



TE AROHA COLLEGE

A purpose joyful; A courage blameless

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AT TE AROHA COLLEGE WE ARE



GLOBALLY
CONNECTED



RESPECTFUL
RESPONSIBLE



EFFECTIVE
COMMUNICATORS



ACTIVE
ACHIEVERS



THOUGHTFUL
LEADERS

Dear Parents and Whanau,

Our second term of the year has begun with the mantra of 'Just do it!' We have set down clear expectations for our students that term two is the time when we put in the hard work to reap the rewards of educational success by the end of the year. We have a very busy term ahead and we ask all students to JUST DO the work...Make the effort...Take the Risk and TRY! This fits with our GREAT project and puts the focus on our students stepping up and doing the right thing for their futures.

The Ball

We congratulate all our senior students for their amazing efforts on Ball night. It was an incredible night and a great example of how our students stepped up into adulthood. They made us all proud, they all looked fantastic, their behaviour was of an extremely high standard and they did a beautiful job of representing the best of our community to the 25 school leaders who attended from our region's other high schools.

Congratulations to our student Ball committee who did a superb job organising the event and bringing the whole evening in on budget. We have also received great feedback from our students and community that the early date was a positive change for all involved.

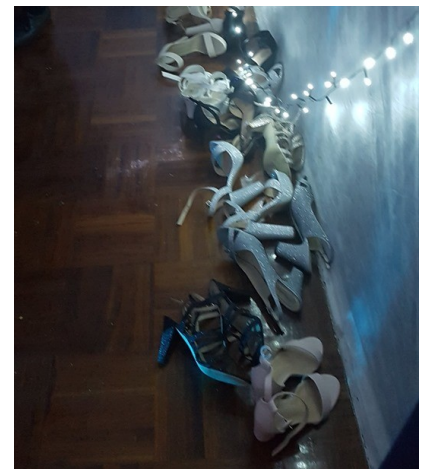
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Junior Reporting

We have made significant developments to how we prepare to formally report to parents. We will be holding a junior learning conference day on Wednesday 5th June. This is to provide families with more in depth time to spend discussing their student's progress. Meetings will be timetabled for all families of junior students between 10am and 7pm on Wednesday 5th June.

Senior students will be required to attend school on that day but will have a special intensive study programme to ensure they are up to date on NCEA.

Junior students will only be required to attend for their family appointment. Appointments will be set for 20 to 25 minutes each and the student will be leading the discussion on progress with the support of one of their core teachers. The focus is primarily on core subjects of Maths, English, Science and Social studies. Other progress information on Smart day and options will also be available along with information from our GREAT project. For year 9 this will also include a report back on the PIKE project.

Junior Reporting as a whole is focused on progress toward successfully managing self at secondary school covering the areas set out in the junior learning scaffold.

Junior Parents - please expect a letter and email on how to book in and set up your personal appointment. We are requiring all parents of junior students to meet to ensure we are all actively working to gather for student success.

Smart Day

The second round of smart day begins in week 4. This will run on Monday for week four only to support the Smart paths students with their first visit to Toi Ohomai. All students should now have completed selection for the second round and have completed all requirements for their first round options that have finished on Thursday 16th May.





Te Aroha College BOT Elections

Becoming a Trustee

Trustees

Trustees are active leaders in our schools. They have an important role of supporting strong professional leadership and ensuring effective teaching for all students through informed governance.

Parents/caregivers and people in the wider community can be school trustees. School boards need to represent the diversity of their school communities to ensure a bright future for all our children.

The trustee elections are the opportunity to vote for candidates who will make a positive difference for children's education. We need more people willing to use their skills and experiences for the benefit of students!

We welcome your nominations to become a member of the Te Aroha College Board of Trustees. Please get in contact with Dot Elgar Returning Officer for Te Aroha College if you would like further information or would like to make an appointment with the College leadership to discuss what Trusteeship and Governance looks like at Te Aroha College. Nominations close on Friday 24th May at noon. Contact delgar@tearohacollege.school.nz

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Becoming a trustee





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PIKE Project - getting out and getting unplugged

Two of our Year 9 classes have completed their first round of PIKE project activities. This has seen a series of Challenges including Cycling on the rail trail to Waihi, Kayaking down the Waihou River and walking to Bald Spur on Mt Te Aroha. Students have also undertaken a range of community service projects and personal interest passion projects. It has been great to see our year 9 students getting out of their comfort zones and getting involved with our community. Thank you to the PIKE team for their amazing efforts at organizing these events and a special thank you to our community for the generous loan of the Kayaks that we used.

View more photos:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/TeArohaCollege/photos>

Winter Sports Codes

Thank you to all our parents, staff and community who have made themselves available to support our Winter Sports season. This is a vital part of wider school life and we appreciate that the support of our community makes it possible to offer so many opportunities to our students.

This winter students can play Rugby, Football, Hockey, Netball, Basketball and many more individual sports.

Cross Country on 21st May

The Cross Country Run is a proud tradition of our school and will be Held on Tuesday 21st May. We remind all students that it is an expectation to get involved and participate. We look forward to a fantastic day of house competition and full school involvement.

School Nurse

We are welcoming a school Nurse to our team for three days a week. We welcome Teresa McGovern, who is joining us in the coming week. We are very grateful to the Waikato District Health team for their generosity in providing this critical service to our student community. This is a great support to our Doctor's team who work with us two mornings a week from Health Te Aroha



Local MP Visit

Thanks you to Local MP Scott Simpson who visited on Wednesday 15th May. Scott brought with him a donation of 30 virtual reality headsets to be used by the Social Science team that allows students to take a virtual visit to Parliament.

NCEA Checkpoints - Keeping Up Not Catching Up

We are continuing to run NCEA check points every 5 weeks for our senior students. This is a process of collecting information on all our senior students' assessment work focusing on who is keeping up with the work and who has to catch up. We saw significant lifts in overall school results using this process in 2018 and we have advanced this in 2019. Our next checkpoint will be in week 4/5 of term 2. Our deans are working hard to meet with the families of all students who need to catch up and provide support for students to get organised and manage the necessary workload to achieve learning success. Please make contact with our Deans' team if you have questions or concerns about your students learning. Their contacts are printed in the newsletter.



Uniform

As autumn moves to winter we remind all students and families that there is an expectation that all students will either have a school jacket and polishable black shoes.

School Jerseys are also available from Harry's in Morrinsville. Non regulation shoes, socks or sweat-shirts are not part of the uniform. We will be checking uniform through term two and ask students and parents to ensure they have students kitted out correctly for what is promising to be a wet and cold winter. Please contact the front office if there are any questions or concerns.

Lateness

We continue to work to ensure all our students arrive on time to school as this is an essential life skill. Please support us with student punctuality by ensuring students arrive before 8.40 and are ready in class for an 8.45 start. We will be closely monitoring attendance during term two and expect that if a student is absent for any reason that a parent caregiver will have contacted the school office and provided a note of explanation for the absence. Absence messages can be left with Rebecca Johnson at the student centre

Road Safety

The parking area and bus bay outside the school gates is very congested in the mornings and afternoons. We ask all parents and students to take extra care and please don't pull in to the bus bay area at all or behind the buses, over the drive or access ways. We ask everyone to take extra care and to drive and park sensibly.

