Principal’s Kōrero

Kia ora koutou

The curtain closes on what has been at term of tears, laughter and whanaungatanga. This term has been a rollercoaster. We have reached the highest of heights and supported each other, as whanau do, through our shared challenges. The tragic passing of one of our Year 12 students brought us closer together as we awhi one another. His passing, whilst hard to come to terms with, has reinforced again the importance of life, of making the most of every day and caring deeply for those around us.

This week’s Board of Trustees’ hui was the last for Te Arani Bennett as student board representative. Te Arani undertook this mahi and flourished as an insightful and passionate board member. I am incredibly proud of the input she has had and the manner in which she carried out her duties. I look forward to working closely with Skyla Anderson-Wynn as the new student board representative.

Some of our outstanding sporting achievements are outlined in this panui. Congratulations to our netball and volleyball teams who received multiple honors this term. In particular we wish Amoho Karetai-Mahanga and Te Arani Bennett the best of luck for their national beach volleyball trials these holidays.

Many of you enjoyed the spotlight on our kura recently on TV3’s “The Project”. This showcased our culture of care. I am delighted with the nature of the coverage we received and how accurately it portrayed us. Our students’ warmth, openness, humour, resilience and candour was there for all to see. Obvious care, love and compassion for our students was clear from our staff. Over two days, two episodes, our values of Ako, Manaakitanga, Pono, Tikanga and Whanaungatanga were shared with our nation. It was an absolute pleasure to be part of this kaupapa and I thank all those who continue to support our tamariki.

Term four is a very short term for our seniors. The obvious focus is on student success with NCEA. I would like to draw your attention to a series of work ready workshops for our senior students organised by whaea Rina and Bron. I strongly advise all our seniors to take advantage of these workshops.

Have a great 2 week break.

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, mauri ora ki a tātou katoa.

Alec Solomon
Principal/Tumuaki
**YEAR 9 SKI TRIP TONGARIRO**

Year 9 Ski and Snowboard trip departed with ten year 9 students from both classes. We left in 1 van at 12.15 pm on Thursday, to avoid the worst of the traffic in Auckland. We stopped to pick up Peter Reinsfield and had a late afternoon tea and toilets at Bombay. We headed on to Otorohanga for dinner and arrived at the accommodation in National Park at 8.30 pm. After supper and a talk, the kids settled in to the 2 dorms for the night.

We had an early start on Friday, with clear skies and strong winds forecast. A hearty breakfast was shared, then we headed up the mountain with 8 of the 10 trying out skiing. I have never experienced wind so strong on a clear day, and we waited enthusiastically for the skifields to open. After numerous snowball fights and a sideways glance at the costly menu in the cafe, we heard that the fields could not open for the day.

Plan B began with a visit to the DoC centre at Tongariro village, then back to the lodge for lunch and chill. Volleyball kept us entertained, before we headed over to Turangi township, then the Tokaanu Hot Pools for a soak. We returned to the lodge at 4pm and began our indoor rock climbing stint. Most kids hired the gear and had a go, with stand-out performances from Oscar and Honey, with a great time being had by all. That evening after a Burger and Chip dinner, the rock climbing continued, then an early night was had by tired students.

Saturday was forecast to be a pretty super busy day, and students were keen to get an early start. It was still windy, but warm with unlimited visibility. After being robbed of the Friday experience, they hit the slopes under the tuition of myself and Bushy. With their confidence up, and their gear sorted early, students ripped straight into their runs. When the queues in Happy Valley built to ludicrous levels, I assessed the skills of Journee, Olivia, Oscar, Cianna and we went up the first chairlift. They all had a go at the stepper slopes, with Olivia and Journee carving them up relentlessly. We left the mountain at 3.30 pm stopping at Otorohanga for dinner and arrived back at school at 11 pm.

Students represented the school well at all times and were keen and positive. The grant received ensured the students had the appropriate equipment for the conditions. The lodge was well suited to us and our students with an area for volleyball to be played, and the indoor Rock Wall was a winner. Students had great attitude and resilience, helping with cooking, lunches and cleaning as required. The students benefited greatly from the experience of visiting a World Heritage Park, and seeing the mountain at its worst, then its best.

Many thanks to the BOT for the student time released, and Garth for sorting the trailer. A special thanks to Peter for giving up his time, and relinquishing his couch to watch the Warriors play-off game, as well as lost earnings. His energy, experience and support for the students was invaluable. By Mr Mills. Photos by Honey Walding-King.
**Health Consultation WINNERS**

Congratulations to the Webb whanau who were the lucky recipients of Pak n Save Grocery Vouchers (valued at $100). Enjoy.

Nga Mihi, 
Kylie Adams, Health Education 
kyliea@tikihigh.school.nz

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**Tiki High Kai**

Food is available at the café on:

- **BREAKFAST**
  - Monday at **INTERVAL**
  - Thursday from 8.00am – 8.30am

- **LUNCH**
  - Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

**WHANAU TIME**

Your whanau teacher can go the Student Support Centre to access food for students.

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**The Student Support Centre is open to students from 8.40-3.10 everyday.**

Students are able seek first aid, get help with uniform items, phone home and get student passes as required.

A range of services are available:

- **Health Nurse**
- **Doctor**
- **Guidance Counsellors**
- **Rubicon**
- **Careers / Gateway**

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**Variety Kiwi Kid Sponsorship (5-15 years old)**

A representative from Variety the children’s charity visited Tikipunga High School this week promoting the support programmes they have available for children and their families. Kiwi Kid Sponsorship can help to provide a child aged 5-15 years with the basic essentials such as bedding, clothing, school and healthcare costs. This sponsorship can be applied for if your child is between 5 and 15 and you’d like help with things like clothing and school expenses.

Parents can go on line at this link [https://www.variety.org.nz/apply-for-funding/](https://www.variety.org.nz/apply-for-funding/) or download an application form from [https://www.variety.org.nz/UserFiles/Variety/File/Individual%20Grant%20Application%202017.pdf](https://www.variety.org.nz/UserFiles/Variety/File/Individual%20Grant%20Application%202017.pdf).

If you would like more information or support with applications please contact Fiona Rowse at Student Support or talk to our friendly office staff. We have application forms available at school.

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**CAREERS, GATEWAY & TRADES**

**WITH WHAEA RINA & BRON**

**Services Congratulations**

Congratulations to Ellen Thompson (Services Academy) on her selection to attend the Northern Defence Careers Experience (DCE) (all costs covered by NZDF) to be held at the Devonport Naval Base in Auckland, 08 - 11 October 2018.

The purpose of this DCE is to experience the working environment and lifestyle of the current serving members of the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Officers, Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Airwomen.

This is an opportunity for Ellen to ask questions of the current serving personnel, to experience what servicemen and servicewomen do day-to-day, and to meet other young, like minded students who have an interest in joining the NZDF.

The following is a review of the Open day that we (Maichele, Taija, Tuia, Sean, Ayla, Jason and Nick) attended in Auckland. Early start 5.45am; free bus provided by UoA.

"On Saturday 25th August a collective of students and parents from Whangarei travelled down to Auckland for University of Auckland and AUT LIVE. This whole day was dedicated to everyone who has interests in attending University in the near future. I thoroughly enjoyed this day because I was able to have a hands on idea on how Uni operates and the courses and support systems they offer. Although AUT doesn’t offer Med which is something I am highly interested in they provide a whole range of degrees in the health science department such as paramedics, psychology and midwifery. One thing I really enjoyed was a psychology lecture I attended. It was enticing and very informative. Overall this day was very beneficial and interactive."

*Tuia Mahanga Year 13 Student Leader*
On Thursday the 13th of September I left Whangarei with three other students and travelled to Auckland to explore the set of The Project and to get a good look at what happens in the media industry. After spending the morning with the crew from The Project we then flew to Queenstown for what some people would say was a trip of a lifetime. At Tikipunga High we are fortunate enough to have KidsCan support us with shoes, clothing, health products and food. We flew into Queenstown and spent the afternoon taking in the sights and adapting to the cold! The following day we went on a six hour bus trip to the Milford Sound where we boarded a cruise ship. The cruise was a real highlight for me as I got to try authentic French cuisine, learnt about the history of the Sounds and got a chance to meet all of the KidsCan supporters and donors. It was all so amazing! As we gave thanks to everyone who supported our Kura, Mr Solomon gave his speech and then we sang. On our last night in Queenstown we had dinner with the KidsCan supporters and watched the All Blacks on TV! Although we lost, it was an awesome experience to share alongside my mates Tali, Bon, and Kruz!

My favourite highlights of the trip were seeing baby seals, penguins, the beautiful scenery and the Cookie Time Cookie Bar! Massive mihi to everyone who was involved - KidsCan, The many donors, Real Journey, our Kura, Tumuaki and my wonderful mates. Kia Ora! (Te Arani Bennett)
Volleyball Success - The following Tikipunga High Students have made the Northland Men's Volleyball team to go to the New Zealand Volleyball Club nationals which is the highest NZ based volleyball competition for adults and will be traveling down to Auckland and competing in the first week of the holidays.

Amoho Karetai-Mahanga  Nesta Clement  Cody Crossley  Zion Clement  Zane Halliday
Coached be Scott McDonald (Sports Coordinator/Teacher Aid) who will be the Head Coach for the 2019 Season. Special mention to Te Arani Bennett who has made the Northland Woman's Team to go down to NZ Volleyball Club Nationals as well. Good luck to Te Arani and Amoho who are in the final training squad for the NZ U17 beach teams being held in the first weekend of holidays down in Mt Maunganui.

League Success – Congratulations and Good Luck to Te Hiru Flavell who has made the U16 Swords representative team, competing in the National League Tournament being held in Rotorua these holidays.


7Tui – Mara Kai Projects

On Thursdays and Fridays we have mara kai and it’s one my most favorite subjects. The really fun thing I like doing in mara kai is weeding the grass and planting in the gardens. About 2 weeks ago we all picked a herb and vegetable to grow. Kaea, Nathaniel and I thought carefully of what plant we were going to choose, and the winner was…. Bok Choy. I was away and couldn’t cook the Bok Choy. I had heaps of time and fun planting especially with my class mates and mates because its team work and I also like helping each other out if they get stuck planting or stumble. I still like growing my Bok Choy because it is delicious, its healthy and has lots of greens and nutrition.

Sometimes when I go to sleep I dream about me having all these gardens or vegetables at the back yard and mostly I just go woooooh!! Which one am I going to pick so the vegetable I like to pick is Bok Choy!! I can’t wait for my next Mara Kai. It is going to be great. By Wiremu Nathan

Level 1 Geography

On Tuesday, students went on a field trip to study our local area. We selected 2 features: the volcanic Goat Island headland and the Ngunguru sandspit. Prior concepts had been taught in class, and this practical component required collection of evidence of erosion and sand spit and dune changes. We had an exciting boat trip over to the sandspit, followed by an adventure exploring the rocks and dunes. We studied cave and arch formation, dune structures and longshore drift and how it forms the local features. Students were enthusiastic and questioning. We visited the headland and then went back to Mr Mills’ place to complete our assessment and eat hot chips.
A WORD FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NEW STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

A big thank you to Te Arani Bennett for her insightful and measured contribution to the Board of Trustees over the last 12 months, we look forward to following her future achievements.

On that note we wish to extend a warm welcome to Skyla Anderson-Wynn who has joined us as the new Student Trustee.

News in Brief: He pitopito korero

EOTC (3 days) Education Outside the Classroom

Before the end of the year the Middle School – Years 7 to 10 participate in three days of activities ranging from Kayaking, baking, kite making etc. The cost is generally $15 to cover transport, food etc. More details to follow in Term 4.

School Passes

If your child is leaving the school grounds at any time during the school day, please contact the school office or send your child to school with a note to be excused. We have had a number of students during interval and lunchtime requesting leave passes to go to the shops without notification. NO notification NO pass.

School Absences

If your child is away from school, contact the Student Support Centre before 9.00am on 0800437329 ext 731 or press 0 to reach the Main Office.

The Student Support Centre has an answerphone and you can leave a message outside of school hours. Any planned absence, e.g. holiday, graduation, etc., needs to be approved through a written request to the Principal.

In the case of illness, please make sure that you phone in each day that your child is unwell.

As children recover at different rates and for your child’s safety, we need to know whether to expect them at school or not. Please also note that medical absences for periods of three days or more require a medical certificate upon your child’s return to school. Thank you.

School Uniform

Available at The Warehouse

Years 7 to 10 wear the Maroon strip
Years 11 to 13 wear the White strip
Black bottoms whole school

Contact the Main Office on 0800437329 for any queries.

Term Dates 2019

Thursday 17 January
Office Opens
Wednesday 30 January
Term 1 Begins
(9.00am to 1.00pm)
Thursday 31 January
Normal Hours Commence
(8.35am to 3.10pm)
Friday 13 April
Term 1 Ends
Monday 30 April
Term 2 Starts
Friday 5 July
Term 2 Ends
Monday 22 July
Term 3 Starts
Monday 14 October
Term 3 Ends
Monday 28 October
Term 4 Begins

UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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Changes to the CityLink bus ticket system mean existing Snapper cards – and all credit on them – must be used by the end of September. Snapper cards will no longer work from Monday 01 October and unused credit can’t be refunded. From October, CityLink fares will be cheaper (and cash only) until a new smartcard system is introduced early next year. Interim fares will be $2 adult and $1 child/high school student in uniform or with secondary school ID. (Please note, no uniform or ID, no $1 fare)