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Dear Parents and Carers



You might have seen our new website that went live during the week. This provides a much needed refresh and offers a more modern look and feel, whilst keeping a clear menu for you to find information - I hope you like it!

We waved farewell to Year 11 this week as their time at Pakefield came to an end. Thank you to Alex who performed with his guitar during the assembly (he's also on stage during this weekend's First Light festival). Apart from a few final exams, we look forward to seeing Year 11 back in school on August 24th to collect their examination results.

Ava, Tom and Evie in Year 7 came with me on a visit to Hobart High School on Tuesday to see presentations from some potential new catering contractors. In scenes reminiscent of a Dragon's Den episode, I was impressed with their questions around cost and menu options. Trustees who were also given some mature feedback from our confident Year 7s as they now go on to decide the results.

Congratulations to all students in Year 10 who have been completing their work experience over the past few days. I have been very pleased with the comments we have had from a number of employers about how our students have performed - mature, polite and hard working are some good examples of the phrases I have heard. Thank you to all employers that have had our young people on placements with them.

In school today it's Sports Day. As a student at school many years ago this was typically a day I would not look forward to. Mr Herbert and the PE team have planned a day that is inclusive for all with a range of activities to appeal to those who are competitively minded, through to those who simply enjoy taking part. I must remember to wear my sun hat outside, as summer has now definitely arrived!

On that note, you will have received a message earlier this week regarding blazers in school - these are now an optional item of uniform for the rest of the summer term.

Have a great weekend, and enjoy the First Light festival if you are heading to the beach!

Mr Dan Bagshaw

Head of School