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Newsletter Term 3 Week 1

Welcome to the start of Term 3. I hope you and your whānau were able to spend some time together and students were able to get some well deserved rest, or earn some extra money in a holiday job or get to have a holiday. We are looking forward to Term 3. This is a really important term for our senior students as they head towards the external exams in Term 4. For those students who do not have many externals, this is a great time to follow up on the internal assessments that they need to complete.

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Te Aroha 200

Congratulations to all the students and staff involved in the year's Te Aroha 200. For those who are not aware of the Te Aroha 200, it is a programme to help build students' resilience and improve their overall fitness and wellbeing. This was a voluntary programme before school, three mornings each week during Term 2. These sessions included regular fitness testing to show progress over time, specific exercises to target different fitness areas and team/group activities to build relationships amongst the group.

After 10 weeks of training this was to culminate to the longest day in the last week of Term 2. However, given the terrible weather we had then, we had to postpone until the start of Term 3. The longest day is designed to be a significant challenge. The day starts with climbing Mount Te Aroha and back again, working as a team to complete the fitness circuit of 200 combined exercises and then collectively pulling a truck (kindly provided by Wade Contracting) 200 metres. A prize giving finished off the day with all of the students feeling pretty pleased and proud of their efforts.

I really appreciate and want to acknowledge the staff that have been involved in the Te Aroha 200. The students value your contribution and being involved. Thank you for your commitment to our students.

Special thanks to Mr Aislabie who coordinated the programme, ran the training sessions and kept the group motivated over the 10 weeks.



Mānawatia a Matariki!

We've introduced some activities this week to celebrate Matariki. All students participated in a form class activity on Tuesday to remember and reflect, have gratitude and plan for the year ahead. The comments that students wrote about their love of whānau and how they appreciate the support of their teachers at school, was really inspiring. There was a scavenger hunt to find the Matariki stars around school, organised by Whaea Arleen. Many subject areas have also integrated Matariki into their junior teaching this week. Finally, Kapahaka treated us to a performance in assembly Friday, to round the week off.

Taku Wairua

Late Term 2 we were introduced to a programme to help belonging, develop self-discovery, develop goal setting skills and explore citizenship for Year 9 and 10 students. This programme, Taku Wairua has been working with some local primary schools and is looking to develop a programme for Year 9 and 10 students. We had an opportunity to be involved focusing on our Year 10 students and thought it would be a good chance to develop and extend our students, focusing on many of the aspects we are developing at Te Aroha College.

Former Te Aroha College student, Natalie Brownlie (nee Roberts) is the Kura Programme Team Leader for Taku Wairua which is a lovely connection. To introduce Taku Wairua into Te Aroha College, Year 10 students will have rostered lessons with the Taku Wairua facilitators during Te Puawaitanga on Wednesday afternoons. We will be really interested in the feedback from our Year 10 students and whānau and parents as we will potentially continue this next year.

For more information on this please go to the Taku Wairua website (<https://www.takuwairua.co.nz/kura-program>)



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Senior Student/Caregiver conferences

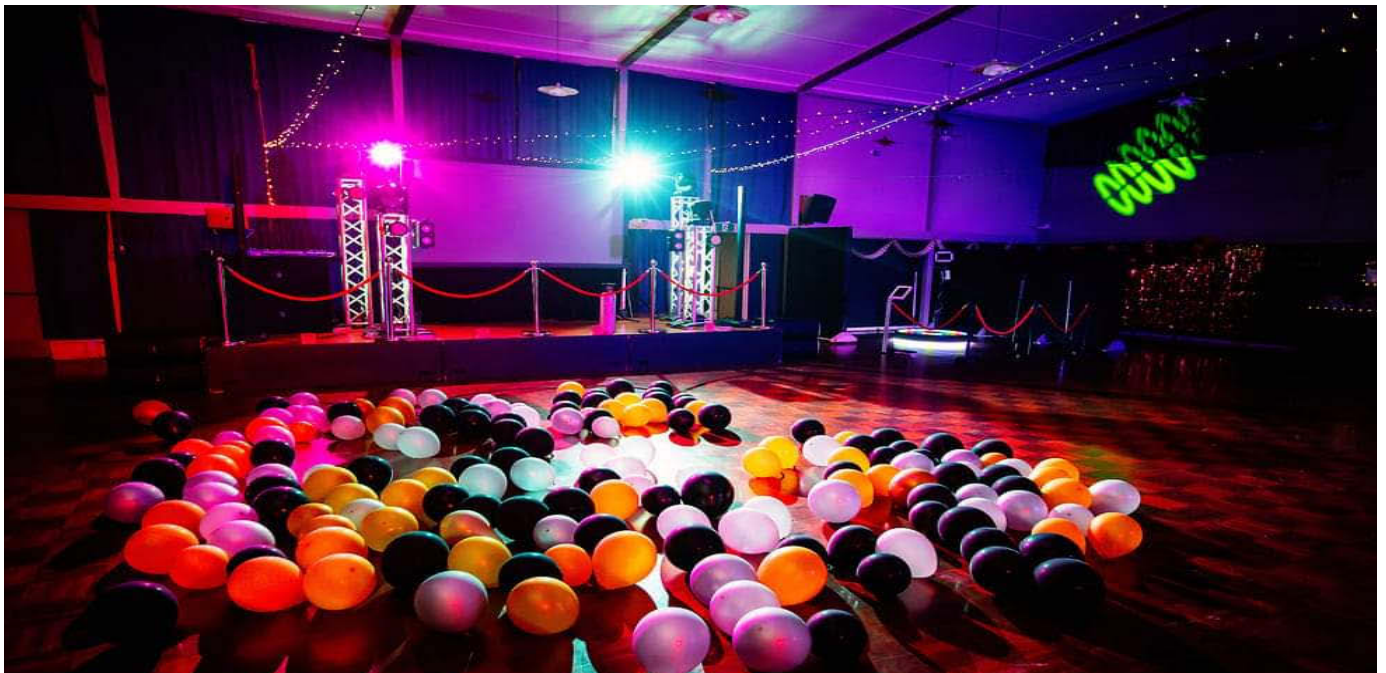
Next Thursday, 27 July we have our senior student/caregiver conferences from 3:30-6:30 pm. We have decided to follow the format for the recent junior conferences with each caregiver/student able to make an appointment with individual subject teachers. As you will be aware, every five weeks our Deans and Senior Leaders track the progress of our senior students and monitor the credits that students have achieved and parents have been contacted when there are concerns.

Please take this opportunity to connect again with your child's teachers.

2023 School ball

It was really nice to attend my first Te Aroha College ball and see our students enjoy themselves at this event. Many thanks to Mrs Sarah Verran-Tye who led and supported our senior students through the planning and preparation for the big night. Overall I was happy with the behaviour of our students but will look to make some changes for next year.

I was certainly impressed with the range of cars and in a couple of Case tractors that dropped off the students. There is some very impressive machinery in Te Aroha.



Term 3 attendance

Regular attendance is one of the strongest factors to student success at school.

This term we are focusing on supporting students and families, improving and rewarding students' attendance at school. As I mentioned in my first newsletter, attendance can be a complicated issue at times with many external factors impacting on attendance. Of course there is the other end of the continuum when students deliberately choose not to attend school.

This term we have a number of incentives to encourage improved attendance rates.

Any student with 95% attendance for Term 3 will go into a draw for a Samsung Smartwatch

Any student with 90% attendance for Term 3 will go into a draw in week 5 and week 10 for vouchers to Ninja Valley in Hamilton

Each week, the form class with the best attendance will receive a reward ranging from hot chips, ice creams, to other rewards.

We appreciate the support from parents and whānau to ensure all of our students attend school on a regular basis.

School uniform focus

Many thanks to the parents and students that have made an effort to make sure our students attend school in the correct uniform. We have noticed a significant improvement and we want to keep these high standards up for the rest of the year.

Students wearing the correct uniform keeps the focus on their learning and classwork and teachers can focus on delivering the best lessons possible.



Charlie's very eye catching trike that is upcycled from old bicycle parts. Well done Charlie!



Please follow the link provided to view the photos taken in the photo booth at the 2023 College Ball <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19N7oFkigb3eeknWqsM2xkULo3h9GGYEa?usp=sharing>