

26 July 2019

Kia Ora to all, and welcome back to what we are sure will be a great term. We hope you all enjoyed your break, and we look forward to more exciting adventures over this next ten weeks.

Evening quiet time

After feedback from parents and students regarding bedtime routines, we are now putting into place a 'quiet time' for the hostel, which begins each night at 8:30pm. At this time, the boarders are encouraged to move quietly while getting prepared for bed, to prevent distraction to others who may already be in bed and settling for sleep. If any student who still has free time wishes to make noise or converse, they are invited to use the dining hall until their own bedtime.

We would request that people who are returning later than this to the hostel for any reason be mindful of this, which includes late night drop offs from home or activities.

Medication procedure

A reminder to all parents and boarders around our procedure when bringing in medicines to the hostel. Boarders **are not** to have medicines in their rooms, this includes paracetamol and ibuprofen. These will be kept in a locked cupboard at the office, which can be accessed by a supervisor at any time on request. Regular medications need to have the named label on the box, and casual medicine (if not named) will be labelled by staff for each boarder. Unboxed medications cannot be accepted by the hostel for dispensing, so please make sure not to remove tab sheets from their packaging when bringing these in.

We have these guides in place for the safety of the boarders, so that proper usage can be monitored, and we know there are not adverse reactions to anything else that we may give them (ie – food or cough syrup).

Closed weekend

Please make a note when planning for this term, that one of the key dates for the term has changed. The closed weekend for Term 3 has been moved to **Thursday 5th September**, as the St Peters school calendar has a teacher only day allotted on Friday 6th. The hostel will re-open on **Sunday 8th September** at 5pm.

We acknowledge that Gore High students do not have a teachers only day on their calendar for this week, and will extend the closing day for these boarders to 5pm on Friday 6th.

As usual, there will not be a dinner service on the closed or open dates, so please factor this into your planning.

Student Leave

Overnight leave, or weekend leave, needs to be applied for by Tuesday each week. This allows time for the correct plans and orders to be made for the weekend. All leave which keeps boarders out of the hostel overnight needs to be approved by parents/guardians, or it will not get the approval of staff. If you can no longer access onBoard, please get in touch with the office, who will assist you with your login.

If you plan for your child to return later than the leave that has been applied for, please get in touch with the hostel. It is best to call the hostel directly, (03) 208 8241, so that your information can get to where it is needed quickly and accurately.

Open night

Rosmini House is hosting an open night, in conjunction with the St Peter's College open night, on Tuesday 30th July. The hostel will be open to the public from 2pm – 7:30pm. This is a great showcase for families and boarders to get a 'peek behind the curtain' when making the decision to board. If you know anyone in the neighbourhood, or have friends/family, who are considering boarding as an option, this would be a good event to recommend for their calendar.

House Competition 2019

Buckner made it out of the gate at the most recent house competition, held on the last week of Term 2. The challenge for this event was for the students to put together an outfit, made entirely from clothing sourced at the Hospice store. The children had a great time putting together not only outfits, but characters using their found treasures. We had a judging panel, consisting of two representatives from the hospice store, Donna, who works as support staff for one of our students, and McKay Barton (with no influence from dad, who was only helping him to write down his scores!).

After a night of hilarity, the individual overall scores placed Aimee Weller as the third best outfit, with her sleek business-woman ensemble. In second place was Simone Lasaro, in an improvised but very popular number. Emily Moffat took out best in show, creating a character with such a full back-story, the judges were blown away with both her presentation and preparation.

The scores for the house competition now rest at: Buckner 1 – Tedesco 2.



Wellness initiative

As part of our wellness focus moving forward, we have added some activities to our scheduling, that give the children an opportunity to engage in skills that could prove useful for far longer than their boarding tenure. Among the list are yoga, woodworking, sewing (particularly basic skills such as sewing buttons etc). We feel these will empower the children as they move beyond the walls of home and hostel, and begin to engage the world on a wider level.

Another aspect of the wellness programme, is an initiative in which we embrace the cultures within our community. We have many international boarders who have a rich store of culture that we would love to see celebrated. We have also been fortunate enough to enlist the aid of former supervisor Vanessa Whangapirita. Vanessa has a passion for Maori culture, and works closely with St Peters School, and the wider community, to promote respect and empowerment of identity. She has agreed to spend time sharing some of her knowledge of Maori culture and language with the boarders.

- David is on call for the weekend: 26th – 28th July 027 221 7838
- CeeJay is on call for the weekend: 2nd – 4th August 027 689 2277
- If there is anything that the duty staff cannot assist you with, please feel free to call. Have a great weekend!

Important dates

Term 3 Dates:

Tuesday 30 th July	2:00pm	Open night
Thursday 5 th September	5:00pm	House closed for weekend (St Peters)
Friday 6 th September	5:00pm	House closed for weekend (Gore High)
Sunday 8 th September	5:00pm	House opens
Friday 28 th September	5:00pm	House closed for end of term 3

Term 4 Dates:

Sunday 13 th October	5:00pm	House opens for Term 4
Friday 25 th October	5:00pm	Hostel end of year mass and prizegiving dinner
Friday 25 th October	5:00pm	House closed for Labour Weekend
Monday 28 th October	5:00pm	House open
Tuesday 10 th December	5:00pm	House closed for year – Merry Christmas!



Random fun, decorating cupcakes !

