



Principal's Update 3 November 2021

Kia Ora whanau

It would seem that a decision regarding the return of some year-levels to school sites might not be far away. Of course this will need to be done according to strict public health guidance. On-site learning will look different than Alert Level 2 or Alert Level 1 settings.

The restrictions of Alert Level 3 and 4 have been a real challenge to us all but as a school, community you have been absolutely amazing and thank you for your perseverance and for your support of our online home learning programmes.

If a return to school is considered, the earliest a return will happen is 15 November, and we will provide more information about this as soon as we know more.

If and when any of our Y1-10 students return to our campus sites and assuming this is no earlier than Monday, November 15 - all staff on site will have been fully vaccinated. There is however, no instruction that all students 12 years and older have to be vaccinated before being on site. We are compiling that private register, see below.

Student Vaccination Register: As required under the Health Order, we are now compiling a Y9-13 Student Vaccination Register. A specific link will be forthcoming based on Privacy regulations.

All End of Year Events: Campuses will be issuing instructions regarding all end of year events including prize giving ceremonies. It is most likely that these will be online or will be 'live-streamed' from our campus gatherings.

Orientation Events: these important events for incoming students and their families will be online events. Links will be publicized on our website and through Campus newsletters.

We always encourage Y6 students and their families at GC to attend this too as they are moving to our Middle Years facility.

Regarding Bubble School Next Week Nov 8 – 12: here is the registration form should you require your child to attend our Golflands Campus.

<https://forms.gle/jfi8ELKY3PaJbj5G6>

Regarding the Proposed MOE Staff Only Days for Term 4: The NCEA Day will still go ahead due to it taking place on Thursday 25 November during NCEA External Exam season when students are not on site except for exams. The 1-10 Staff Only Day has been postponed to 2022.

Term Dates 2022

Term 1: Friday 4 Feb – Thursday 14 April

Term 2: Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July

Term 3: Monday 25 July – Friday 30 September

Term 4: Monday 17 October – Tuesday 13 December

Finally: We will be sending home a survey with a different focus and would appreciate families considering their position. The focus of the survey is to see how many families, given what they currently know, would seriously opt for continued online learning for their child(ren) if we as school were to offer such a facility? Please watch for the link.

“So I say to my soul, “Don’t be discouraged. Don’t be disturbed. For I know my God will break through for me.” Then I’ll have plenty of reasons to praise him all over again. Yes, he is my saving grace!”

Psalms 42:11 TPT



Nga mihi nui

Murray Burton MNZM
PRINCIPAL