

Kia ora e te whānau

We trust you're all keeping as well as can be during this Level 4 lockdown.

We wanted to share some important information with you.

### **School holidays**

It has just been announced that the school holidays will not be moved. Term 3 ends on Friday 1 October and Term 4 starts on Monday 18 October.

### **MSD's financial assistance tool for your school community**

We have been asked to send this information to you as it may be of value to some people within your school community.

MSD has developed an online tool to help identify what types of financial assistance a person could be eligible for quickly and easily: [Check out what you might get | Ngā āwhina tērā pea ka whiwhi koe](#)

Please note, this is a guide and shows how MSD can help a person or whānau. Once the application form is submitted, MSD will be able to work out the exact financial assistance they will receive. This service is only available to New Zealand citizens and residents.

### **NCEA**

Although we remain hopeful that our school practice exams and NCEA exams will be able to go ahead, we are mindful that there is always the chance that we may go into lockdown again. For this reason, Year 11, 12 and 13 learners should be aware that their engagement in online lessons, work they are submitting to teachers, and verbal conversations with teachers, all count as evidence of their learning. Teachers have been asked to gather evidence for each learner's understanding of each standard in case of an unexpected event. This evidence can be used for an Unexpected Event Grade (UEG). This is not a prediction of what a learner may be capable of, it is evidence that they have demonstrated understanding of the standard. ***Please ensure that learners are engaging as much as possible, and communicating well with their teachers***, and please be assured that we will continue to do our best to assist them in gaining what they need for their qualification. [Further information on UEGs can be found here](#). Alternatively, you may wish to email [lisawh@wgpcollege.school.nz](mailto:lisawh@wgpcollege.school.nz)

We are hopeful that the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday will be favourable for us to drop a level. We will send out a communication after this announcement.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui

*Be strong, be brave, be steadfast, and above all else, be kind.*

Steve McCracken

Principal