



TE AROHA COLLEGE

A purpose joyful; A courage blameless

December 2020

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We are at the end of the most extraordinary year and it is time to look back and celebrate the many successes of our fantastic students. It is also time to farewell those that are leaving us and celebrate their contribution to making this a GREAT little school

2020 will forever be remembered as the year of extremes for us. It is exciting to know that despite a world pandemic the achievement rates of our senior students improved considerably and we have seen more students than ever complete their year with their NCEA qualification achieved. We have also seen amazing individual achievements with the number of students gaining full excellence endorsement also well above our predictions and the highest number of scholarships for tertiary study ever awarded to our school.

Small country schools offer amazing opportunities to students and as we saw in the final weeks of 2020 through Sports Prize Giving, Senior Prize Giving, Junior Prize Giving and Senior Leavers Dinner we have showcased the many and varied successes of our talented students. We celebrate these achievements throughout the rest of our newsletter.

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



Sponsor Thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank the many sponsors that make our Prize Giving Events so special. Without this generosity we could not support the futures of the many students in the way that we do and we are so grateful to be able to do this.

We would like to thank our teaching and support staff team for their dedication to service, determination and creativity. Our exceptional student achievement results are testament to the patience, persistence and sheer will of our staff that student learning and achievement would not be affected even by a world pandemic.

THANK YOU

Academic Prize Giving Sponsors

Cullen Engineering	Te Aroha RSA Women's
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Elstow Waihōu Primary	Ryan Law
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We thank our Board Chair and Board Members for their support, guidance and commitment to making this the GREAT school that it is despite the challenging times. We are grateful for their passion, professionalism and support.

We also acknowledge the work of the extended senior leadership team and thank them for their considerable contribution to our successes this year even through their own challenges. It was the countless hours behind the scenes that kept us rolling as the sand constantly shifted under our feet and I am very privileged to work with such dedicated school leaders.

Thank you to our GREAT staff that passionately 'found a way' to make the memories that matter for our students. We were able to bring the Disney Magic at a time when we all needed it most with Beauty and the Beast. We delivered on sports seasons full of successful team and individual performances. We skied in the snow, climbed mountains, paddled in lakes and rivers, tramped through the bush, biked on trails, flew in the sky, drove electric cars and so much more. We enjoyed new challenges with the Te Aroha 200, reinvented the Triathlon using our own community cycle trails, danced the night away at a spectacular Ball and celebrated many and varied successes.

We would like to thank all those parents, caregivers, supporters and local businesses who have given up their time to continue to develop the school and provide opportunities for our students. Whether being sideline spectators, sports coaches and managers, drama supporters, singers and participants, employers or even just providing transport, know that your contribution is valued by the staff and particularly by the students. Thank you all for being part of the operations of our school. Thank you for support of Te Aroha College and for making Te Aroha College the community school that it is.



Congratulations to our top Senior Prize winners for 2020. You have set the bar very high for 2021.

Year 13 Academic Prize Winners

Jenny Baker Cup - Most Conscientious Computing Student: **Lilion Verran-Tye**

Senior Entrepreneur Award & Spicer Family Trophy for Creative Design: **Angela Harris**

Kia Tu Tangata and Senior Awhinatiamai Trophies: **Regan Traynor**

Services to the College: **Sam Dromgool, Jacinda Nicholls, Regan Traynor**

TA Business Assoc. Gateway Cup - for outstanding work ethic: **Manaaki Kaumoana**

Suisted Award for Scientific dedication and endeavour: **Gary Vu**

Don Beard Memorial Prize - Excellence in PE: **Jackson Thornton, Samuel Dromgool**

Daisy Robertson Memorial Award for Senior Sciences: **Keara Costar**

Douglas Cup for Year 13 Outstanding Application to School Work: **Manaaki Kaumoana**

Principal's Special Awards: **Iona Mortimer, Jasmine Gorman, Regan Traynor**



Tyla Burge

Lions Club Service Award

To acknowledge Tyla's commitment and contribution to sport at College and for the Te Aroha Community during her years at college.

Has played cricket and hockey for college teams for many years.

Currently Captain of the 1st XI cricket and 1st XI hockey teams.

Currently a member of the boys hockey team.

Involved with coaching junior volleyball teams

Has umpired netball for the college open A team, the local primary school competition, the Monday night Secondary competition, and has recently passed the New Zealand Theory Qualification for netball umpiring.



Jasmine Gorman

Proxime Accessit—Runner up to the College Dux

Course Prizes in Level 3 Painting, Classical Studies, 1st equal in English.

Merits Awards in Level 3 Media Studies, Statistics and Calculus.

Principal's Special Award—For promotion of Arts and Leadership roles.



Regan Traynor

Norman Blakey Memorial Prize for General Excellence

Services to the College—Evison Cup for Sporting and Cultural contributions

Kia Tu Tangata Award

Senior Awhinatiamai Award

Principal's Special Award—Leadership

First in Level 3 Health



Congratulations

Keara Costar Dux 2020

Firsts in Level
3: English (Dual),
Chemistry, Statistics,
Calculus, Physics.
Daisy Robertson
Memorial Award
for Senior Sciences.



Year 11/12 Academic Prize Winners

Cullen Engineering and Design Innovation
Award: **Dante Christey**

Maori Women's Welfare League Award: **Clio McLaren**

Year 11 Senior Entrepreneur Award: **Sayla Sdoeung**

Year 11 Dickson Family Cup for Achievement:
Carlos Ngarama

Year 11 Outstanding Application to School
Work - Paul Cox Cup: **Stephanie Cornes**

Year 11 General Excellence - Elaine Hills Cup:
Isabelle Bray

Year 11 Academic Excellence Spencer Cup:
Brooke Titchener

Dr Rod Hamerton Cup - Level 2 Sciences:
Braye Stewart

Freemasons Humanities Award: **Iona Mortimer**

Year 12 Outstanding application to school
work - Hoyle Cup: **Raneigh Hannah**

Year 12 General Excellence - Santi Lala Cup:
Iona Mortimer/ Julian Davis-Gorrie

Year 12 Academic Excellence - Jager Cup:
Iona Mortimer

Year 12 Academic Excellence - Level 2
Course: **Isla Roos / Julian Davis-Gorrie**



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Congratulations

Iona Mortimer
Year 12 Academic Excellence - Jager Cup

First in Level 3:
History. Merits in
Level 3: Statistics,
Classical Studies.
Principal Special
Award - Service to
School with creating
2020 Yearbook.

Congratulations

Year 12 Academic Excellence at Level 2



First in Level 2: Biology, Technology-Food. Merits in Accounting, Geography, Mathematics & English. Excellence Endorsement at Level 2.

Isla Roos



First in Level 2: Physical Education, Geography and Mathematics. Merits in Biology. Excellence Endorsement at Level 2.

Julian Davis-Gorrie



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Congratulations

Brooke Titchener
Year 11 Academic Excellence
- Spencer Cup

Firsts in Level 1:
Accounting, Science,
Design (Dual). Merits
in English and Mathematics.



**Year 11 Outstanding Application
to School Work**

Year 11 General Excellence



**Stephanie
Cornes**

Firsts in Level 1:
Computer Applications,
Geography,
Technology-Food. Merits in
Mathematics and English.



**Isabelle
Bray**

Firsts in Level 1: Physical Education,
Design (Dual) Merits in Dance.
Service to School with Dance,
Tennis Champ, Co-captain of 1st
XI Football. Senior Volleyball. Coach
with Junior Football and Volleyball.



Scholarships Recipients

Te Aroha Rotary Scholarships

Tyla Burge, Jackson Thornton, Samuel Dromgool

University of Waikato Scholarships

Keara Costar	Te Paewai o te rangi: The University of Waikato Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement	\$25,000
Jasmine Gorman	Te Paewai o te rangi: The University of Waikato Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement	\$25,000
Katelyn Hedley	Te Paewai o te rangi: The University of Waikato Scholarship for	\$25,000
Tyla Burge	Ko Te Tangata - Waikato University School Leavers Scholarship	\$3,000
Rowan Carey	Ko Te Tangata - Waikato University School Leavers Scholarship	\$5,000
Freya Clewlow	Ko Te Tangata - Waikato University School Leavers Scholarship	\$3,000
Samuel Dromgool	Ko Te Tangata - Waikato University School Leavers Scholarship	\$5,000
Yolanda Mortimer	Ko Te Tangata - Waikato University School Leavers Scholarship	\$5,000
Amelia Simmonds	Ko Te Tangata - Waikato University School Leavers Scholarship	\$3,000
Regan Traynor	Ko Te Tangata - Waikato University School Leavers Scholarship	\$3,000
Jackson Thornton	Ko Te Tangata - Waikato University School Leavers Scholarship	\$3,000
Konna Watts-Tokona	Ko Te Tangata - Waikato University School Leavers Scholarship	\$3,000

Lincoln University Scholarship

Manaaki Kaumoana	Lincoln University Sports Scholarship for Basketball	\$15,000 per year
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University of Otago Scholarships

Rowan Carey	Otago University Vice Chancellor's Scholarship	\$5,000
Rowan Carey	Otago University Relocation Scholarship	\$1,000

Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award

Josh Conroy—\$2000



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Scholarships Recipients





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Announcing 2021 Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to our incoming senior student leaders. After a very rigorous selection process we have announced our leaders for 2021 and we look forward to their contribution to school life in the coming year.



Co-Presidents
2021

*Sarah
Yetton*



*Julian
Davis-Gorrie*





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Announcing 2021 Student Leadership Team



Deputy
Co-Presidents
2021



Madison
Darby
Iona
Mortimer
Junior
De Young
Caleb
Bayley-Conder

Names in clockwise order





2021 Student Perfects



Caleb Bayley-Conder

Madison Darby,

Julian Davis-Gorrie

Junior De Young

Raneigh Hannah

Zoe Lynd Jones

Iona Mortimer

Eshriya Narayan

Samantha Oosthoek

Brodie Paynter

Hayley Robinson

Isla Roos

Braye Stewart—also BOT Student Rep.

Hollie Storey

Sarah Yetton



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**We thank and acknowledge
the tremendous work
our 2020 Co-Presidents
and Deputy Co Presidents
have done and the
positive contribution
made through the year.**

**Regan, Katleyn,
Tyla and Jackson
have done a wonderful
job as GREAT Leaders
and we thank them
for their service to
our school.**





Junior Academic Prize Giving



Congratulations

**Luca
Gemmell-Taylor
Year 10
Top Scholar**

Firsts in Year 10:
Technology - Wood,
Science, English & Social
Studies. Merits in:
Maths & Spanish. Mike
Pero Junior Entrepreneur
Award, Junior Co-operation
Award for service to
the College.



Congratulations
also to our
Junior Prize
Winners

Congratulations

**Liz
Hensby-Bennett
Year 9 Top Scholar**

Firsts in Year 9:
Technology - Food,
Music, Spanish. Merits
in: Design, English,
Science, Metal, Social
Studies, Maths.





Sports Prize Giving

Congratulations to our top sports achievers. Our little schools 'punches well above its weight' in sport and the achievements listed here show the considerable depth of talent we have.



BLUES



Basketball.

*Junior De Young
Manaaki Kaumoana*

*Motocross:
Regan Adams*





Sports Prize Giving



*Sports Officiating
& Adminstrating
Award:
Tyla Burge*



*College Sports
All-Rounder:
Manaaki Kaumoana*



*Junior Sports
All-Rounder:
Jessica Bray*





Staff Farewells



= FAREWELL =

= SAM
MORTIMER =

Special Congratulations to Mrs Sam Mortimer who in the final week of school was appointed to the position of Principal for Greymouth High School. She will begin this role in January 2021. We wish Sam all the best on her southern adventures and thank her for her considerable contribution to Te Aroha College over the past 13 years.

Emily Osborne and Dean Leary

Emily Osborne and Dean Leary are also moving on after completing one year contracts for staff on leave in 2020. We thank both for their fantastic contribution and wish them well in their future teaching careers, at Rotorua Boys High School and Fairfield College.



== FAREWELL ==

TERRY MARTIN

After more than 20 years of growing GREAT grass we say farewell. Terry has made an incredible contribution to our school life. He has always made time for everyone no matter how busy or how bad the weather. His work over the last 20 years has created school grounds that are the envy of all other schools. He has brought humor, humility and hard work to all that he has done and his love of a good burn up much to the neighborhood's consternation will be laughed about for years to come. Terry Martin, thank you for your dedication to our school and we hope you enjoy your retirement.

The School Magazine

Special thanks to Iona Mortimer for her work on the school Magazine. 2020 will be remembered for many things. Due to the creativity and exceptional perseverance of this student 2020 will be remembered and celebrated by everyone. Iona, with the support of Emily Osborne worked tirelessly throughout the year to create a sustainable and memorable 2020 School Magazine celebrating our year. This project represents hundreds of additional hours of work, writing, formatting, coordinating and the result is a testament to her hard work and dedication.



School Property Works

Over the holidays the reconstruction of Blocks B and D and the Foods room will be continuing. We look forward to the new developments as we start 2021. We also advise to please use caution if using or walking through the school ground as there are significant construction works in progress.

A special thank you to Wade Contractors who have completed a full Refurbishment of the Long Jump Pits. For many years the build up of sand had made this literally an uphill event and with the help of Klint Wade we have now leveled the area, finding the original pit surrounds a meter below the surface. We look forward to new jump record in the summer.

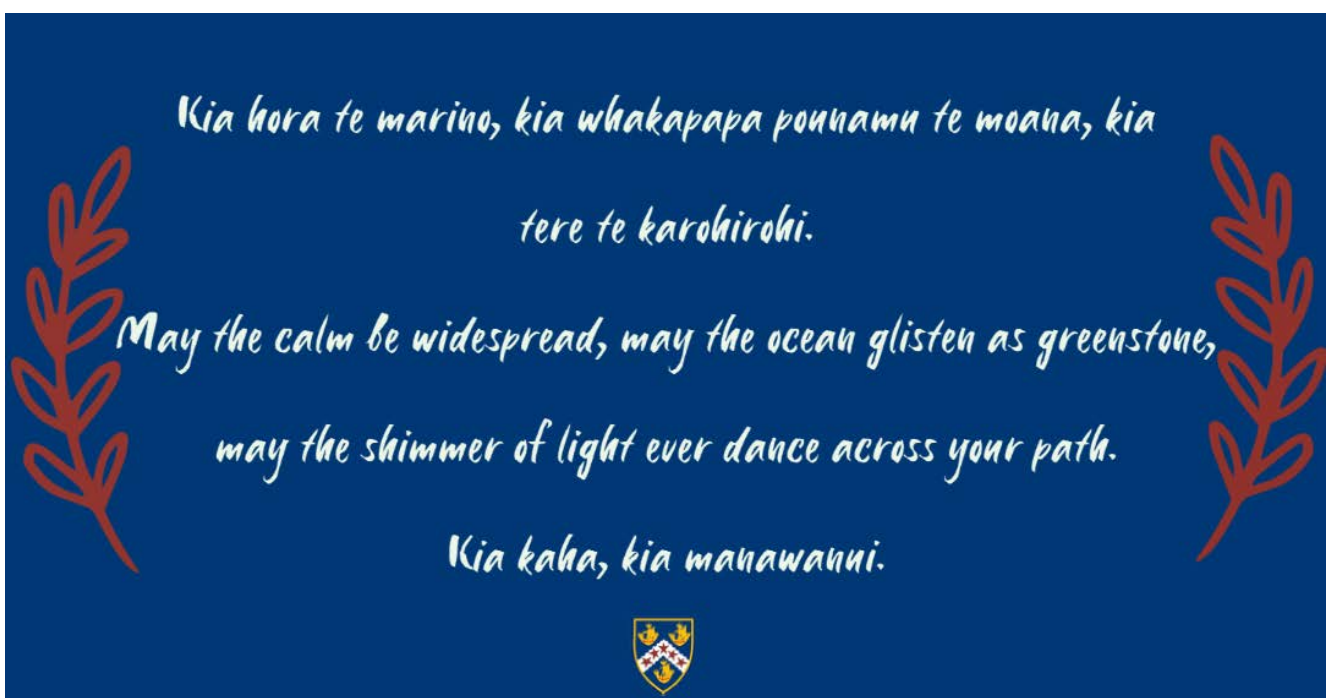
Ending 2020 and Beginning 2021

- The School office will close on 18th of December for the Christmas break.
- The School office will open on the 18th January . Contact can be made to rjohnson@tacol.nz or phone 07 8848625
- Deans and Leadership appointments can be made from the 25th of January
- Student Course Changes can be made on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th January
- Teacher Only days will run on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th January
- Senior Leaders' Camp will be held at Waihi Academy on 2nd & 3rd of February
- Welcome Powhiri for incoming Year 9 students and new students at other levels will be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday the 3rd of February.



- Year 9s and 13s will be at school on Thursday 4th February
- Full school Welcome will be on Friday the 5th of February.

To our leavers, students and staff, we thank you for all that you have given to our school in the time you have been with us and wish you well for your futures.



We hope you all have a safe and restful Christmas break and we look forward to another exciting year in 2021.

Heather Gorrie
Principal

Please note: The school has been advised by NZQA that NCEA exam results may not be available until the 27 of January 2021.