



9 May 2017

Dear Parents

Year 10 Newsletter – Term 2 2017

Welcome back to Kristin. We hope that you had an enjoyable holiday and were able to spend time relaxing with family, recharging 'the batteries' and re-energising so as to take on the challenges of the new term.

During the break, I was at the airport seeing family arrive from overseas. While waiting, I you looked up at the airplane belonging to Jean Batten on display at Auckland Airport and could not help but wonder at the pioneering spirit of this brave young woman. She had the goal of making the first ever solo flight from England to New Zealand, with the long-term aim of making New Zealand an important South Pacific junction where airlines could connect. In preparation for the crossing of the Tasman, she spent many long hours reading charts in anticipation of the difficult conditions. Batten faced many challenges on her flight; one particular instance was after flying through a hurricane just before landing at Penang, the fabric on her wings wore through, exposing the wooden structure. Undaunted, she patched it up and secured it with adhesive tape from her first aid kit! She certainly was a risk-taker who approached everything she did with dedication and commitment.

It is this spirit which I would like your children to adopt as they prepare for their mid-year examinations. They should view them as a challenge, while making sure that all their preparations are fully completed in order for them to undertake their journey. Batten needed a support crew to help her prepare. We, the staff, will be the engineers and mechanics providing the study guides and techniques to enable the students to 'make their flights'. In the words of Charles Lindbergh, 'whether outwardly or inwardly, whether in space or time, the farther we penetrate the unknown, the vaster and more marvellous it becomes'. The more familiar the students are with the process, the more excited they should become with the outcome.

New Students

We welcome Rio Mitsuo (10AMK) and Victoria Deschamps (10MBA) and their families and we trust that their association with Kristin will be a long and happy one.

Examinations

Timetables and study guides are being uploaded into the Year 10 Student Forum on myKristin. Students should save these in their personal folders ready for use. Please note that Monday 22 May is a study day. Students will not be required to attend school on this day. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, students must come to school where they will either be sitting an examination or placed attend normal timetable. Students will return to normal period 5 and period 6 timetable classes each afternoon. There are no examinations scheduled for Friday, therefore normal timetable will prevail.

Study skills workshop

Mr Gurney will be running a workshop in Week 2 for those students interested in attending a session. Interested students need to email him as soon as possible to register.

Community Projects

All students have been given their Community Project booklets as well as the names of their supervisor. They have been reminded to contact their supervisor on returning to school, so as to reunite and meet together. We would encourage all parents to read through the booklets and familiarise themselves with both the content and the process. The 'Overview' which is on page 10 of Community Project booklet shows the timeline of events. To date students have developed a 'proposal for action' and will be working towards researching their proposal to create an Action Plan to hand to their supervisor at the end of Week 5, Term

2. All Year 10's will have a workshop with Mrs Mansfield on Friday 19 May during Period 2 outlining expectations for the Action Plan.

The Community Project must be completed by Week 6, Term 3.

Reminders

Thursday 11 May – Middle School Summer Sports Photographs
(times will be emailed to students involved)
Monday 22 May - All Year 10's on study leave at home
Tuesday 23 - 25 May - Year 10 Examinations begin (Friday 26 May normal timetable)
Thursday 1 June - MS House Music Competition (auditorium P5 and P6)
Friday 2 June - Base Day – 10JNE
Monday 5 June - Queen's Birthday (no school)
Tuesday 6 June - Base Day – 10NHP, 10JPI
Thursday 8 June - Base Day – 10VZH, 10MSN
Friday 9 June - Base Day – 10AMK, 10MBA
Wednesday 21 June - MUFTI DAY
Friday 30 June - 3.20pm end of Term 2.
Monday 24 July - First day back for Term 3.

Term Dates 2017

Term 3 – 24 July 2017 to 29 September 2017
Term 4 - 16 October 2017 to 7 December 2017

Term Dates 2018 – forward planning

Term 1 – 30 January 2018 to 13 April 2018 (Easter 30 March to 3 April 2018)
Term 2 - 7 May 2018 to 6 July 2018
Term 3 – 30 July 2018 to 28 September 2018
Term 4 - 15 October 2018 to 6 December 2018

General

A general plea from all of us – if your child is going to be away from school for any reason you need to register the absence with Vicki Hooper who is our attendance officer. She may be contacted either through voicemail - ext 2393 or email - absences@kristin.school.nz. Please note that students arriving late or departing early from school, need to sign in or out at the Wellness Centre which is located next to the Middle School Learning Centre.

It is extremely important for children to feel that their parents are interested in all aspects of their education, whether it be inside or outside the school situation. We would like to encourage you to become as involved as possible, so that the education process can be a holistic and mutually beneficial one.

A good teacher is one who knows and cares for his/her students; we would therefore appreciate it if you would keep us informed of any details, however minor they might seem, in order to foster this relationship. We strongly believe in open communication between the school and home and we are very keen to strengthen this partnership. Our door will always be open to you, so do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries, or simply want to have a chat. The best method of contacting the tutors is via email – addresses to follow at the end of this letter.

Jean Batten in her book 'My Life', comments: 'Every flyer who ventures across oceans to distant lands is a potential explorer. Riding through the air on silver wings, he must steer his own course.' It is our hope that your child will 'steer their own course' and fly to great heights this term.

We look forward to your co-operation and support during the year.

Yours sincerely



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