

Newsletter 23 Feb 2017

From the Principal's desk

Nga mihi nui, kia koutou katoa,

Our school year is off to a very positive start, with approximately 85 new students joining us, bringing our roll up to 540. It is very pleasing to see how quickly the school is settling into new routines and adopting our Cornerstone Value of 'Whaka-ute: Respect'. Our hangi last week was well supported and provided a great chance for teachers and parents to establish contact.

We have had a very busy couple of weeks to start the year. Our Year 13 Design & Visual Communications (DVC) class has visited Napier, taking in the highlights of Art Deco architecture. Under the leadership of our new Head of Sport, Andrea Cameron, we have enjoyed very successful Waka Toa, swimming and athletic sports (Years 9-13 at Kensington stadium).

School camps are now underway, with Year 7 at Rawhiti (near Russell), Year 11 at Tangihua Lodge and Year 13 at the Tongariro National Park. Other year groups will be taking part in camps before the end of term. I am very grateful to the many teachers and parents who make themselves available for these events.

I wish our students well as next week they represent us in Northland Secondary Schools swimming and volleyball competitions.

The visits of students from Japanese schools provided some real highlights in 2016, with a large number of families hosting these young people. These visits are a source of significant income for the school and bring a very enriching cultural experience to our community. We are receiving a group of 20 students and teachers 19-29 March. If you would like to host a student in your home for this period (or in the future), please contact our Director of International Students, Janine Burns.

I am pleased to announce that Ms Kathie Brown will now be joining our secondary English team in term 2, replacing Victoria Rudman who departed at the end of 2016. Kathie is a highly respected teacher with Head of Department and advisory experience in previous positions.

Heoi ano,

Grant Burns  
Principal

Upcoming events

20-24 Feb	13 (Tongariro) camps + Y7 Rawhiti
21-24 Feb	Y11 Camp Tangihua (DO, TK, SM, PT)
27 Feb	El Grego performance 0900 (y0-8); Student Council elections
28 Feb	NSSSA Volleyball
1 Mar	NSSSA Swimming—Dargaville Y7-13
2 Mar	Y11 PE Glenbervie Adventure Forest (PT)
2 Mar	NSSSA Volleyball
3 Mar	Y12 Surfing from P4
7 Mar	Y12 Waipu - Biology
13 Mar	P5 Assembly
10 Mar	Y12 Surfing from P4
13-14 Mar	Y11 PE Group 1 Rawhiti / Cape Brett
16-24 Mar	Life Education Trust
16 Mar	NSSSA Tack and Field Y9-13
17 Mar	Y12 Surfing from P4
17 Mar	Y10 Subject rotation
20-21 Mar	Y11 PE Group 2 Rawhiti / Cape Brett
20-21 Mar	Y1/2 camp Tangihua Lodge
20-22 Mar	Y12 Camp (Marsden Bay CC)
22-24 Mar	Y3/4 camp Tangihua Lodge
23 Mar	Y12 Road Safety day – Toll Stadium



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### Hitting the High Notes!

Congratulations to **Megan Burns** who was selected to be a member of the New Zealand Youth Symphonic Winds group in Wellington this year. They group met to rehearse for a week in January and will be the guest artists for the NZ Concert Band, who tour Northland in August this year. Megan is also to be congratulated for successfully completing her Grade 8, Trinity College Music Exam on trumpet.

### Music News

One hundred and forty-four students (25% of the school roll) have signed up for free musical instrument lessons at school this year. We have endeavoured to fit everyone in but some may have missed out if lessons are full. We will try and fit those students in as soon as we can. Students should bring home an information sheet explaining ways in which you can support your child with their home practice. Concert band practices have started on Wednesdays and Jazz band practices during Tuesday lunchtimes. Please email me if you have any queries.

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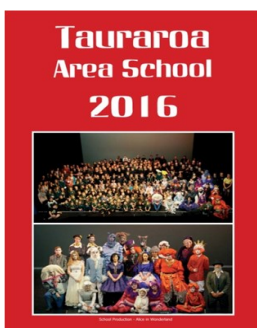
### Teen Ag

Northern Regional Final, Whangarei 18 March 2017. For more info. Go to [teenag.co.nz](http://teenag.co.nz)



### Te Whanau o Tauraroa

Thank you so much to all the people who donated food for our annual school hangi. It was a huge success. A special thanks to Ken and Gage Manukau, Crystal and Murray, and Matthew



2016 TAS yearbooks are available for purchase at the school office.

### The Latest Sporting News! - Please see insert for all the details :



### Year 9 Camp

Will take place at Pataua North this year. Monday 27 - Wed 29 March.

### Second Hand Uniforms

There are a limited supply of polar fleeces and jerseys for sale in the second-hand uniform store at Tauraroa.

### PTA

TAS PTA will be meeting this term but a date is still to be confirmed. Any new parents interested in becoming a member please contact [pta@tauraroa.school.nz](mailto:pta@tauraroa.school.nz) for further information.

### Sun's out, Guns out!

Congratulations **Carlisa McCarroll** who continues to succeed in the Clay Shooting discipline. Carlisa placed 1st in Triples and 1st in Single Barrel for C grade at the Northern Districts Championships on Waitangi Weekend and at the 2017 Bay of Plenty Provincial DTL Championships she managed:

1st C Grade Triples  
1st C Grade Point Score  
3rd C Grade Mini's  
3rd C Grade Single Barrel

She also finished:-  
2nd Junior Triples  
2nd Ladies Triples  
2nd Ladies Mini's

Anybody wishing to join the school shooting team or wanting a better understanding of what clay target is about, please contact Cherie on 09 4316440 or 021 262 6599.

### Waka Ama

Also, well done to **Jamal Archibald and Jaedin Goffin** who competed at the Waka Ama Nationals in Rotorua recently.

### International News!

Contact Janine 4322643  
email [international@tauraroa.school.nz](mailto:international@tauraroa.school.nz)

### Home-stays Required

Host families for students visiting from Japan still needed 19 - 29 March. Students are aged from 13-17 years - 11 girls & 9 boys! This is a great opportunity. New families are welcome!

### Welcome to Lara, Ayaka and Elias

This year we have welcomed 3 International Students into our school. Lara from Germany, Ayaka from Japan and Elias from Sweden. A big thank you to the families that are hosting these students. We can't do without you!

### NELE - Germany

Nele is a young student from Germany who will be with us from April - October 2017. She is looking for a homestay who can support her love of horses & riding! She is involved in Western Riding at present but is happy to be involved in anything 'horsey' while here. If you are interested in providing a home for her please contact Janine as above.

### Past students

University of Waikato Graduates 2016

Jessica Babe Luka Grbavac

Andre Shine

Congratulations! You make us proud.

### Tutors Needed

Tutor required for English, Spelling and Maths for a Year 7 boy. Approx 1.5hrs per week, price negotiable. French or Spanish tutor also required for an eight and an eleven year old boy, price negotiable.

### Tauraroa Kapa Haka

We have 2 large groups, a senior group lead by our senior students and a Junior group lead by Matua Tanara. The Senior group is performing at the Te Tai Tokerau festival at Bream Bay College at the end of the term and plan to have a trip to Rotorua at the end of Term 2.

The juniors are working towards performances at the Matariki festival in Term 2 and hopefully the usual performances at the Whangarei library.

### Community Notices

### Rental Property Needed

Anywhere near TAS or bus route. Up to \$450.00 per week, 3 bedroom or more, please phone Fee on 022 099 2591 or email [fee-paine81@gmail.com](mailto:fee-paine81@gmail.com)

### Wanted - House to rent

2/3 brm home Mid Western Area, young family with new twins are needing to relocate., Please call Diane on 4329580 if you can help.

### Urgent Accommodation Required

Self-contained accommodation is urgently required for a mother and her TAS daughter. Non-smoker, non-drinker, no pets. Good references. Phone Steph on 027 3922654.

### Mid Western Junior Rugby Rally Day

Thursday 2 March, 3-6pm at Mid Western Rugby Club: Under 6's - Under 17's. Please call Shelley on 021 43 2222 if you have any questions.



### School Expenses

School payments may be made to: Tauraroa Area School Board of Trustees 12-3115-0012400-000 Please use the students name as a reference

Setting up an automatic payment may help you manage school related costs easily. A regular weekly payment soon covers expenses.

School camps/trips are to be paid in full prior to activity date. Student invoices are to be sent out around the middle of March, please ensure that you receive yours.

TAS bus fees for Term 1 have been added accounts. If your child uses the TAS bus, please keep these fees paid.

### Workbooks

Savings made by the school's bulk purchase of workbooks are being passed on to the families. We ask that workbooks are purchased promptly to enable our learning and teaching Programmes to get underway. These items need to be paid for prior to use.

