



# TE AROHA COLLEGE

*A purpose joyful; A courage blameless*

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Tena koutou tena koutou tena koutou katoa

## Christchurch Tragedy

It is with great sadness that we reflect on the terrible events of Friday the 15th of March. Our hearts go out to the many New Zealand families who have lost precious loved ones and we as a school community must stand together against this terrible act of senseless violence and racism. As our nation comes to terms with this tragedy it is a time for us all to go that one step further in calling out the use of hate speech, violence and racism. This violent act does not reflect who we aspire to be as 'GREAT' New Zealanders. We are a tolerant and kind people accepting of individual differences, ideologies and beliefs and welcoming of all those who choose to call our country home. We now all have to work that much harder to ensure that our schools, communities and country reflect these aspirations in all that we do. This starts with each of us, every day, taking personal responsibility for every comment and action we make to ensure that we all 'give nothing' to racism. This can no longer just be an expectation, it must be our school, community and nation's requirement for everyone every day so that these tragic events are never repeated.

Give no **tolerance**.  
Give no **laughs**.  
Give no **likes**.  
Give no **attention**.  
Give no **welcome**.  
Give no **respect**.  
Give no **agreement**.  
Give no **support**.  
Give no **encouragement**.  
Give no **power**.  
Give no **home**.

**Give  
nothing  
to racism**

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HE WAKA EKE NOA HE TU MANAWANUI KI TE KEI O TE WAKA



## Sporting Success

Congratulations to our Athletics and Swimming Champions and place getters

A special congratulations to our record breakers.

**Final results for Athletics were:** Junior Girls' Champion: Annabelle Oosthoek, Tai, 61pts; Runner-up: Amber Wotherspoon, Ara, 26pts; 3rd: Madison Given, Tok, 26pts. Junior Boys' Champion: Damon Norton, Ara, 44pts; Runner-up: Harlan Roudon, Ara, 44pts; 3rd: Chase Large, Tok, 43pts. Intermediate Girls' Champion: Breeje Schuler, Aot, 61pts; Hope Pollock, Tok, 37pts; Te Ana Barrett, Aot, 30pts. Intermediate Boys: Lucas Parker, Ara, 35pts; Josh Conroy, Ara, 31pts; Caleb Hazelton, Ara, 27pts. Senior Girls: Dejaan Schuler, Aot, 46pts; Megan Cochran, Ara, 45pts; Paige Spooner, Aot, 35pts. Senior Boys' Champion: Manaaki Kaumoana, Ara, 61pts; Aaron Nguyen, Aot, 28pts; equal 3rd: Dion Wilson, Ara and Thomas Pearson, Ara, both 17pts. Dejaan Schuler set a new record in the senior girls' javelin with a throw of 28.78m.

## Final placings from the Swimming Sports held Friday Feb 15th were:

Junior Girls Champion: Leah Conroy, Ara; Hannah Davis-Gorrie, Taii, 2nd; Annabelle Oosthoek, Tai, 3rd; Junior Boys' Champion: Jayden Darby, Tai; Jago Blanks, Ara, 2nd; Damon Norton, Ara 3rd; Intermediate Girls' Champion: Madison Darby, Tai, 1st; Breeje Schuler, Aot, 2nd; Hope Pollock, Tok, 3rd; Intermediate Boys' Champion: Braye Stewart, Tai; Josh Conroy, Ara, 2nd; Julian Davis-Gorrie, Tai, 3rd; Senior Girls' Champion: Freya Clewlow, Ara; Paige Spooner, Aot, 2nd; Katelyn Hedley, Ara, 3rd; Senior Boys Champion: Manaaki Kaumoana, Ara; Thomas Pearson, Ara, 2nd; Jaz Reihana, Tok, 3rd.

Final placings from the Te Aroha College Swimming Sports held Friday February 15<sup>th</sup> were:

Congratulations to all those who attended Thames Valley and Waikato events representing our school so well.



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## Rosmini College basketball team

Thanks to Rosmini College (National Basketball Champions 2019) for visiting us here in Te Aroha to run a basketball camp for all age groups across Te Aroha. Thank you to the parents of our







## Senior Girls Volleyball team

Our Senior Girls Volleyball Team have just completed the Waikato Championships. We are travelling to the National Championships in Palmerston North on Sunday March 20th. We are travelling as Waikato 4. The team is a young team that has consistently improved through the whole Waikato Season and are looking forward the Nationals. Our games start on Monday March 21st and go through until Friday March 25th.



Julie Maree  
PHOTOGRAPHY



## William Pike Challenge

The William Pike Challenge has begun! A reminder that all year 9s will complete 5 outdoor activities, 20 hours of a passion project and 20 hours of community service. Check out the link for more information <https://williampike.co.nz/> All year 9s are now signed up to the Challenge Hub and encouraged to begin completing their passion projects (new sports, hobbies and trying different things on SMART days) and community service. Ask your child to tell you more about it and show you the Challenge Hub.

Some examples of community service are:

- Knit or crochet baby blankets to be donated to hospitals or homeless shelter
- Read to residents at a nursing home
- Teach computer skills to the elderly
- Perform a concert or play at a retirement home
- Clean up a local park
- Participate in the clean-up of a local river, pond, beach or lake
- Care for a neighbour's pet while they are away
- Become a certified lifeguard and volunteer at a local pool or beach
- Paint over graffiti in your neighbourhood
- Spend time sports scoring
- Coach a sports team
- Look after a school or community garden
- Choose a charity you feel passionate about and contact them. Raise money for them or contribute something for them. For example, collect soft toys to be washed and donated to a hospital or playgroup.
- Do something you love as well as giving back. For example, bake something and organise a bake sale to donate to your favourite cause, charity or group.

Two of our classes are using one of the blocks during SMART days to begin to plan their challenges and community service. We are trying to utilise all of the amazing activities we have in Te Aroha and our local community. Therefore, the first challenge is going to be cycling on the Hauraki Rail trail. The other two classes are doing this during the next round of SMART days.



## Junior Programme

We have seen a number of positive changes with our junior programme. The four core teachers of each class meet regularly to discuss what is working well and how to build on successes. One area we are all focussing on is how to support students to work in a variety of contexts and we are actively teaching students how to work in groups to develop this important skill. As teaching teams we are also working towards a greater collaboration within the core classes to ensure that all students can be successful in their learning.

We have high expectations in the classroom with regards to bringing the correct equipment including chromebooks and books to every class and we would like to thank you for supporting us with this. A reminder to your child to check their timetable the night before is very helpful.

Our phone policy is also working well and allowing all students to concentrate more fully on their own learning without worrying about what is happening on social media. This, along with common class treaties about classroom expectations across the core classes, is ensuring that all of our students are focussed on their learning.

## International Ambassador in Japan

We would like to congratulate Krystal Whyte on being selected to represent our school and region as one of two students traveling to Japan in April for two weeks. She was selected ahead of 10 other regional student applicants and will spend time traveling in Japan and visiting schools as part of her programme with a fellow student ambassador from Aquinas College

For us this shows the value of being a GREAT student and 'Active Achiever' as she worked to take the time to complete her application and has been well rewarded for her efforts. Congratulations Krystal we know you will do an amazing job representing us in Japan.



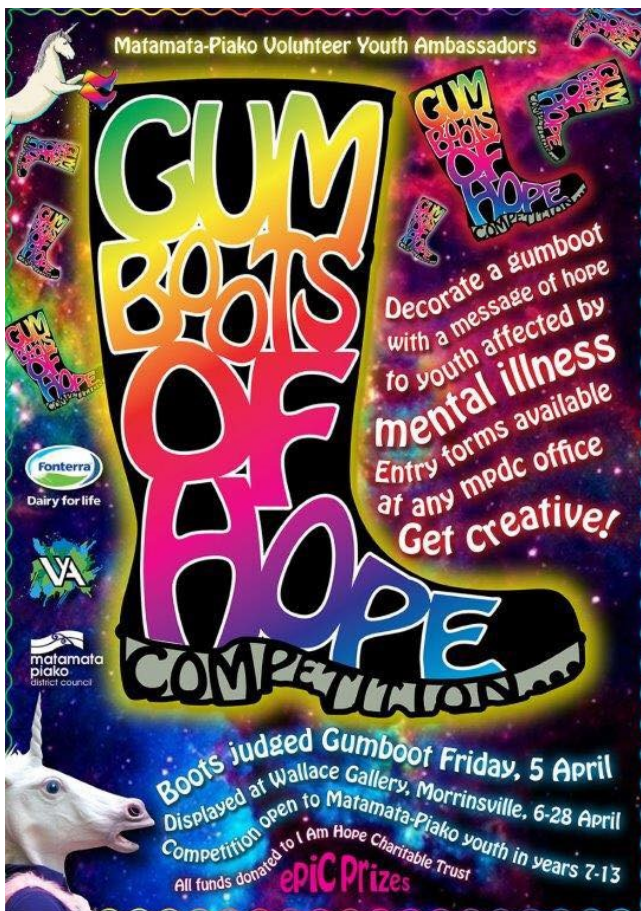




## VYA - Matamata Piako Volunteer Youth Ambassadors

Students in Matamata-Piako are being asked to decorate a gumboot as part of a national campaign to support youth affected by mental illness. The Matamata-Piako Volunteer Youth Ambassadors (VYA) have started a gumboot art competition in support of Mike King's Gumboot Friday campaign Gumboot UP NZ. Gumboots are the symbol of this campaign as Mike King describes his depression as similar to trudging through mud.

The first Gumboot Friday will occur on **5 April, 2019**. People can take photos of themselves in gumboots and make a donation to the charity which provides free counselling to a young person in need. If people don't have old gumboots at home, to search in opportunity shops, or ask relatives or friends to donate their old boots for a good cause.



To enter the competition participants need to collect an entry form from any Council office and decorate one gumboot. The boot, a gold coin donation and entry form will need to be dropped into any Council office between now and 3 April to be eligible for judging on Gumboot Friday.

Prizes will be awarded for finalists from each town in the district, as well as for three overall winners.

All funds raised will be donated to the I AM HOPE campaign.



## **The College Ball - 4th May**

The senior ball will be held in early May and tickets are now on sale for the big event. (Please note tickets are unavailable for purchase this week 19th to 22nd). Students do an amazing job organising what is our biggest 'social event' of the year. This year our student leaders and organisers want to ensure a fantastic night with the highest standards of behaviour as with past years. All senior students are reminded that attendance is required to be at 90% and school work is up to date. Students wishing to attend must also have maintained a positive behaviour record through term 1. Any outside partners will also be reviewed and provided permission to attend by a committee of student organisers and senior school leadership.

## **Smart Day**

Smart Day has begun for the year with a wide range of learning opportunities taking place. We again thank Toi Ohomai as our Innovation Partner for their significant support of our smart path trades programmes. We have a number of new and exciting opportunities available and thank our staff and community for the considerable time they put in to sharing their Skills and talents with our students.





## **Staff Changes**

### **Welcome to Mr Van Wezel - Technology Metal Teacher**

We have welcomed Shaun Van Wezel as our new Teacher of Technology Metal. Shaun and his wife have recently arrived from South Africa to take up the position. Shaun comes with a wide range of skills and talents including a very strong passion for Rugby.

### **Welcome to Dean Wedlake PE Health and English teacher**

Dean is working with us for the next three terms in the Physical Education and Health area and English. As a journalist and PE teacher, we have been very lucky to gain his talents and skills to work with our students. He is working to provide professional long term relief cover for Sharon Oliver and Greg Stewart who have each been granted long service study awards for a term each. He is currently covering Patrick Aislabie classes while Patrick is traveling in Ireland with his rugby commitments.

### **Welcome to Rebecca Robertson-Yells Dance Teacher**

We are very lucky to welcome Rebecca Robertson-Yells as our teacher of Dance working with us on Smart Days and for the Manual programme with our Primary school students. As an ex student of our school and previous DUX, it is great to have her enthusiasm and talent being shared with us.



## Cell Phones and Social Lives

We all appreciate that being a teen is tough and full of ups and downs as they learn to navigate their social world as 'grown ups in training'. For the vast majority of our students this is being successfully achieved. However our school is a reflection of our whole community and we ask all parents and caregivers to work with us to ensure that for our students, school is their place of work. In the past two weeks we have had to work intensively with student and family issues that have generated from beyond our gates and impacted on school. These events are a time consuming and unnecessary distraction from the business of building successful student futures and do not represent what it is to be GREAT at our school.

Over the next two weeks our Senior Student Leaders are rolling out a series of talks with our student body around positive communication and interaction. Focused on being GREAT at school our leaders are sending a message about personal responsibility, resilience and respect so that our students can improve their 'relational' skills.

We ask ALL parents to ensure that their students use of phone technology is checked, monitored and managed and that any and all student communications fits within the legal requirements of appropriate digital communication laws. If talking to your teen about texting and social communication ask them to always THINK before they send or respond:

- Is it True
- Is it Helpful
- Is it Inspirational
- Is it Necessary
- Is it Kind





## Cell Phones and Social Lives (Continued)

We further ask that all parents take an active part in supporting our students to build healthy safer friendships in their social time beyond school. We are greatly concerned that the weekend 'social and party scene' is causing significant issue as some students struggle to separate their 'school work time' from their social worlds. If letting your teen attend social events, have clear guidelines, expectations and communication with those who are hosting these events. We also ask that we all work together as a community to ensure that time beyond school is safe and stays outside of school as is expected in the workplace for us all.

The use of phones at school is a privilege for students and not a right. We have already moved to exclude these devices from 'learning time' with very positive results and if student phones can not be used appropriately at break times then we will need to follow the lead of other schools and request that all personal student phones be left at home. We ask that parents of students from Year 9 to Year 11 support us in enrolling in the Family Wise programme where parental control is maintained over each student's personal phone to support us all with better digital communication. *(Please refer to page 13 for further details)*

## Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei

*Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain*

**This whakatauki is about aiming high or for what is truly valuable, but its real message is to be persistent and don't let obstacles stop you from reaching your goal**







## **Nut and Bolts - Attendance**

A reminder to students and caregivers that all students are expected to attend college every day unless they have a valid excuse. If a student is not able to make it to college on a particular day, it is expected that a caregiver will contact the college with a valid explanation for the absence.

This is much easier than Form Teachers having to address absences with students, which is usually clarified with a call to a caregiver anyway.

Full attendance on Smart Day which occurs every Thursday is expected.

Students who are attending special events this year such as the College Ball are expected to meet an attendance rate of 90%. Students can best check their attendance rates by speaking to Form Teachers.

## **Tomorrow Schools National Review**

As New Zealand considers what the future of school governance will look like please take the time to be informed about this public consultation. There are a number of public meetings being held including multiple political perspectives. Please engage in this critical conversation about our educational future.

**<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/>**

## **Upcoming Events List**

- Year 12 Camp 19th to 22nd March
- BOT meeting 25th March
- Summer Tournament Week 25th to 29th March - Basketball and Volleyball in Palmerston North
- Kayak camp 1st to 4th of April
- End of term 12th April



## Family Zone

Caregivers of students in years 9,10 and 11 are entitled to claim a complimentary 'Family' subscription to the FamilyZone service. If the school has your email you should have received an invitation from FamilyZone to set up your account.

Caregivers of students in years 12 or 13 are also eligible to claim a single-child subscription to the service should they wish.

To set up your free account please refer to the email, alternatively use: <https://www.familyzone.com/tearoa-nz>, to sign up.



### A school community approach to cyber safety.

#### A message from the Principal

Our goal is to protect every student from online harm while still allowing them to take advantage of the incredible possibilities the Internet has opened up.

That's why we've partnered with Family Zone, New Zealand's leading provider of cyber safety and digital-awareness tools and services.

We need your participation.

The School will work with Family Zone to create a private Family Zone account for every family. You will receive an email with instructions to activate your account after the upcoming parent evening. Once your account is set up, please watch the videos and follow the instructions on this website to install and activate Mobile Zone on your children's devices, and customise the settings for your family. Your children will then be safe when accessing the internet, on any device and any network.

Please also read the 'Costs' and 'Policies' detail linked below which explains how we are distributing Mobile Zone licenses to our community and our expectations for technology being brought to school.

Download a copy of the [Cyber Safety Presentation](#) here.

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#### Cyber Safety: It's as easy as 1-2-3.

1

Set up your Family Zone account

2

Install Mobile Zone on your children's devices

3

Run Mobile Zone and follow its instructions to activate

Once you have taken these 3 steps, your child's device will automatically comply with our School Internet Policies during school time.

#### Benefits for parents



#### Manage screen time

Set routines for what kids can access, when - plus give devices sleep times

Family Zone takes student and parent privacy seriously. [Learn more here.](#)