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Years 1-13 Co-educational

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From the Principal's desk...

Nga mihi nui, kia koutou katoa,

Our Head Boy, Sam Mills, was last week named the Northland Area Schools Sportsman of the Year in recognition of his wide range of sporting achievements this year. Students from approximately 25 schools were eligible for the award. In addition to representing Northland at the NZ Area Schools tournament, Sam won selection to national teams in volleyball and football. Shooter, Cedric Curel, won the Northland Secondary Schools Clay Target Shooting award.

Last week's Country Day gave our students the chance to compete for awards for rearing and training calves, lambs and kids. A large number of students from all year levels participated, the end result of months of effort. I am very grateful to the judges, marshalls and other volunteers who made the event possible. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the tireless efforts of Natalie Roberts and Julie Grindle for their organisational efforts. Many other students participated with entries of cooking, flower arrangements, crafts and caged animals. This event was a very practical expression of our Term 4 Cornerstone Value, 'Kawe-nga / Responsibility'.

We welcome the attendance of friends and whanau to next week's senior prize giving (1:00pm, 7 Nov) and the upcoming junior and middle school prize givings (13-14 Dec). These are important events as we celebrate the wide ranging achievements of our students. Cameron Lesley (well known para-olympian and sports writer) will be our guest speaker at the senior prize giving on 7 November.

The school community has been given an opportunity to provide feedback to the Board of Trustees on our school values. We welcome your input as we consider aspects of our charter that provide the foundations and direction for all we do at school. The brief survey has been emailed out to families, with hard copies available at the school office.

Naku noa, na

Grant Burns



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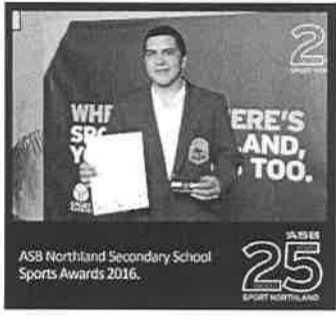
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Sports: ASB sports awards were held last Thursday 27 October. Tauraroa had 7 finalists. Cedric Curel won the clay target award and Sam Mills won the Area Schools Sports award. Well done and congratulations to all of our finalists.



Te Reo Maori Speech Award 2016: Anyone interested in entering the Te Whanau o Tauraroa Te Reo Maori Speech Award please contact Matua Tanara. Theme: He Tangata Rongonui- An Important person. See Matua if you need any support. Open to any student in our school. Finals will be held Tuesday 8th November in Kia Piri at 7pm. Please bring something for supper.

DoE: River Taylor Moore has become the first Tauraroa Area School student to complete his Gold Level Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award. He has been working towards the prestigious award since becoming one of the original TAS DOE club members as a Year 10 in 2012. He will receive his Gold Award from the Governor General of NZ at an awards ceremony held in Auckland later in the year.

Yr9 and Y10 Study Leave/Exams: Year 9 and 10 Study Leave is on Monday 7 November.

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Yr 9 and 10 Social Studies and English Exams: 8th and 9th November. There are normal classes for Year 9 and 10 when they are not in an exam on the 8th and 9th.

All middle and primary school trophies awarded at last year's prizegiving ceremonies are now to be returned to the school office as soon as possible. Thanks!

Speech Awards Excellence badges Green

Year 7- Delphi Sturgess, Year 8 – Hayden Burns, Year 9 – Ethan Walton-Jones, Year 10 – Connor Guest, Year 11 – LJ Yearbury-Murphy, Year 12 – Brittane Watson, Year 13 – Lucy Xu.

Silver Excellence badge for the overall winner was awarded to Megan Burns

Silver Excellence badges were awarded for the following ICAS Distinction results:

Cassandra de Weyer (Yr 11) for Maths, Danielle Ngakuru-Smith (Yr 10) and Miriam Ashcroft (Yr 11) for English, Jessica Hill (Yr 7) for Writing

Music awards Excellence badges – Green - all these 2 years contribution to concert band: Ethan Walton-Jones, Hannah Winters-Dodd, Charlotte Dutton, Ben Alford, Violet Blomfield, Tane Marker, Nataliah Albert, Maddison Johnstone, Emma Johnstone, Sam Parry

Silver
Danielle Ngakuru-Smith - 3 years significant contribution to music various groups plus many solo performances, smokefree rock quest participation

Ashley Mansell - G3 trumpet merit pass plus 3 years contribution to concert band

Hayden Burns - 3 years contribution to concert band

Cassandra de Weyer - 3 years contribution to concert band

Selena De Weyer - 3 years contribution to concert band

Chad Pienaar - 3 years contribution to concert band

Charlotte Ngakuru-Smith - 3 years significant contribution to concert band

Will Visser - 3 years sig contribution to music to jazz band and concert band and G3 trumpet exam pass

Jay Wilson - 5 years sig contribution to music

Gold

Megan Burns - 5 years contribution to concert band and jazz band and show bands and G8 trumpet pass

Courtney Summers - jazz band, vocal performance, G8 vocal exam pass
Molly Alford - over 5 years sig contribution to concert band, jazz band, G5 exam merit pass clarinet
Amy Burns - over 5 years sig contribution to concert band and jazz band
Xanthe Cave - over 5 years sig contribution to concert band and jazz band, leadership role

PTA: Congratulations to winners of the raffles: M Patton, Liz Walker, Daphne Eastes, and J Cochrane. The PTA would like to thank all parents who sent in items for our raffle. Special thanks to Mary Peters, Te Waipua Hill-Te Hira, Josephine Himioana, Jay Wilson, Kayla Paine, La-Rae Towgood, Savanna Crouch and all other students that assisted us on the day. Julie Grindle and Greg Walker once again did an amazing job at organising another successful Country Day.

Fundraiser

Ooohhh...PTA is excited to be running a fundraiser just in time for Christmas.....SMENCILS! Smencils are gourmet-scented pencils made from recycled newspapers. They come in a variety of exciting flavours, with scents lasting for 2 years! More information and order forms will be sent home in week 5 for years 1-6 with all orders needing to be back by 24th November 2016.

Years 7-13 Please see the office if you would like an order form. Thanks in advance for your support.

Country Day Results:

New Entrant Lamb

Champion – Keisha Mansell
Reserve Champion – Jelsha Eastes
Junior Lamb

Champion – Isabella Behrns
Reserve Champion – Kingston Paston Ross

Intermediate Lamb

Champion - Amelia Paston Ross
Reserve Champion – Tessa Grindle
Senior Lamb

Champion – Chiquela Blomfield
Reserve – Skye Martinac
SUPREME CHAMPION LAMB – Amelia Paston-Ross

New Entrant Calf

Champion – Hamish Twaddle
Reserve – Ellyzena Crawford
Junior

Champion – Dean Russell
Reserve – Charina Crawford
Intermediate

Champion – Dahnika McCollum
Reserve – Benjamin McCullough
Senior

Champion – Keely McCollum
Reserve – Aaron Skelton
SUPREME CHAMPION CALF – Keely McCollum

Junior Goat

Champion – Paige Thompson
Reserve – Anahira Tupou
Intermediate/Senior

Champion – Rebecca Karels
Reserve – Finn Doherty
SUPREME CHAMPION GOAT – Rebecca Karels

All cup winners on Country Day are invited to take their trophies to Engraving Systems in Reyburn Street to have their names engraved onto the award. Just let them know that this is for Tauraroa Area School.

\$\$\$ TAS Bus Fees \$\$\$

If your child/ren travel on the TAS bus with Jan, please ensure that all fees for 2016 are paid immediately. All TAS bus fees should be paid up to the end of the year. 12-3115-0012400-000 Student's name as reference.

Thank you to the parents with automatic payments and those who keep their accounts paid.

Te Whanau o Tauraroa: Meeting Tuesday 8th November 7pm in Kia Piri. A chance to hear students sharing their thoughts about an important person to them. All welcome.

Junior Kapa Haka: The junior Kapa Haka group and the TAS concert band will perform at Mangakahia Area School on Thursday 10th November. Please come along and support our school.



Sports uniforms: Please return all uniforms to the front office. Thanks.

International Student News

TAS has been discovered by the rest of the world! International students are keen to experience life in our wonderful corner of the world. This means I am always looking for home-stay families ☺ If you are interested, or think you might be, please contact me and I can give you further information. Hosting students is a great way to experience another culture, share your culture & our kiwi ways, and make life-long friendships. Payment is made to home-stay families. THANK YOU to those who have offered to host a student for our up-coming Japanese group. As part of their experience we would like to lay a **Hangi**. Any donations of vegetables (potatoes, kumara, pumpkin or cabbage) would be gratefully accepted. 2017 is going to be another busy year with International students. We have three groups looking at visiting throughout the year as well as our other longer term students. I am looking for another host family for a female German student staying here from April – October 2017. Please contact Janine if you are interested in hosting this student or any of our short term visitors. THANK YOU!

PTA Maths Evening: Soon the TAS PTA will be holding a fun maths evening for parents and students. Details to come in week four or five.

Lost Property Bins: Lots of clothes at the Primary and Intermediate lost property bins. If you are missing items please come and check it out.

TAS Motorbike relay competition 2017
A group is about to organise our annual Inter-schools Motorbike relay competition for 2017. If you are interested in helping to organise it or if you have any great ideas, please contact our secretary Maria Whitaker at school or email her at maria.whitaker@tauraroa.school.nz

Rippa Rugby: A great day of competition at TAS for the Rippa Rugby tournament with Parua Bay with Parua Bay winning.

Community Notices

Cleaners needed: TAS has cleaning positions available. For more information contact Greg Walker.

Fireworks Display: Saturday 5th November 2016. Toll Stadium Okara Park Whangarei. Gates open from 6pm. Cost \$10 each or \$25 per family



Christmas Shopping Afternoon at Mangapai Hall: Sunday 13th November 2016 from 12pm. Come and support local! Contact Rita 0275143863 or Paula 0273188465

Tides Out Fun Run/Walk: Sunday 6 November – 9:30 am start. Enter online @ www.breambay.college.school.nz or contact: Sharon Carroll 027 265 3227 or Maree Wright 027 459 5618.

MID-WESTERN MAILBOX OWNERS
Dress up your letter box for Christmas this year. tangihua times thought it would be fun to have a competition at the same time raising money for HOSPICE. A minimum fee of \$5 to enter this unique competition. Entry forms are in the tangihua times (copies at MGK Service Station) or email tangitimes@actrix.co.nz for one



Welcome to Portland Kindergarten
Portland Kindergarten have vacancies, we are taking enrolments now. 8:30am – 2:30pm Monday to Friday. 2-6 year olds. No Fee's. 100% qualified teachers.

If you are interested in a placement for your child, please contact the Kindergarten staff on 4322533 or email portland@nka.org.nz. Alternatively you are invited to visit the Kindy at Portland School Rd (inside the school grounds). We look forward to meeting with you.

MAMMA MIA!
THE SMASH HIT MUSICAL BY ABBA

We are looking for young people, preferably aged 16 or over, to audition for the ensemble and parts for our new production, Mamma Mia. They will be required to do some dance movements (which will be taught) and some singing will be involved. If anyone is interested, we would love to hear from them. Auditions are on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 November, at the Old Library in Whangarei. I can be contacted on 027 2974616 or emailed to centre4events@gmail.com for further information.

Senior Prize Giving

Year 11 – Year 13 (Year 13 reports issued)
Join us in celebrating the outstanding achievements of many talented senior students.
Monday 7 November @ 1pm.





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Coming Events

7 Nov	1:00pm Y11-13 Prizegiving, Y13 Reports issued. Y9-10 study leave	14 Dec	10:00 0-6 Prizegiving End of Term 4
8-9 Nov	Y9/10 Social St and English exams	2017	
10 Nov	NCEA exams begin. Mangakahia Kapa Haka festival (+ concert band); 7:00pm Te Whanau hui	24-27 Jan	D of E Silver practice tramp (Cape Reinga)
15 Nov	Y7 to Shiraz restaurant	25 Jan	SMT
21 Nov	Mufti day / Kids for Kids concert	30 Jan	Anniversary weekend
26 Nov-9 Dec	Visit Kaisei Jnr High	31 Jan - 1 Feb	Teacher Only Days
4-9 Dec	Cornerstone Values week	2 Feb Th	Course confirmation Y11-13; New enrolments
5 Dec	Board of Trustees Business meeting 5:15pm	3 Feb	Y1-10 first day. Powhiri (including new Y11-13)
12 Dec	Graduation Dinner	6 Feb	Waitangi Day
13 Dec	1:00pm 7-10 Prizegiving	6-11 Feb	Chinese visit (10 students).
		10 Feb	Top House

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