

14 October 2021

Kia Ora e te Whānau

I hope you and your whānau are doing well and remaining safe in your bubbles. As you are aware, Waikato continues to be under Covid Level 3 Restrictions as we start back at school next week. I am sure this is bitter sweet news for you at a time when you would have been very keen to see your friends again and have the time at school to complete your work.

We acknowledge that there is still a lot of learning to finish the year with and we have no time to waste. With that in mind, we will start Term 4 with our Remote Learning Schedule (attached). This will start Monday and continue until the all clear has been given to return back to school.

Saturday also sees a big push for vaccinations with the 'Vaxathon'. We encourage you to get vaccinated and ensure we are able to get back to normal as soon as possible.

Subject Selections

For Year 12's returning in 2022 as Year 13's, please head to Te Hinaki to complete your subject selections for next year. We would like these all done by the end of week 1.

TERM 4 EVENT CANCELLATIONS

Senior High Production

- An immense amount of work has gone into the production and unfortunately due to the current COVID restrictions, the production is no longer able to continue. This means that all sessions and activities related to the production have had to be cancelled. Heartfelt thanks to all of the teaching staff, students and other volunteers involved. In the future, we hope to be able to provide some form of recording to be able to share with you all.

Senior High Ball

- Last term, in an effort to be able to still hold the Ball, we penciled in two alternative dates. The first date was not possible due to COVID restrictions, and unfortunately, the second date is only 2 weeks away. In order to hold the Ball we needed the COVID Alert Level to be at Level 1. In light of today's Government announcement that the Waikato is to stay in Alert Level 3 for a further 5 days, we are no longer able to foresee the Ball occurring with any degree of confidence.

It is therefore with great disappointment that we wish to confirm that we will no longer be able to hold the RSHS 2021 School Ball.

All refunds for tickets will be processed by the school office and we will send out further details next week about how this will proceed. We understand that many of you and your partners will be disappointed by this decision and we join you in sharing this disappointment.

We hope to be able to continue to focus on getting through the remainder of the year and assist you all to obtain quality learning outcomes and your personal learning goals.

Finally,

Stay well.

Stay safe. Wear a mask if going out!

Get vaccinated.

Stay connected.

We are really looking forward to seeing you online on Monday, and hopefully at school as soon as possible

Ngā mihi nui – Miranda