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Parents/Caregivers

We look forward to a new term with our students refreshed and ready for a busy term. We have issued this special newsletter to keep you abreast of changes and impending activities

Changes to staffing

1. Mr Matnoor Saad, will be teaching mathematics for the term and will be taking the place of Graham Young. Mr Young is on leave until he leaves us on 31 August. Mr Saad taught previously overseas and for a sustained period at Otorohanga College.
2. Mr Riki Cowley is replacing Ben Masom, teaching part-time in the science and mathematics Learning Areas.
3. Lesley Beech and Gail McBride are job sharing in the Guidance Department for this term.
4. Mr John Robinson has had a shoulder operation and will be on sick leave for the Term. Initially Mr Peter Irving will be relieving for him and Mr John O'Brien will be teaching his classes from early August.
5. Mr Te Whakahawea Rapana has been appointed Head of Curriculum Māori and will begin his duties in Term 4. A reliever will be appointed this week to cover for the departure of Te Mana Rollo.

Drug Education Programme

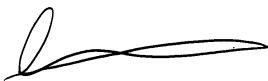
This term we will be undertaking a school wide drug education programme which is being facilitated by the Teacher In Charge of Health Ms Teresa Hill, Care Drug Education Counsellor Aroha Edwards and our Community Police Education Officer, Niwha Jones. Seniors will be receiving lectures and presentations from various resource people in their Careers periods. The Juniors will undertake a separate drug education programme.

As part of this programme the Board of Trustees has approved the visit to the school by a drug dog. The private company, *The Risk Management Group Limited*, will be managing this random visit early this term. The inspection is non-invasive. They are deliberately low-key in their approach. Disruption is minimal and rights of individuals are respected. They do not do line-ups of people, or drug screening through urine or blood tests.

Should prohibited items be found, parents will be informed and the illegal substances removed from the premises. The cost of this service has been donated to the school by one of our supportive business companies.

Orientation meetings

Parents and caregivers are reminded to share with family and friend's details of the Orientation programme for 2013 Year 9's. There is an orientation visit which gets underway in the hall at 9:30 a.m. and an evening meeting in the Glenice Gallagher Library at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday 9th August. All are welcome to attend.



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