

# Tauraroa Area School



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## 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 sportsfield, in the home and at school provide safe, fair environments where individual rights are upheld.



PRESENT THE

## Daffodil Day Festival



CAMERON STREET MALL  
FRIDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2018  
11.30AM - 4.00PM

COME AND ENJOY THE FUN & SUPPORT  
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## Coming Events:

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

### 3-7 September

2 -7 September  
10-16 September  
12 September  
12 September

13 September  
13-15 September  
14 September  
17 September

18 September  
20 - 23 September  
24 September  
26 September  
27 Sep - 2 October

### 28 September

12 October  
**15 October**  
18 October  
25 October  
26 October  
01 November  
02 November  
07 November  
22 November +  
03 December  
04 December  
4-7 December  
11 December

### 2019

31 January  
1 February  
25 Feb - 1 March  
2-5 April

### Senior exams

Year 10 Hillary Outdoors Centre (Turangi)  
Te Wiki o te reo Maori:Maori Language week  
Year 8 HPV Dose 2.

**TAS Creative Concert** (Forum North)  
7-9:30pm

Year 7 Library and Shiraz Restaurant  
Year13 Geography trip to Waitomo  
Promote te reo Maori Trip—Library  
Year 12 Geography to Auckland Trip 1  
Board of Trustees Meeting 5:30pm  
VPI 2019 Information evening  
MCAT (Year 11 Maths) exam  
Duke of Edinburgh Awards (Silver) to Te Pahi  
Year 12 Geography to Auckland Trip 2  
NCEA Info evening for Year 10s and whanau  
Duke of Edinburgh Awards Gold expedition to Mt Taranaki

### End Term 3

Workplace First Aid Qualification

### Start Term 4

Year 13 Biology trip to Auckland zoo  
Year 7 Library and Shiraz Restaurant  
**Country Day** (no calves)  
Whangarei Central Agricultural day  
Last day for seniors  
NCEA begins  
Keisei High School visit  
Year 9-13 Prize giving (10:00 - 12:00)  
Leavers Dinner  
Cornerstone Values Week Year 9 and 10  
Year 0-8 prizegiving; End of school

First day of school (Yr 11-13,  
New Year 9-10)  
All Year 1-10  
Senior camps  
Year 0-4 at Tangihua Lodge

## 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,

This has been a busy couple of weeks for our International Student Department, with long term students and short term groups enrolled at the school. I am very grateful for the willingness of families to take these young people into their homes and for teachers accommodating them in their classes.

Our Senior School Exams will be held 3-7 September. It is important that students prepare thoroughly for these and take the opportunity to practice exam techniques. Feedback from the exams will be very useful in preparing for the final NCEA exams next term. If a student, for whatever reason, is unable to sit the external NCEA exams, next week's results may be used to generate an assessed mark.

In coming days all Year 3 to 11 students (400 of them) will be tested for writing skills by 'Write That Essay'. Once marked, the feedback will provide students, teachers and parents with an analysis of individual writing abilities and give an overview of the next steps to be taken. The school will then embark on the excellent 'Write That Essay' programme, alongside other schools in our Kahui Ako / Community of Learning

Thank you to everyone involved in our open day and evening, organised by Mr Chris Townshend. A large number of students enjoyed a visit to the school, experiencing the many and varied opportunities available at the school. Please encourage anyone you know who might be considering enrolling children at the school for 2019 to get in touch now.

Our annual TAS Creative concert will be staged at Forum North on 12 September. This promises to be a wonderful evening of entertainment, doubling as the final of the 2018 'TAS Got Talent' competition.

Heoi ano,

Grant Burns  
Principal / Tumuaiki



**Tea with the  
Associate  
Principal**

## Board News August 2018

Election of BOT Student Trustee will take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> September. This is an important role on the board, as we hear a student's perspective. It is usually an interesting and valuable experience for the student involved. All Year 9-13 students are eligible to stand and also vote. Parents/Caregivers please encourage your student to stand themselves or nominate a fellow student and vote.

Board approved the purchase of a replacement bus. This will be used for a daily bus run as well as transporting students, when needed, for day trips. Old blue bus for sale! A comprehensive mid-year review of our goals took place during our August business meeting. It is positive to see a large number of Internal Excellences and Merits across L1, 2 and 3.

BOT elections will take place in June 2019. If you would like information about the skills needed, and what is involved with being on a school board, feel free to have a chat to any board member or have a browse on the NZ School Trustees website. [www.nzsta.org.nz](http://www.nzsta.org.nz)

NCEA-Have your say

[www.conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/ncea-have-your-say/](http://www.conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/ncea-have-your-say/)

Mau hei korero

[www.conversation.education.govt.nz/collateral-pages/ncea-mau-hei-korero/](http://www.conversation.education.govt.nz/collateral-pages/ncea-mau-hei-korero/)

Talk to us about the future of NCEA 28<sup>th</sup> May- 16 September

There is still time to join the conversation and submit your ideas, experiences and suggestions for change @ [conversation.education.govt.nz/NCEA](http://conversation.education.govt.nz/NCEA)

### **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 3, meetings are scheduled for 5:30pm on 17 September.

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 Megan Burns (student rep). The board secretary is Elaine Pienaar.



### **PARENTS/CAREGIVERS**

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 .....

### Level 3 Excellence Achievements

#### Health - Ethical Studies

Leah Gunson

Rheanna Bettin

Lauren Bollu

#### Calculus Level 3 Trig & Simultaneous Equations

Jacob Harvey

Katelyn Mills

### Level 1 Excellence Achievements

#### Music - Composition

Angahara Yearbury-Murphy

Stacey Matthews

Matthew Liggett

Tom Lewry

#### Linear Algebra

Ian Caie

Paige Harrison

Matthew Liggett

Danielle Lunn

Keeley Lunn

Stacey Matthews

Emily Mills

Jared Mills

Gabrielle Saunt

Ethan Walton-Jones

Max Woolhouse

#### Metals Assessment

Paige Harrison

Jules Haslar

Aart Lewis

Stacey Matthews

Ethan Walton-Jones



*Good job!*



Congratulations to Connor Guest, Liam & Danny Henderson on being selected to play with the NZ Barbarians Area Schools Rugby Camp on 11-15th September.

# Word of the week

The word is "Slapdash"

**Varya Kern - Year 7**

"I wanted to make my WOW 'I did a slapdash job on my WOW', but then someone else did that sentence, so now I guess I'll have to do a slapdash job of copying them."

**Madison Johnstone - Year 7**

"On Britain's Got Talent the people performed a piece and it was so slapdash that the people got four no's."

**McKenzie Dane - Year 6**

"Mrs Moore was writing the definition and did a slapdash job on it cause she had a spelling mistake."

**Oliver Karels - Year 11**

"When I get out of bed to go toilet, I do it in a slapdash manner and miss the bowl."

The word is "Obedience"

**Phoebe Sephton - year 6**

"The opposite of obedience is the actions of my dog, running away, chasing sheep and having very selective hearing."

**Callum - year 7**

"Fredrick the narwhal that lives in my closet is disobedient because he eats my secret stash of McDonalds under my bed."

**Violet Blomfield - year 10**

"I believe Mrs Kern's favourite cornerstone value is obedience, because she forces it upon us very vigorously"

**Mrs Kern - teacher**

"The obedient students of mine helpfully agreed to follow my request to produce some intriguing sentences for the WOW."

The word is "Sketchy"

**Leone - Room 6**

"The astronaut felt a little bit sketchy when he stepped out of his space craft and on to the moon."

**Lizzie Murray - year 8**

"The potato chip in the couch was sketchy, but I ate it anyway."

**Lauren Bollu - year 13**

"It was very sketchy when my kangaroo son was assaulted by Aaron Skelton, who put him in the air conditioner."



TAS Senior Examinations Timetable

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Date	03 Sept	04 Sept	05 Sept	06 Sept	07 Sept
AM 9-12	L1 Science (RH and TS)  L2 Health	L1 English  L2/3 Art (Rm 19) L3 Calculus	L1 Mathematics  L2 Drama	L1 Drama  L2 Biology  L3 Health	L1 Health  L2 Geog. & Physics  L3 Drama & Chem. All Levels OTL classes
PM 1-4	L1 Primary Prod.  L2 English  L3 English	L2 Mathematics (AL)  L3 Biology L3 History	L1 Art (Rm 19; 12PM start)  L2 Chemistry  L3 Statistics	L1 Geography L1 Digitech  L3 Physics L3Geography	L1 Hospitality Practical 12PM start (Rm 25)

Examinations will be in the school hall unless otherwise stated. You should aim to be ready at the venue 15 minutes prior to the start time.

The exam sessions are for 3 hours. No-one may leave in the first 45 minutes or the last 15 minutes.

COMPULSORY Art sessions are scheduled in the Senior Art Room for students to work on their external portfolios.

Year 11-13 students are on exam leave during this period. The expectation is that they spend time revising and preparing.

School exams are important. Results may be used to help determine your grade when an exam is missed through illness or injury.

Feedback and reflection will help students learn what to continue working on and what you can do in preparation for the NCEA Externals.

Students are expected to be in school uniform for exams. Year 13s may wear their leaver hoodie.

If students miss an exam for any reason the school office should be contacted as for any regular school absence.

If you are absent, or will be absent, from an exam please let your teacher know so that a suitable alternative time can be found.

### Congratulations Megan Burns

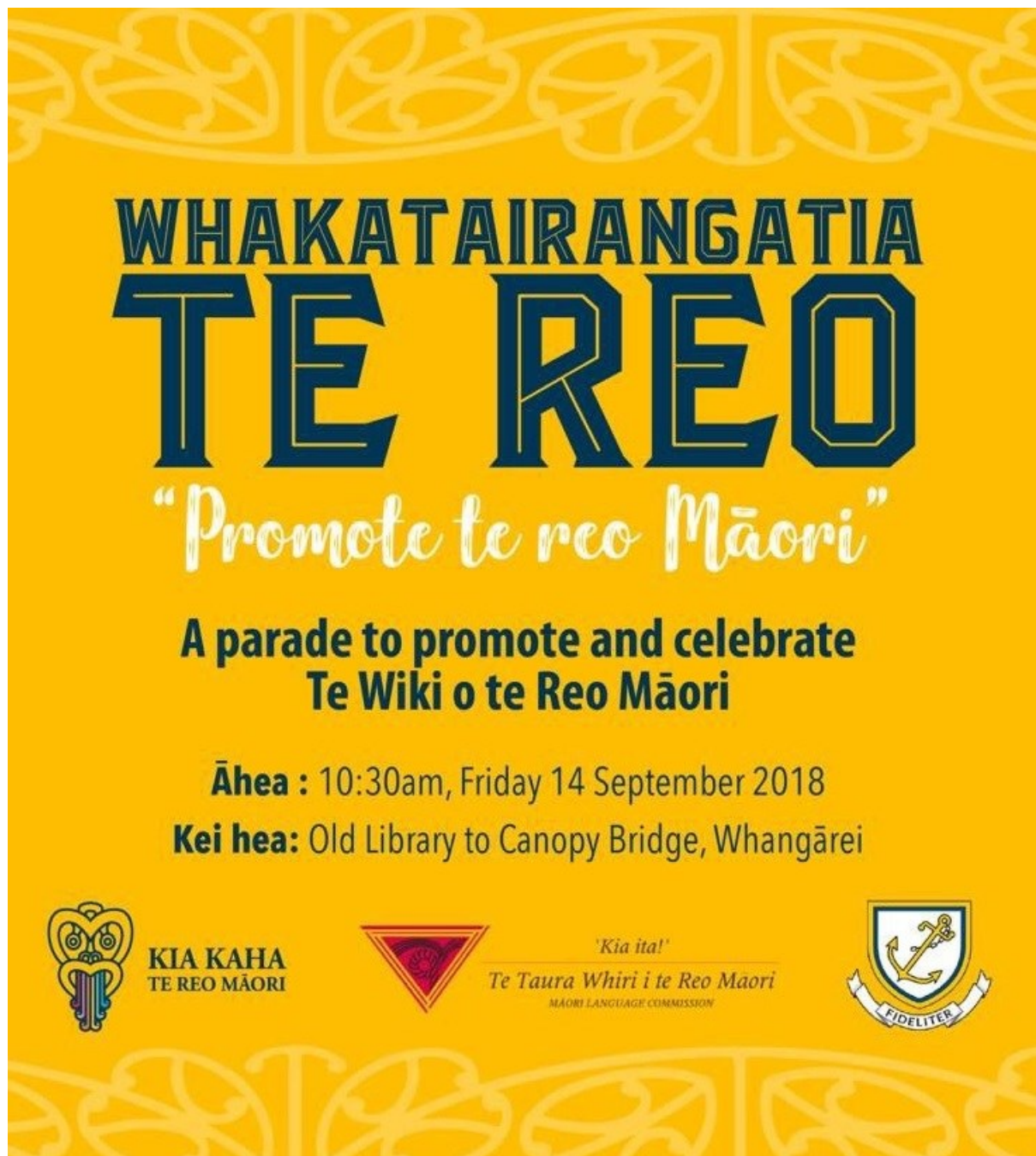
*Megan Burns - winner of a NZ Area Schools Student Excellence Award (one of three presented nationally in 2018). This was in recognition of Megan's achievements in road cycling, academic achievement, leadership and music (including being a member of the NZ Youth Symphonic Winds and the NZ Youth Jazz Orchestra).*

Calling for nominations!

Nominations are invited for the election of a Student Representative to the Board of Trustees. Any full time, NZ student Y9 upwards is eligible for nomination. You are required to attend the Board of Trustees meetings that are held on a Monday evening (calendar available at the office). Please come and see the Principal's Secretary, Elaine Pienaar in the office if you have any questions Both the nominee and the person being nominated will need to complete the short form. Please do this before **12:00 on Monday 10 September.**

## Tena koutou

TE wiki o te Reo Māori is fast approaching and we want to celebrate it by being part of this event:



We are planning to take our Kapa Haka roopu and other Māori students who want to be part of this. All students and their parents or caregivers are welcome to participate. We have room for 50 students on the bus and I have a van to take parents as well. We need you to support our tamariki on this celebration of Te Reo Māori.

We will depart at 9:30am on Friday the 14th September and return to school by approximately 2:45pm on the same day. Cost for the bus is \$3.

Completed forms and payment to be handed to the office.

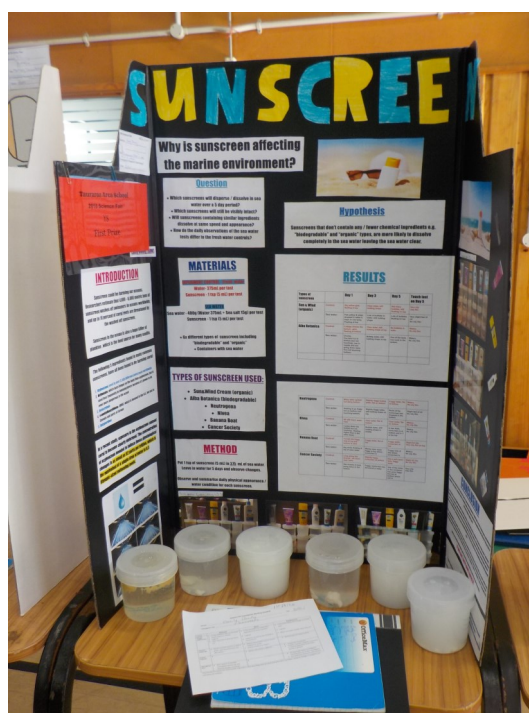
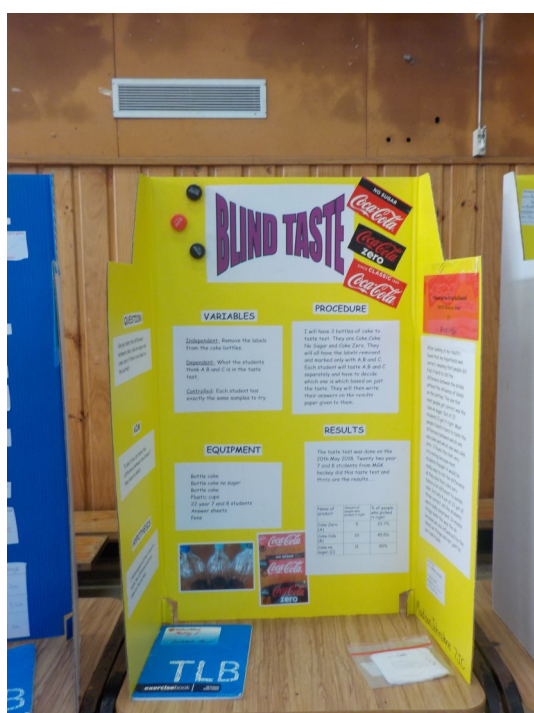
Any questions may be directed to Matua James in Room 6 or by email: [james.barrett@tauraroa.school.nz](mailto:james.barrett@tauraroa.school.nz).

# Year 7/8 Science Fair

## Congratulations .....winners of the TAS Science Fair

Year 7 First: Madison Johnstone  
 Second: Blane Kaiser and Logan Smith  
 Highly Commended: Varya Kern, Hannah Kirk, Hunter Stenhouse

Year 8 First: Emily Dainty  
 Second: Oliver Behrns and Caleb Breen  
 Third: Emily Winters-Dodd  
 Highly Commended: Isabel Batchelder, Lara Galley, Matthew Parry, Emma Johnstone, Adah Winslow



TAS was represented at the Northland Science Fair this year by Maddison Johnstone, Emily Dainty and Oliver Behrns with Caleb Breen.

Throughout a long day with over 300 other pupils they had to set up their presentation boards and through an interview process explain the ins and outs of their projects to a succession of judges.

At the end of all that rigour, and a lot of patient waiting, Oliver and Caleb were awarded with not just one but two of the coveted awards. They won highly commended in the 'Farmlands Primary Industry Award' and highly commended in the 'Best Year 8 Investigation Award'. Their project investigated how bovine dentistry affected a dairy herd's milk production, weight and greenhouse gas emissions.

# Good job!



## Science Roadshow visited TAS

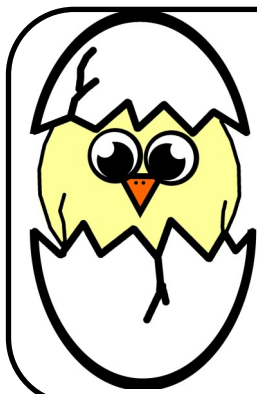
NZ's premiere hands-on science education programme. Live shows, hands-on exhibits that broaden student knowledge and experience; connecting with science and technology and the world around them.

The year 5 to 8 students, supported by a few year 10s, experienced this interesting programme.



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](mailto: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 willing to donate to the new Sustainable Rural Development Level 2 class for next year. One that automatically rotates would be eggcellent, thanks!

Parents/caregivers/support people of Year 10 students

You and your year 10 student are invited to:

### **NCEA Information Evening**

When: Wednesday 26 September at 5:30pm

Where: School Library

### **Music News.**

Our annual TAS Creative event at Forum North is coming up quickly on Wednesday the 12th of September. This is an evening event and will feature the concert band, jazz band, kapa haka, TAS MAX, the choir, the finalists of TAS's Got Talent and a range of vocalists and dancers.

Tickets are door sales only, \$5 for students and \$10 for adults.

The final solo performance night for NCEA students is Monday the 24th of September at 7pm.

On Sunday the 16th of September the concert band is participating in a combined workshop in Kerikeri along with the Auckland University Concert band, Kerikeri High School and Whangarei Youth Music.





## SGCNZ 2018 NATIONAL SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS PRODUCTION

**Congratulations LJ Yearbury Murphy on  
your selection!**

Only 46 students were chosen from the 24 regional and national SGCNZ 2018, University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festivals. They will spend half of each day doing workshops with high calibre tutors and the other half rehearsing – starting from being cast on their full day, to performing 40 minutes from each play for the public just 5 days later! They will be joined by the Winners of SGCNZ Costume Design Competition and Music Composition Competition as Student Costumer and Composer.



**Tauraroa Area School PRESENTS**

**TAS**

**Creative**

**Sept 12th, 2018**

**Tiks at door**

**+DANCE  
+INSTRUMENTALS  
+VOCALS  
+KAPA HAKA**

**FORUM NORTH**

**7pm - INFO CALL 4322643**

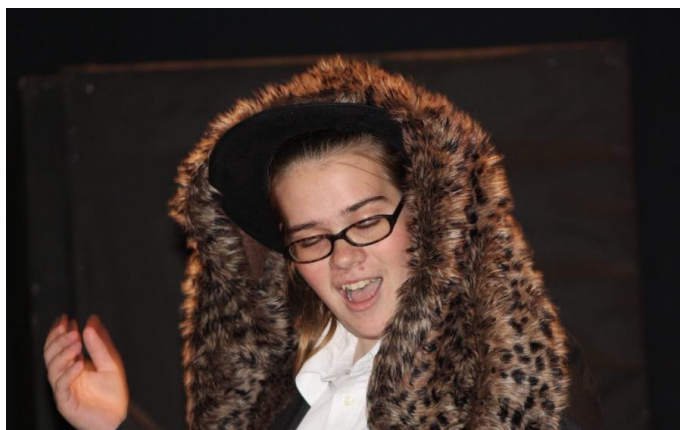
**\$5 students \$10 adults**

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The Drama department successfully staged Year 11, 12 and 13 productions at school and in Whangarei at 116 Bank St.

The large number of students involved performed brilliantly under the direction of Ms Tabitha Kaiser.





## International Students:

A big thanks to those families that hosted visiting students last month. The students had a great time and really appreciated your hospitality. Our school financially benefited from these visits.

Our sister school from Hiroshima, Japan is sending eight students to visit in early November. We are looking for host families to support them. Please contact Ms Kyd at school or Janine at [international@tauraroa.school.nz](mailto:international@tauraroa.school.nz) if you are able to help.

Approximately 28 students, from Keisei Junior High School in Japan, will be coming late November for their annual visit. We will need host families for these students as well please!

If you are available to support the school by hosting a student, please contact me as soon as possible. The planning and organising for these groups is well underway so it would be great to get home-stay placements sorted as early as possible. Families new to school or new to hosting, are most welcome to get involved! Please contact Janine for more information or ask at the school office.

A big thank you to all those who replied to the request for reader/writers for exams at this school.

**Congratulations** to Year 9 students Lilly, Teiringa, Morgan, Kirsten and Ryan M for attaining 3rd equal in the inaugural Northland Readers' Cup competition.

