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Newsletter 1: Term 1: Week 2 Date: 14th February, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

Tēnā anō tātou

Mai ee te tipua, Mai ee te tawhito, Mai ee te kāhui o ngā Ariki, Mai ee i te kūititanga o taku manawa, ki te nehenehenui o taku ngākau, kia tupu-a-nuku, kia tupu-a-rangi, kia tupu whakaritorito kia pūāwai noa
 Hui te marama, hui te ora, Whiria ngā taura here kia mau, kia ita!
 Haumi ee, hui ee, tāiki ee!

Nei rā te tuku i ngā kupu whakamoemiti ki tō tātou Kaihanga, ka whakahonore i tō tātou Kīngi me te whare Kāhui Ariki, Paimārire.

Ki ngā mate, moe mai rā ki roto i ngā ringa kaha o tō tātou Matua i te rangi.

Rātou te hunga mate ki a rātou.

Tātou mā ngā waihonga iho o rātou mā, tēnā rā koutou katoa.

I greet you all at the beginning of 2019 with the hope that your mind is fresh, your body is rejuvenated and your spirit is willing.

Monday 4th February saw the arrival to our whanau of 66 new Year 9 students from our contributing primary schools of Rangitoto, Benneydale, Centennial Park, Te Kūiti Primary school, Pukenui and St Joseph's, as well as a number of senior students new to our school.

We have three new members of staff that bring to our kura their own unique skills and experience.



Mr Bell, Miss Lake-Perez and Mr Shirley

Te Rehia Lake-Perez was appointed last year and will be working closely with Matua AJ in Te Puāwaitanga as a kaiarahi. She is a very passionate young lady who has had extensive experience in working with rangatahi who need extra and different support

Manawaiti Bell was appointed the new English teacher. He has taught in Hamilton, overseas, and in Wellington. However, he was born and bred in Te Kūiti and is basically coming home. In coming home, Manawaiti brings with him vast teaching experience in other areas of the curriculum, especially Te Reo Maori and Physical Education.

Rob Shirley is joining us on a one term Mathematics teacher appointment. Rob is vastly experienced in Mathematics being HOD Mathematics and Computing in other schools.

Ki a koutou ra ngā ākonga, ngā kaiako hou hoki, haere mai, nau mai whakatau mai ki te whānau whānui o Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kūiti.

NCEA RESULTS

The NCEA results from 2018 gives us some concern. Compared to 2017, Level 1 was lower, Level 2 was on a par and Level 3 slightly up. In comparison to other Decile 1 to 3 schools, our achievement rates were on a par. What was of real concern however, was the percentage of our students who didn't achieve and the continued disparities between Maori and Pakeha students. After the recent staff wananga at Napinapi Marae, discussion has started on a way forward for all our students to achieve success academically.

NAPINAPI MARAE STAFF WANANGA

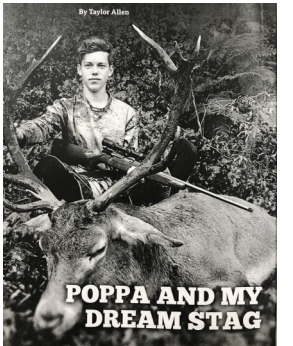
As mentioned earlier, the staff of Te Kūiti High School had a two day wananga at Napinapi Marae. During this wananga the staff were introduced to the programme, Write That Essay, that is aimed at lifting the writing skills of our students which is our major achievement challenge from Community of Learning.

Data analysing our NCEA results was presented. There were some positives, but it also highlighted a number of glaring concerns. The wananga provided an ideal opportunity to begin discussion on how we are going to make our school better.

One of the main focuses of the wananga was a reconnection to Te Ao Maori. Our staff were challenged to do a number of things and for me they all overcame these challenges with flying colours. They were challenged to write out and then say their pēpēha in front of others. They all did. Their pēpēha along with their photo, will be displayed in the Atrium in the coming weeks.

At the beginning of this panui is a karakia. This was written by Matua Rawiri Stephens. It will be the school's karakia to start every hui we have in the school. It will be learnt by all students. At the wananga, our kaiako were challenged to learn it. They all did. We now say it at the beginning of all our hui. They have also begun to learn a patere written again by Matua Rawiri which is a historical and geographical description of the area that we live in. This challenge is on going.

I cannot say enough about how proud I was of all the staff for the acceptance of and the determination to complete these challenges.



STUDENT SUCCESS

If you have not already heard, Te Kūiti High School is celebrating the success of three of its students in both the academic and sporting world.

Samantha Corbett has continued her very successful athletics achievement by being selected to represent New Zealand at the 2019 IAAF World Cross Country Championship in Denmark next week.

Also, carrying on her achievements in her sport of Motocross, Samantha Kelly has become the North Island Series senior women's Motocross champion.

Maija Stephens, our 2018 Dux, has been recognised as the top photography student in New Zealand and has been awarded the Top Subject Scholar Scholarship. The following statistics gives a real idea of her achievement:

There were 3070 students entered into Level 3 Photography. 84 were awarded scholarships by attaining marks between 13- 19 out of 24. 9 students were awarded Outstanding Scholarship by attaining marks between 20- 24 out of 24.

Maija achieved 24/24!!!

For this achievement, Maija will receive a monetary award of \$2000 each year for three years for further education. The school, especially her teacher Whaea Marama and her parents Rawiri and Kristy Stephens, are all very proud of her achievement.

On Wednesday, we got the news of the achievement of another one of our students. Taylor Allen had his Level 1 Creative Writing story published in the NZ Outdoor Hunting magazine. His account of 'waking up at 4 am in the morning, preparing for and then going on a quest for the 12 pointer', is a quality piece of writing that is realistic in its description. Here are two quotes that caught my attention and I am sure those of you who do hunt can really relate.

"As we make our way down the rugged valley towards the rushing river, I spot the silhouette of something huge loitering at the edge of the bushline"

"My heart starts spinning and my mouth is dry, as all I can think about is finally getting my chance."

Tau Ke! (Awesome) Taylor.

Myself and the staff of Te Kūiti High cannot heap enough accolades on Sam, Samantha, Maija and Taylor for their achievements and they certainly are living up to my favourite whakatauaki.

*Whaia e koe te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe, me he maunga teitei
 Shoot for the stars and let nothing hold you back*

The beginning of the year always brings anticipation and expectation. Anticipation of what could happen and expectation of what will happen. The year ahead will have challenges, it will have its positives and not so positives. It is year where we will elect a new Board of Trustees; we will welcome a new Deputy Principal; we are due a visit from ERO and we will continue to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students and staff.

My personal vision for the school, and I have said this to anyone that will listen, is that 'Te Kūiti High School will be the best small school in New Zealand.' We have made an awesome start to this moemoea.

*No reira
 Turuturu o whiti whakamaui kia tina! Tina!
 Haumi eē, Hui ē, Taiki ē*

Papa Thomas Tumai
 Tumuaiki of Te Kura Tuarua of Te Kūiti



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SCHOOL WIDE SWIMMING SPORTS

Monday, 18th February

It is compulsory for all students and will be an all day event. Students will arrive at school at 9:00 am in **FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM** and head straight to the hall, from there rolls will be taken. After roll check, students will be accompanied by staff and walk down to the pools where they will remain for the day. They will be released from the pools and bus students will be escorted by staff back to school. Students should bring their own lunch but there will be a sausage sizzle available for a big chunk of the day.

Students will need:

Togs, sunhat, sunscreen, LOTS of water, lunch, school uniform (to come to school in and leave the pools in).

Parents/whanau are more than welcome to attend this event and support the students. If you would like to help out on the day please contact Miss Houchen– 878 6292.



COACHES/MANAGERS/ REFEREES WANTED

Every year a number of volunteers offer to take sports teams. Their time and effort is very valuable to our school and we are very appreciative of their support and commitment. The following sports teams are in need of coaches and/or managers.

Soccer—Boys and Girls (Managers only)

Hockey

Netball

If you are interested in helping with coaching and/or managing a team, please ring the school – 07 878 6292 or contact Nano 022 165 7567.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

Monday, 25th February

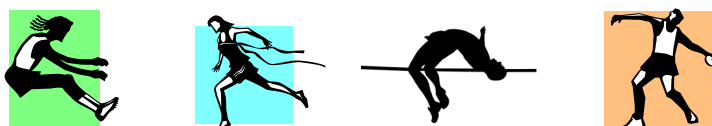
Te Kūiti High School Athletic Sports are going to take place on **Monday the 25th February 2019**. This is the second major event towards the inter-house championship each year.

The athletic sports is a whole school event and **all students are expected to compete in a minimum of 3 events**. If you wish to compete for your **age group championship, you must complete a run, a jump and a throw plus any 2 other events**.

Parents and Caregivers, please feel free to come and support your students. If you would like to offer your support to help out on the day, that would be fantastic. Just contact any of the Physical Education staff at the school.

Wayne Lupton

HOD of PE & Health TKHS



STUDENT LATENESS

Students who are late (after 9.10am) must come to the office to sign in.

Friendly Reminder: Students who need to leave school for any reason during the day must be collected and signed out at the Student Admin Centre by a parent/ caregiver, unless the school has been advised.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation in helping us to keep your child/ren safe.

2019 IMPORTANT DATES Term 1

February

Monday 18 TKHS Swimming Sports
 Monday 25 TKHS Athletic Sports

March

Friday 1 KC Swimming Sports
 Wednesday 6 Attitude Presentation
 Saturday 23 WAI/BOP Athletics
 Monday 25 Waka Ama Championships to Friday 29th
 Friday 29 Photolife

April

Tuesday 2 Waikato Swimming Championships
 Saturday 6 North Island SS Athletics
 Thursday 11 Meet the Teachers Evening
 Friday 12 LAST DAY OF TERM 1
 Saturday 13 Kiorahi Nationals to Wednesday 17th

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