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### *From the Principal's desk*

Nga mihi nui, kia koutou katoa,

It was exciting to host more than 30 prospective students at our Open Day on Thursday, with parents and caregivers attending our evening information session. Mr Chris Townshend is to be congratulated for coordinating this very successful event. Seeing our school 'on show' was a reminder to me of the outstanding opportunities, facilities and people we have in our organisation. Please encourage any family or friends you know who are looking to enrol a child at school to consider what TAS has to offer. It is interesting to note that, like other Northland schools, we experience a high level of transience in our community. In the past 12 months we have enrolled approximately 150 new students, although the net growth in our roll is only 5 students.

One of our Charter goals this year is ensuring students leave with no less than Level 2 NCEA. We have a range of courses tailored to meet the needs of students, whether they are aiming for university, further training or the workforce. Level 2 NCEA is seen by most employers as an assurance that a prospective employee has the skills and knowledge to be able to participate and contribute to a workplace. Leaving without Level 2 means a young person may not have the literacy, numeracy, general knowledge and skills necessary to compete with others for employment opportunities.

Our second goal focuses on our Year 8 students reaching the National Standard in writing. As a school, we continue to promote the importance of writing skills through secondary year levels. This is not the sole responsibility of the English department, as these skills are needed to some extent in all learning areas. Even in this age of computers, it is important that our students have legible handwriting. Spelling and punctuation are important as students grow in organising and communicating ideas in clearly understood and well organised ways. Our boys are not achieving as well as girls in this area, so we are focussing on strategies to lift their achievement.

We have now reached the halfway point of the term, with senior exams a week away. 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.

Heoi ano,

Grant Burns  
Principal

2017 Prefects



**Cornerstone Value:** Ngakau atawhai - Kindness: Defined as "To help, show concern and be friendly to others."

### 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! Every family is different and every family will have something unique to offer. A student will need their own bedroom please.

Contact **Janine** by email [international@tauraroa.school.nz](mailto:international@tauraroa.school.nz) or contact Elaine at the school office 09 4322643.

We are running courses for staff on Thursday 12 October (Thursday of second week of the holidays) or Sunday 29th October. Do you need a Workplace First Aid qualification for only \$110? We have a few spare places on either day. Email [sue.howes@tauraroa.school.nz](mailto: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.



There appears to be an issue with signing into the parent/Caregiver portal at the moment. The issue has been reported to Edge and we are waiting for them to correct it for us.

#### 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 following students for achieving NCEA Excellence in assessments.

	Level	Subject	
Chiquela Blomfield	1	Science	Metals Assessment
Sean Chaplin	1	Science	Metals Assessment
Cassandra de Weyer	1	Science	Metals Assessment
Selena de Weyer	1	Science	Metals Assessment
Jacob Jenkins	1	Science	Metals Assessment
Carlisa McCarroll	1	Science	Metals Assessment
Keely McCollum	1	Science	Metals Assessment
Kody Mischewski	1	Science	Metals Assessment
Matthew Nissen	1	Science	Metals Assessment
Ani Quirey	1	Science	Metals Assessment
Nathan Ryken	1	Science	Metals Assessment
Weir Emma	1	Science	Metals Assessment
Morgan Cowsill	2	DVC	2 standards
Megan Eberson	2	DVC	3 Standards
Dawn Ludewig-Willoughby	2	DVC	3 Standards
Calloway Shortland-Witihera	2	DVC	3 Standards
Charlotte Visser	2	DVC	3 Standards
Ruby Chandler	3	DVC	2 Standards
Shardae Noone	3	DVC	2 Standards
Brittane Watson	3	DVC	2 Standards
Carlisa McCarroll x2	1	Health	
Keely McCollum	1	Health	
Emma Weir	1	Health	
Sean Chaplin	1	PE	1.2 Body Function
Cassandra de Weyer	1	PE	1.2 Body Function
Ani Quirey	1	PE	1.2 Body Function
Nathan Ryken	1	PE	1.2 Body Function
Blair Thomas	1	PE	1.2 Body Function
Sean Chaplin	1	PE	1.7 Responsible behaviors in Outdoors
Jacob Jenkins	1	PE	1.7 Responsible behaviors in Outdoors
Trinity Peirson-Harrop	1	PE	1.7 Responsible behaviors in Outdoors
Cole Whitaker	1	PE	1.7 Responsible behaviors in Outdoors
Cassandra de Weyer	1	PE	1.7 Responsible behaviors in Outdoors
Connor Guest	1	PE	1.7 Responsible behaviors in Outdoors

Talia Carter	1	SRD	Geometric Garden
Chevy Mason	2	Maths	Networks 91260
Te Aomarama Peters	2	Maths	Networks 91260
Selena deWeyer	1	Maths	Number
Carlissa McCarroll	1	Maths	Bi-Variate
Matthew Nissen	1	Maths	Bi-Variate
Kauri Parker	1	Maths	Bi-Variate
Eden Sutherland Pullen	1	Maths	Bi-Variate
Chiquela Blomfield	1	Maths	Multivariate
Selena deWeyer	1	Maths	Multivariate
Nathan Ryken	1	Maths	Multivariate
Caeley Barfoote	1	Maths	Measurement
Chiquela Blomfield	1	Maths	Measurement
Selena deWeyer	1	Maths	Measurement
Jack McIntyre	1	Maths	Measurement
Kody Mischweski	1	Maths	Measurement
Kauri Parker	1	Maths	Measurement
Mereau Rapana	1	Maths	Measurement
Nathan Ryken	1	Maths	Measurement
Eden Sutherland Pullen	1	Maths	Measurement
Lucas Beeler	1	Maths	Measurement
Destiny Rogers	1	Maths	Measurement
Caeley Barfoote	1	Maths	Right Angle Triangle
Selena deWeyer	1	Maths	Right Angle Triangle
Cayle Kaiser	1	Maths	Right Angle Triangle
Carlissa McCarroll	1	Maths	Right Angle Triangle
Jack McIntyre	1	Maths	Right Angle Triangle
Matthew Nissen	1	Maths	Right Angle Triangle
Kauri Parker	1	Maths	Right Angle Triangle
Nathan Ryken	1	Maths	Right Angle Triangle
Eden Sutherland Pullen	1	Maths	Right Angle Triangle
Lucas Beeler	1	Maths	Right Angle Triangle
Cole Whitaker	1	Maths	Right Angle Triangle
Sean Chaplin	1	Maths	Right Angle Triangle
Ben Martin	1	Science	
Alex Matiu	1	Science	

Blair Thomas	1	Maths AL	Measurement
Ben Martin	1	Maths AL	Right Angles
Tamar deJong	1	Maths AL	Right Angles
Jakob Harvey	2	Maths AL	Networks
Jakob Harvey	2	Maths AL	Trig
Jakob Harvey	2	Maths AL	Coordinates Geometry
Jakob Harvey	2	Maths AL	Graph methods
Rheanna Bettin	2	Maths AL	Coordinates Geometry
Rheanna Bettin	2	Maths AL	Coordinates Geometry
Lauren Bollu	2	Maths AL	Trig
Megan Burns	2	Maths AL	Coordinates Geometry
Hami Delahoya	2	Maths AL	Trig
Hami Delahoya	2	Maths AL	Coordinates Geometry
Danny Henderson	2	Maths AL	Trig
Danny Henderson	2	Maths AL	Coordinates Geometry
Liam Henderson	2	Maths AL	Networks
Liam Henderson	2	Maths AL	Trig
Liam Henderson	2	Maths AL	Coordinates Geometry
Jade Lye	2	Maths AL	Trig
Katelyn Mills	2	Maths AL	Trig
Katelyn Mills	2	Maths AL	Coordinates Geometry
Katelyn Mills	2	Maths AL	Graph methods
Calloway Shortland-Witehira	2	Maths AL	Networks
Calloway Shortland-Witehira	2	Maths AL	Trig
Calloway Shortland-Witehira	2	Maths AL	Graph methods
Nina Spick	2	Maths AL	Networks
Nina Spick	2	Maths AL	Trig
Nina Spick	2	Maths AL	Coordinates Geometry
Charlotte Visser	2	Maths AL	Networks
Charlotte Visser	2	Maths AL	Trig
Charlotte Visser	2	Maths AL	Coordinates Geometry
Charlotte Visser	2	Maths AL	Graph methods
Leah Gunson	2	Maths AL	Coordinates Geometry
Leah Gunson	2	Maths AL	Graph methods
Emily Evans	3	Maths AL	Systems of Equations
Rebecca Karels	3	Maths AL	Bivariate
Rebecca Karels	3	Maths AL	Time Senes
Rebecca Karels	3	Maths AL	Formal Inference
Rebecca Karels	3	Maths AL	systems of Equations
Courtney Martin	3	Maths AL	Bivariate
Courtney Martin	3	Maths AL	Time Senes
Courtney Martin	3	Maths AL	Formal Inference
Courtney Martin	3	Maths AL	systems of Equations
Xanthe Cave	3	Maths AL	Time Senes
Xanthe Cave	3	Maths AL	Formal Inference
Xanthe Cave	3	Maths AL	systems of Equations
Ruby Chandler	3	Maths AL	systems of Equations
Brittane Watson	3	Maths AL	systems of Equations

TAS Senior Examinations Timetable

Day	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Date	01 Sept	04 Sept	05 Sept	06 Sept	07 Sept
AM 9-12	L1 English	L1 Hospitality <i>Room 25</i>	L1 Science	L1 Drama	L1 - L3 Catchups
	L2 - Art <i>Room 19</i>	L2 Maths <i>AL class only</i>	L2 Health	L1 Health	L2 Hospitality Room 25 / 4 Hours
	L3 Biology	L3 Physics	L2 Physics	L2 Drama	L3 - Art <i>Room 19</i>
PM 1-4		L1 Geography	L1 - Art <i>Room 19</i>	L1 Maths <i>MCAT - MAG</i>	L1 - L3 Catchups
	L2 English	L2 Chemistry	L2 Biology	L2 Geography	
	L3 English	L3 Chemistry	L3 Geography	L3 Statistics	

Examinations will be in the school hall unless otherwise stated.

The exam sessions are for 3 hours. No-one may leave in the first 45 minutes or the last 15 minutes.

Art sessions are scheduled for students to work on their external portfolios.

Year 11-13 students are on exam leave during this period. The expectation is that they spend time revising and preparing.

School exams are important. Results may be used to help "derive" a grade when an exam is missed through illness or injury.

Feedback and reflection will help students learn what to continue working on and what you can do in preparation for the NCEA Externals.

Students are expected to be in school uniform for exams.

If students miss an exam for any reason the school office should be contacted as for any regular school absence.

Students should then use the Thursday Catch-up session(s) if possible.

NZQA Exam fees are due before 7 September. These are not part of your school fees. We recommend payment to our school bank account ASB 12-3115-0012400-000 with your name as a reference. Cash/cheque/eftpos payment may be made to the school office. If you qualify for financial assistance, please complete the form attached and return it to Mr Walton-Jones or the office before 1 September. Fees unpaid after the due date will need to be paid by the student/caregiver directly to NZQA with an additional \$50 late fee.

## MATHS WEEK—14 to 18 August 2017

Maths week is a very special week in all schools over the country - a week when the focus is on the wonderful subject of Mathematics.

At TAS we had maths problems in the daily notices each day. Students had to get the answers (with working) to me by the end of lunchtime each day - and those who did, went into a draw for \$3 hot chips. Congratulations to **AART LEWIS, SAMANTHA DUTTON, DANIELLE LUNN, and GEORGIA TAYLOR** who were last week's winners.

As well as the daily questions, a large group of students sat the **ICAS Maths Competition**, and on Friday we had a **Life of Pi mufti day** and the **Canteen sold pies** in tribute as well.

Thanks to all those who participated - trying the questions, sitting the ICAS, wearing mufti, to buying a pie.  
**Al Kirk**

## Word of the week

Kindness:

- **Aafje Schreuder** 7AA: We all have kindness within us, but not all of us show it in the same way.
- **Jenna Clement** 7AA: My mum was kind enough to let my puppy inside and sleep on her bed much to my cat's disgust.
- **Katelyn Mills** 12TAICJ: Never Judge a book by its cover and never judge an act of kindness; you never know how much effort and sacrifice someone went through to make your day better.

Vague:

- **Delphi Sturgess** 8AW: When i asked for a slice of cake, my mum was very vague as to how much I could have... more for me!
- **Katelyn Mills** 12TAICJ: If your interests are vague, people will find it very difficult to buy gifts for you; enjoy your socks and weird smelling soaps for christmas.

Inexorable:

- **Lauren Bollu**: I wish I had the imagination to write a good sentence, because Mrs Tor's determination for one is inexorable.



Photos from our Year 9 "MacBeth" Luncheon—based on the English novel they are studying.



Thank you Greg for the delicious lamb on the spit.







## POLAR BEAR SWIM RESULTS

*Andrea Cameron - Sport*

Congratulations to all the brave people who participated in the swim on Friday 11 August. Congratulations to Waka Teina who had the largest number of swimmers from a class.

I would also like to mention the senior class who had the most swimmers...Mr Kirks waka class...congratulations!

Congratulations to the waka with the highest number of participants will be the winner

In fourth place: Aotea

Third place: Tainui

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Arawa



And the winner of the 2017 Polar Bear challenge was: Takatikmu

Winter sports is coming to an end and it has been great to see so many Tauraroa Area School students out and about with sporting activities. We have a large number representing our school and local clubs.

We have our intermediate basketball teams competing at Kensington this week, next week we have students representing our school in badminton, cross country (Year 4-8), netball (Year 9 & 10) and the last clay shoot, which is being held at Mangapai, supporters welcome. Good luck to all those involved

The Year 7 and 8 students travelled to Bream Bay for the annual exchange. The students had a great time and represented our school with pride. Rugby had a loss but Netball won and football drew. Thank you to all the parents and senior students who helped with transport, officiating and coaching.

Our Year 9 and 10 boys basketball played in the Northland Schools division 2 competition and were placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, which is a fantastic result and down to great coaching by Glenn McDonald and the hard work the boys have been putting into practice and games.

As you can see we have been very busy and very successful in a range of codes, and we have more events coming up...so thank you everyone for your support and "see you on the side-lines"





### Collegiate hockey

Our season is coming to an end with the last game to be played on Monday 28th August. Our division 3 team have had some hard fought battles and lost their semi finals. They will be playing off for 3rd or 4th position at 6.30pm and our Division 4 team are playing in the grand final at 5.30pm.

They love to hear cheering for their team on the sideline and so support is very much welcomed.



# Duffy Books Leadership week at Waiotira Primary School.

16 August 2017



Our senior leaders **Kayla Paine** and **Alexander Grbavac** were invited to Waiotira Primary assembly to promote reading as a vehicle for learning and enjoyment. Kayla and Alexander shared how reading has benefited their education and made their goals for the future possible. The children were thoroughly engaged and enjoyed listening to them.

Primary Students were given the opportunity to ask questions, which they did and some of the questions are incredibly interesting and insightful.

The children presented our leaders with 2 beautiful books as a way of thanking them for their time and our students had the chance to present books to the students of the week who had been "caught being good".

We would like to thank Waiotira School for involving and welcoming us. Your school has a lovely vibe to it and we all left there feeling positive and ready to go back to school and put some of the children's enthusiasm in our own teaching and learning.



Duke of Edinburgh—Waitakere Ranges  
Silver DOE Students finishing their last trip before becoming Gold DOE students!!



Our school lunches can be ordered using Lunchonline. This is an online service where parents/ caregivers set up their own account, order lunch and pay online. The lunch is then delivered to school in time for our lunch break. Our Food Provider(s) offer healthy choices along with some treat options. So to view the menu or to set up an account and/or place an order.

We have a new range of snacks for sale at the office during interval and lunch break. The brand is **"Nothing Naughty"** and all items cost \$2 . Items available: pretzels, wasabi peas, trail mix, gluten free cookies, fruit bars, fruit & nut bars, popcorn, protein bars, con chips .....



### Music News

Remember to keep **20th September free for our TAS Creative concert at Forum North, 7pm**. This will include kapa haka, music groups, TAS Idol finalists, drama and dance performers.

NCEA students should be preparing their final solo performances for the last assessment evening on Monday the 25th of September.



**Waiotira Pony Club – Branch of Whangarei Pony Club  
Opening Rally (Unmounted)**

*Waiotira Hall (Ararua Road, Waiotira)*

*Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017 \* Time: 2-4pm*

*New and returning members \* pony club and adult riders.*

Come and join in to find out what we have planned this season.  
We have lots to offer our members and cater from lead rein to adult ride group.  
Low membership fees, great coaching, great facilities and great people.  
Contact: [waiotirapc@gmail.com](mailto:waiotirapc@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook

Country Day @ TAS 27 October 2017  
Whangarei Group Calf Club - Central Day will be held  
on Thursday 2nd November 2017—postponement  
date Friday 3rd November 2017.



**Maungaturoto • Waipu • Ruawai • Mangawhai**



**FREE Vaccination & Docking for Pet Day Lambs, Calves & Goat Kids**

Visit any one of our four clinics with your future champion and leave their preventative health needs to us. Lambs especially need their first vaccination from 3 weeks of age. Proudly supporting Calf Club & Pet Days again this year, our staff are always on hand to share tips & advice. We also carry a range of collars, leads & halters perfect for the big day.

AUT LIVE – The Most Open Day, is a day dedicated for our prospective student's to provide them with an opportunity to meet our academic staff, get comprehensive degree information (undergraduate and postgraduate), discover our incredible spaces and facilities and talk to the people who can assist with making their future study opportunities easier.

When **Saturday, 2 September** Time **10:30am**

Where **WG Building, Room: WG517, City Campus**

registration page <https://www.aut.ac.nz/live>

## **Dream Big Engineering Movie Night**

**Date:** Wednesday 6 September – 6.00 to 8.00pm

**Venue:** Event Cinema, Whangarei

This event is designed to inspire people to think about engineering as a career pathway. An opportunity for students, parents and whanau to hear more from current students and local engineers about opportunities within the engineering field.

## Coming Events:

28 August	Y7/8 Science Fair Forum North
31 August	Y4-8 WPSSA cross country champs Barge Park
31 August	Y9-10 netball Kensington
<b>1-7 September</b>	<b>Senior Exams</b>
3-8 September	Y10 Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre (Turangi)
<b>13 September</b>	<b>6:00pm Y10 NCEA information evening</b>
14 September	P5 Electoral candidates visit - public welcome
19 September	Y7-9 WPSSA Volleyball Kensington Stadium AC (10-15pax)
20 September	TAS Creative - Forum North
21-23 September	Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award Bronze group (Y9/10) Russell
22 September	Northland Primary Schools Cross Country (Dargaville)
22-24 September	Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award Gold Group Bay of Islands
25 September	Y11-13 Reports issued
26 Sept-12 October	Europe trip
27-29 September	Y8 Auckland Camp
<b>29 September</b>	<b>End T3</b>
29 Sep - 3 October	Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award - Gold group Kaimai Ranges
<b>16 October</b>	<b>Start T4</b>
19-21 October	DOE Bronze practice (Y9/10) BOI Urupukapuka
23 October	Labour Day holiday
27 October	Country Day
7 November	Last day of regular timetabled senior classes
9 November	NCEA Starts
30 November	Graduation Dinner
1 December	9-10 Reports issued
4 December	9-13 Prize giving (1:00pm)
13 December	Y0-8 Prize giving; End T4
<b>2018</b>	
30 January	First day of school -All Y11-13 + new Y 9/10 students
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