

22 January 2014

Kia ora koutou

We hope that you have had a great break and are looking forward to the challenges of the 2014 school year at WHS.

**Induction and orientation:**

NEW YEAR 9s: School starts for our new Year 9s on the 30th of January. The day will begin with a powhiri at Taraika (the school marae) and begins promptly at 9am. Please ensure you are there by 8:50am to ensure that the day runs smoothly. Families are welcome to attend this powhiri. The rest of the day and the following day will be spent on orientation around the school.

NEW YEAR 10-13 STUDENTS: All new Year 10-13 students must attend the orientation and induction session on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January. This begins at 9am with a powhiri at our meeting house Taraika. Please be there at 8.50 to ensure that this important session runs smoothly. Families are welcome to attend this powhiri.

After each powhiri, we will be taking all new students through a comprehensive process of orientation and induction into Wellington High. Their Dean and roopu teacher will support them to become familiar with our people, systems and processes over the next term.

**The Deans for 2014 are:**

Year 9 – Denis Wright

Year 10 – Jules Nicholas

Year 11 – Sean O’Connor

Year 12 – Megan Southwell

Year 13 – Julie MacDonald

You can email any staff member at Wellington High School using the [firstname.lastname@whs.school.nz](mailto:firstname.lastname@whs.school.nz) formula.

**School Calendar:**

The WHS 2014 calendar can be accessed through moodle and our website. It is an important tool for both students and caregivers to use as it indicates important events as well as allowing you to track assessment deadlines. If you are unsure how to use or access this calendar, please see your roopu teacher asap.

**The school timetable:**

All Year 9, 10 and 11 students begin their school day at 8:45am every day except Tuesday when they start at 10am. This late start is to accommodate staff professional development on Tuesday mornings. Year 12 and 13 students begin at 10am every day.

Students will spend at least 20 minutes every day in roopu time. This time will be used to assist students to develop the skills of self reflection, goal setting, to provide academic mentoring and help students to build effective time management and organisational skills. There will be a focus in roopu time on building strong relationships and explicitly discussing and understanding our values as a school, including the principles of restorative practice.

**The timetable:**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.45	Period 1	LATE START FOR ALL STUDENTS	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
9.40	Break		Period 2	Break	Break
10am	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
11am	Roopu	Roopu	Roopu	Roopu	Roopu
11.20	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
12.20	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1.20	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4
2.20	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5

**Week 1 & 2:**

As always, there is a lot going on in the first days of school. Below is an outline of the important events that you need to be aware of. **Please read it carefully and note that the first day for new Year 9 students is the 30<sup>th</sup> January and new Year 10 students on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January.** If you have any questions, please get in touch with your student’s year level Dean, or with one of the SMT.

<b>Week 1</b>	26 January	27 January Teacher Only Day	28 January Peer support training day  Senior course confirmation (only for students who need to discuss senior options with their Deans/HoFs)	29 January Teacher Only Day	30 January <b>Y9 students only</b> 9am: Powhiri  Y10 JCLS catch-up session (students involved will be notified)  Senior course confirmation	31 January 9am Y9 Roopu Programme and Powhiri for new Y10-13s  11am Y10-13 student IDs  12pm new 10-13 end  3.20 Y9 end	1 February
	<b>Week 2</b>	2 February	3 February 8.40 Y9/10 start  10am Y11-13 start  10am whole school assembly  1.20-3.20 normal classes  <b>6.00 BOT Meeting</b>	4 February 10am start Normal classes  School Photos (Details to come)	5 February Normal classes	6 February Waitangi day holiday	7 February Normal classes

Nga mihi nui,

Wellington High School