

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers
Tena Koutou Katoa



Mr E A Benton
Principal

Term 3 – The Real Deal!

There is a huge amount to do this term for senior students and time is running out in which to do it. Senior Entrance Exams commence on Wednesday 31st August and finish on Tuesday 6th September. Where senior students have external national exams in a subject in November, they have a school exam in that subject coming up soon. Senior students will have some study time at home during these school exams depending on their timetable. It is important that students take the Senior Entrance Exams seriously as all the preparation that they do now will help in November's exams and also their results in these exams can determine their subject choice for 2012.

Senior students will also have a lot of internal assessment to complete this term so they need to be totally committed to their school work. It is the time for them to restrict their social lives and part-time work and get on with a revision or study programme. The school year for senior students only lasts two weeks into Term 4, 4th November. While the Rugby World Cup may be an exciting time to be in Auckland, we cannot allow it to be a distraction from our students' final preparations for their national qualifications.

Teacher Only Days (TOD) and Option Choice Days

We have two Teacher Only Days this term as well as another day for students from Years 10-12 where subject choices for 2012 are finalised. These Option Choice Days provide an appointment time for each student to come in with their parents or guardians/caregivers to meet with staff and discuss and settle on a course for 2012. They are as follows:

- Year 11: Thursday 22nd September
- Year 10: Tuesday 27th September
- Year 12: Thursday 29th September

Those year levels do not have classes on those days but are expected to attend their interview with family support.

Report Evening

This will be held on **Tuesday 16th August from 6:00pm to 8:00pm**. Please come along and get an update on your child's progress and achievement to date. An appointment form is attached with this newsletter.

Whanau Parents' Meeting

On **Wednesday 17th August at 7:00pm at the Wharekai**, there will be a meeting for all parents of students in our two Whanau Tutor Groups and any other interested Maori parents are welcome to attend.

Parents' Forum

All of you are invited to hear a talk on "*The recreational drugs of choice of today's teenagers*" by Senior Constable Michelle Bluemel on **Tuesday 23rd August in the staffroom at 7:00pm**. Please RSVP to Daisy Shim d.shim@gc.ac.nz or phone 441-9771 if you wish to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Measles

They are out in force again this year. Please check that your child's immunisation is up-to-date and those going to tournaments should be vaccinated. For more information, visit the Ministry of Health website
<http://www.moh.govt.nz> < <http://www.moh.govt.nz/>

Key Dates

Fri 12 th August	Teacher Only Day
Sat 13 th August	School Ball
Tue 16 th August	Report Evening Venue: Kaipatiki Theatre Time: 6:00-8:00pm
Wed 17 th August	Whanau Parents' Meeting Venue: Wharekai Time: 7:00pm
Mon 22 nd August	Tournament Week begins
Tue 23 rd August	Parents' Forum Venue: Staffroom Time: 7:00pm
Fri 26 th August	Teacher Only Day
Wed 31 st August	Senior Entrance Exams begin
Tue 6 th September	Senior Entrance Exams end
Tue 20 th September	Careers Expo Evening Venue: Kaipatiki Theatre Time: 7:00-9:00pm
Thu 22 nd September	Year 11 Option Choice Day (No classes for Year 11)
Tue 27 th September	Year 10 Option Choice Day (No classes for Year 10)
Thu 29 th September	Year 12 Option Choice Day (No classes for Year 12)
Fri 7 th October	End of Term 3 - early finish at 12:30pm
Sun 9 th October	All Blacks win Quarter-Final
Sun 16 th October	All Blacks win Semi-Final
Sun 23 rd October	All Blacks win Final!
Tue 25 th October	Term 4 begins
Thu 27 th October	Sports Prize Giving Venue: Kaipatiki Theatre Time: 7:00pm
Tue 1 st November	Performing Arts Prize Giving Venue: Kaipatiki Theatre Time: 7:00pm
Thu 3 rd November	Senior Prize Giving Venue: Kaipatiki Theatre Time: 7:30pm
Thu 10 th November	NCEA Exams begin
Fri 25 th November	Junior Exams begin
Wed 30 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCEA Exams finish Junior Exams finish
Fri 9 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Prize Giving Last Day of Term 4

ABSENCES

Please contact the Student Centre on 444-9066 ext 813 or email the attendance administrator on absences@gc.ac.nz to report your child's absence.

What you need to know about the Student Centre?

- Entry through the door on the left side of the Administration Block.
- Payment Centre is there.
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 - Early sign-out from school
 - Lost property
 - Information to reach your child

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