

From the Principal's desk

Nga mihi nui, kia koutou katoa,

At this time of year, we are busy with student assessment throughout the school. The outcomes will provide senior students with valuable NCEA qualifications and also provide data on student progress and achievement at all levels. This is then shared with parents and students to inform them of what has been achieved and where future attention needs to be paid. In the 'bigger picture', student data informs our Annual Report and National Standards results are passed to the Ministry of Education. Data is also examined and used as a basis for our 2018 Charter. It is likely that this will be the last time we will be assessing our Year 1-8 students against National Standards as our new government intends to replace that requirement with a broader look at achievement across the whole curriculum.

All whanau and friends of the school are warmly invited to our prize givings on 4 December (Years 9-13) and 13 December (Years 0-8). These are significant occasions where the achievements of our students are recognised and celebrated.

We are looking forward to the 23 November to 7 December visit of students from Kaisei Junior High School (Japan). This promises to be a positive and enriching experience for all involved. I am very grateful for the work of Janine Burns in her thorough organisation, along with the staff and host families who will be directly involved in the visit.

I have recently been appointed to role of Lead Principal of our Community of Learning. In this two-year appointment, I will be working with 11 other rural schools to build collaboration through shared Achievement Challenges and cooperative professional development. I am confident that working more closely with our neighbouring schools will bring benefits for everyone involved.

At the executive meeting of the NZ Area Schools Association this week, I was reminded again of the important role our Year 0-13 schools play in many communities. The tradition of sending rural secondary students off to boarding school still remains in some families but Area Schools provide a sound alternative, keeping teenagers living with their families and communities. The continuity of a Year 1-13 school avoids the difficult transition points of starting new schools at Years 7 and 9. Other advantages include the long term partnerships between parents and the school and the inherent rural character of Area Schools. It is also interesting to note the economic of Area Schools. Many, like ours, are the largest employers in their districts. The large number of students who travel significant distances to attend our school every day indicates that this message is not lost.

Heoi ano,

Grant Burns
Principal

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.

School Calendar:

20 November	Year 7 Ruakaka Beach Ed Programme
21 November	Year 7&8 Athletics (Kensington)
21-22 November	Year 5-6 Beach Education trips
23 Nov-7 December	Visit of Kaisei Junior High School (25 students + 3 adults)
24 November	Year 7-8 Touch tournament (Kaikohe)
28 November	Year4-6 Athletics (Kensington)
28 November	Year 7&8 Beach Volleyball
30 November	Kowhai Trip(Waipu Cove) / Graduation Dinner
1 December	Year 9-10 Reports issued
	Year 7 Library and Shiraz visit
4 December	1:00pm—3pm Year 9-13 Prizegiving
4-8 December	Cornerstone Values Week
7 December	Year8 Ruakaka Beach Ed Programme
7 December	Year 0-8 Reports issued
8 December	Final day for Year 9/10
13 December	9:30am—12pm Year 0-8 Prize giving; End T4
13-19 December	DOE Bronze trip: Whanganui River
2018	
30 January	First day of school: Y11-13 + Year 9/10
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
6-9 March	Year 0-4 Camps, Parua Bay tbc
12-16 March	Year Y7 Camp, Rawhiti
30 Mar - 2 April	Easter
13 April	End Term 1
30 April	Start Term 2
1-4 June	Mid term break
6 July	End Term 2
23 July	Start Term 3
28 September	End Term 3
15 October	Start Term 4
12 December	End of school year

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

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.

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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.



Sponsoring the DOE programme run through Tauraroa Area School.

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.

Judy is an early childhood educator who has been doing home-based care from home, for last 9 years. She is new to the area and is able to offer after school care and school holiday over the Christmas. Please contact Judy for details
Ph: 0211169161 Waitotira

Whangarei Combined Gun Club held the Northland Provincials during the weekend **4-5 November**, with 89 Shooters in attendance, from all over NZ.
A great turn out for our club. Here are the results from the weekend:

B Grade

Carlisa McCarroll - 3rd Double Rise-2nd Single Barrel- 1st Ladies Single

Barrel (taking out AA Grade Lady Shooters to win Ladies Single Barrel)

C Grade

Keely McCollum - 1st Point Score-1st Single Barrel

Dawn Ludewig-Willoughby - 1st Minis - 1st Triples - 3rd Point Score - 3rd

Max Woolhouse - 2nd Single Rise - 2nd Triples - 2nd Minis - 1st Double

Rise (taking out A Grade Junior Shooters to win Junior

Double Rise).

Max has moved up to B Grade after this weekend
Toby Lincoln - 3rd Triples - 3rd Single Barrel

Carlisa was also in the Kaipara Silver Fern Farms Sports Awards on Friday Night and won the Youth Award and Medal for Shooting.



PTA - JUNIOR NATURE

PLAYSCAPE

Join us at **6:30pm on Wednesday 22 November in the School Library.** Look at the plans and let us know what you think and how you can help us to make it happen!



Wednesday 22 November 6:30pm

TAS Community Library

Come and take a closer look at the draft plans for the Junior Nature

Playscape....



We want to know.....

- what you think
- what you can do to help

Tea and coffee will be provided.

Can't make it but would like to be involved and kept up to date with progress?
Email: pta@tauraroaschool.nz

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.



NETBALL

Whangarei Netball Centre; Results
Least goals scored against - TAS INT Yr7
Section 6 Winners - TAS INT Yr7

Prelim Section 4 Runner up - TAS INT Yr8
Championship winners Section 4 - TAS INT Yr8

Championship C2 Runner up - SNR 3
Least goals scored against - SNR 3

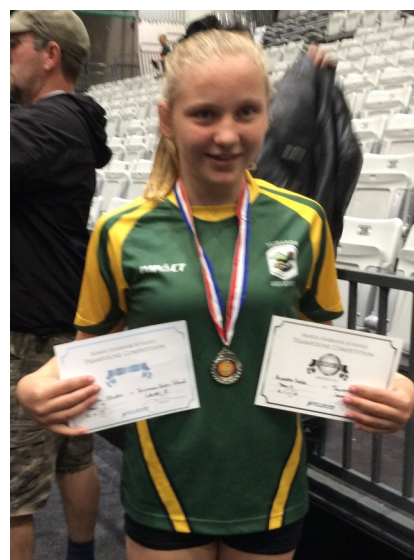
Prelim Winner A Res 2 - SNR 2
Championship Winner A Res 1 - SNR 2

Prelim Runner up A2 - SNR 1
Championship Runner up A2 - SNR 1

Certificates and Badge
Umpires award - Centre Award/badge - Paige Harrison and Emma Weir
Umpires award - Junior Award/certificate - Paige Harrison and Emma Weir

Well done TAS and their wonderful coaches.

Avi Ihaka from Year 7 completed her Level 5 Trampoline Routine on 12 November 2017.



RENEGADE HOCKEY

"A highly exciting, very fast, dynamic indoor version of hockey." That is not the official description, but comes from my observations of the tournament our Year 10 students attended on Thursday 9th November. Their enthusiasm and positive attitudes were infectious. The day was fun and it was great to see our students making new friends and interacting with students from other schools. Dominic Gresswell finished most games with a huge grin on his face announcing "that was so cool, we came second!!" Well done team, you all represented yourselves and TAS with pride.



Special Olympics Northland Secondary Schools Athletics Event 2017

Well done Josaiah Fae on being placed :
1st in the 50m Run
1st in the softball throw
3rd in Javelin

Free Kids Only Holiday Surf Programme

The O'Neill Surf Academy are running their popular holiday surf programme over the summer holidays at Taupo Bay. This is free for 11-17yr olds

Fun, Active & Healthy
11-17yr olds | Monday-Friday
18-22 Dec | 1-5 Jan | 8-12 Jan | 15-19 Jan | 22-26 Jan

Suitable for beginner and intermediate surfers – developing surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment plus fun beach games

Limited spaces | Please email to book
surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz
www.oneillsurfacademy.co.nz

Break-Away
School Holiday Programmes

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



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.

Rental in the area needed urgently: Family of 5 looking for a 3 / 4 bedroom home. Please call Jal 021 08448715

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

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

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

"Have a go" Cricket - Maungakaramaea – Free of charge Friday 17 November 2017 Year 8 and below Please contact Tania at the MGK school office on 4323804 or Liz on 021399393

Ruakaka Christmas Parade, Saturday 16th December, 10.30am.

It is free to enter a float or decorated trailer and this category is open to all; groups of friends, families, neighbours, work colleagues - everyone is welcome. Those who wish to join in the fun but cannot manage a float or trailer can enter our walking category, which is new this year.

There are great cash prizes up for grabs so it is well worth the effort. Entries for all categories must be registered before the event to ensure they are on the judging list. Enter by email to marsdenlions@gmail.com.

Annual community get together and tea
Christmas carols
Sunday 10th December 5pm
Maungakaramaea Hall
Bring a plate to share
Any donations go to the Salvation Army
Children's Christmas fund
Enquiries Janet Litt 4323765

Christmas in the Cameron Street Laneway is not that far away. This year Vitalise Whangarei have generously nominated Cancer Society Northland as their charity of choice and are going to make this as exciting as possible.
The Laneway will be shut to the public on the 9th of December, with live music on the stage from 9.30 am – 2.00 pm

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