

# TE KURA TAKIWA O TAURAROA TAURAROA AREA SCHOOL



Years 1-13 Co-educational

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## Newsletter 2 August 2016

From the Principal's desk...

This week, we are playing host to students from two Japanese schools, Tagacho High School and our sister school, Koyo Higashi Hiroshima High School. A third school, Kaisei Junior High School will be bringing 45 students in late November. I am very grateful for the families who are hosting our visitors during their stays. Thanks to Adrienne Kyd and Janine Burns for their organisational work on these projects. Visits such as these are valuable in allowing us to appreciate different cultures and share our own cultures with visitors.

Next Thursday, 11 August, is our Open Day. Please encourage anyone you know who is thinking of enrolling a Y7, 8 or 9 student at TAS to register the student for the day. An Open Evening gets underway at 5:30pm in the school library. This is a chance for people to have a look around the school, meet staff and learn about our programmes at all year levels. Refreshments will be served.

Our school production of Alice in Wonderland will be on stage at Forum North on 22 and 23 August. Please support this event and bring your friends along! More than half of our students will be directly involved in these performances. A huge amount of work has already gone into assuring this will be an outstanding show.

As a school, we value feedback from parents and caregivers. The easiest way to communicate with teachers is by email (use [firstname.lastname@tauraroa.school.nz](mailto:firstname.lastname@tauraroa.school.nz)). If this is not possible, please phone the office and the teacher concerned will get back to you at the earliest opportunity. We appreciate learning about any looming problems or concerns before they escalate, as well as having feedback on what is going well. I know many parents are appreciating using the 'Seesaw' with several of our primary classes, which provides an ongoing connection with what their children are learning at school.

This week, we will be asking all parents and caregivers of students in Years 0-8 to complete a very quick survey online, via 'Survey Monkey'. The information gathered will be very helpful to us as we constantly strive to improve what we do as a school. If you do not have access to email, we will be happy to give or send you a paper version to complete. The survey may be completed anonymously.

This term is going to fly by, with two of the nine weeks already spent. We have a number of significant class trips and other events. It is important that senior students prepare thoroughly for their exams 5-9 September. The Education Review Office will be conducting a review of the school in the final week of term, 19-23 September.

Nga mihi,  
Grant Burns  
Principal

**Friday 12 August – Teacher Only Day for students in Years 1-8.**  
Childcare for the day is available with 'sKids'

The Shooting Team's Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner on the 16 July was a huge success. A big thanks to all of our sponsors.

A special thank you to Sloane Livestock for sponsoring our new #1 shirts and to the PTA for their donation towards our girls new #1 jackets.

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

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# TAURAROA AREA SCHOOL

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 7pm**

**Tickets cost \$10 per Adult - \$7 per Child**  
**Available From School Office**  
**Phone: (09) 432 2648**



**Primary News:** I'd like to extend a huge TAS welcome to new students and whanau that have joined the primary team since the last newsletter. It's great to have you on board!

All primary classes have been working very hard with lots of exciting activities taking place. I was so proud to see our students welcoming our Japanese visitors in such a wonderful TAS way. The Powhiri has become such a big part of our school culture. The students displayed so much courage and spirit performing the haka and waiata. They were such a credit to the wider Tauraroa community.

Of course rehearsals are running full steam ahead for primary items in "Alice in Wonderland". Each of the primary classes is putting on an item involving costumes, and face paint with lots of music and dance. The show will be held at Forum North (22 & 23 August) and will be a sound and light extravaganza!

Primary classes will be running a fun "Olympic Games" day. At lunchtimes there will be Ripa Rugby coaching for those students wanting to take part in a Year 4-6 tournament.

Also, please don't forget the **Teacher Only Day** on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August for Year 1-8 students.

All other students will attend school as usual.

Please ensure the office has your up-to-date contact details including current email and phone numbers. Call 09 4322436 ex 829 or email [andy.mouat@tauraroa.school.nz](mailto:andy.mouat@tauraroa.school.nz) if you'd like to get in touch with me. Kind regards

Andy Mouat - Deputy Principal - Primary

## WORD of the WEEK

### Exuberance

My blue heeler puppy, Mihi, exuberantly tried to creep into the house but she jumped on everything so we had to put her outside. - Niamh Coles-Gollop Rm6 JS  
 I was exuberant when I won the ultra draw

but all I got was a toothbrush. - Taine Marker 6JS

I was exuberant when my grandad said he was going to give me a present only to find out it was a scorpion.

Mannix Marshall - 6JS

It was such a glorious spring day that I arranged the flowers in huge splashes of colour to reflect the exuberance that I was feeling - Trinny M 8AA

On the first day of the term everyone was so full of exuberance that our teacher had trouble calming us down.

Olivia Smith 7PA

When I saw the lambs in the paddock, leaping and prancing with exuberance, I felt tired watching them.

Sam Dutton 8AW

I am so full of exuberance when I get to ride my donkey.

Ira 13AOTVR

I was full of exuberance when I saw the easter egg of Crash Bandicoot in the game Uncharted Four

Mrs Rudman AOTVR

Whenever Wyleigh is asked about his love for me, he is exuberant in the way he describes it. - Elijah Dwane AOTVR

**Music News:** The first part of Term Three is very busy for students involved in music at TAS. On the 8th of August, the school concert band will be touring local schools to promote our school open day/evening on the 11th of August. Concert band members have a permission slip which was due back Wednesday 3rd August at the latest. Our school jazz band is performing at the Bay of Islands Jazz and Blues festival on the 13th and 14th of August. You can see them at the Duke of Marlborough in Russell (12pm Sat), Copthorne Hotel Waitangi (5pm Sat) and the Paihia Ex-Serviceman's Club (12pm Sun). On the 22nd and 23rd August the school production of Alice in Wonderland is on at Forum North in Whangarei. This production involves students from our concert band and jazz band who perform in the pit orchestra for the show, and the primary school and drama students on stage acting. Students taking NCEA music will have their last opportunity to perform a solo performance for assessment on the 19th of September, 7pm in the music department.

### Sir Peter Blake Young Leadership Award

The "Sir Peter Blake Young leadership award" in conjunction with Westpac, offers an award to a Year 5 - 8 student who displays leadership skills that uplift their school community our own Chad Pienaar, Y8, was the worthy recipient.

**A message from Chad:** being a student at Tauraroa Area School means I have plenty of opportunity to volunteer and become involved in most events happening in the school community. Leading the 40 hour famine fundraising in 2015 was awesome as I felt like I was doing something to help hungry children in the world, an agony that I hope I never have to live through. I certainly never expected to be rewarded in any way so winning this award was a big surprise.



in 11th place out of 207 shooters. Trinity Peirson-Harrop and Carlisa McCarroll finished the day in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the girls teams event missing out on 3<sup>rd</sup> by a mere 2 points.

Day Two was the North Island Secondary School Championships where Cam and Blair Thomas got into a shoot off for up to 10th place for the day in single rise - they both missed out on a placing but finished in the top 20 single rise shooters for the day. Our girls team did exceptionally well - Trinity, Carlisa and Keely McCollum finished 2nd for the day in the girls' team event, earning themselves a silver medal and a North Island title. This is an outstanding result for a newly formed team.

The shooting team is now working towards the up-coming nationals in Christchurch.

This week the team went to Dargaville: #1 team finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. After winning 9 shoots in a row WBHS have finally taken a win. We haven't lost a shoot since Dargaville in 2014. Carlisa won 2<sup>nd</sup> in the girls Single Barrel and Trinity 3<sup>rd</sup> in the girls Single Barrel. Blair got into a shoot-off for 2-3 place in boys single barrel but was unable to secure a placing.

The finals at Mangapai on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September in shaping up to be a nail biting competition in both the team and individual events with many individuals tied or within 1 point of each other in the 3 different disciplines-both in the girls and boys.

**Running** -They conquered the Bay of Islands Beast!!

Congratulations Bradley Kennedy, Jessy Kemp, Emily Mills, Danielle Lunn, Keely Lunn, Tahleah Green and Alana Morris-Guthrie who all completed (conquered) the 4.5km secondary schools beast event in Paihia on the 8th of July (and also Gwen Smith who conquered the 7km adult version the day after). It was wet, cold and muddy which added to the fun!

**Rugby** - A big thank you to Northland Rugby who provided the opportunity for Blair Thomas and Connor Guest to test their skill and lift their game over the school holidays in an under 15 tournament held at Kensington Park. Both boys were selected for their fitness and potential from a range of Whangarei teams and spent time discussing tactics and practising to improve their performance. They played 4 games against other Northland teams where the rugby was fast and skilful - finishing second to a relentless Mangonui side!

Congratulations also to Joseph Cherrington, Kurt Du Flou, Leroy Delaney, Liam Henderson and Danny Henderson who have recently been selected in the Northland South Zone Under 16's team.



**Area Schools:** The New Zealand Area Schools tournament was held in Dunedin Monday 11 July to Friday 15 July.

16 students from Tauraroa Area School were in the Northland team. - Sam Mills, Tumamao Quirey, Lauren Weir, Tiarna Stothers, Cameron Leijen, Saki Matsumoto, Jay Wilson, Kohine Taylor, Kurt Du Flou, Danny Henderson, Liam Henderson, Cedric Curel, Amy Ogilvy-Hickey, LJ Yearbury-Murphy, Leroy Delaney and Katelyn Mills.

Out of those 16, 9 made the North Island team;

Football - Katelyn Mills, Jay Wilson, Tiarna Stothers, Kohine Taylor, Sam Mills, Tumamao Quirey,  
 Netball - Tiarna Stothers, Amy Ogilvy-Hickey  
 Volleyball - Tiarna Stothers, Kohine Taylor, Lauren Weir, Amy Ogilvy-Hickey, Sam Mills, Tumamao Quirey, Cameron Leijen.  
 Tiarna Stothers went originally just for volleyball but got added into the netball and football. Well done Tiarna for getting into all 3 codes for the North Island!

Katelyn Mills and Amy Ogilvy-Hickey were both seconded into netball and then Amy the North Island netball team.

Out of those 9, 5 went on to make the New Zealand Area Schools teams:

Kohine Taylor, Sam Mills, Tumamao Quirey and Jay Wilson for football; Amy Ogilvy-Hickey, Tumamao Quirey and Sam Mills, who won MVP for the tournament for volleyball.

I would like to thank all of our students for being such wonderful competitors. - Julie Tarr

**Hockey:** Four students have been chosen for various squads by Northland Hockey. Sarah Pilcher made the Under 15 Girls team while Benjamin McCullough, Archer Walton and Madoc Therkeson the Under 13 Boys Development squad.

**Rugby League:** Congratulations to Aiden Blower who was selected for the Northland Swords Rugby League side, which played in Rotorua over the school holidays against other regions.

### Sports:

**Shooting-** Just before the end of term the school shooting team travelled to Hamilton for two events. Standing out on day one (the Hamilton Boys High Shoot) was Cameron Leijen who got into a shoot off for up to 10th place where he just missed out on a placing, finishing

The Northland Swords team finished 2nd and is now working towards the national tournament in September.

**Wearable Arts:** Congratulations to Kirsten Liggett (Year 7) who won the Salute to Scotland section in the recent Art 'n' Tartan wearable art competition.

**Library:** Staff would like to thank all who supported the Book Fair held in the library last term. Our sales enabled us to purchase \$275 worth of books.

**NCEA:** Congratulations to the following students who have earned NCEA 'Excellence' credits in recently assessed standards:

#### Level One:

**English:** Angel Archibald, Blake Weenik, Calloway Shortland-Witehira, Danae Limardatos, Dawn Willoughby-Ludwig, Grace Hodgson, Harry Marker, Hami Delahoya, Jade Lye, Jayden Lincoln, Katelyn Mills (2), LJ Yearbury-Murphy (2), Megan Burns, Megan Ebersohn, Nadine Bishop, Raven Malcolm, Waimarie Jamieson, Britane Watson

**Geography:** Calloway Shortland-Witehira, Ella Coles-Gollop (2), Leah Gunson (2)

**Drama:** Grace Hodgson, LJ Yearbury-Murphy, Nadine Bishop, Sam Steed

**Music:** Charlotte Visser, Nina Spick

**Science:** Calloway Shortland-Witehira, Charlotte Visser, Chloe Gestro, Dawn Willoughby-Ludwig, Ella Coles-Gollop, Jonathan Elley, Katelyn Mills, Leah Gunson, Megan Burns, Nina Spick, Rheanna Bettin

#### Level Two:

**Physical Education:** Britane Watson, Kohine Taylor, Rebecca Karels

**English:** Courtney Martin, Georgia Redfern-Hardisty, Nicola Hasler, Ruby Chandler, Tana Bazil

#### Level Three:

**Statistics:** Amy Burns (2), Courtney Summers, Sam Mills

**Biology:** Amy Burns, Courtney Summers, David Marker, Jess Whitaker, Lauren Weir, Lucy Xu, Sasha Watson, Tiarna Stothers, Molly Alford

**Drama:** Elijah Dwayne

**Music:** Luke Truman

**English:** Lucy Xu



### Sickbay Bed Upgrade: A

special thank you to Trevor and Annette Le Clus who kindly renovated the sickbay bed and donated the re-covering of the mattress.

**PTA:** Our next meeting is Wednesday 7 September at 7:30pm in the school staffroom and we would love to see you there!

**Country Day 2016:** will be held on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Spring is not far away so students should be out selecting a calf, lamb or kid to show. Animals must be born after July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. Collect forms from the school office or Julie Grindle.

The NCEA App is free to download - get it now from:

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### 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](mailto:sue.howes@tauraroa.school.nz). These forms need to be returned as soon as completed.

### Community Notices

Orchids available: White, Greens, Pinks. Bring ute, trailer or truck. Small fee. Ring 0274 444 675.

### FREE ATHLETICS OFFICIALS EDUCATION SEMINAR

9am to 4pm on September 11 in Whangarei.

The course will cover IAAF Senior Track and Field Rules and will be relevant for both Primary and Secondary School competitions. It could be of particular interest to trainee/new teachers to enable them to gain experience in Athletics and/or those who are involved in organising/officiating at your school athletic days.

If you would like to attend or if you would like further information please contact Jenny Ferris on (09) 437 5941 or by email [neilandjennyf@xtra.co.nz](mailto:neilandjennyf@xtra.co.nz)

sKids is hosting a programme for our teacher only day on the 12th of August. It is limited to 30 places. Register via [www.skids.aimy.co.nz](http://www.skids.aimy.co.nz) and enter all contact, emergency contact details, children and children specific details. Also, info on who can pick them up is required.

Free to a good home: Piano made of walnut to be collected on Snooks Road. Please call Chris if you are interested. Tel: 0272472412

Whangarei Youth Music - Term 3 at WYM has begun and we have groups for all levels from beginner to those wanting to extend their musical knowledge. Lessons are also available. Visit our website [whangareiyouthmusic.org.nz](http://whangareiyouthmusic.org.nz) or email [whangareiyouthmusicnz@gmail.com](mailto:whangareiyouthmusicnz@gmail.com) for more information :)

Whangarei Netball Centre has been given the opportunity to attend a presentation by Jenny-May Clarkson (Coffin) assistant coach of the Mystics, former Silver Fern and TV NZ Sports presenter. Tuesday 30 August from 4pm to 5pm - Venue to be advised. WNC require definite numbers of attendees by Tuesday 9 August and this is open to coaches and players with gold coin donation. Please email WNC [whangareinetball@xtra.co.nz](mailto:whangareinetball@xtra.co.nz) if you wish to attend.

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3-10 Aug	Tagacho school visit	19 Sept	7PA to Snow Planet
5 Aug	TAS Mathex (lunchtime in hall);	21-26 Sept	DoE Gold Qualifying Journey, Mt Taranaki
8 Aug	Board of Trustees Business meeting 5:15pm	22 Sept	Y11-12 Reports issued
8 Aug	'Roadshow' performances at contributing schools	23 Sept	End of Term 3
11 Aug	Open day/ Bream Bay College Y7/8 sports exchange at TAS	10 Oct	Start of Term 4
12 Aug	Teacher Only Day Y0-8 / Mathex @ WBHS	28 Oct	Country Day
22-23 Aug	Production: Alice In Wonderland rehearsals and performances Forum North	3 Nov	Whangarei Calf Club Central Day
30 Aug	Assembly P5 - announce new prefects	7 Nov	Y11-13 Prizegiving. Y13 Reports issued
3 Sept	Northland Secondary School Clay Target Shooting final	10 Nov	NCEA exams begin
5-9 Sept	Y11-13 Exams	4-9 Dec	Cornerstone Values week
4-9 September	Y10 to Hillary Outdoors Centre, Turangi	12 Dec	Graduation Dinner
12 Sept	Board of Trustees Business meeting 5:15pm	13 Dec	7-10 Prizegiving
13 Sept	MCAE exams (Y11 Maths)	14 Dec	0-6 Prizegiving End of Term 4

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