



Nga mihi nui, kia koutou katoa,

We have enjoyed an outstanding start to the school year, with classes quickly underway and a number of special events completed.

Our hangi was attended by over 300 people, providing a great chance for parents to meet teachers in an informal setting. My sincere thanks to Matua Paora (Paul Mephram) and his team for catering so successfully. We are very grateful for the generous donations of food from many people.

Our school swimming sports and senior athletics were superbly organised and managed by our head of sport, Andrea Cameron. It was great to see students of all ages participating so enthusiastically.

Senior school camps are taking place this week, with Year 13 at the Tongariro National Park, Y12 at Marsden Point and Y11 at Tangihua Lodge. Primary classes will be enjoying their camps in the next few weeks. These events are only possible due to the extra work put in by our teachers.

These activities are designed to enhance the core function of our school, which is to challenge and support our learners to reach their potential. This goes beyond 'academic' skills alone, encouraging our students to be fully prepared and equipped to lead meaningful and contributing lives in our communities once they leave school.

Heoi ano,

Grant Burns
Principal

Coming Events:

5 March	Year 11PE Glenbervie Adventure Forest
6 March	Year 9 English to Pop Up Globe Auckland
6-9 March	Year 5-6 Camp Coopers Beach
20-21 March	Year 1-2 Camps, Parua Bay
21-23 March	Year 3-4 Camp, Parua Bay
12 March	Year 12 Biology to Waipu Cove
14-15 March	Year 11PE Rawhiti and Cape Brett Track - Group 1
15 - 17 March	Duke of Edinburgh Award: Silver BOI (leaving after school)
12-16 March	Year 7 Camp, Rawhiti
13 March	Year 8 HPV Dose 1
17-18 March	Relay for Life Trigg Arena
21-22 March	Rawhiti and Cape Brett Track - Group 2
22 March	RYDA driver training (Y12 whole day)
22 - 24 March	Duke of Edinburgh Award: Silver trip
24 March (Sat) Gala Day	
27-29 March	Year 9 Camp (Pataua N)
28 - 31 March	DOE Silver/Gold Kaimai Ranges Leaving 1pm
30 March - 2 April	Easter
13 April	End Term 1
30 April	Start Term 2
17 May	Drama students to Ugly Shakespeare
31 May	Teacher only day
1-4 June	Mid term break
6 July	End Term 2
23 July	Start Term 3
28 September	End Term 3
15 October	Start Term 4
12 December	End of school

STUDENT LED INTERVIEWS FOR YEAR 1 –10

Date: Tuesday 10th April (Week 11)
Time: 1:30pm-6pm (10 minute intervals)

Important information

School will finish at 1pm with early buses. We will provide supervision for those needing to stay until 3:10pm. Details of the online booking system will follow shortly.

Congratulations to **Emily Winters-Dodd** for achieving a 96% Distinction on her Trinity College Grade 2 Piano theory exam.

Both **Emily and Hannah Winters-Dodd** did their 3 hour grading for Karate over the December break with Emily passing Brown Belt level and Hannah passing Brown Belt with 2 Black Tips, which is only 1 grading away from Black Belt. Fantastic achievement!



Surf Life Saving – Northern Regions Championships
Emily Dainty and Sunniva Hunt represented Ruakaka club and made it through to the finals. **Sunniva** was awarded with a Gold medal for beach sprints and will be representing Ruakaka at the Nationals. **Sunniva Hunt** came 2nd in the <12 women's beach sprints this weekend. competition which is an amazing achievement.



Sponsoring the DOE programme run through Tauraroa Area School.



School-gen's Energising Young Minds competition. You could help us win \$25000, \$15000 or \$10000 to spend on school science or tech equipment. You can vote for your school here <http://www.schoolgen.co.nz/voteforyourschool/> Remember, you can vote once a day up until voting ends on 2 April.

Afternoon tea with the DP is a special occasion held once a week for the children that have done something awesome. — Mr Mouat

Tauraroa Area School Gala

Saturday 24th March
Time: from 10am - 2pm,

The PTA would like to hear from anybody that has items to donate, any item suitable to raffle or be given as spot prizes, or if anyone would like to hold a stall on the day. Please contact Rita Tel:0275143863 raymondritamansell@gmail.com

Congratulations, **Sam Trimble** for graduating with a Bachelor of Arts and **Abby Chambers** with a Bachelor of Social Studies at Waikato University.

TAS Bus

You will require a ticket to travel on the TAS bus, including the trip to Maungakarama for sports. \$10 for a ticket for 10 trips. Available at the office.

**STUDENT ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS**

The School office holds an account of the items that you have agreed to, under your child's name. This will include camps, trips, workbooks etc. You will receive regular statements of this account to keep you informed of payments required. Please keep this account current. Our school does not ask for donations. We do ask that you cover the cost of any school workbooks and consumable materials that are provided and activities that you have agreed to your child taking part in. Your payment options:

- transfer directly **Tauraroa Area School Board of Trustees Bank account ASB 12 3115 0012400 000**,
- bank card (credit cards not accepted) at the school office
- cash in a clearly marked envelope

Weekly automatic payments of an appropriate amount will quickly clear any debt.

We have a responsibility to accurately record absences and the reason for an absence. Please remember to phone or email us if your child is absent from school.

It is important to keep your contact details up to date please. If you have had any changes to your contact details, please let us know immediately.

Coaches needed

Looking for a challenge this year? Become a coach We are looking for coaches across the board / years and codes. Please contact the school if you are interested or if you know anyone that would like to coach. Nga mihi nui.

Maungakarama JMC Hockey 2018

Rally date Sunday 10TH March
Years 1-8 @ 10am
Come along to sign up for a hockey team or just to see what we are all about, the more the merrier and bring your gear ready for a run around, all abilities and ages welcome. Can't wait to see you there. If you require any information please contact Jena 021473380.

Mangakahia Junior Rugby Rally Day

Will be held on Saturday 17 March 2018 from 10am-12pm at the Mangakahia Complex. For more information contact Kylie Livingston on 021 122 7063.

**Mid-Western Swimming Club**

Well it is that time of year again, Swimming Lessons have started again for 2018! Come along on Tuesday the 13th of February at 3:30pm. Don't forget to bring goggles, caps, togs and towels.

Hope to see you there!

For more information contact
Crystal 022 325 5886
Ariana 022 128 2092

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Music News

Students wishing to learn a musical instrument at TAS need to get a form from Mr Hopper or the School Office to fill out. Instruments available are trumpet, flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar, bass, drums and vocals. Lessons are free although if you need to hire an instrument, it is \$20 per term.

Please support our concert band fundraiser at the Mangapai Hall Market on Sunday 4th March, from 9 -11am. There will be tea and delicious bakes available for sale.

Ta Da Drama and Musical Theatre Classes

Enrol your child in the one stop shop for musical Theatre-learn singing, acting, dancing all in one place! Parents reclaim your time! Kids - Love it! Classes in Whangarei and Bream Bay. We have something for everyone, details on our website www.makingascene.co.nz

**CRICKET**

We are back into cricket for the new year....games started on 10 February. Practices are at the Maungakarama sports fields after school on a Thursday afternoon. We need more players! If your child is interested in playing please contact Kelvin Hucker 0211533957.

North Kidz
Local Childcare 0-5 years
25 years experience
Quality care
Low rates \$5 per hour
Subsidies available!
Phone Judy 021 116 9161



Mid Western Rugby are desperately looking for volunteers to organise our Junior Rugby and fill the positions of JMB delegate and IMB delegate. If you are interested please call or text Carl Gunson on 0274441216.

Waiotira Domain Board AGM

followed by

Waiotira Hall Meeting

When: Monday 19th March
Time: 7pm
Where: Waiotira Hall
All Welcome

Mangapai Hall Summer Market

Sunday March 4 9am to 1 pm

Fun, food, entertainment, fresh local produce and much more.

To book a space phone Jessie 027 3858097

KICKSTART BREAKFAST PROGRAMME AT TAS

The Kickstart Breakfast in schools programme is beginning at TAS this year in week 4, Term 1.

What is it?

Fonterra and Sanitarium partnered in Feb 2009 to provide a free school breakfast of Anchor milk and Sanitarium Weet-bix to all New Zealand schools who are eligible.

What does TAS contribute?

It's up to our school community to provide bowls, spoons, a central location, food storage facilities and of course the people to run the breakfast club. We will be asking our senior students to help run the programme. It will operate EVERY INTERVAL from the canteen and it's available to ANY student at ANY year level. Who doesn't love a FREE brekky?

Why is it beneficial to our students?

Schools say KickStart Breakfast clubs are not only helping children nutritionally but is also making a positive impact on learning behaviour. In school research shows;

- Children are happier, have more energy and are able to concentrate longer
- Children are no longer eating junk food at morning tea
- The club provides a great environment for children to socialise together
- The older children are taking on responsibility and looking after the younger ones

What can you, the community, do to help?

We'd love to be able to provide free fruit to our students as part of the programme. If you have fruit trees with an abundance of produce, please send some along to the school.

If you have breakfast bowls and dessert spoons sitting around, gathering dust, we'll happily take them as donations too.

Lastly, who doesn't love some Weetbix with tinned fruit? If you would like to donate tinned fruit, we'll gratefully take your offerings.

If you have any questions, please contact anna.pascoe@tauraroa.school.nz.