

From the Principal's desk

Nga mihi nui, kia koutou katoa,

I would like to congratulate the students from Tauraroa AS who represented Northland Area Schools at the NZ Area Schools Tournament held in Whangarei over the recent holiday break. A number of our students were chosen to compete in the NI v SI matches at the end of the event, with some gaining selection to NZ teams. See the sports results insert with this newsletter for details.

I am pleased to welcome Mr Paul Mephram onto our staff to cover the classes of Mr Don McDonald-Spice (Matua Tanara) who is travelling abroad on sabbatical leave for the next two months.

Ms Kyla Sneddon has been appointed to a long term relieving position for Mrs Ann-Marie Anderson's class (7AA) for Term 3. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Anderson and her family as she battles serious illness at this time.

Please let your contacts know about our Open Day on 24 August. This is an opportunity for prospective students (aimed at Year 6-8) to enjoy a 'taster' day at school and for parents to attend an information session and school tour in the evening.

The many facets of our school are functioning very well, with students enjoying a range of opportunities. In the next few weeks, our school band will be performing at the NZ Concert Bands festival (4 August), our senior drama class will be staging a play, science fair entries will be judged, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme activities will be underway, and our Y12 PE students will be visiting the Coromandel Peninsula. School teams will continue to compete in a number of winter codes. Through all this, however, it is most important that we 'keep our eye on the ball', with Year 11-13 exams scheduled for 1-7 September. I do ask that parents support their children in preparing thoroughly for these, with schedule study time and facilities available.

Heoi ano,

Grant Burns
Principal

Coming Events:

01 August Y11-13 NSSSA Basketball boys Kensington stadium

2 August Y7/8 TAS Science fair

3-4 Aug Concert Band performs at NZ festival in Whangarei

7-10 Aug 'Too Much Punch for Judy' Y12/13 Drama (6 shows/3 casts).

10 Aug Y11-13 NSSSA Basketball girls Kensington stadium

10 Aug Y7 to Snow Planet

11 Aug Polar Bear Swim

17-19 Aug DoE Silver qualifying journey

13-14 Aug Y12PE trip to Kauaeranga Valley Thames

15 Aug Y9-10 Girls Basketball tournament, Kensington

18 Aug Y9-10 Basketball boys Kensington stadium GM

24 Aug Open Day

24 Aug Y7-9 WPSSA girls/boys basketball Kensington stadium AC/GM

28 Aug Y7/8 Science Fair Forum North

31 Aug Y4-8 Whangarei Primary Schools cross country champs Barge Park

1-7 Sept Senior Exams

3-8 Sept Y10 Hillary OPC

19 Sep Y7-9 WPSSA Volleyball Kensington Stadium

20 September TAS Creative - Forum North

21-23 September DOE Bronze (Y9/10) Russell Top 10 camping ground

22 Sept Northland Primary Schools Cross Country - Dargaville Race course

26 Sept-12 Oct Europe trip

27-29 Sept Y8 Auckland Camp

29 Sep - 3 Oct DOE Gold Kaimai

29 September End T3

16 Oct Start T4

27 Oct Country Day

7 Nov Last day of regular timetabled senior classes

8-9 Nov Y9-10 exams

9 Nov NCEA Starts

12 Dec Y9-13 prizegiving; Leavers dinner

13 Dec Y0-8 Prize giving; End T4

Cornerstone Value: .

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

Do you need a garden shed? Our senior technology students will be building high quality garden sheds in this term. If you might be interested in purchasing one of these, please contact the school office or JK Hill..



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TAS Science Fair for Y7 and Y8 will be held at school on Wednesday 2 August. Students will need to bring their project to the hall first thing Wednesday and they need to be removed from the hall first thing on Thursday.

The Science Fair will be open for viewing on **Wednesday 2 August from 3.30 until 5.30** and parents, family and friends are warmly invited to come and see the wonderful work of our intermediate students.

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

IMPORTANT Please ensure that your **NCEA fees** are paid to the school by **25 August 2017**. Late fees will need to be paid to NZQA privately. If you are eligible for financial assistance please complete the financial assistance form. Do not hesitate to ask at the school office or you may download it from <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/entry-into-ncea/fees-for-ncea/financial-assistance/>

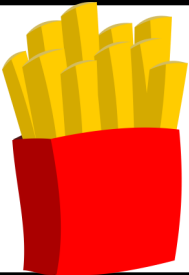
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Wearable art winners, please remember to bring your entry forms for the Bernina Fashion Awards in to Mrs Guest a.s.a.p.
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MISSING - Sports uniforms
Please check in your child's room, under beds, in wardrobes or still in their school bags and return them to school.



The **VPI students** spent a session looking at the value of research and it's importance for successful farming practices. This is just one aspect of the practical and theory based course they have enjoyed. If you have a child in Year 11 or 12 this year who is interested in primary industries, it would be a good time to chat with them about applying to be on the VPI course for 2018. If they are interested or you want to know more, please contact Andrea Cameron. Interviews will be held later in the year for prospective candidates.

The Year 7s are selling **Hot Chips** on **Wednesday 2nd and 9th August**, both at morning tea and lunch, to raise funds for their trip to Snowplanet.
\$3.00 a bag.
Please support us!



Congratulations to TAS old boy, **River Taylor Moore** as our first ever TAS gold award winner. 3 plus years of hard work.



Music News

Term Three is looking very busy for the music department. In week two our concert band, led by Kathleen Mulligan, will be attending the annual New Zealand Concert Band Festival at Forum North in Whangarei. Over 30 bands from around New Zealand will be performing and participating in workshops. At **5:30pm on Thursday 3rd of August** the New Zealand Youth Symphonic Winds of which Megan Burns is a member will be giving a concert at Forum North. Ashley Mansell will be performing a solo feature accompanied by piano on the Friday. On **August the 16th** our concert band and jazz ensemble will be touring our local contributing schools to give a concert and promote enrolments. On **September the 20th** our annual **TAS Creative** concert will be featured at Forum North. Many students from musical groups, drama and kapa haka will be performing. The final NCEA solo performance evening for **Y11-13 students will be on September 25th**.

POLAR BEAR SWIM
11th August Period 5

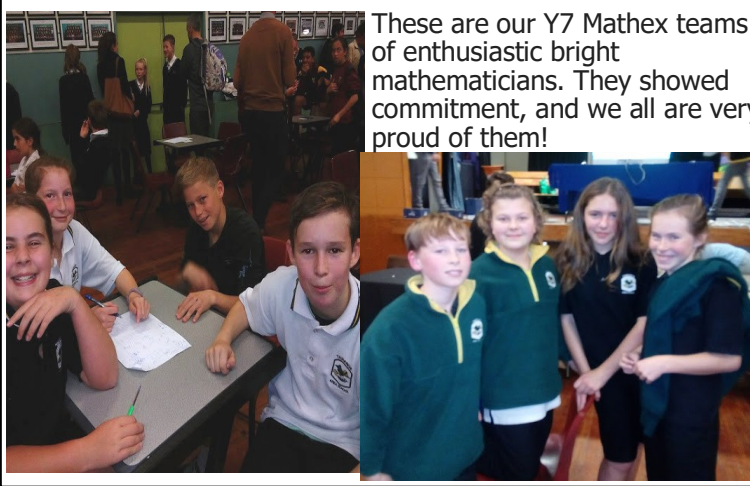


Bring togs and a towel and jump in to the icy pool.

Waka points up for grabs.

Hot chocolate for everyone who participates

These are our Y7 Mathex teams of enthusiastic bright mathematicians. They showed commitment, and we all are very proud of them!



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University of Auckland-Parent Information Seminar
2nd August @ 6.30pm, Level 2 Main Lounge, Toll Stadium.
The presentation will cover study options, entry requirements, scholarships, accommodation options, campus life and much more. Parents and students are invited to attend and they must register their attendance online via the following link:
www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/study-options/undergraduate-study-options/information-for-parents/parent-seminars.html

Student Wellbeing—parent information
For an interesting article on Relational Aggression with girls and their “frenemies” please go to <https://santamaria.wa.edu.au/girls-and-their-frenemies/>

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

2017 Character Hunt
Whangarei Central Library
Sunday 13 August 2017 10.30 - 12noon
All ages welcome, come along and hunt for storybook characters in the Central Library. Spot Prizes for children in costume. Great fun for the whole family.
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Public Health News!
Skin Infections & Sore Throats
Skin Infections, such as scabies and Impetigo (school sores) are common problems in school children. Public Health Nurses are able to assess children and treat uncomplicated skin infections and sore throats in school age children.
Strep A throat infections can cause Rheumatic Fever. A simple throat swab is all that is required and if positive then Antibiotic’s can be given. This preventable illness is prevalent in Northland and this initiative has been established to help prevent more cases.
This is a free service and free medication will be supplied. Parental consent will be obtained before we can swab or treat your child and your child’s GP will be informed of any treatment provided.
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
Primary students will have received a notice alerting you to lice in school. Please keep a look out for it in your child’s bag.