

Newsletter 10 March 2017

From the Principal's desk

Nga mihi nui, kia koutou katoa,

Staff and students are enjoying and excellent first term, with routines well established and many special events already completed. It has been especially pleasing to see how quickly our many new students have settled in and are making positive contributions.

I am grateful for the support parents are giving us in enforcing our high uniform standards. Wearing our uniform is a condition of enrolling at TAS. Wearing it is a sign that a student is proud of belonging to our whanau. In return, we undertake to do our very best for every student, every day. On a practical level, uniform removes the temptation for students to get obsessed with clothing brands and labels and creates a 'level playing field' for all, regardless of background. We do maintain a stock of second hand uniforms which are available at very reasonable prices. We support local businesses with our uniforms, which are manufactured locally to very high standards.

Much of our success can be attributed to our board of trustees, chaired by Susan Skelton. Although the day to day management of the school is in the hands of the principal and staff, the board provides essential governance and strategic direction to our operations. It is the board's responsibility to ensure the school complies with all relevant legislation and managed effectively. Other members are Ringi Smith, Rachel Hill, Paul McCarroll, Matt Turner, Matt Alford, Tania Papalii, Susan Karels and Danielle McCullough and are happy to hear from you with your comments and views on the school.

Mrs Skelton can be contacted by email donagh@slingshot.co.nz.

Heoi ano,

Grant Burns
Principal

Important dates:

10 March: Year 11-13 Touch Tournament, Kaikohe
11 March: Waka Ama, Kai Iwi Lakes
16 March: Year 9-13 NSSS Track and Field Championships
17 March: NSSS Volleyball finals
19 - 29 March: Japanese Students visit
20 - 21 March: Year 1 and 2 Camp, Tangihua Lodge
20 - 22 March: Year 12 Camp, Marsden Bay Christian Camp
22 - 24 March: Year 3 and 4 Camp, Tangihua Lodge
23 March: Year 12 RYDA driving safety course, TOLL stadium
27 - 28 March: Waka Ama, Rotorua
27 - 29 March: Year 9 Camp, Pataua
28 March: Year 10 Careers Roadshow, Otamatea High School
28 - 31 March: Year 5 and 6 Camp, Manaia Baptist Camp
31 March: Competitive Shakespeare, WGHS, 7:00pm
2 April: Motorbike event, McCarroll's farm, Taipuha
4 April: Student Led Conferences, Y1-10, 1:30 – 7:00pm
12 - 13 April: Tai Tokerau Kapa Haka, Bream Bay College
13 April: End of Term 1

Tauraroa Area School 2016



2016 TAS yearbooks
are available for
purchase at the
school office

The first PTA meeting of 2017, will take
place on Wednesday 15th March @
7:30pm in the TAS staff room.



Www.tauraroa.school.nz

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Music News

Last week a new rock band comprising members of the Y11 and 12 music class performed "Use Somebody" by Kings of Leon at assembly. This group is now working on original songs with the goal of entering the Smokefree Rockquest in May. Students learning a musical instrument at school this year need to remember to get along to their lessons each week and to practice their instrument daily at home. Parents can help them with reminders and by asking them to play their lesson material at home for them. Learning a musical instrument can be a frustrating experience for students if the fine motor skills required are not rehearsed often to develop automaticity.

Northland Representative

Congratulations to **Ben Alford** who has been selected to play in the Under 13 Northland Football rep team.



TAS Word of the Week (WOW)

Week beginning 17 February:
'Respect'

Intermediate winners:

"I respect a healthy diet, but I respect chocolate more".

Charlotte A. 7PA

"My amazingly mean sister pushed me in the pool because she has no respect for me". **Mannix 7PA**

Senior winners:

"Respected people in the school feel better than disrespected people"

Lucas Beeler

"Respect should be given to those who earn it, regardless of race, religion, sexuality or disability".

Angharad Yearbury-Murphy

Week beginning 24 February:

'Exuberance'

Intermediate winner:

"I am full of energy and exuberance when I'm playing rugby".

Eli Graham 8AW

Senior winner:

"Why all the Americans are so exuberant about the wall, I'll never know". **Samantha Atkinson AraDH**

Parents/caregivers of Year 7-10 students

As part of our Social Studies teaching we have a weekly Current Events Quiz. Please help us by encouraging your child to watch the news with you/read a newspaper/ check the headlines on a digital app and have conversations about the world we live in so this is an even more positive part of their learning to become confident, connected, actively involved life-long learners (NZ Curriculum Vision). Many thanks. **Sue Howes** HOD Social Sciences.

TAS School jumpers for sale

Size 16 x 2, \$50, Tel 020 408 73839

Mid-Western Swimming Club

Can all MWSC Club Champs Trophies won in 2016 please be handed in to the school office before the 17th of March 2017.

Thank you.

Any queries please contact **Ariana Saunt** on 022 128 2092

VPI Not just farming, preparing students for life.

I know for some of you being on a farm is a daily event. However, for me, coming from London, I was nervous and excited all at once!

The VPI student's job for the day was to brief me on the health and safety aspects of the farm and the on the work they would be completing for the day. The students really knew their stuff and once the "toolbox meeting" was complete we set off to work. We cleared a paddock and then walked to get the cows in for milking. As we walked I could see the enthusiasm the students had for being part of this course. They impressed me with their knowledge and ability to work as a team. Their course is varied and interesting, in fact tomorrow they are helping a beekeeper harvest honey.

This course is more than farming. Students are learning life skills that will help them when they leave school and become part of the community. Thank you to the students for having me for the day, the farmers who allow Taratahi to run their course on their farm and to the community who provide the students with work placements. These types of programmes are a valuable learning experience and certainly something our school can be proud of.

A. Cameron (Year 12 & 13 Dean/HoD Sport and Trades)



International News!

Contact Janine 4322643

email international@tauraroa.school.nz

International News

A big **thank you** to all those who have offered to host a Japanese student later this month. All students are now assured of a warm bed! This will be a great experience for you and your family.

A host family is still needed for a young lady from GERMANY from April - October 2017. Nele is a keen horse rider so she is looking for a family that can help her with this. She is also a vegetarian. If you are interested in hosting Nele, or hosting in the future *please contact Janine as above.*

Tauraroa Area School Inter-School Motorcycle Competition

When: Sunday 2nd April,

Where: McCarroll's Property, 69a Cassidy Road, Paparua

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**)

Registration: tanara@tauraroa.school.nz (Please register your team, or individual rider looking for a team). Teams of 4 riders around a set track, 2 laps /rider.

Four competitions:

Novice (Younger riders may be followed by a parent or mature rider as support around a simple track)

Competent Juniors- Up to Year 8

Seniors- Year 9 to 13.

Mixed- 1 Adult, two year 9-13, One up the year 8.

Each member of the team wears a specific arm band around our 9-10 min track and then hands it on to the next rider. Each rider completes 2 circuits in total. Team's first rider start at 30 sec intervals until all teams have started.

Time: Registration Juniors 8am, Seniors 10am. **Practise** loop before Relay starts, **Novice** 9am, **Juniors** 10 am, **Seniors** 12.30pm, **Mixed** 2.30. If enough time at the end, we will have a competition-fastest time around the track.

TAS Disgust at Local River

On Thursday the 3rd of March, Room 11 from Tauraroa Area School

went on a walk to their own special river - the Tauraroa river.

They were disgusted when they got there.



Jacqueline Knight, the Enviroschools Facilitator from the Northland Regional Council asked "How do you think the river got like this?" A number of students made suggestions, however are keen to find out more. If anyone has any further information they could share with Room 11 about our river, please contact: tana-ra@tauraroa.school.nz. Written by: **Te Waipua Hill Te Hira**

Gojo Ryu Okinawa Kan - Maungakarama Dojo, Martial Arts Club

Ever wanted to learn self defence or Karate? Modern life deprives you of the exercise necessary for fitness and mental health.

Karate tones the body, develops coordination, quickness, and builds stamina - without the danger of harmful injuries.

Self defence or Karate Instruction Opening night Monday 13th March @ 5:30pm

No experience needed!! First two weeks are Free!!

Trainings:

Where: Tauraroa Area School's Gymnasium

When: Mondays & Wednesdays : Juniors (5 - 12 years) 6:00pm-7:00pm Seniors (12+ years) 7:00pm-8:00pm

Flyers available from Monday 13th March Any enquiries Contact Sensei Daniel: 09-432-3118 or 021-088-65781

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.

