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Newsletter 16 August 2016

From the Principal's desk...

Nga mihi nui, kia koutou katoa,

It was a pleasure to hear our jazz band (led by Derek Hopper) perform at last weekend's Bay of Islands Jazz Festival. This group continues to go from strength to strength and impressed many people with its fine performances at this prestigious event.

We had a large number of teams compete at last week's Mathex competition in Whangarei. Many thanks to the parents who supported this and to Jeremy Hill for his organisational input. While we did not win any sections, our teams certainly 'held their own'.

Our Open Day was very successful last week, with record numbers of students from a wide range of schools attending. It proved a great chance to again appreciate the many wonderful opportunities young people have when they enrol at our school.

The visits of students from Hiroshima and Tagacho schools (Japan) last week were resounding successes. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this with accommodation and special activities. A group of 45 students from Kaisei Junior High School (Japan) will be visiting us 26 November – 9 December. We will be asking for host families to assist with this shortly.

Our school production of Alice in Wonderland will be on stage at Forum North next Monday and Tuesday (22-23 August). Please support this event and bring your friends along! More than half of our students will be directly involved in these performances.

Thank you to the parents of students in Years 1-8 who took the time to complete our online survey last week. The information provided is very valuable to us as we seek to continually improve our school.

We are now getting close to our senior exams (5-9 September). These are very important as they provide extra motivation for students to review course material, expose any shortcomings in their learning (with time to address these), provide practice at exam technique and produce evidence for assessment in the case of any students being unable to take NCEA exams in November.

The Education Review Office will be conducting a review of the school in the final week of term, 19-22 September. We look forward to working with them to review school systems and practices.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nigel Mills for his work in the school over the past nine years. He has fulfilled a number of roles, in both secondary and primary school positions. Particularly notable has been his leadership of overseas trips and school productions (notably 'Into The Woods' in 2011).

I am sure you will join me in wishing him well in his new position at Te Kura (Correspondence School),

Donna Most will be taking Room 3 for the remainder of 2016, with a permanent appointment at the start of next year.

In other staffing news, Anna Pascoe is now teaching Year 9 Social Studies and English, enabling us to create smaller classes at this year level. We look forward to appointing a teacher to take Year 9 Science, Maths and Health shortly. Anna will continue to be working as a part time counsellor, along with Ross Osborne.

Nga mihi,
Grant Burns
Principal

A combined teacher union meeting is planned for the afternoon Friday 16 September to discuss proposed education funding changes. This is likely to disrupt classes, with school closing early (probably 1:00pm). We will keep you posted with any developments.

Thanks...To the following businesses who have generously sponsored our 'Alice in Wonderland' production:

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PROUDLY PRESENTS

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

ADAPTED BY JEFF BENGFORD

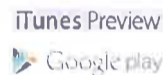


At the Capitaine Bougainville Theatre, Forum North
 Show Times: Monday 22nd August 7pm
 Tuesday 23rd August 10am, 12:30pm, 7pm

Tickets cost \$10 per Adult - \$7 per Child
 Available From School Office
 Phone: (09) 432 2643



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Music News The school jazz band had a fantastic time at the Bay of Islands Jazz and Blues Festival last weekend. The group gave three 45 minute performances to paying audiences and also played in the Pahia Mall on Sunday morning. Students also saw performances by professional musicians which were inspirational. This week is the final week of rehearsals for our school production of Alice in Wonderland. Students in the band for the show will be working hard to get their music polished and to put it together with the action on stage. For parents with students studying NCEA Music the final performance evening for the year will be on the 19th of September.

NZEI/PPTA The joint NZEI and PPTA Paid Union Meeting is now at 1.30pm on the 16th of September at ASB Stadium.

Science Fair Well done to all of the Y7 and Y8 students who worked hard on their Science Fair Entries.

2016 Science Fair winners:

- Y7: 1st Emma Jane Matthews and Jessica Hill (Candle Colour Conundrum)
- 2nd Olivia Smith and Dani Ball (Fastest Way to Cool a Soda)
- 3rd Marino Fischer and Mason Willoughby (Air Rocket)

Highly Commended:

Bailey Gibson, Jamie Robinson, Dahnika McCollum, Vincent Metcalf and Will Visser, Madoc Therkluson

Y8: 1st: Ben Alford (Acute way to Score)

2nd: Hayden Burns (Boiling Over), Archer Walton (Hockey Sticks through the Ages)

3rd: Theo Murray (Lifestyle Survey), Hannah Winters-Dodd (Let it Grow)

Highly Commended: Samantha Dutton, Luke Dyer, Emma Dutton

Te Whanau o Tauraroa A great meeting was held last Tuesday night with most of the current Year 9 Te Reo rotation sharing their thoughts in Maori about "He Tangata Rongonui"- An important person. A special thanks to Ringi and Jacob as our judges. Dominic Gresswell, Jaedin Goffin and Keely Lunn impressed the judges.

In term 4 we open up the possibility for all students to compete

for the Te Reo Maori Mihi trophy.

NCEA fees MUST be paid to school by Friday 26 August.

\$76.70 (unless you qualify for Financial

Assistance then \$20). Scholarship entries are \$30. Request a form from Mrs Howes either via student or email sue.howes@tauraroa.school.nz. **ALL financial assistance forms MUST be received by then.**

WORD of the WEEK

Would the following please come to Room 16 for a prize for their sentences for WOW Wangle He wangled his way out of doing laps of the field - every week! Nathan Ryken Year 10.

I wangled my way out of cleaning my room by mowing the lawn. Chad

Pienar 8AA.

After numerous attempts, I realised that I wouldn't be able to wangle a prize off the judges so I'll just have to come up with a fantastic sentence. Hayden Burns.

I tried in vain to wangle an extra scoop of ice-cream out of mum. Varya Kern Room 5.

YEAR 10 should have brought home a form with this invitation.

All Year 10 parents/caregivers and students

Tuesday 30 August at 5.45pm

or

Thursday 1 September at 6pm

NCEA – what's it all about?

How do I make great choices of subjects to study for 2017?

Meet Mrs Sue Howes - Deputy Principal Year 11-13

Ms Allison McKellar - Careers Education Manager

And

Mr Ray Petrie - Year 11 Dean

Room E1

The workshop should last about 90 minutes and is the essential second step in making subject choices for 2017.

Safety Requirements: Part of our job is to keep all safe while at school. If it is necessary to visit during school hours everyone must sign in at the office. No one is permitted onto school property without authorisation.

Sports – Hockey Watch out Kaikohe! Ashley Mansell and Emily Dainty are headed your way!

Congratulations both girls on their selection for the Whangarei Under 10's hockey team. Ashley has been selected as goalie and Emily on the wing.

Rugby -Well done to Eli Graham who had a Whangarei representative rugby game against the Bay of Islands at the weekend. Apparently the win was quite convincing and it's off to play Mangonui next week.

Congratulations also to Bridie McFadzean who was selected to represent Northland in the under-10 rugby team as the hooker....an awesome achievement for a young girl in a male dominated sport! Bridie will play 3 games over the next 3 weeks for the team.

Shooting – In the Dargaville meet on the 3rd August. Ira Martinac was 1st in high overall for the day and also first in Point Score. Ira Martinac and Skye Martinac were 3rd in skeet.

Trophies - Years 11-13 please return trophies to school. Please return any sporting uniforms if your code has finished.

Uniforms - Students (Yr 4-8) that still have a cricket uniform from term 1, please return to school.

Teen Ag - We have a meeting with Leeann Morgan the Teen Ag Rep on Tuesday 23rd August E2 at 1.15pm. Any people (including supportive parents) who are interested are welcome.



Community Notices

Bus Parking wanted: Area needed for parking a bus (mobile home) for approximately 6 months while owner away. Please contact Gini on 027 8263933

Northland Badminton Centre: Junior club Tuesdays and Thursdays 4.00pm - 5:30pm, Intermediate/Secondary, Friday 3:30pm - 5:00pm, Primary/Intermediate, Contact Aaron Spence 027 274 1145 or 438 9675, Email: office@northlandbadminton.co.nz

Family of 5 moving to the area are looking for a house to rent short-term. Please contact: Jen or Jim on 02102966434

Waitotira Community Hall Fund-raising - Bottle Auction Adult entry into event is a bottle (1 per adult), which must be wrapped to conceal the contents, this will be auctioned. Kids entry free.

Join us on the 3RD September to be held at Waitotira Golf Club, Mititai Road

Any queries contact: Anna 022 018 7174

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Upcoming Events

22-23 Aug Production: Alice In Wonderland - Forum North
30 Aug-1 Sept Y10 information evenings
3 Sept NSS Shooting - Northland final
5-9 Sept Y11-13 Exams
4-9 September Y10 to Hillary Outdoors Centre (Turangi)
5-9 September Y11-13 Senior Exams
12 Sept Board of Trustees Business meeting 5:15pm
13 Sept MCAT exams (Y11 Maths)
14-16 Sept Y8 Auckland trip
16 Sept PPTA/NZEI meeting 1:30 ASB Stadium
19 Sept 7PA to Snow Planet
19-23 Sept ERO
21 Sept Y9 'Medieval Mania'
20 Sept FarNet exams
21-26 Sept DoE Gold Qual Journey (leave lunchtime)
22 Sept 11-12 Reports issued
23 Sept End of Term. Guinness World Records (rugby ball pass) attempt
23-27 Sept NZSS Shooting Chch
24 Sept-9 Oct Mangaia visit

10 Oct Start of Term 4
12-14 Oct 13 Geo to Waitomo
18 Oct Y13 Bio Ak Zoo
24 Oct Labour Day
28 Oct Country Day
31 Oct Board of Trustees Business meeting 5:15pm
3 Nov Whangarei Calf Club Central Day
7 Nov Y11-13 Prizegiving. Y13 Reports issued
10 Nov NCEA exams begin. Mangakahia Kapa Haka festival + concert band
26 Nov-9 Dec Visit of Kaisei Junior High School
4-9 Dec Cornerstone Values week
5 Dec Board of Trustees Business meeting 5:15pm
12 Dec Graduation Dinner
13 Dec 7-10 Prizegiving
14 Dec 0-6 Prizegiving End of Term 4

2017
2 Feb Course confirmation 11-13
3 Feb Whole school commences

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