



SAINT KENTIGERN

Saint Kentigern College Parents and Friends Newsletter

Providing an inclusive and memorable experience for the College parents and caregivers.

October Term 3 2021

Here we are in the last days of Term 3, which without a doubt has thrown us a curve ball and plenty of challenges. We hope despite this that you and your families will get a break of sorts over the holidays, and we all get to return to our fantastic campus for the last term of 2021. Term 4 will begin with our senior students working through exams – all the best for this.

As we are living in 'fluid' times we have detailed in the newsletter upcoming events on a **'SAVE THE DATE'** basis, if Auckland is operating at Level 1 we are able to proceed with our Parents and Friends program for the balance of the year.

Our next Parents and Friends Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 2nd of November in the Goodfellow Centre. This gathering offers a fantastic opportunity to hear the latest updates from our Acting Principal Duncan McQueen, the Trust Board Chair, we will hear from Angee Robertson on the upcoming changes for NCEA, and this term our guest speaker is Dr Kim Gear. All parents and caregivers are welcome - please join us for this informal social and information evening (refreshments from 6.30pm).



Dr Kim Gear will speak about vaping. Vaping has become a concern for many families and Dr Gear (one of our parents with two children at the college) will be speaking for 20 minutes with an update on new information regarding vaping, the risks and a short Q&A afterwards.

Parents & Friends Information and Social Evening Tuesday 2 November (SAVE THE DATE)

6.30pm	Welcome and refreshments	Please arrive ready to start for 7pm
7.00pm	Parents & Friends update	Margaret Wind, Chair, SKC Parents & Friends
	College update	Mr Duncan McQueen, Saint Kentigern College
7.20pm	Update for NCEA	Mrs Angee Robertson Saint Kentigern College
7.45pm	Guest speaker – vaping	Dr Kim Gear MMedSci, MBchB, BDS, BSC(Hons)
8.30pm	Close	

PARENTS IN PRAYER



You are warmly invited to join a group of parents who meet together to pray for the College, the students and staff as well as our own children, and any Saint Kentigern families or staff who are going through serious illness or difficulties. You are also invited to email through any prayer requests you may have.

When: Every second Friday at 1.30pm for an hour. Term Four: 29 October, 12 November, 26 November.

Where: Chapel of Saint Kentigern.

If we are still in Level 3 or 2, meetings will be by zoom call.

Contact: parentsinprayer@saintkentigern.com – to request prayer for anything, or to find out more details.



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OLE - SAINT KENTIGERN'S
LEARNING MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM

New to OLE in Term Four

We are excited to announce that our Parents & Friends business directory is in its final stages and planned for release at the beginning of Term Four. The purpose of the directory is to enable parents at the school that are in business to share their details with the greater school group. As such we are able to support fellow parents in business when we are looking to purchase goods and services. Its not too late to add in your business if you would like us to do so.

Please contact: Trish Heikoop heikoop@xtra.co.nz



Join our Parents and Friends Team – Treasurer

We are looking for a treasurer to join the team effective from Term 4 2021. If you have financial experience and are able to give some time to look after the books for the Parents & Friends we would love to hear from you. Please contact our Chair Margaret Wind directly on: margaret@safeship.co.nz

We would also like to thank Andrew Ellis who is stepping down from this position, thank you for giving your time Andrew and the great job you have done as part of our team. All the best!

Parents & Friends

ENSURING THE SAFETY OF VOLUNTEERS, STUDENTS AND SAINT KENTIGERN STAFF

The matter of volunteers and COVID-19 risk has been raised with the College. The Health and Safety processes in place will depend on alert level change to AL2 or Delta AL2 and any subsequent MOH and MOE advice.

The present situation is as follow:

- At L2 it is safe for everyone to be back at school (MOH and MOE). This is based on govt medical advice and risk assessment.
- At L2 volunteer workers in any context are allowed on site. There are no restrictions on volunteer workers beyond what would be expected for other staff. Additional CV19 expectations will be in place.
- There are no bubbles at L2.
- Masks are required at L3 in secondary schools, not at L2 but are strongly encouraged.
- Schools do not require staff to be vaccinated – based on risk. We cannot require staff to disclose vaccination status.
- Testing is not required in schools at any level.
- Screens are installed in the Café to provide a barrier for staff and students – preventing transmission.
- Café staff already operate under robust hygiene regimes as per Food act. This includes managing transmissible diseases (not just CV19) food control, cleanliness, washing hands etc.
- All Saint Kentigern staff are encouraged to become vaccinated.

Saint Kentigern has a suite of guidance documents to cover operating at the various alert levels. *These are published to the OLE landing page.* This guidance includes a self - assessment tool for being ill, operating on campus and a process for dealing with a possible cv19 case.

FOOD FROM THE HEART



Food from the Heart is a voluntary program whereby families can donate a meal or baking (which is freezable), to the school, where it will be stored and distributed to families from the Saint Kentigern College Community experiencing difficult circumstances.

Recyclable containers will be made available at each Chapel Service (or picked up at any time from the Goodfellow Centre). Once filled and frozen, it can be returned back to the Goodfellow Centre where it will be stored in a dedicated freezer. It will then be distributed along with other meals/baking to a family in need. For more information please email Corinne Stilwell at corinne.stilwell@gmail.com

In Term 3 we were able to support several families through illness, and difficulty. We are pleased to be of service and have had feedback from these families that the meals were well received and a big help in a time of need.

We begin Term 4 with our freezer fully stocked and we are ready to help. If you are aware of any families in our community who could benefit from this service please don't hesitate to get in touch – for example a family in bereavement, illness or hardship, we are able to respond quickly to deliver meals. *If you nominate a family in need please know this is treated confidentially and with discretion.*

Please email Duncan McQueen duncan.mcqueen@saintkentigern.com .

Term 4 2021 Parents & Friends EVENT CALENDAR 'SAVE THE DATE'

Events dependent on Level 1 for Auckland

Tuesday 2 November	Presentation begins promptly at 7.00pm Goodfellow Centre	P&F Information and Social Evening
Thursday 21 October	9.30am to 11am Sports Centre Lounge	Asian Parents Social Group Meeting

Parents & Friends COMMITTEE

Margaret Wind	Chair
Marlene Jackson	Secretary
Andrew Ellis	Treasurer
Philippa Boyes	Event Convener
Robyn Kenna	Functions Convener
Corinne Stilwell	Food from the Heart Convener
TBA	Asian Parents Convener (working with Jessie Liu)
Deb Higgins	Communication Convener
Stephen Eagle	Fundraising Convener
Trish Heikoop	P&F Administrator

Warmest Regards,

Margaret Wind & The Parents & Friends Team
Chair – Saint Kentigern College Parents & Friends