



He Pānui ki te Whānau

Nei rā te tuku i ngā kupu whakamoemiti ki tō tātou Kaihanga

Ka whakahonore tō tātou Kīngi a
ratou ko te whare Kāhui Ariki, Paimārire.

Ki ngā mate, moe mai rā ki roto i ngā ringa kaha
o tō tātou Matua i te rangi.

Rātou te hunga mate ki a rātou.

Tātou ngā urupā o rātou mā,
e whakakotahi nei ki raro i te maru o te Kīngitanga

Paimārire ki a tātou katoa

Pānui nā te Tūmuaki o Ngā Taiātea

Tenei te tuku whakawhetai ki a Ihoa o nga mano.

Te timatanga me te hapainga o nga mea katoa.

Ka tuku mihi ki a Kingi Tuheitia ratou ko te Whare Kahui Ariki whanui tonu.

Paimarire ki a ratou katoa.

Kei nga mate o te motu, moe mai ra koutou.

E Api, e Tama, koutou ko te hunga kua wheturangitia,
okioki atu ra ki te kainga tuturu mo tatou katoa.

Kei te whānau o Nga Taiātea, tatou no nga hau e wha, tena ra koutou katoa.

Tena koutou katoa e te whanau

Waikato Raupatu Commemoration

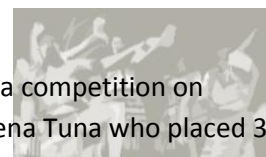
Friday, 22 May we join with Tainui and the country to celebrate the 20th Anniversary Commemoration of the signing of the Waikato Raupatu Settlement between the Government and Te Arikini Te Atairangi Kaahu. Representatives from Nga Taiatea will join with the iwi to celebrate this kaupapa at Turangawaewae.

Rangatahi Ma – Stay Warm

Whanau, we need our rangatahi to stay warm at Wharekura so that they do not get sick. Please remember that they are not allowed to wear the Wharekura hoodies to Wharekura. However, they can wear their grey jerseys, Wharekura jacket and/or tracksuit jacket. Jackets & grey jerseys can be purchased through the office.

Kapa Haka

Congratulations to our students who won the Waikato Regional Secondary School Kapahaka competition on Saturday. A special mention to Te Uranga Walker who placed 1st - kaitataki tane & Maramena Tuna who placed 3rd - kaitataki wahine. A big thank you to Tokoaitua Winiata, Greg Henderson, Watson Ohia, Tony & Ngaria Walker & Te Wairere Ngaia for the many hours spent putting together the bracket/performance.



Nga Taiatea Concert with Kamehameha (Hawaii)

On 2 June we will be hosting Kamehameha School from Oahu, Hawaii. We will have a joint concert with talent from Nga Taiatea and Kamehameha entertaining the whanau that evening. Nau mai haere mai.

Native American Cultural Academy (NACA)

NACA is a native American school in New Mexico and this year's graduating class will be visiting Nga Taiatea on 4 June – 5 June. We will be billeting 26 students on the evening of 4 June. We would like to encourage the year 11, 12 & 13 students/whanau to billet our manuhiri. Please contact **Royna** on (07) 850-6358 extn: 708 if you are able to billet these students.

Kia kaha to the League Team

Our Taiatea League team will compete in the Waikato Secondary Schools Tournament in Tokoroa this week. The competition will be tough but we know our boys will give their best for the team, the kura and our kaupapa.

Good work to our Netball and Basketball Teams:

Our Netball and Basketball teams continue to compete in their respective competitions. If you are free please come and tautoko our teams. Nau mai haere mai

Student Fees

Your child's fees can be viewed online. You can request a statement from Amiria in the office should you be able to access your child's information online. Please be aware that invoices are not issued.

Student Attendance

Below is the attendance data for Term 1 for each cohort. Please note the statistic for the cohort last year and the target for this year. Also please note what the actual data is for Term 1. We are generally pleased with the improvement across the year groups as we compare this to last year's statistics. However, our goal is still focused on the target. The year 12 group are still a concern in regards to the attendance of a group of students in this group. However, we will have seven months of classes for the Year 11 – 13 students (taura tuakana) so these attendance rates can improve. Last year Term 2 was where the attendance rate decreased. We are trying hard to ensure that this does not happen this year.

Thank you to Jason and Rachel who are leading us in this area. We still have improvements to make in regards to our processes but we need to acknowledge the improvement made as reflected in the table below.

Term 1 Attendance Rates of Each Cohort:

Year Level	2014 Attendance Rate for this cohort	2015 Target Rate	2015 Term 1 Actual Rate
Year 9	NA	88%	87.4%
Year 10	81.4%	85%	89.6%
Year 11	77.6%	84%	86.8%
Year 12	78.7%	84%	80.2%
Year 13	80%	85%	87.4%
School Wide Y9-13	79.5%	85%	88%

It is very important that our rangatahi have high attendance this year to pass their subjects because they only have four days per week to focus on those subjects because our students do internships and passion projects each Wednesday this term.

NCEA and Graduation for Year 9 – 13 Students After completing Term 1, we continue to focus on our progress to the end of the year and the achievement of NCEA for Year 11 – 13 students and the achievement of graduation for our Year 9 – 13 students. There has been a lot of effort from our rangatahi during the past term which is pleasing. This is especially so in regards to our year 13 students. However, there is still much to do. All of our rangatahi can achieve the results that they have set if they;

- work hard in class
- work hard at home
- ask a teacher or friend when they are unsure
- have support from the whanau to ensure that our rangatahi have what they need to learn and achieve

- research for themselves to find the solutions/help that they need – YouTube (video lessons and explanations), Khan Academy, Google and other specialised subject website are excellent

In the end it comes down to how hungry a student is to achieve and whether they are willing to put in the hard work. It is very important that our rangatahi stay focused on their goals and what it will take to achieve the goal.

Reminder: There are special awards for students that achieve highly in regards to the graduate criteria and NCEA. We have also modified the criteria to graduate for the students who have severe learning difficulties.

Na reira kia kaha ra koutou katoa e nga akonga o Nga Taiatea. Ka taea e koutou.

School Reports School reports were mailed out to whanau on Friday, 1 May. Whanau will also be able to access your child's report through the Wharekura website using your child's name as your username and your allocated password. This report informs the students and their whanau of their progress so far in all of their subjects. If you have not received your password to access the portal on our Wharekura website, please contact the Kaiaarahi (Form Teacher) for your rangatahi.

Parent interviews

Thank you to all of the whanau who attended the interviews.

Mahinga Wheako (Year 12 – 13 Internships) and Kaupapa Aria (Year 9 – 11 Passion Projects)

This is a major focus in Term 2 where our students focus on these kaupapa every Wednesday for this term. Students need to at least pass this kaupapa to graduate and there is a special awards evening for year 9 – 13 students who achieve exceptional passion projects or internships. Just a reminder that school buses leave at 2pm on Wednesdays for this term only.

Representing Nga Taiatea in Sports Teams or Cultural Activities

Our rangatahi have the opportunity to represent our kura in a number of activities in the community and on a national scale. A criteria that we are wanting to implement from the beginning of this term is to ensure that our rangatahi uplift our kaupapa, fulfil their responsibilities and do the best they can academically, physically, culturally, spiritually as a part of the Nga Taiatea whanau. We are currently in discussions with the staff and Board to consider criteria that students need to meet if they want to represent the kura in sport and culture so that our rangatahi achieve all they can while here.

In essence, students need to earn the right to represent Nga Taiatea Wharekura. Our focus is on our students succeeding in the classroom, in the community, on the sports field or in cultural activity. Below is the draft criteria for the selection of students into teams or groups to represent Taiatea from the beginning of Term 2, 20 April. We will not penalise students for attendance or incidences from Term 1, but will focus on attendance, work ethic etc from the beginning of Term 2 forward. The draft criteria for students to represent our kura are;

- work ethic
- achieving Rautaki Ako goals and targets
- attendance
- effort
- correct dress/travel uniform and playing gear.

Examples of not meeting the standard for selection are;

- non-submission of assignments
- receiving not-achieved due to a lack of application or attendance
- unjustified absence from school, no contact from whanau

- poor attitude towards learning and training/preparation
- acts of disrespect eg, damaging property, theft or bullying.

Student Cell Phone Procedure

This term we want to trial a procedure that will allow students to bring cell phones to school to assist them in their learning at school. There are a number of reasons to not allow students to have cell phones at school, but there are opportunities where phones can assist our students, especially in their internship and passion project work. Please read the attached procedure and also please remember that this is a trial which very much relies on our rangatahi respecting and adhering to the conditions in the procedure.

The procedure regarding this kaupapa is in this panui. We encourage you to read the details.

Upcoming Events

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| • 22 May | Waikato University Open Day |
| • 29 May | Year 9 Hauora Expo |
| • 29 May | Wintec Huge Day Out |
| • 1 June | HARAREI – Queens Birthday |
| • 2 June | Kamehameha Exchange Visit |
| • 4 June | NACA Exchange Visit |
| • 4 June | Inter-school Manu Korero Competitions |

Nгаа Mahi Tuu Taaу 2015

Taiaha haa! Taiaha haa!

Whakapuru tonu! Whakapuru tonu!

Kia rongо i te hau noo Tuu-i-te winiwini, noo Tuu -i-te-wanawana!

Teenei te whai ake i ngaa kawa. Ko taa te Whare Tuu Taaу nei he whakariterite i te wairua, i te hinengaro, i te tinana, i ngaa uaratanga katoa o te toa. E ai ki te koorero “maa te whakaharatau ka tika”.

We have Mau Raakau classes on Thursdays from 5-00 pm to 7-00 pm. There is no training during school holidays. This is available to students who do Tuu Taaу with Matua Duane and Matua Anaru and any new Year 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 students who want to learn. Also whaanau, staff and students year and up who are keen.

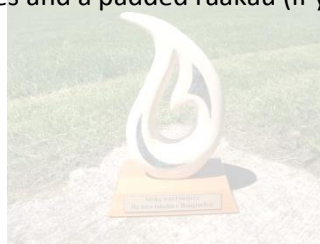
We also have a class straight afterschool from 3.15pm to 4.30pm for our Ngaa Taiaatea students who are getting ready to grade in **week 9 Friday 19th of June and Saturday 20th of June** and the year 9 students who are keen.

When: Thursdays, Ngaa Taiaatea, Whare Tapere 5-00 pm-7-00 pm.

Where: Ngaa Taiaatea Wharekura.

Contacts: Matua Duane, Matua Anaru. Kura 07 850 6359

What will we need: good attitude, sports clothes, running shoes and a padded raakau (if you have one).



19 May 2015

Nga Taiātea Photo 2015 (School & Class Photos)

The photos were taken on Monday 30 March 2015. To those whanau who ordered class photos, these will not be ready to deliver to you until the middle of next month

Rachel will distribute the whole Wharekura ordering envelope to all tauira should you wish to purchase this photo. The cost of this photo is \$25. If you have any queries please contact Rachel.

Reminder of school finishing time

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 3.15pm **Wednesday (Term 2 only) and Fridays at 2pm.**

Students catching the bus will depart at 2.15pm on Wednesday and Friday.

LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure that all items of clothing are named so that any lost clothing can be returned to your rangatahi.

Do you want access to your child's student information?

KAMAR has developed both an Android and Apple App which allows students and parents to access the same information on their phones as can be viewed in the Parent/Student Portal (via our school website: www.taiatea.school.nz). You are to use the same login details as you do for the Web Parent/Student Portal which was handed out to whanau at the Rautaki Ako hui. Please contact the Kaiaarahi of your rangatahi if you have not received this.

This would be useful for accessing the daily notices, school events planner, results, attendance information, timetables, and fees information and a whole lot more.

Steps:

- 1) Download the Application in Play Store (Android) or iTunes (Apple)
- 2) Install
- 3) Open and click on **Settings**
- 4) Enter the server address <https://taiatea.mystudent.school.nz>
- 5) **Logon** is your child's first name.last name e.g. **jack.black**
- 6) **Password** is the password which was handed out in the KAMAR letter handed out at the Rautaki Ako hui
- 7) It is possible to save the user name and password in the settings area

Shortcuts

Google: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=nz.co.KAMAR&hl=en>

Apple: <https://itunes.apple.com/nz/app/KAMAR/id336862723?mt=8>

NGA TAIATEA WHAREKURA
Cell Phone & Earphone Usage Procedure



Purpose To enable students to use their cell phones/earphones to support and enhance their learning at Wharekura.

Cell Phones & Earphones

Students may bring cellphones & earphones to school for the following purposes:

1. Cellphones & earphones may be used by students to support programmes of learning
2. Cellphones may be used to contact a parent/caregiver when there is a valid reason.

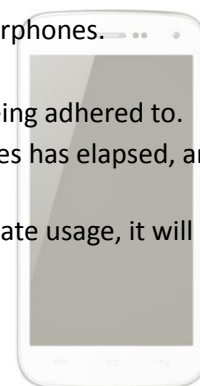
Other than the above reasons, students are not permitted to use cellphones/earphones. They should not be seen or heard during school hours. If they are, they will be confiscated.

Supporting Programmes of Learning

Students may use cellphones/earphones when directed by a staff member to support & enhance programmes of learning in the classroom.

Procedure

1. Staff member will inform student(s) that they have permission to use their cellphone/earphones.
2. Staff member will explain the purpose and conditions of usage.
3. Staff member will monitor the student(s) and ensure that the conditions of usage are being adhered to.
4. Staff member will inform the student(s) when the time for using the cellphone/earphones has elapsed, and should be put away and not used further.
5. If a student is caught using a cellphone/earphones without permission, or for inappropriate usage, it will be confiscated, and the Wharekura confiscation procedure followed.



Contacting Parent/Caregiver

Students may use cellphones when there is a valid reason for contacting a parent/caregiver.

Procedure

1. Student will ask permission from a staff member to make contact, giving the reason why.
2. Staff member will decide whether or not there is a valid reason for making contact.
3. Staff member will give permission to the student (if there is a valid reason) and ensure conditions of usage are adhered to.
4. Once the student has made contact, the cellphone should be returned to their bag.

Important Notes:

- cellphones/earphones brought to Wharekura are at your own risk. Lost, stolen, or damaged cellphones/earphones are not the responsibility of Ngā Taiātea Wharekura
- this procedure will be trialled throughout Term 2, 2015
- it will be reviewed at the end of the Term.

PROCEDURE ON STUDENTS NOT SUBMITTING ASSESSMENTS

Purpose

1. Our goal is for all students to fulfil their responsibilities and do the best they can academically by submitting their assessments on time. We will do this by:
 - a. Ensuring that our students are adequately prepared and supported by the teacher to complete their assessments.
 - b. Students taking responsibility to complete and submit assessments on time.
 - c. Having clear consequences for the non-submission of assessments.

Please note: This procedure is for major assessments that have credits or points allocated to contribute to NCEA or year level graduation.

Procedure

- 1) Teachers need to ensure that they have prepared the students to successfully complete assessments.
- 2) Teachers should be monitoring the students as they progress towards completion and be aware of any issues that may arise in regards to the successful completion of the assessment. Eg: having check-points and address any issues at that point.
- 3) If the student does not submit an assessment:
 - a. The student will receive a 'not submitted' grade on KAMAR
 - b. The subject teacher will ask the student to complete a reflection sheet outlining the reasons the assessment was not submitted.
 - c. The teacher will fill in the standard template letter (on KAMAR) for parents informing the parents that an assessment was not submitted. Teacher to email a copy of the letter to the Kaiarahi and the Kaihautu Takere Aronui. The teacher will also record this on KAMAR under (students/pastoral/classroom/non-submission of formal assessment).
 - d. The Kaiarahi will keep a file of non-submission letters for the students in their whanau.
 - e. The Kaihautu Aronui will monitor the non-submission situation of all students across all subject areas in the school. The record will include the student name, the subject, kind of assessment (eg: test, research project) and the due date.
- 4) The consequence of not submitting work is:
 - a. First non-submission - The standard template letter is sent home (as outlined above)
 - b. Second non-submission – The standard template letter is sent home. Kura DT (Wednesday after school)
 - c. Third non-submission – The standard template letter is sent home. Poutiaki Akonga DT (Thursday 3.30-4.30pm)
 - d. Forth non-submission – Kaihautu Aronui inform relevant Poutiaki Akonga. Poutiaki Akonga organises to meet with the whanau and the Kaihautu Aronui to discuss the non-submission of important assessments. This is equivalent to a Section 27.
 - e. Fifth non-submission – The student, whanau and Kaihautu Aronui meet with the Principal to discuss the major issue regarding the non-submission of assessments. This is a serious issue in regards to upholding the kaupapa and values of Nga Taiātea.

- 5) **Appeal process** – if a student has a concern in regards to why they haven't submitted work and feels they have a valid reason for not submitting an assessment, they can follow the School Assessment/NCEA appeals process. They can attach their reflection sheet for non-submission of a formal assessment to the appeals form and hand to the Kaihoutu Takere Aronui.

Note: Some students may genuinely struggle to complete the assessment due to their learning challenges. Therefore in these circumstances, the teacher has the discretion to determine whether they follow this procedure for these particular students (Teachers professional judgement). Teachers need to inform the Kaiarahi and the Kaihoutu Takere Aronui.

**Just a reminder about
Whakaaturanga
for Kaupapa Ariaa and Mahinga
Wheako Wednesday 1 July**

**WE NEED WHANAU TO ATTEND,
TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILD'S PRESENTATION**

