



Te Aroha College Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

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Mr Hartzenburg

YEAR 9 DEAN
Miss Park
FORM TEACHERS
Aotea, Miss Brandon
Arawa, Mr Stewart
Tainui, Mrs Sandbrook
Tokomaru, Mr Aislabie

YEAR 10 DEAN
Mrs Livingstone
FORM TEACHERS
Aotea, Mrs Gemmell
Arawa, Miss Clearwater
Tainui, Mr Darby
Tokomaru, Mrs Oliver

YEAR 11 DEAN
Ms Merriman
FORM TEACHERS
Aotea, Mr Rowe
Arawa, Mr Daroux
Tainui 11, Mrs Scott
Tokomaru, Mr Ashford-
Beck

YEAR 12 DEAN
Mr Aitken
FORM TEACHERS
Aotea, Mr Pipe
Arawa, Miss Maber
Tainui, Mr Robertson
Tokomaru, Mr Masters

YEAR 13 DEAN
Miss Halford
FORM TEACHERS
Aotea, Mrs Jager
Arawa, Miss Baylis
Tainui, Mr New
Tokomaru, Mrs Hagan

He mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Welcome back to 2017.

Haka Powhiri and Welcome

On Tuesday evening we began the school year officially with a Haka Powhiri to welcome the new Year 9 students and families, new students at other levels and new staff. We would like to thank Arlene McLaren for her tireless work in preparing the senior students for this event and our Whaea Mapuna and Matua Rawiri from Tumu Tumu Marae. As a school we are very pleased to welcome all our new families and begin the year in such a positive and inclusive way. With the beginning of year processes near completion our roll continues to grow.



*Top: New students, families & staff with Kaikaranga Whaea Mapuna at the start of the powhiri
Below: Year 13 students with year 9 students on their first day at Te Aroha College*

NCEA Results

Our initial summary review of NCEA results very favourably compared to previous years. We would like to congratulate our students who excelled achieving either full Merit or full Excellence Endorsement. We also saw a significant increase in tertiary funded scholarships and significant growth in the trades programme.

Level 1: Excellence Nicholas Hagan, Nichole Suarez Perdomo; **Level 1: Merit** Tasha Bonenkamp-Lala, Jessica Grainger, Renee Graumans, Jasmine Hobbs, Eden Qualtrough, Meesha Ross, Sergio Schuler, Olivia Simmonds, Manisha Williams and Kate Morris.

Level 2: Excellence Sara Brunsdon, Abby Chilcott, Teagan Gorman, Tatiana Kaumoana, Matthew Millward, Cayla Pearson, Madison Spooner, Ruby Spooner, Tayla Sweeney, Shannon Jerkovich **Level 2: Merit** Luke Harvey, Taya Kinley, Nisara Jayalath, Tyla Qualtrough, Taylor Rigter

Level 3: Excellence Courtney Wi, Rosa Wallace, Joshua Van Bysterveldt, Larissa Grice, Mi-Nu Kang **Level 3: Merit** Estelle Schuler, Courtney Davie, Hamish Clayton, Tara Bentley-Garcia

We would also like to thank our staff for all the work they did in 2016 to support our student success.



All Merit and Excellence recipients

Year 13 Leadership Camp

Leadership Camp was held for all year 13 prior to the start of school at Sapphire Springs in Katikati. We would like to thank our incoming seniors for the amazing contribution they made to making the two day programme very successful and congratulate them on the effort they put in to developing our cultural programme of welcome for the year 9 students. We would also like to congratulate our new Co Presidents Matthew Millward and Tayla Sweeney and their Deputies Taine Wilson and Taylor Rigter for their contribution to the camp. We are looking forward to a great year with this extremely talented cohort. Student Council Convenors and House Leaders have also been appointed. The students in these positions appear on page 6 of this newsletter.



Top: From right Taylor Rigter, Taine Wilson, Matt Millward and Tayla Sweeney

Below: Year 13 group at their camp at Sapphire Springs

Our key priority going forward is to continue to develop students who can actively self-manage and have chosen pathways that interest and challenge them personally within the wider curriculum. The key to this is to adapt and grow what we have always done to better meet individual learning needs.

We need to ensure our young people are equipped with the skills and resilience necessary to deal with any of the challenges they face in our rapidly changing future, even if this challenges us all, as school now looks very different to when we were all students, just as the world looks very different.

There are some important considerations around the already changing face of learning in our school.

In 2017 over 70% of our senior school are already signed in for 40 Trades and 52 Gateway programmes spending at least a day a week in vocational learning. Waikato University are offering the opportunity for our top academic students to take university papers on scholarship. This will add a new dynamic to our academic programme and require a flexible learning environment for senior students who choose these options and have historically completed more traditional academic programmes. Sixteen Year 13 students have qualified for entry to this programme through Merit and Excellence endorsement in NCEA level 2 in 2016. We look forward to this exciting collaboration.

Due to roll growth in the past few weeks we have made some minor changes to the timetable and junior programme which has resulted in the appointment of Hanna Sharps. Students will receive updated timetables prior to the new timetable becoming effective. If parents and students have any questions or concerns regarding the programme please contact the year level dean or phone or email Dot Elgar, delgar@tearohacollege.school.nz to make an appointment with senior leadership.



Our top academic senior students listening to Waikato Liaison personnel on university papers to be offered this year

New Staff

Firstly we welcome back David Masters from his extended leave in Japan.

Over the past week we have welcomed five new staff to our team and we are very pleased to have appointed such great people to support teaching and learning within our school.



Grant Aitken is teaching Geography and taking on the roles of Year 12 Dean and Academic Manager for senior school. Many of you will know Grant from his years as Principal of Paeroa College. He has spent the last few years teaching in an international school in Singapore and comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience.



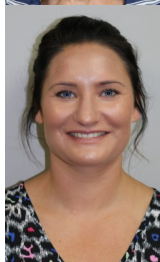
Patrick Aislabie is teaching Physical Education, Health and Outdoor Education. Patrick joins us as a new teacher from Rotorua with a keen interest in rugby and the outdoors.



Rose Brandon is teaching Mathematics. Rose joins us from time overseas teaching at an international school in Korea. She has previously worked at Matamata College and is an experienced teacher of Mathematics and Music.



Sharon Oliver is teaching English. Sharon is very experienced and has come from Okaihau College in the North. She has extensive experience in small rural Northland schools and will be a real asset to our English team.



Hanna Sharps is teaching Science and Health. Hanna is an experienced teacher joining us from Tauranga having recently returned from overseas. She is also a PADI Dive Master, coast guard, surf instructor and a very keen sports woman with strengths in rugby and outdoor education.

Interim Reports

Interim Reports will be out in week 6 of term one supporting students with feedback on how they are settling into the year.

Athletics and Swimming Sports

Swimming and Athletic sports are being held on Friday February 17th and Friday March 3rd respectively and we warmly invite parents and community to these two very colourful days.

The Student Council team for 2017 is:

<i>Co-Presidents</i>	<i>Tayla Sweeney, Matthew Millward</i>
<i>Deputy Co-Presidents</i>	<i>Taylor Rigter, Taine Wilson</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Ruby Spooner</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Shannon Jerkovich</i>
<i>BOT Student Rep</i>	<i>Caleb Cradock</i>
<i>Library Convenor</i>	<i>Jenna Wright</i>
<i>Hospitality Convenor</i>	<i>Talia Keene-Silva</i>
<i>Environmental Convenor</i>	<i>Jade Kerridge</i>
<i>Sports Convenor</i>	<i>Jeremy Blair</i>
<i>Ball Convenors</i>	<i>Brooke Elgar, Shay Teague</i>
<i>International Convenor</i>	<i>Nadia Denney</i>
<i>Arts/Drama Convenors</i>	<i>Nikita Wiggins and Camila Dapelo</i>
<i>College Photographer</i>	<i>Christopher Chivers</i>
<i>Media Convenors</i>	<i>Cayla Pearson</i>
<i>Fundraising/Legacy Project</i>	<i>Madison Spooner</i>
<i>Social Convenors</i>	<i>Facundo Catucci, Lewis Marshall</i>
<i>Academic Convenor</i>	<i>Sara Brunsdon</i>
<i>Year Book</i>	<i>Taya Kinley</i>

House Leaders

Aotea - Ruby Spooner, William Harvey
 Arawa - Tatiana Kaumoana, Finn Davis
 Tainui - Teagan Gorman, Lewis Marshall
 Tokomaru - Shay Teague, Zane Sweetman



Operating Day Structure for 2017

We have made the following refinements to the shape of the day for term 1, 2017. This will be in operation from Friday 3rd February. This has been done to better use our time and support greater attendance management.

Day Structure Term 1

8.40 -	All students at school
8.45 - 10.25	Period 1
10.25 - 10.35	Form
10.35 - 11.05	Break
11.05 - 12.45	Period 2
12.45 - 1.25	Break
1.25 - 2.15	3A Junior *Period 3 Senior
2.15 - 3.05	3B Junior *Period 3 Senior

Term One Calendar

Wk 2	Tuesday Feb 7th Wednesday Feb 8th Thursday Feb 9th Friday Feb 10th	Arawa non-champ swimming Aotea non-champ swimming Tokomaru non-champ swimming Tainui non-champ swimming
Wk 3	Tuesday Feb 14th Wednesday Feb 15th Friday Feb 17th	TAC Championship swim heats Year 13 parent & student BBQ, 6.30pm TAC SWIMMING SPORTS
Wk 4	Friday Feb 24th	TAC Athletic heats
Sk 5	Thursday March 2nd Thursday March 2nd Friday March 3rd	TVSS Swim Champs at Thames Primary Schools' Swimming Sports TAC ATHLETICS SPORTS
Wk 6	Wednesday March 8th Friday March 10th	TVSS Athletic Champs at Paeroa TAC TRIATHLON
Wk 7	All week Friday March 17th	Year 12 Camp TVSS Show Jumping
Wk 8	Thursday March 23rd Saturday March 25th	Year 13 Kayak Camp TVSS Touch at Ngatea WSS Athletic Champs
Wk 9	SUMMER TOURNAMENT WEEK	
Wk 10	Tuesday April 4th Wednesday April 5th Friday April 7th Saturday April 8th	TVSS Triathlon TVSS Tennis TVSS Golf (1st session) NISS Athletics
Wk 11	Tuesday April 11th	WSS Swimming Champs



Top: Year 13 and staff were welcomed at Tumutumu Marae on the morning of their camp at Sapphire Springs, Katikati

Below: The learning and practising in full swing





*Top: Staff and Year 13 students at the camp the week prior to the start of school
Below Left: Staff serving the haakari to parents and students after the powhiri in the hall
Below Right: Parents mingling with their meals under the sun umbrellas*





Top and Bottom: Parents, students and staff enjoying their barbecue under the sun umbrellas outside E Block

