

From the Principal's desk

Nga mihi nui, kia koutou katoa,

Congratulations to everyone involved in Country Day last Friday. It was great to see the enthusiasm and effort students invested in preparing their animals for the big day. The craft competitions also yielded entries of a very high standard from Years 0 to 8. I am very aware of the commitment these activities demand of parents, so I thank you for your support! I am very grateful to the judges and organisers who so freely gave of their time, effort and expertise to ensure the success of the day.

The change of government will impact on schools. National Standards will be abolished and replaced with a requirement for schools to report students' progress against all learning areas of the NZ Curriculum. NCEA will also undergo changes, with the aim of focussing students' efforts on learning, not just gaining credits. I will be pleased to see the focus of students' and teachers' efforts move away from the current over-emphasis on assessment. This week I will be meeting other members of the National Education Leaders Partnership in Wellington to further explore what these changes will mean for our schools.

Students from Japan's Kaisei Junior High School will be visiting us from 23 November to 7 December. Home hosts are still urgently required (boardis paid). Please contact the school office if you would like to know more.

NCEA external exams start next week, on 9 November. We ask that parents support their young people in sticking to study timetables and attending extra revision classes at school. Please note that our senior prize giving ceremony will include Years 9 to 13 and will take place later in the year than usual, 4 December. We look forward to hearing from our guest speaker, 'Blackstick' Charmaine Smith at the ceremony. Junior prize giving (Years 0-8) will be held on the last day of school, 13 December.

Heoi ano,

Grant Burns  
Principal

Congratulations to:

- Xanthe Cave who has won a University of Waikato Northland Future Leaders School Leavers Scholarship, valued at \$5000.
- Year 12 students, Hami Delahoya and Megan Burns who have won Rotary Club scholarships to attend a science school at Auckland University in January

Uniform reminder:

All students are expected to wear correct uniform every day. Our second hand uniform shop has items available at very reasonable prices. The school office also stocks plain black canvas sneakers that meet uniform requirements at a cost of just \$5 per pair and socks at \$2.

Sun hats are compulsory for year 0-8 students while outdoors in Terms 1 and 4. Full brim style hats are \$15, bucket hats are \$12, available from the school office. Students in Years 9-13 are strongly encouraged to wear hats while outdoors and may choose from the (recommended) school hats or wear a plain black cap.

Stationery:

The school office now stocks basic stationery items for students to purchase.  
Pens (blue/black/red) 40c, pencils 30c, erasers 30c, rulers 50c, 1B5 exercise books 80c, A4 refill pads \$2.

Cellphones:

All student cellphones are to be turned off and out of sight during class time, unless a teacher has requested their use for a learning activity. Students' phones will be confiscated, to be returned at the end of the following school day, if this rule is broken. Repeat offenders' phones may be removed for longer periods and parents requested to pick them up. This rule is important, as classes (and study) must be able to function without the distraction of phones. We appreciate the support of parents in helping us uphold this.

Coming events

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| 2 November        | Y0-8 athletics                                              |
| 3 November        | Halloween disco.<br>Boys Basketball v BBC                   |
| 7 November        | Last day of regular timetabled senior classes               |
| 6-8 November      | Year 9-10 exams                                             |
| 9 November        | NCEA exams commence (L1 Drama)                              |
| 21-22 November    | Year 5-6 Beach Education                                    |
| 23 Nov-7 December | Visit of Kaisei Junior High School (25 students + 3 adults) |
| 24 November       | Year 7-8 touch Kaikohe                                      |
| 30 November       | Graduation Dinner                                           |
| 1 December        | Year 9-10 Reports issued<br>Kowhai Trip                     |
| 4 December        | 1—3pm Year 9-13 Prizegiving                                 |
| 5-8 December      | Cornerstone Values activities, Year 9/10                    |
| 8 December        | Final day for Year 9/10                                     |
| 7 December        | Yeaar 0-8 Reports issued                                    |
| 13 December       | 10am-12pm Year 0-8 Prize giving<br>End of Term 4            |
| 13-19 December    | Duke of Edinburgh Bronze qualifier Whanganui River          |

2018

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|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 30 January       | First day of school - Year 11-13 + new Year 5/76 |
| 31 January       | Year 1-10 only                                   |
| 1 February       | Full school                                      |
| 27 Feb-2 March   | Year 11 Camp – Tangihua                          |
| 27 Feb - 2 March | Year 13 camp                                     |
| 30 Mar - 2 April | Easter                                           |
| 13 April         | End Term 1                                       |

**There is an urgent need for all trophies and sports uniforms to be returned please.**

Desperate for more host families!!!!  
Need to find 7 more before this Friday  
PLEASE HELP!!

Dates **23 November - 7 December**. 7 Japanese boys aged 14-16 need caring home-stay family. They need their own bedroom & 3 meals a day.

Please contact Janine URGENTLY if you can help!!  
[international@tauraroa.school.nz](mailto:international@tauraroa.school.nz) or phone 0273 403185

### Summer Science School - Success for 2 TAS Students

Congratulations to **Megan Burns and Hami Delahoya**. Both of these Year 12 students have been awarded very prestigious Rotary Scholarships (\$1500 each) to attend the **Summer Science Forum** in Auckland in January. The forum is extremely difficult to get into, and is run by Auckland University and goes for 10 days. The scholarship includes all costs - including travel, meals and accommodation and allows these two students to experience Science at a whole new level. Excellent news!!



**Sam Dutton** won third place in the Student section of the Northland Bernina Fashion awards. Very well done, Sam.



### "Bernina Up Close" Opening 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Celebrating the creativity of Northland with fashion and wearable art from the Bernina Northland Fashion Awards 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show. Mim Ringer Gallery, Whangarei Museum at Kiwi North10am to 4pm daily, included in general admission. Until 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### Public Health Nurse

We are fortunate to have access to a Public Health Nurse at TAS. This service is under-utilised. If a child has a skin infection they can give antibiotics! If a child has a positive throat swab for Strep A, they can give antibiotics! These are the same antibiotics that a GP would prescribe and this service helps so parents don't need to take their children out of school to take them to their GP. If you have any health questions or concerns please contact your Public Health Nurse - Dee Millen-Turner on 0800 223 358 (option 4) or 021 735 313

### PTA

Please come along and be a part of our PTA Team. We are meeting on THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER @ 7:30pm .....Keep an eye out for details of a School Community Evening to reveal the draft plans for the Junior Playscape :)

### LOST PROPERTY

Please remember to name your children's clothing. We have a large number of uniform items in lost property that have no identification on them and we are not able to return them to their owners. If you are missing uniform items please enquire.

### Music News



Our concert band is busy preparing to perform at the Y1-8 prize-giving on December the 13th. Invoices for students hiring school instruments this term will be sent out soon. Students wishing to keep hiring their instrument over the upcoming summer break will need to get a summer hire form from Mr Hopper - the cost will be the same as one terms hire - \$20. A reminder to parents that students need to learn the self-discipline of daily practice if they are to experience the joy of progress on their instrument.

### COMMUNITY LIBRARY AGM

To be held in the TAS library on **Tuesday 21 November 3.20pm**  
Everyone welcome  
Notice of motion for an amendment in our constitution  
**1.5 Finance**  
1.5.3 Proper accounts shall be kept by the secretary/treasurer and shall be audited annually.  
to be amended to:  
1.5.3 Proper accounts shall be kept by the secretary/treasurer and shall be reviewed annually.  
D Morris  
Chairperson  
TAS Community Library

### Tides Out Bream Bay Fun Run Sunday, 12 November 2017 @ Surf Club

Contact Maree Wright 027 459 5618 or Sharon Carroll 027 265 3227  
The Tides Out Bream Bay Fun Run on Sunday, 12 November 2017 is a 5km and 10km fun run and walk organised by the Bream Bay College PTA, and held in Ruakaka. The 5km event follows a loop with the 10km following it for most of the way and then doing an additional out and back loop. A large section of the run is along the beach. All welcome

### October BOT news

- At our meeting on Monday, 30 October, our head of Social Sciences, Sue Howes, reported that learning and teaching resources are now being effectively shared through a Google site. This allows students to access video clips and other course material at any time. Geography continues to be a popular subject across Year 11, 12 and 13. Other Social Science subjects are available through e-learning (Farnet) at this level during 2017.
- TAS has a new Ministry of Education Property Adviser, Greg Irvine. A re-calculation of our classroom spaces indicates that we are two rooms under code (having been previously assessed as being 1 room over). A full viability study will be undertaken as to when we might expect the construction of these rooms. Projected roll growth has indicated the need for a further three classrooms in coming years.
- Enrolments for 2018 If you know families who have students who are intending to come to TAS next year, please encourage them to enroll ASAP. This helps planning for class sizes and teaching staff in advance.
- Thank you to those families who have cleared accounts or who are paying regular amounts each week. We have approximately \$24,000 in outstanding accounts. These need to be cleared by the end of the term, please!!

### URGENT PAYMENT OF STUDENT ACCOUNTS

The end of year is approaching quickly. Every family with items on their school account still unpaid will have received a request for payment. Please ensure that your account is paid. We will not be permitting any further trips/items to be added to the student's account without pre-payment or a credit on these accounts.

Your payment options:

- transfer directly to the Tauraroa Area School Board of Trustees Bank account ASB 12 3115 0012400 000,
- bank card (credit cards not accepted) at the school office
- cash in a clearly marked envelope

Weekly automatic payments of an appropriate amount will quickly clear any debt.

Our school relies on you keeping your account current. We do not ask for donations and items on your account are what you have agreed to. If you are required to pay a bus fee (Oakleigh bus) due to living out of TAS zone, please do so. For your convenience TAS is accepting these payments and there are still families that have not done so.

### Excellences

Congratulations to the following students for these latest NCEA Excellences achieved :

Katelyn Mills Level 2 - Excellence in History Te Kura  
Aidan Blower and Lucas Beeler Level 1 - Excellence in SRD

### Graduation Dinner

Caregivers of Year 13 students will have received their invitation to the Graduation Dinner to be held at **Distinction Hotel 30 November 6pm**. We look forward to sharing this evening with you.

### Word of the week winners

Muse:

**Anahera Rangi** 7PA I like to muse about the future in my own time.

**James Walton-Jones** 7PA I muse about really good soccer players because I've always wanted to be one.

Campaign:

**Max Thompson-Bailey** 7PA: A group started a campaign to preserve our rainforest.

**Avi Ihaka** 7PA Some politicians never make good campaign promises.

Ambition:

**Mannix Marshall** 7PA My ambition to get revenge on my sister was greater than my love for chocolate.

**Katelyn Mills** 12TAICJ My ambition to one day become a professional singer went out the window when I realised I sounded like a cat going through a blender.

### Mid-Western Swimming Club

Well it is that time of year again, Swimming Lessons have officially started! Come along on Tuesday the 7th of November at 3:30pm and register your children from age 4+. If your children are registered come along. Don't forget to bring goggles, caps, togs and towels.  
Hope to see you there!

For more information contact Crystal 022 325 5886, Ariana 022282092

**Like us on Facebook MWSC**

In conjunction with TopDeck Tours, Flight Centre Whangarei are hosting a FREE information evening on **9 November 2017**... there will be prizes and nibbles on the night (up 25 % off tours and \$500 prize up for grabs).

Topdeck's tours are aimed at 18 - 30 something travelers who either want to experience their own country, Australia or further a field UK and Europe.

They also have a GAP Year program for those school leavers who may not know what is next for them. Parents and teens welcome to come along and listen to our Topdeck/Flight Centre experts about what they'd like to do after school finishes, this night is all about information gathering and asking questions.

### Annual community get together and tea

Christmas carols  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 5pm  
Maungakarama Hall  
Bring a plate to share  
Any donations go to the salvation army children's Christmas fund  
Enquiries Janet Litt 4323765



### 2017 TAS School Magazine \$15

Place your order now .....  
If your family is interested in purchasing the school magazine, please place your order at the office now. Thank you for your support.

BMX New Zealand North Islands Titles  
**Josh Marker** finished 5<sup>th</sup> in North Island. He achieved this good position despite being injured from previous crashes.  
Well done Josh!



THE NEW MANGAPAI HALL  
SUMMER MARKET IS  
HAPPENING!  
FUN, FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, PRODUCE AND  
BRIC- A- BRAC.  
TO BOOK A TABLE, PLEASE PHONE  
JESSIE ON 0273858097  
OR DELPHINE ON 0226716143.  
NOVEMBER 5TH AND DECEMBER 3RD  
9-1pm

### 2017 North Haven Hospice House Tour

Sat 11 Nov 2017, 9:30am-4:00pm  
Sun 12 Nov 2017, 9:30am-4:00pm  
0800 BUY TIX (289 849) [girlsclub.org.nz](http://girlsclub.org.nz)  
The Hospice House Tour is a biennial event that is run by The Girls' Club to raise funds for North Haven Hospice. Generous owners of beautiful and creative Whangarei homes open their doors for two full days in November to ticket holders to explore. Ticket holders will be sent an itinerary so they can plan their weekend route. The weekend is renowned for being interesting, well organized and a tonne of fun! General Admission: \$50.00  
Lunch Box Option 1: \$15.00  
Lunch Box Option 2: \$15.00

Springfield tennis club is offering coaching on a Sat or Sun (day to be confirmed once we have an indication of numbers). Contact Chris 021 238 0103, or Greg 021 942 770.



Sponsoring the DOE programme run through Tauraroa Area School.

A solo mum with 4 children is looking for a 4 bedroom rental before the end of November please. Please call Jane on 021 1454 606

### THE LIONS CLUBS OF WHANGAREI FIREWORKS DISPLAY

SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2017  
Toll stadium Okara Park. Gates open 6pm  
Cost \$25 Family (2 adults 2 children) Watch a display and be entertained in a safe and comfortable environment at a realistic price. This year the fireworks will be done in conjunction with MUSIC - A first time in Northland.

### Whangarei Dairy Women's Network- Coaching Conversations Module

**29 November, 9.30am-2.30pm,**  
**Farmsource, Whangarei.**

Great farms have great teams, and people are your greatest asset. Learn skills that you can use in everyday conversations with your partner, family, employees and rural professional networks. Anyone with an open mind and keenness to adopt a coaching mindset is welcome to attend.  
**FREE event. Register@www.dwn.co.nz/events**

Young Mariners  
Girls Adventure Group  
8 - 19 years

The girls at YM go sailing, canoeing, rowing, camping, rock climbing, swimming, shooting, rigging, knots, & badgework.  
They meet Mondays, Riverside Drive before the BMX Track 6pm to 8pm and 6pm to 7:30pm for Juniors (8 to 11 years).  
To get in touch, phone Jill (09) 438 6839