



RONGOTAI COLLEGE

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Week 8, (March) Term 1, 2022

COMING EVENTS

Monday 28 March to Friday 1 April
Summer Tournament Week

Thursday 31 March
Board of Trustees' Meeting 6pm in the college staffroom

Friday 1 April
Teacher Only Day

Thursday 14 April
End of Term 1
Reports posted home

Friday 15 April
Good Friday – Easter

Monday 25 April
ANZAC Day

Monday 2 May
First day Term 2

Summer Tournament Week

This annual event marks the end of the summer sports season. This year, we have 4 teams representing the college in what have become regional (rather than National) events:

- **Cricket** – CSW Cricket 20/20 Tournament, at Hutt Rec, 28-30 March
- **Futsal (Junior)** – ASB Stadium, Wellington, 29-30 March
- **Futsal (Senior)** – ASB Stadium, Wellington, 29-30 March
- **Volleyball (Senior)** – Te Rauparaha Arena, 30 March – 1 April

Good luck to all our boys in their respective events.

We are now well into what is proving to be a busy Term One punctuated by disruption caused by Omicron. However, our school's number of daily COVID cases and students isolating as contacts have fallen every day over the last two weeks, which is great news. It was also great that we did not have to have a prolonged period when we were forced to roster home year groups, as other schools have done.

I have been really impressed with the resilience and resolve of staff and students. Having to wear masks all day while temperatures have been warmer than normal in Wellington has not been easy, both in terms of teaching lessons and being able to concentrate in class. For those isolating at home, working on-line has proved to be difficult but necessary, and has helped students keep gaps in their learning to a minimum.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Friday 1 April is a Teacher Only Day for all schools in the Motu Kairangi Kahui Ako. Teachers will be undertaking Professional Learning related to Cultural Competencies and Biculturalism, so there is no school for all students on that day.

REPORTS and PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

In past years, we would have issued Interim Reports by now, and would have been getting prepared to have Parent-Teacher Interviews.

With staff and student absenteeism caused by COVID and the inability to host large indoor events due to the COVID Protection Framework, both have been cancelled. To replace these, we are, however, writing full reports on your son(s) and these will be sent to you prior to the end of term. This report is designed to provide you with a snapshot of how your son has settled to work and his attitude and progress so far this year.

As a school, we are conscious that more boys than usual have had periods away from school so far this year. There is still a long way to go this year and we will be supporting our boys to make sure they aren't disadvantaged come the end of year exams. If you are concerned about your son's motivation, mental wellbeing or wellness generally, please let us know. Mr Cutler (Guidance Counsellor) is keen to help. We know that the last two years have certainly been different and at times difficult and we are still committed to trying to make sure that none of our boys get left behind.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kevin Carter
PRINCIPAL