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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 whakahōnore tō tātou Kīngi  
rātou 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 ratou 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

He hōnore, he korōria ki te Atua

He maungarongo ki te whenua

He whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngata katoa

Koia tēnei te mihi ki tō tātou Kīngi a Tūheitia, rātou ko te whare Kāhui Ariki whānui tonu.

E mihi ana ki ō tātou tini mate kua ngaro nei i te tirohanga kanohi, moe mai rā koutou. Huri kau ana ki a tātou nga urupā o ratou mā, nei ra te mihi. Tēnā koutou katoa e te whānau whānui e hāpai nei, e tautoko nei i tō tātou kaupapa. Ki te kore ko koutou, e kore tēnei o ngā kaupapa e puāwai.

## Tena koutou katoa e te whanau

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### **Wāhanga 3:**

Winter Tournament week	Monday 4 to Friday 8 September
Closing date for acceptance of 2018 Enrolments	Friday 8 September
National Ngā Manu Kōrero	Tuesday 19 – Thursday 21 September
Hearing & Vision Screening	Friday 22 September
MWWL National Speech Competition	Monday 25 – Tuesday 26 September
Rā Whakanui i te Kaupapa Māori	Wednesday 27 September
End of Term 3	Friday 29 September

#### **Wāhanga 4:**

Term 4 commences	Monday 16 October
NCEA exams begin	Thursday 9 November
Senior Prize-giving and Graduation	Friday 17 November
Year 9-10 Kaupapa Ariā	Friday 4 December to 8 December
Year 9-10 Prize-giving	Monday 11 December

**NCEA 2017:** Our rangatahi have 8 weeks this year to complete internal assessments and prepare for the NCEA external exams. Time is going quickly and we don't want anyone to regret that they have not achieved all that they could for NCEA this year.

Students have Wa Kokiri Kaupapa every day for 45 minutes, where they can complete work that needs to be done, as well as their own time at home. All our rangatahi can achieve and the better they organise themselves and their time, the better they will do. It is not too late so let's make sure that our rangatahi achieve all that they can, organising themselves, working hard, and asking the questions when they need help or explanations. Ka taea e koutou katoa!

*Reminder regarding our targets:* For this year our NCEA target is that at least 90+% of year 12 achieve NCEA level 2 and at least 90+% of year 13 achieve NCEA level 3. The main focus is when a student has completed year 12 and

13. However, the better a student does in year 11 for NCEA level 1, the better it will be when they strive to gain NCEA level 2 the following year.

**Year 11 – 13 Reports:** These reports are due out to whanau by the end of this term. There will also be parent interviews for our senior students and whanau in the beginning of term 4. The goal is for whanau to get advice in regards to what your child needs to do to finish all internals well (if there are any left), and achieve the best they can in the external exams.

**Winter Sports Tournaments 2017:** Kia kaha to our teams that are going to their winter tournaments next week. Do your best and continue to represent our Taiatea kaupapa (PUTA) on and off the playing courts/fields.

**No Place for any Bullying here at Nga Taiatea:** Whanau, it is vitally important that all of our rangatahi and staff feel safe in our wharekura. There is no place in our kura for any form of bullying and general takahi tangata here at Nga Taiatea. We will not tolerate any such behaviour. Our whanau did not push to establish this school for people to think that they can bully, frustrate, annoy any other student. Our whanau trust that their rangatahi will be safe, and we will not tolerate anyone thinking that they can make Nga Taiatea an unsafe place for any of our students, staff or whanau.

Whanau, if your child is experiencing any form of bullying that makes them feel unsafe in our kura, please let one of our staff or ring our kura and talk to Matua Jason, Matua Duane or Matua Ohia (07 8506358). Nga manaakitanga ki a koutou katoa.

**Student Attendance:** Student attendance is key in regards to students achieving at school. Many students have high attendance level. The standard for Aotearoa is that a student is attending school regularly if their attendance rate is 90%. Your child can ask their kaiarahi to see their attendance rate. But it is good for us to know that normal attendance rate is 90% throughout Aotearoa.

Please be aware that we are currently discussing a process and consequence if a student decides not to go to one of their classes during the day. We have some students who have done this so we are looking at implementing an after school detention for 1 hour on Tuesdays after school for students who miss a class and have not been excused or have a valid reason.

**Cell Phones:** Just a reminder that our students can use their cellphones as a learning device in class if the teacher agrees. Students can also use them to contact their families if they need too. However, they cannot use the cell phones freely around school when they want. This is a warning to our students who use their cell phones and adhere to the rules, or we will need to review whether our rangatahi can have cell phones at school at any time.

#### **NZQA Examination Fees**

All students from Year 11 to Year 13 and some in Year 10 will be involved with NCEA examinations this year. NZQA charges a general fee of \$76.70. Year 13 Scholarship entries are \$30.00 each on top of the general fee. NCEA payments are required to be made **before 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017**. The school cannot accept any payments after this date. Whānau will need to pay directly to NZQA who will then charge a \$50.00 late fee.

#### **2018 Enrolments**

We are accepting enrolments for 2018 (limited spaces). Enrolments can be completed online at [www.taiatea.school.nz](http://www.taiatea.school.nz) or at the office. We are able to email an enrolment form to you if requested. The closing date for enrolments is next Friday, 8 September.

Interviews will be organised for prospective students & their whānau once an enrolment form has been received. The whānau will be informed of a decision at the end of the interview.

If you, or other whanau that you know, have any queries regarding an enrolment, please contact us on (07) 850-6358 or via email: [info@taiatea.school.nz](mailto:info@taiatea.school.nz)

**Health & Safety: Manuhiri, visiting whanau and visiting ex-students:** We love seeing our whanau at school and coming to be a part of our kaupapa. Just a reminder that for safety's sake, all visitors including our Nga Taiatea whanau need to sign in at the office. This is about the safety of all who visit the school & the safety of our students.

*Nau mai e te tī, piki mai e te tā!  
Whakanuia ngā mahi a ngā ākonga  
Heria mai ā koutou tahua!*

**NGA TAIATEA WHAREKURA  
KIA ANGITU**

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**RAA  
MAAKE TE**

**Rapare 14 o Mahuru | 3-6PM  
in the Wharekai**

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**KAI / MAHI TOI / WAIATA**

### Hearing & Vision Screening

The hearing & vision technicians will be screening **all the year 9 students** on Friday 22 September 2017 at the kura. If your child is not a year 9 student and you have **concerns** about your child's hearing & vision, please contact Adrienne Arthur (nurse) on her mobile: 0212436826 to arrange an appointment on 22 September 2017. Adrienne is also available at kura on Mondays, Wednesday & Fridays from 9am to 3pm on Ph: (07) 850-6358.

**Whole School Photo 2017** – you can order these now. There are two sizes as follows:

- Standard, 20cm x 25 cm, \$15.00 (similar size to the class photos)
- King, 50cm x 25cm, \$25.00.

The Order envelope is available from Whaea Rachel in the tari. Payment in cash or by cheque will be sent directly to PhotoLife. Any queries please contact us on (07) 850-6358.



## Careers Information

### Whakapiki Ake – Auckland University Health Sciences

This hui is about working collectively with whānau to get taura into our programmes. All taura from Year 9-13 and their whanau are invited to come along, share some kai and some korero around what Auckland University have to offer.

**LOCATION:** Waikato Diocesan School (660 River Rd, Chartwell, Hamilton 3210)

**TIME:** Tuesday 5th of September 6.00pm—9.00pm

To register please go to the following link:

**RSVP:** <https://vision2020.auckland.ac.nz/surveyLogin.a5w?data=Event,147>

## Community News

The YWCA of Hamilton is offering FREE Self Defence courses for women of all ages, with a focus on mothers and daughters, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of September 10am-2pm. This course is happening FOR FREE!!

These courses are for women of all ages with a focus on teaching them the basics that will help them to defend themselves in a variety of situations.

Numbers on these courses are limited. ENROLL NOW!!

For more information go to <https://www.ywca.org.nz/hamilton>; contact Zeta Mohn on [programmes@ywcahamilton.org.nz](mailto:programmes@ywcahamilton.org.nz) or call 07 838 2219 ext 4

### **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Red Cross Book Fair Event – 8<sup>th</sup> September to 10<sup>th</sup> September**

New Zealand Red Cross is again holding their popular major fundraising event – now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year.

Waikato's largest book fair promises a massive range of well categorised books at very low prices. Over three days tens of thousands of books, well sorted and categorised, are up for sale at incredibly low prices.

Don't miss out on the \$1 bargain room, where all items (including books, movies, music and puzzles) sell at \$1 or less.

Bring your family, friends, and children and stock up on some fantastic reading, find great presents for friends and family.

All proceeds go to funding our vital humanitarian work and community programmes in the Waikato region.

#### **When:**

Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 – 9 AM - 6 PM

Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 – 10 AM – 5 PM

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 – 10 AM – 3 PM

#### **Where:**

Te Rapa Racecourse, Off Garnett Ave, Hamilton



## Ngā Taiātea Wharekura now has a School App!

Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android Device and Search Ngā Taiātea Wharekura to download the App to your phone or tablet.

*1 September 2017*