



Waihi College International Homestay Newsletter AUGUST 2020

Kia ora,

Our students have settled back into school well. With five international students now on the ground, this is an unusual time for our school and our department in what would typically be our busiest time of the year with visiting school groups and a new July intake. However, like the rest of the world, we continue to roll with it and take each day as it comes. I hope you and your whanau are happy and keeping well.

School news:

Sadly due to COVID-19 uncertainties and maximum gathering limits the decision has been made to cancel a number of school events scheduled for this year. This includes the school ball that was set for 26 September. I will keep you up to date with any other changes that may affect you and/or your student.

Trips:

An, Hitomi, Minami and Akito have all signed up for the NZET South Island tour from 27 September – 8 October 2020. At this stage the tour is still set to go ahead, and NZET (Tour Operators) are able to operate their tour at Alert Level 2. So for now we wait, cross our fingers and hope for the best. I will keep you updated with any changes to the schedule.

Thank you for taking the time to take trips/outings and create memories with your student, ensuring they get the opportunity to see and experience as many new places as they can before the end of the year. Thanks also for completing the End of Year Programme (EOYP) e-mail. We have started planning our EOYP and this information will help guide us, & gain maximum benefit for our students as we take into consideration what they have already seen and done.

Term 4 Start Dates:

The last day of Term 3 is:

Thursday 24 September

(Friday 25 September is scheduled as a Teacher Only Day)

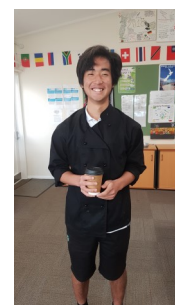
The first day of Term 4 is:

Tuesday 13 October

School is only open on Monday for students in year's 10 –12 who will be confirming their course choices for 2021. Students in years 7, 8, 9 & 13 are not required at school. International students not returning to WC in 2021 are not required to attend



An and Minami experienced their first hangi and a noho (sleepover) in Whare Maia with their Tikan-ga Māori class to celebrate Matariki 2020



Monday Coffee's Rock! Our Hospitality students Ryoo and Hitomi have been busy perfecting their flat white skills. Arigato gozaimasu!