



# TE AROHA COLLEGE

*A purpose joyful; A courage blameless*

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Dear Parents and Whānau,

We are coming to the end of another extraordinary year and it is time to look back and celebrate the many and varied successes of our fantastic students. As with 2020, our students have demonstrated the most amazing resilience and flexibility, taking another difficult year in their stride and continuing to achieve success and build their futures. It is also time to acknowledge our Year 13 students as they complete their final year of secondary school and celebrate their contribution to making this a GREAT little school.

2021 will be remembered as another year of extremes for us. It is exciting to know that despite a world pandemic, the achievement rates of our senior students continued to improve 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, well above our predictions. We continue to celebrate our senior students who are receiving a range of large scholarships for tertiary study. A small country schools offer amazing opportunities to students and as we will see in the final weeks of 2021 through Sports Prize Giving, Senior Prize Giving, Junior Prize Giving and Senior Leavers Dinner, we will showcase the many and varied successes of our talented students. Sadly these events will not be able to be celebrated traditionally. This awards season will be virtual or scaled down as is required by the Ministry of Education to comply with Ministry of Health guidelines.

**A PURPOSE JOYFUL A COURAGE BLAMELESS**  
**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.

### *Thank You to Our Sponsors*

*Diprose Family, Elstow-Waihou School, Dr & Mrs Hill, Kampenhout Photography, Lions Club Te Aroha, Manawaru Primary, Morrinsville Flooring Xtra, Mrs E Hills, RAS Women Te Aroha, Ryan Law, Shackell Electrical, Jonathan Spicer, St Joseph's Primary School, Stanley Avenue Primary School, Te Aroha West Women's Institute, Turley Motors*

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 are not badly affected or even compromised by Covid Alert Levels that have continued to change our operational planning and requirements on a daily basis since August.







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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 'Heavenly Bodies' to the stage with an off-beat but poignant production. We delivered on sports seasons full of successful team and individual performances. We climbed mountains, paddled in lakes and rivers, tramped through the bush, cycled on trails, flew in the skies, drove electric cars and so much more. We even reinvented the Triathlon using our own community cycle trails. We acknowledge the work of the extended senior leadership team and thank them for their considerable contribution to our successes this year. It is the countless hours behind the scenes that kept us rolling as the sands constantly shifted under our feet and we are very privileged to work with such dedicated and school leaders.

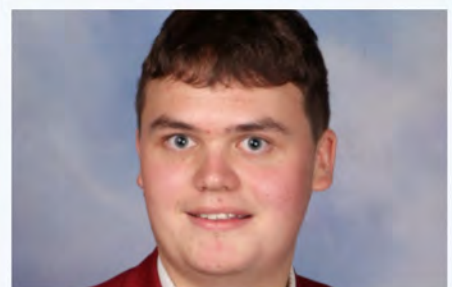
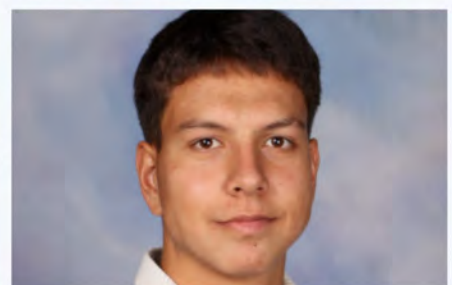
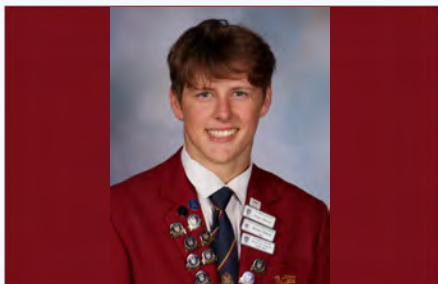
We would like to thank all those parents, caregivers, supporters and local businesses who have given up their time to continue to develop the school and provide opportunities for our students. Whether being sideline spectators, Sports coaches and managers, Drama supporters, singers and participants, 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 being Te Aroha College and for making Te Aroha College the community school that it is.



## 2021 Scholarship Recipients

To date we have received a number of significant scholarships for our senior students as they head off to their futures. We congratulate the following students for all their efforts to be awarded these tertiary scholarships. We also use this time to remind all upcoming senior students that Academic Excellence, Service to your community and a High Performance interest or sport are the greatest determinators of student scholarships.

Julian Davis-Gorrie	Te Paewai o te Rangi, Academic Excellence	Waikato	\$25,000
Julian Davis-Gorrie	Performance Entrance Scholarship	Otago	\$17,000
Isla Roos	Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award	Any	\$2,000
Caleb Bayley-Conder	Ko te tangata	Waikato	\$5,000
Brodie Paynter	Ko te tangata	Waikato	\$5,000
Samantha Oosthoek	Ko te tangata	Waikato	\$5,000
Junior De Young	Takere Scholarship - Maori Boys	Canterbury	Fully Funded
Braye Stewart	Faculty of Science High Achiever	Auckland	\$5,000
Te Tuhi Lewis	Basketball Sports Scholarship USA		







## 2021 Leaders and Prefects

We thank and acknowledge the GREAT work our 2021 student leaders have done and the positive contribution made through the year. We have been fortunate to have a strong commitment to our service projects including the development of the school Haka and Waiata for Matariki, the Pavilion Foods Project that has resulted in free lunches for all students for the next three years and the TAC way that has seen many fun Fridays and thousands of dollars raised for worthy charities, along with a Blood drive that has helped save lives. This work has also seen the Pavilion returned to being a community space supporting all students and the wider community for weekend sports use.

We look forward to the new team of leaders taking on these challenges in 2022 as we work through the final phase of the selection process. We are very pleased with the number of applicants for these roles and the work they have already contributed to our school as Year 12 leaders.

We would also like to thank the Junior Forum for their considerable efforts in term 4 to provide a range of events and activities for our junior students. The Gumboot Toss and Shave for a Cure events have continued our theme of service to others, growing GREAT leadership at all levels of the school.





## Sports Prize Giving

Congratulations to our top sports achievers for 2021. Our little school 'punches well above its weight' in sport and the achievements listed here show the considerable depth of talent we have. A special thank you to Robyn Williams for her extensive work in preparing for the Sports Prize Giving. A Full list of all awards is included later in the newsletter.

Ky-Mani Kaumoana	Junior Sports Achiever of the Year	
Jessica Bray	Junior Sports All -Rounder	Waihou Rugby and Sports Club Cup
Hollie Storey	Sports Officiating and Administration Award	
Aston Hurd	College Sports All-Rounder	Kevin McQuarters Cup
Harlan Roudon	College Sports Achiever of the Year	Te Aroha Lions Club Trophy
Harlan Roudon	Basketball	Blue
Harrison Burge	Volleyball	Blue
Annabelle Oosthoek	Volleyball	Blue
Jayden Darby	Swimming	Blue
Madison Darby	Swimming	Blue







## Junior Exams Week 5: Nov 16 -19

- Junior Exams Start on Tuesday November 16. These will be held in the hall.
- Year 9 exams are during Block 1.
- Year 10 exams are during Block 2.
- The normal timetable will operate outside of exam times. So students will need to bring their books and equipment for those classes each day.
- Thursday is a Tuesday timetable day.

Day	Year level 9 Block 1	Year level 10 Block 2
Tuesday Nov 16	Mathematics	English
Wednesday Nov 17	Social Studies	Science
Thursday Nov 18	Science	Mathematics
Friday Nov 19	English	Social Studies

## Senior Reports

Senior Reports for Years 11, 12, 13 have been emailed out this week. They have also been uploaded to the [parent portal](#), and are viewable to caregivers and students. If you require your secure caregiver password please contact the school. You can also update your email information if you have not received your student's report.

## Senior NCEA Exams begin on Monday 22 November 2021.

Please make sure you keep a copy of the NCEA timetable in a prominent place—Please see next page



## 2021 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE (published 26 August 2021)

Exams available digitally shown in blue

Date	Time	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
<b>Mon 22 Nov</b>	9.30 am	Te Reo Rangatira	Physics	Business Studies	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
	2.00 pm	Chinese	Media Studies	Dance	Calculus
<b>Tue 23 Nov</b>	9.30 am	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Art History	Statistics	
	2.00 pm	Geography	Spanish	Earth & Space Science Cook Islands Māori	Drama
<b>Wed 24 Nov</b>	9.30 am	Lea Faka-Tonga	Mathematics & Statistics		Biology
	2.00 pm	Music	Accounting	History	French
<b>Thu 25 Nov</b>	9.30 am	Mathematics & Statistics		Te Reo Māori	Classical Studies
	2.00 pm	Korean	Drama	Samoan	Statistics
<b>Fri 26 Nov</b>	9.30 am	Media Studies	Earth & Space Science	Drama Lea Faka-Tonga	Chemistry
	2.00 pm	Chemistry	Classical Studies		Economics
<b>WEEKEND</b>					
<b>Mon 29 Nov</b> (Westland Ann. Day)	9.30 am	Japanese	Latin Dance	Japanese Art History	Earth & Space Science
	2.00 pm	Social Studies	French	Spanish	Latin
<b>Tue 30 Nov</b>	9.30 am	French	Te Reo Māori	Calculus	
	2.00 pm	Economics	Korean Cook Islands Māori	Accounting	
<b>Wed 1 Dec</b>	9.30 am	Cook Islands Māori	English		Religious Studies
	2.00 pm	History	Chinese	Biology	German
<b>Thu 2 Dec</b>	9.30 am	English	Lea Faka-Tonga		English
	2.00 pm	Drama	History	Health	Physics
<b>Fri 3 Dec</b>	9.30 am	Business Studies	Chemistry	Agricultural & Horticultural Science Chinese German	Te Reo Rangatira
	2.00 pm	Biology	Music	Media Studies	Accounting
<b>WEEKEND</b>					
<b>Mon 6 Dec</b>	9.30 am	Art History Te Reo Māori	Japanese	Latin Social Studies Psychology	Samoan
	2.00 pm	Classical Studies	Health	Economics	
<b>Tue 7 Dec</b>	9.30 am	Science		Making Music	History
	2.00 pm	Samoan Spanish	Geography	Chemistry	
<b>Wed 8 Dec</b>	9.30 am	Accounting		English	
	2.00 pm	Home Economics	Economics	Korean	Media Studies
<b>Thu 9 Dec</b>	9.30 am	German	Biology	Geography	
	2.00 pm	Dance	Te Reo Rangatira	Physics	
<b>Fri 10 Dec</b>	9.30 am	Physics	Home Economics	Classical Studies	Te Reo Māori
	2.00 pm		German	Home Economics	Art History
<b>WEEKEND</b>					
<b>Mon 13 Dec</b>	9.30 am		Business Studies	French	Japanese
	2.00 pm	Latin	Agricultural & Horticultural Science		Geography
<b>Tue 14 Dec</b>	9.30 am	Health	Education for Sustainability Samoan	Te Reo Rangatira	Chinese
	2.00 pm		Social Studies	Music Studies	Spanish





# Shave for a Cure



**Congratulations  
to all students  
who volunteered  
for the Shave  
for a Cure,  
well done on  
raising over  
\$3000!**







## Important Dates

### Ending 2021 and Beginning 2022

- Year 11 Prize Giving - Virtual Friday 19 November 1.30pm
- Teacher Only Day—Friday 26 November
- Junior Learning Conferences— Monday 29 November, Booking instructions to come
- Junior Prize Giving - Year 9 and 10 Virtual—Friday 03 December— 11 am
- Year 12 & 13 Prize giving - 3rd December 7.00pm—Format to be confirmed
- NCEA exams conclude on Monday 14 December
- The School office will close on 17 December for the Christmas break.
- The School office will open on 17 January 2022. Contact can be made to [rjohnson@tacol.nz](mailto:rjohnson@tacol.nz) or phone 07 8848625
- Deans and Leadership appointments can be made from 24th January
- All staff will be on site preparing for the 2022 school start from Wednesday 27th January.
- Student Course Changes can be made on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th January
- Teacher Only day will run on Tuesday 1st February
- Senior Leaders Camp will be held at Waihi Academy on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th January
- Welcome Powhiri for incoming Year 9s and new students will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 1st February.
- Year 9s and 13s will be at school on Wednesday 2nd February
- Full school Welcome will be on Thursday 3rd February.

Heather Gorrie

Principal

*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.*

*Kia kaha, kia manawanui*









## Te Aroha College Board and Governance News

As you may know Ted Benton joined the Te Aroha College Governance team last month as Limited Statutory Manager responsible for Policy and Employment. As well as taking responsibility for these areas of governance, he is also supporting the Board with Governance Processes and Procedures. Ted is a highly experienced educationalist who has had a long and successful career in education, starting as a Teacher, then as a Principal for and later with the Ministry of Education. We believe his expert skills will enable us to quickly review and strengthen areas of our governance that are not performing as effectively as they could be. As this support is at a governance level only, the Principal, Leadership team and our wonderful Staff will continue to ensure the school's focus is on our students, and teaching, learning and achievement at this important time of year.

As was announced in the previous newsletter in September, Debbie Burge took on the role of Chair of the Board (note, the Board Chair title has recently been changed at a national level to Presiding Board Member). Debbie and the Board work closely with Ted Benton to ensure the Board continues to fulfil all their responsibilities effectively. Debbie can be contacted on [deburge75@gmail.com](mailto:deburge75@gmail.com) should there be any questions or comments about governance in the school.

You may be aware that a Casual Board vacancy exists on the Board of Trustees following the resignations of Teena Cornes and Matt Turner. Due to the effects of Covid-19 restrictions, the New Zealand School Trustees Association has advised that regular Board Elections will be held in September 2022 instead of May/June 2022, with the timing of the resignations meaning that only one vacancy needs to be filled. In filling this vacancy in the interim, the school has two choices – to run a by-election or to select one person who has the required skills to fill the role until regular elections are held next year. Ted and the Board have worked through this carefully and believe that the school community would be best served by the Board selecting a member to serve through until the next full Board elections in 2022. Please see below the formal notice that we need to share to ensure that this decision is in line with our community's wishes:

*A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.*

*If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.*

*Request for a by-election should be sent to: Debbie Burge Presiding Member (Chair) -*

*[deburge75@gmail.com](mailto:deburge75@gmail.com)*



## Covid-19 Vaccination Mandate

Safety for all our students, staff and community is a paramount concern of the Board as we move towards 2022. It is a formal requirement from the Ministry of Health that all teachers and school staff must be fully vaccinated by January 1st 2022, with their first vaccination completed by November 15th 2021. We are very grateful to all our school staff for their efforts to meet this first deadline as this is an important step in supporting the safety of our school community.

It is also a government requirement that all volunteers - including coaches, managers, parents/supporters working directly in the vicinity of students, and those who transport students - are also fully vaccinated for the 2022 school year and will require full vaccination certificates to participate for any roles involving our students. We wanted to signal this now so that anyone who interacts with students in a volunteer or support role has time to get a vaccination.

## Student Vaccinations

It is not a requirement for students to be vaccinated to attend school. However, we wish to advise that in 2022 the Ministries of Health and Education will ask students to provide vaccination certificates as they begin the year. If these are not provided the school has been directed by the Ministry of Education to list the student as unvaccinated. The Ministry of Education has also

advised that students will be required to be vaccinated to attend regional and national sporting, cultural and arts events. Vaccinations are decisions for each whanau to make but they will make a difference to the overall safety of our community and ensure every person is able to fully participate in all school events. If you have any questions about vaccinations, please speak with your GP or [click here](#) for information on the Ministry of Health's website.

## Limited Statutory Manager Staffing Update

CONGRATULATIONS - The Board would like to congratulate Jiji Kurian who has been awarded a prestigious Royal Society Science Fellowship Award and will be on sabbatical for the first six months of 2022 working on the development of junior Science programmes for local schools. This work is in conjunction with Te Aroha Kahui Ako (our Community of Learning) and aims to build excellent foundation skills and knowledge in children in the area to support the transition to greater understanding and engagement in Science programmes in our college. Receiving the Royal Society Fellowship Award is amazing recognition for Jiji and will have a positive impact on children across the area for many years to come.





The College is delighted to have appointed Dr Patrick Main into the role of Teacher of Biology joining the Science team. Patrick comes to us fresh from completing his doctorate in genetic research, a field that he has worked in nationally and internationally. We are so very pleased that he has agreed to join our College to teach and inspire the next generation of scientists.

Wendy Livingstone and Katrina Lemon are resigning as of 28th January 2022. We have been advised of rumours circulating that Wendy and Katrina have not acted professionally and have falsified documents and permission slips. There is no substance to these rumours. The Board regrets any distress caused to Wendy and Katrina by these rumours. The Board acknowledges the many years of service given to the community by Wendy, and Katrina's service in recent years. It wishes them all the best for the future.

As you may know Stav Rekatsinas is leaving us to be closer to his family in Wellington after two amazing years of work growing Science and Biology as a critical subject area. We wish him all the best for the future and his new appointment at Aotea College.

## **School Property Works**

We are awaiting the conclusion of work to Blocks B and D but unfortunately Covid Alert Levels have held up this process since August. We look forward to restrictions being eased so we can complete the final exterior finishing and begin the painting on both blocks ready for the new school year.

## **Annual Planning**

The Board will be working through its 2022 Annual Action Plan, along with updating our Strategic Plan for 2022-2024 and our College's Charter. These documents will set out the Board's priorities for the year and into the medium-term. We look forward to sharing this with our community during term 1 2022.

Congratulations to all our students for their remarkable accomplishments and determination throughout the 2021 school year. The Board wishes our senior students all the very best with upcoming exams.