



TE AROHA COLLEGE

A purpose joyful; A courage blameless

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Dear Parents and Whanau,

It has been an exciting few weeks and a very busy term as we have settled everyone in to school and completed our summer programme of full school sports events with Te Aroha College Swimming Sports, Thames Valley Swimming, Athletic Sports, Tennis Championships and Year 12 Camp and Tournament week. We have also had a number of student-led events including the Bomb Competition, Valentine's Day Win-a-Date and the SADD Bash-the-Car and Fire Brigade display, as well as two fundraising Mufti Days.

Sports Success

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate our students who excelled in all our sporting events. Their efforts were great, as were the number of records broken in our full school events. We also would like to congratulate every student who chose to have the courage to get out there and give it a go. Thank you all for your efforts and a special thanks to Wendy Livingstone and her team and the student leaders for the management of these events.

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



Our participation in the Thames Valley Swimming and Athletic events also saw some incredible performances and we congratulate our winners and students who placed in these events.

Our House competition is in full swing with Tainui and Aotea vying for top spot with one win each from Swimming and Athletics.

Athletics 2021 - 1st Aotea with 3763 points

Swimming 2021 - 1st Tainui with 5317 points

The school Triathlon is the next major event and will be held on Tuesday 30 March.

Our Summer Tournament teams are away in Week 8 representing in Girls Volleyball, Boys Volleyball and Basketball. We wish our representative teams all the best for their competitions.





Year 12 Camp

The Year 12s have completed their outdoor camp at Coromandel. Again we acknowledge those students who have stepped outside their comfort zones to attend these events and also thank the staff and parent helpers for their considerable contribution to making these camps possible. These are once in a lifetime events and we strongly recommend that all students take these opportunities to challenge themselves, get involved and give it a go.

Smart Day and William Pike

We have worked hard to complete the intensive planning around the introduction of our Smart Day programme that began in Week 7. This is always a fantastic day each week where we take learning out into our community and focus on student strengths and interests. This year the programme is very diverse with students able to build skills and strengths in a wide range of practical areas.

This has also marked the start of the William Pike programme for our juniors. William Pike includes an outdoor adventure programme, a community service programme and the completion of a passion project. The groups began with raft building in the school pool and a walk up Bald Spur.



Te Ara Tohu Pūmanawa Taiohi - Youth Secondary Tertiary Advisory Group

Congratulations to Julian Davies-Gorrie who has been appointed to the Youth Secondary Tertiary Advisory Group. He has been selected to be part of a region-wide group providing voice on the future of secondary and tertiary training initiatives and programmes working with Waikato University, the Ministry of Education and Wintec.

Student Volunteer Army

We are part of the Student Volunteer Army national programme that awards community service. Students have the opportunity to sign up and log their hours for any volunteer work completed in school or after school hours. Students receive a series of badges for the hours worked.

We would like to Congratulate Bray Stewart who has achieved his Gold award for 500 hours of community service. Bray has worked as a Lifeguard for many years.



Students wishing to sign up to the Student Volunteer Army programme can see Mrs Verran-Tye.



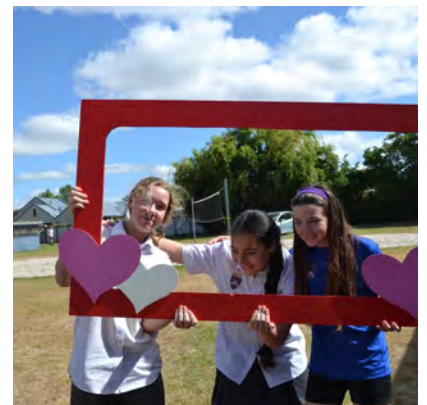
STUDENT VOLUNTEER ARMY



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Student-Led Events

Our senior student leaders raised \$615 for the local Fire Brigade as part of their work to support SADD (Students Against Dangerous Driving). This was an amazing event where the Fire Brigade demonstrated how people were rescued from cars. The students also ran a Bash-the-Car fundraiser and mufti day. Our leaders were presented with their SADD badges in recognition of their work and the Fire Brigade was presented with the funds at our Week 8 assembly.

Congratulations to

- Brodie Paynter
- Raneigh Hannah
- Caleb Bayley-Conder
- Braye Stewart

The student mufti day for Child Cancer raised \$640 for this worthy cause and I would like to thank the Prefects for their efforts in supporting these initiatives.





School Food Programme

It has been very hard for us as a school community to come to terms with the extremely sudden drop in living conditions of many of our families. The cost of Covid in communities like ours has been very high and we are now seeing the results of increased rents, high mortgages, job losses and job insecurity.

A big part of our school leadership programme is creating sustainable positive change in our school. Our Prefects are working hard to ensure all our students are able to have food during the school day as students who are well fed learn better.

Our Board and school have made the commitment to ensure that no student at Te Aroha College has to go without food. This is a major undertaking and the students are working hard to provide quality lunches to our student body.

We have been fortunate to get local sponsors on board to help with the costs and we would greatly appreciate any other business support to make this project successful and help feed our tamariki as we move into the winter months.

We wish to acknowledge the generous support of:

The New Zealand Freemasons

Countdown Supermarket

Fonterra

If anyone in the community has fruit or suitable food products they would like to donate to this cause we would be very grateful. Please contact Rebecca Johnson at the school office.

rjohnson@tacol.nz We are happy to collect donations.



Nuts and Bolts and Upcoming Events

Junior Parent Conferences

School will finish early at 2.15pm on Friday 26 March to support the set up of Junior Parent Conferences for Monday 29 March.

We are holding Junior Parent Conferences on Monday 29 March. We expect all parents and families to book an appointment and ensure we are working together to support our students.

Students only need to attend their set appointment on Conference day. There will be no teaching for them on this day.

Senior Student Assessments

Senior students are coming up to their first major assessments. Please make sure that you discuss this with your student and ensure that work is handed in on time. Deans and Teachers are always willing to help if you need support. The rules around NCEA are very clear and students must meet all deadlines.

On Monday 29 March, due to the junior students having their Parent Conferences with their teachers, normal timetables will not operate for seniors. However, senior stu-

dents are able to come and gain support for their assessment work and staff will be available to help when they are not in Conferences.

Positive Learning

We are focusing on positive learning culture in our school through Term 1 and working hard to ensure all our students are learning ready when they attend each class each day. We expect our students to be 'self managing' by getting to each class and being ready to learn. This includes checking the next day's timetable the night before school and organising all the right books and equipment. It also means turning up to class ready for work with a charged digital device, setting up and beginning each class starter activities without needing reminders and completing the set work in each class that is required to the highest possible standard. We remind all parents that should you have any comments, questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us as your information on how this is going for your students is important. Deans' contact details are also included in the newsletter.



Uniform

As the weather cools down, we remind all students that there is an expectation that students will either have a school jacket or blazer and polishable black shoes. Non regulation shoes or sweatshirts are not part of the uniform. We are currently completing school-wide uniform checks.

We have a large selection of second hand uniforms and are happy to help our families to make sure that all our students are warm through winter.

Easter Break and the End of Term

We will break for Easter on Thursday 1 April. School will return on Wednesday 6 April.

The last day of Term 1 is Friday 16 April.

Board Meeting

The next Te Aroha College Board meeting will be held on the 10th of May

Finally

We look forward to the rest of the term being as positive as the first seven weeks have been and thank our student body for their ongoing positive efforts both in the classroom and with the many and varied co-curricula options that have been on offer.

Heather Gorrie—Principal





Sports Results

Cricket - Boys

Century in Cricket vs. Hamilton Boys - Sam Storey

Half Century in Cricket vs. Hamilton Boys - Richie Gemmell

Swimming Record Breakers

Braye Stewart
Madison Darby
Jessica Bray

Athletics

Champion Junior Girls

Jessica Bray

Champion Junior Boys

Sean Costar

Champion Intermediate Girls

Amber Wotherspoon

Champion Intermediate Boys

Harrison Burge

Champion Senior Girls

Hayley Robinson

Champion Senior Boys

Aston Hurd

Runner-Up Junior Girls

Amber Blackmore

Runner-Up Junior Boys

Alex Daldy-Ryan

Runner-Up Intermediate Girls

Hannah Davis-Gorrie

Runner-Up Intermediate Boys

Harlan Roudon

Runner-Up Senior Girls

Keisha Wootton

Runner-Up Senior Boys

Donovan Bailey

At the TVSS Athletics last week, our TAC students secured 13 first placings, 10 seconds and 6 thirds. Notable individual performances include the following:

Harrison Burge - 1st Intermediate Boys Shot Put and Discus

Ky-Mani Kaumoana - 1st Junior Boys Shot Put and Discus, 3rd Javelin

Harlan Roudon - 1st Intermediate Boys Long Jump and 2nd in Triple Jump and High Jump

EJ Agduma - 1st Junior Boys Long Jump and 2nd in Javelin and 800m

Sam Storey - 1st Intermediate Boys 3000m and 1500m

Seth Karika - 1st Intermediate Boys 100m, 2nd in 200m and 3rd in Long Jump

Ellaye Maxwell - 1st Junior Girls 300m and 2nd in 200m

Amber Wotherspoon - 1st Intermediate Girls 400m and 2nd in 200m

Donovan Bailey - 1st Senior Boys 400m

Te Tuhi Lewis - 1st Senior Boys High Jump