

Welcome 2017

Newsletter #25 2017

Wednesday 30th August

Week 4, Term 3



Message from the Principal

Kia orana, A small number of requests have been received by the school from parents wishing to excuse their child from school for activities that have been organised either abroad or an early start to the term three break. The same message has been given, and whilst we can not stop families from doing so, we are making our families aware of the effect this may have. (see page 4). Tutorial sessions are set to take place over the next few weeks for our senior students as support for the upcoming external examinations. These will be delivered during interval, lunch-times and some sessions will take place after school. Our students are strongly encouraged to take up these opportunities.

Kia Toa e Kia Manuia,
Mrs Tania Morgan (Principal)

Tereora College Senior Dance Classes

presents

Performing Arts Evening

'Turanga Vaevae' (standing ground)

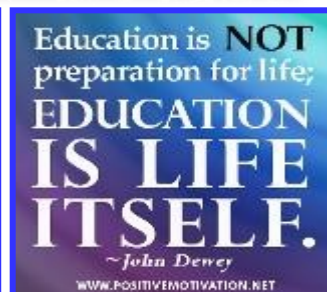
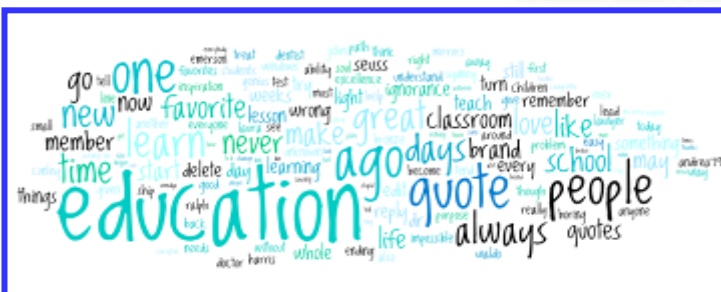
Cook Islands cultural dance, K-pop
contemporary dance & hip-hop

Date: Wednesday 6th September

Time: 6.30pm—9.00pm

Venue: National Auditorium

**\$5.00
per ticket**



WHAT'S ON

Week ending 01st September

MONDAY	Normal School Day
TUESDAY	Homework Club 3—4pm
WEDNESDAY	Breakfast club
THURSDAY	Anau Assembly
FRIDAY	Normal School Day

Breakfast Club

Come and join in our free weekly breakfast each Wednesday morning from 8.15am —8.45am.

Student Leaders 2017

International Literacy Week

This year, International Literacy week will be celebrated at Tereora College during week 5 of this term. The Ministry of Education have organised a memoir writing competition to promote and celebrate young writers in the Cook islands. Students who are interested in entering the competition can see their English teachers. Entries close on 1st of September.



Term 3—Key Dates

- Week 5 Wednesday 6th September
Dance Evening
Thursday 7th September
Anau Academic Event
- Week 6 Tuesday—Thursday 12th—14th September
Level 1—Level 3 CI Maori Exam
- Week 7 Wednesday 20th September
MCAT exam - Level 1
Thursday 21st September
Mufti Day
Friday 22nd September
Full School Assembly
- Week 8/9 Friday 29th September—Wednesday 4th October
Senior Practice Exams Begin
Thursday 5th October
Anau Athletic Event
Friday 6th October
“Service to Community” Day

Academic Anau Event

Our academic anau event will be held Thursday 7th September in the Princess Anne Hall.



Who will be crowned ‘academic anau’ of the year?

Newsletters are emailed out each week to parents / caregivers and are available in hard-copy from the school office each week

Attendance rates to date for the year

Year 9	87%
Year 10	86%
Year 11	90%
Year 12	88%
Year 13	83%

Attendance overall to date from the start of the year

87%

Anau Shield after 4 events

Te Manga	18 points
Maungaroa	12 points
Te Kou	8 points
Ikurangi	6 points

NCEA Tracking

No. of excellence grades awarded:

Level 1	79
Level 2	88
Level 3	72

Level 3 Media Students in New Zealand

On Saturday 26th August, Tekura Arakua Teauti, Napa Banaba, Miria Kietonga, Inanui Nia, Selane Tairea, Michaela Tangimetua, Tauvira Tararo, Shaun Teaurima, Alex Moffat-Wood (Assistant Principal) and Tiffany Andrews (Media teacher) from Tereora College flew out to Wellington New Zealand to attend an "NZCER Games for Learning Conference."

These sessions will explore the experiences of our Year 13 students learning through gaming, and how gaming has created assessment opportunities' that are meaningful for us in our Cook Islands context. They will be learning about how gaming has helped the community grow and develop as learners who think critically about the connections between the digital world, physical reality, creator and audience. The conference they are attending are wanting to share how gaming has made learning more inclusive and creative, and how it supports possible future pathways for everyone.



Level 3 Media students photographed inside the New Zealand Parliament House

The students will be able to share some of their assessment work, some of the learning strategies, and also give them a sneak peek into what their classroom has been like this year.

The Gaming Conference is a session for these students to be able to communicate/present and also interact in workshops, key themes are building young peoples digital capabilities, critical thinking/critical literacy, equity, social impact, citizenship, Maori and/or other indigenous perspectives. The group will be gone for a week returning back to Rarotonga on Sunday the 3rd of September.

E-services available.
Top-ups, wi-fi vouchers & kia orana calling cards.



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Absences from School

Absences during the school term invariably puts pressure on both staff and students, more so for senior students as we head towards our practice end of year school exams and our NCEA external examinations.

External examinations in Cook Islands Maori, and Level 1 mathematics are held in Term 3 and any absences are treated the same as it is with our external examination rulings.

The end of year practice exam grades are also used to determine subject placings as well as overall placings across a Year level; and in some instances students have missed out on this recognition because they failed to turn up to these.

If a student is taken out of school during this time then parents & caregivers will need to be aware and take this into account when making a decision.

Y10 Thematic Unit

In Term 4 of this year, all Year 10 students will undertake a thematic study of their choice underpinned by the values of our school and the essential skills within the Cook Islands Curriculum.

Learning experiences across a number of curriculum areas will be interwoven. We are in the planning stages of this unit of work, and would like to invite our learning community to share in these experiences. We welcome your input at the early stages of this by inviting your thoughts on possible themes you feel may be of interest for our students.

Surveys have gone out to our Year 10 parents, however please feel free to email info@tereora.edu.ck if you would like more information on this.

NCEA External Examinations



Cook Islands Maori NCEA external examinations have been scheduled for week 6 (*Term 3 Key Dates on page 2*) this is for students undertaking Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 Cook Islands Maori. These examinations are compulsory for all students entered and will follow the same process as the November exams. Students are expected to be at their examination 15 minutes prior to the start time.

All exams begin at 9.00am and will run over two hours—Tuesday Level 1 CI Maori; Wednesday Level 2 CI Maori; Thursday Level 3 CI Maori.

Level 1 mathematics (MCAT) will be run in week 7 (20th September) and will have a start time of 8.45am.

Monash University Students Arrive Next Week

Next week Monday the 4th September, a small number of teacher trainees from Monash University in Australia will be visiting our shores as part of their training and learning program.



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