



TE AROHA COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Whānau

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 despite the disruptions that Covid in our community has created.

We are very fortunate to have an amazing staff team and student body who have demonstrated our key values of Resilience, Motivation and Respectful Relationships throughout the term as we have focused on making the best of every opportunity available. We are also very grateful to our supportive parents, caregivers and community for all of the additional support provided that allows our students to attend, perform and excel. A special thank you to all parents who supported our major school-wide sporting events and sports teams during the term.

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



Change to Orange Settings for Covid Management for Term two

The Government has announced a country wide move to Orange Covid management settings from the 14th of April.

The Ministry of Education provided the following information on the 13th of April:

The decision to move to Orange has been made on public health advice and reflects that we are moving past the peak of cases and our health system is able to cope. We are seeing that cases are declining due to high levels of vaccination and natural immunity after infection. We wanted to give you an update on what the move to Orange means for our school. At Orange, face masks are no longer required at school. However public health advice is that masks continue to be strongly encouraged when indoors. Wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings. For that reason, we ask that visitors to the school, including parents and whānau, wear a mask whenever they are indoors on school grounds.

We also ask that your child (if they are Year 4+) continues to bring a mask to school every day. There may be times that we'll ask them to wear a mask, too – for example, when we are having an assembly in the hall. If there are a high number of cases at school or in the community, we may ask that masks are worn in classrooms for a time.

At Orange, students aged 12 and above are still required to wear a face mask on school or public transport.

We will continue to keep all the other health measures in place at school that we know slow the spread of COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing whenever we can and, most importantly, staying home if we are sick.

We are looking forward to a few less restrictions and returning to school life that is a bit closer to normal.

Ministry of Education



ANZAC Day - Monday 25th April

Senior students will represent our school at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service on Monday the 25th of April. Covid restrictions have altered this event for 2022 and there will not be the traditional morning service. Poppies are on sale to support annual fundraising for the RSA. In 2022 this is an important day of remembrance for our school, community, and country, and given the current world events, it is an important time for us all to reflect on the costs of war

In Flanders Fields by John McCrae (1872 -1918)

*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.*





Smart Day

After a few weeks delay due to the restrictions around Covid we began our Smart Day programme for 2022. Smart Day is a critical cross-curricula programme that allows our students to connect their learning to the real world through vocational and interest based pathways. With a strong vocational and passion-based focus, this programme allows students three opportunities each year to develop a broad range of skills and interests that support their traditional school learning.

For the 2022 Smart Day programme we have worked hard to review and build an intensified programme for seniors, that allows students to invest in vocational subjects and work-based credits that also count as part of the broader NCEA qualification. Shifting the Smart Day focus to include more NCEA Unit and Achievement Standards supports the depth of opportunities for credits and vocational focus for students seeking apprenticeships and work-based pathways.

Smart Day for Seniors is very important as it is used for Gateway work placement where up to 55 students will gain work experience in local industries. It is used to support our work readiness courses, defensive driving programme and specialist vocational interests including Flight, Diving, the School Drama Production, Cookery, Technology, and Health and Wellbeing. Senior students also have access to career planning and leadership time. It is also vital for supported study time where students can extend their learning and focus on excellence criteria, including subject study and scholarship courses.

For Junior students, Smart Day provides time to complete their GREAT Diploma which focuses on engagement in our local environment, personal and group challenges, interests and passions, and service to our community. It encourages collaboration between students and staff around shared interests. Junior students have the opportunity to make connections through areas of interest with senior students and the wide range of programmes offers opportunities for all students to find positive success, sharing their interests with like minds.



SMART DAY

TERM ONE





Gateway - Building Futures

The 2022 Gateway programme is due to start with the first rotation of Smart Day with 15 enrolled students prepared to begin their work experience. This will grow through the year to 55 students on placement as the Covid restrictions lift. The first Gateway course to run this year will be an Advanced Work-Based Health and Safety course in May. Please contact Ms Sarah Verran-Tye if you have questions or would like to support a Gateway student in your local business.

Senior Student NCEA Checkpoint

We have run the first senior NCEA checkpoint. This is a critical check on senior student progress that is completed by all teaching staff to ensure that all our students are keeping up with their NCEA work, rather than having to catch up. Letters/emails will be sent home to parents and caregivers for all senior students in the coming week to provide a clear indication of where each student is at in their work. After the disruptions of Covid through Term 1, this is a very important progress check for everyone. Deans and teachers will work with students and families to ensure that any missed work or work completion that is behind schedule can be caught up. If you have any questions or concerns please get in contact with your student's year level Dean or Mr Peter Jager, Deputy Principal responsible for Checkpoint co-ordination.

NCEA - Our National Qualifications system - What you need to Know

While our senior students are very familiar with NCEA, our parents and caregivers might not be. NZQA has several helpful publications and materials online which explain how NCEA works.

Follow these links for more information:

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/publications/nzqa-brochures/>

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/audience-pages/parents/>

Our Principal's Nominee for NZQA Rachel Scott is the contact person for all NCEA queries and is happy to answer any questions you may have related to your child's NCEA assessment. rscott@tacol.nz



School Production *Grease - the Musical*

Rehearsals for *Grease - the Musical* are cracking along! Singing lessons, band lessons and dancing lessons are now coming together as we begin to block out the whole play. We rehearse three times a week currently on Thursday Smart Day, Friday after school, and Sunday afternoons. Our pianist, Ms Vivienne Genet is working very hard for our students and we owe much to her to be able to present such a “live” version of this iconic musical story.

We are also very excited that Mr and Mrs Bray are going to Te Puke High School shortly to pick up a ‘Greased Lightning’ car for us.

A huge thank you also to Teena and Richard Cornes from ‘The Old Forge Kitchen’ at Te Aroha West for the wonderful fundraising opportunity where many of our talented cast sang songs from the show in a Market setting in the garden on the 25th of March. We really appreciate you sharing your beautiful venue and Forge Family with us. It was a very special evening that we will look back on and remember.

Sets are about to be painted, props and costumes made and collected. Sound effects have been added. All going to plan, we will be ready to present this very fun-filled, well-loved musical during Week 9 of Term 2 - June 28th to July 2nd.

Ms Adrienne Hagan - Director/Teacher



GREAT Junior Diploma - The First Adventures

There are three aspects to the GREAT Diploma for Year 9 Students on Smart Day:

- Students will be out and about in our surrounding area, practising for and completing local challenges
- Students will complete 10 hours (at least) community service, with registration through the Student Volunteer Army
- Students will complete a 20 hour passion project

It is about providing opportunities for class members to get to know each other in and out of the

classroom environment, to take part in “outside the classroom” challenges and to get some students outside their comfort zone.

The First Adventures Were:

- *Karangahake, Dickey’s Flat*
- *Walk Karangahake (History) to Dickey’s Flat, Bridge Building, Swimming, Eeling, BBQ lunch. A challenging and fun day to introduce the GREAT Diploma*
- *Waiorongomai trip - History and Cycle to Waiorongomai, walking track and stream*
- *Wairere Falls trip*





The GREAT Diploma is up and running on Smart Day

9 Rata has completed three out and about activities to date, a Karangahake walk and tubing, A cycle ride to Waiorongomai with a challenging walk down the stream bed, and the walk to Wairere Falls.

Participation and enthusiasm has been very good. This Smart Day programme adds another dimension to students' learning about the area they live in, and co-operating and getting on with each other in an outdoors setting. Lets hope that the GREAT Thursday weather continues into Term 2

Peter Jager



Sporting Achievements and Events

National Swimming

We would like to wish Jayden Darby all the best for his upcoming performance in the National Division two competitions. Jayden's dedication to his sport is exceptional and we hope this translates into well-deserved results during the competition. We also wish Mr Steve Darby all the best in his role as swim coach for this major event.

Singles Tennis Championships Results

Although run after the Tennis Doubles championships much earlier in the term, our Tennis Singles Championships were successful with everyone's return to onsite learning at school. The Tennis season is now completed with some very hard-fought matches to achieve individual honours. Thank you to all our students who participated in these events.

Junior Girls - Taranpreet Singh-Mahal, Runner Up - Millah Burge

Junior Boys - Calan Diprose, Runner Up - Craig Klaassen

Intermediate Girls - Liz Hensby-Bennett, Runner Up - Erica Dodge

Intermediate Boys - Richie Gemmell, Runner Up - Michael Wade

Senior Girls - Amber Wotherspoon, Runner Up -

Keisha Wootton

Senior Boys - Sam Storey,

Runner Up - Ashton Carey

2022 Triathlon

As with the last few years an adapted Triathlon course using our cycle trails, the wetland tracks, and suburban roads was used to challenge our students' multi-discipline skills this year. Thank you to Mr Peter Jager for his co-ordination of this event.

Junior Girls - Bethan Lauder

Junior Boys - Michael Davis-Gorrie,

Runner Up - Calan Diprose

Intermediate Girls - Jess Bray,

Runner Up - Hannah Davis-Gorrie

Intermediate Boys - Thomas Lauder,

Runner Up EJ Agduma

Senior Girls - Renee Robinson,

Runner Up - Annabelle Oosthoek

Senior Boys - Jayden Darby,

Runner Up - Quade Ericsson

WE SUCCEED TOGETHER
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2022 Basketball

Congratulations to CJ Flavell and Michael Wade on their selection to the NZ U15 National Camp. This camp is for the top 24 players nationally. Following the camp, 12 players will be named to represent NZ at the Oceania Championships in Guam this November. The camp is being held at St Kentigern College in Auckland in the holidays. Congratulations to Ky-Mani Kaumoana for being named as a Reserve for this camp.

Harlan Roudon and Beau Miller will also have busy holidays as they are in the Waikato U17 and Tauranga U17 teams respectively that will play in the Mel Young Easter tournament.

Millah Burge and Baraka Maina will be attending the NZ U14 camp in Rotorua during the holidays.

These representative honours are earned through dedication to their sport. These athletes train both before and after school with a mix of on-court, strength and conditioning, and fitness sessions.

A huge thanks to Te Aroha Basketball Association's Alex Stojkovic for guiding all the local players over the last six years. His excellent player development coaching has resulted in the College having many players excelling.

After the disappointment of 3x3 Nationals being cancelled due to Covid restrictions, the focus is now on Winter League basketball. We have had trials and the teams are ready to play next term.





Netball

Netball kicks into gear on Monday 2nd May, the first Monday of term 2. We have recently completed musters, where we are able to field 4 teams this year, including a teacher's team. Thank you to all the players who made it to the musters in the last week. Well done to all players who were selected into the College Premier team.

All teams will be playing in the local Netball Te Aroha winter competition at the Silver Ferns Farm Event Centre, on a Monday night.

Cricket 1st XI

Our Senior 1st XI Cricket team managed to reach the semi-final of the Waikato Division 2B competition. We had a very young side that has shown a lot of character and punched well above their weight this season. Their positive attitude and willingness to learn will stand them in good stead heading into Term 4 and beyond as we look to build on the past season.

Thank you to our parents that supported the team and helped with a range of logistical tasks throughout the season. Your input and time is greatly appreciated.

Badminton

There will be a Badminton muster on Wednesday 4th May 2022 for all juniors and seniors as we look to prepare for the Thames Valley Badminton Tournament taking place at the start of Term 3.

We will arrange multiple friendly matches against neighbouring schools through the course of Term 2 to ensure that we are well prepared for this.

Football

Football at Te Aroha College will start term 2 and continue through to the end of term 3.

We will be competing in the Waikato Secondary Schools competition and teams will need to travel throughout Waikato and the Coromandel if visiting other schools.

Training will be twice a week on the school field after the school day has finished.

Match day is in the morning on Saturdays. Home and away matches will generally kick off at 8.30am or 10am. When we have home matches it would be really good if people came along to support our teams.



Volleyball

The term 1 season has been an interesting one with Covid having an effect on the teams' availability with over half the schools unable to field teams on many of the Saturdays. Our Girls' team managed to play five Saturdays and enjoyed this opportunity. We showed great improvement throughout the season which was great to see as it was a young team.

With Nationals being cancelled, we have organised our own Invitational tournament at the Event Centre on April 20th, 21st and 22nd. This involves 8 Boys and Girls teams and will be a great way for those players who are leaving the College at the end of this year to finish their school volleyball representation. Our departing Year 13s have been fantastic and we wish them all the best.

We have had a few of our athletes trial for Waikato age group teams to compete at the National Inter-Provincials and would like to commend them for doing this. A special mention needs to go to Anna Wade and Hannah Davis-Gorrie who have made the final 16 in the U17 Girls age group - we wish them well with their final trial.





Road Safety

Young Driver Passenger Restrictions

It is a legal requirement that student drivers adhere to the conditions of their Driver's Licence, especially those on a Restricted Licence who carry passengers. We are working with our Community Constable to ensure that our students follow the laws of the road which keep themselves and others safe. The local police have informed us that they will continue to check and monitor our young drivers over the coming months.

RYDA Young Driver Education

Year 12 students attended the RYDA driver education programme in week 10. This was a very timely and important road safety course focusing on developing our young driver skills and awareness. We are very grateful to the Lions service club for their support of this event.

The RYDA information is available at <https://rse.org.nz/about-ryda/>.

Bus Bay Safety

The Drop Off Area and Bus Bay outside the school gates are 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.

The School Food Programme

For Term 2 the School Free Lunch team are working on the provision of hot meals as part of the daily lunch scheme. This will see major kitchen renovations underway during the break. We would like to

thank Ms Karyn Blair and her team for the great work during Term 1, providing healthy and nutritious food for every student every day and we look forward to the winter menus starting in Term 2. A special thanks to Mr Ken Rowe and Ms Rebecca Johnson who have worked to plan and coordinate the renovations. We also want to thank the student team of volunteers who help make sure food is distributed to everyone in an efficient way each break. Our school is very fortunate to have this Ministry of Education funded programme as the wide-ranging positive changes we have seen since it began last year are considerable.

The School Doctor Service and School Nurse

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

Our school Nurse, Ms Catherine Semmens 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 school's operational 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, sweatshirts or hoodies are not part of the uniform. We will be checking uniforms in the first days and through the first week of Term 2 and ask students and parents to ensure they have our 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-
tec / merino top under school shirt

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 Non-uniform

Non-uniform days are a privilege and must always fit the standard of 'tidy casual' clothing appropriate for practical activities. Students are reminded that if the standard of non-uniform clothing 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 8.40 am and are ready in class for an 8.45 am start. We will be closely monitoring attendance during Term 2 and expect that if a student is absent for any reason that the parent/caregiver will have contacted the school office and provided a note of explanation for the absence.

Holiday Break

We hope all our students have a great break and enjoy time with their friends and family. We thank our student body for their ongoing efforts both in the classroom and with the many and varied co-curricular options that have been on offer for Term 1. For those of you who have been sick with Covid during the term please use the break time to rest up and recover. 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.

We will see everyone back on Monday the 2nd of May ready to start Term 2.

Mā te kimi ka kite, Mā te kite ka mōhio, Mā te
mōhio ka mārama

*Seek and discover. Discover and know. Know and
become enlightened.*

Heather Gorrie

Principal