

IMPORTANT DATES:

FEBRUARY 2017

- New Enrolments Induction
- Year 13 Leadership Camp
- Literacy & Numeracy
- TWTT & TWR Visit to Palmerston North - Warriors Visit
- Careers Expo Day - Nga Taiatea

MARCH 2017

- Rugby League 9's
- Secondary School Waka Ama Regionals - Te Awamutu
- Secondary School Waka Ama Nationals - Lake Tikitapu, Rotorua
- Progress Reports
- Taiohi-led ITLP hui

APRIL 2017

- Kaitiaki Only Day - no Kura (Thursday 13 April)
- Good Friday - no Kura (Friday 14 April)
- School holidays (Friday 14 April - Sunday 30 April)

MAY 2017

- Term 2 Starts (Monday 1 May)
- Kapa Haka Regionals - Piopio (Saturday 6 May)



TOBY WESTRUPP TŪMUAKI

*Tēna kōutou e aku rangatira,
Tēna anō kōutou i runga i
ngā kaupapa huhua o te wā.*

2017 brings a number of opportunities, developments, changes and challenges. This year will see a focus and commitment to;

- Developing and growing leadership at all levels
- Embedding the Project Based Learning process and experience amongst all taiohi
- Future Pathways - Career development, collaboration with industry, internships and mentoring
- 1:1 device ratio to support teaching and learning
- Enabling whānau to initiate, contribute and support Tai Wānanga activities and learning experiences

The draft charter will be circulated for feedback next week.
'Ma tōu rourou, ma taku rourou, ka ora ai tātou'

2017 will also see greater collaboration between Ruakura and Tai Wānanga Tū Toa to enable better outcomes and learning experiences.

To conclude we'd also like to acknowledge Matua Allen who takes up the position Head of Drama at Thames High School at the end of this month. Nāna te kō i whakatepe. An establishment kaitiaki AI has remained resolute and committed to our kaupapa and taiohi. Whenever there has been a need, AI and Helleni have always been there to help. Pursue your passion. Ma te Atua kōrua ko tōu whānau e tiaki e manaaki.



MERE DAVIS

SITE LEADER

Kia ora Whānau,

We have had a very productive start to the year. Our Ako space is now being utilised in a way that encourages individual, small group and larger group learning. Alongside the Ako re-design, the most significant difference this year so far has been the collective leadership development of our Tuakana, our Yr. 13s. The Leadership camp held in Pirongia during Week 1 has proven to be a huge success and since the completion of this camp, our Yr 13 taiohi have formed a collective bond that supports them to be effective leaders within our Kura. Kaitiaki have been blown away by the way our Tuakana have embraced every opportunity to lead and they have had plenty of these opportunities throughout the 2017 Induction Programme and as well in and around Kura. We would like to ensure that there is continued leadership development for our Tuakana throughout the year. Therefore, every 2 weekly on a Friday during lunchtime, the intention is to continue this leadership forum and have involvement with our whānau and community connections.

We welcome to our 2017 Ruakura Staff 4 fixed Term Positions for 2017:

Whaea Gail Hapi: Kaitiaki for Yrs 9, 10, L1 and L2 Physical Education and Health and Learning Skills Coordinator

Matua Dinesh Venkataiya: Kaitiaki for Yr 9 Maths, Yr 10 Science, L1, L2 and L3 Physics

Whaea Jeannette Hogg: 0.4 Literacy Coordinator

Whaea Ngahua Watene: Our Chef

Our Kaitiaki Only Day (KOD) on Tuesday 31 January, set the tone for the start of the year, this was an opportunity for whakawhanaungatanga, and to reflect on 2016 and plan for an improved 2017 year. The re-introduction of a Taiohi Induction Programme particularly for our Yr 9s and 10s took place. This was an opportunity for taiohi to learn important aspects of our Tai Wānanga Kaupapa and as well learn skills that enable them to be effective learners. Yr 11s and Yr 12s were involved in a concentrated Numeracy and Literacy programme that will see them gaining NCEA Numeracy and Literacy credits, for the first time, early on in the year. Yr 13s participated in Future Pathway and Leadership mahi during this Induction week as well.

Our Term 1 Hōtaka started on Monday 13 February. We have introduced longer Rōpū times twice a week. We feel this will better support Rōpū Kaitiaki to be more productive with their taiohi. We have dedicated an entire day (Thursdays) to Project Based Learning (PBL) for further development in both Kaitiaki Led PBLs and Taiohi Led PBLs. We also intend to continue the work initiated in the Induction Week with our Junior Taiohi. However, this will be extended to all Senior taiohi during Friday Rōpū time and scheduled Hōtaka time for Juniors. The main kaupapa during these times will be the delivery of Learning

skills/Strategies that will enable all taiohi to be effective Tai Wānanga Taiohi. We currently have a early finish time for Juniors Thursdays at 1pm and Seniors are released at 3pm. This allows us to focus on Taiohi-Led PBLs with Senior Taiohi and then have Kaitiaki Hui at 3pm. For Term 2 we are considering a 3pm finish for all on Fridays for a number of reasons and we are interested in your whakāro. Please take a moment to fill out the following Survey:

[COMPLETE SURVEY BY CLICKING HERE](#)

We are also currently looking at aligning our sporting apparel with our other Tai Wānanga Site (Tū Toa). This will be confirmed by the end of this Term and communicated out at the start of next Term.

Lockers have arrived and are being organised for use, if your child wants a locker they must book one at the Admin Office, these cost \$10 a Term. We ordered lockers based on interest in the survey carried out in our last E-Panui. Therefore the 52 that we have available are now taken. If you would like a locker for your child please register your interest by completing the form below:

[COMPLETE THE LOCKER FORM HERE](#)

Our Tai Maru whānau advisory rōpū have been going through a nomination process for positions since the beginning of February. Unfortunately there was not a big uptake on nominations. Therefore at this time, there is going to be no voting process and those who have been nominated will be meeting with last years committee to discuss a way forward for this rōpū.

Lastly, in order for us to be effective as kaitiaki we need all our taiohi to continue to have the desire to embrace our Tai Wānanga kaupapa on a daily basis. There are a few taiohi that are starting to show signs of finding this challenging. We ask for your support in helping us to enable and empower our taiohi to achieve, contribute and to lead in the advancement of Māori.

Ngā mihi

Mere Davis - 2017 Ruakura Director of Operations and Achievement / Site Leader

TIRIA WAITAI

LEADER - TEACHING & LEARNING

Taiohi-led whānau ITLP hui

In the next few weeks, your child's rōpū kaitiaki will be contacting you to schedule a time for you to meet for a taiohi-led hui. At this hui your child will share their ITLP with you including their Career Aspiration, Exit Strategy, Learning Areas, Kia Tū, Kia Ora and Kia Māori goals. The taiohi-led ITLP hui is an important component of our kaupapa and it is important for whānau to make a time to meet. It is expected that each hui will take no longer than 20 minutes. Please look out for the pānui which will be sent home soon, otherwise feel free to email your child's rōpū kaitiaki directly or contact our office at info@taiwananga.co.nz.

Progress Reports

Kaitiaki are currently working on the progress reports and they will be sent home at the beginning of week 7. Should you have any concerns about your taiohi and their learning areas, in the first instance you should talk to your child's rōpū kaitiaki. The taiohi-led ITLP hui will be the ideal place to raise any concerns.

Te Kura o Te Aho Pounamu (Correspondence School)

In the past we have had a strong relationship with Te Kura o Te Aho Pounamu allowing our taiohi to take learning areas that we are unable to deliver face-to-face. Taiohi who take learning areas through Te Kura need to be highly motivated to complete the work. They will need plenty of support from home to do this and their individual hōtaka will also allow time for this to occur during kura hours. All taiohi taking learning areas through Te Kura must ensure they submit work regularly, at least one booklet or teacher marked assessment or Internal assessment per month to avoid being withdrawn from the course. Most of the Te Kura work is accessible online although there are some learning areas that require booklets to be completed and posted off in the mail. Taiohi have been informed of the processes for completing and submitting work.

Some of the learning areas our taiohi are taking through Te Kura include:

- Japanese
- Home Economics
- Accounting
- Legal Studies
- Digital Technology
- Music
- NCEA L3 Biology

If you have any queries in regards to any of the above, please contact Whaea Tiria at t.waitai@taiwananga.co.nz.

MANU TAI

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MANU TAI



**OHOMAIRANGI
TUPAEA**
MANU TAI
AHUREI



**O'NEALE
CONNOLLY**
MANU TAI
ARIKI

Both Ohomairangi and O'neale will bring a vibrant and positive attitude to their roles as Manu Tai.

Ohomairangi is working towards Kapa Haka regionals and O'Neale is currently on a 7 week educational Holiday across America.

We wish both of them all the best and look forward to working with them in their new leadership roles.



T. JOSHUA WATENE

LEADER - COMMUNICATIONS, FUTURE PATHWAYS & PBL

Ako Re-design Update

The Ako is 95% complete now with all new furniture finally installed. Conversation couches surround a round table allowing small group conversations and study groups to form. We also have separate round tables with ottomans.

It is interesting watching the new learning space in use by kaitiaki and taiohi. There are many positives and also tweaks and improvements that still need to happen. We see the taiohi that use the space to its best advantage. We also see taiohi that choose to use it in the wrong way. However, those who need individual space to learn can use the silent area, taiohi who need group study space use the conversation couch and larger groups use the tables.

Kaitiaki are using all the areas available within the Ako Studio as teaching spaces. One of the biggest questions asked when designing the new Ako was how will we deal with the sound factor. We have seen that both kaitiaki and taiohi understand the importance of working together to allow learning to happen in an open environment. Voices are lowered.

We now have a second suite of imacs with 10 brand new imacs installed in the Ako. These are being used consistently and we already see the benefits of having quality computers to work with.



Project Based Learning(PBL)

PBL has had a great start to the year with Kaitiaki Led PBL's and senior PBL's under way. We are constantly developing and refining our PBL resources and now have PBL booklets available to taiohi that have most of the information and guidelines needed to run a successful PBL. These are linked below:

[Kaitiaki Led PBL Booklet](#)

[Taiohi Led PBL Booklet](#)

Kaitiaki led PBL's are centred around learning with a Maori context to the content. This term is all about film making and organising an opening night screening. They will be making a short film about kai moana conservation. They are divided into four roopu, focusing on film making, sound creation, script writing and marketing. The film screening will be in the first week back from the holidays. Watch this space for more information to come.

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Giving life to learning and purpose to life

Taiohi led Senior PBL's have had an extensive induction into the PBL process and although it may seem monotonise to some taiohi it was integral to their understanding of the process and the importance of developing a strong idea. They are now reaping the rewards of constructive planning with some impressive pitches already given and projects being approved in order to move to the next, Production. Please talk to your tamariki and ask them about their PBL experience.

Our kura has been funded by a Teacher Led Innovation Fund. We are collecting data to go with our application for this funding which helps provide resources for our taiohi and development of PBL into our curriculum.

Please agree to consenting the use of this information about your child's PBL experience by completing the linked forms below and returning them with your tamariki to kura.

Whānau consent form Information

Future Pathways

Future Pathways is organised by Matua Dan. Please read his remarks and information below:

Matua Dan Waitai

"Kōrerotia mai, Ka wareware i ahau,
Whakaaturia mai terā pea ka maumahara au; komokomotia atu au, hai konā au mārama pū ai."

"Tell me and I'll forget, show me and I may remember, involve me and I'll understand"

Our taiohi attending Trades Academies for 2017

(WINTec - Building & Construction)

Kaahu Tamaki
Reihana Te Namu
Raahui Huata

(WINTec - Health & Beauty)

Adrienne Collier

(WINTec - Tech & Manufacturing)

Turangawaewae

(WINTec Sports & Exercise Science)

Kiriana Te Namu
Vaughn Moller
Preston Collins
Whetu Nuku

(PITA - Primary Industries Trades Academy)

Aaliyah O'Brien
Ashley Williams
Corban Radford
Harlan Taiapa

ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Current Details

Do we have your correct details? Please update your email, phone numbers, postal and physical addresses. By completing this google form Link [Change of Contact Information](#) or contact n.raumati@taiwananga.co.nz or info@taiwananga.co.nz to update your personal information.

Absent

Please ensure if your son/daughter is going to be absent, that you make contact the Office or your Rōpu Kaitiaki,
Phone: 078530035, Text: 0226579322, Email: n.raumati@taiwananga.co.nz

Sign In/Sign Out

If your son/daughter is arriving late/leaving early, Your Rōpu Kaitiaki needs to be informed by email/text or phone. Once confirmed, they are required to sign in and sign out at reception.

KIA MĀORI 2017

MATATINI

Nei rā mātou o Tai Wānanga e mihi kau atu ana ki a koutou i tū ki te Matatini i tērā marama. Te rawe hoki o ngā kaupapa katoa i kawea ai e te tini, e te mano i runga i te atamira hei kitenga anō hoki mō te ao whānui.

Congratulations to our taiohi, Peata and Waimihi and Kaitiaki, Matua Dan and Whaea Tiria who performed at Te Matatini, Te Kahu o Te Amorangi. We also had numerous past taiohi and whanau who performed for their respective rōpū. Ka mau te wehi koutou katoa!

TE KAPA HAKA O TAI WĀNANGA

We are fast approaching the time when kapa haka practices and wānanga begin with the Waikato-Tainui Secondary School Regionals taking place Saturday 6th May (Week 1 of Term 2) in Piopio. We welcome all past and new taiohi to trial for this years regionals team.

TUTORS

Whaea Tiria and Matua Dan are the current tutors alongside Whaea Talei. We would like to thank Whaea Nellie for her huge contribution to TW Kapa Haka over the past two years. It has been an honour and privilege to have her level of expertise leading kapa haka at our kura. Whaea Nellie is unable to tutor this year due to whanau and work commitments. We wish her all the best.

COLLABORATION WITH TŪ TOA

We are pleased to announce that we will be collaborating with our Tū Toa whanau in Palmerston North. They have some taiohi who have shown huge interest in joining us in kapa haka.

PROPOSED DATES FOR PRACTICES/WĀNANGA THIS TERM

Due to our short timeframe to prepare for regionals, commitment to practises and wānanga is imperative. Please pencil all of the below dates into your diary:

Term One

Wk 6 - Friday 10/03: 4pm - 8pm

Wk 7 - Thurs 16/03 - Sun 19/03: After school wānanga/noho on Thurs and Fri, all day Saturday and finish Sunday morning (all sleep overs at kura).

Wk 8 - Fri 24/03 - Sun 26/03: After school wānanga/noho on Fri, all day Saturday and finish Sunday (sleep over at kura).

Sat 1/04 - Sun 2/04: Wānanga/noho

Wk 10 - Thurs 6/04 - Sun 9/04: After school on Thursday, all day Friday/Sat & Sun wānanga/noho

Wk 11 - After school practises all week.

School Holidays

Tues 18/04 - Fri 21/04 and Tues 25/04 - Fri 28/04 (day practises)

Term Two

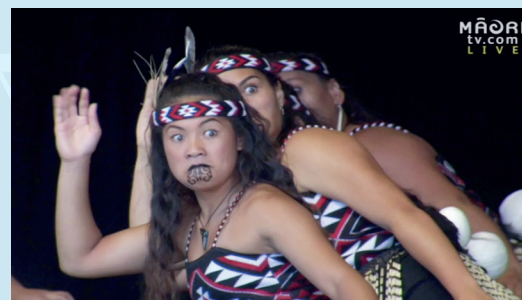
Wk 1: After school practises all week.

Friday 5/05 (Travel to Piopio)

Saturday 6/05: Waikato-Tainui Secondary School Kapa Haka Regional Competition day.

We are hoping to hold one of the above wānanga away at a marae in Piopio. Marae and date tbc.

Please look out for the full pānui and if your child is trialing for kapa haka this year, remember to join our facebook group for regular updates



KIA ORA 2017

Welcome back to 2017 whanau ma,
The purpose of daily fitness aligns with our Kia Ora kaupapa of developing healthy, young, fit, vibrant rangatahi. Those who are new to these practices will come home tired, exhausted, sore and likely to moan a little bit more than usual ENGARI their tinana will slowly condition itself to these changes and soon enough you will start to notice an increase in their fitness, self confidence, self esteem and physical strength and endurance. You can support your tamaiti / tamariki by sending them straight back to kura the next day and fuelling their tinana with healthier kai options. The term one sporting calendar is jam packed. Here's a glimpse of what we have to look forward to.

TOUCH: (Ruakura and Tu Toa combined campaign)
The Waikato Secondary Schools (WSS) Touch Module starts Monday 20th February at Steele Park. Approx Cost: \$15pp
The Waikato Secondary Schools Touch Regionals is on Sunday 12th March. Approx Cost: \$20pp
Queensland All Schools Touch is on Mon 9 Oct - Mon 16 Oct: Approx Cost: \$1500 pp plus fundraising
Trainings are: Tues and Thurs 4.30 - 6.30pm at TW:
COACH: Hayden Karna 0223174026



Due to weather conditions Regionals was cancelled therefore all Waikato teams qualified for the Waikato Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Zone 3 Tournament. 15 teams in the Open Mixed Grade were competing to make top 4 qualifiers for the Secondary Schools Touch Nationals.

Game one: TW played Paeroa and lost 10-5
Game two: they woke up and played Putaruru winning 5-4
Game three: they played Whaea Maria's kura Thames winning 4-3
Game four: winning two games they earned themselves a spot in the semi finals against St Peters and what a nail biter that was. Final score 3-3 taking the game into a drop off. 7mins into the drop off both teams were unable to score, the sideline was packed and everyone was on their feet cheering. Heading into the 9th minute down to 3 on 3 Xavier Pereka received a ball from Jaydon Wall that earned TW the winning try, allowing us to play Taupo for 5th and 6th overall.
Game five: unfortunately we went down to Taupo 6-2.
Playing at zones and qualifying for nationals has been a 3 year

planning process for Tai Wānanga. Although we would have loved to have qualified the calibre of touch teams out there is outstanding and we are absolutely pleased with our taiohi's performance. More importantly our taiohi were able to recognise their short falls and are motivated to return stronger, faster and better. Thank you to our parents and volunteers.

RUGBY LEAGUE 9s: (Ruakura and Tu Toa combined campaign)
The WSS Boys and Girls 9s is on Wednesday 1st March at Patterson Park in Ngaruawahia.
Girls: Honey Hireme (WSS 9s Only)
Game one: TW won against Ngaruawahia High School
Game two: Lost against Tokoroa
Game three: Lost against Te Rau Aroha
Credit to our girls for a tough day at the office. Playing in the senior girls grade majority of the team were year 9-11.



KING COUNTRY ATHLETICS

Thursday 9 March in Te Awamutu. We are sending a small representation of 14 taiohi. Approx Cost: \$15pp. Unfortunately this event was cancelled due to weather conditions. Please note parents if you paid your fees this will be credited back to your account.

WAKA AMA

Waikato Waka Ama Secondary School Regionals - Saturday 11th March
Congratulations to our six teams that represented Tai Wānanga at the Waka Ama Regional Regatta. Here are the final placings for regionals:

J16 Girls
1st 500m Champ Final
1st 250m Champ Final

J16 Girls (development team)
1st 500m Bowl Final
1st 250m Plate Final

J16 Boys
2nd 500m Champ Final
2nd 250m Champ Final



J19 Girls
4th 500m Champ Final
2nd 250m Champ Final

J19 Boys
3rd 500m Champ Final
2nd 250m Champ Final

On Monday 27th March, we have five teams to compete at the NZSS Sprint Championships on Tues 28th March - Fri 31 March at Lake Tikitapu in Rotorua. Trainings are under way and a more detailed panui is available now. Please ensure all permission slips and supporting documents are submitted.

Approx cost: \$75 per taiohi

Five teams to Nationals - J16 Boys and Girls and J19 Boys and Girls.

Coach: Paki Rawiri 021923395

KI O RAHI

The WSS K.O.R championships is on Thursday 16th March in Pio Pio. The North Waikato Secondary Schools K.O.R six week module starts Feb 22nd in Raglan.

Approx cost: \$20pp

Coach: TBC

19 teams played in the 2017 Waikato Secondary Schools regionals in Piopio. TW took one senior team to compete as the Regatta was the same day.

Game one: TW won against Te Rau Aroha 7-2

Game two: Lost to Rakaumanga 10-13

Game three: Lost to Matamata 18-14

Game four: Lost to Nga Taiatea 19-11

While we had narrow losses the team did better than the results demonstrate.

WAKA KOPAPA - TURANGAWAEWAE REGATTA

This was our first year supporting the Turangawaewae Regatta Secondary Schools Waka Kopapa. Our senior girls placing 2nd and our senior boys placing 3rd. Cullen Charlton also picking up a 1st place in the solo kopapa race. This event allows our taiohi the opportunity to engage and connect with our Tupuna Awa and is an event Tai Wananga will continue to support.

3 x 3 BASKETBALL

The Waikato Regional Secondary Schools competition is on Thurs 30 - Sat 1 April in Tauranga.

We will be sending two boys teams.

Approx cost: \$126 without accomm. \$176 with accomm

Coach: Matua Roman

FUTSAL

Futsal is modified soccer and this was our first Waikato Secondary Schools competition for Tai Wananga. Playing four games the junior boys qualified for the semi final for their grade, unfortunately they lost to Ngaruawahia High School who went through to the finals.

COACH AND MANAGER VACANCIES:

Whanau we are in need of THREE NETBALL COACHES, MANAGERS and REFEREES. Also we are seeking a KI O RAHI COACH. Please share the panui out to all your networks as failing to find coaches will impact on the number of teams that will represent TW for 2017. Please contact Amiria on sportscoordinator@taiwananga.co.nz

Congratulations to our taiohi who recently represented Waikato Touch at the NZ age group Nationals.

Levi Wall - U14 Boys

Trinity Crosby - U16 Girls

Maiterangi Eriepa-Collett - U16 Girls

Preston Collins - U18 Mixed

Kalani Mahu - U18 Girls and 2017 U18 Girls NZ Champions and recently named in the NZ U18 Girls Touch Team.

Dylan Maikuku - U18 Boys and 2017 U18 Boys NZ Champions

Waka Ama was a key focus at TW in 2016 as a result taiohi were encouraged to paddle for local waka ama clubs. Congratulations to the TW/Te Toki J19 boys team who picked up a silver medal at the 2017 NZ Waka Ama National Sprints.

Parents please go to our Tai Wananga Sports Updates facebook page, like and share it for regular updates, panui and photos.



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