

Teena Koutou,
Dear Parents / Caregivers and Students,

Welcome to the penultimate week of term. The students from the Belonging and Connections committee have a great week planned, full of events chosen to provide students with opportunities to connect across year levels and in their houses. I have attached the flier for the week with more details.

Belonging and Connections week

Throughout today (Tuesday) we support the national drive for Bandana Day. Around CHS Parawhau leaders will raise funds for [CanTeen](#) in support of youth impacted by cancer.

On Wednesday this week we also have a non-uniform day. This fundraising drive comes from the Year 11 Media Studies class who need to explore an issue of positive social impact and have chosen to raise money for Cambridge Community House Trust. Their work in our community links in nicely with the spirit of the Belonging and Connections week. [Click here](#) for more information on the services that Cambridge Community House offers.

You may not be aware, but each of our school Houses is attached to a local and national charity. Funds raised during Spirit Week and across the year go to supporting these worthy causes. CanTeen is associated with Parawhau House and Cambridge Community House Trust is connected to Pukeroro House. For more information on our Houses, profiles of our fantastic student leaders and a list of the charities we support please visit the House pages on the [school website](#).

The week also culminates with our Matariki celebrations on Thursday evening, from 5:30 to 7:30pm (see attached flier for details). It will be a great evening of games, performances, and kai. Just a reminder to everyone that school is closed for the public holiday on Friday.

In the last two weeks of term a lot of our learning draws to a close. Please keep an eye on deadlines and helping your child manage their time. Remember that all NCEA assessments are signaled in advance [here](#) for planning purposes. Yr 9 and 10 students will be advised of assessment dates or other deadlines by their teachers. We can assist with managing deadlines if students are sick, but this needs to go through Mr Mike Cole, the Principal's Nominee, if it is an NCEA assessment, or the classroom teacher for junior assessment. Please note that for medical absence we will require a medical note to support absence that is greater than 5 days.

Carparking at CHS

Finally, this morning is a request to parents of our senior students who drive to school. We have a staff carpark onsite that students are starting to use, and it is causing problems. A number of our staff are relievers or part time staff, and they are not able to find a carpark when they arrive at work. We also have visitors to the school who cannot find carparks during the day. For these reasons we need your help in reminding students they can park on Taylor Street or elsewhere, but parking on the CHS site is not allowed. We will monitor the situation through the remainder of the term and discuss our next steps if there is no improvement in the situation.

Kind regards
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Greg Thornton

Principal