

Tauraroa Area School



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Please keep a look out for the Country Day Raffle tickets which your child will be bringing home.

Cornerstone Value:

*Whakarongo / Obedience:
"To comply with rightful authority"*

While 'obedience' is a little-used word these days, it is essential in allowing us to enjoy the freedom of living in a country where the rule of law is upheld. Obedience to rules on the road, on the sports field, in the home and at school provide safe, fair environments where individual rights are upheld.

Newsletter

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Coming Events:

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

27 Sep - 2 October	Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award - Gold expedition: Mt Taranaki
28 September	End Term 3
15 October	Start Term 4
18 October	Year 13BIO Trip Auckland zoo
25 October	Year 7 trip to Whangarei library and Shiraz Restaurant
26 October	Country Day and Year 9-10 Touch in Kaikohe
31 October	Northland Secondary Schools Special Olympics Athletics
01 November	Whangarei Central Agricultural day
2 November	Last day for seniors
8 November	Year 9-10 boys and girls hockey (Kensington)
3-16 November	Sister school visit: Hiroshima HS (home hosts required for 8 students)
7 November	NCEA begins
11 November	Armistice Day commemoration, Whangarei
13 November	Year 0-8 athletics at TAS
23 Nov - 6 Dec	Kaisei HS visit (28 students - home hosts required)
23 November	Year 7-8 Touch Kaikohe
3 December	12:30pm Y9-13 Prize giving. All welcome!
4 December	Leavers' Dinner
4-7 December	Cornerstone Values Week
5 December	Year 7-8 Adventure Forest (TBC)
11 December	Year 0-8 prize giving, End of School

2019

31 January	First day of school for all Y11-13 and NEW Y9-10
1 February	All Year 1-10
6 February	Waitangi Day
19-22 Feb	Year 7 camp.
25 Feb - 1 March	Year 11-13 Senior camps
2-5 April	Year 0-4 camps @ Tangihua Lodge
12 April	End of Term 1
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

SECURITY NOTICE

**ALL VISITORS
MUST REPORT TO
RECEPTION**

We are keeping our students safe. Parents/caregivers/whanau are NOT permitted on the school grounds during school hours.

From the Principal's desk

Nga mihi nui, kia koutou katoa,

Our annual TAS Creative concert was staged at Forum North on 12 September. The superb evening featured more than 100 instrumentalists, vocalists and dancers of all ages from our school. The 'TAS Got Talent' final was included in the show and won by vocalist Angharad Yearbury-Murphy. I am very grateful to Mr Derek Hopper for producing the event and the many teachers, tutors, parents and friends of the school who supported the it so enthusiastically.

Along with the other 12 schools in our Kahui Ako (aka Community of Learning), our teachers are receiving training in the 'Write That Essay' approach to teaching writing skills. We have tested all Year 3 - 11 students to allow us to analyse strengths and weaknesses in this area. In coming weeks and months we look forward to seeing very real progress in our students' writing, as solid fundamental skills are put in place.

Term 3 has been very busy and successful for our school, with too many highlights to list here. Congratulations to our VPI (Vocational Primary Industries) students who have now completed their Level 2 and 3 NCEA course. Our Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award programme has continued to provide wonderful outdoor opportunities for students. Field trips have been undertaken by Geography students, along with the Year 8 and Year 10 camps. Senior students have enjoyed trades-based short courses and have recently completed their school exams.

Numbers have been growing rapidly in our New Entrant/Year 1 classes, with 33 students now in our 'Waka Teina' (compared with 18 at this point last year).

A challenge our school faces, along with many others, is student transience. In the past 12 months, we have enrolled 119 new students, while growing the roll by just 7. We work hard to ensure new students feel genuinely welcomed while adjusting to our school culture and values. Research shows that changing schools often has a detrimental impact on student progress, so I encourage parents to avoid changes of schools for their children whenever possible.

I trust everyone enjoys the upcoming term break - and wish our shooting teams success as they compete at the NZ Clay Target competition in Christchurch. Senior students will only have three weeks of school in the new term before NCEA external exams get underway...

Heoi ano,

Grant Burns
Principal / Tumuaki



Families Required to Host International Students

We have two groups of Japanese students visiting during November and *we urgently need host families!* Both groups will be with us for just under two weeks. If you have a spare bedroom and would be interested in opening your home to a student, please contact the school as soon as possible. New families are most welcome!

Host families are required to undergo a Police check and need to provide the student with a private bedroom and 3 meals per day. The students will be attending school or going on day trips during the school week. At weekends they have free time to spend with their host families.

Families are paid an allowance for hosting.

This is a great opportunity to share our kiwi culture and to learn about a new one. Life-long friendships can be made by these visits. The school also makes a significant financial gain by these students coming. Previously these funds have been used for purchasing major items such as the school vans and new wood technology machinery.

This will be the last opportunity to host a student from a group visit for at least 12 months as we will be having a rest from visiting groups in 2019!

Long term students

We are also looking for expressions of interest to host longer term students. We have several students booked to come and study at TAS in 2019. Duration is from 1 to 3 terms. If you are interested in hosting a longer stay student please contact us.

Email Janine Burns at international@tauraroa.school.nz or phone 027 3403185 or contact the school office 432 2643. We would love to hear from you soon!!

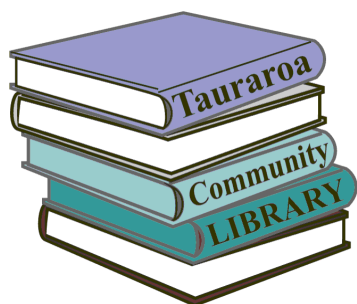
Term 4—Students, don't be late to class

In Term 4 we will be targeting lateness to class. To that end, we will be trialling a new bell system, as follows:

A bell at 9.50 signals the end of Period 1. Students then have 5 minutes to get to their next class before a second bell, at 9.55, signals the start of Period 2. Students who arrive to class after this bell will officially be late and consequences will ensue.

The same system will happen at the end of Period 3. The 1st bell will ring at 12.10 signalling the end of the lesson and Period 4 will start when a second bell rings at 12.15.

Thursday bells will vary slightly in the morning due to extended waka. A bell will ring at 9.50 signalling the end of Period 1. A bell at 9.55 will signal the start of Period 2.



PARENTS/CAREGIVERS - The Community Library is for YOU

Did you know that you are able to borrow books from the Tauraroa Community Library which is housed in the School Library?

It is FREE to the community which includes YOU!

The library is open during school hours. There are adult fiction, magazines, non-fiction etc – unlimited time for as many books as you want to borrow. We are always happy to purchase/obtain requests. Looking forward to seeing you.

Students achieving excellence endorsements *Good job!*

Level 1

Angharad Yearbury-Murphy	Static Image	
Daniel Etherington	Film Essay	
Daniell Lunn	DVC	
Emily Mills	DVC	
Emily Mills	Static Image	
Gabrielle Saunt	Static Image	
Ian Caie	Digital Technologies	
Jatarla Absolum	Static Image	
Kaprice Dobbs	Static Image	
Keeley Lunn	DVC	
Louwrens Dithobiso	Formal writing first attempt	
Matthew Ligget	DVC	
Matthew Ligget	Digital Technologies	
Max Woolhouse	Static Image	
Nakisha Blackburn	DVC	
Paige Harrison	DVC	
Paige Harrison	Static Image	
Paige Walker	DVC	
Paige Walker	Mathematics	
Tahleah Green	Static Image	
Tamaragh Potter	Lvl 1 Formal writing first attempt	
Tamaragh Potter	Produnction of a Visual text (static Image)	
Tamaragh Potter	Film Essay	
Zion O'Leary	Static Image	
Ethan Walton Jones	Digital Technologies	
Level 2		
Caeley Barfoote	3 Excellences in DVC	
Cole Whitaker	2 Excellences in DVC	
Emma Weir	3 Excellences in DVC	
Maddy Kawana	3 Excellences in DVC	
Lucas Beeler	English	
Level 3		
Charlotte Visser	DVC	
Dawn Willoughby	2 Excellences in DVC	

Word of the week

Sarcastic

Varya Kern - Year 7

'It's really annoying when your voice is simply dripping with sarcasm, but everyone takes you seriously and you're forced to figure out a non-sarcastic way of telling them you're being sarcastic.'

Samantha Dutton - Year 10

'People say my jokes are bad, but from my point of view it's just sarcasm at it's finest.'

Sacrifice

Ava Dainty - Year 6

'In the war the soldiers sacrificed their lives for the country.'

Varya Kern - Year 7

'I made a great sacrifice in deciding to do my Word of the Week instead of reading, but I guess I really like soft toys.'

Violet Blomfield - Year 10

'A plus about Ms Kern forgetting my name and calling me Victoria is that when she calls me in maths for her weekly sacrifice, Victoria will go instead of me and I will be spared from her merciless torture.'

Ms Kern

'In order to improve my overall maths class performance I decided to sacrifice the student with the lowest test results at the end of each week.'

Week 7 - Spectacular

Kelsey - Room 5

'It was spectacular when I did an awesome goal because I nutmegged the goalie.'

Jorja Simpson - Year 9

'Not knowing what to write for Word of the Week certainly doesn't make me feel spectacular.'

Health Consultation

Every two years schools are required to consult with the school community on the proposed health programme, receive feedback and comments, and review the programme with these in mind. One of the key areas of learning where this is of highest concern is the delivery of sexuality education. Parents of students who have had, or will have, a unit taught to them that covers elements of sexuality education have been notified via email. However, we welcome feedback from all members of our school community. For further information around Health education at Tauraroa please refer to the health consultation page on the school website.

In our July Newsletter we had photos of our "Great SADD Cardboard Car Race" which was held at school on the last day of Term 2. TAS featured in the SADD newsletter as "school of the week". The holidays are here and many will be travelling on our roads Please drive safely!



School Of The Week: Tauraroa Area School

It's always great when schools come up with their own ideas, and we've been super impressed by the creativity happening at Tauraroa Area School in Northland!

As well as an assembly and focus or fail, they've run a full-school cardboard car race and have created an interactive "SADD Cluedo" game where students have to match a person with their age, gender, their driving offence and their car by following clues hidden around the school!

Next week their whole school is doing an awareness "SADD fun run" – 14 laps around the field, with the total metres run representing the amount of people injured in car accidents in NZ each year!

Great work Tauraroa!

Polar Bear Swim

Who was the bravest of them all?

Waka Teina and primary students really showed the seniors who are the bravest. They had a massive number of students participate in the annual Polar Bear Swim. Special mention to Waka Teina who had the largest percentage of participants in their year level.

Students dived, jumped and eased themselves in to the freezing pool to earn points for their waka (house).

Photo credits Mr Burns (principal). Senior students helped the event run smoothly and the weather held off (just). Mrs Guest and her hospitality team prepared a beautiful hot chocolate with marshmallows for all participants...even the teachers!

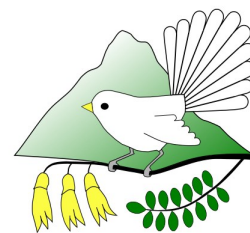
Waka winner will be announced at the next assembly.



Useful websites:

Career Education, Tertiary Options page: <https://sites.google.com/tauraroa.school.nz/careereducation/tertiary-options>

A really great, up to date and thorough guide to scholarships: <https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/scholarships-nz.html>



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.

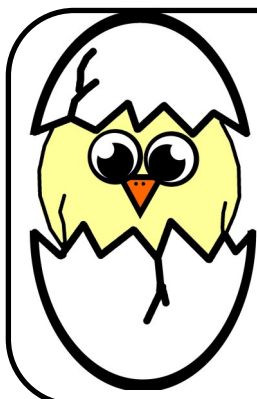
It is important to keep your contact details up to date please. If you have had any changes to your contact details, please let us know immediately.

The following students have been selected as a Finalist in the 2018 ASB Northland Secondary School Sports Awards. Congratulations!

Daphney Wesley	Area School
Carlisa McCarroll	Clay Target Shooting
Keely McCollum	Clay Target Shooting
Liam Henderson	Area School
Connor Guest	Area School and Rugby
Jacob Jenkins	Equestrian
Skye Martinac	Clay Target Shooting
Team	Clay Target - Girls

Come and join some staff and other members of the community completing their Workplace First Aid qualifications on Friday 12th October from 9am. Venue TAS staff room. Bring a plate to share for lunch. \$110+GST.

Email sue.howes@tauraroa.school.nz to book your place. Make sure you don't miss out on a spot!



WANTED

Does anyone have an egg incubator that they do not use anymore and will be willing to donate to the new Sustainable Rural Development Level 2 class for next year. One that automatically rotates would be excellent, thanks!

Country Day - 27 October 2018

Due to the threat to our livestock industry posed by the contagious Mycoplasma Bovis virus, we will **not be holding a calf section at this year's Country Day.**

All other sections and activities will run as normal.

In the past we have requested donated items for our raffles. We are sending out a notice on Thursday with a list of items which we would appreciate receiving to make up some raffles for the Country day.

A book of raffle tickets will also be sent home with your child. Please help them to sell these tickets in time for Country Day.

Many thanks



Music News.

TAS Creative 2018 this month was one of the best we have had at school with standout performances from many students. In particular Cruz Neill's drum solo in 'Moby Dick' by Led Zeplin was jaw-dropping. Thanks to all students, teachers and parents that made the evening such a success. This month also saw our school concert band participating in a weekend workshop day with the Auckland University Concert Band in Kerikeri. Band members enjoyed the day - thanks to Kathleen Mulligan, our conductor, and Pippa Howes for helping out with transport. A reminder to parents that students learning instruments at school are required to practise them at home. They will probably need many reminders to develop the habit of daily practice - without which they will not progress to a stage where they can enjoy playing.

Northland Performing Arts Competition

Varya Kern—Three 1st places on piano

Samuel parry—Two 1st places, a 2nd and a highly commended—vocals

Zoe Willem Pritchard—Two 1st places—vocals

Trinity International Music Exam

Angharad Yearbury Murphy—Grade 3 Vocal Rock and Pop Distinction

Te Whakataatare Rangi—Drums

Caleb Newman—Drums

Ethan Walton-Jones—Grade 4 Merit on Clarinet



Northtec Level 2 Construction Academy

On Friday 7th September Ozias Openshaw Armstrong, Jamal Archibald and Aiden Blower graduated from the Northtec Level 2 Construction Academy.

They have been attending their course over the past 3 terms and have now achieved credits towards level 2 NCEA as well as new skills in carpentry and construction.

They completed individual projects such as wooden chopping boards as well as larger community projects, for example picnic tables which were donated to the local kindergartens.

These skills will not only help them in their future careers but also in life.

Jamal is going on to an apprenticeship in 2019 and Ozias is looking to study level 3 construction at Northtec full time. Aiden is still deciding his best option.

Well done to these students, you made Tauraroa Area School very proud!

By Andrea Cameron
Year 12 Dean



Congratulations and well done!

Brooke Morgan.... you did it again! Brooke came first in the year 7 girls cross country ...but this time it was the Northland Championships. What an amazing result and Brooke has a bright future in the sport.

Eli Graham will be continuing in the campaign for the under 13 Northland rugby team in the holidays.

Stephanie Batistich will be heading down to Rotorua in the holidays to represent The Tai Tokerau in the under 13 NZ Maori league tournament.

We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing all about their games on their return.

Whangarei Secondary Schools Shoot—1st September
Tauraroa Area School Team

Carlissa McCarroll - HOA Girl, NSSA High Gun Ladies for day
 Dawn Ludewig Willoughby—2nd Girls Single Barrell after shoot off
 Toby Lincoln—personal best for the day 90/95
Total Overall Placings for 2018 Northland Series
 Carlissa McCarroll—HOA Girls, 1st Girls Single Barrel year

Keely MCollum—2nd Girls Single Barrel year, 3rd Girls HOA year

Max Woolhouse and Toby Lincoln 2nd Skeet Pairs

by Cherie McCarroll



Whangarei Secondary Schools shoot - 1st September
Tauraroa Area School—Whatitiri Team

Jatarla Absolum - 1st Single Barrel (girls)
 Blair Thomas - 1st Single Barrel (boys)
 Skye Martinac - 2nd Single Barrel (boys), High Overall 93/95
Total Overall Placings for the 2018 Northland Series
 Blair Thomas - 1st Skeet, 1st Skeet Pairs
 Zion O'Leary - 3rd Single Barrel, 3rd Single Rise
 Skye Martinac - 1st Skeet Pairs, 2nd Skeet, 1st Points Score,
 2nd Single Barrel, 2nd Single Rise, High Over-

all Boy

Tauraroa Whatitiri Team - 2nd place

Tauraroa Whatitiri Team - McConnell Trophy - Highest in Points
 Score 93/100

By Vanessa Martinac



Maungakaramaea Cricket Club Junior rally day - Thursday 27 September 4.00pm at the nets at Maungakaramaea Cricket Club. A, B & C grades (years 1-8).

C Grade this year will be played on a Friday evening and games take no longer than 1.5 hours!

If your child is interested in playing please come along Thursday or if you have further enquiries please contact Kelvin Hucker on 021 153 3957 or Emma Johns 021 456 907.

Thank you
Liz Walker
Secretary - Maungakaramaea Cricket Club

Club News

Congratulations!

Jordan Williams for earning "Player of the Year 2018" and "Players Choice of the Year" for Mangakahia Soccer Club 12th Grade

and

Joseph Dithobiso for "Player of the Year" under 15b for Marist Football Club

and

Hayden Burns for "Player of the Year" under 15a Marist Football Club

If your children have outside school successes please let us know as we would love to acknowledge them in our newsletter.

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

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ONE STEP AHEAD

Lending criteria and terms apply to home loans. Fees may apply. Eligibility criteria: documentation of the facility agreement must be done by 30 June 2019; mention of this promotion must take place during the home loan application process to ensure eligibility. Only applicable to loans which are secured by residential owner-occupied property with a minimum of 20% equity required; excludes lending through brokers; Limited to one donation per customer. Donation will be made to chosen school on complete draw down of the home loan. For full eligibility criteria, exclusions and further details see <https://www.asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school.html>

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. This will ensure the inhaler will be available if your child 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 Term 4—Tuckshop

The tuck-shop has lunch spots available Fundraising. Please enquire at the office about booking a day.

An adult must be present while the tuck-shop is being used and is responsible for the clean up management.



Congratulations to James Walton-Jones (8AW) and Jess Harvey (Room 5) who were the winners of the 'Decade' mufti theme.

A spot prize also went to Elena Thomas in Waka Teina.

