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We are at the end of another extraordinary year and it is time to look back and celebrate the many and varied 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.

2021 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 well above our predictions and a high number of scholarships for tertiary study awarded to our school.

Small country schools offer amazing opportunities to students and as we saw in the final weeks of 2021 through Sports Prize Giving, Senior Prize Giving, Year 11 Prize Giving and the Junior Prize Givings, we have showcased the many and varied successes of our talented students. It was very sad that due to Covid restrictions we were unable to celebrate in person with our Families and Whanau but we did our best with a livestream and photos to try and share these proud moments for every prize winner. 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.

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

A very special thank you to Turley Motors. They have been an integral part of our school and we want to acknowledge all the effort they have put in to keep Te Aroha College moving.

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

We thank our Board Chairs, both Teena Cornes and Debbie Burge and Board Members for their commitment to making this the GREAT school that it is, despite the challenging times.

We also 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 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 stage magic with "Showquest" and "Heavenly Bodies" at a time when we all needed to be reminded that all the world's a stage where we can find our feet and face the world with new confidence. We delivered sports seasons full of successful team and individual performances. We climbed mountains, dived in the ocean, paddled in lakes and rivers, tramped through the bush, biked on trails, flew in the sky, drove electric cars and so much more. We reinvented the Triathlon using our own community cycle trails and celebrated many and varied successes.



Our student leaders brought a new school Haka to life in time for Matariki, giving every student a place to stand and a way to begin the journey of learning school Waiata. They took a stand on poverty and gained a free lunch programme for every student every day for the next three years and gave new life to Te Huihuinga Pavilion as our students' place to be - where belonging was a central theme for our year. These were incredible efforts that have changed the trajectory of student leadership and represent the importance of service leadership that serves our community. We are very proud of our young people's efforts in making a difference.

The students must also be commended for their conduct during the NCEA external exams and junior exams; their attitude towards the academic process was exemplary and all exams ran smoothly.

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.

Congratulations to our Senior Prize winners for 2021. You have set the bar very high for 2022.

He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai

If kindness is sown, then kindness will be received



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Special acknowledgement to the graduating class of 2021. As you step out into the world, do so with pride and always rise to the challenge that life offers you. Face your future with inspiration and a desire to make a go of any opportunity that comes your way. Accept responsibility when you need to and show compassion for others around you, as what you give in life comes back to you. And remember, wherever your travels take you we will be thinking about you because though you may be far away, you will always be part of our community. You will always part of Te Aroha College.





Top Awards Year 12 and Year 13

Special Awards for Year 13 Students

Caleb Bayley-Condor	Senior Te Aroha Primary School Award
Hollie Storey	Senior Elstow Waihou Combined Primary School Award
Leah McCreedy	Senior Stanley Avenue Primary School Award
Hayley Robinson	Senior Manawaru Primary School Award
Samantha Oosthoek	Senior St Joseph's Catholic School Award
Julian Davis-Gorrie	Year 13 Award for Excellence in Creative Writing
Julian Davis-Gorrie	Year 13 Award for Excellence in Public Speaking - Janice Crawford Cup
Isal Roos	Claire Oberman Cup
	For best performance in the college production
Junior de Young	Kia Tu Tangata Award - Awarded to a male Maori student who has enhanced the mana of Maori students.
	Maori students by demonstrating rangatiratanga, manaakitanga and kotahitanga
Caleb Bayley-Condor	Freemason's Humanities Award
Eli Jones	Suisted Award for dedication and Commitment to Senior Sciences
Julian Davis-Gorrie	Daisy Robertson Memorial Award for Achievement in Senior Sciences
Madison Darby	Year 13 Outstanding Application to Schoolwork - Douglas Cup
Brodie Paynter	Services to the College - Towers Cup
	A Prefect in 2021, Aotea House Leader, Co-ordinator of the Pavilion Food Programme, SADD committee Co-Leader, Valentines Day organiser, Keynote Speaker at Red Cross Soup Kitchen, Speaker at Year 12 Leadership Day
Isla Roos	Services to the College - Matheson Family Cup, A prefect in 2021, Tokomaru House Leader, Organised fundraising for Valentines Day and Win a Date, Isla initiated the setting up of the QSA groups her initiative for 2021, Also helped set up the Health Promotion Group and the Food in Schools Programme, Outside of college, she completed her Queen's Guide award.
Madison Darby	Services to the College - Evison Cup, Deputy Co-President for 2021, Helped set up the Te Aroha College way as her initiative for 2021, Organised Friday Lunchtime activities in Terms 1, 2 and 3, Is coach of the development squad for the Te Aroha Swimming Club





Top Awards Year 13

Student Volunteer Army Service Awards

Isla Roos	Silver award for 250 Hours of community service
Julian Davis-Gorrie	Gold Award for 500 Hours of community service
Sarah Yetton	Student Council Award - 2021 Co-President
Julian Davis-Gorrie	Student Council Award - 2021 Co-President

Te Aroha Rotary Scholarships

Samantha Oosthoek, Brodie Paynter, Raniegh Hannah
Isla Roos

University of Waikato Scholarships

Julian Davis-Gorrie	Te Paewai o te Rangi - Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement	\$25,000
Caleb Bayley-Conder	Ko Te Tangata School Leaver Scholarship	\$5,000
Brodie Paynter	Ko Te Tangata School Leaver Scholarship	\$5,000
Samantha Oosthoek	Ko Te Tangata School Leaver Scholarship	\$5,000

Canterbury University Scholarships

Junior de Young	Takere Scholarship	Accommodation and Fees
Junior de Young	Hauptu Sports Scholarship	\$5,000
Jarden Rouden	UC Pasifica Scholarship	\$6,000

Otago University Scholarships

Julian Davis-Gorrie	Performance Entrance Scholarship	\$17,000
Julian Davis Gorrie	Dux Scholarship	\$3000

Auckland University Scholarships

Braye Stewart	Faculty of Science High Achiever Undergraduate Entry
Raneigh Hannah	Student Volunteer Army Top Volunteer Award
Isla Roos	Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award



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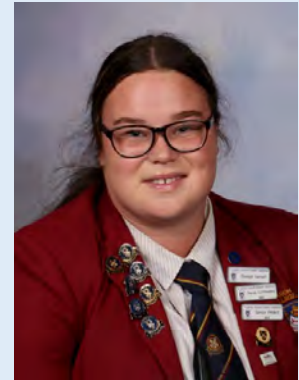




Principal's Special Awards

Raneigh Hannah

This student has epitomised our inclusive leadership model where actions speak louder than words. She has role modeled the values of being a GREAT student, She has always been willing to help and support anyone at any level of our school and has gone out of her way to ensure that she has served her school community with integrity. She has overcome significant challenges to achieve success and embodies our school value of Resilience.



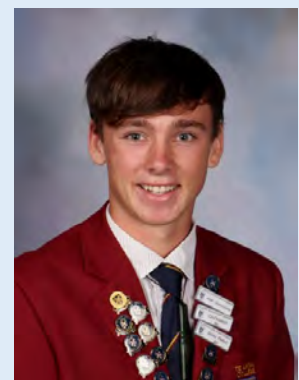
Brodie Paynter

This student's work and dedication over the past 3 years towards the Foods Programme has changed the way in which our school operates for the better and he has set a very high standard for those who will follow in this key project area. His hours of leadership service have supported us to secure the ongoing support of the free lunch programme that will benefit all students who attend Te Aroha College for the next three years.



Julian Davis-Gorrie

This student has worked to develop and grow a leadership model that has resulted in significant positive change to the way our student leadership platform has developed. He has acted as a cultural ambassador and advocate for Te Aroha College locally, nationally and internationally. His diligence, self discipline and ability to see the bigger picture has at every stage of the year served to positively grow and enhance our school culture and epitomised Excellence Plus.





Lions Service Club Award—Julian Davis-Gorrie

Co-President for 2021, Managed and chaired meetings of the Prefects Team, Speaker at ANZAC Day, at Waikato Young Leaders' Day, and at assemblies, Chaired the Cultural development group, Facilitated the development of the school haka, and teaching the haka to the entire school, and to Year 7 and 8 students along with the development of the school Waiata,

Heavily involved in Year 13 organised events. Has been a member of the Waikato Ministry of Education Youth Advisory Board, Has earned a Student Volunteer Army Gold award for 500 hours of community service. Has coached and umpired junior hockey Julian has been an excellent ambassador for Te Aroha College

Year 13 General Excellence Award - Norman Blakey Memorial Prize—Julian Davis-Gorrie

Academically Course awards in Level 3 Biology, English, Geography and Physics, Merit Awards in Calculus and Statistics, has already achieved Level 3 NCEA with an excellence endorsement

Sports involvement Always involved in school-wide inter house sports competitions, Second overall in Senior Boys swimming champs and second in senior boys triathlon, Vice captain of boy's hockey team, Member of 1st XI cricket team, Coached and umpired junior hockey and cricket

Cultural involvement Facilitated development of the school haka and waiata, Lead the school haka as Head Boy, Playing the role of Mitch in the school production

Leadership Julian's contribution to college in his role as Co-President has been immense

Congratulations

Brodie Paynter
Proxime Accessit

Firsts in Level 3:
Accounting, Calculus
Statistics. Towes Cup
for Services to the
College. Principals
Special Award






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Brodie Paynter

Proxime Accessit - Runner up to the College Dux

1st Place in Accounting, Calculus and Statistics, Has already achieved Level 3 NCEA with a merit endorsement

Julian Davis-Gorrie

Te Aroha College Dux Award - Sponsored by the Te Aroha Ro-

1st in Level 3 Biology, English, Geography and Physics, Merit Awards in Calculus and Statistics, Has already achieved Level 3

Congratulations

Julian Davis-Gorrie Dux 2021

Firsts in Level 3: Biology, English, Geography, Physics.
Merits in: Statistics, Calculus.
Year 13 Awards for Creative Writing & Excellence in Public Speaking, Daisy Robertson Award for Senior Sciences, Norman Blakey Prize for General Excellence, Lions Club Service Award, Principal's Special Award, Student Volunteer Army Service Gold Award.





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Special Awards for Year 12 Students

Josh Saxon- Aliifaalogo	John Andrew Memorial Award for Music and the Year 12 Award for Excellence in Creative Writing
Isabelle Bray	Bill Killen Award for Performing Arts
Keisha Wootton	Opononi Trophy for Cultural Achievement
Kizeah Libalib	Roman Award for Dramatic Accomplishment
	Spicer Family Trophy - for Creative Product Design
Ngataiawa Pirini-Maika	Senior Awhinatiamai Award - awarded to a student who has shown commitment and support of cultural enhancement
	support of cultural enhancement
Kase Martin	Cullen Engineering and Design Innovation Award
Brooke Titchener	Eastwood Award for Commerce
Mickey Ye	Dr Rod Hammerton Cup for Achievement in Level 2 Sciences
	Year 12 Award for Outstanding Application to Schoolwork - Hoyle Cup

Isabelle Bray Year 12 General Excellence - Santi Lala Cup

Academic Achievement	1st in Level 2 Dance, English and 1st equal in Level 2 Design, Merit Awards in Maths and Physical Education
Sporting	Volleyball A Team, Captain of 1st XI Football Team, Senior Girls Singles Tennis Champion, Active participant in inter house sports competitions
Culturally	Choreographed Showquest college performance, Lead performer in Showquest, Choreographed dances, performed in school play, Achieved at extremely high level nationally in the fields of ballet and tap dancing.
Leadership	Captain of Girls Football team, Taught dance on a weekly basis at Future Te Aroha, Assisted Ms Hagan with the teaching of dance to Year 7 and 8 Manuals students. Assisted with Te Aroha College Way group, the Cultural group and the food provision group, this year



Year 12 Academic Excellence - Jager Cup - A shared award in 2021

Brooke Titchener

1st in Level 2 Accounting and Level 2 Economics, and 1st equal in Level 2 Design, Merit Awards in English, History and Maths and achieved Level 2 with excellence endorsement

Isabelle Bray

1st in Level 2 English and Level 2 Dance, and 1st equal in Level 2 Design, Merit Awards in Maths and Physical Education On Track Level 2 with excellence endorsement





Special Awards for Year 11 Students

Jago Blanks John Andrews Award for Music

Samuel McIntosh Itinerant Music Award

Samantha Goodwin Walton Cup for Achievement in Drama

Hannah Davis-Gorrie Level 1 Award for Excellence in Creative Writing

Kelly Tohengaroa Maori Women's Welfare League Award

Awarded to a Maori female student who has enhanced the mana of Maori Students by

Demonstrating tino rangatiratanga, manaakitanga and kotahitanga.

Thomas Franklin Jenny Baker Cup for Computing

Awarded to the most conscientious senior computing student

Ashley Francisco Paul Cox Cup

Awarded for Outstanding Application to Schoolwork in Year 11

Lily Murphy Dickson Family cup

Awarded for Academic Achievement in Year 11.

Hannah Davis-Gorrie Year 11 General Excellence Award - Elaine Hills Cup

Academic achievement 1st place in English, Geography and History, 1st equal in Design, Merit award in Science

Sport involvement Intermediate Girls Swimming Champion, Waikato Under 15 Volleyball Team, Thames Valley Under 16 Hockey Team, College Girls' 1st XI Hockey Team

Cultural involvement Included helping with hair and makeup for Showquest and the Heavenly Bodies Production and Show Quest

Leadership Involved hockey team captaincy and junior hockey coaching, involved with Pavilion Food Programme

Year 11 Academic Excellence Award - Spencer Cup -A shared award in 2021

Hannah Davis Gorrie 1st place in English, Geography and History, 1st equal in Design, Merit award in Science

Luca Gemmell-Taylor 1st place in Maths, Science and Level 2 Chemistry, 1st equal in Computer Science and Design, Merit Award in English



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Student Leaders 2022

Congratulations to our incoming Senior Student Leaders. After a very rigorous selection process we have announced our leaders for 2022 and we look forward to their contribution to school life in the coming year.



2022 Student Leadership

Co-Presidents



Co-Presidents 2022: Stephanie Cornes and Josh Saxon-Aliifaalogo



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2022 Student Leadership

Deputy Co-Presidents



Deputy Co-Presidents 2022: Keisha Wooton, Isabelle Bray, Harrison Burge, Ben Hay

We will be announcing House Captains and Prefects in the new year after leadership camp in January 2022.

We thank and acknowledge the tremendous work our 2021 Co-Presidents and Deputy Co-Presidents have done and the positive contribution they have made through the year.



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Junior Prize Givings 2021

Congratulations also go to our Junior Prize winners. There were some wonderful achievements in both Year 9 and Year 10.



Special Awards Year 10 Students

Kiyara Smith	Year 10 Award for Achievement in Creative Writing
Blake Finnerty Niveah Bennett	Year 10 Award for Oral Presentation and Debating
Sarfyre Watts-Tokona	Junior Awhinatiamai Award - Awarded to a Junior Student who has shown commitment and support to cultural enhancement
Toni Mactal	Year 10 Award for Outstanding Application to Schoolwork
Liz Hensby-Bennett	Year 10 Co-operation Award - for services to the college by a Year 10 Student
Jesscia Bray	Junior Forum Cup for Service to the College
Jessica Bray	Special Service Award for election to the College Board of Trustees as the Student Representative
Liz Hensby-Bennett	Year 10 Top Scholar Award - to recognise the most outstanding academic achievement in Year 10
	1st Place in Year 10 English, Maths, Technology-Food, 1st equal in Year 10 Science, Merit Awards in Art, Music and Outdoor Education





Year 9 Special Awards

Lyla Gemmell-Taylor	Year 9 Award for Achievement in Creative Writing
Macy Saxon-Aliifaalogo	Year 9 Award for Oral Presentation
Lachie Aro	Solomon Islands Trophy for Achievement in Physical Education by a Junior Student
Amber Blackmore & Codie Sayer-Richards	Outstanding Application to Schoolwork in Year 9 Alison MJ Travers Memorial Award for Diligence
E. J Agduma	Year 9 Top Scholar Award





Sports Prize Giving

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

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





Ending 2021 and Beginning 2022

- The School office will close on 17th of December for the Christmas break.
- The School office will open on the 17th January. Contact can be made to rjohnson@tacol.nz or phone 07 8848625.
- Appointments with Deans and Leadership can be made from the 25th of January.
- Student Course Changes can be made on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th January.
- Senior Leaders Camp will run on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th January and will be held at Waihi Academy.
- Teacher Only Day will be on Friday 28th of January and Tuesday 1st February.
- Welcome Powhiri for incoming Year 9s and new students will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday the 1st of February.
- Year 9s and 13s will be at school on Wednesday 2nd February.
- Full school Welcome will be on Thursday 3rd of February.

New Staff for 2022

We are excited to have employed three new, very talented teaching staff for 2022.

Dr Patrick Main is joining us as a teacher of Science and Biology.

Mr Tershwin Raubenheimer is joining us as teacher of PE, Health and Outdoor Education.

Mr Joseph Kunnil is joining us as a teacher of Science and Physics while Mr Jiji Kurian is on his Royal Society sabbatical.

We also welcome Rachel Scott to the role as Acting Deputy Principal she joining Peter Jager and Grant Aitken as part of Senior Leadership Team for 2022.

We look forward to the positive contribution they will each bring to our College.

Leaving Staff

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the staff who are leaving us at the end of 2021. Thank you to Stav Rekatsinas, Matt Robinson, Kurt Sweeney, Warren Steffert and Robyn Williams for all of your time and hard work and we wish you well for the future.

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.

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.



Board News

Congratulations to all our Prize Winners and School Leavers

The Board would like to acknowledge and congratulate all our students who successfully completed the 2021 year. It has been very hard not to be able to complete these celebrations in person for 2021 and we acknowledge the challenges the Covid restrictions have made for us all. We cannot let these diminish the wonderful achievements made by our students and we are all very proud of the amazing and diverse efforts and successes we have seen over five Prize Giving ceremonies. A special thank you to the staff and leadership for bringing us an 'online celebration' acknowledging all the worth and work.

We would also like to acknowledge our Year 13 Leavers and wish them well for their futures.

We would like to thank the leadership and staff for their tireless work through 2021 in making our students GREAT.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank all of our parents and supporters who continue to give so much to ensure our students have the best opportunities possible.

A special thank you goes to our staff who are leaving and we wish you all well for your future endeavours.

Work Safe Process Completed and Signed off

We were very pleased to be advised by Work Safe on Friday 3rd of December that the Improvement Notice has been closed and completed with a Psycho-social Support Matrix now operational within the College.

School Site Safety over Summer

Over the past two weeks we have become aware of misuse of our school grounds after dark and would like to make our community aware of our growing concerns. Although we are very happy for our school grounds to be used by young people and our community during daylight hours for sporting activities, we are having to put in place strategies to deal with after-hours misuse. We advise that security cameras are operating across the site and are regularly reviewed.

We are asking that our community support us in a curfew on school grounds: in that there should be no use of the grounds after dark. We thank you in advance for your support.

Finally we wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to working with you all in 2022.

Debbie Burge