12 February 2019

Dear Parents and Families,

The first traditional Collegiate Weekend is on Friday, February 22 through to Sunday, February 24. On Friday we have the Individual and Inter-House Swimming Championships. On Saturday a full House lunch for all the family followed by Inter House Athletics in the evening at Cooks Gardens. Then in Sunday we have a Chapel service for all families followed by morning tea. This is an opportunity for our community to come together and share in what is always an amazing experience.

The Individual Swimming Championships begin at 9.45am on Friday. Following the students’ lunch, we have presentations at 2pm for the morning’s events. The Inter House Swimming Championships begin at 2.10pm. In this event the girls compete in their affiliated boys Houses. It is important that every student is protected from the sun so hats and sunblock are compulsory.

Following the swimming events, afternoon tea will be served at 4.30pm for visitors in the Headmaster’s Garden. The Museum will also be open throughout the weekend should you wish to explore some of School’s fantastic history. Then on Friday evening at 7.00pm the PFA host their annual Wine and Cheese event in Big School. This is a great chance to enjoy some fantastic company over a glass of wine. At 9.00pm there is roll call in the Houses and any students who have taken Dinner Leave must be back in the House.

On Saturday there are new student, Parents & Teacher meetings beginning at 8.30am through to 10.30am. Students should attend in their Grey uniform with parents. There are multiple parent information forums on Saturday including the PFA (Parent & Friends Association) AGM starting at 11.35am.

At 12.30pm we have our House lunch, weather permitting we will host this in the House garden otherwise we may have to move inside. Although we ask that you assist with a small contribution of food to the lunch there is a minimal cost involved for all guests $10 per adult and $5 per visiting child to cover all costs. There is no charge for current students. Because this is like a large shared family picnic please bring folding chairs or a picnic rug to sit on. If you have a shade cover or gazebo that could be used would great as the last few years it has been very hot. Any items of food should be delivered to the Matron’s Flat by 9.30am on Saturday morning so that the lunch preparations can be completed.

The Matron and I request your help with the following catering arrangements:

Year 9 & 10 families are asked to please provide biscuits and slices.

Year 11 families please provide fruit platters

Year 12 & 13 families please provide salads

It would be very helpful if you phone (021 02300682) or email Matron to say what you are bringing (alison.smith@collegiate.school.nz).
Matron will contact various coordinating parents this week to assist with the lunch, who will then in turn contact year group families. If you are able and willing to join us in our kitchen preparing for the lunch and the clean up afterwards, please contact Matron. If you bring your edibles on your own plate, please label it underneath, with your name and phone number, as this is the best way to make sure that it gets back to you. Your washed plates, serving utensils and dishes will be returned as soon as possible. The success of the lunch and the House as a whole comes about with your willingness to become involved in the weekend and I am really thrilled to have had so many parents offering to help us in the House.

Following the lunch, we move to Cooks Gardens for the Inter House Athletics Championships. This begins at 5pm and concludes at approximately 9pm. An evening meal will be provided for all students at the venue. There is no overnight leave for boarders and there will be roll call in the House at 9:45pm.

On Sunday morning the House Chapel service will be held at 10am, before the service morning tea will be at 9.15am in the Grey House day room.

A schedule of events for the weekend is available on our School website: www.collegiate.school.nz or select the following link Collegiate Weekend Arrangements

RSVP

We look forward to welcoming everyone to Grey House for these celebrations and to a very enjoyable weekend.

Please rsvp via email with numbers attending by Tuesday, February 19 to aaron.chadwick@collegiate.school.nz or phone matron on 06 3490210 ext 732 for any queries surrounding food.

Day boys need to note that school will start on Monday February 25 with a Roll Call at 9.15 as we will have a ‘sleep in’ for the boarders.

Yours faithfully,

Aaron Chadwick

Grey Housemaster