

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE – Friday 29 July

Dear all

I hope you are managing to have even a short amount of time outside in this gorgeous weather today. We chose a perfect day for Year Assemblies and it was so lovely to welcome Years 9, 10 and 11 back to school, to sit in the sun and discuss what is coming up in the next term including for Years 9 and 10, the ski camps.

We have decided to run year assemblies for three year groups every alternative week on Friday before recess. So next week it will be Years 7, 8 and 11. As we move towards Spring and warmer weather it will be nice to shake off the cold and get-together again.

Last night I was privileged to attend the music ensemble evening at Scot's Kirk. I was amazed to hear, despite the limited opportunities over the past two years for performances, how well the ensembles performed. We really have some amazing musicians. I was also able to announce that we will be recommencing our overseas music program in 2023. Our first tour since COVID will be to Singapore. We think it is a perfect choice as they have very little COVID in Singapore, many of the schools have excellent music programs, so our students can meet Singaporean students and share music. Singapore also will provide a different cultural experience and of course there are lots of fantastic extra-curricular places for our students to visit. I will be sending out an EOI shortly and then we will have a meeting with those interested music students to discuss the program.

By the way we were so impressed with the venue last night at the Kirk, that Mr Feros is wanting to hold the School Concert next Wednesday 3 August starting at 7.00 pm in Scot's Kirk. I must admit I am really looking forward to seeing drama, dance and bands performing there. Of course everyone is invited and the cost is the usual \$5 that can be paid at the door.

Not this coming week but the next (Thursday 11 August) will be the Year 9 into 10 subject selection evening and I will send a Zoom link to all Year 9 parents closer to the date. Year 10 choices have been finalised for Year 11, 2023 and it seems almost everyone has received their first choice, so Year 10 can start looking forward to commencing their senior studies.

Years 9 and 10 can also look forward to their ski camps coming up in week 6 and 9 for this term. Apparently there is plenty of snow so there will be lots of opportunity for skiing or snow boarding. Years 7 and 11 have had their camps and Year 8 will have their camp in term 4. Only Year 12 miss out but I guess they have more important things to do this year. In fact there are only seven weeks till the Year 12 graduation, with the formal ceremony on the evening of Monday 19 September.

Year 11 have only five weeks till their final formal Preliminary exams and then they will become Year 12. For this year's Year 12 the dates for major works being examined and performances marked are being released by NESAs. Already I have the dates for drama and Industrial Technology. The Society and Culture PIPs are being submitted on Monday and Extension 2 English is only a week or two away.

So, as always a busy term but lots of exciting events to look forward to as well as the conclusion of much hard work and study from our students.

Best wishes

Susan