



# TE AROHA COLLEGE

*A purpose joyful; A courage blameless*

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Dear Parents and Whanau,

As we look back and celebrate Term 3 there have been some great achievements in what has been a challenging time for everyone. We have been so lucky to have been able to put a term together that has not only supported academic success for our students but has pushed the boundaries for creating GREAT all round achievers.

We want to thank and acknowledge the staff, parents and community volunteers who have worked tirelessly to create so many opportunities with all that we have done in the past ten weeks. We also want to acknowledge the amazing resilience of our students who have continued to work hard despite the challenges we have faced.

## Top Scholarship Awards from Waikato University

We are delighted to have been advised this week that three of our top students have gained major scholarships to attend Waikato University. These scholarships reflect the power of 'Excellence Plus' and recognise the amazing all round contribution these students have made in their time at Te Aroha College.

**A PURPOSE JOYFUL A COURAGE BLAMELESS**  
**HE WAKA EKE NOA HE TU MANAWANUI KI TE KEI O TE WAKA**



In the competitive world of tertiary scholarships Full Excellence Endorsement is only the base for success. These scholarships are won on the all-round contribution to wider school and community life including engagement in passion projects, citizenship and leadership. They represent what it is to be GREAT as around achievers.

Each of these 'Te Paewai o to Rangi' scholarships is an award of \$25000 to support the costs of university study. There are only 75 of these awards nationally for Waikato University so to have gained three is a major achievement for Te Aroha College. We are now awaiting further announcements of a range of scholarships that our students have made applications that have seen the highest number of applicants from our school for both University and wider tertiary training.

Congratulations to:

- Jasmine Gorman
- Keara Costar
- Katelyn Hedley

We are extremely grateful to Waikato University for their generosity and we will look forward to these being formally presented at our senior prize giving.





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Senior Ball 2020





## Full NCEA Endorsement Celebrations

Congratulations to the students in years 11, 12 and 13 who have finished the term with their Full Excellence and Merit endorsements already achieved. It is this level of dedication that forms the basis for scholarship success and helps make our students GREAT. We will be acknowledging these students in week 1 of term 4. We encourage all students who are working at this level to push hard in the final ten weeks as Full Merit and Full Excellence endorsement and a GREAT CV is critical for entering the tertiary environment with financial support.

## The 2020 Ball

Congratulations to our senior Ball Committee for putting together a great night. The hall was transformed to a historical Greek garden by the committee and looked spectacular. It was great to see so many of our Year 13 parents and caregivers enjoying the first hour of the event with our students. As always our students looked amazing as they all arrived in style. It is always great to see the community support as an array of stunning vehicles dropped our students off.

A special thank you to Wendy Livingstone, Sarah Verran-Tye, our security volunteer parents and ex students and all the staff who gave their time to help support the evening. Thank you also to 'The Old Forge' for sponsoring the supper and the Hedley family for their invaluable support with the decorations. Thanks also to the Junior Forum team who did a great job as our support team for the evening.





## Beauty and The Beast

We want to acknowledge all the cast, crew and community volunteers for a wonderful show season of 'Beauty and the Beast'. We all needed the 'Disney Magic' that the drama team provided. It was a great show with amazing performances from our lead actors and singers.

A huge thank you to Adrienne Hagan for her direction of the production and all our community volunteers who made our students look so fantastic. Thank you also to the professional photographer, Rachel Taylor who generously provided her time and support to capture the final night's performance.





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## Te Aroha 200

The first Te Aroha 200 programme came to an exciting conclusion in the last week of term. This was a ten week programme run by the PE team where junior and senior students and staff committed to a rigorous programme of fitness and wellbeing three mornings a week for ten weeks.

The longest day celebration held on the final Tuesday of term saw the participating students and staff climbing Mt Te Aroha for the fastest time, completing an intense workout and finishing with a Truck Pull the length of the College fields.

We would like to thank the Phys Ed team for their incredible work, the staff who completed the programme and the staff who supported pick ups and breakfast and our sponsors Klinton Wade of Wade Contractors and Simon Bayer of Good Neighbour, Rototuna.





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## Tug o War

The Year 12 Phys Ed students ran the annual Tug o War event as part of their 'Get Up and Go' week of activities. There were a few significant upsets this year with the Year 13s losing to Miss Park's amazing Aotea 9 team. Congratulations to Aotea 9 for taking out the title for 2020 showing that participation is everything. However the Year 13s did triumph over the staff team despite the superhuman efforts of Mr Aislabie. Thank you to the Year 12 students for a great event supporting school spirit.





## Year 8 Enrolments for 2021

Thank you to all our parents and families who are choosing Te Aroha College for their students in 2021. We are very pleased with the large numbers of students who are choosing their local secondary school. The enrolment team has been busy in the past few weeks enrolling at all our feeder schools. The team will be working to catch up with any families yet to enrol in the coming weeks. Please make an appointment with the front office.

## Te Aroha College BOT Student Election - Board News

Congratulations to Braye Stewart who will continue to serve as Student Trustee for the 2020 2021 year as a full member of the Board of Trustees. Braye won the student election by a significant majority and we look forward to him continuing his work to reform the school uniform and canteen.

## Staff TeachNZ Scholarship

Congratulations to Wendy Livingstone who has received a Long Service TeachNZ scholarship for Term 3 2021. Wendy has contributed so much to Te Aroha College over the many years she has been here so this is a fitting award for her considerable efforts.



## Building Works

The major upgrade of B and D Blocks is going well and is on track. It has been exciting being able to see the plans take shape. This will provide two entity upgraded facilities for 2021 and we are looking forward to being able to enjoy these new spaces. A special thank you to our English and Maths staff for their amazing ability to pack and move their classes around school while the upgrade is being completed.

We have also almost finished work on the ramps and access project. This has seen major changes made to most of our access ways to improve wheelchair access across the site.



## TERM 4 - PLANNING AHEAD

### Year 9 Camp Postponement

Due to the major shifts we have had to make in 2020 to accommodate significant changes in the senior exams process and in how term four will be structured the Board of Trustees and Leadership have had to make the very tough decision to postpone year 9 camp. We know both year 9 students and parents were really looking forward to the annual journey to Motutapu Island and we want to assure both students and parents that we are working hard to shift the camp into 2021 so our juniors will still have this amazing opportunity to attend.

### Key Date Changes in term 4

Due to all the significant changes that have occurred nationally with Covid we have had to make major changes to how we will operate in term 4. This year **our seniors will not be not be leaving for study leave** as they traditionally have and will remain at school with our junior students for the duration of term 4. Students will only be cleared to leave and be signed off formally when they have achieved their appropriate qualification.

This is to support all students sitting NCEA with both internal courses and external exams to achieve the highest possible levels of success in what has been a tough year.

To accommodate the late start to NCEA exams and manage the diverse range of senior programmes that will run in this time we have made the following changes.

### Prize Giving Venue Change

This year will also see our Junior and Senior Prize Giving run at the Silver Fern Farms Events Centre as NCEA exams do not finish until the 9th of December.



## Key Dates for Term 4

- Term Starts - Monday 12th October
- Labour Day - Monday 26th October
- Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 27th October
- Year 12 Leadership Day - Wednesday 28th October
- BOT Meeting - Monday 2nd November
- Sports Award Evening - Wednesday 4 November
- NCEA Exams Start - Monday 16th November
- Junior Exams Start - Tuesday 17th November
- Teacher Only Day - Monday 23rd November
- Junior Learning Conferences - Tuesday 24th November
- Junior Activities - Wednesday 25th November to Friday 27th November
- Senior Prize Giving - Thursday 3rd December
- Junior Prize Giving - Friday 4th December - Last day for junior Students
- Senior Leavers' Dinner - Friday the 4th December
- Last day of Term - Wednesday 9th December. ( NCEA exams Finish)



## SPORTS ROUND UP

### REMINDER SPORTS AWARDS EVENING - Wednesday 4th November

#### Sports Codes Post Covid

Thank you to all our parents, staff and community who have made themselves available to support our Winter Sports season in what has been a really challenging time. To all our codes who have 'found a creative way' to run a season we are very grateful for your efforts. 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. We especially appreciated the efforts made to support codes that would normally have run at very different times to work together.

A special thank you to our student referees and coaches who made it possible for our community to support junior sport. Thank you to all the coaches and managers of Rugby, Football, Hockey, Netball, Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton and many more individual sports.

#### Cross Country

The Cross Country run is a proud tradition of our school and was held earlier in the term. It was a great afternoon with spectacular weather announcing the arrival of spring. We saw some excellent personal efforts. Congratulations to our winners and place getters.

Junior Girls: Jessica Bray 1st, Anna Knight 2nd, Lily Laughton 3rd;

Junior Boys: Seth Karika 1st, Jago Blanks 2nd, Dylan Corden 3rd;

Intermediate Girls: Amber Wotherspoon 1st, Libby Gleeson 2nd, Brooke Carter 3rd;

Intermediate Boys: Sam Storey 1st, Cody Durbin 2nd, Bailey Donovan 3rd;

Senior Girls: Hayley Robinson 1st, Katelyn Hedley 2nd, Te Ana Barrett 3rd;

Senior Boys: Aston Hurd 1st, Manaaki Kaumoana 2nd, Josh Conroy 3rd



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The regional event Waikato-Bay of Plenty event also saw some very strong placings by our top long distance runners

Congratulations to:

- \* Seth Karika, junior boys 8th from 48 runners;
- \* Jessica Bray, junior girls 17th from 53 runners;
- \* Hayley Robinson, senior girls 21st
- \* Aston Hurd, senior boys ankle injury, did not finish

## Netball

Congratulations to the Open A team who won the Senior A Grade championship in the Te Aroha Netball Association competition. In the annual Boulton Cup tournament the Open A finished 7th=. The team sorely missed the presence of Katelyn Hedley who was injured a few days prior to this tournament.

## Rugby

The Under-15 team finished their season winning the L Berry Cup as 4th place getters in their Thames Valley competition.

## Volleyball

The senior boys and girls teams played in the Thames Valley Secondary Schools' tournament

recently. At the end of the day the girls team finished 2nd to Katikati College while the boys' team finished 4th.

## Badminton

The Thames Valley Secondary Schools' Badminton tournament was also held during term 3. Results were:

Girls: Erica Dodge 4th senior singles; Katelyn Hedley and Rowan Carey 4th in senior doubles; Liz Hensby-Bennett and Erica Dodge 3rd girls' doubles; Hannah Davis-Gorrie and Amber Wotherspoon 4th girls' doubles.

Boys: Brooklyn Carr 3rd in Junior singles, Marshall den Boer 3rd doubles, Jackson Thornton and Manaaki Kaumoana 4th senior doubles.

## Basketball

We wish our Senior Boys A team all the best in the Secondary Schools A Boys Invitational Tournament being held in the Silver Fern Farms Event Centre starting Thursday and going through to late Sunday.



## STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLBEING

### Digital Safety

A recently released film, [The Social Dilemma](#) deals with the psychological and social impacts of advances in digital marketing and social media on young minds. It is recommended viewing for all parents and students.

For parents who would like to take a more proactive approach to students' use of digital media, there are tools available to help you. Te Aroha College provides Family Zone web filtering tools free of charge to families of all attending students - just visit [www.familyzone.com/tearoa-nz](http://www.familyzone.com/tearoa-nz).

### Vaping, Vaping products and illegal substances

We have been very concerned in the past few weeks to be dealing with students bringing and using Vape products to school from home. We wish to clearly advise all our families and whānau that Vaping is prohibited on the Te Aroha College site and to and from school for any student and all Vaping products are a prohibited substance for anyone under the age of 18.

We wish to raise our concern that this growing trend in our youth population is not safe and has significant dangers for the health and well-being of our youth.

We also wish to advise that any Vape products or other illegal substances found with students will be directly surrendered to the police.

### Senior NCEA Checkpoints - Keeping up not Catching up

We are continuing to run NCEA checkpoints every 5 weeks for our senior students. This is a process of collecting information on 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 last term and we have advanced this for term 4. Our next checkpoint will be in week 1 of term 4. 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 student's learning. Their contacts are printed in the newsletter.



## Uniform

As we move to spring and summer we remind all students and families that there is an expectation that all students wear correct uniform including socks and polishable black shoes or roman sandals. Non regulation shoes, socks or sweatshirts are not part of the uniform. We ask students and parents to ensure they have students kitted out correctly for what is promising to be a warm final term. Our uniform is available from Harry's in Morrinsville to purchase new. There are also stocks of second hand uniform available at school.

## *Sustainable Uniform Support Programme*

**If there are additional items of uniform at home that are no longer needed we would be really appreciative if these were donated back to school to support others. Please drop any unwanted uniform into the front office.**

## Road Safety

During term 3 the parking area and bus bay outside the school gates was very congested in the mornings and afternoons. For term 4 we ask all parents and students to take extra care and please do not pull in behind the buses or over the drive and access ways or in the way of the buses or on the road in the bus turning area. Please park at least 5 meters from the drives and access ways. We ask everyone to take extra care and to drive and park sensibly to ensure we can avoid any potential accidents.

Finally Term 4 is shaping up to be a very busy time for everyone. Please take the time now to catch up on any work due and also make time to take a break and enjoy time with friend and family before we complete the final term of 2020.



## Senior Course Selection For 2021

Course Selection Guides are available at:

<https://www.tearoa.school.nz/about/academic-programme>

Choosing your Level 1,2,3 NCEA Course deserves careful thought and consideration. Our aim is to provide subjects you are interested in, which will benefit you in future years, and support your chosen career and employment or lead you to further academic study.

The Course Selection Guides provides outlines for Level 1,2 and 3 NCEA courses which will probably be offered through timetabled classes in 2021. Courses will only go ahead with sufficient numbers; others can be taken through the Te Kura Correspondence School.

**Every student must complete Preliminary Course Selection by Wednesday 14 October**

- On line using the website: <https://tearoa.schoolpoint.co.nz>
- The Link is also on school website: <https://tearoa.school.nz>
- Students sign in with student username and password
- Those without internet access should complete at school

*Students will be given allocated school time on Wednesday 14 October if not already completed*