

*From the Principal's desk*

Nga mihi nui, kia koutou katoa,

Don McDonald-Spice, Matua Tanara, began his retirement from teaching this week, having served as our Head of Maori / Languages and a Year 7 Homeroom teacher since 2008. Prior to this appointment, Don was a teaching principal for 21 years at several small schools. Don's contribution to TAS has been significant, leading a shift in the culture of the school, embedding tikanga (Maori protocols) and te reo in the school. He has worked tirelessly to promote success for Maori students, organising kapahaka and leading Whanau o Tauraroa hui. Powhiri, hangi and Matariki celebrations are now important events in our school and Matua Tanara deserves credit for this. I wish him a long and enjoyable retirement, although I hope we will see him back at school from time to time.

This is the final newsletter for Term 3. Our Year 11-13 students will be receiving progress reports before the holidays to inform them and their parents on progress to date. We only have 16 days of classes in Term 4 before our senior students commence their external NCEA exams. It is important that students take heed of the advice provided in their reports and use time wisely to prepare for the opportunities ahead.

We are moving our senior prizegiving to 4 December this year and including all Year 9-13 students in the ceremony. We are doing this to reduce the number of prizegivings from three to two (making it easier for families and staff to attend and reducing the logistics of setting up staging in the hall) and to give our top students wider recognition for their achievements, with a larger audience present. It is important that our Year 9 and 10 students have the chance to be part of this. We hope that having the ceremony following NCEA exams will create a sense of 'wrapping up' the year, rather than have students drift into their summer holidays.

Our TAS Creative concert on Wednesday was a great success, with a supportive audience enjoying the wide range of talent on display. My thanks go to the teachers, parents and students who worked so hard to put this outstanding show together. The depth and range of ability in our school never fails to impress!

We continue to contribute to the effective establishment of a Community of Learning / Kahui Ako with 11 other local schools. Principals and Board members have been working to set up an effective structure to enable schools to work closely together to support student achievement. The process of setting Achievement Challenges is now underway, which will involve wider consultation with whanau, staff and students.

Megan Burns (Year 12) has been appointed Student Representative on the Board of Trustees following her uncontested nomination to the position. Megan takes over this important role from Courtney Martin, who was elected earlier in the year. I thank Courtney for her contributions and look forward to working with Megan.

Heoi ano,

Grant Burns  
Principal

Coming events	
21-23 September	DOE Training weekend, Bay of Islands.
22 September	Northland Primary Schools Cross Country Dargaville Race course
26-28 October	Y13 Geography Waitomo
26 Sep-12 October	Europe trip
27 September	Y11-13 Reports issued
27-29 September	Y8 Auckland Camp
29 Sep-3 October	DOE Gold Kaimai qualifying trip
29 September	End Term 3
16 October	Start Term 4
19-21 October	DOE Bronze practice (Y9/10) Urupukapuka Is
23 October	Labour Day
26 October	Y13 Biology to Auckland Zoo
27 October	Country Day; Y9/10 NSSS Touch - Kaikohe
7 November	Last day of regular timetabled Y11-13 classes
2 November	Year 0-8 athletics
8-9 November	Year 9-10 exams
9 November	NCEA Starts (L1 Drama)
30 November	Graduation Dinner
1 December	Year 9-10 Reports Issued
4 December	Year 9-13 Prizegiving
13 December	Y0-8 Prize giving; End Term 4
2018	
30 January	First day of school - Year 11-13 + Year 9/10 Testing
31 January	Year 1-10 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 Sept	End T3
15 Oct	Start T4
12 Dec	End of school



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### TAS Magazine

Place your order now ..... \$15.00  
If your family is interested in purchasing the school magazine, please place your order at the office now.  
Thank you for your support.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

**Sign up**, become a host and experience memorable and rewarding experiences with international students. 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. 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** email [international@tauraroa.school.nz](mailto:international@tauraroa.school.nz).

### BOT News – 11 September Meeting, Full minutes available at the school office.

Matters dealt with at the meeting include:  
New 5YA (5 Year Property Agreement) with the Ministry of Education will be calculated by end of 2017.

Year to Date Working capital Monthly Financial Report from was tabled, confirming the school's finances are tracking well, with a Year To Date surplus.

School Trustees Association Professional Development: A number of trustees have undertaken NZSTA professional development. Topics include Student Achievement, Financial Governance and Stand downs and Suspensions.

New Student Trustee joins the board: Megan Burns (Year 12) has been appointed Student Representative on the Board of Trustees following her uncontested nomination to the position. Megan takes over this important role from Courtney Martin (Year 13). We wish Courtney the best for her final exams ahead and new adventures next year.

School Leaver data was presented and analysed:

- Students are achieving above National Averages in NCEA
- numbers in cohorts are very small (especially when looking at gender and ethnic breakdowns).
- leavers' destinations are not always confirmed - many going onto further study or apprenticeships
- many early leavers are highly transient students, who come to TAS for a last chance of achieving, then leave.

### \*\*\*\*Please Note\*\*\*\*

Permission slips & payment for any event/trip must be returned to school in a named envelope before the departure date. If permission slip & payment are not received by this date we will be unable to enter your child/ren into this event.

Payment can be made by Cash, Cheque, eftpos at the school office or Internet Banking to ASB Tauraroa Area School Board of Trustees 12-3115-0012400-00 with your child/rens name as a reference. Important - Unless your child's school account is in credit (please check at the office) we are unable to put this on your school account.



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

We are receiving a high number of calls requesting that messages be passed on to students. This is both time consuming for admin staff and disruptive for classrooms. We are aware that occasionally plans change but where possible please ensure your child is aware of the end of day arrangements before they come to school.



**TAS Creative** is an entertaining evening showcasing our talented students. Wednesday nights performance did not disappoint. Well done to the students who participated and congratulations to Derek Hopper for another successful show.

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

Congratulations to the following students who have successfully passed **Trinity Guildhall music exams**:

Trumpet: Emma Howes (Grade 1 Merit)  
Emily Alderton (G1 Distinction)  
Emma Johnstone (G1 Distinction)  
Ashley Mansell (G4 Merit)  
Flute: Madison Johnstone (G1 Distinction)  
Hannah Winters-Dodd (G3 Merit)  
Saxophone: Charlotte Dutton (G2)  
Clarinet: Taine Marker (G2 Merit)  
Piano: Emily Winters-Dodd (G1 Distinction)  
Skye Martinac (G4 Merit)

### Prefects

We are very pleased to announce that the following Year 12 students have been appointed as prefects for 2017/18:

Aaron Skelton  
Danny Henderson  
Jayden Lincoln  
Liam Henderson  
Katelyn Mills  
Lauren Bollu  
Megan Burns  
Nina Spick

### Excellences

Name	NCEA Lvl	Subject
Carlisa McCarroll	1	Maths
Carlisa McCarroll	1	GEO
Cassandra de Weyer	1	Maths
Cole Whitaker	1	Maths
Eden Sutherland Pullen	1	Maths
Eden Sutherland-Pullen	1	GEO
Emma Weir	1	GEO
Madeline kawana	1	Maths
Nathan Ryken	1	Maths
Sean Chaplin	1	Maths
Sean Chaplin	1	GEO
Selena de Weyer	1	Maths
Megan Burns	2	Physics
Katelyn Mills	2	Physics
Rheanna Bettin	2	GEO
Lauren Bollu	2	GEO
Leah Gunson	2	GEO
Jakob Harvey	2	GEO
Calloway Shortland-Witehira	2	GEO
Courtney Martin	3	Physics

### Public Health

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

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We are running courses for staff on **Sunday 29 October**. We have a few spare places. Email [sue.howes@tauraroa.school.nz](mailto:sue.howes@tauraroa.school.nz) for further details and/or to add your name to the list if you'd like to join us.



**Maungakarama Cricket** will be having a rally day soon. Please register your interest with Tania at the MGK school office on 4323804 or Liz on 021399393 and we will let you know when the rally day is.

For the newbies here is some general team information:  
A grade = Year 7-8 = Various locations, various times.  
B grade = Year 5-6 also subject to the children's ability/experience  
C grade = Year 3-4 = Games @ Kensington Park 9 – 11:30am  
D grade = Year 1-2 = Games @ Kensington Park 9 – 11:30am

Let your kids get into it...we get awesome professional Northland Cricket coaches (practices are once a week) and it is heart stopping thrilling Saturday fun. See you soon!



Please support Libby Kaiser and her performance dance group from WADPA. They are fundraising to represent NZ in Showcase in the Gold Coast. Wave Rave - See Whaea Tabitha for tickets

**NZDF INFO  
EVENING  
WHANGAREI**

- 6 Okara Drive Whangarei
- When: 06:00 PM
- Refreshments provided
- All welcome
- RSVP: 09 438 5467



**TUESDAY / OCT 17  
&  
TUESDAY / NOV 21**

- Come along and get an insight to what the New Zealand Defence Force is all about, chat with our Service men and women and get a head start on your new career in the Army, Navy or Airforce

Sport ..... Please return all sports uniforms

Calling all Year 11-13, please return your Trophies to school.

### Northland Yr4-8 Cross Country Championships Friday 22 September at Barge Park

Good luck to Lily McFadzean, McKenzie Dane, Bridie McFadzean and Bailey Gibson who will be competing.

Our Netball Teams had a successful season:  
**TAS Senior 1** coached by Claire Cave were runners up in the Championship final.  
**TAS Senior 2** coached by Julie Grindle were the Championship winners of 2017.  
**TAS Senior 3** coached by Katelyn Mills were runners up in the Championship.  
**Intermediate Year 7** coached by Maryanne Peters won the Championship Finals for 2017.  
**Intermediate Year 8** coached by Vicoria Kurupo were 3rd in the Championship Finals.

**Prizegiving @ ASB Stadium 22 September 7pm**

### SWAP 'N' SHOP

Join the Lifepoint girls for an evening of fun and fashion

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**. Doors open at 7pm

Small gold coin door charge this year to fundraise for 24/7, a youth programme run at Bream Bay College

Quality women's and kids' clothing and toys can be brought to Lifepoint Church prior to the event. Drop off your donated items from Tuesdays-Fridays during the day.

Supper, giveaways, guest speaker, FUN!

Lifepoint 'money' reintroduced to add to the excitement of the great clothing and toy grab!

A lady's only event - Intermediate age up only please. No small children.

Contact Anna – 021459510