

8 September 2017

From the Principal's desk

Nga mihi nui, kia koutou katoa,

I have been very pleased with the way in which our senior students have undertaken their recent exams. A strong effort now reinforces learning and assists in long term preparation for the external NCEA examinations in November. Furthermore, the current results will inform students and teachers of any gaps in learning that need to be addressed. If a student is unable to sit a November exam, the current results will contribute to an assessed mark.

It is important that NCEA fees are now paid for all candidates by 11 September.

An annual highlight of our school year is TAS Creative, to be held on 20 September. Staged at Forum North, this is an opportunity to showcase the wonderful achievements of our performing artists. The variety and depth of talent displayed by our students is outstanding.

Year 10 students will soon be making very important decisions shortly for their NCEA subject selections. We strongly encourage all Y10 students and their parents to attend our information evening on 13 September to allow these decisions to be well informed and understood. Subject selections at this time will impact on students' future study and career pathways.

Our Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award programme continues to play a significant role in the lives of many students. Through a range of challenging and sustained projects, students are able to work towards a significant and internationally recognised qualification at Gold, Silver and Bronze levels.

The projects include community service, skill development and expeditions. I congratulate the staff and students who are successfully meeting the challenges involved.

Heoi ano,

Grant Burns
Principal

We are urgently seeking families to host a Japanese Student. We have a group of students coming to TAS from 23 November to 7 December. If you are interested please contact the office or international@tauraroa.school.nz.

Coming events

13 September	Year 10 NCEA info evening
14 September	2:10 Visit of Parliamentary candidates - public welcome
19 September	Year 7-9 WPSSA Volleyball Kensington Stadium AC
20 September	7:00pm TAS Creative - Forum North
21-23 September	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze (Y9/10) candidates training (Russell)
22 September	Northland Primary Schools Cross Country - Dargaville Race course
22-24 September	Duke of Edinburgh (Gold) Bay of Islands
25 September	Year 11-13 Reports
26 Sept-12 October	Europe trip
27-29 September	Year 8 Auckland Camp
29 Sep - 3 October	DOE Gold Kaimai
29 September	End Term 3
16 October	Start Term 4
19-21 October	DOE Bronze practice journey -Urupukapuka
23 October	Labour Day
27 October	Country Day; Y9/10 NSSS Touch tournament - Kaikohe
7 November	Last day of regular senior classes
2 November	Year 0-8 athletics
8-9 November	Y9-10 exams
9 November	NCEA Starts (L1 Drama)
30 November	Graduation Dinner
1 December	Year 9-10 Reports
4 December	Year 9-13 Prizegiving
5-11 December	Cornerstone Value Week Y9/10
7 December	Year 0-8 Reports issued
13 December	Year 0-8 Prize giving; End Term 4
13-19 December	DOE Bronze qualifier Whanganui River

2018

30 January	First day of school - Year 11-13 and Year 9/10 Testing
31 January	Y1-10 only
1 February	Full school
27 Feb-2 March	Y11 Camp – Tangihua
27 Feb - 2 March	Y13 camp
30 Mar - 2 April	Easter
13 April	End T1
30 April	Start T2
1-4 June	Mid term break
6 July	End T2
23 July	Start T3
28 September	End T3
15 October	Start T4
12 December	End of school year



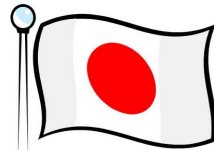
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Are you able to host a Japanese Student?



We have a group of Japanese students coming to Tauraroa Area School and we need families to host them during their stay.

Dates: 23 November—7 December

This is a great opportunity. Families, who have previously hosted students, have built lasting relationships and promoted a positive image of New Zealand overseas. New families are encouraged! As every family is different, every family will have something unique to offer. A student will need their own bedroom please. Homestay contribution paid. Contact Janine by email international@tauraroa.school.nz or Elaine at the school office 09 4322643.

Music News



With the term rapidly coming to an end, several major musical events will occur:

On Wednesday the 20th of September the TAS Creative concert at Forum North takes place starting at 7pm. Many school groups are involved including the jazz and concert bands, Kapa haka, singers, choirs, instrumental soloists, dancers and drama items.

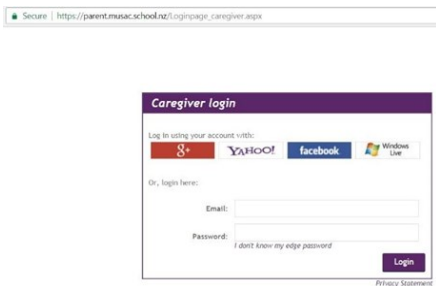
On the 13th of September eight of our students will be sitting the international Trinity Music exams on their chosen instrument.

Congratulations to Angharad Yearbury-Murphy for winning the Y7-10 section of TAS Idol.

On September 25th the final assessment evening for NCEA music students will take place at 7pm in the Music room.



Download the app from apple or android store.



Welcome to the Parent/Caregiver Portal on Edge

The TAS student management system is called MUSAC Edge. We have just opened the parent and caregiver portal, which gives you access to contact, assessment and attendance information, timetables, accounts and, in the future, payments and school reports.

The link for the portal will be placed on the TAS website. It is <https://parent.musac.school.nz/>

There are some important points to note regarding signing in.

- The email address we have listed in the system for you is the login email.
- If that email address is also the one you use for Google+, Facebook, Yahoo or Windows Live then you can click on the appropriate icon and be guided through using that application sign-in for Edge.
- If not then you will need to enter your email address and click the "I don't know my edge password" link. Edge will email you with instructions about setting up a password.

Please contact the front office if you want to check or change the email address we have on our records for you.

Congratulations to the students who entered into the ICAS exams. ICAS Science Results 2017 Distinction awarded to the top 11%, Credit to the top 35%, Merit for the top 45% of participants

Distinction:	Varya Kern Y6	Participation:	Brody Snelling Y4	Jess Hill Y8
Credit:	Jade Dyer Y7		Amy Dyer Y4	Will Visser Y8
	Ethan Walton-Jones Y10		Lilly McFadzean Y4	Ben Alford Y9
	Amelia Paston-Ross Y10		Isabella Behrns Y4	Hannah Winters-Dodd
	Cassandra de Weyer Y11		Emily winters-Dodd Y7	Nathan Ryken Y11
Merit:	Aart Lewis Y10		Caleb Breen Y7	Selena de Weyer Y11
			James Walton-Jones Y7	Destiny Rogers Y11

Please ensure that your NCEA fees are paid to the school by Monday 11 September 2017. Fees not paid will need to be paid by you directly to NZQA. If you are eligible for financial assistance please complete the financial assistance form. Do not hesitate to ask at the school office or you may download it online.

NCEA

What is NCEA?

How do credits work?

What is endorsement?

What does "Achieved" mean?

What choices do students get?

An introduction to NCEA for Parents and Caregivers of Year 10 students

Navigating NCEA can seem a bit confusing at first. It is a very different qualification from the one most people remember from their own time at school. This evening is an opportunity to find out more about what it is and how it works. We'd love to see you there!

Date: Wednesday, 14 September
Time: 6pm
Venue: TAS - E1

Waipu GOLF CLUB

Bubbles & Bash Partee

Sunday 15th October 2017

A fun golf taster for ladies
No experience needed but experienced golfers welcome

- Glass of Bubbles
- Coaching with Kylie
- Play a couple of holes
- Hit at the driving range
- Platter lunch & Bubbles
- Golf wear fashion

Please wear comfortable clothes and flat shoes/trainers
If you have golf clubs please bring them, if not we will supply

Grab your friends and register at the Waipu Golf Club

Book & Pay at the Golf Shop
E: Waipu@golf.co.nz or
P: 094320259
Prepay by Direct Credit:
03 0498 0545680 00
Ref: B&B and your surname

Cost \$10 per person

Why I deserve your vote

Join our seniors and have the chance to meet the candidates for this year's election.

Where: Tauraroa Area School Hall
When: 2pm-3pm Thursday 14 September

There will be presentations, a time for questions and a mock election.



Supporting our local community by sponsoring the Duke of Edinburgh programme run through Tauraroa Area School.



Do you need a Workplace First Aid qualification for only \$110? We are running courses for staff on Saturday 29 October. We have a few spare places. Email sue.howes@tauraroa.school.nz or ring Anna in the front office for further details and/or to add your name to the list if you'd like to join us.



PTA Meeting date coming soon. Email pta@tauraroa.school.nz for details.

Public Health News!

Skin Infections & Sore Throats

Skin Infections, such as scabies and Impetigo (school sores) are common problems in school children. Public Health Nurses are able to assess children and treat uncomplicated skin infections and sore throats in school age children. Strep A throat infections can cause Rheumatic Fever. A simple throat swab is all that is required and if positive then antibiotics can be given. This preventable illness is prevalent in Northland and this initiative has been established to help prevent more cases. This is a free service and free medication will be supplied. Parental consent will be obtained before we can swab or treat your child and your child's GP will be informed of any treatment provided.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your Public Health Nurse – Dee Millen-Turner on 0800 223 358 (option 4) or 021 735 313

THE KAURI MUSEUM

SETTLERS DAY

FREE ENTRY

The day the Museum comes alive! We celebrate and pay tribute to our early Kauri Settlers and Pioneering history

Collector's Edition: Slide show of the Harold Marsh Albertland photographic collection with commentary by his grandson Peter Marsh, plus a peek at local collector's treasure troves and much, much more!

Free fun day out for the whole family!

SATURDAY 7th October 2017

At Matakohu, just off SH 12 on the Twin Coast Discovery Highway
For more information ph: 09 431 7412 or visit www.kaurimuseum.com
Address: 5 Church Road, Matakohu, Northland

Huanui College has surplus matinee tickets and spare seats on a bus to Matilda available. Wednesday 20th September \$95.00 includes the bus trip to Auckland.

They have enough adults covering the supervision of yr7-13 so we only have student seats left. Should you require any further information please feel free to mail debi.walters@hc.school.nz Debi Walters-Brown or call Tel:021324707