



Photo above: Oxygen youth worship assembly (Term 2)

# BOTANY CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

## IMPORTANT DATES TERM 3: WEEK 9

Friday 1st October:  
Term 3 ends

*Mr Stephen Briscoe*

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Monday 18 - Friday 22  
October:  
Y11-13 Practice exams

I hope you are well and finding ways to manage as we continue to navigate Alert Level restrictions.

25 October:  
Labour Day

We understand learning from home presents many challenges for students, families, and teachers. Some students need support and I encourage them to contact their Tutor Teacher, Subject teacher, Whānau Leader or the counselling staff. I want to acknowledge the way our students and teachers have risen to the challenge of this lockdown. Collectively we have all done a job we should be very pleased with. I want to say a special thank you to parents who have made great adjustments at home to facilitate the "learning space" and thank you to those of you who continue to encourage their children in this time.

Thursday 11 November:  
Y11 - 13 Prizegiving  
Ceremony

Thank you for connecting with HOD's this week to have conversations around subjects for 2022. It was great we could make this work (with a few glitches!), but seeing the connection was the highlight for me. A reminder that you can find all the information shared on our [website](#).

Friday 12 November:  
Y11-13 Final classes

Monday 22 November -  
Tuesday 14 December:  
NCEA External exams

We look forward to connecting with every student again next week, and are hopeful we can be back on site for the beginning of next term,

## CELEBRATIONS

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*Mrs Kareena Martis*

A huge congratulations to Tyler Wolsky who attained a Bronze Award in the New Zealand International Biology Olympiad examination last week. He is one of the top 269 students who sat the exam in NZ 2020 and 2021 (due to Covid) and has been presented with the opportunity to enter the Biology Olympiad tutorial programme.

We also had Tamaryn Chase, Bea Roxanne Deliva, Hailey Fitzgerald and Rebekah LeGrand sit the exam, and they have been awarded participation certificates.

## PRACTICE EXAMS: WEEK 1, TERM 4

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Provided we are at Alert Level 2 by the beginning of Term 4, practice exams for all Y11-13 students will take place during Week 1 (18 - 22 October).

Students will only be required to attend for their scheduled exams. Study spaces will be provided for students if they require one during this time.

Please use this link for more details and the timetable:

[Practice exam timetable](#)

## NCEA UPDATE

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Please refer to the communication regarding NCEA sent by Mrs Pottow yesterday. We are pleased with these changes which should bring some relief to both students and teachers as we prepare for external examinations

# MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

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27 September - 1 October is Mental Health Awareness Week. Have a look at the great activities students have organised for each other as we take time to engage with this topic.

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK 2021 TIMETABLE

Take time to korero

**Monday -  
Christian Living  
panel 1.40pm.**

This is for the deeper questions surrounding mental health eg. How can you help a friend going through stuff?

**Wednesday -  
1.30pm fun  
zoom hangout  
for year 11 and  
12s.** Catch up with your friends, have some laughs and see some familiar faces :)

**Thursday  
1-1.30pm Fun  
zoom hangout  
year 13.** Catch up with your friends, have some laughs and see some familiar faces :)

**Stress relieving  
arts and crafts -  
anytime  
throughout the  
week.** Keep an eye out for these on your schoology year groups and put your mind to something fun and crafty !!

**Worried about  
exams? - watch  
anytime in the  
week.** Listen to some older students tips and tricks for how to ace your exams since they're right around the corner.

**Hope- filled  
bible verses -  
every day  
during the  
week.** Our own head boy, Joash will be sharing a verse every day this week to keep your eyes fixed on Jesus <3

Remember to reach out to someone this week, get outside and if you or anyone else needs help, please reach out to one of our amazing school counsellors.

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