

Tauraroa Area School



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Cornerstone Value Term 4:

Aaro-nui / Consideration and Concern for Others: To be kind, thoughtful, and to consider the interests of others.

SECURITY NOTICE

ALL VISITORS
MUST REPORT TO
RECEPTION

Newsletter

1 November 2018

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Please 'Like' our Facebook page or visit the school website for ongoing updates of school activities

Coming Events

2 November	Last day for seniors
5-6 November	Year 9-10 Exams (Timetable pg 8)
8 November	Year 9-10 boys and girls hockey (Kensington)
3-16 November	Hiroshima HS (8 students) visit
7 November	NCEA exams begins
12 November	Athletics Year 0-6 12:30 - 3:10pm
16 November	Athletics postponement day
20 November	Zone Athletics Years 4-6
21 November	Year 7/ 8 Athletics 12:30 - 3:10pm
23 November	Year 7 /8 Athletics postponement date
23 Nov - 6 Dec	Kaisei HS visit (Japan)
23 November	Year 7-8 Touch Kaikohe
25 November	Drama - NCEA moderation pm performances
30 November	Kowhai Trip
3 December	1:00pm Year 9-13 Prize giving
4 December	Leavers' Dinner
4-7 December	Cornerstone Values Week
11 December	9:30am Year 0-8 prize giving last day of term

2019

29-30 January	Teacher only days
31 January	First day of school (Y11-13, New 9-10)
1 February	All Y1-10
6 February	Waitangi Day
8 February	TAS Swimming
19-22 February	Year 7 Camp
22 February	TAS Athletics
25 Feb - 1 Mar	Senior camps
2-5 April	Year 0-4 @ Tangihua Lodge
12 April	End of Term 1 (19-23 April Easter)
29 April	Start of Term 2
3 June	Queens Birthday (Monday)
5 July	End of Term 2
22 July	Start of Term 3
27 September	End of Term 3
14 October	Start of Term 4
11 December	End of Term 4

We still need more host families for Japanese students—page 7

Message from the Principal



Last week, the achievements of senior students who have successfully completed trades and Gateway courses were celebrated at an awards dinner. The event brought together training providers, employers, students and staff in a wonderful example of true community collaboration. Our students have done extraordinarily well, with many moving directly into employment, apprenticeships or further training. Congratulations to the prizewinners for their exceptional accomplishments. My thanks go to the many TAS staff who have worked so hard and creatively to create these practical courses for students.

Our school was well represented at last week's ASB Northland Secondary Schools Sports Awards, with Carlisa McCarroll and Skye Martinac winning the girls and boys Clay Target Shooting titles respectively. Conner Guest won the boys rugby award as well as the over Area Schools Sportsman of the Year title. These are wonderful achievements for our high performing students.

Year 13 student, Llewelyn (LJ) Yearbury-Murphy has been selected for the 2019 Shakespeare Globe Centre NZ Young Shakespeare Company. This means flying over to England in July 2019 for 3 weeks to learn about Shakespeare and perform at the Globe with 23 other talented New Zealand performers. LJ was chosen following the award winning performance by our drama students at the NZ final of the University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival. Anyone wishing to support LJ financially may do so through the school or directly to the bank account shown later in this newsletter.

Country Day was, again, a very successful event, albeit on a much smaller scale this year due to the cancellation of bovine classes. A number of students have gone on to represent the school and the Whangarei Central Agricultural Day (1 November). I congratulate all the students (and their supportive parents) for the success achieved with rearing and training lambs and kids. This is something that takes a sustained commitment and embodies our Cornerstone Values very effectively. The high standard of artistry, evident in the floral displays and other craft work, was brilliant. Again, I wish to thank the students, their parents and teachers for all the work that went into this.

As is often the case, we are bidding 'farewell' to a number of teachers. Leaving us at the end of this term are Maria Quin (retiring), Alister Williams (retiring), Evgenia Kern (to Stratford HS), Peter Walton-Jones (NZQA, Wellington) and Sarah Morris (change of career). I will be saying much more about the contributions each of these teachers have made to the school in coming weeks. I wish them each every success as they enter new chapters of their lives. I am very pleased to announce that we have appointed Gayle Perry (Health/PE) and Pauline Cant (Y8) as new teachers for 2019. We are currently undertaking the appointment process for the other positions.

This is our final week of scheduled classes for NCEA (Y11-13) students. I wish them every success as they enter into these important exams. Many will be returning to school for extra tutoring from their teachers in coming weeks.

Heoi ano,

Grant Burns
Principal

Students achieving excellence endorsements

Level 1

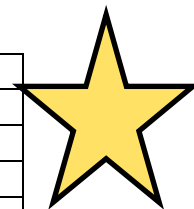
Alice Weatherall	Music Works
Alice Weatherall	Wider Reading
Angharad Yearbury-Murphy	Music Works
Angharad Yearbury-Murphy	Wider Reading
Carlos Groot-Meredith	English Formal Writing
Daniel Etherington	English Formal Writing
Emily Mills	Wider Reading
Emily Mills	Level 1 Wider Reading
Hope Watson	Level 1 SRD Horticulture
Jaedin Goffin	Level 1 SRD Horticulture
Jaime Coles-Gollop	Level 1 SRD Horticulture
Jared Mills	Geography
Jared Mills	English Formal Writing
Jatarla Absalom	Level 1 Wider Reading
Jatarla Absalom	Wider Reading
Jonti Findlay Jones	English Formal Writing
Josh Marker	Level 1 SRD Horticulture
Louwrence Dithobiso	English Formal Writing
Matthew Liggett	Music Group Performance
Matthew Liggett	Wider Reading
Matthew Liggett	Level 1 Creative Writing
Michayla Kennedy	Level 1 SRD Horticulture
Paige Harrison	Wider Reading
Paige Harrison	Level 1 Formal Writing
Paige Harrison	Level 1 Wider Reading
Paige Walker	Geography
Paige Walker	English Formal Writing
Paris Haumaha	Level 1 SRD Horticulture
Stacy Matthews	Music Group Performance
Stacy Matthews	Wider Reading
Tahleah Green	Level 1 SRD Horticulture
Tamaragh Potter	English Formal Writing
Tobin Chandler	English Formal Writing
Tobin Chandler	English Connections

Level 2

Caeley Barfoote	English Analysis of Film
Cassandra De Weyer	English Analysis of Film
Cole Whitaker	English Analysis of Film
Kauri Parker	English Analysis of Film

Level 3

Grace Hodgson	Level 3 Writing
Hami Delahoya	Level 3 Writing
Jayden Lincoln	Level 3 Writing
Katelyn Mills	Level 3 Writing
Leah Gunson	Health Analyse a NZ Health issue
LJ Yearbury-Murphy	Level 3 Writing
Megan Burns	Level 3 Writing
Miriam Ashcroft	Level 3 Writing
Nina Spick	Music Solo performance
Rheanna Bettin	Health Analyse a NZ Health issue



Good job!



Process for confiscation/removal of an item

Uniform:

- Waka teachers should address incorrect uniform items with students during waka time.
- Students can take incorrect item off and put in bag. If this happens regularly, waka teacher should confiscate.
- Students should be sent to the office to replace any non-uniform items that can not be taken off. If the item cannot be replaced a member of SMT or Dean will issue a uniform pass.
- Any student in incorrect uniform will have their item confiscated (by any teacher) if they do not have a uniform pass.
- The teacher needs to log the item at the main office. The student details and date of return should be put in the carbon copy log book and the top page (white) should be given to the student.
- non-uniform items will be returned at lunch time, a week to the day the item was confiscated.

Mobile phones, music devices and BYOD etc:

- These items should not be seen or heard during waka and class time, without teacher permission for use in an educational activity. Students not following this rule will have their device confiscated.
- The teacher needs to log the item at the main office. The student details and date of return should be put in the carbon copy log book and the top page (white) should be given to the student.
- Devices will be returned at lunch time, the following the day.
- If this is a regular occurrence a longer confiscation time will apply.

Lost Property

The lost property box is overflowing with unnamed/unclaimed items of school uniform. Please mark your children's clothing for easy return. If they have lost an item of clothing please enquire at the office about the lost property box of clothing in LSU.



Medical—asthma inhalers

If your child uses an asthma inhaler, where possible, please leave one at the office. We rely on the inhalers being available if your child needs one and have left theirs at home.



Uniform

To help our students meet uniform requirements and stay warm, our office sells a range of new and used uniform items. These include:

- new black beanies (\$3)
- thermal tops (\$10)
- shoes (\$5) (yes - just \$5)
- socks (\$2)

..... as well as used jackets and jerseys.

Fundraising opportunity spots available.

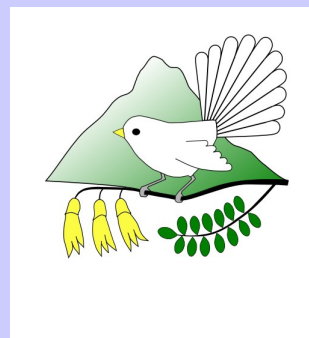


Board of Trustees

The board meets twice a term to discuss the governance of the school, including setting and monitoring progress towards annual goals.

Meetings are held in the school library, to which the public are invited. In Term 4, meetings are scheduled for 5:30pm on 29 October and 3 December.

Board members are Susan Skelton (Chair), Grant Burns (principal), Ringi Smith, Paul McCarroll, Mat Alford, Rachel Mason, Tania Papalii, Susan Karels, Rachel Hill (staff rep) and Carlisa McCarroll (student rep). The board secretary is Elaine Pienaar.



Thank you to Megan Burns for her role as student rep for 2018 and welcome to Carlisa McCarroll who will represent the students from now and through 2019.

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.

Music News. Last week students and staff from TAS took part in the annual Daffodil Day Concert for Hospice put on by Opera North. On stage were Alister Williams, Debbie Graham, Keith Cave, Maria Quin, Chris Townshend, Kathleen Mulligan, Allison Rangi and Grant Burns from among the staff and student performers were represented by Sam Parry, Ashley Mansell, Megan Burns and Jonah Werhan. With the close of year approaching fast school music groups are preparing for performances for prize-givings. These will involve the concert band, jazz band and senior choir (December 3rd). This summer I am doing a stock take of our hire instruments and will require all rental instruments of students not performing in prize-giving to be returned by the end of week six.

By Derek Hopper



WOW

Sporadic

Phoebe Sephton - Year 6

'My dog is a very sporadic listener, you never really know if she'll actually listen.'

Varya Kern - Year 7

'Despite the teachers very best efforts, the amount of children actually doing their work was sporadic.'

Mannix Marshall - Year 8

'The word of the week draw is supposed to be sporadic, but I think it's rigged because it's always the teachers favourite students.'

Suave

Liam Seaman - Year 6

'My mum always looks suave when she goes out to dinner.'

Lizzie Murray - Year 8

'I am extremely suave to my parents when I want to get out of doing the dishes.'

Ray Petrie - Staff

'I have sporadically been described as suave and sophisticated.'

word of the week

Samantha Tinsel competed against 42 other 13-18 year olds for a spot on the St John National squad. 23 spots were available and I'm super proud to let you know she was offered a spot. This means at the beginning of next year she will be trained to the level of a First Responder and in April will compete against 10 other teams from around New Zealand.



Tauraroa Area School

.... have a position available for a School Bus Driver.

- During term time only
- 16 hours per week: 1 ½ hours from 7:15am and 1 ½ hours from 3:15pm



If you are interested, please ring the office on 4322643 for further information.

International News

We are in for a very busy November with 2 groups of Japanese students visiting. Thank you to all the families that are hosting students. It is really appreciated.

We still need more host families to host Japanese boys with the 2nd group arriving here 23 November - 6 December. Host families are paid and will receive \$455 for the 13 nights accommodation.

2019 - we have several students requiring longer stay host families. Stays range in length from 8 weeks through to 11 months. This is a wonderful way of meeting a young person from a different culture and sharing our way of life and country. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Janine for more details.



Safety Tips For Kids with Phones and Other Devices

Over the last while there have been several instances where students have been discovered sending and receiving unpleasant messages to each other. We take a very dim view on this and have a very robust cyber safety agreement that all students sign. Too many students are becoming "keyboard warriors" and saying things via social media they would not say directly to someone.

All Year 7 & 8 students were spoken to about this issue this week to dispel any confusion in this matter.

It is vital that all our young people are open and transparent about their social media use. Below are some guidelines that could help this at home:

1. Phones and other devices should not be charging in bedrooms at night. Have a central point where they are all charging together. Too many unpleasant messages are being sent late at night.
2. Parents and carers should know the passcode for childrens' devices. They have the right to examine the contents of the device at any time.
3. Young people should share the contents of their devices with parents and carers on a regular basis.
4. Young people should report any unpleasant messages immediately and not get involved. It is helpful if they can take a screenshot that we can use as evidence.

Obviously this is not an exhaustive list but merely a start. It is important that these conversations are taking place at home to make the cyber world a safer place for our young people.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me via email:

andy.mouat@tauraroa.school.nz

Thank you
Andy Mouat

Year 9 and 10 Exam Timetable

Date	Exam	Time
Mon 5/11	Year 9 English	Per 1 and 2
	Year 10 English	Per 3 and 4
Tues 6/11	Year 9 Social Studies (+Y10 Eng catch-up)	Per 1 and 2
	Year 10 Maths	Per 3 and 4
Wed 7/11	Year 10 Social Studies (+ Y9 catch-ups)	Per 1 and 2

All other Year 9 and 10 classes run as per the usual timetable.

Please note that Year 9 Maths classes will have end of year assessments in class around this time. Also Year 9 and 10 Science students can expect to complete a "Thinking with Evidence" online Science assessment in class soon.

Head lice

How can I tell if my child has head lice?

Your child may have an itchy scalp, especially around the nape of the neck, crown and ears. You may see live lice on the scalp, or hard, pale grey or yellow-white eggs (nits) like grains of salt attached to the hair, close to the scalp. Or the first indication you may have is when the school tells you there's an outbreak.

How do I treat them?

The key to dealing with lice is to check, treat and inform.

1. Check: check your child's hair regularly - once a week is a good guide. Schools don't do checks so it's up to you to check at home.

2. Treat: If you find live lice or unhatched eggs, treat your child as soon as you can. Your chemist can advise you on the best way to deal with the problem.

3. Inform: Let the school know when your child has lice or nits. They can then tell other parents that there is an outbreak, so everyone can check and treat their own children.

Will my child have to stay away from school?

You don't need to keep your child at home while you're treating lice either.

How can I stop my child getting head lice?

Head lice is really common in children. There are some things you can do to help prevent them:

- brush your child's hair every day (or remind them to do this)
- don't share brushes, combs, towels or hats
- check your child's hair for lice regularly, and act straight away if you find any
- you don't need to shave your child's hair, but it can help to keep it short or tied up when at school.

What can I do if my child keeps getting re-infested?

It is very frustrating when you have treated your child and find they keep getting re-infested. It's also common for children to re-infest themselves - it only takes a stray nit or lice to start the cycle again. Make sure you complete any treatment, keep checking, and follow the prevention tips.



SAFETY IN THE SUN

Protect tamariki from harmful UV radiation by being SunSmart, particularly between September and April

- ♥ **Slip** on a long-sleeved shirt and keep in the shade
- ♥ **Slop** on sunscreen 20 minutes before going outside, even on cloudy days. Ensure it is broad-spectrum, water resistant SPF 30 + sunscreen
- ♥ **Slap** on a wide-brimmed hat or cap with flaps
- ♥ **Wrap** on close-fitting sunglasses
- ♥ Take special care of babies - their skin is delicate so cover them up and protect in the shade
- ♥ Teachers and whānau should slip, slop, slap and wrap too as healthy role models




For more information, visit sunsmart.org.nz