



TRIDENT LEADS

Newsletter 9
24th March 2020
Term 1, Week 9

Kia ora koutou katoa,

This is the last newsletter of a busy term and of course, the focus has to be on our current extraordinary circumstances.

As parents you need to know the following –

- Term dates have changed and Term One now finishes on **Friday 27th March**, and Term Two begins on **Wednesday 15th April** – as an online distance learning school until **Tuesday 21st April** when we are hoping that the school will re-open following the lockdown.
- Our students have access to learning through Google classroom and other apps set up by teachers who will be monitoring and guiding their learning.
- You can contact teachers through their Google classrooms – both for subject teachers and your form teacher. If you have difficulty getting access to some classes let your form teacher know and they will contact our IT support to help you.
- Our pastoral team is accessible too – just check out the Facebook page of the year level for your student or our school website, to get help for both your student and yourselves.
- Our timetable changes for Term Two (option subjects or technology rotations) won't start until we are back in school, so all your student's teachers and classes will stay the same.
- We will contact you with any major changes or news around school closure, exams or assessments

These are extraordinary times and we must treat the situation with the utmost seriousness. **Lock down means that we cannot let our students hang out with anyone other than the people living in your home.**

Friends and extended family beyond your home can only be in contact through social media, phone calls, Skype and Google.

If we do not enforce this our whole community in New Zealand is compromised so we need to be firm and unwavering when students struggle with this challenge. We know that with our support they will persevere and facing the challenge will support their personal growth and development of character.

On a daily basis, use routines to create a structured day for our students; they thrive on routine. Keep to the school day – their classes are online available at the same time as their normal timetable. Following this timetable will help them to have security and routine in their day.

Don't let them get overloaded with work. It is really important to keep the study / life balance and also to make sure we all get exercise – although students need to do this safely and away from other people.

Finally, I really want to thank our amazing team at Trident – the teachers, guidance team, support staff, grounds staff, wonderful student school leaders, the students and the Senior Management and Leadership Team too. Despite some enormous challenges this has been a remarkable and positive term and all our efforts are to be commended and celebrated.

I'd like to share this whakatauki in signing off –

He toa taua, he toa pahekeheke

The path of the warrior is precarious.

We do not always know what we are going to face but we must still remain warriors in our courage.

Kia Kaha tonu

Adrienne Scott-Jones
Acting Principal



TERM 1 HIGHLIGHTS—SWIMMING SPORTS, SCHOLARSHIP RESULTS, ATHLETICS DAY



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We ask senior students and whānau alike to join the page Trident High School Senior Student Information, click the link below. This page is an online platform for Trident High School's Year 11, 12, and 13 Cohort and Whānau to access important information, specific to Year their Academic and Pastoral needs for 2020.

This page is also a place for Senior Students and their Whānau to communicate with and/or ask questions directly to Trident High School's Senior Deans.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TridentHighSeniorStudents/>

N.Z. MAORI VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR WOMEN'S TEAM

Recently selected for the inaugural N.Z. Maori Volleyball Junior Women's (Aotearoa Māori Poirewa Kōtiro) Team are:



Kalani Ruri,



Anamia Paul,



Reyce Kururangi,



Shakira McDonald,



Abbie Wilson and

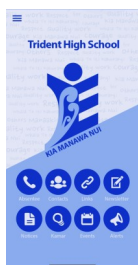


Catriona Jobe.

"The Team will travel to the USA in July to compete in the US High Performance Championships in Pittsburgh and then to complete the tour by spending some time at the University of Hawaii looking at their scholarship program and immersing themselves in the culture of the university and of the island people. Congratulations girls! BR Horlock (Head Coach)."

TRIDENT HIGH SCHOOL - SCHOOL APP

Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android Device and Search - **SchoolAppsNZ**, to Download the App to your phone or tablet. Type in **Trident High School**. Having the Trident High School App is a quick way we can keep you informed of current news and information from our school. Check it out!



TE WHAKAPIKI I TE AO MAORI WANANGA

Following the year 10 Te Whakapiki i Te Ao Maori Wananga to Te Putere at Ruatoki it was a chance for the Year 9 Te Whakapiki i Te Ao Maori class to take on the same challenge but in Ruatahuna. The wananga was designed to enhance opportunities for the students as well as create a strong sense of whanaungatanga and belonging. Once we left school we travelled to Matahina Dam and then onto Papueru Marae. Following our whakatau we quickly organised our lunch, duties and tasks for the afternoon. With strong group work we travelled to the local swimming hole which was a whole load of fun. After dinner we had karakia and a quick run down of the day and a talk about the next day's events. With a quick game of spotlight before the rain fell we went to sleep. Day 2 started with an early rise, beautiful breakfast and organising ourselves to travel to Huairau Area school.

Following the powhiri it was decided that Trident would join the high school students in breaking into groups and visiting the local ngahere as well as playing sports. What an amazing time and we want to thank the kura for allowing us this opportunity to visit. From here, we travelled to Mataatua Marae which is considered one of the most important marae in all of Tuhoe. Kaumatua Rongonui Tah



provided a deep knowledge of this marae and the importance it has with Tuhoe. It was an amazing workshop. From here we travelled back to Papueru for lunch and then organised ourselves for a 2 hour walk from a local landmark, Tarapounamu to Te Umukahawai with local guides taking us from one point to another. Whilst the walk was challenging for most of the students this was a great trek and definitely something to remember for the future. Once we arrived back at the marae we organised dinner and prepared for the evening reflections and activities. Following karakia the majority of the kids played spotlight until bedtime..the final morning if the wananga saw us clean up on mass and then organise the poroporoaki and final karakia. The trip was an amazing experience and something that allowed everyone to bond quickly. The highlight of the camp was the swim, the lack of cellphone coverage so we had to talk to one another, the generator that created power for the marae and the activities and games we all participated in. We want to say a huge thank you to the Te Kurapa whanau at Papueru Marae, the whanau from Ruatahuna and our teachers for attending and giving such a great opportunity. Nga mihi.



KIA MANAWA NUI—HAVE COURAGE