



From the Principal's desk

Nga mihi nui, kia koutou katoa,

Student Led Conferences are an important opportunity for parents, students and parents to recognised the progress and achievement of students and clarify their next steps in learning. We will be closing the school early on **10 April** to provide the opportunities for these important meetings to take place. Details of how to use our online booking system are included in this newsletter.

Progress is continuing with our Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) as we work closely with neighbouring schools to identify shared achievement challenges. You will shortly be asked to complete a quick survey to give us a more accurate picture of your perceptions of our school. Please watch out for the link to our Rongohia Te Hau survey to be emailed to you soon.

Today marks the end of Executive Officer, Debby Keay's, long service to the school. Since 1996 she has very effectively served the school and community, firstly as library manager then as our accounts, property and staffing manager. I am very grateful for the skill, experience and hard work she has brought to this challenging position. We wish Debby well as she soon relocates to Taranaki.

We have welcomed Alice Barber to our front office team as we re-structure staffing in anticipation of Debby's departure. Several members of our team have been promoted: Anna Leaman is now our Finance Officer, Greg Walker our Property Manager and Elaine Pienaar becomes our Administration Manager.

Please note that school will not be open 31 May - 4 June, effectively creating a mid-term break in Term 2.

I wish all of our school community a safe and happy Easter.

Heoi ano,

Grant Burns
Principal

Coming Events:

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

10 April	Year 1-10 Student Led Conferences 1:30-6:00pm
11-13 April	Year 13 PE Timber Trail
12 April	Kapahaka to perform at Tai Tokerau festival (Kerikeri)
12 April	NPSSA Swim Carnival Y4-8 (Dargaville)
13 April	End Term 1
30 April	Start Term 2
1-9 May	Life Education Trust at TAS
16 - 17 May	Project Possum Tangihua Lodge
25 May	TAS Cross country
31 May	Teacher Only Day
1-4 June	Mid term break
12 June	Year 7 Boostrix vaccinations
22 June	Wearable Art / Matariki celebrations
6 July	End Term 2
23 July	Start Term 3
12 September	Year 8 HP Vaccination (Dose 2)
28 September	End Term 3
15 October	Start Term 4
12 December	End of Term 4

2019

31 January	First day of school
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Cornerstone Value:

Kawe-nga / Responsibility: To be trustworthy and accountable for your own actions.

Students have really impressed staff and parents for the ways in which they have displayed a willingness to accept responsibilities at our school camps this term. Our young people often have capabilities that aren't revealed in their day to day lives but are given expression in our camp settings. As our Cornerstone Value this term, students are being challenged to be responsible for themselves and to understand the responsibilities they have for others.

STUDENT LED INTERVIEWS FOR YEAR 1 -10

Date: Tuesday 10th April (Week 11)
 Time: 1:30pm-6pm (10 minute intervals)
www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and "Make a booking"
 enter code 6kd8r

Important information

School will finish at 1pm with early buses. We will provide supervision for those needing to stay until



Sponsoring the DOE programme run through Tauraroa Area School.



Music News. With Term One well underway over 140 students are receiving lessons for guitar, flute, clarinet, trumpet, sax, bass, drums and vocals. Students must remember to practice regularly at home and parents need to ensure this happens. Without home practice, little progress will be made. Students learning instruments also need to make sure they catch up on the class time they miss, otherwise they will lose the privilege of attending lessons. Planning is well underway for our school concert band to attend the Rhapsody Rotorua Music Festival on the 4th to 7th of July and a deposit toward trip costs is required by the end of this term. Our first NCEA

PHOTO:
 Lindsay demonstrating safe seatbelt wearing (he did not drive the car)



2017 TAS School Magazine \$15 available now!



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International News

We are currently looking for caring families to host 2 new students arriving in July.

Katja is a 16 year old student from Germany. She will be here for a short stay of 8 weeks. During this time Katja will be involved in a volunteer programme so will need a host family who can support her with this. Katja loves sport and animals.

Cara is 14 years old and also from Germany. Her stay is from July to November. Cara is a keen horse rider, loves the outdoors and nature. She would love a home-stay family with horses!

If you are interested in hosting a student please contact me as soon as possible.
 Email Janine - international@tauraroa.school.nz

RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) at Toll Stadium

Our Year 12 students were invited to a RYDA workshop, funded by Rotary, School STAR funding and a range of other providers. The 6 interactive workshops explore a range of themes around road safety for both drivers and passengers. All students were actively involved and represented our school really well. People who had experienced loss or injury by crashes shared their stories with a hope that our young people would learn from their mistakes and also to give them strategies to stay safe.

Some of the key messages were:

- It's better to get there...than not get there at all (slow down)
- Use the inexperience of others for your experience (shared stories)
- Strategies that relate to you personally (because where ever you go...you take you with you)
- Determine who or what influences you and prepare yourself to not take risks.

All in all it was a very well organised and beneficial day for our young people. Thank you to everyone who was involved in organising it, particularly Sheree Saunt, STAR and Gateway coordinator. Although students do not get credits for the day, but they did learn how to protect themselves and minimise the risk of a car crash, and that education cannot be underestimated.

Andrea Cameron Year 12 Dean

March Board News

-Sue Skelton Chair

- Long serving Executive Officer Debby Keay is leaving us on 29th March. Debby has worked in the area of school finances and property with drive and enthusiasm. We wish her all the best for this new season in her life & thank her for all her work with TAS.
- We have accepted the resignation of trustee Matt Turner. Matt takes up a new job in Morrinsville in April.
- Last year's final accounts have been received with a surplus. This is due to the careful and ongoing monitoring of our Principal, EO and Board. March financial position shows a healthy working capital.
- Accelerated Learning in Literacy (ALL) and Mathematics (ALiM) contracts have been agreed with MoE for 2018.
- Board Business meeting

Tauraroa Area School Board of Trustees

Casual Vacancy for an elected trustee

A casual vacancy has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative.

The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson
 Board of Trustees
 Tauraroa Area School

Ruakaka Junior Lifesaving

"Connor Guest coaches the junior competition team, he gives up so much of his spare time and travels to all carnivals to support the children, he is truly is an amazing person and outstanding young man. **Sunniva Hunt**, wow what a sports person. She has won a gold medal last month at the Northern Region Champs in Beach sprint and this week she has been away at Nationals, competing with 800 of NZ best junior lifeguards. She won a Silver medal in the beach sprint (heats, quarters, semis, final) all within a hour. She won all her races leading up to the final. She has also made semis and finals in all other events she entered. I just wanted to let you know how amazing these two students of yours are and how proud we are of them. " message from a community member

TEDx Tutukākā is a full-day event being held on Saturday April 7th at Oceans Quality Hotel in The Tutukākā Marina. The day will feature TEDTalks presented by inspiring speakers, TED videos and a musical item or two. These will combine to spark discussion and connection for 100 delegates. Speakers announced so far include Francis Valintine from Mind Lab, conservation warrior Don McKenzie, a 2017 recipient of the Minister's National Award for services to biosecurity and Ingrid Visser, world renowned whale biologist. For more information and to register for tickets, visit our website, tedxtutukaka.com



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Class of 2017 Achievement

On the 16th March 2018 Taratahi Agricultural Training held its annual graduation ceremony at the Eastern Clubrooms in Taipa. Several of your 2017 students completed their programme and as such a letter of congratulations has been offered to them. The really great news is that **Josephine Himiona** has been awarded the 2017 Whangarei /Dargaville area Level 2 PITA award for her achievements. Congratulations Josephine! Along with Josephine's letter of achievement we have a trophy and a small token of appreciation.

Waikiekie Church Meeting @ Waikiekie Hall
 8th April 2018 @ 12.30pm
 Bring your own lunch
 All enquires please call:
 Paul McCarroll 09 431 6440



Tauraroa Athletics Event

On the 23rd of February the Senior school were blessed with fine weather as they participated in the annual Tauraroa Athletics Event. The organisation of the day allowed students to contest the title of year level athletics champion as well as to earn points for their waka. The level of competition, fair play and participation was extremely high and the results are now in :

Boys	yr9	yr10	yr11	Yr 12-13
1st	Eli Graham	Bradley Kennedy	Zion O’Leary	Aaron Skelton
2nd	Luke Nissen	Kurt Hill/ Jonah Werhan	Haydn Cole	Connor Guest
3rd	Scott Crawford		James Ogilvy	Hami Delahoya
Girls				
1st	Islay Bruce	Sam Dutton	Danielle Lunn/ Michayla Kenn-dey	Trinity Pierson Harrop
2nd	Ayla Truman	Emma Dutton	Beth Reid/Brooke Harvey	Megan Burns
3rd	Ruby Froggart	Daphney Welsey		Raven Malcom

Aaron Skelton, Eli Graham and Trinity Pierson-Harrop were placed first in all of their events.

Records were also broken:
Year 10 Girls: Javelin—Sam Dutton 21.04m (Smashed the record set by Stella Matthews in 2009 of 18.97)
Year 11-13 Girls: Shot Putt—The record was broken twice, firstly By Amy Ogilvy Hickey with a throw of 9.02 m and then by Trinity Pierson Harrop with 9.22m. This took the long standing record from Leanne Edmonds set in 1998
The last record beaten was in the senior waka relay with Takatimu setting a very fast time of 55.92seconds.

Extra thanks must go to Sheree and Ariana Saunt for their work behind the scenes and to all the staff for their hard work on the day. Combine this with the efforts of the students and it meant the day ran smoothly and was a very professional event.
Congratulations TAS—*Andrea Cameron*

Shooting Team @ Nationals

Here are the results from the Shooting on Saturday 3rd March

Keely McCollum—2nd Girls Single Barrel
Carlisa McCarroll—3rd Girls Single Barrel

Team placed 2nd – 4 Points Behind Whangarei Boys High School.

Carlisa’s success in Christchurch

What an Amazing experience we had in Christchurch. In total 322 shooters of which 28 were ladies. There were mainly AA and A grade shooters with 69 B grade shooters (Carlisa’s grade) and a few C grade Shooters.

On the Tuesday Carlissa won the Ladies ‘Famous Grouse’ Point Score Trophy Match with a score of 25/73 its out of 25/75 (she pulled two 2nd barrels) and finished 4th in the B Graders

On the Wednesday she shot 49/50 Single Rise – and finished in the top 10 B Graders

On the Thursday she shot a 46/50 Single Barrel – finishing in the top 8 B Graders

On the Friday she shot a 137/150 Point Score – dropping 3 Targets and pulling 4 Second Barrels – finished 4th in B Grade

Each day Carlisa was placed in the top 30-40 Shooters out of the 322 – Shooting higher scores than many A and AA shooters. Many of these Shooters compete in the Worlds and Travel all over NZ as well as other countries.

She was then selected to shoot in the NZ Ladies Mackintosh International Team, receiving her Silver Fern and International Team Badge – The top 5 ladies from Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays Events get selected.

She shot this event on Saturday and shot:

24-71 25-74 21-63 23-68 dropping 7 Targets in Total – not an easy task Shooting 100 Targets at once.



Photo of Carlisa McCarroll receiving fern for NZ

Adam Blair league

On Friday 9th March the TAS Senior Boys Touch Team competed in the NSSSA Touch tournament at Lindvert Park in Kaikohe. Despite the loss of one of our key play makers, Aaron Skelton earlier in the week due to injury, the team rallied together and put together stellar performances in the round robin, qualifying for the final. The final proved to be one step to great for the boys, as they came up against a well-drilled Whangarei Boys High. Nevertheless, the boys played well and competed throughout the match, deservedly finishing runners up.



Our league team have finished their season with a strong and impressive away game at Dargaville High. On the final whistle the score was recorded by Dargaville as 26-26 and by us as 28-26 to Dargaville, they had missed recording a conversion in the first half. It was that close! We adopted fairplay and signed off on a 28-26 loss.....but it sure felt like a win!

The team was captained by Danny Henderson who has been a positive and well respected leader, demonstrating skill and determination on the field. It was a combined team with boys from Omatatea with a strong group of parents and supporters. There were so many improvements by the boys and they all played with such heart and pride.

A BIG Thank you to Paul Mephram , Elaine Pinear, Greg and Allison McKellar, for assisting with transporting the boys, Mark (Hefty) Blower for assisting with scoring and transport and also to Phillip Tana from Rugby League Northland who coached our boys. Phil was a dedicated coach who went above and beyond to help our boys and his positive attitude spread to the team , I believe this is a huge reason for their success.

It was great to see Tauraroa competing in the Adam Blair league- a first for many years I understand.

Bring on 2019!! So proud of the boys!

Andrea Cameron(manager)



Northland Secondary Schools (NSSSA) Track & field championships was held Thursday 15 March, congratulations to the following students,

Long Jump
2nd Brooke Harvey

High Jump
3rd Michayla Kennedy

Discus
2nd Amy Ogilvy-Hickey.

Our school had 15 students that competed.

Mid-Western Swimming Club

It has been a great season
Next Tuesday 27th of March is the last swimming lesson for the season.
Thank you for all the support and help throughout the season. A big thank you to Louanne our awesome coach and all the assistant coaches you have done a great job with all our children.
Hope to see you all there!

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

FUTSAL IS HERE!

WHY PLAY FUTSAL?

- Caters to boys and girls of all abilities
- No cancellations due to weather!
- Dramatically increases skill, agility, speed, quick decision making & confidence
- It's fun - Kids love it!

WHO IS IT FOR?

Anyone aged 8 - 15 years old

WHEN & WHERE?

Term time 2017

Choose one or more of the following:

TUESDAY: WHANGAREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
4:00 - 5:30 (8 - 10 YEARS OLDS)
5:45 - 7:15 (11 - 15 YEAR OLDS)

FRIDAY: WHANGAREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
4:00 - 5:30 (8 - 10 YEARS OLDS)
5:45 - 7:15 (11 - 15 YEAR OLDS)

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Congratulations Sam Dutton for your swimming achievements in the

[2018 NZ Div II Championships.](#)

Although Sam was only able to train for about 1.5 months prior to the event she has improved her rankings and achieved many personal bests. There were about roughly 100, 14 year old girls swimming

Here are her results:

50m fly she went in ranked 39th did a 1.34 sec PB now ranked 13th

200 IM went in ranked 46th did a 10.22 second PB now ranked 17th

100 back went in ranked 40th did a 2.36 second PB now ranked 13th

50 back went in ranked at 23rd did a 1.38 second PB now ranked 10th

100 IM went in ranked at 60th did a 6.06 PB now ranked 15th.

Results from the Whangarei Primary Schools (WPSSA) Swimming Championships:

Intermedaite

Backstroke: 3rd Sunniva Hunt, 4th Ashley Mansell

Breaststroke: 2nd Sunniva Hunt

Freestyle: 2nd Sunniva Hunt

Primary

Freestyle: 3rd Sophie Mansell

Breaststroke: 2nd Liam Bamforth

Freestyle: 2nd Brody Snelling

Congratulations to you all. They have now made it through to the Northland Primary Schools Championships to be held at Dargaville Thursday 12 April.

SGCNZ Tai Tokerau Regionals 2018

Thursday 29 March 2018

Congratulations on your win!



Tauraroa Area School is with
Tabitha Kaiser and **5 others**.



18 mins · 

We did it again! Tauraroa Area School 2018 -
15min Shakespeare Competition
Champions!!!!!!!!!!

