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Dear École Royal Bay Families and Students,

It has been an incredible year at Royal Bay! We began the year with a lot of growth and excitement. Our school has continued to shift with the growth in our area becoming one of the largest high schools on the South Island. The dedication of students, staff and parents has been unwavering during this time, which has resulted in an incredibly strong learning community.

I have immense pride in Royal Bay students who have demonstrated resilience, kindness, gratitude, and a desire to learn. We are grateful to the energy and laughter that the students bring each day. I am grateful to staff who have continued to show creativity, dedication and an unfaltering desire to ensure that Royal Bay excels as a thriving learning community. I am appreciative of the extra efforts made to make sure that sports and events are supported and well attended. We are incredibly lucky to have such engaged parents and guardians and commend them on excelling at the difficult job of guiding and supporting their children. Our parent community have also gone above and beyond to help get events and athletics back up and running!

**Tuesday, June 24**<sup>th</sup> will be our last day of regular instruction at Royal Bay for the 2024/25 school year. **June 25, 26**<sup>th</sup> are course completion days, while the 27<sup>th</sup> is an Administration Day. These days are set aside for catching up on incomplete work, or to engage in deeper learning. **Reports are published on MyEd on June 27**<sup>th</sup>. Students have the option of attending school by pre-arranging appointments with their teachers. Teachers may also ask students to attend if they feel a student would benefit from additional learning time.

Our beautiful **yearbooks** have arrived and will be distributed in the Learning Commons starting the morning of **June 19**<sup>th</sup> and concluding on **June 20**<sup>th</sup>.

As we wind down this school year, we are also planning for the next! **Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, will be a half-day for Grade 9's only**. We will welcome back **all students for a full day of school on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Families will receive additional details about the new school year, including access to schedules, in late August. Please note that student schedules were developed from their requests, and most classes are full. Course changes are not possible unless a student has an incomplete schedule (fewer than 8 in timetable classes), a student is missing a course required for graduation, or a change is required to balance class sizes. Counsellors will not be available over the summer but do look forward to welcoming students back in the fall August 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>.



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- If you are planning to attend a different school next year, please contact the office.
- The school year begins with a half-day on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> for grade 9s (9:00am -11:50am) and for all grades (9-12) on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> (full day).
- Draft schedules will be available online during the last week of August. Schedules are created using
  the course request information students provided in February or at the time of registration. We do
  our best to meet as many requests and needs as possible, but students will need to be prepared to
  study alternate courses.
- Please make sure that all materials borrowed from Royal Bay are returned to school before the summer.

In September, we will welcome:

**Ms. Melissa Horner** as Principal and **Ms. Michelle Bond** as Vice Principal who will be replacing Mr. Dube. Ms. Bond will be supporting students with the last names O-Z. Both Ms. Horner and Ms. Bond are very experienced and are looking forward to supporting the Royal Bay Learning Community.

For families seeking extra support over the summer, please make use of the resources found on the Healthy Schools, Healthy People webpage.

I hope that everyone finds time to relax and enjoy our beautiful island this summer!

Warmest wishes for the summer season, Mike Huck, Principal École Royal Bay Secondary School