

FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MRS KATHY LLOYD-PARKER

Dear Parents

Welcome to 2018! I hope students and families have enjoyed a joyous Christmas and a relaxing break.

This short Bulletin includes useful information and reminders. During the course of the year most information will come through the Weekly Bulletin (emailed to parents each Thursday) unless it is information we need to send urgently and this will be conveyed through email or our Facebook page. More detailed information on results, new staff and expectations will be covered in next week's Bulletin.

To ensure that the year runs well and is a positive experience, I want to say genuinely how much I appreciate parents who contact the school in a convivial manner. A polite request and even a note saying you are upset is always welcomed and we will take every request seriously and kindly. I wish to model to the girls that being respectful and kind is a good thing to do and does yield rewards. I would really appreciate your support in this matter as we all want the same thing; the best for our girls. Thank you sincerely to parents who provided Christmas gifts to our staff last year and who asked questions so that we could provide the best of information. We may not get it right all the time but we aim to do the very best we can.

All Years 1 – 13 students commence school on Monday 29 January wearing formal uniform.

Please Note: Years 7 – 13 students commence spell one at 8.30am and spell six will finish at 3.30pm. We will be watching closely to ensure students get their buses.

We expect all girls to be in class and ready to start work on time as that is the reason for being at Chilton – to gain a fine education. Students who are late invariably interrupt a lesson and this makes it difficult for both the teacher and the students in the class. Only if a student is late for a valid reason, will they be admitted to class via Reception. Please note that students do not go straight to class if they are late as the roll is submitted in the first three minutes of class and students need to report to Reception to ensure they are marked present. We ask all parents to be vigilant in this respect. We wish to set an example for all our students of good habits and punctuality is an important one for the future. Likewise, we ask that parents think carefully about the time girls have out of school for family holidays. In order to gain the best from school, our girls need good attendance so that they remain up to date with all work and gain the best possible amount of time with their classroom teacher.

Timetable Queries: Mrs Gilling is the first point of contact in relation to timetable queries. If parents of girls in Years 7 – 11 have any timetable issues that warrant a discussion with me, this can be arranged through Mrs Jill Southee.

Stationery: Stationery lists are available on the school's website for all students.

Uniform: We have a school uniform that has a lot of choice and we ask that parents monitor uniform so that it is always in good order and appropriate. If blazers or other uniform are old, faded and in any way in disrepair, then they need to be replaced. We have a second-hand service in the Uniform Shop and if it is still an economic issue, please contact the Principal for help.

We also have a strict policy around jewellery, make-up and coloured hair and ask that girls adhere to this policy. Above-all, we want to engender pride in our school and uniform worn well is an excellent start.

The white short-sleeve shirt (with red piping on sleeves) is a compulsory item for all Years 1 – 13 students. The older style short-sleeve shirt has now been phased out and parents are asked to replace their daughter's shirts as soon as possible.

As we transition from the old PE uniform to the new PE uniform, being introduced for Term Two, students will continue to wear the current PE uniform which is still available for sale in the Uniform Shop at a 50% discount. This uniform can still be worn for PE for the remainder of 2018 however, if students are playing sport for a school team, they must wear the new PE kit. We ask for your co-operation as we make this transition.

Our onsite Uniform Shop is open during Term time on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2.00pm to 4.30pm.

REMINDER: Commencement Service

Monday 12 February, 6.30pm

Wellington Cathedral of St Paul, Molesworth Street, Wellington

This service is a celebration to mark the beginning of a new year and all Years 1 – 13 students (wearing formal uniform) and their families are invited to attend. This is a compulsory event for all Years 1 – 13 students. Our Offertory collection will support the Taita Pomare Anglican Foodbank and students are asked to bring a gold coin donation.