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Dear Parents/Guardians
Tēnā rā koutou katoa

*Mai ee te tīpua, 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!*



Since our last newsletter there have been a number of outstanding activities that really show how our school punches above its weight in culture, sports, music, and events all made for a very busy August.

1st August: Te Kūiti High School Showcase

The accolades heaped on our students, staff and helpers for this year's Showcase were all well deserved. I was told how good this event would be and that there was always community support for it, so I did have high expectations of what I would see and hear. I can honestly say my expectations were well and truly exceeded. I was blown away about the superior musicianship of some of our students, the complex arrangements mastered by the jazz band, the vocal accuracy and dexterity of the singer, the talent of our junior students and the number of students that participated in the whole production both in major and minor roles. These qualities did not just happen. It was the result of the dedication and perseverance to develop knowledge, skill and talent over a period of time to achieve excellence. It was obvious at the end that students didn't get there on their own. So to Emma, David and the itinerant teachers, e tika ano te whakatauki nei (the following saying still applies);

I te wā e homai noa ai te tohungatanga me te mōhio, ka tupu ngā mea pai kātoa
When expertise and skill is given freely, all will flourish

Combine the above with the visual and vocal support to all performers by the music students watching and the community audience, it was a night to be proud of by all.

9th August: Te Kūiti High School Senior School Ball



Being my first Ball at Te Kūiti High School, I did not expect this occasion to be any different to the other 22 Balls I have attended in other schools. I was wrong. From meeting the students at the beginning of the night to setting the alarm and locking the door when everyone was gone, this Ball had many positive differences. The only thing that was the same was the beauty of our young ladies and how handsome our young men were.

Meeting and greeting all the students at the beginning of the night was different. Margaret and I enjoyed welcoming them to the night and complimenting them on their appearance. Greeting the boys with a hongi is becoming normal now and it showed that night as there was no hesitation as they knew what was expected. Throughout the night

students were engaged with the whole occasion. There were no bored looks halfway through the night, no constant request to leave or the suspicious behaviour as you moved through the hall. All I saw was young people enjoying themselves.

16th August: Restorative Practice PLD

Te Kūiti High School and Piopio College staff combined for a professional learning day with a kaupapa of Restorative Practice. This not only provided professional learning for the staff but the opportunity for both schools to build a professional relationship with one another, something that is very rare in the education system. The hope between the Principal of Piopio College, Mr Johan van Deventer and myself, is that we also include Otorohanga College in this relationship in the future.

23rd August: Orange Day

An awesome day was held when Te Kūiti High School participated in the community's Orange Day in support of Ethan and Sam. Thanks to Mr Londt for organising their visit to the school and also to Teagan Houchen and her work with the Student Council to prepare the activities at our Orange Day assembly. Nice also to have the 'Explorers' children there. Seeing so many staff in Orange and all the decorations was so encouraging and I know it meant a lot to "the boys". Make sure you are following the TKHS facebook page for more photos and videos of the day. Also vote for the boys to win the 'People's Choice Award'.



Gold Success

On the same day, our Jazz Band and Guitar ensemble achieved a Gold medal and merit awards for stagecraft and musicianship in Hamilton. Congratulations Emma, David, John and Itinerant teachers of music on excellent work towards our Jazz Band and Guitar Ensemble on achieving Gold and additional Merit award for their musicianship and stagecraft.



Youth District Council Dinner

20 of our students and partners attended an evening where successful people in our community shared their stories. Ngarangi, Taetia and Hinearangi are our Youth Council Leaders.



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26th August: TLC King Country under 16 Team

Congratulations to the following students for being named in this representative team; Michael Fetalaiga, Zylar Hatu-Prat, Patrick Hedley, Liam Knight, Keahrey Manson and Kingi Williams.



Hockey Success

Congratulations to the combined Te Kūiti High School/Piopio College/Otorohanga College Hockey Boys Team, winners of the Birch Cup Secondary Schools C Grade Boys competition.

28th August: Speech Competition

Te Kūiti High School speech competition joint winners; Kiersten Camitan and Valiant Holland and runner-up Bailey Croad. Special mention to Regan Harris who not only was the master of ceremony but was the only speaker in the senior section.



29th August: Junior Basketball

Te Kūiti High School Junior Basketball finished top of the Waikato Secondary Basketball Junior Open A grade and 7th overall at the Junior Premiership Zones competition in Rotorua.

2nd September: Chess

Te Kūiti High School hosted the Chess Power Regional Tournament. TKHS A team placed second with Alex Young gaining the award for the player who advanced the most points.



2nd—6th September: Senior Basketball

We wish the Te Kūiti Senior Basketball team all the best who are competing at the National Secondary Schools Basketball tournament in Palmerston North.

4th September: Year 8 Orientation Programme

The start of Year 8 Orientation programme with visits to our contributing primary schools with ex pupils presenting information about Te Kūiti High School and what new students will expect to see, feel and do.

UPCOMING ORIENTATION EVENTS

Wednesday, 11th September: 5.00pm to 7.00pm: Information Evening Te Kūiti High School
Tuesday, 22nd October: 10.00am—1.00pm: Orientation day at TKHS
11th - 15th November: 2020 Year 9 enrolments at individual schools by Papa Thomas.

**Papa Thomas Tumai
Tumuaki o Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kūiti**

YEAR 8 STUDENTS & CAREGIVERS INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday, 11th September

Starting at 5.00pm

Te Kūiti High School

5:00pm

Assembly in Hall

Address by the Principal

5:10 pm

Students and parents will be divided into groups and escorted to different areas of the school to watch a 10 minute presentation from Head of Departments of the main learning areas of the school.

7:00 pm

Return to School Hall—Conclusion

NZ SCHOOL OF TOURISM VISIT



MEASLES ALERT

There are currently outbreaks of measles in New Zealand. Immunisation is your best protection against measles and the MMR vaccine is available free from your GP. Please ensure that you know if you are vaccinated or not.

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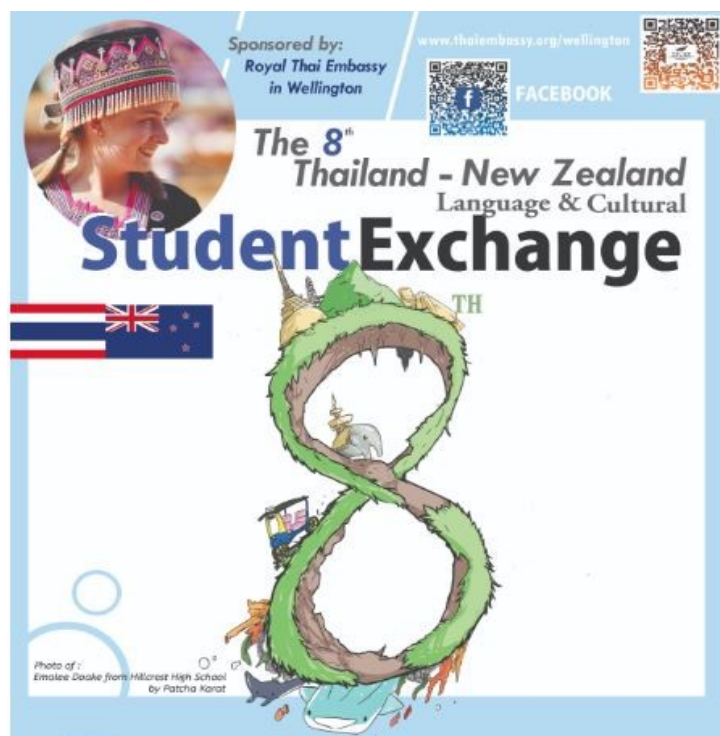
If you have these symptoms, call Healthline 0800 611 116 or your GP for advice, before going to your doctor.

~SCHOOL CLOSED~



THAI STUDENT EXCHANGE

Year 10—12 students interested in an exchange to Thailand, please see Mrs Wright. Duration is from the 3rd January to 5th February 2020.



2019 IMPORTANT DATES Term 3

September

Wednesday 11	Year 8 Student/Caregiver Evening
Tuesday 17	TEACHER ONLY DAY
Friday 20	King Country Touch
Wednesday 25	Kiorahi Tournament
Thursday 26	TKHS Res A Netball Tournament to
	Saturday 5th Oct
Friday 27	LAST DAY OF TERM 3





MATHEMATICS @ TE KŪITI HIGH SCHOOL

The only way to learn Mathematics is to do Mathematics – Paul Halmos.

Mathematics is a great motivator for all humans because its career starts with zero and it never ends (infinity).

Mathematics is one language in which the meaning of each symbol can be defined precisely. Mathematics can be challenging, beautiful, powerful and fascinating.

Te Kūiti High School Mathematics Department has a strong team of teachers who are passionate about teaching Mathematics to young learners. They actively seek exciting and inclusive ways of engaging students.

Today, critical thinking, problem solving, reasoning ability and ability to communicate mathematically are essential skills. These processes are the foundation of mathematics instruction in all our mathematics classes at Te Kūiti High School.

Aims for the study of Mathematics is to develop each pupil's ability to:

- Complete work neatly, logically, concisely and punctually
- Communicate orally concisely and coherently;
- Plan their own work schedule;
- Work both individually and as part of a group;
- Work independently and with perseverance;
- Be self-critical.

Year 9US Trout Trip

In Term 1, Mr Hunt took Year 9US class to the trout centre. The class learned about methods for the outdoor exploration of a local stream. We learnt how to investigate the health of a local stream, and decide what conservation actions would improve the health of a local stream. The maths focus was measurement. We had to use our skills in this aspect of maths to measure the flow rates of a river which connects directly to its health. We gathered data from the resident scientist who called out the depths we needed to map out a river transect. We then floated a tennis ball down river and timed how long it took to travel 10 metres. We took all the data back to the classroom, calculated the area, and the overall volume of water flowing past a point per second. We then compared our data to the scientists and found that we only differed by 0.1 m²/s. A fantastic effort by 9US in a practical context.



Waimaths Quiz Evening

At the end of Term 2, Quiz teams are selected from Years 9 and 10 to represent Te Kuiti High School at the Waimaths Quiz Evening to compete against other Waikato schools. Our team members from Year 9 were Riya Sanchal, Zane Osbourne and Marshall Sheehan and Year 10 members were Cheyenne Clifton-Koch, Gary Ru and Carly Botting.



Australian Math Competition

41 students took part in the Australian Mathematics Competition and we are looking forward to the results which will come out in October. Congratulations to Janki Patel who attained a Distinction Award last year in the Australian Mathematics Competition.

Maths Week Challenge—Rugby World Cup

Mr Buckley's Year 9 and 10 classes took part in the annual Maths week challenge. With the Rugby World Cup around the corner we used activities based on Statistics and which teams would progress through pool play. **Go the All Blacks!!!**



MATHS DEPARTMENT



Mrs Sanchal



Mr Hunt



Mr Buckley



Mr Follas



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