



9 February 2016

Dear Parents/caregivers

Welcome to the new school year; and a special welcome to all new students, families and staff members who start their association with the Burnside family in 2016.

I look forward to meeting you all as the year progresses. I am delighted to be leading Burnside High School and to build on our strengths and work to enhance our reputation as a successful, sought-after school. My aim always is for staff, students (and their parents/caregivers) to feel connected, valued, respected and to enjoy their experience with Burnside High School.

Some information:

I now invite you to join us to support your students in **three** significant events on our school calendar in the coming weeks:

- For Year 9 Parents there are meetings on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday next week (16-18 February). You will receive separate information regarding these.
- On Tuesday 16 February we will be having our Swimming Sports in the school pool (backup day 17 February).
- On Thursday 18 and Friday 19 February we will be holding our School Athletics days located on the lower fields (backup day 22 February). It would be great to see you there.

Please note: School will close at the earlier time of **2.30 pm** on **Monday** 15 February to enable staff to attend a special staff meeting.

Year 11:

- **Wednesday study/tutorials** – In the past Year 11 students have been required to be in supervised study rooms in period 1 on a Wednesday, while Year 12 and 13 students have been allowed to study at home or to attend tutorials at school in subjects where they need or would like extra assistance.

In 2016, we will again require Year 11 to be in supervised study in **WEEK B** of the timetable and the roll will be taken but in **WEEK A** we are allowing Year 11s the option to attend tutorials like the Year 12 and 13 students or to study at home.

We hope that students will take advantage of the tutorials.

- **NCEA Information Evening** for parents and students in Year 11 is on Thursday 25 February at 7.00pm in the Aurora Centre.

Payment information for student workbooks from 2016:

Your son or daughter may bring a letter home from their form teacher this term in regard to purchasing workbooks. The letter will specify what subjects use workbooks and the associated costs.

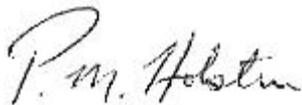
A good number of subject departments use student workbooks to support and consolidate their learning programmes. They are extremely valuable resources for students. The school purchases these books, often at discounted prices, and then makes them available to students.

As they are a 'write on' resource students are encouraged to purchase them. However, they are not compulsory and payment is on an individual basis. To streamline the workbook distribution process, payment or confirmation of arrangements for payment must be made before the students can write on and keep them.

Thank you for your support and please contact your son or daughter's Divisional Principal should you have any questions about this process.

I look forward to working with, for and alongside you all in 2016.

Yours sincerely



Phil Holstein
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