



Cambridge High School

Kia ora e te whaanau o te kura tuarua o Te Oko Horoi,
Dear parents / caregivers of Cambridge High School,

As we near the end of the week, term and year I wanted to get in touch to say thank you for your support across the year. I am very grateful for the contribution of our community to the outstanding holistic learning experience for the youth of Cambridge. Thank you for the many ways you add to our learning journey through being chauffeurs, coaches, managers and number one support persons. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the staff at CHS, who contribute so much to the success of Cambridge High School, opening up a world of possibilities for our students. I believe that education is a fantastic profession with the potential to transform lives. Each year I see students make progress as young people, learning from the many opportunities an education at CHS provides, graduating in a strong position ready for ongoing study, apprenticeships or work options. This takes a lot of energy and commitment from all of us and so I hope that you take the time to rest, spend time together and re-group ready for whatever 2025 will bring.

Until then, however, we have another week of school.

Year 10 activities

The Year 10s have their camps or daily activities on for the first 3 days of next week. They have been able to choose their own level of challenge in these camps with a range on offer from local and school-based options to some further afield and more adventurous undertakings.

Year 9 activities

The Year 9s have a wonderful programme of onsite activities designed for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (9th, 10th and 11th December). These days are organised and run by staff to celebrate the completion of the year and are an opportunity for the students to get to know each other better and interact with staff while having fun through a variety of games, competitions, and creative activities. These days are of no extra cost to waanau as they are run by the dedicated staff here at CHS. The following are the details we have shared with students in an assembly this week.

On Monday students need to come to school wearing House colours for house challenges, with prizes for students showing the most house spirit. On Tuesday and Wednesday students are to come to school in their PE gear.

Students should also bring togs on all 3 days as they will have opportunities to swim in the school pool.

The school hours for these days will start at 8:35am starting with a meeting on the grass outside S Block and will end at the normal school time of 3:10pm.

Thursday 12th December

This is the final full school day for Years 9 and 10. It will be a final opportunity to finish off and collect work and wrap up the year's learning.



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Junior Prizegiving 13th December

Prize recipients and their parents have been invited to our Junior Prizegiving in the hall, starting at 10:15am. Students need to attend in their school uniform and will return home at the completion of the event. We will open up the Taylor Street access way, as per our parent evenings, for more carparking. This will be the final event that we host in the hall as we have reached capacity. Next year, we will move the venue so as to open up the celebration to more of our students and the community.

Staff farewells

Finally, I want to thank our staff who are leaving CHS for their service over many years. We have staff who are retiring or going on to promoted roles in other schools. Some of these staff deserve a special mention as they have been a big part of the Cambridge High School community. Two staff who had special connection with CHS and are leaving to take up new roles are Keeley Jones (nee Portegys) who was here as a student and started her teaching career with us. And Janine Maclarn (leaving to be DP at Mercury Bay Area School), who has taught here for 22 years and seen her children go through as the 4th generation to attend CHS.

Thank you for your support this year, and have a great summer break,

Ngaa mihi. Kia rawe oo raa whakataa!

Greg Thornton

Principal

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