you would like a recommendation.

Have any other questions? Please feel free to contact me, my details are below.



Lumino Angelica Sanchez | Practice Manag | 02102478415 | angelica.sanchez@lumino.co.nz Mobile Clinics

Level 11, AMP Centre

#### OUR KINDO ONLINE SCHOOL SHOP IS NOW LIVE!!

We are excited to let you know that our Kindo School shop is now live and open 24/7.

In 2022 all your school payments will be able to be made in one place with your myKindo account.

You can now order school lunches easily and soon will be able to see your outstanding payments on your personalised account.

#### Your myKindo account

Kindo is used in a lot of schools and organisations in your area. So please select the option below that applies to you.

- Current user If you already have a <u>current</u> ezlunch or myKindo account:
   You can simply log in here and update your details on the 'my details' page.
- Previous user If you have had an ezlunch or myKindo account in the past, but have closed the account, or not used the account in the last 15 months: Please email our Kindo helpdesk.
- New user If you have never had an ezlunch or myKindo account with any school or organisation:
   Click here to register using the email address the school has on file for you.

#### **Payments**

There are a number of ways you can choose to top-up your account, and this can be done at the checkout, or by selecting the 'top up account' option at any time.



#### Purchases

There are TWO types of transactions you can make using myKindo: paying personalised payment requests for your students; purchasing optional items.



Personalised payment requests appear at the top of your screen under your student's name.

Pay the full amount by clicking '+' next to the item or make a part payment, by changing the amount before clicking the '+' (if available).

There are also the Kindo shop/optional items. Click on your child's initial next to an optional item to add to your cart.



Once you have made all your purchases click on the *Checkout* option to complete your transaction. If you have sufficient funds, then simply click *Place Order* at the checkout and you're done! If you have insufficient funds, you will be required to top up to complete your order.

Your order will automatically go through to the school and you will receive an email receipt confirming your top-up and/or purchase!

#### mykindo App

mykindo app is also available to download for both android and iPhone.



Need assistance? Our Kindo helpdesk is open 8am to 4pm weekdays.

Freephone: 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636) Email: hello@mykindo.co.nz

Online support: support.mvkindo.co.nz.



# Setting up an Automatic Payment to your myKindo account Making regular payments into your myKindo account means you will always have funds available when you need them! Having an automatic payment set up into your myKindo account is easy. Login to our Kindo school shop and click on the top up account.

These are all the details you need to set up an Automatic Payment with your bank.

Under the Bank Transfer (allow two days) option, will be your personal details and

**IMPORTANT:** You must include the Reference number (your member number) so we can ensure the funds are transferred into the correct myKindo account.



the Kindo bank account number.

Need assistance? Our Kindo helpdesk is open 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday.

Freephone: 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636) Email: hello@myKindo.co.nz Online

support: support.myKindo.co.nz

#### Setting up an automatic payment into your myKindo account

We've set up our Kindo school shop to make it easy for our families to pay for school costs anywhere, anytime. It's open 24/7 and is our <u>preferred method of payment</u>.

If you have a regular automatic payment going to our school account, please switch this to your myKindo account by following these instructions.

- Login to your myKindo account. <u>Create Account</u> <u>Login to your account</u>
- Click on 'top up account' either on the banner, or under the 'mykindo' drop down.



These include the bank account details you will need to set the payments to and your <u>member number which needs to be</u> included as the reference.

Bank Transfer (allow 2 days)

Top up your account by bank transfer, internet banking, or by automatic payment.

Please include this information with your deposit:

Please allow up to 2 working days for funds to be transferred. You will receive a top up receipt when funds are received.

my orders

NOTE: this is not recommended for same day/next day lunch orders, or items that that are closing within 48 hours as orders will not be processed until funds have cleared and may get missed!

You can choose to drip feed your funds into your myKindo account, and when you have enough funds, make a payment in full, or you can choose to make part payments on some items.

Having a credit on your account, means for a faster transaction process at the checkout too!

#### **Sports Announcement / News**



#### Senior Netball Trials 2022 (Years 10-13)

When: Friday 11 March Time: 2.15 pm - 4.30 pm

https://forms.gle/xBDEHyxAY4aPDAup8
Please wear suitable clothing and footwear.



#### **Senior Athletics Sign Ups 2022**

Date: 3 and 4 March Where: School fields

Learners may compete in all events. (the timetable will allow this and run over 2 days).

There will be an overall Junior, Intermediate and Senior Champion.

This will be based on placings and points for the events learners compete in.

Timetables will be emailed out to learners prior to events and posted on daily notices.

Entry for North Harbour College Athletic Champs (you will have the option to compete if qualifications are met).

When: Tuesday 15 March

Where: AUT Millennium Stadium, Mairangi Bay

https://forms.gle/xZNhhoT6XnQ6CejB8

#### Year 7 & 8 Sports Give it a Go Days

Due to the cancellation of Year 7 & 8 Zone Day Sports while in Red, we will be holding our own Sports Give it a Go Days. These Give it a Go days are a good chance to test your skills & try a different sport while having some fun. (These sports days will be held during the day at the College)

We will be selecting a core group of all rounders from these Give it a Go Days to attend the Year 7 & 8 Intermediate Sports Camp held at Totara Springs, Matamata on 4 July - 8 July.

Give it a Go Days for Term 1:

Sports Camp Trials - Wednesday 23 February - 12.30 pm - 3.15 pm

Please bring tag shorts (belts will be available)
Softball - Wednesday 2 March - Periods 1 & 2
Cricket - Tuesday 8 March - Periods 1 & 2
Triathlon - Monday 14 March - Periods 1 & 2

You will need to bring your own bike and helmet. Swim will be in the sea.

Tennis - Tuesday 29 March - Periods 1 & 2

https://forms.gle/GV92KZ3ed13jwXWAA



# SENIOR GIRLS HOCKEY MUSTER TUESDAYS 7AM ON THE SCHOOL TURF



#### **Sports Announcement / News**

#### Year 9 & 10 Sports Camp Trials

Sign ups for Year 9 & 10 Sports Camp Trials will be held on 8 March lunchtime and Period 5 (1.30 pm—3.15 pm). We will be selecting a core group of all rounders from these trials to attend the Year 9 & 10 Sports Camp held at Totara Springs in Matamata.

Monday 15 May - Wednesday 18 May. Cost tbc.

In order to be selected for sports camp you must be present at the trial. We will be selecting 30 learners to attend the camp.

Please bring your own tag shorts (if you have some), suitable footwear for indoor sports.

Please fill out the following EOTC form (if you haven't already) before the trial please.

https://forms.gle/vTKitzNYKtsGggyeA



# College Sport North Harbour Swimming Zone Day 2022: Years 9-13

Sign Up for College Sport Auckland Swimming Zone Day.

When: Thursday 24 March

Where: Sir Owen G. Glenn National Aquatic Centre Cost: \$20 (If using school van) \$10 (if traveling with a parent)

Time Frame

Warm Up 9.00 - 9.20 am

Race Start 9.30 am

Finish 1.00 pm (approx.)

https://forms.gle/rTn2PThF8uD89XaVA



### Whangaparaoa College Physio & Hand Clinic

For Students & Teachers - convenient treatment at school

Neck or Back Pain Sports Injuries / Sprains incl Hands Physio Rehabilitation after Plaster or Operations Specialised in Teen Sports/Growth Injuries



Due to current Omicron situation, the physio & hand clinic will not be available for treatments at the College for Term 1 2022.

We welcome students and teachers to be treated at one of our other clinics. To make an appointment or Discuss Your Needs, please contact:

Whangaparaoa - 10 Wade River Rd, ph. 09 424 1309

Silverdale - Medical/Surgical Building, 7 Polarity Rise, ph. 09 426 6619

Orewa - 28 Centreway Rd, ph. 09 426 1945

**Proud To Support WGPC Sports Teams** 

For any sports enquiries, email <a href="mailto:sports@wgpcollege.school.nz">sports@wgpcollege.school.nz</a>

# **Upcoming Events**

#### All events are Covid-dependent

February 23		Paid Union Meeting. School closes @12.15 pm for Yr 9-13's Year 7 & 8 finish at 3.15 pm
	24	Yr 7 Meet the Teacher
	25	L2OUED Day Tramp
	25	Closing date for NCEA external exam Review and Reconsideration
	28—4 Mar	Winter Sports Muster

March	4	L3OUED Puhoi Kayaking
	9	STAFF ONLY DAY
	10-11	L2PHED Camp
	11-13	Silver DoE Qualifying Journey
	11	Senior Netball Trials

## **Key Dates for 2022**

April	14	Last Day of Term 1
May	2	First Day of Term 2
June	6	Queens Birthday Holiday
	24	Matariki Public Holiday
July	8	Last Day of Term 2
	25	First Day of Term 3
September	30	Last Day Term 3
October	17	First Day Term 4
	24	Labour Day Holiday
November	2	Last Day for Seniors
	7	NZQA Exams Start
December	6	NZQA Exams Finish
	12	Last Day of Term 4







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