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Term 2 Newsletter -

A summary of the GREAT happenings at Te Aroha College throughout Term Two

As Term two winds up, with a well deserved break ahead for everyone, we thank teachers for their excellent and ongoing work, and we thank students for making the most of learning opportunities and taking advantage of other aspects of college life on offer.

Of special note this term is the dedication and enthusiasm shown by Adrienne Hagan and her team with the GREASE production. The commitment shown by everyone resulted in excellent performances, witnessed by many. Students who took up the challenges offered by involvement in this musical developed their learning down a path different to usual classroom offerings. We thank those in the Te Aroha Community who supported this production.

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



The ongoing covid situation provided challenges, with a small amount of rostering home early in the term, and many students and staff having medical leave. This presented difficulties for some with interrupted learning programmes. Attendance remains a concern with our term two attendance rate at only 75%, some of this due to covid issues. We remind caregivers to have their students attend college every day they are well enough to do so. Most lessons follow on from previous lessons, and classes missed results in gaps in students' learning.

There is more to a school than staff, students and classroom learning. There are Caregivers, Whānau, and support from the wider Te Aroha Community. Thanks to everyone who supports the development of our young people, with commitment to supporting learning, sports, cultural activities, Smart Day programmes, and everything else. For Caregivers, as Term Three begins, please ask questions of your students. Perhaps "How did your learning go today?" How is college going for you?"

If there are things at college you feel we could do better, or if there are things you feel could/should be included in college life, please let us know in a constructive way.

Thanks for reading Te Aroha College's Term Two newsletter.

Peter Jager

Deputy Principal

Te Aroha College Board of Trustees - Chairperson's Report

Board Update

We find ourselves half way through the year already and are now on the downhill run entering into Term 3. A huge thank you to our staff at Te Aroha College for the way they continue to work in an ever changing environment with the challenges of Covid 19 and severe flu being the new normal in so many ways within the teaching environment. Meeting the ongoing learning needs of classes who frequently have large numbers absent, is a challenge.

A special thanks to our Acting Principal, Peter Jager, and the two Deputy Principals, Grant Aitken and Rachel Scott, for ensuring that it is business as usual in the ongoing absence of the Principal. These are your contact people if you have serious concerns but often the teacher is best in the first instance, followed by the level Dean.



Te Aroha College Board of Trustees - Chairperson's Report

Our Ministry appointed Limited Statutory Manager, Ted Benton, continues to work with the board to guide us in the governance area.

Sport

Term 2 is traditionally hectic for our sports teams, and there have been some great results coming through being shared on our schools social media pages. If you don't already, follow the schools Facebook pages "Te Aroha College Sport" and "Te Aroha College". A number of great updates are shared there. A big thank you to all our coaches, managers, and taxi drivers that look after our teams and get them from A to B.

Production - Grease

A huge congratulations to Adrienne Hagan and the students and community members who contributed to the annual production. You knocked it out of the park! It was an awesome performance, and the number of hours of rehearsals certainly paid off. Some future superstars in the making!

Board elections

It's board election time again, the triennial elections are being held in the next couple of months.

More detailed information about the dates and timeline regarding the Board election will be sent out to Caregivers early in term 3.

If you have an interest in the school community and the education opportunities we offer our students, please consider putting your name forward to become part of this decision making process. If you have any questions about the board, feel free to contact me on debburge75@gmail.com

Debbie Burge





Grease Production

We would like to acknowledge and thank the many people who have contributed their time, effort and hard earned cash to the success of our “Grease” musical production.

We have had a lot of fun putting on this musical, which included 38 students, four teachers and five adult actors and singers.

Thank you to all our students who have acted, sung, danced, played instruments, controlled the sound and the lighting, done hair and makeup, painted and constructed sets. Your efforts have been extraordinary and your teachers are in awe of the commitment and talent that you’ve shown. It takes real guts to get up there and sing and dance and we admire and respect you for it.

The singers who were brave enough to sing on stage and never miss a beat, were amazing. Seth Seerup, Zac Thomas-Stockley, Stephanie Cornes, Isabelle Bray, Kizeah Libalib and Ashley Nguyen were total stars! Thank you so much to Isabelle Bray and Keisha Wootton for planning and teaching the choreography for the dance numbers.

To Vivienne Genet, your support for and desire to see Arts showcased in our school are deeply appreciated. Your knowledge and experience and love for what you do are evident and we cannot thank you enough.

Thank you to our community actors, singers and our drummer Ethan Nelley for their investment in Arts in our community.

Thank you also to the audience and parents of our cast and crew. It takes a supportive community to put a show together. The practices have been going on for months and months and despite Covid and other challenges we got there with your support.

Thank you to those who have financially supported this production - it is extraordinarily expensive to buy the rights to musicals. We couldn’t do without the support of the “Creatives in School” programme from the Ministry of Education, The Matamata-Piako District Council’s Creative Communities Funding, the Old Forge Kitchen and Pub Charities.

We also want to acknowledge the support of our own Board of Trustees, especially our Principal Heather Gorrie and former Chairperson Teena Cornes who were staunch advocates of the Arts in our school and were tireless in their efforts last year to make sure it could happen - especially at those times when the obstacles seemed overwhelming - we really appreciate you not giving up on us.

Adrienne Hagan





Reviews of Students' Learning

Learning continues as core business for students. Junior student/Caregiver conferences were held earlier this term with students leading discussion on their learning progress. Thanks to Caregivers who took up this opportunity and for the very positive comments on this method of providing learning feedback to you. Junior Student reports were sent out via email at the end of term.

A Senior Student progress checkpoint was done at the end of week five of term two. Caregivers will have received feedback related to the progress of your student, indicating whether all was going well/as expected or indicating where improvement was expected. Further checkpoint data was collected in week ten, and feedback to caregivers will occur early next term. One very useful aspect of our ongoing five weekly checkpoints for staff and Deans is an indication of how internal standards' credit totals are increasing for students.

Senior Student interviews for Caregivers were held in week ten. These were an opportunity to provide further feedback about learning progress and we hope you took the opportunity to meet your student's teachers and discuss your student's year to date.





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Photo Times

Photolife made two visits to college this term. All Form class photos and sports' teams photographs were taken on 22 June. Students' individual ID photographs were taken on 5 July. If you wish to purchase any photos, orders for any of these are made directly online through Photolife.

Learning Centre Report

The Learning Centre began operating a few years ago. It is a place in our college where students feel safe and comfortable away from the sometimes noisy and crowded classroom. It is where students can continue on with their work that their teacher has set for them, either personally or on google classroom.

We currently have eight students that use The Learning Centre frequently with another four that come and go when they need a break from a usual classroom setting.

The Learning centre is also used as a Transition Area for students returning to college after a lengthy absence.

Over the past few weeks, we have been completing "Who Am I" posters, lego constructions and sometimes jigsaws. There is also a friendly rivalry when the students play Jenga against each other. We have had three new students join us recently, two are from Tokoroa and one from the Gold Coast.

It is always satisfying when students achieve something that they have been working on for some time.





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Interhouse Chess Tournament

The Interhouse chess tournament has now reached the Quarter Final stage in the Library. This term, it has been a Round Robin format where everyone plays everyone else in the initial rounds. The 19 players have played 171 games (18 each) to reach this point. The accumulated points have been tallied to determine the Top 8 players for the Knockout rounds. Everyone has earned House points for every game they played, but an individual College Champion will be crowned at the end. Watch this space for the final results next term!



Cross Country Championships



The annual College Cross Country events were raced on Wednesday 25 May. For some caregivers reading this newsletter, this will bring back memories of your own exploits on the cross country course!

Junior boys: 1st Jake Horan, 2nd Calan Diprose, 3rd Felix Burr

Junior Girls: 1st Millah Burge, 2nd Elayna Van Marrewijk, 3rd Grace Bolstad

Intermediate girls: 1st Jessica Bray, 2nd Caitlin Williams, 3rd Anna Knight

Intermediate boys: 1st CJ Flavall, 2nd EJ Agduma, 3rd Sean Costar

Senior Girls: 1st Amber Wotherspoon, 2nd Renee Robinson, 3rd Keisha Wootton

Senior Boys: 1st Quade Ericsson, 2nd Jayden Darby, 3rd Ashton Carey

At the Thames Valley Secondary Schools' Cross Country event, Jake Horan was placed 2nd in the Year 9 Boys event and Jess Bray was placed 1st in the Girls under 16 event.

At the Waikato Secondary Schools' Cross Country, Jake was placed 7th and Jess 5th.

Jess also went on to run at the Nz secondary schools X country in Nelson where she finished 30th out of 82 runners. She ran a personal best time for the 3km of 12:01.



Winter Sports

Many students have continued to take part in, or have taken up for the first time, the challenge/opportunity of playing in a winter sports team.

This year, the winter sports teams playing under the Te Aroha college banner are...

- Netball: Te Aroha College Premier, Te Aroha College Junior Premier, Te Aroha College Junior Development, and a Te Aroha College Teacher's Team - Good on Them!
- Rugby, 1st XV, Year 9/10 Youth team, Girls' Rippa Rugby team
- Football, Boys 1st XI, Girls 1st XI
- Hockey, Boys 1st XI, Girls 1st XI

Girls Rippa Rugby

In May, a group of Junior Girls attended the Thames Valley Secondary Schools Girls Rippa Rugby in Ngatea. The girls had a great day out, learning the basics and implementing these. Throughout the day, the girls improved each game and enjoyed every minute of it.

The girls got to see the Womens Rugby World Cup and learn of the up and coming Black Fern Fixtures. Going forward, the girls are eager to develop their skills in 7's rugby later in the year.





Winter Sports



Netball

This year, Te Aroha College has four teams entered in the local Te Aroha winter league. College Premier, Junior Premier, Junior Development and College Teachers.

Grading took place early in the season, which saw College Premier being placed in A Grade and the remaining college teams in A reserve. All teams have been enjoying their games and look forward to the two week break before heading into the business end of the season.

The College Premier team is a relatively young and new team who are developing. Throughout the Monday night league, the team has been working hard to improve each week. Recently the College Premier attended the Boulton Cup in Katikati. Unfortunately, the conditions got the best of the team and didn't come away with the best results. Going forward, College Premier are determined to improve and work hard to ensure they bring their best to UNISS later in the year.

The Junior Premier team have also been playing in the Thames Valley B Grade league on Saturday mornings. They have been improving week in and week out. They will be looking to reach finals for the A reserve. Lastly, thank you to everyone who has volunteered and continues to contribute their time to Netball.



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Boys Rugby

Congratulations to Justin Nonu and Richie Gemmell who have been selected in the Thames Valley U16 Rugby team.

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THAMES VALLEY U16'S BOYS 2022 SQUAD

Trainings are Tuesday and Thursday starting 12th July at 6.30pm at the Paeroa Domain

Coaching Staff for 2022:
Head Coach: Daniel Mead
Assistant Coach: Stu Hill and Rod Fisher
Manager: Andrew Gemmell 0274866233

21st and 22nd July
Whakatane
 Te Ohomai Tournament

Saturday 20th August
Ngatea
Corinthians

10th/11th September
Turangi
 Heartland Tournament

Saturday 24th September
Whangarei
 Northland Vikings

8th and 9th October
Cambridge
CHIEFS U16 Tournament

Andy Rogers | Hauraki College
Ethan Harrison | Hauraki College
Hoko Tukimaka | Katikati College
Leka Vakasioula | Katikati College
Shayden Hemopo | Katikati College
Cruz Hodson | Katikati College
Dylan Main | Katikati College
Maitland Bevan | Mercury Bay Area School
Kevin Zhu | Mercury Bay Area School
Colville Green | Mercury Bay Area School
John McGregor | Mercury Bay Area School
Josh Markowski | Mercury Bay Area School
Quinn McCleery | Mercury Bay Area School
Leon Melde | Mercury Bay Area School

Matai Alexander | Paeroa College
Ezekiel Judd | Paeroa College
Ahipene Mott-Robinson | Paeroa College
Edward Paynter | Paeroa College
Liam Ramsey | Paeroa College
Ashton Chwesik | Paeroa College
Cooper Morrison | Paeroa College
Brodie Robinson | Paeroa College
Phoenix McKain | Paeroa College
Justin Nonu | Te Aroha College
Richie Gemmell | Te Aroha College
Kanye Rapana | Thames High
Logan Smith | Thames High
Hunter Growden | Thames High
Will Baker | Waihi College
Joseph Frew | Waihi College

DYNASTY

More photos and updates on sporting achievements and athlete profiles please go to: <https://www.facebook.com/TeArohaCollegeSport>



Great Diploma Progress

Students in 9 Rata completed their Great Diploma activities this term, their final activity being an overnight trip to the Pinnacles Hut. This programme was 9 Rata's Smart Day programme for eight weeks. Admiration must be shown for those who felt hot enough to swim in Hoffman's Pool on their way home.

9 Totara began their Great Diploma Programme during the term, with various challenges/trips completed. Congratulations to the very keen Emma and Beth who tubed down a small stretch of the Waitawheta river





Uniform Expectations for Term 3

Thanks to most students (and caregivers for their support) who wear complete uniform in a tidy and respectful manner. Unfortunately, a minority of students choose to wear non-uniform items. This should not be, and does not need to be an ongoing issue for staff to deal with.

Towards the end of last term, students were reminded of some expectations as regards college uniform.

These included -

- The uniform includes black shoes with black socks, or black roman sandals. Sandals and socks are not to be worn. Scuffs are not acceptable
- College jackets, college blazers, or college pullovers are uniform items. Other sweatshirts or jackets are not acceptable.
- Students should not have facial piercings of any sort while wearing the uniform.

If students have incorrect uniform, they are offered and expected to wear, clean donated uniform items. It is ridiculous that some students prefer to be cold, rather than wear uniform items offered.

Regarding the wearing of correct uniform. Financial hardship should not prevent any student from wearing college uniform. Please contact the college's Senior leadership team if this is an issue as donated items are available for students, as is some financial assistance.