



2nd March 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

It has been a busy second term at Tanarata and we are all feeling the effects of an intense but – certainly from *my* point of view – extremely positive and productive period. We completed a successful Annual Sports event as well as joyous Chinese New Year Celebration. Our students in Year 9,10, 11 and A levels are now extremely busy for their upcoming Checkpoint, IGCSE and A level examinations which will begin in April. We wish them all the best for their preparations.

Swimming pool lane makers

I do hope our students in the primary classes are enjoying the usage of the new 25 m pool. We will be installing the lane markers in the swimming pool next week and the contractors have asked for a week in order to put the hooks in place. All swimming lessons and ECA swimming lessons in the pool will have to be suspended during that that time.

We have also been able to ear mark a swimming coach who will be able to come in every day from 2pm till 4pm after school hours. This will essentially mean that we are now able to commence with our planned swimming lessons for Year 7, 8 and 9 students which will be held after school from 2:30pm till 3:30 pm. I do understand that some of our students might have registered for Extra Curricular Activities both within and outside the school. We are hoping that by Term III we will be able to streamline these classes for our lower secondary students.

Mobile Phone use in school

Students have recently been reminded of the school's policy with regard to mobile phones which should not be switched on during school hours. It should be handed over to their class teachers as soon as they come into school in the morning. If students use their phone in school without the knowledge of teachers, it will be confiscated until the following Friday when it will be then be returned; refusal to hand over the phone can lead to disciplinary action being taken against the student. We will not take the mobile phone policy lightly. Nearly all mobile phones now include digital cameras or video cameras and they are frequently being used in wholly unacceptable ways for purposes far removed from an emergency phone call, such as taking photographs or video clips on school premises.

Similarly most phones connect to the internet, allowing students to access any web site. There has also been an increase globally with regard to cyber bullying in school, with pupils communicating via mobile and home computer. Mobile phones, e-mail, bulletin boards, social networking sites and message boards can all be used to threaten and intimidate other people, including students and staff. I trust you will support us in the continued implementation of this policy and encourage your child not to use their phone in school. Monitoring their online activity at home will help in ensuring your child is safe.

That is all for the day.

Thank You,

Barnali Guha

Calendar

Dates to Remember !

5 th March	Mon	Trial Exams commence (Year 11 Students)
14 th March	Wed	Trial Exams Finish
16 th March	Fri	Last Day of ECA
19 th March	Mon	Inter House Games (Badminton and table tennis)
28 th March	Wed	Trial II / Term II Examinations commence



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