



19 August 2022

Community Update: Term 3, Week 4

Kia ora e te whānau

School expectations

Last week we held assemblies for all our students re-iterating the expectations we have of them in terms of positive behaviour that leads to their best learning and achieving their academic potential.

While 98% of our student body have settled well into the hard work and focus that is required in Term 3, there are a few whose focus is not on learning but unfortunately on engaging in antisocial and distracting behaviour. The consequences for such behaviours were clearly outlined to all students. Please discuss with your student the importance of hard work and focus for achieving their academic potential.



Vaping

Kaipara College is a vape and smoke-free school at all times, including after school and weekends. Although at school our focus is on education about the dangers of vaping, particularly in young people, some of our students continue to vape. This is not acceptable as not only are these students endangering their own health and are poor role models but they endanger the health of other students. If you know your student has access to vaping products please ensure these remain at home. Although education and discussion of the health risks involved in vaping occurs in the first instance, there are serious consequences through our school disciplinary system for those students who continue to vape.

NCEA assessment update

The MOE and NZQA have recognised disruption to teaching and learning caused by COVID 19 again this year. Again this year students will receive one Learning Recognition Credit (LRC) for every five credits earned through assessment.

- Students working towards NCEA Level 1 will be able to receive up to 10 LRCs.
- Students working toward NCEA Levels 2 or 3 will be able to receive up to 8 additional credits.
- To receive a Certificate Endorsement, students will need to earn 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, instead of the usual 50.
- The University Entrance requirement (for Year 13 students) to achieve at least 14 credits in each of 3 approved subjects has also been adjusted to 14 credits in each of two approved subjects and 12 credits in a third approved subject.
- The dates for end of year examinations in 2022 remain unchanged.

For NCEA students who are close to attaining their achievement goals, our message is this is not a reason to take a break. These students need to strive for achieving at the highest possible level, aiming for subject and certificate endorsements. For students who still have work to do, LCRs are a support but they still need to put in a solid effort and work hard to attain their highest grades possible.

For more details see separate email sent on 18 August 2022 from Claire Farnan.

Thank you to everyone involved in our winter sports

With the coming of spring shortly we farewell our winter sports codes and look forward to the start of the summer sports. I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone involved in making our winter sports season the success that it has been. Although we have seen mixed results from week to week and overall placings in the various competitions, one thing I know for sure is that Kaipara College students do themselves and the school proud in terms of displaying fabulous sportspersonship.

We notice tremendous growth in our sports students in terms of capability, skills, commitment, fitness and teamwork throughout the winter. I know the games are the culmination of a huge amount of effort not only from our students but also from the myriad of people working with them to support them to be the best sportsperson they can be. I would like to thank our coaches and managers who work tirelessly throughout, before, during and after the season in all weathers and often in trying circumstances, also to whānau and friends of the school who provide transport, food and moral support and to our supporters who regularly turn up to watch the games and offer encouragement. I would also like to thank our Sports Director Israil Foreman and Sports Co-ordinators Kim Brenchly and Meghan Oliver who work behind the scenes to ensure the competitions run smoothly, students have the correct sports gear all delivered with efficiency and kindness. If you would like to volunteer to join the team of wonderful people who make sport a reality for our students please email Kim or Meghan on sports@kaipara.school.nz. If you would like social media updates on all things sports related at Kaipara College please follow Kaipara College Sport on Facebook and Instagram.

The Innovation Centre

Early next year work will begin on building the long promised Innovation Centre, which will house state of the art facilities for teaching and learning of the Technologies and the Arts. Getting to this point has involved many years of work and is an exciting development for Kaipara College.



Following the construction of this building will be the construction of a new Whare Ako and a new Faculty of Special Education block.

2022 School Ball

The end of Term 2 was celebrated by our Year 12 and 13 students at the Kaipara College Ball. The theme was "Red Carpet Glamour". An amazing night was had by students and staff alike. A huge thank you to students Aimee Wilson, Poppy Tippet, Savannah Jonkers and Abby McMenemy who organised the event. A special thank you to our sponsors: Hahana, Parakai Springs and Ritchies, whose generosity helped to make the event possible.

Keeping ourselves safe

The safety of all our students is paramount. This term we have been working on upskilling our students on how to be safe in many aspects of their lives. As well as learning about staying safe and looking after our wellbeing in our health programmes, we also run targeted workshops and assemblies to support students to make healthy choices. Recently our students have been involved in:

- Y9 and Y10 cyber safety assembly outlining the dangers of some online activities such as sharing inappropriate photos and messages
- Y9-13 Anti Bullying assembly
- RYDA driver education for our Y12 students
- Coming up: Y11 "attitude" talk about mental well being, dealing with stress and managing healthy relationships.

Wearing of Masks

As mentioned in previous panui, via our social media posts and in student assemblies, Kaipara College continues to be a place where we wear masks inside at all times. If your student has a mask exemption it needs to be taken to Ms Farnan or Ms Bravery for recording. Thank you for your support on this. It helps to keep your student and our whole school community safe.

School Bus Travel

Masks must be worn on school and public transport, a requirement of the Ministry of Health. Our school transport provider can remove students from the school bus if they are not complying with this requirement. Students have been reminded frequently of this and we would appreciate your support in ensuring your students comply.

Unfortunately, we have a small number of students whose behaviour on the school buses is also not meeting expectations. Ill behaviour can affect the safety of the bus operations and puts students and the drivers at risk. We have been working closely with our school transport provider to manage this but in situations where behaviour is not rectified, students will be removed from the school bus service for an extended period of time. It then becomes the caregiver's sole responsibility to ensure their student is able to get to school.

Students Leaving During the School Day

Students who need to leave the school during the school day for appointments are required to sign out at our Student Centre. To do this, they must also have caregiver permission so we ask that caregivers advise the school ahead of time. If a student attempts to sign out for any reason, and the school has not been advised by a caregiver prior, a member of our support staff will need to phone you for authorisation. This can delay the students departure if we are unable to contact you.

The same process applies if a student feels unwell during the day and contacts you to say they wish to leave. The student is required to sign out and we need to confirm they have authorisation from you before they do so. In order to keep these processes as smooth and efficient as possible, we ask that you contact the school directly, in advance where possible, to advise us of any situation in which your student will be signing out.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting us in working with your young person to be the best they can be, achieving their own academic and personal excellence. Our focus as always is to support the learning, safety and wellbeing of our rangatahi and we continue to be here to support you as well.

Please don't hesitate to contact your student's whānau teacher, kaitiaki or me, if there is something you need assistance with.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support.

Ngā mihi

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Cindy Sullivan
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