



NEWSLETTER FOR TERM 4 - WEEK 6 2022

Kia ora, koutou.

The end of the school year for our students is looming quickly. In this newsletter you will find some important information related to 2023 in relation to uniform guidelines, 2023 senior leadership and deaning personnel, and 2023 bring your own device to school program.

2023 uniform guidelines

In light of the recent uniform review, the school board of trustees has updated our uniform guidelines for the beginning of the 2023 school year. A couple of key changes to take note of at this stage are the shoe and sock regulations. See the link below for the full version of the updated uniform guidelines for the beginning of the 2023 school year.

[Taupo-nui-a-tia College Uniform Information \(taupocollege.ac.nz\)](http://taupocollege.ac.nz)

2023 senior leadership and deaning personnel

From 2023 there will be a deputy principal who will have overall responsibility for different year levels.

Year 9: Stephen Fowler
Year 10: Maria Heaslip
Year 11: Brenda Ronke
Year 12 and 13: Richard Murphy

The deputy principals will be supported by a dean at each year level.

Year 9: Heulwyn Simm
Year 10: Kris Sainsbury
Year 11: Vivien Forrest
Year 12: Lesley Purdon
Year 13: Kiri Wilson

2023 bring your own device (BYOD)

In 2023 we will be invigorating our bring your own device to school program. In the last couple of years we have relied a lot on ministry of education supplied devices during the

covid-19 period, but this is not a sustainable model. In 2023 students in year 9-13 will be encouraged to bring their own device (laptop) to school to enhance their learning. Provision will be made for those students who are unable to afford a device of their own, but for those students who already have a device, we will be encouraging those students to bring it to school each day.

Cycle Challenge

We are looking forward to supporting this event on Saturday. Students and staff will be volunteering at the event, so pop by and say kia ora if you are around.

Camp/Activities Week (Week 7 - 28 November-2 December)

Year 10 camps: All the best to students going on camps next week. Also, we are looking forward to those students who have opted to come to school. Students will meet first thing in the hall on Tuesday morning.

Year 9 activities: Details have been finalised. The students will be able to come in mufti for the week. This is considered a normal school week, however, the educational experiences will be outside the classroom. Each student received a programme for the week on Thursday which outlined what they were doing, what clothing they needed and suitable food requirements. Please note, the activities can finish early, anywhere between 2.30pm and 3.00pm.

Accord Teacher Only Day: To continue our preparation for the NCEA change package there is a Teacher Only Day on Monday 28 November. School will be closed for instruction.

Paid Union Meeting (PUM): PPTA members will be holding a PUM on Friday 2 December at 1 p.m. to discuss the offer from the Ministry of Education as part of the collective bargaining process. Students will be released from school at 12:30 p.m. If your child requires supervision onsite in order to wait for the bus service, space will be provided at school.

A basic timetable for next week is below:

Mon 28 November
Year 10s go on camp
Accord Teacher Only day - school closed

Tuesday 29 November
Year 9 activities + Year 10 camps or work experience

Wednesday 30 November
Year 9 activities + Year 10 camps or work experience

Thursday 1 December
Year 9 activities + Year 10 camps or work experience

Friday 2 December

Year 9 activities + Year 10 camps or work experience
PPTA paid union meeting - students released at 12:30 p.m.

Reports

Junior reports will be sent out on Wednesday 30 November.

Junior prize giving

Tuesday 6 December 1 p.m. start in the school hall. Whānau are welcome to attend this event. Students will be dismissed for the year at the conclusion of the prize giving.

Ngā mihi nui,
Ben Claxton