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Alert Level Two

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Dear Parents Caregivers and Whanau

As we continue to work in unprecedented times we want to thank you all for your support as we work to make 2020 a success for all our students despite the many changes, disruptions and challenges. We have been very impressed with the majority of our students who have taken this all in their stride and are demonstrating our core values of resilience, motivation and respect.

Covid Alert Level 2 and what it means for Te Aroha College

We remind you all that Te Aroha College remains a safe place of operation for students and staff and we are taking all practical steps to ensure our students can continue their learning on site safely. We continue to follow all Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health guidelines and we are updated on a daily basis. Our School guidance team is available for support for Parents and students who have questions or queries about the Covid Alert Level 2 requirements. See the contact numbers of key staff at the end of this update.

Our Teacher Only Day on Monday 17th August focused on our continued preparation around our senior school and how we can operate to ensure our students can successfully achieve NCEA. This saw us focus on how we were refining our work in senior school to ensure our students can all gain derived grades as the NCEA exams may be further affected by the latest Covid outbreak. As we have said to all our seniors the next four weeks of work is critical to ensure students can put the best grades forward in case the exams at the end of the year change..

We also set very clear expectations for students around hygiene, social distancing and work expectations at Level 2 as they returned on Tuesday 18th August. We want to thank and acknowledge the staff for their work in the last few weeks as if we had been moved to Alert Level 3 our team was ready to move back to a digital platform. This shows the true value of our equity programme for device provision and our staff's flexibility to move quickly to address our students' learning needs.

Our year 12 and 13 students are well on track for success and we continue to work with our year 11 students to ensure they will be successful despite the ongoing disruptions.

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Our juniors have a very clear focus for the coming weeks on getting the basics right and completing all set work in a timely and positive way.

Sport at Covid Alert Level 2

Sport and sporting events remain challenging as each of our codes and sporting regions tries to navigate the change to Covid Alert Level 2 for the whole of the Waikato. We have at this stage taken the 'middle ground' of safe continuation but are being regularly updated by Sport Waikato. We are awaiting a decision on upcoming national competitions and will continue to advise our community as updates come to hand. Thank you for all our coaches, managers and drivers who continue to give their time to support our extensive sporting programme. Our Sports Team of Wendy Livingstone, Robyn Williams and Kat Lemon are happy to answer any specific questions in this area.

Major Building Works

We have officially completed and opened our second food room. This has been a considerable amount of work since February creating a second practical teaching space to allow for the extensive number of students who work in this very popular subject area. We publicly thank John Conway and the local contractors Flooring, plumbing, electrical and data for their work and supporting this project.

THL are continuing work on the B& D block upgrades and are making good progress. This is an exciting change for the school and will see two major blocks, eight remodelled classrooms and linked break out and resource spaces operating in the new year.

We are also continuing with the development of access ramps, lifts and walkways for all students to have access to all areas of the school.

Beauty & The Beast

We are well on the way to staging Beauty and the Beast later in the term. The cast and crew are doing an amazing job. The costumes and set are fantastic and we would love you all to buy your tickets to what is shaping up to be a spectacular event.

The dates and times are:

Tuesday 8th September at 6pm

Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th September at 7pm

Finally we would really appreciate it if all parents and caregivers could continue to support us with the '2020' basics. Please make sure your student is ready for school every day with the right books and equipment, their charged device, correct uniform and a positive attitude to learning. If your student is sick please keep them home. Please contact us if you have any questions, comments or feedback.

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