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**Ngā Taiātea**  
W H A R E K U R A

### **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.

### He Mihi

Tena koutou katoa e te whanau.

He rawe te kite I a tatou rangatahi ki te kura I tenei wiki.

E hiko ana nga wairua, a, e rite ana mo te wahanga e tu mai nei.

#### **NCEA and Graduation for Year 9 – 13 Students**

Well whanau, one term 'down' as we continue to progress to the end of the year and the achievement of NCEA for Year 11 – 13 taura (students) and the achievement of graduation for all our Year 9 – 13 taura. 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 taura (students). All of our rangatahi can achieve the results that they have set if they;

- Work hard in class
- Study hard at home
- Ask a teacher or friend when they are unsure
- Get 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.

Please note: There are special awards for students that achieve highly in regards to the graduate criteria and NCEA. Na reira kia kaha ra koutou katoa e nga ākongā o Nga Taiātea. Ka taea e koutou.



**Term 1 Assignments** Our rangatahi would have received their marks for their assignments from Term 1. It is very important that if they did not pass, then if they are given the opportunity to resubmit an assignment because something minor was not correct then they took it so they would pass and gain the credits. If a student did not pass an assignment in term 1 for an assignment, then they need to make sure that they work hard and pass the remaining assignment so that they achieve what is required to graduate and achieve their best in NCEA.

**School Reports** School reports will be 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 KAMAR username and password. This report informs the students and their whanau of their progress so far in all of their subjects.

**Parent interviews** Parent/Student/Teacher conversations will be held in the Whare Tapere on Wednesday, 6 May – between 2pm and 6pm. This is an opportunity for you and your tamaiti to meet with each of his/her subject teachers to discuss Term 1 progress and expectations for the rest of the year. Please bring their Term 1 report to the hui. When you arrive, please wait in the waiting area until the Kaiako (teacher) you wish to meet with is available. Ngā mihi aroha.

**Mahinga Wheako (Year 12 – 13 Internships) and Kaupapa Aria (Year 9 – 11 Passion Projects)** This is a major focus in Term 2 where our taura (students) focus on these kaupapa every Wednesday for the term. Taura (students) need to pass at least this kaupapa to graduate and there is a special awards evening for year 9 – 13 students who complete and present exceptional passion projects or internships. This kaupapa is very different to your child's normal schooling and will require them to:

- manage themselves
- complete a quality project or internship and
- complete a presentation to their whanau on 1 July.

Please also remember that school buses will leave Wharekura at 2pm on Wednesday for this term only.

**Representing Nga Taiātea in Sports Teams or Cultural Activities** Our rangatahi have the opportunity to represent our Wharekura 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 Taiātea 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 Wharekura 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 Taiātea Wharekura. Our focus is on our students succeeding in the classroom, in the community, on the sports field or in the cultural activity. The draft standard for selection of students into teams or groups to represent Taiātea will be 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 Wharekura 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 Cellphone Procedure** This term we want to trial a procedure that will allow students to bring cellphones to Wharekura to assist them in their learning. There are a number of reasons to not allow students to have cellphones at Wharekura, 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.

**Non Submission of Assignments** This procedure starts this term and the focus is on students submitting all of their assignments to the best of their ability. We have a number of students who are now building, teaching, training to be doctors and are qualified engineers, physiotherapists, environmentalists etc because their work at Wharekura 'opened doors' to the future for them. We want this for all of our students so they can achieve their goals and dreams for them and their whanau. Therefore, this procedure makes it clear to students, whanau and staff if someone does not submit an assignment. We want all of our rangatahi to do the best that they can which includes first time best effort which is making sure that our rangatahi do their best and submit their work, especially their assignments.

**Kapa Haka:** Kia kaha to all of our students, staff and whanau who are preparing for the coming kapa haka competition. Keep doing what you are doing by staying focused, working hard and ensuring that you continually improve as individuals and especially as a team. Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou

**Basketball, Netball and League Teams:** Kia kaha to all of our teams who are preparing for competitions this term. A special thank you to the team of coaches who are working hard to guide, develop and lead our teams. Kia kaha ra koutou katoa.

Mihi to Te Rina Keogh: Te Rina has been awarded a scholarship by Otago University to go on a four day On Campus Experience visit for Year 13 Maori students. She will be away from 27 -30 April.

## Upcoming Events

### WHAREKURA CALENDAR:

- 20 April-15 May Mobile Dental Unit here at Wharekura
- 27 April HARAREI – ANZAC Day
- 1 May Term 1 Reports to be sent to all whanau
- 6 May Parent/Teacher Conversations
- 16 May Tainui Waka Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Competition
- 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



# 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**

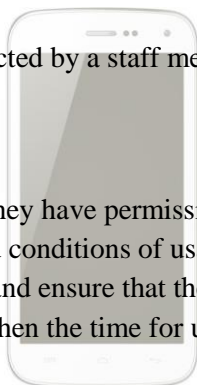
Students may bring cellphones & earphones to school for the following purposes:

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.

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## **PROCEDURE ON STUDENTS NOT SUBMITTING ASSESSMENTS**

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### **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 Kaihautu 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 Kaihautu Takere Aronui.



## Nga Taiātea Photo 2015 (School & Class Photos)

The photos were taken on Monday 30 March 2015.

Your rangatahi was given an individualised envelope to order their class photo. The class photos cost \$14 or \$16 each (dependent on the size chosen).

At this stage we have not received the 'whole school photo' envelopes. These will be distributed to our rangatahi once they are received.

The class photos envelopes are to be handed into the Office. Please ensure that the correct payment is in the envelope as no change is given.

I will continue to take orders for these photos up until the end of next week.

Whaea Rachel

## Kapa Haka

We have three weeks to prepare for the Tainui secondary school competition on 16 May, so all of the students who come to practice need to be prepared to work hard. There are three key days each week for practice, Friday after school, Saturday and Sundays. All students are required to attend practices, and if they can't they are to contact Matua Ohia, Matua Greg or Matua Tokoaitua.

	Friday 2.30-5.00pm	Rahoroi 10.00am-6.00pm	Ratapu 10.00am-6.00pm
Wahanga 2 Wiki 1 Kaupapa Matua	24 April 2015 Tighten up bracket (Te Wairere, Toko & Greg)	25 April 2015 Whakawatea (Toko ma) 10am – 6pm Tony - tawahi	26 April 2015 Whakawatea (Toko ma) 10am – 6pm Tony tawahi
Wahanga 2 Wiki 2 Kaupapa Matua	2 May 2015 Consolidate bracket	2 May 2015 Consolidate bracket 10am – 6pm	3 May 2015 Consolidate Bracket 10am – 6pm
Wahanga 2 Wiki 3 Kaupapa Matua	8 May 2015 Consolidate bracket	9 May 2015 Consolidate bracket 10am – 6pm Watson - tawahi	10 May 2015 Consolidate bracket 10am – 6pm Watson - tawahi
Wahanga 2 Wiki 4 Kaupapa Matua Te Whakataetae	15 May 2015 Consolidate bracket	16 May 2015 Ra Whakataetae	



## 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](http://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>

## **LOST PROPERTY**

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

## **ATTENDANCE**

Whaea Rachel Stone is the contact person for attendance/absences for your rangatahi. If your rangatahi is absent/going to absent you can contact her at [rachel.stone@taiatea.school.nz](mailto:rachel.stone@taiatea.school.nz) or 021 02781702. Please put the first and last names of your rangatahi, the reason for their absence and your first and last names to the email or text message.

You may have already received a text or email message regarding the absence of your rangatahi. We encourage you to continue to advise us of the absence/s of your rangatahi to ensure their attendance records are always kept up-to-date.

Please also ensure we have the correct email address/es and mobile numbers to send the absence notifications for your rangatahi.

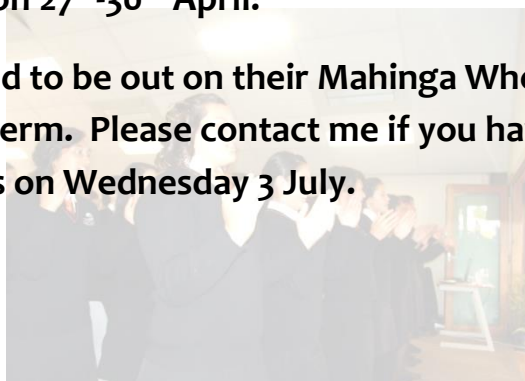
## Careers – Takere Hapori

### Upcoming Events

29th Paenga-Whāwhā	<b>Health and Safety Course</b> – 15 of our tuakana are participating in this course here at Wharekura, there are still a few places available
12th Haratua	<b>AUT Course Information Visit</b> – for Y13 taura who are planning on going to AUT in 2016
22nd Haratua	<b>Waikato University Open Day</b> for Y13 taura, register you name with Whaea Mel
25th Haratua	<b>Health Careers Information Day</b> – run by the DHB, interested students to register with Whaea Mel
29th Haratua	<b>HUGE Day Out</b> – WINTEC open day, interested students to register with Whaea Mel
8 Pipiri	<b>CAREERS EXPO</b> – Y11, 12 and 13 students will be attending, for more info on this check out <a href="http://www.careersexpo.org.nz">www.careersexpo.org.nz</a>

**Congratulations to Te Rina Keogh, who has received the OCE (On Campus Experience) Scholarship to visit Otago University on 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> April!**

**All Tau12 and Tau13 taura are expected to be out on their Mahinga Wheako (Work Experience) each Wednesday of this term. Please contact me if you have any patai. They will be doing their Presentations on Wednesday 3 July.**



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# Poitukohu

Fees are now due for all basketball players for the local competition.

Also practice times are as follows;

## Junior Boys

Monday – 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> lunch

Thursday after school 3.30 to 5pm

## Senior Girls

Monday after school 3.30 to 5pm

Thursday 3. 30 to 5pm

## Senior Boys

Tuesday 3.30 to 5pm

Thursday 3.30 to 5pm

**Games start next week (week2).**

The draw for the Junior Boys game next Tuesday will be put on

<http://www.waikatobasketball.co.nz/competitions.php>

once it is done.

Junior Boys are expected to find their own way to the games on Tuesday nights.

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

## **Ngaa Mahi Tuu Taua 2015**

***Taiaha haa! Taiaha haa!***

***Whakapuru tonu! Whakapuru tonu!***

***Kia rongō 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 Taua 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".

Extra trainings for Ngaa Taiaatea Wharekura students who are aiming to participate in the grading waananga this term begin next Thursday (30 April) from 3:15pm to 4:30 pm.

Mau Raakau classes that are open to the public will also continue on Thursdays from 5-00 pm to 7-00 pm each week.

These classes are available to students who do Tuu Taua 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 who are keen.

**When:** Thursdays, Ngaa Taiaatea, Whare Tapere 3:15 pm – 4:30 pm  
(aakonga o Ngaa Taiaatea Wharekura), 5-00 pm-7-00 pm (te hapori whaanui).

**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).

PAANUI NAA TE TARI

Office Hours

Monday to Friday      8.15am to 3.45pm

