



TE AWAMUTU COLLEGE

**NEWSLETTER
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Students

- I have been really impressed with the maturity and respect shown by our seniors since their return on 29 October (under new Alert Level 3 conditions). They have enjoyed the opportunity to gain credits, revise for upcoming external exams and be amongst friends.
- Current and foreseeable Alert Level conditions means that we have had to make further changes to our Term 4 plans.
Regrettably we have had to cancel and/or “repackage”:
 - Senior Prizegiving
 - Graduation Dinner
 - Junior Prizegiving

I know that this will be a huge disappointment to many and feel like another “loss” from this COVID-19 affected year.

However we are determined to still celebrate the accomplishments of our students and give them the rite of passage closure to the end of a school year (and the final one for our Year 13s).

We will hold Deans’ Assemblies and Awards Presentations (with mask wearing and appropriate physical distancing). Unfortunately no parents/caregivers can be in attendance. We are exploring live streaming options and will provide details when we can. Photos will be taken for our school magazine “Hokioi” and displayed on our Website.

Graduation Evening for Year 13s

Tuesday 14 December 6.00pm (TAC Staffroom)

We have cancelled our treasured Graduation Dinner and are replacing it with an evening for our Year 13s and staff only.

Year 13s will receive their “Hokioi”, Testimonial, Leavers’ Pack and Leavers’ Jersey. The Board is paying for a spectacular grazing table so that we can celebrate and share memories together.

Please encourage your son/daughter to be there.

Student Vaccination Register

It has been mandated by the Government that we have in place a COVID-19 Student Vaccination Register.

We have sought this information via email and have received a good response. Please advise us of any update via email to msanders@tac.school.nz.

We will make further attempts to gain this information.

Please be assured that this is a confidential register and is only for Ministry of Health use as required.

Years 9 and 10 Return Onsite Monday 22 November

I am pleased that we will be able to welcome back our Junior students on Monday 22 November.

It will be beneficial for them to reconnect with their teachers and friends.

We can conclude the school year with a sense of normality (allowing for Alert Level 3 conditions).

We will issue full instructions before they return (after the review of Waikato's AL status on Monday 15 November).

House Names for 2022 →

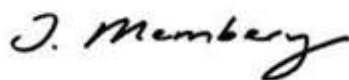
Voting for Years 11 —13 students; staff; and Parents/Caregivers has been completed.

Thanks for all the submissions, interest, discussion and voting.

Results will be viewed and discussed by the Board and Senior Leadership Team.

The new names will be communicated at an appropriate time and a new era of House names will begin.

Kia Kaha.



Tony Membery
Principal



TERM 4 2021

Wednesday 17 November

- Last day of classes for Year 13
- Periods 1 & 2 - Year 13 at Pavilion for Dean's Assembly
- Period 3 - Year 11 Deans' Assembly
- Period 4 - Year 12 Deans' Assembly

Thursday 18 November

- Periods 1 & 2 - Awards Presentation for Years 12 & 13
(Years 12 & 13 Prizewinners, interested Year 13s and Year 12 Head Student applicants in Hall)
Year 11 & 12 classes running
- Period 3 - Years 11 & 12 in class
- Period 4 - Year 12 able to go home or to Library (until buses)
- Year 11 Awards Presentation (Year 11 Prizewinners only)
- Remainder of Year 11 in class
- Period 5 - Year 11 in class
- 3.00pm Finish

Friday 19 November

- Study Leave for Years 11 — 13

TERM 4 2021

Monday 22 November

- NCEA Exams begin and continue until 14 December
- Years 9 & 10 return onsite

Tuesday 23 — Thursday 25 November

- Booster Days for selected & invited Year 11—13 students

Friday 10 December

- Period 3 Year 9 Deans' Assembly
- Period 4 Year 10 Deans' Assembly

Tuesday 14 December

- Graduation Evening (Year 13s and staff) 6.00pm in the Staffroom

BOARD UPDATE — OCTOBER MEETING

A full copy of the minutes of this meeting are available from the Main office.

This was our 6th (should have been 7th) meeting for the school year, and because of the current Level 3 lockdown one requiring us to Zoom in.

Because any meeting in October generally has a lighter agenda, we focused only on items to work through that needed to be progressed. It was just as well the number of items were low, as our later start and discussions had kept us busy for a couple of hours.

This month we had an update on the Multi -Sports Turf project, a Rogers Trust update, and a discussion about Student Reps along with our usual items.

The summary is:

- David and Jock updated us on the Multi-Sports Turf project. Since our last meeting a design brief has been received, which we discussed, and that is now going back for a final pricing update so that we can complete the MOE requirements. While disappointed that the build hasn't occurred this year, let's all cross our fingers and toes that it all happens next year.
- COVID has played havoc with the Student Rep election process. The original election was set for September but then changed to just after Labour weekend. Unfortunately, with the state of play with which students are at school and able to vote and the lack of any opportunity for the candidates to present themselves to the students in person, a decision was made to cancel the election on the grounds of fairness to all the candidates. Our option is to now co-opt a Student Rep. We have decided that, again being fair to all candidates, is for them to present their case to the Board at our next meeting. From this the Board will choose who they will co-opt for the rest of the "12 month" term.
- Jock presented an update of what's happening with the Rogers Trust. Currently the trust is doing all it can to get a section subdivided off within the timelines allowed.

- The usual Principal's report, Health and Safety report, Financial report and last meeting's minutes were tabled (verbally) and discussed where necessary.
- Some time in this meeting was spent discussing the effect COVID is having on the school. Unless you are an "insider" you don't get to see the emails about masks and vaccinations. You don't get to see the health and safety updates required. You don't get to see the rearrangement of the school calendar. You don't get to see the number of Ministry email updates which then flow into email updates to the staff. You don't get to see how "Government mandates" need to be taken into consideration in managing the school. You don't get to see how the staff are having to quickly adjust their teaching plans to meet kids who are either at school or at home and either have access to online learning or don't. And all of this is on top of everyone's day to day role. From the Board's perspective we acknowledge the great team that we have and the effort they are putting in to make sure that our kid's learning is disadvantaged as little as possible.

Our next meeting is currently scheduled be held Thursday 2nd December 2021 at 6.00pm in the Staff Room (assuming we are out of Level 3!).

As is usual the meetings are open to all so if you are interested in what we get up to, do come along and see and hear what we do; you are most welcome.

Craig Yarndley

Chairperson

boardchair@tac.school.nz

WAIPA DISTRICT YOUTH AWARDS 2021

OKSANA VOZNYUK

Excellence – Multi-Achiever, Merit – Academic

Oksana was nominated on the basis of the following achievements:

- AG Freeman Medal for Dux Litterarum
- Principal's Award - Head Student
- General Excellence Cup Year 13 2020 (Academic, Sports, Culture, Participation & Service)
- RSA Peace Scholarship - Girls' (for contribution, service & leadership)



The Multi- Achiever Award (Excellence) is like a Supreme Award as the recipient has excelled in 2 areas.

Oksana's success carries on a proud tradition, with Te Awamutu College students having also earned the award in 2019 Leah Belfield (joint winner); 2016 Katie Foulkes and 2015 Megan Bethell.

BRIANNA WALKER

Merit – Academic

Brianna was nominated on the basis of the following achievements:

- NZQA Level 3 Scholarship - Health
- NCEA Level 3 Endorsed with Excellence
- Te Awamutu Business and Professional Women Trophy for Initiative and Enterprise (SADD Committee Chairperson)
- Nga Kete O Te Wananga Trophy: Top Academic Māori Student in Year 13 2020



MEGAN WALKER

Merit – Academic

Megan was nominated on the basis of the following achievements:

- Academic Excellence - The Poot Cup for Top Year 12 Student
- NCEA Level 2 Endorsed with Excellence (92 Excellence Credits)
- Mathematics & Statistics with Calculus, Physics, Chemistry and Economics Endorsed with Excellence
- Gold Award with Distinction for earning 92 NCEA Level 2 Excellence Credits
- First in Subject
 - Chemistry – Devlin Cup
 - Mathematics & Statistics with Calculus – Paul Corboy Cup
 - Physics – Edmund Halley Cup
 - Keith Millar Cup for Excellence in Sciences



MATTHEW YARDLEY

Merit – Academic

Matthew was nominated on the basis of the following achievements:

- General Excellence Cup Year 12 – Trebilco Cup for Academic, Sport, Culture, Participation and Service
- Gold Award with Distinction for earning 92 NCEA Level 2 Excellence Credits
- NCEA Level 2 Chemistry, Physics, Graphics and Design and Economics – Endorsed with Excellence
- Invited to attend *Hands On* at Otago University in January 2021 – only selected Year 12 and 13 students get to go each year.



M J NEETHLING

Merit – Arts and Culture

M J was nominated on the basis of the following achievements:

- Scholarship, Service and Major School Awards - RSA Peace Scholarship - Boys' (for contribution, service & leadership)
- Cultural and Special Awards - Baird Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to Dance
- Principal's Award - Head Student
- First in Subject – NCEA Level 3 Dance



BILLIE BROWN- WAHANUI

Excellence – Community Service

Billie was nominated on the basis of the following achievements:

- Service Committee Chairperson
- Waipa District Council Service to the Community Award
- University of Waikato Te Paewai O Te Rangi Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement and Community Involvement
- Netball Coach and Zone Theory Umpire for Te Awamutu Netball Centre



KATE YARDLEY

Merit – Leadership

Kate was nominated on the basis of the following achievements:

- Principal's Award - Head Student
- Rotary Shield for Contribution, Service and Leadership
- Captain of the Girls 1st X1 Hockey Team
- Leader at Narrows Park Christian Camp



TROY JAMES

Achieved – Leadership

Troy was nominated on the basis of the following achievements:

- Principal's Award - Head Student
- Scholarship, Service and Major School Awards - Rotary Shield for Service to the School - Boys' Shield
- Rugby Boys 1st XV Captain
- J.G Williamson Trophy - Boys Rugby Most Valuable Player



Congratulations to all those who were nominated
you have accomplished fine deeds to be there.

Thanks to Waipa District Council, sponsors and judges.

ICAS RESULTS 2021

The ICAS exams were held earlier this year. Congratulations to the following students:

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES	
Year 10	Year 11
Credit Jeremy Murfitt	Credit Liam Claasen James Gow

2021 NZQA EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

2021 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE (published 26 August 2021)					
Exams available digitally shown in blue					
Date	Time	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Mon 22 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Rangāira	Physics	Business Studies	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
	2.00 pm	Chinese	Media Studies	Dance	Calculus
Tue 23 Nov	9.30 am	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Art History	Statistics	
	2.00 pm	Geography	Spanish	Earth & Space Science Cook Islands Māori	Drama
Wed 24 Nov	9.30 am	Lea Faka-Tonga	Mathematics & Statistics		Biology
	2.00 pm	Music	Accounting	History	French
Thu 25 Nov	9.30 am	Mathematics & Statistics		Te Reo Māori	Classical Studies
	2.00 pm	Korean	Drama	Samoan	Statistics
Fri 26 Nov	9.30 am	Media Studies	Earth & Space Science	Drama Lea Faka-Tonga	Chemistry
	2.00 pm	Chemistry	Classical Studies		Economics
WEEKEND					
Mon 29 Nov <i>(Westland Ann. Day)</i>	9.30 am	Japanese	Latin Dance	Japanese Art History	Earth & Space Science
	2.00 pm	Social Studies	French	Spanish	Latin
Tue 30 Nov	9.30 am	French	Te Reo Māori	Calculus	
	2.00 pm	Economics	Korean Cook Islands Māori	Accounting	
Wed 1 Dec	9.30 am	Cook Islands Māori	English		Religious Studies
	2.00 pm	History	Chinese	Biology	German
Thu 2 Dec	9.30 am	English	Lea Faka-Tonga		English
	2.00 pm	Drama	History	Health	Physics
Fri 3 Dec	9.30 am	Business Studies	Chemistry	Agricultural & Horticultural Science Chinese German	Te Reo Rangāira
	2.00 pm	Biology	Music	Media Studies	Accounting
WEEKEND					
Mon 6 Dec	9.30 am	Art History Te Reo Māori	Japanese	Latin Social Studies Psychology	Samoan
	2.00 pm	Classical Studies	Health	Economics	
Tue 7 Dec	9.30 am	Science		Making Music	History
	2.00 pm	Samoan Spanish	Geography	Chemistry	
Wed 8 Dec	9.30 am	Accounting		English	
	2.00 pm	Home Economics	Economics	Korean	Media Studies
Thu 9 Dec	9.30 am	German	Biology	Geography	
	2.00 pm	Dance	Te Reo Rangāira	Physics	
Fri 10 Dec	9.30 am	Physics	Home Economics	Classical Studies	Te Reo Māori
	2.00 pm		German	Home Economics	Art History
WEEKEND					
Mon 13 Dec	9.30 am		Business Studies	French	Japanese
	2.00 pm	Latin	Agricultural & Horticultural Science		Geography
Tue 14 Dec	9.30 am	Health	Education for Sustainability Samoan	Te Reo Rangāira	Chinese
	2.00 pm		Social Studies	Music Studies	Spanish

Morning exams start at 9.30am

Afternoon exams start at 2.00pm

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

2021

7 December—Tuesday	3.30pm-6.00pm
8 December—Wednesday	3.30pm-6.00pm

2022

24 January— Monday	9.00am-3.30pm
25 January—Tuesday	9.00am-6.00pm
26 January—Wednesday	9.00am-3.30pm
27 January—Thursday	9.00am-6.00pm
28 January— Friday	9.00am-3.00pm

BUSES

Students who live within our TEZ (Transport Entitlement Zone) and live at least 4.8km from the school are **eligible** to travel on the buses. Students who live within 4.8km or outside of our TEZ are deemed **ineligible** and must purchase a bus tag from the Student Centre at a cost of \$50.00 per term. Termly Bus Tags must be paid for by the end of the second week of each term.

Bus Enquiries: Noel Cox 021 405 560



TERMS / DATES 2022

<i>Term 1:</i>	Tuesday 1 February — Thursday 14 April
<i>Term 2:</i>	Monday 2 May — Friday 8 July
<i>Term 3</i>	Monday 25 July — Friday 30 September
<i>Term 4</i>	Monday 17 October — Monday 12 December

Waitangi Day (Observed) Monday 7 February (Term 1)

Easter Good Friday 15 April

Easter Monday 18 April

ANZAC Day Monday 25 April (Holidays)

Queen's Birthday Monday 6 June (Term 2)

Matariki Friday 24 June (Term 2)

Labour Day Monday 24 October (Term 4)

COURSE CONFIRMATION 2022

All Year 12 and Year 13 students are required to confirm their courses by coming to the Library to see your Deans on **Tuesday 25 January or Wednesday 26 January 2022**.

If your **LAST NAME** begins with:

S—Z	come in between	10.00am—12.00pm	Tuesday 25 January
M—R	come in between	1.00pm—3.00pm	Tuesday 25 January
G—L	come in between	10.00am—12.00pm	Wednesday 26 January
A—F	come in between	1.00pm—3.00pm	Wednesday 26 January

ENROLMENTS 2022 (All levels)

Thursday 27 January

9.00am—12.00pm (Student Centre)

STARTING DATES 2022

Tuesday 1 February, 8.45am

**Yr 9 (Hall) start
Yr 13 (Marae) start
Powhiri 10am**

Wednesday 2 February, 8.45am

**Yr 11 (Hall) start
Yr 12 (Keith Millar Gym) start**

Thursday 3 February, 8.45am

Yr 10 (Hall) start

Friday 4 February, 8.45am

Yr 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 at school

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