



Tauraroa Area School

TE KURA TAKIWA O TAURAROA

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From the Principal's desk

Nga mihi nui, kia koutou katoa,

Term 2 got off to a great start on Monday, with a powhiri to welcome new students to our school. So far this year, we have had new 113 students start at TAS, taking our roll up to 515. It has been very pleasing to see how quickly these students have settled in, becoming valued members of our school community. I am also very impressed with the ways in which our returning students have been so welcoming to newcomers.

Our Cornerstone Values theme for Term Two is Aaro-Nui: consideration and concern for others. This presents a great opportunity for parents to reinforce the practice of this at home. Recent advances in neuroscience have revealed that during adolescence, many young people struggle to have empathy for others. By promoting the importance of showing consideration for others, not only are we building a more positive and caring community, but also we are assisting our young people to develop the skills and personality traits that will enable them to live successful and enjoyable lives beyond school.

Highlights of the coming term will include our sports teams' participation at the Northland Area Schools Winter Tournament at Kensington next week (9-13 May), a number of outdoor education opportunities through Physical Education and the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award Scheme, Lit Quiz (Years 7/8), Wearable Art show and Matariki celebrations. I have stressed to students the importance of keeping up to date with any missed class work; parental support of this is appreciated.

It is essential that we maintain our focus on academic achievement. The investment students make in gaining the knowledge, skills, attitudes and qualifications necessary for life beyond the school gates will be generously repaid to them in the future. At yesterday's assembly I encouraged them to 'play the long game', by sustaining a genuine effort and accepting the guidance and support of teachers to enable them to gain maximum value from their time at school.

Heoi ano,
Grant Burns
Principal

Queens Birthday weekend – 3-6 June. Please note that school will be closed on Friday, 3 June, for a Teacher Only Day.

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