COLLINGWOOD AREA SCHOOL

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Photo taken at Abel Tasman National Park by the OE class Term One 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou katoa

We have had an interesting couple of weeks. It was challenging closing the school with such short notice and I'd like to thank all the staff involved for the great team effort in making this happen so efficiently. It was also pleasing to see how quickly staff were able to implement CAS Remote Learning through G-Classroom and Seesaw, as well as deliver Hard Packs and devices where needed. I'd also like to thank whānau for the support they are giving their tamariki while they are engaged in remote learning.

As you will all be aware, there are already a number of events on our calendar that are being postponed or cancelled. This will be causing a lot of disappointment for students which is hard. Learning to live with disappointment is an important life skill which helps to build resilience, however they will need support with this.

The decision has been made to change dates and processes around some assessments – including practice exams, end of year exams and portfolio submissions. The dates for end-of-year NCEA and NZ

Scholarship exams will be delayed by two weeks and will run from **Monday 22 November until Tuesday 14 December**. Due dates for portfolio submissions will also be pushed back by two weeks. These two changes will give us time to prepare for the end of the year. Other changes to assessments may also be made, and we will learn more about this soon.

Senior students will need to be preparing for exams, for when they do happen, so please support them to do this in the following ways:

- Put their exam timetable on the fridge
- Help to plan their study
- Ensure they eat properly and get enough sleep and exercise
- Praise and encourage them as much as possible

Thanks for your ongoing support of CAS and your children.

Ngā mihi nui nā,

Alison Menary Acting Principal

PRACTICE (SCHOOL) EXAMS

Our School Exam week is scheduled to run in week 7 from Tuesday 7th September to Tuesday 14th September for all students due to sit L1-L3 NCEA exams. Depending on whether lockdown continues, this may be postponed but at this stage it will go ahead on these dates.

Practice exams are very important as they can be used to provide grades should students be sick or unavoidably away during an exam at the end of the year.

Students should know which exams they are sitting and have hopefully started thinking about planning a programme of revision. There are some great templates of study/revision planners which can be found online - just google 'study planner template'. We encourage students to focus on areas of weakness, break their study sessions into manageable chunks (45 minute sessions) with plenty of breaks. They will benefit hugely from gaining familiarity with practice exam questions. Previous year's exam papers are all on the NZQA website- or again a quick google search typing 'NCEA exam' followed by the Achievement Standard Number e.g. 'NCEA exam 90944'. If students have any questions about the exam week, they should discuss this with their teachers.

Ngā mihi, Sam Gaddes

LIP SYNC 2021

Due to the current Covid situation, Collingwood Area School will be postponing the planned Lip Sync & Performing Arts Showcase until it is safe to hold large events at school. If you have already purchased a ticket, please hold onto it, it will be valid for the performance.

We know that many students have already put in a lot of time and effort into rehearsing their performances, and we will try to make sure that our Lip Sync goes ahead when it is sensible to do so.



Kind regards,

Jonny Hanlon

A MESSAGE FROM HEAD STUDENT LILLY

Hey CAS whānau, hope you are all well and enjoying distance learning. Hope all parents enjoy being teachers.

Here's some activities you could do as a family to pass a bit of time when you're not completing school tasks online: you could hold a cooking competition every night for dinner with a judging system (Masterchef inspired)- i'm currently winning in my household, training pets ready for Show Day, rehearsing lip-sync performances, help feeding calves, try a new recipe/learn how to measure out ingredients, rock painting, chalk art, reading a book, writing your name in nature, movie nights, hut building, bike rides or play cards. Look at the 'Things to do outside' activity sheet below.

Seniors, don't forget to study hard. School exams are just around the corner and they could count this year :)

Hope to see all your smiling faces at school again soon. Lilly x



STUDENTS LEARNING AT HOME DURING LEVEL FOUR



We would love to see more home learning photos, please share with admin@collingwood.school.nz



2021 Term Dates Calendar

01 October 18 October

25 October

14 December

End Term Three Start Term Four Labour Day End Term Four

As dates are reset we will update the online school calendar and Flyer accordingly.

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