



# TE AWAMUTU COLLEGE

**NEWSLETTER  
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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**Dear Parents/Caregivers and Students**

The end of Term 3 was again a very busy but enjoyable one.

### **Highlights included:**

- Māori Language Week (Te Wiki o te Reo Māori), SADD Week and Mental Health Awareness Week. Both were accompanied by activities and promotional materials giving facts, information etc.
- Our Inter-House competition's last three events (Touch Rugby, Soccer and Netball). Competition for 1st and 2nd overall in 2023 has been a tight race. The day's results were crucial in deciding the final outcome (which will be announced at Senior Prizegiving).
- Year 10 Market Day (a chance for students to be real business people selling their treats and wares at profit/loss)
- Māori and Pasifika Achievement and Success Celebration Day (guest speaker; seniors sharing their "journey"; kai—see article and photos later in newsletter). Thanks to all involved for your commitment and support of each other.
- Prizegivings for our Winter Sports. A huge thanks must go to all players, coaches, managers, committee members, parents/caregivers, sponsors and supporters. You make it all happen.
- A pleasing turnout at the Senior Report Evening. Thanks for showing your interest and support.
- A highly enjoyable Talent Quest on the last afternoon of term. Well done to Haevyn Takataka Chairperson) and rest of Cultural Committee for their promotion and organisation.

### ***Congratulations to:***

1st	El Dorado - Leo Stokes & Aron Gyorke	(Rock Quest Duo)
2nd	Denzel Stevens	(Magic Show)
3rd	Stephanie Hill	(Solo Guitar)

### **Mufti Day (Term 3)**

Through the efforts of the Service Committee we raised \$1932.80 to support the New Zealand Cancer Society.

### **Board Student Representative**

5 students put their names forward for this position and spoke at Senior and Junior assemblies.

Congratulations to Millie Thackray (Year 12) who was "voted in".

Thank you to Avé Culpan for the great job she has done this year.

The year is quickly coming to an end for our senior students. Their study leave begins at the end of **Senior Prizegiving on Friday 3 November.**

**NCEA Exams begin on Monday 6 November.**

Check out the timetable included in this newsletter.

This newsletter contains important information about **upcoming events** for the remainder of the year and the start of 2024. Please read it carefully and keep it handy.

I strongly encourage parents/caregivers of our “graduating” Year 13 students to attend the **Graduation Dinner** at Vilagrad on **Tuesday 5 December.** This is always a relaxed and enjoyable function where we farewell the Year 13 students.

**Staffing:**

Farewells to: (end of 2023 school year or sooner)

- Chloe Kay (7 years)
- Michelle Boyde (13 years)
- Nicholas Chan (3 years)

We thank these staff for their dedicated and loyal service to the College, its students and their parents/caregivers. We wish them well in all their future endeavours.

I look forward to seeing you at the Senior Prizegiving ceremony at 10.30am on Friday 3 November at the Te Awamutu Events Centre.

Kia Kaha

*J. Membery*

Tony Membery  
Principal



## **END OF YEAR SENIOR DEANS' ASSEMBLIES**

On Thursday, 2 November the end-of year Year Level Assemblies take place at the following times:

- 9.00am Periods 1 & 2 Year 13 (Pavilion)
- 11.30am Period 3 Year 11 (Hall)
- 12.30am Period 4 Year 12 (Hall)

These assemblies are a celebration of success for students who have gained Certificates for First in Class and / or Certificates of Effort.

Parents/caregivers are warmly invited to attend.

At the end of the Year 13 and the Year 12 assemblies, these students will be released to go home. Buses will run at normal times.

## **SENIOR PRIZEGIVING**

### **10.20am FRIDAY, 3 NOVEMBER**

### **At**

## **TE AWAMUTU EVENTS CENTRE**

- All parents/caregivers and supporters of the College are welcome to attend.
- All students are required to attend and to be in correct school uniform. They are not to bring their school bags on the day.
- Students will have Form Class and then Interval. They will then assemble and be walked down to the Events Centre. (Senior Band and Kapa Haka will have separate arrangements).
- Prizegiving should finish at approximately 12.30pm.
- Buses will run at normal times.

## **YEAR 13 GRADUATION DINNER**

The Year 13 Graduation Dinner will take place at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 5 December at Vilagrad Winery. Year 13 students are encouraged to buy tickets for the Graduation Dinner at a cost of \$60.00 per person from the Student Centre. The caterer requires numbers to be confirmed in advance, so tickets for the Graduation Dinner need to be purchased by Tuesday 28 November. Parents/Caregivers are warmly invited to the Graduation Dinner. This function has always been one of the highlights of our year, and again this year good attendance is expected as we farewell our leavers and present testimonials.



## **BOARD UPDATE — AUGUST MEETING 2023**

This was our 7th meeting for the school year, representing 6 meeting Agendas.

Most Board meetings are consistent with what is covered year to year. In the same way that the Annual Plan is adopted in February of each year, August usually brings about our half year review of it. However, with having had an extra meeting in July where we reviewed this, our meeting was slightly different as we were able to talk about the new Strategic Plan that we need to implement for next year.

We appreciated having Wayne and Neil (DP's) from our SLT who were on hand to update us on the Student Wellbeing and Community Engagement. Neil also talked to his Alternate Education report while Wayne talked to his Property and Health and Safety reports as well as the multi-turf update.

So, our Strategic Plan discussion, along with the Multi-Sports Turf update, Health Centre Report for Term 2, Alternative Education Report, our new agenda item of Student Wellbeing and Community Engagement and our usual items, made up this meeting.

The summary is:

We started the evening with our Alternative Education Report which showed that it is going well, providing a pathway for students who struggle with mainstream education to get a start in life. Thanks to our providers "Te Wānanga o Aotearoa" for running this service for the school. With the owners of the site that the Alternative Education operates from having plans that don't include them, Te Wānanga o Aotearoa will be looking for a suitable new site early on next year.

Tony, Wayne, and Neil talked to the Student Wellbeing and Community Engagement Report.

The Ko Wai Au Trust has had its first session of the 5-week mentoring course for 10 Year 10s and initial feedback is encouraging.

The PB4L refresh is continuing with more staff meetings focused on what this refresh will look like and therefore what needs to be implemented to achieve these changes. Form Class reps will be engaged before the end of term to get student feedback.

Year 9 and 10 students are scheduled to complete the NZCER (NZ Council for Educational Research) student wellbeing survey in Term 4 with results shared with the Board Term 1 2024.

Tony attended the Rob Cope Cyber Safety presentation at Te Awamutu Intermediate and has booked him to present to TAC on 28th February 2024 (earliest availability).

With cell phone usage at school becoming an election issue, we have decided to hold off any community survey until we see what comes after the election.

Tony presented his Principal's Report, and some highlights of this report are:

For the 2024 year we will have a contingent of 2FTE Guidance counsellors (3 persons) having finally found someone who fits the mix.

Supervisors of the recent exams during Assessment Week have passed on very favourable feedback about our students' conduct, attitude and commitment to staying in the exams. For those who didn't participate or put in enough effort follow up is occurring.

To assist with keeping our community updated a quote was presented to the Board for an up-graded sign at the front of the school. This will enable us to better communicate the “activities” and “accomplishments” occurring at the school in a more engaging manner.

With the delays we have had with the Multi-Sports Turf project, it was heartening to hear that we have a new timeline for completion, September for the fencing and the turf set to be laid from the 9<sup>th</sup> of October. Having driven past the other day and seeing some Lacrosse boys playing under the roof, I am sure there will be many people outside the Board and SLT eager to see this project finished.

Our Strategic Plan subcommittee reported back on what they have done so far and to get Board confirmation as to the project plan that they want to implement to bring our new Strategic Plan into fruition. A robust discussion was held around our existing Charter and how it might fit with the new Strategic Plan before we confirmed that we believe the subcommittee is on the right track. Paperwork will be coming to us over the next 4-6 weeks in time for a scheduled strategy meeting in early October.

Our Health Report for Term 2 again gave a good overview of the health services provided to our school community.

Liz provided an update on the outline for the upcoming Board Student Representative election. Because the Education and Training Amendment bill (No 3) was passed on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023, among other things, effectively strengthening school board election processes, including shifting the next mid-term board elections to November 2023 to restore the usual election cycle; expanding and modernising the language of school board member co-option and appointment criteria; and enabling schools to fill student representative roles that have not been filled during the September elections, our mid-term election will occur in November.

The usual Principals' Report, Health and Safety Report, Property Report, correspondence and last meetings' minutes were tabled and discussed where necessary. The highlight of the Property Report is that our year end school refurbishment project, budgeted for just \$900k has gone to the MOE for signoff and will hopefully generate reasonable interest from the construction community.

Our Finance Report, for halfway through this year, shows the school still in a healthy position. We also advised that the audit of the school accounts for 2022 are nearing completion. Having had an audit adjustment regarding the farm values used for Rogers Trust affirmed, an adjustment is required for the schools consolidated accounts. Once this is done, we should receive signoff.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 25th October 2023 at 5:30pm in the Staff Room. 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](mailto:boardchair@tac.school.nz)



Canterbury Education Services

October 12th, 2023

The Principal  
Te Awamutu College

Te Awamutu College  
**Board Parent Mid-Term Election 2023 - 2 Vacancies**

At the close of nominations at **12 noon Wednesday, October 11th**, the following nominations were received for the number parent vacancies on the School Board.

\* Nick Hewlett

I hereby declare the following duly elected

Nick Hewlett

Wayne Jamieson  
Returning Officer  
Canterbury Education Services

## PRAISE POST CARDS—TERM 3 2023

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

These are presented to the student who receives the most Praise Postcards in their Year Level.

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Troy Harpur	Caroline Disher	Joshua Marais	Fiona Xu	Maia Neil

### DEANS' AWARDS

These are presented to the students who receive the most Praise Postcards in their Form Class.

<b>Year 9</b>  9BG Milan Meijer 9NC Emma O'Donnell 9WD Amelia Waghorn 9HG Bradley Bennett 9SM Troy Harpur 9MF Sian Beare 9DX Sid Davis 9ON Karlos Rixon 9GO Casi Rewha 9OM Mātea Linton 9MD Lauryn Dew 9WS Laura Taylor	<b>Year 10</b>  10BK Ashley Baker 10BL Elizabeth Rice 10CM Caroline Disher 10HL Cyrill Palmes 10RA Holly Roberts 10RO Lukas Dennison 10TH Milly Chambers 10WA Taine Holmes 10WF Jackson Taitoko 10WI Layla Rixon 10WO Karamaea Harmon 10WW Dillon Jacobsen	<b>Year 11</b>  11BV Eoin Kelly 11CN Nevaeh Wallace 11CR Ella Patterson 11JS Braiden Peake 11KC Nathan Hussey 11KR Carys Joyce 11LD Jasmine Jefferies 11MA Mitchell Fursdon 11MT Libby Hickford 11MU Emma Denize 11NA Joshua Marais 11PL Blake Gower
<b>Year 12</b>  12AN Luke Dykshoorn 12CA Tai Baker-Singh 12CD Mia Higham 12DW Elana Dickson 12EY Connie Gamble 12GN Kiarn Collett-Quinn 12LL Sienna Sutton 12ND Kaleb Robinson 12SN Bee Davies 12TT Fiona Xu	<b>Year 13</b>  13CC Breanna Doig 13PI Imogen Buhrs 13PY Maia Neil 13TN Ashlee Strawbridge 13WN Jack Kelly	

## WAIKATO SCIENCE FAIR 2023 WINNERS

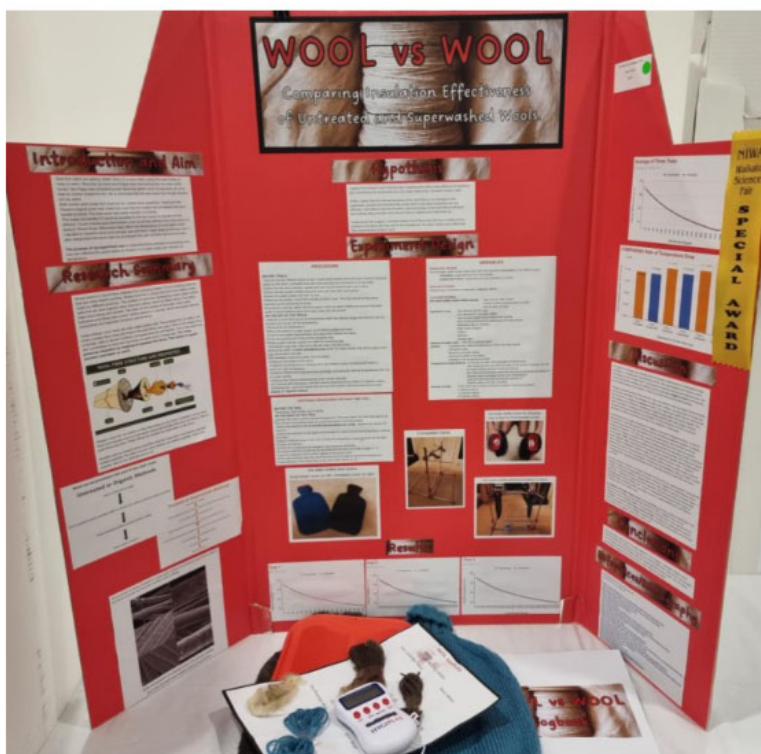
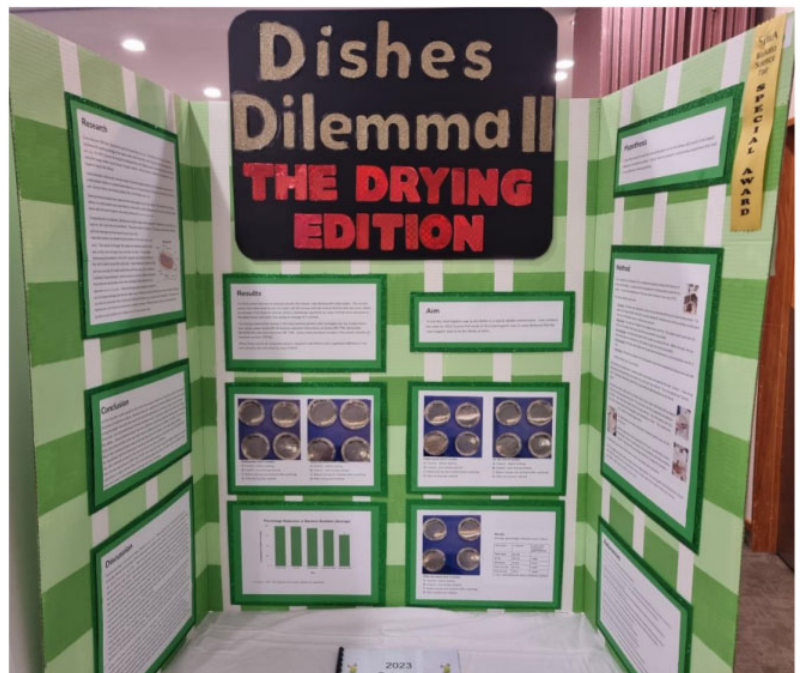
### Investigation Boards

Year 9-10 Sciences

Material World

1<sup>st</sup> place

Pippa Earwaker - "Dishes Dilemma II:  
The Drying Edition."



Physical World

2nd Place

Alex Tyson "Wool vs Wool."

### Other Categories

Y9-13 Scientific Wall Charts

Highly Commended

Jessica Kits "Earthquakes"



## MĀORI AND PASIFIKA ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS CELEBRATION DAY

For Kia Tū Celebration Day, late in Term 3, 70 invited Māori and Pasifika students gathered after interval and listened to local business people, Kristy Butler (KLM Hair owner) and David Peehikuru (Architectural Designer), tell some of their life stories. Then all our senior students shared their TAC journeys and future plans.

We ended the day with pizza shared lunch and sharpening up our knowledge of the school haka, Uenuku.

Well done to the Kia Tū leaders for their organisation and contribution to this year's Kia Tū events: Rangatira Day, the Year 10 career and subject choice advice session, and to Celebration Day.

Kia kaha!







## **NEW ENROLMENTS FOR 2024**

Thanks to those parents/caregivers who have enrolled their students at the College. We appreciate your support. Any parents/caregivers still wishing to enrol students at any year level next year please make contact with the Student Centre (871-4199 ext 201) for an appointment with the appropriate Dean.

**N.B.** Details of our **Enrolment Scheme and Zone** are available on our Website.

## **EXAMS AND ILLNESS/BEREAVEMENT ETC**

If students are unable to attend an examination they may be eligible for a derived grade. To qualify, in case of illness, a special form must be filled out by the Doctor (a medical certificate is insufficient). Please ring the school to gain details and collect a form.

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR EXAMINATION STUDENTS**

Students sitting external examinations are asked to inform the College if there is any change of address between now and the end of the school year, so that the school can inform NZQA to ensure NCEA results can be sent to the correct address.

## **EXAMINATION TIMETABLE**

If students have clashes, they will be notified of arrangements made for them before they leave for Study Leave.



## TOP STUDY TIPS ...



**My first reaction  
when I see  
the question paper**

Some things to remember before you read ANY further....

1. Give yourself enough time to study.
2. Make sure you have plenty of breaks – it is important to spend time doing the things you enjoy as well as study. There needs to be a balance. Research shows short chunks of study often is better than long sessions.
3. Eat! You need to fuel your brain...water is essential.
4. Organise your space – you want it to be comfortable, enjoyable and for it to work for you.
5. No two people are the same when it comes to studying – find what works for you!

**Reading is not studying!**

Re-reading your notes over and over again is not an effective way of studying. You need to do something with the material to make it stick into your brain.

### Some Suggestions for How to Study:

#### 1. Highlight Key Concepts

Looking for the most important information as you read helps you stay engaged with the material. This can help keep your mind from wandering as you read.

As you find important details, mark them with a highlighter, or underline them. It can also be effective to jot notes along the edges of the text. Write on removable sticky notes if the book doesn't belong to you. When you're preparing for a test, begin your studies by reviewing your highlighted sections and the notes you wrote down.

#### 2. Summarise Important Details

One good way to get information to stick in your brain is to tell it again in your own words. Writing out a summary can be especially effective. You can organize your summaries in paragraph form or in outline form. Keep in mind that you shouldn't include every bit of information in a summary. Stick to the key points.

Consider using different colours on your paper. Research shows that information presented in colour is more memorable than things written in plain type. You could use coloured pens or go over your words with highlighters.

After writing about what you read, reinforce the information yet again by reading aloud what you wrote on your paper.

### **3. Create Your Own Flashcards**

For an easy way to quiz yourself, prepare notecards that feature a keyword on one side and important facts or definitions about that topic on the reverse. Writing out the cards will help you learn the information. Quizzing yourself on the cards will continue that reinforcement.

The great thing about flashcards is that they're easily portable. Slip them in your bag, so you can pull them out whenever you have a spare minute. This is a fantastic way to squeeze in extra practice time outside of your regularly scheduled study sessions.

As an alternative to paper flashcards, you can also use a computer program or a smartphone app to make digital flashcards that you can click through again and again.

### **4. Improve Recall with Association**

Sometimes your brain could use an extra hand to help you hold onto the information that you're studying. Creating imaginary pictures, crafting word puzzles or doing other mental exercises can help make your material easier to remember.

Try improving recall with the following ideas:

- Sing the information to a catchy tune.
- Think of a mnemonic phrase in which the words start with the same letters as the words that you need to remember.
- Draw a picture that helps you make a humorous connection between the new information and the things that you already know.
- Envision what it would be like to experience your topic in person. Imagine the sights, sounds, smells and more.
- Think up rhymes or tongue twisters that can help the information stick in your brain.
- Visualize the details with a web-style mind map that illustrates the relationships between concepts.

### **5. Absorb Information in Smaller Chunks**

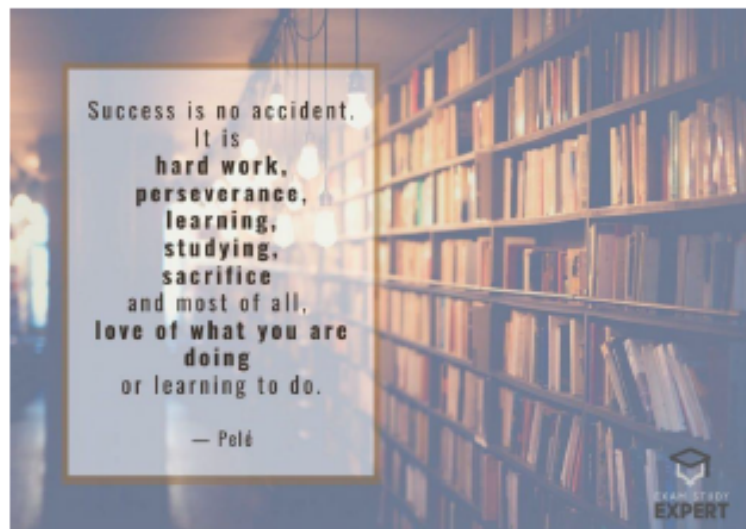
Think about how you memorize a phone number. You divide the 10-digit number into three smaller groups. It's easier to get these three chunks to stick in your mind than it is to remember the whole thing as a single string of information.

You can use this strategy when studying by breaking a list down into smaller parts. Work on memorising each part as its own group.



### 6. Make Your Own Study Sheet

Condensing your most important notes onto one page is an excellent way to keep priority information at your fingertips. The more you look over this sheet and read it aloud, the better that you'll know the material. Furthermore, the act of typing or writing out the information will help you memorise the details. Using different colours or lettering styles can help you picture the information later. Just like flashcards, a study sheet is portable. You can pull it out of your bag whenever you have a spare minute.



### 7. Be the Teacher

To teach information to others, you first have to understand it yourself. Therefore, when you're trying to learn something new, challenge yourself to consider how you'd teach it to someone else. Wrestling with this concept will help you gain a better understanding of the topic. In fact, you can even recruit a friend, a family member or a study group member to listen to your mini lesson. Reciting your presentation aloud to someone else will help the details stick in your mind, and your audience may be able to point out gaps in your knowledge.

### 8. Focus on Key Vocabulary

To really understand a subject, you have to know the words that relate to it. Vocabulary words are often written in textbooks in bold print. As you scan the text, write these words down in a list. Look them up in a dictionary or in the glossary at the back of the book. To help you become familiar with the terms, you could make a study sheet with the definitions or make flashcards.

### 9. Traffic Lighting

Ask your teacher for all of the learning objectives for each topic that will be in the examination. Using three different coloured pens go through the objective list. Use one colour (e.g. green) to mark objectives you know really well. Use a second colour (e.g. yellow highlighter) to mark objectives you know something about but not everything. Use the third colour (e.g. red) to mark objectives you know nothing about. Traffic lighting allows you to prioritise your study. You will achieve your best study by focusing on the "yellow lights" because you already know something and therefore have a base to add new ideas on to. After completing all the yellow lights for each topic, move to the "red lights". Don't bother doing much with the "green lights" as you already know them all. A quick skim read will be fine.

### 10. Rhyme Keys - for ordered or unordered lists

First, memorise key words that can be associated with numbers.

For example

BUN = 1      SHOE = 2      TREE = 3      DOOR = 4      HIVE = 5. These are used to create images of other items you need to remember.

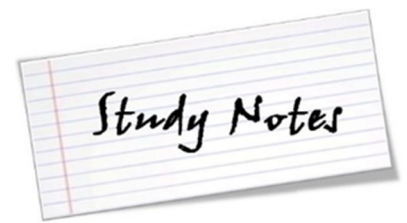
E.g. you have to learn the list of the four basic food groups, which are dairy, meat, fish and poultry, grains, fruit and vegetable.

Think of cheese on a bun (one), livestock with shoes on (two), a sack of grain suspended in a tree (three), a door to a room stocked with fruits and vegetables (four)

## **Mrs Dickson's study tips**

### **Organise yourself a study timetable.**

- Google for examples of these.
- Divide it into half hour blocks.
- Don't plan more than one hour of study without a break. You are aiming for quality time not quantity.
- Exam time is not cram time—if you hope to learn a term's work in a week, you're dreaming. Studying is you taking responsibility for your learning and your future.
- Be realistic, if you have sports practices, after school jobs or other commitments put these in first.
- Block out your favourite TV programmes, and any chores you have to do.
- Half an hour per subject per day (even when you have no homework) is a good way of keeping up with subject content. Even reading a novel from your reading list can count if you can't think of anything else suitable to do.
- Use your exercise books/folders as a resource—this is better than Google. Don't be afraid to highlight key words, quotes, formulae, dates etc. Perhaps transfer these into a notebook if that helps you learn.
- Organise a study space that is free from distractions. Work with family to find a suitable solution.
- Advertise your study timetable on the fridge and the bedroom door, so everyone knows the times you are unavailable.
- Try to be unavailable to your friends for these half hour blocks, eg no cell phone, internet.
- Music may be helpful—this is different for different people.
- Treat the weekends differently—I suggest one evening off in the week and one day off in the weekends. Start your timetable at 10am on the weekend.
- If you miss carrying out your study routines, don't stress, just start again.
- A key may suit you eg colour Biology study blocks in green.
- Look for gaps in what you've planned in the evenings eg if tea isn't ready, then you could fit a subject in there.
- Have a gap between study and bed so your brain slows down.
- Don't put off what can be done now. The key to success is good organization.
- Attend any tutorials offered to you. Make use of the experts in the school.



### **Exam sitting hints**

- If you become very stressed during formal exams, ask to be seated at the back of the room.
- Eat! Make sure you have something to eat before you sit an exam, even if it's a Smoothie or Up and Go.
- Check batteries in calculators. Make sure you have a spare pen of each colour you need, and a sharp pencil. Do this the week before. If your pen does run out, ask! the supervisor will get you a replacement. Get a clear plastic pencil case.
- Study your exam timetable carefully. Highlight the times you need to be at the venue. For NCEA exams, if you miss an exam, it's too late, there are no second chances. If there is a clash between two subjects, notify the school as early as possible.
- Try not to leave the exam room early. It's tempting to do so when your friends are leaving early. Take a big breath, settle down, and read your answers again. This could mean the difference between pass and fail.
- Involve your family/household in your hopes and dreams, so they can encourage you on bad days, and keep you on track.



# **Great Websites to Use**

## **NCEA Resources**

[www.nobraintoosmall.co.nz](http://www.nobraintoosmall.co.nz)

[www.studyit.org.nz](http://www.studyit.org.nz)

[www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz)

(search practice exams)

Learn Coach

Infinity Plus

Alpha Atoms

Mr Whibley & Andrew Sargent

Khan Academy

Moneyhub → Scholarships

## 2023 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Exams available digitally shown in blue

Date	Time	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Mon 6 Nov	9.30 am	Japanese	Latin	Te Reo Māori	Calculus
	2.00 pm		French	Japanese Making Music Spanish	Latin
Tue 7 Nov	9.30 am	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Art History	Statistics	Drama
	2.00 pm	Geography	Spanish	Cook Islands Māori Social Studies	
Wed 8 Nov	9.30 am	Lea Faka-Tonga	Mathematics & Statistics	Dance	Classical Studies
	2.00 pm	Music	Accounting	History	French
Thu 9 Nov	9.30 am	Mathematics & Statistics		Chemistry	Geography
	2.00 pm	Korean	Drama	Samoa	Statistics
Fri 10 Nov	9.30 am	English	Lea Faka-Tonga	Media Studies	Physics
	2.00 pm	Biology	Music		Accounting
WEEKEND					
Mon 13 Nov	9.30 am	French	Te Reo Māori	Calculus	Samoa
	2.00 pm	Economics	Korean	Agricultural & Horticultural Science Chinese German	Biology
Tue 14 Nov	9.30 am	Science	Chemistry		English
	2.00 pm	Samoa Spanish	Geography	Biology	Art History
Wed 15 Nov	9.30 am		English		Religious Studies
	2.00 pm	Cook Islands Māori History	Chinese	Accounting	German
Thu 16 Nov	9.30 am	Business Studies	History	Physics	Te Reo Rangatira
	2.00 pm	Drama	Cook Islands Māori Social Studies	Health	
CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY (Fri 17 Nov)					
WEEKEND					
Mon 20 Nov	9.30 am	Art History Te Reo Māori	Japanese	Latin Psychology Te Reo Rangatira	Chemistry
	2.00 pm	Classical Studies	Health	Economics	
Tue 21 Nov	9.30 am	Media Studies	Te Reo Rangatira	Drama Lea Faka-Tonga	History
	2.00 pm	Chemistry	Classical Studies	Art History	Economics
Wed 22 Nov	9.30 am	Accounting		English	
	2.00 pm	Home Economics	Economics	Korean	Media Studies
Thu 23 Nov	9.30 am	German	Biology	Geography	
	2.00 pm	Dance	Earth & Space Science		
Fri 24 Nov	9.30 am	Physics	Home Economics	Classical Studies	Te Reo Māori
	2.00 pm		German	Home Economics	
WEEKEND					
Mon 27 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Rangatira	Physics	Business Studies	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
	2.00 pm	Chinese	Media Studies		
Tue 28 Nov	9.30 am		Business Studies	French	Japanese
	2.00 pm	Latin	Agricultural & Horticultural Science		
Wed 29 Nov	9.30 am	Health	Education for Sustainability Samoa	Earth & Space Science	Chinese
	2.00 pm			Music Studies	Spanish
Thu 30 Nov	9.30 am	Social Studies	Dance		Earth & Space Science

Morning exams start at 9.30am

Afternoon exams start at 2.00pm

## VICTORIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATES



Former students who have graduated from Victoria University of Wellington between June 2022 and May 2023.

NAME	DEGREE	MAJORS (Multiple)
Anthony Absalom	BEHONS—Bachelor of Engineering (Hons)	Electronic & Computer Systems Engineering
Grace Schmack	BA—Bachelor of Arts	Criminology; Cultural Anthropology
Tayla West	BDI—Bachelor of Design Innovation	Interaction Design





## SPORTS NEWS

*We wish to acknowledge the continued positive support from the community and parents/caregivers towards College sport.*

*Without volunteers student sporting activities would be severely limited. A big thank you goes out to all those who have been involved this year to support our students.*

*All summer and winter teams are always looking for parent/caregiver support as coaches, managers and drivers.*



A huge **THANK YOU** to all the sponsors and supporters of Te Awamutu College Sport and Arts & Culture. From major sponsors through to our parents and caregivers who give what they can, thank you for supporting our students in all their sporting endeavours.

***Invitation to all Coaches / Managers /Supporters and  
Committee Members to come along to the  
Board Sports and Arts & Culture Appreciation Evening  
on***

***Wednesday, 15 November 2023***

***5.30pm — 7.00pm in the College Staffroom***



## ATHLETICS & CROSS COUNTRY

### Track & Field

Our year looked a little more normal after the disruptions of COVID over recent years.

Firstly there was the NZSS Champs in Inglewood in December 2022 with a small team participating. Sarah Hewlett (Yr13) was having her 4<sup>th</sup> Championship and went out in style competing in four individual events and a relay and making the final (top 8) of all of them – an outstanding achievement and giving her three busy days.

On Friday afternoon Sarah was 2<sup>nd</sup> in her 200m heat, while juniors Chloe Chipperfield competed in the 400m heats and Long Jump (26<sup>th</sup>), Maia Oxenham ran in the 800m heats and Summa Dearing was 19<sup>th</sup> in Discus. The four then combined in the heats of the Senior 4x100 relay and in a welcome surprise they qualified for the final.

Saturday saw just Sarah in action. She was 3<sup>rd</sup> in her 100m Hurdles heat and in her 200m semi-final to make both finals. She was also in a marathon Triple Jump competition with over 30 entrants. After making it in to the top 8 she had to settle for 7<sup>th</sup> jumping 10.84m.

After two days competing in rain, Sunday dawned a bit better. Maia and Chloe ran in the Yr 9 3km Road Race and finished 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. After supporting the girls Sarah then headed to the Stadium to start a long day without ever getting to sit in the stand. First up was her Hurdles final where she ran a PB of 15.74s to finish 7<sup>th</sup>. Then there was another long session in the Long Jump. When the large field got whittled down to 8, Sarah was again in for 3 more jumps. Her best was 4.9m, a little below her best and earned her 8<sup>th</sup> place. She then went straight to the 200m final where she was again 7<sup>th</sup>. It was then off to catch up with the other girls to prepare for the 4x100 relay final. Good relay changes made up for their lack of sprinters and they earned a well deserved 7<sup>th</sup> after being well in it at the final turn.

Sarah went on to retain the Gallichan Cup awarded by the Waikato/BOP Centre for the athlete who scores the most points at the Centre Champs and also made all five of her finals at the NZ Champs held in Wellington in March, with silver in the WaiBOP 4x100m relay.

**College Day** was held in fine conditions in February with good participation and some strong competition. Champions on the day were:-

Junior Boys | Harley Taylor-Williams

Junior Girls | Emily van Boven

Intermediate Boys | Rico Dorssers

Intermediate Girls | Ruth Downs

Senior Boys | Caelum Bond

Senior Girls | Kate Shannon

Interhouse winners were Pounamu, with Kowhai second, Kikorangi 3<sup>rd</sup> and Pohutukawa 4<sup>th</sup>.

TAC dominated the Zone Championships and 24 athletes went on to compete at the Waikato/BOP champs at Porritt Stadium, with 5 qualifying to go to the North Island Champs.

At WaiBOP's Maiara Moimoi (JG) was 3<sup>rd</sup> in Shot Put throwing 8.88m and 7<sup>th</sup> in Discus with 19.43m, Summa Dearing (IG) was 3<sup>rd</sup> in Discus at 28.83m. In the Senior Girls Kate Shannon was 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100m and 200m, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Long Jump leaping 4.50m and 7<sup>th</sup> in Triple Jump with 9.35m and Kera Tervit was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800m in 3.02 and 5<sup>th</sup> in the 400m in 72.56s. Daniel Kits who is a para athlete competed with the Intermediate Boys and won his 3 events – 100m in 15.67s, 200m in 32.45s and 400m in 75.24.

At the North Island Champs in Palmerston North, Daniel was the standout with three wins and setting two Para records. His results were 100m 15.43s, 400m 73.05s and 1500m 5m57.97s. Summa was 9<sup>th</sup> in Discus throwing 31.40m, Kera 9<sup>th</sup> in the 800m in 2m46s, Kate was 9<sup>th</sup> in TJ in 9.57 and 11<sup>th</sup> in LJ 4.39m, and Maiara 12<sup>th</sup> in Shot Put with 8.54m.

### Cross Country

Our Cross Country day was able to proceed in cool conditions with some rain.

The winners in each grade were

Junior Boys | Daniel Harrison

Junior Girls | Alice Gannon

Intermediate Boys | Rico Dorssers

Intermediate Girls | Lily James

Senior Boys | Cody Davis

Senior Girls | Kera Tervit

Inter-House winners were Kikorangi House.

A small group of athletes went on to represent our College at the Waikato/BOP champs at Waipuna Park in Tauranga. In the Yr 9 Girls 3k Alice Gannon was first home in 18<sup>th</sup> place, followed by Emily Van Boven 33<sup>rd</sup>, Rachel Bathgate 36<sup>th</sup> and Eva Walton 37<sup>th</sup>. In Yr 9 Boys 3k, Daniel Harrison was 27<sup>th</sup>. In Senior Girls' 4k Lily James was 17<sup>th</sup>, just ahead of Kera Tervit 19<sup>th</sup>, Kate Shannon 24<sup>th</sup> and Olivia Van Boven 27<sup>th</sup>. Our sole Senior Boy, Kaeden Cresswell, was 36<sup>th</sup>.

Murray Green  
Coach

## BASKETBALL

Another year of basketball is in the books, and we have a lot to look back on!

It has been a rollercoaster season for our club, with seven teams entered over three different competitions.

Our Senior Girls' team entered the Waikato Country competition. This seemed to take a lifetime to tip off, but once it did, our girls hit the court running thanks to Coach Ephraim and Manager Avé. They had some tough competition, but had their share of wins and finished second overall. We are excited to see this team continue to develop in the future, with some very talented young basketballers in the mix.

This year we had a large talent pool in the Junior Boys squad and selecting three teams was not an easy task. Our Premier and two Development teams trained hard all season, and their hard work was proven with their results. Junior Premier boys took out second place, losing to Cambridge in the final after beating them convincingly during the regular season. Our Junior Development team won their Division, beating Cambridge in their final with only five players! Junior Boys Silver also had some amazing performances and made huge improvements over the season. Thank you to all of our volunteers, who stepped into coaching and managing these junior teams this season.

We also managed to get three Senior boys teams together this year, the Premier team competing in the Metro Hub competition, and two Development teams in the South Hub competition. Again there was plenty of on court success with these teams. Our Premier boys proved their worth in the Metro Prem Reserve grade, playing some great team basketball in the mix with some top schools. Our Development teams competed well in the South Hub in some closely contested matches.

Our Junior Premier team was the only representation we had at Regionals this year. They were entered into the top grade, putting them up against the best basketballers in our region. Our boys left all they had on the court and we are extremely proud of their efforts. A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered along the journey to get the boys to the tournament. Fundraising, transporting, coaching, and managing—without you this would not have been possible. We are looking forward to building on this in 2024.

A personal highlight for me was our annual Club Day where we shared some kai with our basketball whānau. We had a great turnout, and it was lovely to mingle with the parents and whānau who support our players and our club. The inaugural parents vs players and past vs present games proved a huge success, and I am looking forward to next year's battle already. Thank you to everyone who was able to help make this day a success.

A special mention to our Year 13's Aria Culpan, Logan Whale, Stephan Grobbelaar, Corbin Fleming, Marty Rogers, Jack Kelly, Connor Storey, and Rico Naera. Congratulations Rico, who has played Senior basketball for 5 years. We wish all of our Year 13's the best for 2024, and hope to see you continue on your basketball journey.

Our club could not operate without our committee. A special thanks to Toby, Kerilyn, Jared, Renee, Desiré, Tai, and Kathryn. Thank you for your support in making the tough decisions this year that enabled our players to take the court.

Ngā mihi,  
Gerard Dorssers Chairperson  
TAC Basketball Club

## Te Awamutu College Basketball Club Awards 2023

Name of Award	Recipient
Senior Boys Premier Team	
2023 Senior Boys Basketball Player of the Year Trophy	Stephan Grobbelaar
2023 Senior Boys Premier Most Valuable Player	Rylan Bell
2023 Senior Boys Premier Most Improved Player	Mitchell Fursdon
2023 Senior Boys Premier Team Player	Kryton Collett
Senior Boys Development Blue	
2023 Senior Boys Blue Most Valuable Player	Carter Neilson
2023 Senior Boys Blue Most Improved Player	Rico Dorssers
2023 Senior Boys Blue Team Player	Riley Mills
Senior Boys Development Team Silver	
2023 Senior Boys Silver Most Valuable Player	Connor Storey
2023 Senior Boys Silver Most Valuable Player	Jack Kelly
2023 Senior Boys Silver Most Improved Player	Isaiah Healey
2023 Senior Boys Silver Team Player	Louis Pangilinan
Junior Boys Premier Team	
2021 Junior Boys Basketball Trophy	Blake Ellis
2021 Junior Boys Premier Most Valuable Player	Blake Ellis
2021 Junior Boys Premier Most Valuable Player	Nathan Dale
2021 Junior Boys Premier Most Improved Player	Toby McCluskie
2023 Junior Boys Premier Team Player Award	Sam Sheridan
Junior Boys Development Team Blue	
2023 Junior Boys Blue Most Valuable Player	Noah Culpan
2023 Junior Boys Blue Most Improved Player	Orlando Ball
2023 Junior Boys Blue Team Player	Lachlan Crawford
Junior Boys Development Team Silver	
2023 Junior Boys Silver Most Valuable Player	Aaron Gyorke
2023 Junior Boys Silver Most Improved Player	Ashton Roberts
2023 Junior Boys Silver Team Player	Cale Higginson
Senior Girls Team	
2023 Girls Basketball Trophy	Tamia Emery
2023 Girls Most Valuable Player	Grace Fursdon
2023 Girls Most Improved Player	Petra Coleman
2023 Girls Most Improved Player	Aria Culpan
Rep Awards	
2023 Waikato Country Representative	Blake Ellis
2023 Waikato Country Representative	Pianika Emery
2023 Waikato Country Representative	Grace Fursdon
2023 Waikato Country Representative	Mitchell Fursdon
2023 Waikato Country Representative	Rylan Bell
2024 Koru Tour	Blake Ellis
2024 Koru Tour	Pianika Emery
2024 Koru Tour	Grace Fursdon

## EQUESTRIAN

This year our 2023 Equestrian team consisted of around 20 students and even more horses and ponies. Our many talented riders took on events all over the North Island including showjumping, dressage and eventing. We brought home many placings and ribbons and even a trophy. Our year started off super exciting winning the Waikato Secondary Schools Showjumping. This was a highlight for our team and the school. Next came some exciting events such as the Pegasus Cup, St Peter's Dressage and the North Island Eventing Champs where we came back with placings from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>.

The following riders were placed: Pegasus Cup Pippa Earwaker 5<sup>th</sup>, Kate Brierly 4<sup>th</sup> and Summer Korkie 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Interschools Dressage Pippa Earwaker 5<sup>th</sup>. NISS Eventing Ashley Hollinshead 4<sup>th</sup>. The winning Waikato Showjumping team was Ashlee Strawbridge, Rosie Anderson, Pippa Earwaker and Addisyn Dingwall.

During Winter Tournament Week we sent a small group of riders down to Taupo to take part in the North Island Secondary Schools champs, this is a fairly new event that everyone is still learning all about and giving it a go. Our team always goes out and gives it their best shot and is always there to support each other at events. The most important part of this is seeing everyone out having fun and doing what they love.

We couldn't do all this without the help from our Teacher in Charge, Miss Barker and all our parents and families that run us around and get us where we need to go. We encourage everyone and anyone to come along and be a part of the fun we have.

A big thank you to Harcourts for sponsoring our badges for our team, without help like this we would not be able to look as smart.

### **Ashlee Strawbridge Captain**



## FOOTBALL

The College entered six teams into the WSSFA competitions this year, four boys and two girls teams, and enjoyed a great season with quite a few successes along the way. The Girls 1st XI team made easy work of the Senior Girls Division 2 winning the league with a game to spare. They also had success winning the County Cup for the first time with a 3-1 win over Raglan. More success was to follow when they won the College Five A Side trophy for their group at the end of season tournament. The Junior Girls also won their Division 2 League comprehensively scoring 56 goals in 10 games. The Senior Boys 1st XI relinquished their three year hold on the Boys Country Cup losing 5-2 to Matamata in the pre-season. The team finished 5th in tightly contested Division 4 and then took part in the NZ Secondary Schools Tournament in New Plymouth finishing 17th out of 20 teams. The boys 2nd XI finished 4th in the Senior Boys Division 7. The Junior Boys Blue team were runners up in Division 5 while the Junior Boys Blue team were winners of Division 7. Special thanks to the coaches Kieran McCullough, Alan Paterson, Tania Hall, Sean Stringfellow, Tim Ball, Ronald Rao and Dave Hall for giving up their time to lead the teams through the 2023 season.

Dave Hall  
Chairperson

### **College Players prizes 2023**

#### **Te Awamutu College Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI 2023**

Player of the Year – Logan Whale  
Players' Player of the Year – Logan Whale  
Defender of the Year – Oliver Gold  
Top Scorer of the Year – Giulio Bernasconi  
Supporters' Player of the Year – Oliver Gold

#### **Te Awamutu College Boys 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 2023**

Team Player of the Year – Liam Hollinshead  
Player of the Year – Russell Harrison  
Most Improved Player – Mark Frost  
Defender of the Year – Cullen Miesenbeek  
Top Goal Scorer – Eden Jarman

#### **Te Awamutu College Junior Boys Blue 2023**

Top Scorer – Brayden Shepherd  
Most Improved Player – Jacob Prewer  
Defender of the Year – Wyatt Davies  
Players' Player – Luca Marshall  
Player of the Year – Troy Allen

#### **Te Awamutu College Junior Boys White 2023**

Top Scorer – Milan Meijer  
Most Improved – Finn Joyce  
Defender of the Year – Flynn Hollinshead  
Players' Player of the Year – Milan Meijer  
Player of the Year – Harlech Gorry

#### **Te Awamutu College 1<sup>st</sup> XI Girls 2023**

Defender of the Year – Jordan Heanden  
Top Scorer – Mia Oxenham  
Players' Player of the Year – Jade Davis  
Player of the Year – Kaitlyn Evermy

#### **Te Awamutu College Junior Girls 2023**

Player of the Year – Natalia Baker  
Most Improved Player – Helena De Almeida Hiraoka  
Defender of the Year – Alex West  
Players' Player of the Year – Jorjaina Mathieson

#### **Hancock Trophy**

Logan Whale





Girls' Football







**Junior Boys' players  
at the End of Season  
Five a Side  
Tournament**





# HOCKEY

## TAC

### HOCKEY AWARDS 2023

#### **Girls 1st XI**

Coach Cup for Most Outstanding Player	Annalise Cossey
Captain's Award for Most Improved Girl	Anna Swney
Sportsmanship	Emma Lindsay
Contribution to Hockey	Ellie Morrison
Lead Goal scorer	Rosie Anderson
Standout defender	Sarah Druce
Standout attacker	Eva Davis
Players' Player	Olivia van Boven

#### **Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI**

Most Improved	Lockie Waghorn
Contribution to Hockey	Luke Hibbert
Sportsmanship	Lucas Duncan
Lead Goal scorer	Lucas Duncan
Stand out Defender	Dean Druce
Stand out Attacker	Luke Hibbert
Players' Player	Lucas Duncan

#### **Girls 2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

Most Valuable player	Sophie Yarndley
Most improved	Tallulah Blair
Sportsmanship	Sophie Burgoyne-Thomas
Contribution to hockey	Sophie Yarndley
Lead Goal scorer	Erana Harper
Standout defender	Moana Oakley-Tupou
Standout attacker	Lucy Bicknell
Players' Player	Elizabeth Rice

#### **Boys 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Trophies**

Most Valuable player	Reon Morrison
Most improved	James Bowler
Sportsmanship	Evan McTamney
Contribution to hockey Boys	
Lead Goal scorer	Gabe Titchener
Standout defender	Johannes Jager
Standout attacker	Blake Hamilton

#### **Major Awards**

Fallon Cup	Sarah Druce
Stuart Yarndley Memorial trophy	Luke Hibbert
Goalie of the year	Eoin Kelly
Junior Boys MVP	Cameron Howells
Junior Girls MVP	Zoe Druce
Boys 1 <sup>st</sup> XI MVP	Eoin Kelly
Girls 1 <sup>st</sup> XI MVP	Annalise Cossey

## **1st XI Hockey—Boys**

Wow! What a season this team has had. We couldn't have assembled a better bunch of young men. The way they gelled together, the banter they had between each other and the sportsmanship and respect that this team showed was a pleasure to see. This team lead by a very passionate coach Gene Howells had an almost perfect season that came down to 1 goal, just 1 goal! 33 goals for our team and only 7 against us. Finishing top of the table we found ourselves playing the final against Morrinsville College.

Warned by Gene that the job was not yet complete the boys went into this game with a determination and understanding of what needed to be done. We found ourselves against a stronger Morrinsville team than we had faced all winter but that just made the boys more determined. A late goal for TA in the 1<sup>st</sup> half equalised the scores at 1-1. Morrinsville scored early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half to go up 2-1. The boys dug deep and again scored late to equalise the score 2-2 with 1 minute to play.

Final whistle we were heading to a penalty shoot out. After 5 shots each the scores were still tied. We were now into sudden death. Devastatingly our shot missed and Morrinsville found the back of the net meaning we had lost by the narrowest of margins.

Bring on next year!

**Kelly and Nick Hibbert**  
**Manager**

## **1st XI Hockey—Girls**

Our Te Awamutu College Girls' 1<sup>st</sup> XI had an outstanding season this year. With 7 new players in the team, it was a big year of learning and developing our team culture.

Our girls responded amazingly well, which was evident in the very low number of trainings and games that were missed. As a result of their hard work, commitment and team work, our girls achieved some amazing results. They completed their pool games without a loss, which placed them in third place heading into the finals rounds.

After some extremely close games, they made it into the final against Hauraki Plains. This was an unbelievably close game, which ended in a draw and sent us into penalty shootouts. Unfortunately, these did not go our way, and we ended up losing to be second place overall.

Congratulations to our girls for the amazing way they conducted themselves this season – we could not be prouder of you!

**Kylie Morrison**  
**Manager**



# LACROSSE

## Premier Girls' Lacrosse

A Season of Fun and Growth with TAC's Girls' Premier Lacrosse Team!

Let's talk about our fantastic TAC Girls' Premier Lacrosse Team, where the dynamic duo of Mia Ellis (Captain) and Louise Gubb (Vice-Captain) led the charge! They, along with their teammates, secured a respectable 4th place in the Waikato High School League for Girls' Lacrosse at the picturesque Tamahere.

Coach Leon Green shared, "This year, we welcomed 5 junior players to the team, which spiced up our game due to their varying skill levels." Coach Green, alongside Vice-Coach Caitlyn Blakely, fostered a laid-back environment where players felt free to learn off each other and grow together. In their playbook, it's absolutely okay to make mistakes; after all, they're just stepping-stones to improvement. Plus, they introduced accountability partners – teammates who complemented each other's skills, making everyone stronger as a unit.

Come September 2023, the coaches guided our team to the NZSS Lacrosse Nationals at Cornwall Park, Epsom, Auckland. The team's performance was on point, sharing a well-deserved 5th place with Matamata College.

Looking forward, the coaches plan to kickstart the programme earlier next year, enhancing skills, focusing on strength 'n' conditioning, and even teaming up with a top-notch gym facility to super-charge the team's performance. Kia kaha koutou, TAC Lacrosse!

## Leon Green Coach



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photos through Photolife

## Premier Boys Lacrosse

The Premier Boys Lacrosse team improved from day one of their first practice. The team gelling throughout the year, getting better and better. The team being very young has a promising future only losing a few boys next year. Results in the Waikato Secondary schools tournament and New Zealand nationals didn't go the teams way yet the boys never had their heads down and overall had a good season building as a team. Looking forwards to next year.

### Sam Denize Head Coach



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## Lacrosse Awards 2023

### Major Awards

Spirit of Lacrosse - The Mason Cup	Livia Bigham
Service to Lacrosse – The Johnson Cup	Mia Ellis
Premier Girls' MVP	Mia Ellis
Premier Boys' MVP	Floyd Owen
Junior Girls' MVP	Lily Dixon

### Premier Girls Lacrosse Awards

Top Offender – The Harris Cup	Mackenzie Jackson
Top Defender – The Foulkes Trophy	Sienna Sutton
Rookie of the Year – The Anderson Cup	Eden Sutton
Most Improved	Lily Dixon
Players' player	Livia Bigham

### Premier Boys Lacrosse Awards

Top Offender	Ruben Kasper
Top Defender	Michael Stuart
Rookie of the Year	Nathan Honeyfield
Most Improved	Harley Stevens
Players' player	Kirk Van Marrewijk

### Premier Development Girls Awards

MVP	Steph Ryan
Most Improved	Payton Gray
Players' player	Eden Honeyfield



## MOTOCROSS

South Waikato Schools MotoX Challenge in Tokoroa.

Danny Lucas



Lachlan Hamilton



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Luke Pease

## NETBALL

### **TAC Assassins**

This season our team started strong in B2 grade, working hard and winning every game in the first round the girls moved up into B1 grade where they had to work harder in their games. Though not every game was won TAC Assassins finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place in B1. These girls have hard all season to earn their place and it's amazing to see for far they have come as a team.

### **TAC Blue Lightnings**

On behalf of TAC Blue Lightnings, I would like to say a big thanks to our coaches Raquan and Michaela for being there to coach us this season and putting up with the pressure of training us and making sure we are able to play most Saturdays. Although our team did not have too many wins this season, we all still got out there and tried our absolute best and worked as hard as we could. Ending the season a few wins and big smiles on our faces makes me proud of our team. A big thanks to Abbie for being the co-captain and supporting Tahlia our captain all the way through the season through thick and thin. We wish everyone best of luck for next season and the seasons to come.

Tahlia Rollinson

### **TAC Elite**

At the end of last season as a team we decided to stick together for next year since we worked together so well. But when two of our original players made it into the Junior Prem team, we had to get a couple of new recruits.

The season started off great, losing only 1 game in the grading round, which put us in grade A2. Learning from our mistakes the first time we managed to beat the team we lost to in grading and kept the streak going, becoming unbeaten for weeks. Near the end of the season though, our momentum stopped, and we lost a couple of games. But we fought back, and we came out on top winning our grade.

None of this would have happened though, without our amazing coach Tina Neilson and wonderful manager Karen Chambers, so thank you. Also, a big thanks to all the other parents who helped us out when we needed it. What an incredible season!

Maddy Millin

### **TAC Magic**

I would like to thank the coaches for challenging and supporting the team in every way possible and always encouraging us to always do our best and thank the managers for supporting and arranging everything throughout the season for the team, I really do appreciate it so thank you guys for everything you have done. I would also like to thank the supporters for always cheering us on and just showing up to show your support for the team. Lastly, I would like to thank the girls in this team; you guys did amazing this season and I am so proud of every single one of you. Well done! We won lots of our games because we worked as a team and supported each other and thank you for picking me as your captain. I am grateful to you guys for giving me this amazing opportunity. Also thank you Tayler for being my co-captain. I'm grateful to you for being always ready to stand up and help if it was needed so thank you everyone for everything and I hope to see you next season.

Keisha-Lee Hayward

### **TAC Tanks**

The TAC Tanks were a diverse group of individuals, many of whom had never met or played together before. The first few games of the season were tough. We were struggling to find our rhythm, and our lack of familiarity with each other's playing styles was evident. Unfortunately, we didn't make it into the Prem Reserve grade, instead playing in A grade. It was disheartening, but we were determined not to give up. As the season progressed, we began to get to know one another on a personal level, having a bunch of laughs at training, the whole team even gave line dancing a go. It became a really positive environment and these moments helped break the ice and build trust among us. We began to understand each other's strengths and weaknesses, and gradually, the pieces started to fall into place on the court. We had some wins and losses, but we all had the understanding that we were going to give every game our best shot and have fun, and we were going to hold our heads up no matter the outcome. We ended up coming 6<sup>th</sup> ranking in the A1 grade, and although it wasn't the outcome we were hoping for, we all improved so much over the season. We would like to say a huge thank you to Gwen, our coach, and Andrea, our amazing manager. You two really inspired all of us girls this season and brought such a great vibe to the team. We would also like to thank Shannon for taking on the coaching role during the period of grading games. You really helped us to develop better as a team for those first few games.

Ashlee Coldrick

### **TAC Thorns**

Our team, the Thorns, was a combination of Year 9s and Year 10s. We were so well supported and coached by Hayley and Manasseh. There was an awesome feeling among our team which helped us on the court. Not only did our team take out the A3 grade finals but we were also unbeaten all season! I would like to thank our coaches, our manager, and my team for such a great 2023 season.

Lucy Bicknell

### **TAC Senior Social**

This netball season was very enjoyable. Although we only had one win this season, every second on the court and at training was so much fun. We were a social team, so we did not care much about the wins, more about getting out there and having fun as a team. I have made some great friends this season, and I would like to say a big thank you to our coach, Miss Jones who stepped up when we did not have a coach, without her we would not have a team. All and all, this season was one to remember and I can say for the whole team that we are sad it is over.

Millie Shipper



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### TAC Junior Premier

This netball season for Junior Prem was very enjoyable and very full on. Throughout all our games we were highly successful and excited to place 3<sup>rd</sup> in A grade Hamilton pool. During grading our team played in the Prem division but ended up grading with other Prem teams in the A grade. We believe that our team has gotten a lot closer and towards the end of the season we could really play well together, especially when communicating on the court. Most of our team have played together in past teams so straight off the bat we had quite a strong group of girls. At the start, we were rocky, but after some group training and games we improved on the court, resulting in us getting quite a few wins. Before almost every game, we started training with music to get the team going and enjoy ourselves. Our team was a very positive environment to be in, and we enjoyed playing with these girls this season. We would like to say a huge thank you to Emma, our coach, for coaching us and overall guiding us throughout the season not only as a coach but as our biggest supporter. We would also like to say a thank you to Kelly, our manager, for being our team mum and sometimes providing the half time lollies. Overall, we had an amazing season in Junior Prem, and we have all improved in our netball, excited for the next season.

Rylee Poa Dampney / Lily Reid



### TAC Senior Premier

The TAC senior premier team had a rocky start to our season. We faced challenges with team members coming and going and we eventually settled with a great group of girls. During grading we faced some losses and were questioning whether we would even make the Prem grade. Fortunately, we made it in 7th (out of 8). Throughout our season we bonded as a team with lots of fun trainings and games and we fought our way up the prem ranks. We had some good wins but some near losses. We made the top 4, meaning we played semi-finals; with a convincing win we moved our focus to the grand finale. Played on a Saturday afternoon in front of a large crowd our nerves were high, but we had full trust in each other. With a tough fight we won the premier grade 67-53 beating Fraser Tech for the first time this season. 2 days later we were off to Hamilton to compete in UNISS. 2 games of netball a day, and 5 days, we fought our hardest each game and ended up 3<sup>rd</sup> in B grade, promoting the team to A grade next year! The girls played amazingly across the week and the teamwork, strength, and unity we displayed was a testament to our commitment and hard work throughout the season on and off the court. We would like to thank our coaches Sarah and Gaylene, our managers Nicole and Jodie, and Deb for the support. Without our incredible leadership team, we wouldn't have been capable of achieving what we did. And F45 Te Awamutu, for your dedication to our team, our fitness definitely set us apart from our competitors.



Stella Quigley

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## POWERLIFTING



Congratulations to Kayden Naera for breaking the National record for Deadlifting—Powerlifting in Auckland recently—Well done.



## ROWING

This year at Te Awamutu Rowing Club, a majority of our rowers were all novices, in fact all of our students from TAC were novices so all in their first ever season of rowing. All of our TAC students did exceptionally well throughout both the club season and carried through to the school season. Every rower put their all at trainings and regattas and regardless of the results they all gave it their best shot and had positive attitudes. We had many achievements across the board in our crews and throughout the whole season, especially at North Island Secondary School champs and Maadi Cup which are both cutthroat regattas where there is zero room for error.

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### North Island Secondary School regatta results

William James, Hunter Coleman – Boys U18 Novice double sculls: Heat: 5<sup>th</sup> place

Willem Poolman, Tira O'Carroll – Boys U18 Novice double sculls: Heat 4<sup>th</sup>, B final: 8<sup>th</sup>

Asarina Johnson, Casey Lee Baker – Girls U18 Novice double sculls: Heat 2<sup>nd</sup>, Semi final 3<sup>rd</sup>, A final 5<sup>th</sup>

Alyssa Campbell, Sophie Dale – Girls U18 novice double sculls: Heat 8<sup>th</sup> place

Isla Joyce, Asarina Johnson, Janaiah Jacob, Casey Lee Baker + Carys Joyce- Girls U18 Novice quadruple sculls: Heat 2<sup>nd</sup>, semi final 7<sup>th</sup>, B final 1<sup>st</sup>

Alyssa Campbell, Ella Thackray, Millie Thackray, Sophie Dale + Nathan Dale – Girls U18 Novice quadruple sculls: Heat 7<sup>th</sup> place

Willem Poolman, Tira O'Carroll, Hunter Coleman, Gordon O'Carroll + Sophie Dale – Boys U18 Novice quadruple sculls: Heat 3<sup>rd</sup>, B final: 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Maadi regatta results

William James, Hunter Coleman – Boys U18 Novice double sculls: Heat 7<sup>th</sup>

Asarina Johnson, Casey Lee Baker – Girls U18 Novice double sculls: Heat 2<sup>nd</sup>, Semi final 5<sup>th</sup>, B final 2<sup>nd</sup> (10<sup>th</sup> in NZ)

Isla Joyce, Asarina Johnson, Janaiah Jacob, Casey Lee Baker + Carys Joyce – Girls U18 Novice quadruple sculls: Heat 4<sup>th</sup>, Repechage 3<sup>rd</sup>, semifinal 8<sup>th</sup>, B final 7<sup>th</sup> (15<sup>th</sup> in NZ)

Alyssa Campbell, Ella Thackray, Millie Thackray, Sophie Dale + Nathan Dale – Girls U18 Novice quadruple sculls: Heat 8<sup>th</sup> place

Willem Poolman, Tira O'Carroll, Hunter Coleman, Gordon O'Carroll + Sophie Dale – Boys U18 Novice quadruple sculls: Heat: 6<sup>th</sup> place

## Prizegiving winners

First year women's rower: Alyssa Campbell

Ladies Novice cup: Isla Joyce, Asarina Johnson, Janiah Jacob, Casey Lee Baker, Carys Joyce

Best schoolgirl rower: Asarina Johnson

Best first year oarsman: Willem Poolman

Most promising oarsman: William James

Best schoolboy rower: William James

Most Improved rower: Hunter Coleman

Best club crew: Asarina Johnson, Casey Lee Baker

Coxswain cup: Sophie Dale, Carys Joyce

Sportsmanship cup: Alyssa Campbell, Millie Thackray, Ella Thackray, Sophie Dale

Most dedicated rower: Casey Lee Baker

## Alya Mexted

### Girls' Squad Coach



## RUGBY

### **Te Awamutu College Rugby 2023**

We had a great season this year with a total of six teams representing Te Awamutu College across all the grades. Great numbers in the inaugural U15 Girls team is promising for a return to 1<sup>st</sup> XV Girls rugby in the near future. We had success in many different ways this year – through having more teams each week on the field, to retaining the Waipa Cup against Cambridge High School. Thank you to all the coaches, managers, parent drivers, supporters and most importantly the players for a good season. Looking forward to a stronger 2024 season!

Mrs Allen  
TIC Rugby

A big thank you to our major sponsors this season: ME Accountants, Vetora, Michael and Jo Earwaker, Pirongia Rugby & Sports Club, Te Awamutu Rugby Sports & Recreation Club, Waipa Workingmen's Club and Te Awamutu Rugby Sub-Union.

### **2023 Higher Honours – Representative Players**

#### **Waikato U16 Girls**

Sienna Sanders  
Eystel Tapu  
Awananui Callaghan

#### **NZ Harlequins U16 Boys**

Teina Beets  
Brody Emery

#### **NZ Harlequins U16 Girls**

Taylin Quinn  
Maddie Leppard  
Annaiah Gibbens

### **TAC Rugby Club Awards**

**Team Award** (for Team Culture & Unity): U55kg

**ME Accounting Service Award** (for Outstanding Contribution to TAC Rugby): Willem Poolman  
**Sanders Trophy** (for Most Valuable Overall Girls Player): Sienna Sanders

**Mr JG Williamson Trophy** (for Most Valuable Overall Boys Player): Ryan Baillie

**TWM Tataurangi Award** (for Coach of the Year – inaugural presentation): Mark Harrison



## **1<sup>st</sup> XV**

Played in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division and finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Won the Waipa Cup.

Most Improved Player: Thomas Frandi

Best Team Player (contribution to the team): Michael Stuart

Fair Play & Team Commitment: Jack Cole

Most Valuable Player: Ryan Baillie

Coached by Willem Poolman and Chris Shields

Managed by Keri Baillie.



**Season** - The season started with about 30 players trialling. Of these 25 were selected to join the squad, these lads were honoured for their success in team selection with a great evening shared with their families, being presented with their blazers. With quite a young squad this year, it took a few games for coaches and players to all gel and find their feet with each other and their (in some cases new) positions. The first 4 games saw us with 3 losses, but instead of dragging our feet, we kept our chins high and really rallied together - undeterred we tightened our straps and then went unbeaten for the rest of season! We finished up 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Division 2 competition. An amazing result. These boys showed some great progress over the season, in not only their skill on the field, but in themselves. The season was a real credit to the way they carried themselves and showed some incredible dedication to training and games each week – that's what makes a team a team. We were also incredibly lucky to have some fabulous leadership with Ryan, Billy and the rest of the leadership team, who provided some great guidance to their teammates.

**Reunion Weekend** - This weekend brought together those that were involved in TAC Rugby 1<sup>st</sup> XV 'back in the day' with the current players. We played a game against the Division 1, 1<sup>st</sup> XV Matamata team on a ground that was surrounded by plenty of spectators. Unfortunately we couldn't come away with a win, but the atmosphere was exciting none-the-less. The pre-game hype started with some great words of wisdom and presentation of the game jerseys by none other than Steve Gordon, with the day ending with a meal shared between both teams and those in attendance as part of the reunion. As part of this weekend also, the Tataurangi family donated a stunning trophy to TAC Rugby to be presented each year to 'Coach of the Year' - a very generous gesture, and something that will serve to hold some great names in coaching for years to come.

**Waipa Cup** – Nothing like a bit of neighbourly rivalry, and that's exactly what the Waipa Cup is about. An annual battle against our friends from Cambridge 1<sup>st</sup> XV. As the current holders of the Waipa Cup, we were on a mission to defend, and defend we did. Despite the terrible weather (on repeat from the 2022 game it seemed!), the evening game under lights was provided some exciting entertainment. We came away with a win 25 – 08.

**Northern Region Tournament** – We got invited to the Northern Region Cup in Pukekohe. A total of 10x Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XV teams from the Northern Region participated, split into 2 Pools to play in a 3 day tournament. We travelled up in vans each day and are grateful to Te Awamutu Sports, Pirongia Sports and the TA Club for use of their vans. This tournament was a great bonding experience for the team, with Day 1 providing them with a bit of an eye-opening experience. Day 2 they were amped and came away with wins in both games. And by the end of Day 3, the team had finished up in a very respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> in their pool, and 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Also participating were 6 female teams.

**Past vs Present** – The infamous annual battle of the past players vs the present players. Always a great dogfight between the ‘old’ and the ‘young’. Between the moments of seriousness and ‘muscle flexing’ were some real belly aching laughs for all present – players and supporters. This evening game under lights came with a new element this year, the inaugural presentation of the Bruce Bain award for the winning side. Even though we were unable to defend the win of 2022, it was quite fitting that the past players got to hold that trophy high above their heads this year, given how Bruce Bain had been a huge part of many of their rugby lives in one way or another.

**NZ Barbarians** – Our season rounded out with a fun invitational game to play against the NZ Schools Barbarians team. This was a fun way to end what has been a great season for the TAC 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby team.

Congratulations to our 2 players who made higher honours Rep teams, Brody Emery and Teina Beets. Thanks to our Captain Ryan Baillie, and Co-Captain Billy Ouston, along with the rest of the leadership team of Jack Kelly, Corbin Fleming and Connor Storey.

We wish our Year 13's all the best for their lives out in the big wide world and hope to continue to see you on the field. We hope to see the rest of the team back for 2024!

Keri Ballie  
Manager

### **U15 Girls**

Coached by Andy Tyer and Cam Wooler. Managed by Sharyn Gibbens. Played in the U15 10-side competition finishing 4<sup>th</sup>.

Most Improved Player: Brya Comins

Best Team Player (contribution to the team): Amelia Tyer

Most Valuable Player: Eystel Tapu



### **U14 Boys**

Coached by Mike Fullerton-Smith

Managed by Gareth Billings.

Played in the U14B competition and finished 5<sup>th</sup>.

Most Improved Player: Regan Densem

Best Team Player (contribution to the team): Corey McKenzie

Most Valuable Player: Sione Otufangucalu





## Under 15s

Coached by Mario Le Roux and Paul Dale. Played in the U15B competition and finished 6<sup>th</sup>.

Most Improved Player:

Lucas Kendall

Best Team Player (contribution to the team): Hunter Coleman

Most Valuable Player: Zac Green



Starting off the season in Division A, we came up against what would turn out to be the top 2 teams in that division. The first game against St Paul's was an eye opener for the players as the St Pauls team were a well drilled, fit group of players. Though the result was a one-sided game, it did not stop our players from giving there all for the full 70 minutes.

Our second game saw us up against HBHS third under 15 team, and though only having the bare 15 players for the game and finishing the game with only 14 players due to injury, the boys showed that they were a group that could compete with the best teams when they worked together and played as a team.

With a concern over playing numbers and making sure the boys were enjoying their footy, a request was made to Waikato Rugby, and we were moved into Division B.

Our first game was against Melville. Starting the game with only 13, we took it to Melville and scored some fantastic team tries and headed into half time up 27 – 5. In the second half we carried on with our work however after about 5 minutes, one of our players was taken high in a no arms tackle and required an ambulance to be called. The game ended there with the team taking their first win of the season.

HBHS Red was our next game. This game was a frustrating one for the coaches. The boys didn't play anywhere near the level they could, as a result the game got away from us, and we finished with a difference of 20 points.

Things changed a week later when we played Te Kuiti. Something clicked that day, and the boys went out and played like we knew they could. Our forwards were dominating them up front and we started to move the ball around and make their bigger boys run out of puff. In the end we came away with a 40-point win.

HBHS White was our next game, with a full squad available we were able to continue the momentum we had generated and again played as a team and came away with a 30-point victory. We were finally playing to what we thought we were capable of.!

The following weekend saw us going into school holidays without a game for a month, so a game was arranged against Cambridge prior to the Waipa Cup game. Cambridge was in the A Division, so a tough game for the boys. In fading, if any light, the boys stood tall against Cambridge and with minutes to go were pushing their line to get over for the winning score. Unfortunately, we left things a bit late but came away with a very narrow 4-point loss.

After a four week break because of a bye, we took on Morrinsville away with the bare 15 players. The players carried on where they left off and we completely dominated them for the full length of the game. Morrinsville failed to get any points in the game, and we came away with a well-deserved 38-point win.

The following week, we took on the second placed St John's team, and the team took it to them and for large parts of the game were the dominant team. With the opportunity to extend the lead, we were over under the post however lost the ball and from there St Johns scored. A further try to them extended the lead which was a step too far for the boys to get back and we went down by 10-points.

In what was a semi-final to play off for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> against HBHS White. Like our previous game against them, we dominated them all over the park and ran away with a 22-point win.

In a turn of events and much to the disappointment of the team, this turned out to be our last competition game.

Overall, it was a season of ups and downs, from a significant loss first game to a last month of games that showed the potential this team and the players had. Though we had struggled with numbers getting to trainings and sometimes light on players for games, we grew through the season and came away as coaches with a sense of pride for what the team achieved.

Our top points scorer for the season was our chief goal kicker Gordon "Gordy" O'Carroll with 45 points, while our top try scorer was Millan Roberts with 7 tries for the season, one ahead of the versatile Taylor Tata with 6.

Paul Dale  
Coach



## Under 16s

First thanks for the chance to coach the Under 16's this year,

I loved getting to know the boys this year and forming a support group of help we started to develop a team which was almost always very competitive on the field. The boys started to gel very well as the season progressed and the banter at trainings was always a good sign.

A big thanks to Harlem for the photos which he always shared to our Facebook page and shout out to Nathan who stepped up when Dylan was injured early in the season. I hope you all carry on enjoying high school sport and build great memories to carry forward with you.

Paul Harrison: U16 Coach



## U55 kg

Coached by Mark Harrison and Chris Reymer, our U55kg team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in their competition. Season prizewinners are:

Most Improved Player: Jake Green

Best Team Player (contribution to the team): Daniel Harrison

Most Valuable Player: Connor Sweeney



# VOLLEYBALL

## Junior Volleyball

The Junior Volleyball teams were selected in the middle of Term 3 and are currently involved in the six weeks Waikato Schools competition being played across several venues in Hamilton. There are 48 girls teams and 26 boys teams entered, such is the junior growth in Waikato Volleyball.

The **Junior Premier Girls' team** is being coached by Year 11 students Dareeya Mickell and Libby Haynes. The team is showing good promise and have won their first four games and should hopefully continue Te Awamutu's record of doing well at Division 1 Waikato level. Year 10 players team Captain Tia Johns and Charlotte Mackie return from the 2022 Junior team, while the remaining seven are Year 9 girls Sian Beare, Panha Chhouk, Avie Botha, Keely Johnson, Grace Fursdon, Lucy Bicknell and Casi Rewha.



The **Junior Girls Development team** is being coached by Year 11 students Dejah Stojovic-Stark and Faith Still and are playing in the Division 2 competition, also beginning their season with four wins after week 2 of competition.

Team players are Nieve Alchin, Tallulah Blair, Diva Edwards, Kylisea Edwards, Zoe Higham, Maddison Miller, Divija Modi, Steph Ryan, Anna Swney.





The **Junior Premier Boys team** of Ratanak Chhouk, Blake Ellis, Alex Grobbelaar, Kelly Hohepa, Sam Sheridan, Jason Shum, Kingston Taylor-Werahiko and Blake Whale—all Year 9 students and Nathan Dale is the sole Year 10 player. The team is coached by ex-student Arapeta Muraahi and is playing in the tough Division 1 Waikato competition with two wins so far.



The Junior Boys Development team is coached by Senior students Sterling Te Huia and Harlem Edmonds and is playing Division 2 in Waikato.

Players include Ryan Allen, Shea Buik, Joaquin Cacho, Mathew Dickson, Johannes Jager, Elijah Johnson, Chase Kete, Corey Pepper, Tong Fou Po and Connor Simons.



If they do well at Waikato level, both the Girls and Boys Premier teams will be participating in the North Island Junior Volleyball tournament in Takanini 21 -24 November.

Keith Bain  
TAC Volleyball

## SPORTS EXCELLENCE 2023

Casey-Lee	Baker	Rowing - Girls Under 18 Double 10th place in New Zealand
Emily	Bathgate	Sailing - Burgess Trophy - Waikato/Thames Valley Secondary Schools Teams Sailing Championships - 3rd place
Livia	Bigham	Lacrosse - Waikato Under 18 Girls Lacrosse, Under 18 Girls Lacrosse National Champion
Milla	Botha	Powerlifting New Zealand Record Holder
Josh	Chisholm	Gymnastics - Waikato Senior Men's Team
Eva	Davis	Equestrian - Waikato Pony Club Eventing Team
Breanna	Doig	Swimming - Waikato Secondary School Place Getter
Asarina	Johnson	Rowing - Girls Under 18 Double 10th place in New Zealand
Daniel	Kits	Athletics - Multiple North Island Champion
Summer	Korkie	Equestrian - North Island Secondary Schools Showjumping - 2nd place
Adam	Mark	Sailing - Burgess Trophy - Waikato/Thames Valley Secondary Schools Team Sailing Championships - 3rd place
Kayden	Naera	Powerlifting NZ Record Holder
Blake	Novak	Golf - 2nd place Australian Junior Masters
Maia	Oxenham	Rodeo - North Island Rodeo Team
Alex	Park	Volleyball Under 17 National Champion
Kaelyn	Strawbridge	Equestrian - Waikato Pony Club Eventing Team





## CONGRATULATIONS TO EX STUDENTS...

### **Brylee Gibbes—2023 World Hip Hop Dance Championships**

Brylee headed off to Phoenix, Arizona to represent her 2 Teams AND New Zealand at the Hip Hop World Championships Thursday, 27 July 2023.

In January 2023 after a strenuous 2-day auditioning process in Auckland, she was excited to successfully gain a place in 2 Identity Dance Company (IDCO) teams. The only person from Waipa to gain a place. That was her Step 1 of trying to get to Worlds. To gain a place within a nationally reputable and competitive dance company.

Identity dance company is New Zealand's top competition dance company (IDCO).

The 2 teams she made were:

'Masque'-a world-renowned all-girls hip hop crew

AND

'Yung ID' - also a world-renowned mega crew.

After preparing and training with her teams 'Masque' and 'Yung ID', she competed at the New Zealand Hip Hop International World Championship qualifier, in April this year. Through preliminary stages both teams made it into the finals.

Then at finals she finished-

Masque 3<sup>rd</sup> place in New Zealand-Varsity Division

Yung Id 1<sup>st</sup> place in New Zealand-JV Mega Crew Division

So BOTH teams qualified for the Hip Hop World Dance Championships to be held in Phoenix, Arizona, USA. Step 2 completed.

Brylee trained 5 days a week and trained upwards of 6-8 hours a day in the lead up to the Worlds.

### **[Hip Hop World Championships](#)**

This kid is tenacious and driven!

Despite this endeavour being an expensive and self funded one, we are extremely proud of her and hope you join with us in celebrating what an achievement it is to get to this position alone and wish her and her teams the best of luck competing on the World stage.





### Update:

Congratulations to Brylee Gibbes who has won a silver medal at the 2023 World Hip Hop Dance Championships in Phoenix, Arizona as part of a Kiwi crew- "Yung ID".

330 crews from more than 40 countries took part.

Brylee's talent, dedication and mahi have been rewarded.

### Maude Rewha

Maude Rewha is captain of the Aotearoa Maori Volleyball Women's Under 20 team. They have 4 matches coming up in Thailand.

An exciting and challenging tour...

Once again, talent, motivation and commitment have been recognised.

## AWARDS

### CULTURAL EXCELLENCE BADGES (AS AT 2 AUGUST 2023)

Waikato Culinary Fare 2023—Olivia Bell

Gold—Cup Cakes

Silver—Café Cake

Bronze—Cold Dessert

Bronze—Mystery Box

### DEBATING AND SPEAKING AWARDS

- Winners of the Waikato Schools' Debating competition (Novice division):  
Eva Walton, Saraiah Hongara, Yasmeen Ibrahim and Anna Swney

### KIA TŪ LEADERS 2023

Year 13

- Riley Allen
- Caelyn Robson
- Stephanie Hill
- Mariana Puarere
- Haevyn Takataka
- Eternal Te Moananui
- Michaela Tumohe

Year 12

- Aaria Gregory-McIlroy
- Manea Purua
- Georgie Rewha
- Tāwhaki Waaka

## CULTURAL EXCELLENCE



Peter McLellan (Year 11) won the award for Best Print in the 15-19 years category in the recent National Youth Awards. He is pictured next to his winning work – titled “Babushka – Ukraine.”

Well done, Peter.



## TERM 4 CALENDAR 2023

### WEEK 3

Monday 23 October

Tuesday 24 October

Wednesday 25 October

#### **Labour Day**

Art Exhibition 3.30-5pm (Hall)

Learning Support—Pirongia  
Pd 4 Senior Assembly  
Junior Deans' Assemblies  
Board Meeting 5.30pm

### WEEK 4

Monday 30 October

Tuesday 31 October

Wednesday 1 November

Thursday 2 November

Pd 1—9-11am (no Pd 2)

#### **9.15-10.45 Numeracy CAA**

Pd 1 & 2 Senior Prizegiving Practice

Pd 3 11.30-1.30 (no Pd 4)

#### **11.45-1.15pm Reading CAA**

Pd 1 & 2 Senior Prizegiving Practice (Last day of L3 classes)

Pd 4 Form Class

Pd 1 9.00-11.00am (no Pd 2)

#### **9.15-10.45 Writing CAA**

Senior Deans' Assemblies

Pd 1 & 2 Yr 13—Pavilion

Pd 3 Yr 11—Hall

Pd 4 Yr 12—Hall

12.00 Events Centre Set-Up

Kapa Haka 3.20-8.00pm

Friday 3 November

#### **Senior Prizegiving 10.30am Events Centre**

Wahine Toa Activity (Yr 13) - Hamilton

### WEEK 5

Monday 6 November

Tuesday 7 November

Wednesday 8 November

Friday 10 November

#### **NCEA EXAMS BEGIN**

9OEE Maungatautari #1

Pd 4 Jnr Form Class

9OEE Maungatautari #2



## **WEEK 6**

Monday 13 November

**Teachers Only Day**

Wednesday 15 November

Pd 4 Junior—TBA  
Sport/Culture Appreciation Evening 5.30—7pm  
(Staffroom)

Friday 17 November

Wahine Toa—Raglan

## **WEEK 7**

Monday 20 November

10OED Kayak #1  
North Island Secondary Schools Junior Volleyball

Tuesday 21 November

10OED Kayak #2

Wednesday 22 November

10OED Kayak #3  
Pd 4 Junior—TBA  
Board Meeting 5.30pm

Thursday 23 November

10OED Kayak #4

Friday 24 November

10OED Kayak #5

## **WEEK 8**

Tuesday 28 November

9OEE RC #1

Wednesday 29 November

Kapa Haka—outing  
Pd 4 Junior—TBA

Thursday 30 November

**NCEA Exams Finish**  
10OED Orienteering  
9/10DRA Devising

Friday 1 December

9OEE RC # 2



### **WEEK 9**

Monday 4 December

Pd 2 Junior Prize-Giving Practice

Tuesday 5 December

Pd 1 Junior Prize-Giving Practice

Graduation Dinner Vilagrad 7pm

Wednesday 6 December

Pd 4 Junior Assembly

Thursday 7 December

Deans' Assemblies:

Pd 3 Yr 9

Pd 4 Yr 10

Kapa Haka 3.20-8.00pm

**3.10pm Junior Reports Issued**

Friday 8 December

**Junior Prize-Giving 10.30am (Hall)**

### **WEEK 10**

Monday 11 December

Open for Instruction

**End of Term**



**We will be Open for Instruction on  
Monday 11 December.**

**We will provide more information  
about what this entails at a later date.**

## UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

### 2023

5 December—Tuesday	3.30pm-6.00pm
6 December—Wednesday	3.30pm-6.00pm

### 2024

22 January— Monday	9.00am-3.30pm
23 January—Tuesday	9.00am-6.00pm
24 January—Wednesday	9.00am-3.30pm
25 January—Thursday	9.00am-6.00pm
26 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 \$100.00 per term.

Bus Enquiries: Noel Cox 021 405 560

## TERMS / DATES 2024

<i>Term 1:</i>	Tuesday 30 January — Friday 12 April (11 weeks)
<i>Term 2:</i>	Monday 29 April — Friday 5 July (10 weeks)
<i>Term 3</i>	Monday 22 July — Friday 27 September (10 weeks)
<i>Term 4</i>	Monday 14 October — Wednesday 11 December (8 1/2 weeks)

<i>Waitangi Day</i>	<i>(Term 1)</i>	Monday 6 February
<i>Easter</i>	<i>(Term 1)</i>	Good Friday 29 March Easter Monday 1 April Easter Tuesday 2 April

<i>ANZAC Day</i>	<i>(Holidays)</i>	Tuesday 25 April
<i>Teacher Only Day #1</i>	<i>(Term 2)</i>	Friday 31 May
<i>King's Birthday</i>	<i>(Term 2)</i>	Monday 3 June
<i>Matariki</i>	<i>(Term 2)</i>	Friday 28 June
<i>Labour Day</i>	<i>(Term 4)</i>	Monday 23 October
<i>Teacher Only Day #2</i>	<i>(Term 4)</i>	Friday 15 November



## COURSE CONFIRMATION 2024

All Year 12 and Year 13 students are required to confirm their courses by coming to the Library to see your Deans on **Tuesday 23 January or Wednesday 24 January 2023.**

If your **LAST NAME** begins with:

<b>A—F</b>	<b>come in between</b>	<b>10.00am—12.00pm Tuesday 23 January</b>
<b>G—L</b>	<b>come in between</b>	<b>1.00pm—3.00pm Tuesday 23 January</b>
<b>M—R</b>	<b>come in between</b>	<b>10.00am—12.00pm Wednesday 24 January</b>
<b>S—Z</b>	<b>come in between</b>	<b>1.00pm—3.00pm Wednesday 24 January</b>

## ENROLMENTS 2024 (All levels)

<b>Thursday 25 January</b>	<b>Years 9 &amp; 10 9.00am—12.00pm (Student Centre)</b>
	<b>Years 11 - 13 11.30am—12.45pm (Student Centre)</b>

## STARTING DATES 2024

<b>Tuesday 30 January, 8.45am</b>	<b>Yr 9 (Hall) start</b> <b>Yr 13 (Marae) start</b> <b>Powhiri 10.00am</b>
<b>Wednesday 31 January, 8.45am</b>	<b>Yr 11 (Hall) start</b> <b>Yr 12 (Keith Millar Gym) start</b>
<b>Thursday 1 February, 8.45am</b>	<b>Yr 10 (Hall) start</b>
<b>Friday 2 February, 8.45am</b>	<b>Yr 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 at school</b>

**WANTED - Homestay Families for International Students for 2024**  
**(and beyond)**

Both nationally and here at Te Awamutu College, the International Student programme is attracting strong interest and is expected to continue to grow.

Te Awamutu College is proud to provide to a small number of International Students, the opportunity to gain a genuine “Kiwi Life Experience” here in Te Awamutu. International Students live with local homestay families and attend school, usually for either a term or a school year’s duration.

Homestays are expected to provide a safe and supportive home life, assist students to successfully integrate into the New Zealand lifestyle and to provide reassurance to overseas parents that the student is well cared for and happy in New Zealand. Being a host family can be a very rewarding experience and often strong friendships are built, which can last a lifetime. Homestays receive a generous weekly allowance to cover accommodation and living costs.

We have several new students arriving in 2024 and need enthusiastic homestay families for these students.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a homestay family and hosting an International Student, please contact me without delay and I will send you out an information pack.

Mr Bob Hollinshead  
Assistant Principal  
Ph: 07 871 4199 ext 226  
Email: [bhollinshead@tac.school.nz](mailto:bhollinshead@tac.school.nz)



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