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Term 3 Newsletter A summary of the GREAT happenings at Te Aroha College throughout Term Three

Dear Caregivers and Whānau,

Our summary of term 3 happenings at college begins with congratulations to many students for excellent achievements.

- Even though Year 11 students have more internal standards to be assessed, and exams for externally examined standards to sit in November, the following have already attained their Level 1 NCEA with an excellence endorsement: Jessica Bray, Erica Dodge, Liz Bennett-Hensby, Thomas Lauder, Anna Wade and Kiyara Smith.
- In August, the Junior Boys' Basketball team won their Waikato basketball competition, outscoring Hamilton Boys High School in the final. This was a first ever occurrence for a Te Aroha team in this competition.
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- All students involved with the organisation of the college ball are to be commended for the marvelous event that took place.
- Congratulations to Keisha Wootton who has stepped up to the Co-President role, due to the departure from college of Stephanie Cornes. Congratulations also to Ashton Carey for taking on the role of Deputy Co-President.

Students and staff have completed a busy term of teaching and learning, as well as fitting in the "out of class" activities that add variety to college life.

A group of students from Japan spent a week at college. It is encouraging that International Student groups are able to visit now we are "post-covid" Thanks to caregivers who made the effort to accommodate visitors in their homes. A group of students from Thailand will be visiting in the first two weeks of term four.

The college ball was well attended and enjoyed by students and partners. Thanks are extended to Mrs Verran-Tye for her enthusiasm and ability to motivate the students who helped her with the necessary extensive organisation.

The secondary schools "tournament week" saw the Boys' A basketball team and the Girls Netball A team compete in their respective tournaments.

The annual Year 8 evening was held to advertise the offerings of life at Te Aroha College to students who will be starting at college next year. The evening was organised by our Year 9 Dean for 2023, Mrs Spindler.

A visit by our electorate member of parliament, Tim van de Molen focussed on viewing the recent improvements to B and D blocks and discussing the operation of the "Food for Students" programme.

Important Practice exams for Senior students were held during week 9, with reports issued the following week. Students need to note well the guiding comments from teachers, as they head into final assessments and exams in term four.



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The elections for a new Board of Trustees were held in September.

Our new Board has the following representatives...

- Parent Reps, Debbie Burge, Fiona Ryan, Andrew Gemmell, Angela Bolstad, Michael Horan
- Staff Rep, Laura Wade
- Student Rep, Jessica Bray
- Jill Taylor, Iwi Rep
- Acting Principal, Peter Jager

Thanks to caregivers who continue to support Te Aroha College and what is offered to the young people of our community. As stated in a previous newsletter, if there are activities at college you feel we could do better, or if there are activities you feel could/should be included in college life, please convey that to us in a constructive way.

Important Events Early in Term Four

Thanks to families who are hosting visiting Thai students in the first two weeks of term four.

Te Aroha College Showcase

Please come along to the free ShowCase to be held in the College Hall between 5pm and 8pm on Tuesday, 25th October.

This is a chance to celebrate our talented and creative students who would like to perform or show off their work.

There will be nibbles!

Bring your children and whanau. Come and go as you like during the evening as it is a very relaxed atmosphere.

Students will perform during the evening when they feel they can.

Thanks in advance for your attendance and our students for their contribution.

Adrienne Hagan HOL Arts/Languages

Te Aroha College Sports Prizegiving

The annual Sports Prizegiving to acknowledge participation, and reward achievement and excellence in the many sporting codes undertaken by students begins at 7:00 on Wednesday 26th October in the college hall.

Te Aroha College Senior Academic Prizegiving

Will be held on Wednesday 2 November in the college hall, beginning at 7:00. This evening acknowledges the academic successes of students in Years 11, 12 and 13; and Special Awards to senior students for their contributions to college life.

Planning for 2023

Decision making and planning for the beginning of next year has started.

- Thanks to our 2023 Year 9 Dean, Mrs Spindler for co-ordinating the enrolment of current Year 8 students who will be attending college next year. Primary schools have been visited and this process is well underway.
- Timetable Lines have been decided and senior students will be choosing subjects for 2023 and uwill be assisted in this by course counselling with their Senior Deans
- Year 12 students have attended their leadership day and the Students Leaders for 2023 will be selected in the next two weeks.
- Smart Day will be reduced to an afternoon only in 2023.





