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Dear Parents and Whanau,

Term 1 has come to an end and we have a lot to celebrate and be grateful for. Our students have again made the best of the amazing opportunities available to them and excelled in a wide range of sporting cultural and academic areas. We are very grateful to our supporting parents, caregivers and community for all of the additional support provided that allows our students to attend and perform and excel.

Dot Elgar's Retirement

The end of term marks Dot Elgar's retirement after 36 years of service to Te Aroha College. Her incredible contribution to our College over this time reaches across four Principals, countless staff members and thousands of students. Her influence has been broad as the first face and first voice that many of our parents and students have encountered as they entered the College. Her cultural presence has enhanced our school and given Te Aroha College the 'heart' that our name signifies. Her administrative excellence has seen countless technological upgrades, and her warmth and care for all with whom she has worked has been invaluable. Her sporting talents are legendary and she remains the undefeated staff Tennis champion of our school. We hope Dot takes time to enjoy her retirement, although from her planned retirement list, we don't know how much rest will be involved! We wish Peter and Dot all the best.

*Kia hora te marino, kia whakapapa pounamu te moana, kia tere te karohirohi.
May the calm be widespread, may the ocean glisten as greenstone, may the shimmer of
light ever dance across your path.*

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



Healthy School Lunches Programme

We are excited to announce that we have been included in the Ministry of Education Kia Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches Programme beginning at mid-year.

This will see changes in Term 2 as we will be operating a 'healthy food' programme in place of the school canteen in the lead up to mid-year. This will see changes to what is on offer but plenty of variety will still be available for students.

The Ka Ako programme aims to reduce learner food insecurity by providing access to a daily nutritious free lunch for every school student and has been piloted over the past two years. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the programme is expanding to reach 25% of students by the end of 2021, including secondary schools. A universal school-based approach means that every learner gets a free lunch. This minimises the stigma sometimes associated with receiving free meals in schools. We know there are hungry children in every community, but we do not always know who they are – a universal approach means we do not need to and no child needing lunch will miss out. We will update the school community through Term 2 as we build up to this Ministry of Education programme.



Kia Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches Programme



National Summer Sports Tournament Week

Basketball

Congratulations to the three on three Basketball teams which competed in Papakura. They won 10 of 12 games to finish 5th in the nation, which is an amazing result. This was another significant event with 127 teams, many of which have more students in one year level than we have in our whole school. The juniors won 10 out of 11 games in Division 2 to finish 5th overall. Thanks to Laura Wade and Coach Alex for their support of the team and all those who visited and supported during the tournament.

Volleyball

Congratulations to the Senior Girls and Boys Volleyball teams on their positive participation and growth at Nationals in Palmerston North. The size and scale of this event is immense with 170 teams competing. A special thank you to Wayne Stringer and Terry McArdle for all their support of the teams and a thank you to all those who made the trek to Palmerston North to watch the teams and help with their care through what was an incredibly intensive week.

Summer Sports Codes round up and Winter Sports code start up

We would like to thank all our coaches, managers and drivers of our summer sports codes for their efforts in supporting sport in our school. We would also like to thank in advance all those parents starting with winter code sports. Robyn Williams and Wendy Livingstone have provided a sports round up later in the newsletter, celebrating our school's many successes throughout the first term.

Swimming

Congratulations to both Madison Darby and Jayden Darby for being selected to the Division Two National Swimming. This is an incredible achievement and shows the dedication of these swimmers to their sport and the training and coaching they receive from Steve Darby and the Te Aroha Swimming Club.

NZ Basketball



Congratulations to Harlan Roudon who has again been selected to trial for the Under 16 New Zealand basketball teams. This shows the amazing talent and commitment needed by performing at the national level. We wish him all the best in the trials.

Michael Wade and Ky-Mani Kaumoana have also been selected for the NZ Under 14 basketball training camps.





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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 and Basketball - and many more individual sports.

PIKE Adventures

The Pike Adventure programme is in full swing operating on Smart Day. We encourage all Year 9 students to take up the challenge and plan their own adventure.

Thank you to the Pike adventure team of Mr Peter Jager, Mr Terry McArdle and our senior students R Hannah, R Balsom, B Paynter, L Heremaia and I Roos.

Senior Student Check Point

As in the past four years, Te Aroha College is running our check point for all senior NCEA assessment every five weeks. This system provides both parents and students with regular updates about their achievement in NCEA by focusing on keeping up with all the required work. Students and parents receive a comprehensive letter and credit breakdown of all achievement to date and any missed assessments or work that is behind schedule. All seniors will be receiving this information early in the holidays. If you have any questions or queries, please contact the relevant year level Dean. The contact details are included in the newsletter.



ANZAC Day

The senior students will be representing the school at ANZAC Day on Sunday the 25th of April. We welcome all students to both the dawn service meeting outside the RSA at 5.30am and the morning service meeting outside the RSA at 10am. Our Co-Presidents will be speaking at the service on behalf of the College. We ask that attending students please dress in full school uniform. Mr Peter Jager will be co-ordinating the event. For those considering leadership roles in the coming years, this is a great opportunity to step up and represent our school in our community.

In Flanders Fields by JOHN MCCRAE

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved,
and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep,
though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*



Student Voice and Student Leadership

Our student body has been providing significant feedback and feed-forward on their term's work and experiences through regular student surveys and consultation groups.

In Term 2 the senior student leaders are focusing on three key projects:

- The Te Aroha Way - getting students involved in regular fun events
- Our Turangawaiwai - Our Place to Stand - teaching the School Waiata and Haka to all our students
- Feeding the Team - running the new Canteen on Healthy food guidelines

All these projects focus on how we can support students to feel they belong at school and how we can share feedback with teachers on the teaching and learning experience for students. We are all very excited about the work the students are planning.

Smart Day Organisation

The Smart Day programme is now well underway with some exciting additions for this rotation. 2021 has seen the development of some new Smart Day topics. With new staff come new ideas. Selection for block two will begin in May 2021.

Existing Smart Day topics have been tweaked to accommodate further learning opportunities for our students. Some of our senior students are also able to use the academic study time to further their studies. Further opportunities are coming up for us to broaden the range of interests for our students.

The staff who run our Smart Day topics have worked really hard to make it interesting and relevant for our students. If you would like to ask questions or provide feedback or just want further information, please feel free to discuss any questions with the Smart Day Co-ordinator Ken Rowe at krowe@tacol.nz.

Gateway

The Gateway programme offers the opportunity for real world work experience for our senior students one day per week. In 2021 we have worked to put together a programme that can lead to qualification in work readiness, including health and safety, leadership, and first aid. Wider programmes include scaffolding, heights training and machinery training. We have up to 55 work placements available. We are very pleased with the level of positive feedback from our business partners in this project. Some of these placements have already been offered the potential of future work. If you or your business would like to consider hosting a Gateway placement, please contact Mrs Sarah Verran-Tye at sverran-tye@tacol.nz.



The School Doctor Service and School Nurse

A reminder to all students – the School Doctor service is available on Monday and Thursday 9am until 10am. This is a free service. Appointments need to be made at the office. Please see Mrs Rebecca Johnston prior to 8.45am to book an appointment.

Our school Nurse Paulett is in for three days a week. We are very grateful to the Waikato District Health team for their ongoing generosity in providing this critical service to our student community.

Uniform

Wearing our uniform well is an expectation for all students and is a key part of our operational school values.

As autumn will be in full swing as we begin Term 2, we remind all students that there is an expectation that all students will either have a school jacket, school jersey or blazer, and black shoes. The school has a good supply of second hand items to support anyone who needs winter items.

Non-regulation shoes or sweatshirts are not part of the uniform. We will be checking uniforms in the first week of Term 2 and ask students and parents to ensure they have students kitted out correctly for what is promising to be a wet and cold winter.

Key Reminders on Board Policy for uniform -

Students can wear:

Grey school Skirt or Shorts

Black Dress Pants

School Shirt

School Jersey

School Jacket

School Blazer

Plain Black Socks

Black Shoes

Plain White T-shirt or long sleeve T-shirt / polar tech / merino top

Plain black tights under skirt

Not Permitted

Facial Piercing

Branded socks

Black jeans or black leggings

Gang colours of any description

Coloured shirts under the uniform shirts

Smart Day Mufti

Mufti is a privilege and must always fit to the standard of 'tidy casual' - clothing appropriate for practical activity. Students are reminded that if the standard of Mufti falls, the school will move students back into uniform on this day.



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 8.40am and are ready in class for an 8.45am start. We will be closely monitoring attendance during Term 2 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 Mrs Rebecca Johnson at the Student Centre.

Road Safety

The Drop Off 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 to please not pull in behind the buses, nor into the bus turning area. Please do not drive over the main drive and access ways or in the way of the buses. We ask everyone to take extra care and to drive and park sensibly.

Holiday Break

We hope all our students have a great break and enjoy time with their friends and family and thank our student body for their ongoing efforts both in the classroom and with the many and varied co-curricula options that have been on offer for Term 1. We will see everyone back on Monday the 3rd of May ready to start Term 2.

We would also like to thank and acknowledge all our staff who go the extra mile every day to support quality student learning at Te Aroha College.

Heather Gorrie

Principal

TEN TIPS FOR PARENTS WITH CYBERTEENS

1. Ban bedrooms: Prevent your teen from going to their rooms with a device. Make them use them in the lounge or kitchen and keep the charger in a central area such as the kitchen. You can also use this charging time to check texts, social media posts and emails.
2. Set time limits: Decide each night to turn off devices and a time when they are allowed on again.
3. Create passwords: Make sure you know the passwords for all of their devices and various social media accounts. Also, follow your teen's accounts so you can see what they are posting but maybe promise not to post anything on their accounts so you don't embarrass them.
4. Regular checks: Let them know that you'll occasionally check their texts, emails, posts, photos and settings. Explain that it's not spying, you're just teaching them to be responsible.
5. Get it in writing: Consider drawing up a contract between yourself and your teen outlining the dos and don'ts. Include consequences for rule violations.
6. Teach consequences: Talk to your teen regularly about the dangers of constantly accessing the internet and posting on their social pages. Tell them never to post anything they wouldn't want their parents or teachers to see.
7. Teach yourself: The best way to know what your kids are capable of is to know how to use these devices and websites yourself.
8. Cyberbullying: Keep a very close eye on any evidence of cyberbullying. If you suspect something, talk to your teen first. Also, take screenshots as evidence for police and school.
9. Limit apps: If you have an iTunes or Google Play account, keep the password private so you limit what they buy. Get them to ask permission for each app download.
10. Have manners: Make sure they understand the consequences if they are unpleasant to anyone online.



Sports Results

Athletics

On Wednesday 24th March a team of 6 athletes competed at the **Waikato / Bay of Plenty**

Athletics Champs with most of them performing *Personal Best times or distances.*

Results:

E.j. Agduma 2nd Junior Boys Long Jump,
6th Junior Boys Javelin

Jessica Bray 9th Junior Girls 1500m

Anna Wade 7th Int Girls Javelin

Sam Storey 8th Int Boys 3000m

Donovan Bailey 5th Senior Boys 400m

Lewis Elgar 5th Senior Boys High Jump

North Island SS Champs - held last weekend

Ky-Mani Kaumoana 3rd Junior Boys Shotput,
10th Junior Boys Discus

E.j. Agduma 7th Junior Boys Long Jump

Harrison Burge 7th Intermediate Boys Shot Put

Triathlon Champions

Junior Girls

1st Jessica Bray
2nd Lyla Gemmell-Taylor

Junior Boys

1st Thomas Lauder
2nd Michael Wade; 3rd Ky-Mani Kaumoana

Intermediate Girls

1st Amber Wotherspoon
2nd Hannah Davis-Gorrie; 3rd Hannah Syme

Intermediate Boys

1st Jayden Darby
2nd Quade Ericsson; 3rd Luca Gemmell-Taylor

Senior Girls

1st Madison Darby
2nd Hayley Robinson; 3rd Asia Te Moananui

Senior Boys

1st Aston Hurd
2nd Julian Davis-Gorrie; 3rd Donovan Bailey

House Results:

4th Tokomaru
3rd Arawa
2nd Tainui
1st Aotea