

Kia ora Students

I hope you enjoyed your weekend and were able to get out for some exercise in the lovely sunshine yesterday.

You will have no doubt heard this afternoon that lockdown has been extended, and while this is disappointing, I'm sure all of us expected the news.

I want to make special mention of our Cantare and Choralation choir members who are not able to attend The Big Sing this week, and we have also received confirmation from School Sport NZ that all sanctioned events on its calendar through to Monday 6 September 2021 have been cancelled. This includes all events scheduled within the Winter Tournament Week.

For those students who were to be involved in these events and who have spent many hours preparing, this will be very disappointing. Please know that we are very proud of you all and, when you are able to, reflect back on the good times and the friendships you have made through these activities.

If you have achieved significant success in a sport or club outside of Westlake, don't forget you can self-nominate for a Sporting Excellence Achievement Award at our Sports Awards in October. You can find the qualification criteria and form [HERE](#).

As we know more, we will keep you up-to-date with any changes to events and activities that are coming up in September – but for now, it is business-as-usual!

On another note, our Board of Trustees Student Rep elections are also currently underway. We will have more details about how you will receive your voting paper shortly, but in the meantime, you can check out our seven candidates [HERE](#). We will also be running their campaign videos on our Facebook page over the next week or so.

Finally, a quick reminder to turn on your video camera when you part of a Google Meet – your teachers and peers enjoy being able to see you! And don't forget to contact your teachers, deans or our counsellors if you feel overwhelmed by your workload or any aspect of lockdown – we are all in this together and want to see you thrive.

Kindest regards

Mrs Stanley