

Pānui o Ngā Taiātea 23 May 2017

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.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Wāhanga 2:

Sexwise Presentation (Year 9 student's)	Monday 29 May
Mahinga Wheako/Kaupapa Anamata/Kaupapa Ariaa	Wednesday 31 May – Friday 2 June
Hui Ako – Learning Conversations	Wednesday 7 & Thursday 8 June
Whole Wharekura Photo	Friday 16 June
Kāhui Kapa Haka Competition	Wednesday 5 July
End of Term 2	Thursday 6 July

Wāhanga 3:

Term 3 commences	Monday 24 July
Te Rā o Kīngi Tuheitia	Monday 21 August
Winter Tournament week	Monday 4 – Friday 8 September
National Ngā Manu Kōrero	Tuesday 26 – Thursday 28 September
End of Term 3	Friday 29 September

Wāhanga 4:

Term 4 commences	Monday 16 October
Thursday 9 November	NCEA exams begin
Friday 17 November	Senior Prize giving

Ripoata & Hui Whānau – Reports & Learning Conversations: Mid-year reports will be sent out in week 5, this term.

Hui whanau/learning conversations (parent/teacher student interviews) will take place between whānau & kaiako on **Wednesday 7 & Thursday 8 June from 4:00pm-6:30pm each day.**

You do not need to wait for a report to arrive – if you would like to see a kaiako, appointments can be made at: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using code b5fch.

Learning conversations are an incredibly important part of teaching and learning at Ngā Taiātea. It gives parents/caregivers & teacher's an opportunity to acknowledge and discuss the learning journey's of students at our kura. We look forward to meeting with you.

This term's reports will only have a comment from each student's kaiārahi - subject teachers will not be writing comments on reports. Grades will be entered for assessments

that have been completed in the various subjects, along with an indication of attitudes to learning and a brief statement either requesting to meet with parents/caregivers or indicating that the teacher has no concerns, and organising a meeting time is optional.

Reports can also be accessed through the school website www.taiatea.school.nz through the Parent/Student portal from week 5 onwards.

E mihi ana ki a koutou e te whānau,
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Sexwise Presentation

Tena koutou e ngaa maatua, e ngaa kaitiaki o a taatou rangatahi.

On Monday the 29th of May we have organised for a sexual health programme to be delivered to all year 9 students. The programme is delivered by THETA (The Theatre in Health Education Trust) and includes a theatre production followed by an interactive workshop for students. Themes of the programme that will be examined and discussed include:

1. Healthy relationships
2. The risks, influences and pressures relating to sexual health including informed consent and unintended pregnancy.
3. Examines and challenges attitudes that reinforce stereotypes, homophobia, and all types of discrimination.
4. Acknowledges and affirms sexual and gender diversity
5. Affirms the delay of sexual activity and abstinence.
6. Encourages the practice of safer sex including information about sexual health services.
7. Provides accurate information on STIs (sexually transmitted infections), their transmission, symptoms and prevention.

If you **do not consent to your child participating** in this programme can you **please contact the kura to inform us. Any queries please contact Matua Jason.**

For more information on this kaupapa check out the below website.

<http://www.theta.org.nz/our-programmes/sexwise/>

Naku noa, na
Matua Jason

Hui Maara Kai

The vision is for 'whānau to grow kai for whānau'

Date: Thursday 1 June 2017

Time: 6.00pm—7.00pm

Where: Ruma Kaiako

Nau mai, Haere mai

Tainui Waka Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Competition

This year's competition was hosted by Ngaati Maniapoto and held at Te Kūuiti High School on Saturday 6th May. Yet again, the competition was fierce and the judges certainly had a hard job deciding which 4 teams would advance and represent Tainui waka next year at the National Competition to be held in Palmerston North.

Taiaatea was fortunate enough to enter a whakangahau team, Te Roopu Whanake. Not only was this a first for our kura but also the competition. It is hoped that whakangahau team's are able to enter in the future competitions to help grow confident performers.

There were a number of first time performers in our whanake roopuu. The long hours, sore bodies, tears and laughter was definitely worth it and they should all be proud of their commitment and performance. There is no team if you do not have members - **so thank you very much for making the team a reality!**

Well done to our Whakataetae team who placed 3rd this year. Congratulations to Raakaumanga who secured 1st place this year, Te Maurea Whiritoi who placed 2nd and Te Kaokaoroa who placed 4th this year. Good luck to all our teams in their preparations for nationals.

Lastly, thanks to our Manu Kura Taane of 2016 and Manu Taiko, Kimo Whareponga-Moko for inspiring, and guiding Te Roopuu Whanake and Satriani Epiha, Amorangi Wairua and current Year 13 student for weaving her magic with our students' to ensure that they were prepared and ready for the stage.

This is just the beginning for our Whanake team, our kura looks forward to the development of kapa haka within our kura teina.

E hika maa, kapa haka is definitely in great hands!

Whole School Photos: We were unable to take the whole school photo at the end of last term due to the weather conditions.

The whole school photo's has been **rescheduled for Friday 16 June 2017**. All students will be required to wear their number 1's.

Buses: The buses are available for our students who live more than 4.8km from kura.

Contact details: Please ensure that the details we hold for you (address, email, & contact numbers) are up-to-date. If you are unsure please contact either your child's kaiarahi or the office.

Permission required: If a student drives a car to kura, a permission form is required to be completed by the student, a parent/caregiver and then approved by a deputy principal. The form can be collected from the office, or emailed on request.

Absences: If your child is absent please contact the office by 8.40am in the morning. You can also contact your child's Kaiarahi (form teacher).

Options available:

1. Phone - Ring (07) 850-6358, then push 1 and leave your message on our absentee line
2. Email - absentees@taiatea.school.nz.
3. Text - 02102781702 (please note, replies will not be sent from this mobile number)
4. Send absence via the Nga Taiatea Wharekura school app
5. Panui - If you are unable to contact us by phone, email or the Nga Taiatea school app, would you please give your child a panui explaining the reason for your child's absence, and the period of absence.

If there is no contact from whanau for any absence after seven (7) days, your child will be deemed 'truant'. We make every effort to contact you if your child is absent.

If your child is absent for more than three (3) days due to medical reasons we will require a medical certificate.

MAHINGA WHEAKO/KAUPAPA ANAMATA/KAUPAPA ARIAA – 31 MAY - 2 JUNE

All taurira will be involved in one of the above kaupapa during these 3 days; it is compulsory and not an opportunity for them to have a three day break.

Tau 12/13 Mahinga Wheako – all taurira are expected to arrange 3 days of work experience for themselves. Arrangements must be done and the Agreement form must be signed by themselves, whanau, mentor and the Kaiarahi before they will be allowed to go. The idea is for them to find work experience in an area that they are interested in pursuing when they leave kura.

Tau 11 Kaupapa Anamata – these taurira will be using these 3 days to explore the vocational pathways they wish to follow when they leave kura. There will be site visits to workplaces as well as guest speakers and workshops.

Tau 9/10 Kaupapa Ariaa – these taurira will be beginning a passion project over these 3 days. They will also have a week at the end of the year to complete this project.

Mentors needed

If you or your workplace is able to host students over these 3 days, please contact me with your details and I will be able to forward you more information.

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