

## New Prefect and Positions:

**Congratulations to all our newly appointed Prefects and promoted Heads and Deputies.**

Head Girl was assigned to Molly Alford and Deputy Head Girl to Lauren Weir. Our Head Boy is Sam Mills and Deputy position taken by Dean Watson.

The Academic portfolio is strongly covered by Molly, Amy Burns and Lucy Xu. The Cultural mantle is taken on by Dean, Courtney Summers and Leif Edwards-Ratahi. Sports prefects are Sam, Lauren, Tumamao Quirey and Tiarna Stothers. Wellbeing has been strengthened by Jess Whitaker, Trae Harrison and Sasha Watson.



**Excellence badges: At the celebration assembly last week the following students were awarded Excellence badges based on last years results.**

**Gold - Overall endorsed E+ one subject at E - Level 2** - Molly Alford + E - Chemistry and Physics, Amy Burns + E for English, Sam Mills + E for Geography and PE. Tiarna Stothers + E for English and PE, Lucy Xu + E for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. **Level 1** - Courtney Martin + E for Visual Art.

**Silver - Overall endorsed E Or 1 subject with E - Level 3** - Katelyn Gunson, Michaela Nicie – Merit endorsed and E for English. **Level 2** - Sasha Watson Merit endorsed and E for English, Jade Beer Merit endorsed and E for Visual Art. **Level 1** - Rebecca Karels, Jessica Barfoote E for PE, Tana Bazil E for Visual Art, Brentyn Stevenson E for PE, Brittane Watson Merit endorsed and E for Visual Art.

**Green - Overall endorsed with M - Level 3** - Corey Hutchinson, Brittnee Knox, Cassie Lea, Danika Marshall, Cloudia Matthews, Elese Russell. **Level 2** - Elijah Dwane, Maddison Beer, Leif Edwards-Ratahi, Ashley Parker, Islay Quin, Courtney Summers, Luke Truman, Dean Watson, Lauren Weir, Jessica Whitaker. **Level 1** - Xanthe Cave, Ruby Chandler, Joseph Cherrington, Sebastian Edwards, Emily Evans, Nicola Haslar, Danielle McCullough, Shardae Noone, Kayla Paine, Kohine Taylor, Elisheva Venables.

## School Fees

The Board of Trustees is no longer seeking annual donations from families. Contributions to the cost of camps and trips are requested prior to the event. Please contact Debby/Elaine if you have any queries.

**Tauraroa Area School Board of Trustees** - ASB 12 3115 0012400 000.

Thank you to all those who help by keeping their accounts current.

**Te Whanau O Tauraroa Hangi:** The annual Te Whanau O Tauraroa Hangi was a great event on the evening of the 17<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all that contributed for the night and a HUGE thank you to Steph Meuli-Hemara for the frybread and Ken Manukau for his commitment and expertise every year.



**Music:** The year has only just started and already the school concert and jazz bands have begun rehearsing on Wednesdays. The first performance date for both groups will be 31st March at the school gala. Instrumental lessons have started - students can check lesson times on the noticeboard in the music room and with Mr Hopper. Please remember that students need to have a regular time set aside each day to practice their instruments at home, otherwise they will not make progress. Students taking NCEA music should be preparing a solo item for the

evening of April 4th, their first assessment evening.

**Debating.** TAS has been entering teams in the Year 7 and 8 local debating contest for the past few years. If you want to encourage your child to 'audition' to be involved that would be great, There may be a new Yr 9 and 10 competition this year. We will give more information if this looks like going ahead. A Williams

**Former Student:** We are very proud of former Tauraroa Sports Prefect Elese Russell, who has taken up her position as Aircraft Technician with the NZ Airforce. Elese is the only female in this trade at the Blenheim, NZ Air Force Base and as all who know her will appreciate, she is giving as good as any of her male peers...in fact she has already "smoked" many of them in the fitness drills! Keep up the good work Elese. I for one sleep better at night knowing you have NZ's back. A.McKellar



**TAS Gala:** Could you please bring in items that are new, or nearly new, that would be suitable for prizes in the tombola? Items such as: toys, soft toys, games, kitchen items, bathroom items, gardening items, ornaments, jewellery - really anything that would be good to win as a prize.

**Tas-IT:** Students in Year 7-13 are getting their wi-fi codes at the moment. Please ensure that the Digital Technologies and Cyber-Safety Agreement has been read and signed. It can be viewed again on the school website: <http://www.tauraroa.school.nz/our-school/being-informed/cyber-safety/>

One question we get often is "can I have two devices connecting to the wireless?" The answer is yes, just not both at the same time. This means you can have your smartphone and a chomebook, laptop or tablet all connected. When you want to use your computing device, simply switch off wi-fi (rather than clicking "forget") on your phone.

Check out this link for additional advice on staying safe online: <http://bit.ly/10cyber>

**Travellers Programme for Year 9 students** - "Travellers" is a targeted programme for Year 9 students with a focus on building resilience in order to help students face life and its changes and challenges with new skills and confidence. Every Year 9 student will complete a 10-15 minute survey over the coming week, which will help us identify participants for the programme. The actual course runs for 8-10 weeks during school time (late Term One and into Term Two) and will be managed to ensure that students do not miss the same class all the time. For more information please check out the Travellers website: [www.travellers.org.nz](http://www.travellers.org.nz).



**Fundraising:** Every Wednesday sausages, baking and drinks are for sale at interval and lunchtime. Orders taken at form time. Please support the Rarotonga trip

**Yearbook:** Our school 2015 Yearbook is available to buy at the office for \$15

**PTA:** PTA Meeting to confirm TWILIGHT GALA organisation on Thursday 10 March at 7.30pm.

Important Dates	
22 – 26 Feb	Year 13 Camp, Tongariro Crossing
29 – 2 Mar	Year 12 Camp, Mt. Manaia
1 – 4 Mar	Rm 5/6 Camp Coopers Beach
7 – 11 Mar	Year 7 Camp, Rawhiti
8 – 10 Mar	Rm 3/4 Camp, Marsden Bay
10 -11 Mar	Rm 1/2 Camp, Marsden Bay
15 – 18 Mar	Year 9 Camp, Kai Iwi Lakes; Shooting team
21-Mar	Board of Trustees Business meeting 5:15pm
25 – 29 Mar	<b>Easter</b>
31 - Mar	Gala – 4pm – 7pm
15 - Apr	<b>End of Term 1</b>





## Athletic Day:

On 10 February, the school athletics day was held at the Whangarei Athletics grounds at Kensington in fine, hot conditions. High levels of student participation and plenty of parental support added to the success of the event.



Stand out performances by Joseph Cherrington (Y12) and Amy Alderton (Y7) caught the eye of Whangarei Athletics officials. A total of 12 school records were broken on the day, with the highlight being Amy Alderton's 27.89 seconds for the Year 7 200m. Her time was the fastest ever run by a girl at the school, even surpassing the Y11-13 record!



We are very grateful for having access to the wonderful facilities at Kensington and to our bus operators for managing the difficult logistics of transport for the day. Ms Sarah Morris (Head of Sport) is to be congratulated on running such a successful event.

## Records:

Year 4/5/6: Sunnivah Hunt 400m  
Year 7: Lucas McKinnon 800m  
Year 8: Alaek Tua-Talapo Shotput  
Year 10: Connor Guest 800m  
Year 11-13: Joseph Cherrington Javelin

Year 7: Amy Alderton 100m, 200m and Long jump  
Year 8: Georgia Woodcock 100m and Long jump  
Year 9: Paris Haumaha Shotput  
Year 11-13: Sam Mills Shotput



## Results:

Year 7 Girl: Amy Alderton  
Year 8 Girl: Alaek Tua-Talapo  
Year 9 Girl: Danielle Lunn  
Year 10 Girl: Sarah Pilcher, Trinity Peirson-Harrop  
Year 11-13 Girl: Courtney Martin

Year 7 Boy: Lucas McKinnon  
Year 8 Boy: Bradley Kennedy  
Year 9 Boy: Ihana Josephs  
Year 10 Boy: Connor Guest  
Year 11-13 Boy: Sam Mills, Aaron Skelton



## Swimming Sports:

Waka swimming sports was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February. Everyone from Year 4 to parents took part in the competitions.



## Results

Year 4/5/6 Girls:	1: Sunniva Hunt	2: Charlotte Dutton	3: Ashley Mansell
Year 4/5/6 Boys:	1: Jamie Dowson	2: Oliver Behrns	3: Taine Marker
Year 7/8 Girls:	1: Samantha Dutton	2: Emma Dutton	3: Alana Morris-Guthrie
Year 7/8 Boys:	1: Lachlan Kirk	2: Eli Graham	3: Marino Fischer & Bailey Gibson
Year 9/10 Girls:	1: Keeley Lunn	2: Danielle Lunn	3: Gabrielle Saunt
Year 9/10 Boys:	1: Skye Martinac	2: Connor Guest	3: Max Woolhouse
Year 11/12/13 Girls:	1: Amy Ogilvy-Hickey	2: Jade Woolhouse	3: Katelyn Mills
Year 11/12/13 Boys:	1: Ira Martinac	2: Aaron Skelton	3: Brentyn Stevenson



**Netball:** A reminder that Netball fees will need to be paid in full by Thursday 24 March, NO payment NO uniform. I will have confirmed the price after the AGM on Tuesday 8 March.

Senior Netball Teams 2 & 3 are looking for team a manager, if you are keen please contact me via email - [julie.tarr@tauraroa.school.nz](mailto:julie.tarr@tauraroa.school.nz) ASAP.

Training for Senior netball 1 & 2 starts Thursday 3 March from 3.30pm - 5.00pm, please make sure they have correct training gear and their togs.

**Motor Bike Relay:** Tauraroa Area School Inter-School Motorcycle Competition

When: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March Where: McCarroll's Property, 69a Cassidy Road, Paparaoa

What: Bring your own bike, helmet, and protective clothing, your snacks and drink. Quad-friendly.

Cost: \$20/ rider (Food available for purchase on the day)

WAKA TOA	Arawa	Aotea	Tainui	Takitimu
	240	310	290	210

## Community Notices

**Hockey:** Hockey Northland is proud to announce we are running 2 pre-season age-group development camps with some of Northlands best players and coaches including Black Stick Shay Neal. These pre-season camps will be focused on a range of basic skills and gameplay and awareness. Field Players and Goalkeepers of all levels

**U15 Development Camp** - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016

\$40.00 per child (for both days) - players may attend 1 day please email us!

**TO REGISTER:** [goo.gl/mXU7hc](http://goo.gl/mXU7hc)

Both programmes will be run at the Whangarei ITM Hockey Centre  
45 Park Avenue, Kensington, WHANGAREI

For more information please email - [brad@northlandhockey.org.nz](mailto:brad@northlandhockey.org.nz)

**MGK Hockey:** JMC Hockey rally on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 12pm with AGM to follow. Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March years 1-4(E and D grade) at 1pm, years 5-8 (C and A grade) at 2pm.

the first Sunday will be registrations and AGM, the following to sort out teams, Fees can be paid on the day with eftpos, cash or cheque. Any other queries call or text Jena 021 473380 or Selena 021 770 420