

Newsletter 7 April 2017

Kia ora koutou,

With the end of Term One fast approaching it is a great moment to reflect on a full and enjoyable first term at TAS. No doubt there are highs and lows for everyone, but I can honestly say there have been many occasions where our students have been wonderful ambassadors, doing themselves, their school and their families proud.

I want to especially mention our senior student leadership team who have made an excellent impact already. Our head students Alexander, Kohine, Xanthe and Joseph are strong leaders who serve whole-heartedly and lead by example. I was delighted that we were able to add Kayla Paine, Emily Evans and Jasmine Armstrong to our prefect team at our last assembly.

Just last weekend our competitive Shakespeare team achieved a wonderful result in winning the Pauline Wetton Trophy for Outstanding Direction at the Tai Tokerau Sheila Winn Shakespeare Festival. The team of Nadine Bishop, Danielle Ngakuru-Smith, Selena de Weyer, Jayden Lincoln, LJ Yearbury-Murphy, Sam Steed and Alexander Grbavac were superb. I would like to thank Tabitha Kaiser and Alister Williams for their work in preparing and directing this performance. The next stop is Wellington for the national finals. Just today we had the Ugly Shakespeare Company presenting to all our Year 5 to 13 students, which indicates again the commitment to learning Shakespeare at TAS.

Our most recent student group from Japan have just recently left us. The 20-strong group from the greater Tokyo area enjoyed their stay with us the feedback from the chaperone was that she was "blown away" by the home stay families and way people went above and beyond expectation. Thanks to all who participated in some way - there are powerful lessons for our students in engaging with our visitors at school and at home.

By all accounts the Year 9 Camp at its new venue of Pataua North was a great success. Thanks to Chris Townshend and his team of helpers for running a great and well-enjoyed camp. Year 1 to Year 6 have also recently completed their camping experiences. These are part of the framework here at TAS and I am very grateful for the hard work and the support of staff and parents without whom we could not keep running camps every year.

Our students generally wear their uniform well and with pride. I have noticed an increasing number of students in the new black polos. These look very smart! When a student is unable, for whatever reason, to wear correct uniform on any given day a note from home addressed to the waka or home room teacher is very helpful. We can sometimes help replace an item for a day or two, particularly shoes. Students are welcome to ask at the office for help with borrowing items.

Unfortunately, our wonderful tuck shop is having to close at the end of this term. We wish Josephine all the best in her future endeavours and thank her for her work at TAS over recent years. It is going to be hard to replace their wonderful, healthy sausage rolls! You do have the option of registering and ordering lunch online, for delivery every Tuesday and Thursday, beginning in Term 2 on 2 May. www.lunchonline.co.nz.

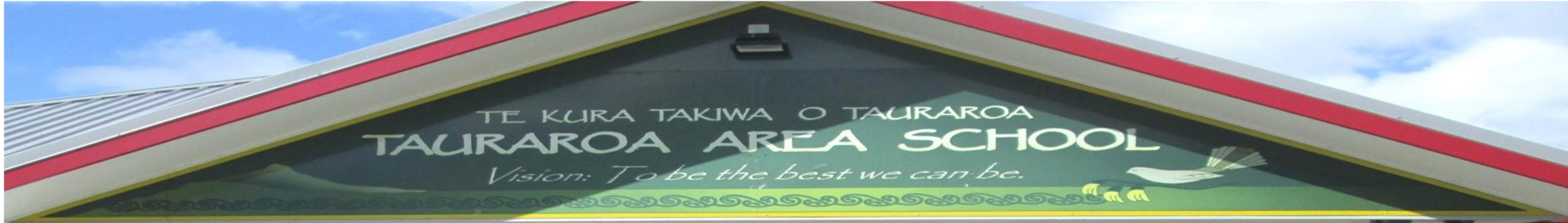
I wish everyone a safe and happy Easter and enjoyable two week break.

Heoi ano,

Peter Walton-Jones
Deputy Principal

Calendar

6 April :	Y11-13 NSSSA 7's finals
7 April:	Y12 Surfing from P4
10 April:	PTA meeting 7:30pm in the staffroom
11-12 April:	Y12 Hospitality NorthTec
11-12 April:	Prefect 'GRIP' leadership training Auckland, departing 1pm
12 April:	Te Tai Tokerau Kapahaka Bream Bay College) 4pm
13 April:	End of T1. P5 Assembly
13-17 April:	Silver qual. tramp Waikaremoana (hols)
18-22 April :	(school holidays) Maori Tourism Cultural Camp
24-28 April:	(school holidays) Auckland Hairdressing Gateway Course
1 May:	Start of T2
2 May:	Y11-13 Astronaut Talk
3 May:	Y10 to Waitangi
5 May:	Y10 Subject rotation
9 May:	Non-competitive Shakespeare
11 May:	Avondale College Y13 music performance
13 May:	Junior Kapa Haka International families day Forum North 1pm
15-19 May:	NASA Tournament
18-19 May:	Y13 to Uni trip (AUT, Massey & Waikato)
22 May:	ASB 'Get Wise' Financial literacy Y1-8
19 May:	Y11-13 Reports (followed by Academic Counselling meetings 20-30 May)
31 May:	Y11-13 Student Led Conferences 3:30-7:00pm
2-6 June:	Mid Term 4 day Break (Queen's birthday)



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PTA MEETING MONDAY 10 APRIL STAFFROOM 7:30PM

Easter Raffle

The PTA is running a raffle with all the proceeds going towards development of the Primary School play area. Please support us by donating an Easter item to go in the basket and **sell your tickets**. The raffle will be drawn on 12 April.

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 - letters have been sent home with details.

Year 13 students enjoyed Fritter Festival on 25 March as part of their analysis of a contemporary event from a geographic perspective.



Music News.

A reminder that students taking Music for **NCEA** have their solo performance evening:

Wednesday 12 April 7pm in the Music Department. Students who are away on the DOE trip will give their performances in school on

Friday 7th April
Students should have prepared an item on their solo instrument lasting between 2 - 3min. Whanau are encouraged to attend the evening to support the performers.

Next term sees the beginning of **TAS IDOL 2017** which for the first time will include instrumental performers, along with singers, rappers and beat boxers. The winners will get to perform in **TAS CREATIVE at Forum North 20th of September**

This year we have 150 students learning guitar, voice, trumpet, clarinet, flute, saxophone and drums through the itinerant music program. Please direct any queries to derek.hopper@tauraroa.school.nz.

As from the end of this term we will no longer have a **tuck shop** at school. Thank you **Josephine**, we will miss your scrumptious eats.

www.lunchonline.co.nz will deliver pre-ordered/paid lunches to school every Tuesday and Thursday @ 1pm. Register online and be ready to order for 2 May.

Reminder All visitors to report to reception please

For the safety and the protection of our students all visitors are to please report to the office.

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.

TAS wearable art competition 4 July

Entry forms will be available at the start of term two.



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



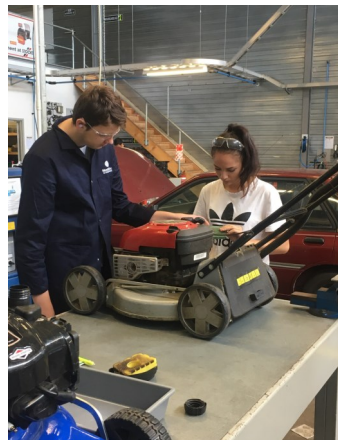
VPI Not just farming, preparing students for life.

The students from Tauraroa Area School and Otamatea and Whangarei Girls' High Schools learned about rodent pest control, biology and environmental impacts. A hands-on skills workshop, the trial included the students setting trap and bait stations in a variety of habitats. The course was held at Kiwi North in Whangarei and, like its possum and mustelid forerunners, offered participants the chance to earn NCEA unit standard credits.



VPI Working with NorthTec

As part of the 2017 VPI course, a partnership was established with our local Tertiary provider NorthTec. This partnership was established in order to create an opportunity for our students to experience and develop skills in a wide range of future trades.



I was fortunate enough to spend the morning with our students during their Automotive component. The focus of the lesson was on diesel engines and our students were tasked with servicing lawnmowers and chainsaws. I was impressed with their prior knowledge in this area as well as their enthusiasm to learn more and get the job done! **Allison McKellar**



Junior Kapa Haka Group will be performing at: International Families' Day Saturday 13 May at Forum North. Be there at 1pm to get ready.

Senior Kapa Haka Group will be performing at the: Te Tai Tokerau Festival Wednesday 12 April from 4pm at Bream Bay College.

Te Whanau O Tauraroa are meeting on **Wednesday 10 May at 7pm** in Kia Piri to discuss the Maori education plan and a possible trip for Senior Kapa Haka to Rotorua at the end of Term 2. All welcome. Bring something for supper.

SUP BRO Adventure Camp - Term 1 Holidays 2017
Dates: 21st - 23rd April Time: 9.30am Fri - 4.30pm Sun
Cost: \$200 (12 - 17yrs) \$220 (School / business representatives)
adventurecampnz@gmail.com - detailed info available at school office

40hr Famine Step out of your shoes and into the shoes of a Syrian refugee. The 2017, 40hr famine will take place in June of Term 2 and we would love for you to take part. There will be lots to do and a big goal to achieve. Keep an ear out for further information.

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/>

Parents/caregivers to all students

Student invoices have been sent out. Please let us know if you have not received yours. School payments may be made to: Tauraroa Area School Board of Trustees 12-3115-0012400-000 Please use the students name as a reference

Relay for Life

TAS was well represented by 40 students at the "relay for life" on the weekend. Well done to **Jay Wilson** for putting it together. This event could not happen without support. Thanks to everyone who did their bit to raise funds for cancer research.

A huge thanks to:

- **Trae Harrison**
- **Mike Winters-Dodd**
- **Hinemoa Edmonds**
- **Raymond Mansell**
- **Kayla Paine**
- **Fee Paine**
- **Steph Meuli**



Super effort to:

L.J Yearbury-Murphy for completing 260 laps

Tessa Grindle and **Paige Harrison** who walked all night so the others could rest, completing 206 laps together.

Emily Winters-Dodd, our own survivor completed 100 laps. (she was spotted running the track). Emily also raised \$250 to go to this worthy cause. A true inspiration!

Mike Winters-Dodd supporting the cause by clocking up 123 laps. Our grand (unofficial) count exceeded 3,200 laps. We have come away with some great ideas to make next year's relay even better.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Anyone aged 8 - 15 years old

WHEN & WHERE?

Term time 2017

Choose one or more of the following:

TUESDAY: WHANGAREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
4:00 - 5:30 (8 - 10 YEARS OLDS)
5:45 - 7:15 (11 - 15 YEAR OLDS)

WEDNESDAY: KAMO HIGH SCHOOL
4:00 - 5:30 (8 - 10 YEAR OLDS)

FRIDAY: WHANGAREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
4:00 - 5:30 (8 - 10 YEARS OLDS)
5:45 - 7:15 (11 - 15 YEAR OLDS)

CONTACT:

For details and info check out our website
WWW.NORTHLANDFUTSALACADEMY.CO.NZ
or contact Christian: 021 246 7328
christian@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz

TABLE TENNIS NORTHLAND



Table Tennis for children in Years 5-8

Table Tennis Stadium at Kensington Park.
When : Tuesdays 3.30-5.00pm from 9 May
Cost : \$40 subscription for a year or \$2 casual fee per session.
We have bats for sale or they may be hired for \$1.
Soft soled non marking shoes must be worn.
Enquiries Ph Julie Butel
4591453/0274503456

Squash

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

Computer courses for farmers

Keen to learn how to use your farm data to help your business?

Build confidence in using farm data with an introduction to Excel (spreadsheets)
(23 May 630-830pm) Tauraroa School Library
Course cost \$80
Spaces are limited so get in quick!

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