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Important Information for Term 2 - 2017

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Welcome back to Term 2 whānau, I hope you have enjoyed having the extra time with your child over the break. Congratulations to our Kia - o -rahi team who competed at Nationals during Wk 1 and to our amazing Kapa Haka rōpū who have been working ever so hard over the holiday, in preparation for the Waikato Tainui Regional Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Festival, held in Te Kuiti this Saturday 6 May.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Matua Chris HIII to Tai Wānanga ki Ruakura this Term. Matua Chris is an experienced teacher who has accepted the English Kaitiaki position from now until the end of this year. We are very excited to have Matua Chris join Tai Wānanga.

Senior Leadership Team (SLT) Priority Focus Areas For Term 2: SLT have met over the break and we feel it is important to let you know of a few important kaupapa that will be our focus for Term 2 are:

- ITLP Progression
- Attendance
- Productivity in the Ako

ITLP progression:

The Individual Tailored Learning Plan (ITLP) is our cornerstone document to help taiohi and whānau focus on taiohi career aspirations and exit strategies. It is a very important component of our kaupapa. In addition to the ITLP, taiohi are given a Taiohi Planning Diary which is used for weekly goal setting, planning and reflection. The two weekly rōpū hui times that are scheduled on Monday and Friday are pivotal times for taiohi to update their ITLP goals and diary. Last term each rōpū kaitiaki requested whānau hui to discuss their child's ITLP, with taiohi leading this discussion. This is normal practise for our kura and kaitiaki will be following up with whānau who did not make the Taiohi-led ITLP hui last term. It is critical for us that whānau are involved with assisting in their child to progress their ITLP, which means keep striving to achieve their goals and targets

Taiohi Commitment to Learning:

Towards the end of last Term it was noted that taiohi had been leaving the school grounds without permission from parents or kaitiaki. Therefore, it is our goal this term to tighten up on our attendance procedures. All taiohi are expected to attend kura from 8am to 4pm Monday to Wednesday and 8am to 3pm on Thursday and Friday, with the exception of juniors finishing at 1pm on Thursdays, so that Seniors can focus on their Taiohi-Led Project Based Learning. We request that whānau assist taiohi to arrive at 7:50am for roll taking and ready to warm-up at 8am. If we find that taiohi are having challenges with attendance we will be requesting that whānau attend a hui with their rōpū kaitiaki in the first instance, to discuss possible solutions to

rectify the situation. We are also introducing an afterschool consequence this Term on a Wednesday for taiohi who continue to struggle with being in the right place at the right time. Refer to the information below to see more detailed information about our attendance procedures and expectations.

All taiohi will finish kura at 3pm on Fridays starting this week. We discussed the reasons for this earlier Friday finish at our whānau hui held on 5 April and the general feedback from whānau in attendance, was supportive, if we were able to manage it so that no learning area is disadvantaged (by time allocations to learning areas). We were able to find a way around this by drawing back on other times throughout the day (a brief karakia and rōpū time and reduced lunch time) and therefore, our Term 2 Hōtaka (Refer to the information below) includes a Friday 3pm finish with NO learning area being disadvantaged.

Productivity improvements:

During this first week, taiohi will be given copies of their individual Hōtaka. They will also be reflecting on their Term 1 goals and setting up their Term 2 ITLP and Term 2 Taiohi Planning Diaries, which include goal setting. We feel these planners are great tools to assist taiohi with planning to be productive learners and we encourage whānau to be interested in what your child is learning and how they are planning for learning, on a regular basis. You can access your child's Hōtaka via the Parent Portal, contact our administration office for your Parent Portal access code if you do not remember this or have not been given one.

Driving to School Policy:

During this first week I will be meeting with all taiohi who drive to school to remind them of our Driving to School Policy. I will give each of them a copy and for those that are driving cars to school, I need to have these signed by you and sent back to kura by the end Week 1, at the latest. You can access this policy by clicking here.

Conveyance Allowance:

The conveyance allowance information has been sent out to all whānau who qualify. If this applies to you, please respond to the link sent about how you would like to proceed with these payments. Matua Toby would like to work towards getting these finalised for all whānau who qualify, by the end of Week 3.

ERO:

The Education Review Office (ERO) have confirmed their visit dates to Tai Wānanga for May 22-26, these dates also include a visit to Tai Wānanga Tū Toa (TWTT). We are happy with the quality of learning that is taking place in our kura and we look forward to any recommendations that may come from this review, as this will enable further growth in our kaupapa.



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Lockers:

We have installed more lockers, these will be set up similar to our first lot, those who have paid their \$10 or \$30 for the rest of the year will be allocated these. All taiohi will be given a key with a spare held in the office. If they lose their key then it will be \$20 to replace. It is recommended that you cut a spare key for them as this will be cheaper.

Tracksuits and Sports Basic uniform:

With increased calibrations with our Palmerston North Site, TWTT, particular in the areas of sport, we have decided to align our sporting dress code with them and have our tiaohi purchase the same Under Armour gear. If you have still got sporting gear from previous years, these can be be used over the course of this year. However, from February 2018, we would like all taiohi to be using the Under Armour gears.. We still have some of the other older styles of tracksuits and singlets and at some stage soon, we will be selling these off at a very reasonable rate. The recommended Sport Attire for this year (which will be compulsory from next year), are the following:

Under Armor Tracksuit Pants with Tai Wānanga Logo - \$49 Under Armor Tracksuit Jacket with Tai Wānanga Logo - \$49 Under Armor Black Sports Short with Tai Wānanga Logo - \$29 Under Armor Grey basic dry-fit T.Shirt with Tai Wānanga logo - \$29

We are required to make a bulk order of these, therefore can you please click here to fill out the following google doc form for sizes, if you would like to purchase these this year. We will not be ordering any spares. The order needs to be finalised by the End of Week 2. We are not likely to put in another order until we have enough numbers that warrant another order. Gear will be ordered but not received, until payments have been completed.

Credit Card Theft Incident:

We discovered a very serious incident over the holidays where credit card details were copied. These details were used to purchase games online. This goes against the high trust model that we try to uphold at Tai Wānanga. We would ask that if your child uses steampowered.com to play or purchase their games online to ask them how they are making these purchases. This matter has been reported to the police at it was a large amount of money stolen. We are working with Google, Steampowered. com and the Police and will be viewing the video footage to find the offender. If anyone knows anything about it please report it to Senior Leadership, we would also like to remind whānau, taiohi and kaitiaki to be more vigilant with your credit, pay wave and debit card information.

Academic Targets & Credit Display

Since the beginning, it has always been the nature of our kaupapa to be transparent with our successes. In the first 5 years we had academic white boards up in the Ako studio, these indicated the number of targets for each learning area including NCEA credits. As these targets were met or the credits accumulated by each of our taiohi, it was visually displayed for kaitiaki, taiohi and whānau to see and thus became a way to track progress. The transparency helped to create a whānau atmosphere where everyone was supportive of others to achieve. It also increased taiohi motivation to achieve by raising taiohi accountability. We have not been using the whiteboards since transitioning into the new Ako space but it is our intention to display the information from Term Two onwards however, by using a digital platform instead.

We look forward to your continued support with this initiative and require you to complete this consent form to allow us to deisplay your child's results. **Click here to access the form.** If you have any questions regarding the matter, please feel free to contact Whaea Tiria (Senior Leader of Teaching & Learning.)

Kia Tu

Term 2 Hōtaka

Please **click here** to find the digital Term 2 Hōtaka. Taiohi also have an individual hōtaka on KAMAR which can be printed. Parents have access to this hōtaka via the parent portal so that you can see when taiohi have scheduled tutorials. If there appears to be a blank space this means that taiohi are expected to work independently or in groups in the Ako studio. They may not leave school grounds during this time.

Junior Options

There have been some changes to the Term Two hōtaka to accommodate our Junior and Senior PBL programmes and our new kaitiaki, Matua Chris Hill. The inclusion of two options for our junior taiohi is also a new addition and will begin this term. The rationale for this is two fold; 1) To expose junior taiohi to various learning areas thereby increasing their participation and engagement in learning, 2) To reduce idle time in the Ako Studio. Therefore, junior taiohi will experience two of the following options per term*:

Y9/10 Physical Education & Health Y9/10 Te Reo Māori Y9/10 Toi Y9/10 Media Production The core learning areas for Juniors are:

Y9/10 Discovery

Y9/10 Science

Y9/10 Maths

Y9/10 Kaupapa Māori

Y9/10 Junior Kaitiaki-led PBL

*Note: Taiohi will be rotated between the above learning areas from term to term, so that each term, they will undertake two other options from the list above. Also, if a junior taiohi takes a learning area at a higher level, e.g. L1 Te Reo Māori, this will be counted as one of their options. This is also the case for junior taiohi who take a learning area through Te Kura.

No Course Changes for Seniors

Finally, it is important for taiohi and parents to know that senior taiohi are unable to change any courses at this stage. Some taiohi try to withdraw from a course so that they do not need to attend as many tutorials; however, they then put themselves at risk of not achieving NCEA because they do not have enough credits in their programme to attain NCEA.

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Term 2 Hotaka:

(The Hotaka may change due to Learning Area changes)

			TERM 2 H	IŌTAKA 2017		
YEAR LEVEL		9	10	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
	TIME			MONDAY		
	9.25 - 9.50	KARAKIA / RŌPŪ HUI				
(1A)	10.05 - 10.50	In Date (DIO/OO/MAT)	V40 PE (V40 T-)	I.A.For	LOMethe	LO Dia
(1B)	10.55 - 11.40	Jnr Rotn (DIS/SCI/MAT)	Y10 PE / Y10 Toi	L1 Eng	L2 Maths	L3 Bio
(1C)	11.45 - 12.30 12.30 - 1.20	Jnr Rotn (DIS/SCI/MAT)	Y10 PE / Y10 Toi	L1 Maths	L2 Chem	L3 Bio
(2A)	1.20 - 2.10	Y9 PE / Y9 Toi	Jnr Rotn (DIS/SCI/MAT)	LUNCH L1 TRM L2 Eng L3 TRM		
(2B)	2.10 - 2.55	Y9 PE / Y9 Toi	Jnr Rotn (DIS/SCI/MAT)	L1 TRM / L1 Cr8 Art	L2 Bio	L3 TRM / L3 Eng
(2C)	2.55 - 3.40	Y9 LS	Y10 TRM	L1 EngA / L1 Cr8 Art	L2 Bio	L3 Phys / Cr8 PA
(20)	3.45 - 4.00	1020	110 110	PACK UP	LE DIO	Lo i nyo i cic i i
	TIME	TUESDAY				
	9.25 - 9.50	KARAKIA / HIMENE / PĀNUI				
(1 A)	10.05 - 10.50	Y9 KM	Y10 MP / Literacy	L1 Maths	L2 TRM / L2 Chem	L3 Eng
(1B)	10.55 - 11.40	Y9 KM	Jnr Rotn (DIS/SCI/MAT)	L1 Ent	L2 Ent	L3 TRM / L3 Maths
(1C)	11.45 - 12.30	Y9 KM	Jnr Rotn (DIS/SCI/MAT)	L1 Ent	L2 Ent	L3 TRM / L3 Maths
	12.30 - 1.20			LUNCH		
(2A)	1.20 - 2.10	Y9 MP / Literacy	Y10 KM	L1 PE	L2 Eng / L2 TRM	L3 Chem
(2B)	2.10 - 2.55	Jnr Rotn (DIS/SCI/MAT)	Y10 KM	L1 Cr8 VA / L1 EngA	L2 PE / L2 Cr8 VA	L3 PE / L3 Cr8 VA
(2C)	2.55 - 3.40	Jnr Rotn (DIS/SCI/MAT)	Y10 KM	L1 Cr8 VA / L1 EngA	L2 PE / L2 Cr8 VA	L3 PE / L3 Cr8 VA
	3.45 - 4.00	PACK UP				
	TIME	WEDNESDAY				
	9.25 - 9.50	KARAKIA / HIMENE / PĀNUI				
(1A)	10.05 - 10.50	Kaitiaki Le	d PBL (Jnr)	L1 Maths / Cr8 PA	L2 PE / Cr8 PA	L3 Phys / Cr8 PA
(1B)	10.55 - 11.40	RG / TW / WP / PW (JW/DW)		L1 PE	L2 Maths	L3 Phys
(1C)	11.45 - 12.30			L1 PE	L2 Phys	L3 Maths
(O.A.)	12.30 - 1.20	VO TDM	10LS	LUNCH	L2 Cr8 VA / L2 TRM	L3 Cr8 VA / L3 Chem
(2A)	1.20 - 2.10	Y9 TRM		L1 Sci		L3 Cr8 VA / L3 Chem
(2B)	2.10 - 2.55	Y9 PE / Y9 Toi	Y10 MP / Y10 TRM	L1 TRM	L2 Cr8 VA	
(2C)	2.55 - 3.40 3.45 - 4.00	Y9 PE / Y9 Toi	Y10 MP / Y10 TRM	L1 Eng PACK UP	L2 Chem / L2 Cr8 VA	L3 Cr8 VA
	TIME	THURSDAY				
	9.25 - 9.50	KARAKIA / HIMENE / PĀNUI				
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(, 2, .	12.30 - 1.20	RG / TW / WP / PW (NW) Future pathways (Y13) LUNCH				
		Taiahi Lad DBI (V41 & V42)				
	1.20 - 2.45	Home (Jnrs) Future pathways (Y13)				
	3.00	Karakia				
	TIME	FRIDAY				
	9.25 - 9.35	KARAKIA / HIMENE / PĀNUI				
(1A)	9.35 - 10.20	Jnr Rotn (DIS/SCI/MAT/KM)	Jnr Rotn (DIS/SCI/MAT/KM)	L1 Eng	L2 Bio	L3 Maths
(1B)	10.20 - 11.05	Jnr Rotn (DIS/SCI/MAT/KM)	Jnr Rotn (DIS/SCI/MAT/KM)	L1 Maths	L2 Eng	L3 Bio
(1C)	11.05 - 11.50	Innovation time	Innovation time	L1 Sci	L2 Maths	L3 PE / L3 TRM
(2A)	11.50 - 12.35	Innovation time	Innovation time	L1 Sci	L2 Maths / L2 Ent	
(OP)	12.35 - 1.20	VO MD (VO TDM	V40 PE (V40 T-1	LUNCH Music / L1 Ent	Music / LO TRM / LO Div	Music / LO Ess
(2B)	1.20 - 2.05	Y9 MP / Y9 TRM	Y10 PE / Y10 Toi	Music / L1 Ent	Music / L2 TRM / L2 Phys	Music / L3 Eng
(2C)	2.05 - 2.45	Y9 MP / Y9 TRM Y10 PE / Y10 Toi Music Music / L2 Phys Music / L3 Eng RÔPÛ HUI / CLEAN UP / KARAKIA				

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PBL Journey:

Our journey in Project Based Learning (PBL) this year, both in Kaitiaki-Led Projects for Juniors and Taiohi-Led for Seniors, has been amazing! A key learning outcome for our Junior PBLs in Term Two is our viewing of the short film. This will be held at Hoyts Cinema on May 15, 6-8pm. Tickets are available by clicking this link and making the order. There are limited seating in the cinema so it will be a first in basis. Each taiohi will have the opportunity to by two tickets for their parents or caregivers. The remaining will be offered to everyone else. The ticket prices are as follows:

Taiohi Tickets for parents and caregivers x 2 = \$5 each. General = \$10 Lux seats available = \$20 (limited to 23) Junior Yr9 & Yr10 Taiohi = Free To make your ticket order click here

There will also be Merchandise available, all designed by our taiohi.

Postcards = \$2 each Art work = \$5-\$20

T-shirts = \$25

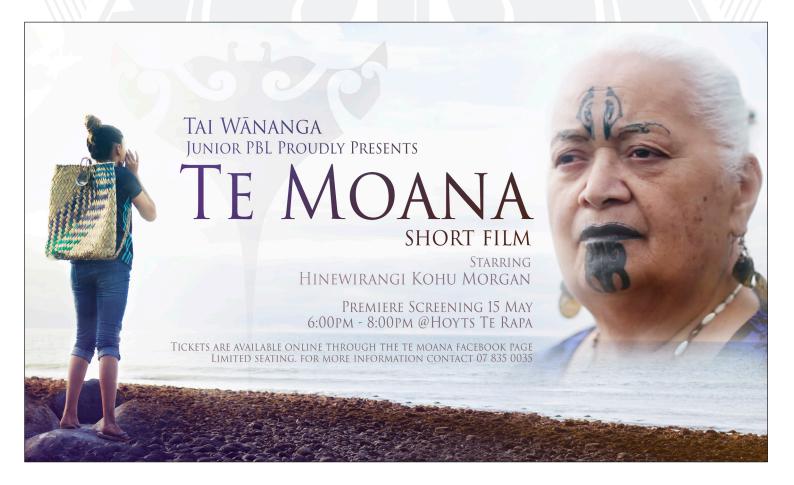
To order a T-shirt click here to complete the form

All ticket and merchandise sales go towards Cinema Hire which is \$2100. We appreciate any support you can give towards our Junior PBL experience.

As an introduction to our Term Two Junior PBL context, which is based on the performing arts, the NZ National Hip Hop Junior Crew Champions 'Bubblegum', will be performing at our Kura on Friday 12 May at 10am, they will also be teaching a dance workshop for our taiohi. All taiohi are required to pay \$2 for this performance and workshop. A separate panui is likely to be sent home with our Junior Taiohi about this.

As a Kura we have received funding to help with the development of PBL within our Kura. We ask that you complete a consent form to allow us to use feedback and reflection given by your taiohi in our research and findings to support our Teacher Lead Innovation Fund(TLIF) report to the Ministry of Education.

Please click here to access the **Whānau consent form.**Please click here to access the **Taiohi consent form.**Please click here to access the **Kaitiaki consent form.**





Attendance Procedures And Expectations For Tajohi & Whānau

"On Time, On Task, On Target"

Taiohi attendance along with effective teaching has the greatest influence on taiohi engagement and achievement. In order to take full advantage of all the learning opportunities offered at Tai Wānanga, taiohi must attend regularly. We expect taiohi to have attendance rates of 90% or better as it is clear that taiohi who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve educational success. At Tai Wānanga we aim to effectively manage and improve taiohi attendance via the consistent, accurate and timely collection and storage of attendance data so that all taiohi are present, participating and engaged in learning on a regular basis. Monitoring and improving attendance by engaging with whānau will be a focus for the remainder of the year.

We encourage TAIOHI to play their part by:

Being punctual to school, 7.50am every day with the appropriate training gear ready for conditioning. (Non-trainers must supply a signed note from parents and reason for non-training. Prolonged non-training of three days or more will require a medical certificate).

Getting parents or guardian to contact the office or ropū kaitiaki explaining absence or if there is a need to leave school during the day.

Signing in at the office if you are late to school.

Taking responsibility of their own attendance to scheduled tutorials as per their hōtaka. (Note: There will be no more changes from Term two onwards). If taiohi miss a tutorial without consulting with the Learning Area Kaitiaki they will be marked 'Truant'. and facing up to any consequences they may receive as a result of lateness. Parents have access to their child's hōtaka and attendance via Parent Portal.

Remaining at school during school hours. Leaving the school grounds without the permission of parents and kaitiaki is deemed serious and will result in an after school consequence. Those undertaking off-site courses or future pathways work experience are expected to be at the course/site at the scheduled time.

We encourage Parents/Whānau to play their part:

Inform the school if your son/daughter is absent. Accurate records are required in order to meet Education Act requirements and for the safety and well-being of young people. We must also be able to identify those taiohi who should be present in the school, in the event of an emergency evacuation or a lock-down.

A taiohi must be marked absent or present throughout the day, this is dependent on their individual hōtaka.

Please call the School 07 8530035 or email **attendance@taiwananga.co.nz** if your child is going to be away for some, or all, of a day. We also encourage you to inform your child's Rōpū Kaitiaki.

If we don't hear from you, we will phone, text or email you. Please reply to the phone call, text or email with details of the absence including how long your child will be away for.

We require a reason for the absence as The Ministry of Education insists that Schools use a variety of codes to record student attendance and absence.

There are very few absences that the Ministry classes as "Justified" **Absence** is justified only if the student is *unwell, attending tangihanga, absent due to the serious illness of a close relative, attending an unveiling or involvement in Court Proceedings. (*Extended absences for illness require a Medical Certificate or hospital discharge notice or similar, in order for the absence to be recorded as M – medical.)

Unjustified Absence includes: Trips overseas, birthdays, birthday parties, shopping expeditions, tiredness from conditioning/sports tournaments, or catching up with visiting family.

Poor Attendance: Missing School = Missing Out!

In the event of a student's attendance dropping below the expected rate of 90%, the School follows a process of which includes:

If a student is absent from school for an extended period of time, without justified cause, the School will begin a process which includes;

Engaging with whanau to:

- a) Confirm the desire of taiohi to attend Tai Wānanga and commit to our kaupapa.
- b) Identify the reasons for non attendance, and collaborating solutions to improve attendance

Together we all have a responsibility to ensuring our taiohi are engaged and achieving.



Kia Ora: Conditioning & Sports Activities

Conditioning:

In the first week of term one taiohi participated in a 4km fitness test. For our new taiohi this test was challenging, horrible and they were probably questioning their decision to attend Tai Wānanga. After a number of weeks of running Townies, doing exhausting WODS and being growled at by grumpy Whaea Meads everyone was retested in the final week of Term one. I can report that 99% of the year 9 cohort improved on their original times. A number of them cutting their time by over three minutes. These are great results for our new taiohi and I encourage parents to celebrate this achievement. There were also a number of taiohi that were absent from testing and did progressively worse so I extend a request to parents to ensure your child/ren attend conditioning on a daily basis and in a timely manner.

Term Two's conditioning will focus on testing speed, endurance and strength so WODs will be based around developing these fundamental skills and abilities.

Sports

Mana Wahine Day:

To all our AMAZING MAMA'S out there please come on down and celebrate your FABULOUS SELVES with us here at this years 2017 Mana Wahine Day. Start your day right with a fun, Mothers Day WOD. Keep an eye out for details. We are aiming to hold this during conditioning time on Friday 12 May. **SPORTS UPDATES:**

Ki o rahi nationals:

Over the school holidays Tai Wānanga was lucky to attend this prestigious event. The caliber of teams was incredible, our taiohi did great to hold their own. However, in the end their mental stamina let them down. The tournament was a great experience especially for our juniors given it was a senior tournament. The team played eight games over two days winning two games and losing five. In future any national events Tai Wānanga is successful in making we encourage all taiohi to commit to supporting the team. Lastly a huge thank you to those taiohi that courageously competed, to our coaches Ihipera Maipi Edwards and Dan Waitai and to Whaea Ngahuia for opening her whare.

Term 2 Sports:

Netball:

This term we have two netball teams playing in the Hamilton City Secondary Schools Competition starting Saturday 13th at

Basketball:

Four basketball teams which include two senior boys teams, one junior boys team and one senior girls team. Basketball is played on various days throughout the weekdays at various school gyms starting week two, term two.

Waka Ama:

Throughout winter waka ama taiohi will be competing in a series of long distance events across the greater Waikato Region.

Rugby League:

With the Issac Luke tournament approaching, Tai Wānanga ki Ruakura and Tū Toa will be collaborating to have a strong representation in this event, with the goal to qualify for nationals in September. The Isaac Luke Cup will be held in Whanganui on July 22, which is the next school holidays. In the second half of this Term there will be combined training at TWTT, this will involve an overnight stay, more details to come to those involved.

Touch:

The touch team is slowly preparing themselves to return to compete in the 2017 Queensland All Schools Touch Tournament in October. Training commences in June.

Fundraising / sponsorship opportunities

One limitation to having low taiohi numbers is the demands placed on taiohi to perform across a number of disciplines and the increasing costs associated to those range of demands. If there are any parents out there that work in organisations or have strong relationships with key stakeholders our teams are here to do mahi similar to working bees, catering, group conditioning or any fundraising / sponsorship opportunities that may help ease the financial burden and keep our taiohi connected to sporting opportunities..

For more up to date sporting panui please head to our facebook page: Tai Wananga Sport Updates (Like the page and share with your whanau) by clicking here.



Kia Māori: Kapa Haka

Our taiohi have been working extremely hard over the past two months to prepare for the Tainui Secondary Schools Regionals competition which is on Saturday May 6th 2017 at Te Kūiti High School. Come along and support our Kapa Haka team as they take on the best of the Waikato-Tainui region!

The performance will also be livestreamed but you will have to check out the Tainui Secondary Schools Kapa Haka facebook page for updates.

Programme

7:00am Raising of the flag 8:00am Gates open 8:45am Karakia 9:00am Taiatea Ngahau

9:40am Te Wharekura o Te Rau Aroha

10:20am Te Wharekura o Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere

10:50am-11:00am Paramanawa

11:05am Te Kūititanga o Ngā Manga 11:40am Te Wharekura o Rākaumangamanga

12:15am Te Wharekura o Maniapoto

12:45pm-1:25pm Wā tina

1:25pm Te Maurea Whiritoi

2:00pm Tai Wānanga Kapa Haka

2:35pm Te Waikōwharawhara 3:10pm Te Kapahaka o Rototuna 3.40pm Ngā Taiātea Wharekura

4:45pm Prize giving (followed by Karakia)

