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Principal's Message

Tena koutou katoa

We return to school this term in the context of a euphoria predicated on sporting success. It is the kind of success which makes ordinary people, who are not playing in the team, or even the code, happy. It is the power of being connected to success, implicated in it, and proud of the success of others which makes us happy.

It is so, in other aspects of life and in schools. The highlights of this term are the opportunities we have to acknowledge success, support success, and grow it in others. Term Four has the heady mix of external examinations, awards ceremonies of various kinds and the business of planning for the future, the next year.

For some students this involves leaving for the next stage of life with an eye firmly focused on success.

I look forward to catching up with parents and caregivers over the next weeks.

Sally Haughton

Earthquake Strengthening Update

Seismic strengthening work was undertaken over the teaching break in the Hall. The Hall will be available for use by the school and for the NCEA examinations from the first week this term. The second stage of the work will be completed over the summer break.

The Board of Trustees is seeking advice on the proposed rectification of the Main Block. Currently the proposal is to complete the first stage of the strengthening over the summer break. This would raise the seismic capability of the building to 40% of what is required in a new building. The second stage of the work could bring the building to a higher code. It is proposed that this work would be completed in the next 3-10 years.

In the meantime the Main Building will remain closed, initial exploratory work will be completed by the contractor and the Board of Trustees will continue to seek professional advice about the proposed rectification of the building.

Term 4 Dates

November

1	Board of Trustees Meeting – 6.00pm Room 66
3	Prize Giving Rehearsal – 8.45-12.00pm Town Hall
3	Prize Giving Ceremony – 7.00pm Town Hall – Students report at 6.30pm.
7	Pasifika Celebration – 6.00pm Studio 57
8	Senior Exam Leave begins
10	NCEA External Assessments start
11	Teacher Only Day No NCEA Exams scheduled
12	NCEA Exams resume
17	Parents' Association Meeting – 7pm Room 66
24-25	Asia Aware Event
29	Board of Trustees Meeting – 6.00pm Room 66
30	NCEA External Assessments end

December

5	Leavers' Dinner
6	Christmas Assembly – Hall – 2.30pm All Students to attend
7	Final Assembly – Hall – 10.30am All students to attend
7	End of Term 4
9	Second Hand Uniform/New Uniform Sale – 10.00am