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Tū ki te marae, tū ki te ao, tihewa mauri ora. Tēna tātou e te whānau, tuatahi, me mihi ki tō tātou matua nui i te rangi, nāna nei ngā mea katoa. Tuarua, ki ngā mate huhua o te wā, haere. Haere ki pae maumahara, haere ki te kainga tūturu mō tāua te tangata. Mate atu he tete kura, ko rātou tēna i okioki ai. Ara ake he tete kura, ka hoki tēnei ki ngā kanohi ora, koutou rā e te whānau, tēna koutou.

UPDATE: Te Tai Tokerau Festival 2016

For health and safety reasons, Otamatea High School has limited the number of performers to 40 per school.

Today (01/04) the 'Festival 40', with two reserves, were confirmed. All these students are expected to attend every practice between now and festival.

Due to a large number of ākonga going to waka ama and volleyball nationals next week, the final practices will be held all day on Monday 11th April, finishing at 6pm, and during school time – as needed – on Tuesday 12th April and Wednesday 13th April.

All ākonga in Years 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 are expected to wear their number one uniform to festival. Boys are to wear black trousers and plain black shoes. Girls are to wear their best black school skirt, opaque black stockings and plain black shoes

All ākonga in Years 7 and 8 are to wear their highest standard of school uniform. Those that already have number one uniform are welcome to wear it. Boys and girls: no jandals and only plain black shoes are acceptable.

See the flyer (attached) for information about what kai is available for purchase at festival. Remember that whānau must supply a packed lunch for your tamaiti/tamariki or money to buy lunch.

The kapa haka group will perform a dress rehearsal in the gym on Monday 11th April at 5.30pm – nau mai, haere mai.

Thank you to all whānau who have returned the blanket EOTC form that was sent home last week and this week. Please collect one from the kura office if you have not yet done this. Any ākonga who has not returned this by next Wednesday will not be able to travel to the festival so please get those signed and back to us urgently.

The 'Festival 40' are:

- Kelvyn Henare
- Waimahana Henare
- Henare Beattie
- Taleah Bryers
- Nico Te Whata
- Hineira Komene-Tipene
- Aotea Parata
- Sylvia Wano
- Bretton Gibbons
- Hinerangi Spring
- Kewene Edmonds
- Kiriwai Hepi
- Te Rangitukiwaho Munroe
- Kayla Timms
- Tahu Keretene
- Kaya Bryers
- Kaharau Pickering
- Memory Matete
- Lehi Smith
- Ari Cooper-Paraha
- Kiani Morunga

- Grace Barry
- Puoro Kāka
- Mihirangi Pickering
- Kiritopa Allen
- Trieze Mei
- Paora Allen
- Chloe Leituvae-Albert
- Kane Kawiti-Rapana
- Killarney Aekins
- Hendrix Hura
- Maia Mokaraka
- Urutai Davis
- Tyla Simona
- Hunia Pickering
- Kiani Smith
- Heiwari Smith
- Ritihia Clarke
- Te Aranga Hopa
- Kaea Hopa
- Henare Herbert-Hemara
- Cruz Broughton

SPORTS

Volleyballers Off to Nationals

Te Kāpehu Whetū's senior boys A volleyball team will represent Northland as the top seed at nationals next week in Palmerston North.

After beating Tikipunga High for the first time three weeks ago, ending a decade of dominance in volleyball by the Whangarei-based boys' team, TKW again beat Tiki last week in the finals of the Northland Secondary Schools Sports Association (NSSSA) finals.

TKW coach Jason Woods said the A team had been building and the result held the volleyball boys in good stead heading to the national competition.

"The boys [A team] won quite convincingly against Tiki and I'm very proud of them," he said.

The A team will be playing in the third division at nationals, with coach Jason hopeful the boys will finish in the top three.

He said it'll be tough with 170 teams in total competing at this year's nationals making it the biggest sporting event for secondary schools throughout the country.

The Kura will have two teams at this year's nationals. The senior boys B team, who came sixth out of eight teams at last week's NSSSA finals, will also be making the trip to Palmerston North.

Coach Jason said most of the B team is made up of junior players who will benefit significantly from the experience and help them prepare for their own event at the end of the year.

The Kura also has two senior teams going to the National Secondary Schools Waka Ama Nationals in Rotorua next week.



The senior boys A team back row (left to right): Aotea Parata, Heemi Rihari, Heiwari Smith, Levi Tatana. Front row (left to right): Diani Timms, Henare Beattie, Tana Milton, Qadmiel Edmonds, Kelvyn Henare.

Under 13s Rugby League

The Kura is fielding interest from players interested in playing rugby league in the under 13 competition this year.

The season starts next week on Sunday. All queries to Whaea Dallas in the sports department.

Netball Fees Due

Netball Teams fees are due:

- Seniors Year 9 13 \$85.00
- Intermediate Year 7-8 \$60.00

Also, netball grading started today (Friday, April 1) for intermediates and seniors.

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PAENUKU (Yr 1—6)

Whānau Engagement Action Plan (WEAP) Hui

and Thursday April 7.

The Whānau Engagement Action Plan is an opportunity for both ākonga and whānau to sit together with their Pouako to discuss and set goals and expectations for your tamaiti both academically and personally while they are here at Paenuku. We would love to see all whanau attend this. Please either complete the pānui sent home with your tamaiti and return or contact Whaea Lara in the tari to book a time.

Permission Slips

Can we have all permission slips for both the Tai Tokerau Festival and rugby league returned to the tari no later than Tuesday 4th April please.

It is important that these are returned along with payments for the Tai Tokerau Festival in order to plan for each event.

Tai Tokerau Festival April 14

All ākonga will travel by bus, departing from our Lower Dent Street campus, at 9.30am and will return by 5.30pm.

We are ask that all akonga be at Te Kapehu Whetū Paerangi by 8.30am. PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR TAMAITI OFF AT PAENUKU as there will be no staff here.

Ensure that your child has a full packed healthy lunch as this will be a long day. All akonga are required to bring with them a water bottle. Please do not bring fizzy or juice.

Payment for this trip of \$5.00 must be made by Friday April 8.

Parent help is also required on the day, so if you are available, we would certainly appreciate your help to tautoko our staff in this area. We can not accept your help to supervise a group of ākonga if you intend to bring younger tamariki with you. It is important that you keep your focus on our ākonga only.

All ākonga are expected to arrive to school in full, clean, school uniform, and will remain in this all day. These are as follows:

- Girls: Polo with logo, black skorts, black stockings, black cardiga, plain lack shoes, Paenuku Potae.
- **BOYS:** Polo with logo, black shorts, black socks, black jersey, plain black shorts, Paenuku potae.

This is an important event within the Tai Tokerau region. Ākonga who arrive with the incorrect clothing will have these removed, so please ensure that the correct uniform is worn.

Paenuku Netball

We will be holding these hui at Paenuku on Wednesday April 6 The 2016 Netball season starts on Saturday, April 9. If you've completed a registration form for your child, then your details have been passed onto the coach for your team. Please contact the school if you have not yet been contacted by a coach.

> Practices start next week. Make sure your child knows where to go and who their coach is.

Netball fees are due for payment by Friday, April 30.

The fees are as follows:

TKW (Waiti and Waitaa): \$32.00 per player

TKW (Nuku): \$32.00 per player

\$42.00 per player TKW (Rangi):

TKW (Nuku) - Years 3-4

We need one or two more players for this grade. If your child is interested, please contact Whaea Lara as soon as possible. Boys can play too.

Practices for Nuku will be every Thursday at the Paerangi gym, 3.30pm-4.30pm. Arrangements can be made to get your child to the gym and back to Paenuku if required.

Weetbix Tryathalon, Waitangi, Bay of Islands, Sunday April 10

With just over a week to go, akonga are busy with their training schedule, and are excited to give it a go.

Just a reminder to all whanau that payments for this event must be made to the tari immediately in order for your child to participate.

Thank you once again to Whaea Tania and Matua Dan for being amazing coaches.

End of Term

Lastly just a reminder the first term ends Friday, April 15.

Due to our late return home from the Tai Tokerau Festival the day before, Kura will finish at 1.00pm. There will be no Tauākina After School Care that day.

Ngā mihi maioha nā te Whānau Paenuku.

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PAETAWHITI (Yr 7-10) / PAERANGI (Yr 11-13)

Paerangi Whānau Hui

A gentle reminder the Paerangi Whānau hui is Monday, April 11, starting at 5pm to 6pm.

This will be followed by a dress rehearsal for the Tai Tokerau Festival and a barbeque. Please bring a plate.

Important NCEA Info

Whānau who have ākonga sitting NCEA this year will find a copy of the NCEA information booklet and exam timetable accompanying this pānui, and both documents were sent home with ākonga yesterday.

There is some important information and key dates for our Level 1 -3s:

- 2016 NCEA Fees \$76.70 per candidate. Check if your whānau qualify for financial assistance.
- 14 September All NCEA fees must be paid. This is to be paid directly to the Kura.
- 15 September 1 December All NCEA fees not paid to the Kura by the above date must be paid directly to NZQA
- 2 December All NCEA fees paid on/after this date will incur a \$50 late fee.

If you have any queries about NCEA, please call Kaylem on (09) 438 4228.

Absenteeism

Please ring/contact the office for any absences. We are finding that whānau are not answering their phones or returning messages when the Kura inquires about absenteeism.

Bus Service

Having a bus service that caters for ākonga who travel from afar is a privilege and it is a timely reminder to whānau and ākonga of their obligations when using this service. The following guidelines will be in place for all ākonga using this service:

- Ākonga must remain in their seats throughout the entire journey to and from Kura.
- There is no eating or drinking allowed on the bus.
- All ākonga must listen to and follow the requirements and instructions of the bus driver when in transit.
- Ākonga are not to engage in any behaviour that could put other passengers, the driver or themselves at risk.

The bus service is an extension of our Kura so we expect that all ākonga will respect the bus property at all times, the same way they respect our Kura.

Ākonga who are found to be causing serious disruptions on

the bus will be removed for either a day, week or indefinitely until issues are resolved with whānau.

Any queries about this kaupapa to Maia Henare.

Paetawhiti

With an increase of 70 new ākonga there has been a notable increase in pilfering and theft.

We are working on a strategy to combat this and identify those responsible, in the meantime we ask whānau to check their tamaiti's bag on their return from Kura to ensure they haven't come home with something that doesn't belong to them.

We also ask parents to refrain from sending their tamaiti to Kura with valuable items.

Towards Sustainability: Healthy Kai

As part of our drive towards sustainability, we are introducing a series of lifestyle principles throughout the Kura aimed at improving our choices around kai, and better health and fitness.

Our immediate focus is healthy lunches and we encourage whānau to tautoko the idea by not sending ākonga to Kura with noodles, pies, and fizzy/sweet drinks.

We realise there are economic ramifications for whānau. But there are also huge cost and health benefits downstream. We have Weetbix available for ākonga who need breakfast or are hungry.

Ākonga are at a time of rapid growth and development, and a time when many habits and behaviours are set. A healthy lifestyle, including healthy eating, will help to ensure a healthy future.

Limited PE Uniforms

Whānau are advised there are only XL PE uniforms left.

Kura Life



The 'Festival 40' rehearse for the Tai Tokerau Festival on Friday (above). The Kura was well represented at last week's Northland Secondary Schools Sports Association senior volleyball finals at Kensington Stadium. In action are the senior girls team (below left), with the senior B boys team (below right).



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