

Communication Between School and Family

It is important that a student's family maintains an active interest in their schooling, to help keep students engaged and achieving their best.

The school provides a range of methods of communication to help keep families informed and connected with our school. These include:

- Newsletter - early each Term there is a coloured school newsletter produced and posted out to all school families. This outlines main school events, profiles different school subject areas and activities, highlights some student achievements and promotes up-coming events.
- Reports - there are a range of academic reports on the progress of students. These include:
 - Progress report in Term 1 for all Year 11 to Year 13 students.
 - Graduation reports at the end of Terms 1, 2 and 3 for all Year 9 and Year 10 students.
 - Full written reports at the end of Term 2 and Term 4 for all Year 9 and Year 10 students.
 - Full written reports in Term 2 and at the end of Term 3 for Year 11 to Year 13 students.
- Notices - occasionally notices are handed out to students to take home. These include information about school events such as parent-teacher interviews or teacher only days. In case such notices are lost or a student is away when they are issued all notices are available on the school's website under 'Latest News'.
- Parent-Teacher Interviews - the opportunity is provided for parents to make appointments with their child's teachers. These are usually in Term 2 and early Term 3. Please check the school's calendar for exact dates, times and the online booking process.
- Emails - parents can make direct contact with their child's Head of School, Form Teacher or subject teacher via email. This is usually the best means of communication as it enables teachers to reply to questions when they are available and able to do so.
- Parent Evenings - there are also other opportunities for parents to meet with staff, usually for specific activities or groups. For example all Year 9 parents have a chance to meet their Form Teachers early in Term 1, and Maori whanau will be welcome to a hui to discuss progress at school. There are regular meetings for Pasifika families and also for families involved in specific school activities or trips (e.g. overseas language tours or sports tournaments).

School Website

The school's website aims to provide information for prospective parents and students, but its main purpose is to help communicate with current school families.

A key feature is the "Latest News" section which provides reminders for important school activities and copies of all school notices. The website also has the latest updated version of the school calendar, weekly sports draws and results and also the daily notices available. Please check out this website regularly: www.cashmere.school.nz

Cashmere Parents' Group

All parents and families are encouraged to join up with the voluntary group of parents (similar to, but more informal than, a School Parents' Association Group). Their main aims include providing opportunities for parents to meet together, supporting parents with teenagers (e.g. "Teen Talk" presentations), keeping connected to our school and supporting the school through fundraising and providing parent helpers at school events (e.g. School Production). A committee meets in the evenings most months where activities are planned. Further details are available from the school's website, or email: cashmerehighschoolpta@gmail.com

