

Coming Events:
19-29 March: Visit of Japanese students (20pax)
22-24 March: Y3/4 camp Tangihua Lodge
27-28 March: Waka Ama Rotorua
27-29 March: Y9 Camp, Pataua
28 March: Y10 to Otamatea College Careers Roadshow
28 -31 March: Y5/6 Camp Manaia
31 March: Competitive Shakespeare (WGHS 7:00pm)
2 April: Motorbike event, McCarroll's farm, Taipuha
2-4 April: Y13 PE Timber Trail MTB Pureora
4 April: Student Led Conferences Y1-10 1:30 – 7:00pm
5 April: Ugly Shakespeare performance at TAS
7 April: Y12 Surfing from P4; Waipu Caves Y7 (after school)
13 April: End of T1. P5 Assembly
13-17 April: Silver qual tramp Waikaremoana (hols)
1 May: Start of T2
3 May: Y10 to Waitangi
15-19 May: Northland Area Schools Tournament (Kensington)
18-19 May: Y13 to University trip (Auckland & Hamilton)
23 May: School photos
31 May: Y11-13 Student Led Conferences 3:30-7:00pm
2-6 June : Mid Term Break (Queen's Birthday)
7 July: End of T2
24 July: Start T3
3-8 August; Y10 Hillary OPC, Turangi
29 September: End T3
16 October: Start T4
27 October: Country Day
9 November: NCEA Starts (L1 Drama)
12 December: 9-13 prizegiving; Leavers dinner
13 December: Y0-8 Prize giving; End T4

Newsletter 24 March 2017

From the Principal's desk

Nga mihi nui, kia koutou katoa,

We are currently enjoying a visit from 20 students from Tokyo area schools. These Japanese young people are appreciating the very different learning, cultural, language and physical environments we have at TAS. I am very pleased to see the positive ways in which local students and visitors are interacting with each other. My thanks to our International Manager, Janine Burns, for the very well organised itinerary in which the students are participating and to the host families who have welcomed our visitors into their homes.

School camps are in full swing this week, with Years 1-4 staying at Tangihua Lodge, Year 12 at Marsden Point and some Year 11 PE students tackling the Cape Brett overnight tramp. Next week, Year 9 students will be camping at Pataua and Year 5 and 6 classes staying at Manaia Baptist Camp (Whangarei Heads). At the end of next week, our Year 13 PE class will travel south to ride the central North Island Timber Trail mountain bike route.

I am pleased to report that progress is being made in establishing a Community of Learning with a number of other schools in our district. Closer collaboration and sharing of expertise among schools can only strengthen the learning outcomes for our students. I am enthusiastic about the possibilities and resourcing this will bring, moving us some way along from the traditional competitive model 'Tomorrow's Schools' policies brought about.

Heoi ano,


Grant Burns
Principal

Te Whanau O Tauraroa

Wednesday 5 April 7pm

Y9 Mihi
All welcome!
Please bring a plate for supper.

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2016 TAS yearbooks are available for purchase at the school office



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The ICAS competitions give our students the opportunity to competitively extend themselves in a variety of subjects from Y3 to Y13. This link is to sample and practice questions.
www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/download-practice-questions

Courses to be held in the Easter school holidays funded through **Gateway/STAR:**

Learner Licence Preparation
Introduction to Carpentry
NZIS Sports Course
Cultural Camp

If you have a senior student who may be interested in any of these courses then please contact **Sheree Saunt**
gateway@tauraroa.school.nz

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).

Year 10 Waitangi trip Wednesday 3 May (Term 2 Week 1) - letters coming home with details next week!
Sue Howes HOD Social Sciences

Music News. Building automaticity is essential when learning a musical instrument. This is where the knowledge of how to finger a note or strum a chord becomes automatic and the player doesn't have to think about it. It allows fluency in playing a piece of music. Automaticity is gained through repeated daily practise. Parents need to help their child set aside a regular time each day for 10 - 15 minutes playing their instrument. In this way students will start to experience the joy that comes from getting better on their instrument. On **Wednesday April 12th** students taking Music for **NCEA** are required to attend a **performance evening** in the Music Department at which they will give a solo performance. They should have chosen their piece by now and be busy rehearsing it.

Thanks to all parents who were able to support our proposed concert band trip to **Rotorua**. Unfortunately we did not quite have enough players to make it viable. We will look at this opportunity again in 2018.

Reminder All visitors to report to reception please

For health and safety and the protection of our students all visitors are to please sign in.

Parents/caregivers to all students—Absence explanation

Tauraroa Area School is committed to ensuring that all of our students get the most out of their education, and wants to support our students to maintain regular attendance. Students who attend school regularly learn more and achieve better results.

As parents, you have an important role in ensuring that your child attends school whenever it is open, unless there is a good reason for his/her absence. Acceptable reasons for absence include sickness or serious family circumstances, such as bereavement. Where there is a good reason for absence, please contact the school on 09 432 2643 and leave a message on the Absence Line to let us know as soon as possible.

End of School traffic

Parking in front of the stone wall (school field) is available for parents to park when collecting children. We do not want children running between the buses and across the road as this is extremely dangerous.

VPI Not just farming, preparing students for life.

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.

Harvesting honey
Nui and **Cuban** all suited up.



VPIs and **Caleb** Thomas the Tank Engine Haylage.

Library News

Once again a high number of students took books home over the holidays and filled in a Reading Log. Congratulations to Year 9 student **Violet Blomfield** who recorded over 90 hours of reading and has won movie passes for her effort. **Emma Dutton** was a close second. Primary winner was **Ava Rankilor**, with **Alec Timperley** Y8 winning the draw for having filled in a log. Congratulations

SEA WEEK ACTIVITIES

We have joined other libraries in having a Sea Week display - however, we will have our display and competitions continue till week 10. There are three competitions you can enter - ranges from #1 being suitable for juniors and the degree of difficulty increasing with the next two - all on the one page - anyone can enter. Recommended Website for all "The Sapling" is a website all about children's books, because books grow humans. We take kids' lit seriously, and we show it by commissioning essays, interviews, reviews and even crafts from some amazing kiwi writers and illustrators. You can find us at www.thesapling.co.nz, and follow us on Facebook [@thesaplingnz](https://www.facebook.com/thesaplingnz) and Twitter [@TheSaplingNZ](https://twitter.com/TheSaplingNZ). Join our conversation!

Second-hand uniforms:

We have a supply of polar fleeces and jerseys for sale.

TAS wearable art competition

will be at the end of next term during the week of Matariki. The theme will be water. Entry forms will be available at the start of term two.



English homework books are used extensively from Year 3 to Year 13 either in school or for homework. All help build up a sound knowledge of English and lead, eventually, to success at NCEA. I bought the books this year as a favour to parents as they would pay significantly more in the shops than I was able to obtain them for. However, it is imperative that school is not left with the burden of the cost of these books.

Years 3 - 6 \$14
Years 7 - 10 \$14.50
Years 11 - 13 \$20.50

Could you ensure that these items are cleared off your account as soon as possible? You can make arrangements to pay a regular amount each week or fortnightly.

Word of the week 17th March

—collywobbles—

I get the collywobbles when I see the monkey bars at school because I broke my arm on them and had to go to hospital and get a cast. **Paige Rogers** Rm 5. I got the collywobbles hearing the storm at night. **Lexia Crouch** Rm 7. In assembly when the word of the week is being called out I get the collywobbles. **Stephanie Batistich** 7AA.

I stood there, on the stage, the bright lights blinding me as my tummy churned with the collywobbles. **Hannah Winters-Dodd**.

Squash
Anyone interested in giving squash a go, Monday 4.30-5.30 at Mid Western Squash, Maungakarama.



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Well done Gabrielle Saunt and her miniature horse Fancy who won Champion jumping as well as two reserve champion and one third place at the Pukekohe show.



Congratulations to :
Jacob Jenkins for being selected to represent northland at the upcoming NZ Pony Club Eventing Championships. Well done Jacob and M&M

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.

