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Newsletter Term 2 Week 6

Kia ora koutou e te whānau ki te kura tuarua o Te Aroha

It has been great getting to meet many parents as I have been getting around watching the various activities our students are involved in. I am certainly impressed with the dedication and competitiveness our students show in these activities. I am extremely thankful for the support that our parents, volunteers and supporters provide our students each week. Without these wonderful people many sports or events would not happen.

Recently I have been talking to students about their aspirations at school and into the future when they start thinking about life after secondary school. This builds on my previous focus on attendance as none of these can be looked at in isolation.

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What are aspirations? This is another one of those terms that gets used a lot but never really unpacked. They are hopes or ambitions, even dreams of achieving something in the future. That means that in our case, students' have thought about something and want to change what is happening currently for them. In most cases it does require making a change in how hard they work, prioritising what is most important in their life currently and making some sacrifices.

Some examples teenagers might relate to. Often teenagers are wanting to buy a new phone, or aspiring to buy that dream car, or to go on an amazing holiday. All nice things to have but require some hard work to achieve. In these examples, we often see these teenagers finding that extra part-time job, spending less on other items or activities or simply putting aside small amounts of money to achieve this goal.

The same goes for their success at school. Look beyond what is happening right now for them; what does the end of the year look like? Next year? These discussions can start at home. As a staff at Te Aroha College we have high aspirations for all of our students, for them to end up in careers of their choice, to have good social connections with friends and the community and contribute positively to our society. Success at school, aspiring to do better is something we collectively can work towards and something I want to reinforce to all of our students. It might be an interesting conversation at home - what are your child's aspirations, now and in the future?

Recently we have had some assaults at school. Let me make it very clear. These are not just school fights that will get dismissed as just one of those things. Any fight from now on will be classified as an assault. I have met with the Police last week and we have agreed that any further assaults will be dealt with by the school through our normal discipline processes and all details forwarded to the police. As part of this process, the local Police will record the details of the people involved and will follow up when required with their interventions.

They will also visit the school 2-3 times per term, just to have a presence at school and for them to get to know the students and school a bit better.

We should support each other, look after each other, regardless of our differences.

Last week I spoke to the students about getting involved in whatever way they could in the school cross country, even in some pretty terrible weather. I was really impressed with the students who supported each other and those that participated, tried their best; whether that was walking the course or going hard out to get a top placing.

As you might have seen on the Te Aroha College Sports Facebook page, a group of our top performers did very well at the Thames Valley championship.







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Last week we also welcomed a group of students from Chung Shan Industrial and Commercial High School, Kaohsiung, Taiwan. These students come from a school of 8000 students, so a very different campus compared to Te Aroha College. They really enjoyed their stay with us and again I want to thank the students and the community for enhancing the mana of our school. If you helped out in any way, we appreciate your efforts. I especially want to acknowledge our kapa haka group who officially welcomed the group with powhiri. It is great to see our senior students having the confidence to lead this kaupapa.

John Parson - Internet Safety and Risk Assessment Consultant

We are very fortunate that through the combined efforts of the Te Aroha Kāhui Ako, to have John Parson support our community by providing specialist advice and direction on the safe and ethical use of Digital Communication Technology. Over the course of the 3 days, John will be working in schools with students, teachers and school leaders. He will also be hosting 2 parent sessions, a combined Board of Trustees meeting and a combined staff meeting.

them make safe and sensible decisions.

Our aim is for John to be in front of as many children, educators and adults as possible.

The online world is becoming an extremely complex space and navigating it safely requires a lot of knowledge, maturity and education - John will provide ALL participants with tips and advice to help them make safe and sensible decisions.

Our Year 9 and 10 students will have the opportunity on Monday 6 June. We want to educate our students about the appropriate use of their devices and this is one part of the programme we are putting in place.

For further information please visit his website - <https://www.citizen21.co.nz/>

On 8th June, following John Parsons' visit to our college on 6th June, we have invited Senior Constable Natasha Snowdon to come and speak with our students further about cybersafety.

Constable Snowdon will spend some time with each year level and will be able to inform students of the laws and consequences around harmful online content such as bullying.



Te Aroha Kahui Ako proudly presents John Parsons for 3 days, June 6 – 8

This is a **MUST ATTEND** event for all parents, whānau and caregivers of children of any age. This event will empower you and give you increased confidence in the online space.

John is an Internet Safety and Risk Assessment Consultant working with schools, providing specialist advice and direction on the safe and ethical use of Digital Communication Technology.

Over the 3 days, John will work with students, school leaders, staff, and Boards of Trustees and YOU, the caregivers and guardians of your children.

For further information check out <https://www.citizen21.co.nz/>

Details of school, BOT and parent meetings will be coming home with your children in Week 3.





Showquest Community Performance

Whanau, friends and family are invited to our Showquest community performance on **Sunday, the 11th of June at 4pm**. Please come to the main office entrance at 3.45pm to be seated. It is a free performance. Children are welcome to attend. We will perform our item twice with a five minute interval, finishing by 4.30pm.

“Our theme is about the future of the world. How past generations have ruined the world through pollution causing climate change and natural disasters. Many young people haven’t cared about the future and what will happen because it doesn’t directly affect them. But time is running out. We are the future and it’s up to us to help change the world for the better,” says director, Samantha Goodwin.

If you would like to attend the performance at the Showquest Competition of 12 schools in Hamilton at the Claudelands Event Centre on Tuesday the 13th June at 7pm, you will be able to buy tickets online

through Ticketek. <https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=SHOWQUES23&v=CUA>

Thank you so much to Luca Gemmell-Taylor for creating the video wall and music track; Marshall den Boer who is our lighting specialist; Scarlett Mclsaac and Danni Hazleton for creating props and wardrobe/make-up organisation.

Thank you to the performers who work tirelessly to perfect their performance: William Bethell, Jessica Bray, Alexis Broekhals, Natasha Dalton, Erica Dodge, Thomas Franklin, Charlotte Fermill, Lyla Gemmell-Taylor, Samantha Goodwin, Bethan Lauder, Katy-June Loomans, Ashley Nguyen, Chloe Reddy, Maddie Scott, Seth Seerup, Chaeli Sutherland, Zak Thomas-Stockley and Lee Thomson.

Thank you very much to our support teachers Mrs Catherine Spindler and Mrs Alidia Ericsson.

Adrienne Hagan
Showquest Liaison Teacher





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Te Aroha Cross Country Results 2023

Year 9 Girls

1st. Perryn Diprose Tokomaru
2nd Breanna Darby Tainui
3rd Therese Robinson Aotea

Year 9 Boys

1st Jerry Collier-Tilsley Aotea
2nd Mason Diprose Tokomaru
3rd Zayne Fisher Tainui

Junior Girls

1st Caitlin Williams Aotea
2nd Grace Bolstad Tainui
3rd Bianca Hills Arawa

Junior Boys

1st Jake Horan Aotea
2nd Shawn Fletcher Tokomaru
3rd Felix Burri Tokomaru

Senior Girls

1st Jessica Bray Aotea
2nd Haruna Ogata Aotea
3rd Amber Wotherspoon Arawa

Senior Boys

1st Blake McLaren Tokomaru
2nd Thomas Lauder Aotea
3rd Pascal Burri Tainui

House Points

1st Aotea 455
2nd Tainui 362
3rd Tokomaru 249
4th Arawa 237

Total Runners per Age Group

Year 9 Girls 34
Year 9 Boys 29
Junior Girls 34
Junior Boys 26
Senior Girls 30
Senior Boys 47

Future Beef New Zealand

Year 12 student, Shaye Roskam (Stanley Avenue School), has been in Dannevirke competing in Future beef NZ.

Future beef is a youth event to teach students about the beef industry. There were students from Northland to Canterbury competing.

Sunday was the cattle handler section where they needed to professionally lead and stand their animal to show off its best qualities. This involved tidily holding two lead ropes and a shoe stick. Being able to transfer their stick from hand to hand all while walking a strong animal. Shaye was in the intermediate experienced class. Her 753kg steer made her work for it. He wasn't being an easy boy to lead but she worked hard and in a large class came away with 1st.

Returning to the ring for the championship Shaye once again did extremely well being named Future Beef NZ 2023 Champion Handler! This was so deserving and the crowd cheered! We are extremely proud of all her work and dedication leading up to this result.





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Gymnastics

Congratulations to Year 10 student, Bethan Lauder (Te Aroha Primary School), who competed in the Midlands Senior Artistic Championships earning 3rd overall on the first day. On Day 2 she finished 3rd floor, 4th beam, 6th vault and a PB on bars.

National swimming

Jayden recently (Elstow-Waihou Combined School) competed at the New Zealand Division 2 Swimming competition held in Wellington. Jayden competed in the 50m and 100m backstroke, 50m butterfly and the 50m freestyle. He did outstandingly well, competing against some very dedicated athletes that focus solely on swimming. Jayden got 2nd in the final of 50m butterfly which is a very demanding event and 3rd in the 50m backstroke final, another fine achievement. These are excellent results and a credit to Jayden and his family for the ongoing dedication and support required to train for this sport.





Netball

Amber Blackmore (Stanley Avenue School) and Grace Bolstad (Morrinsville Intermediate) have been selected for Thames Valley U16 netball team. An outstanding achievement for these athletes. We had a number of netballers trial for the Thames Valley U16 and U18 teams highlighting the depth of talent at Te Aroha College

Cross Country Results

Thames Valley Cross Country

Jess Bray—U20 Champion

Blake Mc Laren 4th (U20)

Jake Horan 6th (U16)

Caitlin Williams 10th (U16)





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A plea to help Te Puawaitanga Craft Club

Mrs Oliver is looking for knitting wool for the Te Puawaitanga Craft Club that she runs. She has had an unexpectedly large group this rotation and she is running quite low on supplies. Any help would be much appreciated. Her contact email address is soliver@tacol.nz



Tools to help you. Have you accessed the Parent Portal?

The Parent Portal is accessible from: <https://tearoha.parents.school.nz/>

Parents/caregivers to login using student username and parent password as provided by school. As a privacy requirement you will be required to change your password the first time you login. Please contact the school 078848625 or office@tacol.nz if you do not have your caregiver login details.

Read the [Parent Portal How to Guide](#)

We strongly encourage parents/caregivers to use the Parent Portal, which allows you to:

- update your contact information / details
- track your student's attendance
- monitor Student's learning progress / NCEA results
- view accounts / fee records



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**PARENT PORTAL
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