

IMPORTANT DATES: AUGUST 2017

- Wk 1 - School begins; Reports are available
- Wk 2 - Thurs 3 Aug - Half day for taiohi (finish at 1pm); Whānau hui and Parent interview evening 4 - 7pm (ITLP/Term Planners/PBLs/NCEA workshops held).
- Wk 3 - Fri 11 Aug – 2018 Enrolments close; MD on Leave
- Wk 4 - Koroneihana; Rakaumanga whakaari - Junior PBL experience; MD on Leave;
- Wk 5 - Tues 22 Aug Jnr mentoring; Thurs 24 Aug Snr mentoring; Day in a Life of a Tai Wānanga taiohi on Thursday 12pm - 3.00pm – Manu Tai involvement
- Wk 6 - Internal Assessment Blocking week; Te Kura exam week; Ext moderation & NZQA fees due and Mana Tāne Day on Friday 1st September
- Wk 7 - Sports Tournament wk (BBall/Netball/League); Notify successful applicants for interview for 2018 Enrolments
- Wk 8 - 14 & 15 Sep - Maui production (Junior PBL Showcase); 16-17 Sep Maths/Physics Wānanga
- Wk 9 - KOD Mon 18th Sep; Practice exam week; L1 MCAT exam;
- Wk 10 - Int. assessment week blocking; Snr learning area report writing; Y12/13 Noho Wed 27/28 Sep; Jnr & Snr mentoring, TW possible ball date (Tri- School Ball yr 12s/13s) Friday 29 September.



TOBY WESTRUPP TŪMUAKI

Tēnā koutou e aku rangatira,

'Ko te tamaiti te pūtake o te kaupapa - The child - the heart of the matter'

During the early part of term two we were subject to an External Evaluation Review by the Education Review. The evaluative review design question was 'How well do taiohi demonstrate

Kia Tū, Kia Ora, Kia Māori?' The confirmed report is a snapshot compilation from evidence and feedback gathered during their short period with us. The evaluation report provides us with recommendations for further improvement and confirms our position on a 3 year cycle. The finding of the review was 'Taiohi are confident and competent leaders of their own learning with a growing confidence in Te Aō Māori'. The board would like to acknowledge the contributions and effort of leadership, staff and whānau. Me mihi ka tika.

Confirmed ERO Report for Tai Wānanga Ruakura

Our attention begins to focus towards external examinations and achievement of goals and exit strategies. One of our Guiding Principles is 'Whānau Ora' which recognises the importance of relationships particularly whānau support and engagement in the education of our taiohi. One outcome of last weeks interviews is a strengthening of understanding of the respective roles we all play in achievement. Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui.

Mauriora!

Toby Westrupp(Tumuaki)

2018 Enrolments Extended to Thursday 17 August

2018 Enrolment Information, share this information with your friends and whānau who may be interested in enrolling their child into Tai Wānanga in 2018. Please make note of the timeframes.

[Click here to apply for 2018](#)



'Giving life to learning and purpose to life'



MERE DAVIS

SITE LEADER

Kia ora koutou,

It is hard to believe that we are already in the second half of the year and with so much happening this Term, it is going to fly by! Please check our [Term Calendar](#) as we have many events this Term. Thank you for attending the Whānau Hui on Thursday 4 August 4-7pm, where you were able to discuss mid-year progress for your tamariki and become more informed about ITLPs, PBLs and NCEA.

During the last week of Term 2, there was a Yr 12 and 13 Noho, the highlight of the Noho was having some 2014-2016 Tai Wānanga Graduates return to offer our Yr 12s and 13s some of their learning. The following Graduates were organised by Manu Tai:

Taylor Green (Graduate of 2014): Currently in the last year of his Building Apprenticeship, will then go and complete a Music Degree.

DJ Mahara (Graduated 2014): Currently in his final 18 months of Engineering at the University of Waikato.

Tawhiao Watene (Graduated 2015): Completed an LDS Mission in Philippines and is now in his first year of Health Science at the University of Auckland.

Stacy-Ria Te Kurapa-King (Graduated 2016) Currently in her first year of Health Science at the University of Auckland.

Dearne Tamaki, Areta Charlton and Maioha Panapa (Graduated 2016): All currently in their first year of Waikato University studying Te Tohu Paetahi 1 and Maioha is studying a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

All graduates shared how their Tai Wānanga journey helped them to achieve their Exit Strategy and what learnings they took into their new journey. They also shared aspects of their current journey, how TW Guiding Principles had assisted them



so far and they shared some learning/realities of their current journey. The Noho was very successful in that, not only did it grow whakawhānaungatanga amongst the Yr 12s and 13s, we believe that it also developed their understanding and appreciation of our Tai Wānanga kaupapa. All Yr 12s and 13s have requested that another Noho take place at the end of Term 3. Manu Tai have also requested that Yr 11s be invited to a Noho in Term 4, along with the Yr 13s and the Yr 12s that are interested in Manu Tai positions for 2018.

Throughout Term 3 our focus is on progressing our taiohi academic results, increasing productivity and continuing to closely monitor attendance. If our taiohi are not attending regularly and are not being productive, academic and learning progress will be slow and minimal. We encourage you to continue to support us in the processes that we put in place to empower our taiohi to achieve, contribute and lead in our Tai Wānanga Kaupapa.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou,
Whaea Mere



K I A T Ū , K I A O R A , K I A M Ā O R I

KIA TŪ

Kia ora, e te whānau,

"Excellence & Quality - High achievement is at the core of all Tai Wānanga kaupapa and learning experiences. Our expectation is that every taiohi will succeed."

This term we have a strong focus on advancing taiohi achievement across both the junior and senior levels. Various strategies have been implemented to do this including the Tuesday Homework Hub, closer monitoring and tracking of NCEA results, monitoring of junior task completion, and weekend wānanga for MPA, TRM, Maths & Physics.

Earlier in the term we completed the NCEA analysis. In many ways we are in a much better place at this time of the year than what we have been in previous years. However, until all of our taiohi have attained NCEA at their respective level, there is much to do. It is important that whānau continue to support their taiohi by ensuring they complete the homework tasks and assignments and that time is allocated for regular study.

Even after taiohi achieve NCEA, they will still be required to complete their full programmes of study for each of their learning areas particularly leading up to examinations because if they do not complete the full programme, they may not have the pre-requisites to complete the subsequent year. We have seen in the past that taiohi lose motivation once they have gained their 80 credits. In these situations we need whānau to support their child to continue to complete all of their school work and to aim for "Excellence & Quality".

Whānau may view their child's updated NCEA record via the parent portal. If you have not received an email with your login & password details, please contact our office.

Ngā manaakitanga ki runga i a koutou

Nā Whaea Tiria
(Leader of Teaching & Learning)

SPACE CENTRE TRIP

During innovation time on Fridays our Year 10 and year 9 taiohi were fortunate to visit the space centre in Kihikihi to consolidate their learning of the solar system. We travelled by van to Kihikihi, greeted by Dave who gave us a short presentation, followed by a hands on interactive experience. We would like to thank Dave for the time and effort and I know the Taiohi appreciated the experience and learned a lot.



KIA TŪ

NCEA FEES

All taiohi taking NCEA L1, 2 or 3 are required to pay a fee of \$76.70 per year. Please follow the [link](#) for a full list of NZQA costs. The kura pays the fee directly to NZQA on behalf of our taiohi who are undertaking NCEA to ensure payment is made on time and to prevent any late payment penalties. The NCEA fee will be charged to taiohi accounts.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Do you have two or more children completing NCEA this year? Or do you receive a Work and Income or Study Link benefit?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions then you may be eligible for financial assistance toward your child's NCEA fee(s). Please follow the link to find out more information regarding NCEA financial assistance. Financial assistance forms can be downloaded by following the link or from the office at kura.

You must ensure that all paperwork is completed and handed back to kura by Tuesday 29th August to allow processing time. We will make sure that the amount charged to your account is adjusted if your child or children are eligible for financial assistance. Taiohi completing scholarship exams are required to pay an additional \$30.

DID YOU KNOW?

In order for your taiohi to achieve NCEA L1, 2 or 3, they need to achieve the following number of credits:

NCEA level

Requirements

Level 1

80 credits are required at any level (level 1, 2 or 3) including literacy and numeracy.

Level 2

60 credits at level 2 or above

+ 20 credits from any level

The Level 1 literacy and numeracy requirements must also be met.

Level 3

60 credits at level 3 or above

+ 20 credits from level 2 or above

From 2014 the Level 1 literacy and numeracy requirements must also be met.

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE

University Entrance (UE) is the minimum requirement to go to a New Zealand university. To qualify you will need:

NCEA Level 3

Three subjects - at Level 3, made up of:

14 credits each, in three approved subjects

Literacy - 10 credits at Level 2 or above, made up of:

5 credits in reading

5 credits in writing

Numeracy - 10 credits at Level 1 or above, made up of:

achievement standards – specified achievement standards available through a range of subjects, or

unit standards - package of three numeracy unit standards (26623, 26626, 26627- all three required).

If you need any assistance to understand how NCEA works, please make time to see your child's rōpū kaitiaki.

HOMEWORK HUB

Have you missed tutorials? Are you falling behind in a learning area? Or do you just want to stay on top of your studies?

Come to Homework Hub! (Every Tuesday afternoon from 4 -5 pm throughout Term 3)

Get one on one support from your kaitiaki. Finish off any overdue assessments. Prepare yourself for the Term 3 practice exams

Yummy snacks are provided!

NCEA ANALYSIS MID YEAR

KEY:

Red = At risk

Yellow = Med risk

Orange = On track

Blue = Achieved NCEA

NCEA LEVEL 3

No. of credits	% of taiohi	Actual no. of taiohi
< 20 credits	0%	0/18
Btwn 21 - 40 credits	17%	3/18
+40 credits	83%	15/18
Gained NCEA L3 UE Literacy	11% 50%	2/18 9/18

NCEA LEVEL 2

No. of credits	% of taiohi	Actual no. of taiohi
< 20 credits	0%	0/24
Btwn 21 - 40 credits	0%	0/24
+40 credits	100%	24/24
Gained NCEA L2 UE Literacy	29% 21%	7/24 5/24

NCEA LEVEL 1

No. of credits	% of taiohi	Actual no. of taiohi
< 20 credits	13%	3/23
Btwn 21 - 40 credits	30%	7/23
+40 credits	56%	13/23
Gained NCEA L1 Gained NCEA L2 L1 Numeracy L1 Literacy	17% 7% 100% 17%	4/23 2/23 23/23 4/23

KIA ORA 2017

ISAAC LUKE CUP 22 JULY

During the second week of the holidays, Whaea Mere, Coach Eugene and Matua Chris took seven taiohi down to Palmerston North to form a team with our Tai Wānanga TūToa (TWTT) whānau, eight players from there joined with us. Beginning on Thursday evening, Coach worked intensively with the boys, some of whom were new to Rugby League. There was lots of good learning that took place over the three days as the boys came together to bond and unite as one, working on their haka and their league skills. We were blessed to be hosted by Matua Tipene the Site Leader and Whaea Te Ana the Leader of High Performance Sport. Our TWTT Site has a rural setting with many buildings and extensive grounds that include three full-sized rugby fields.

On the morning of the tournament we packed-up, cleaned-up, said karakia and travelled the 70 kms to Whanganui in the rain. We had fifteen players to play three 50 minute games against well-drilled teams, that had full teams of 17 players and tournament squads of 22 players, with the competition rules allowing for unlimited substitutions. Unfortunately a number of our experienced players were unavailable due to participation in other rugby league campaigns, including a NZ Maori Under 17 game in Rotorua and a NZ Warriors Under 20 game in Townsville, Australia.

Our first game was against Manukura, a team well known to us with many whānau connections. Manukura's main kaupapa is sporting excellence at the elite level, and it showed with their team being fast, fit and skillful. Unlike us, they had played together for in the Manawatu Club RL Competition this year. We played well, holding them out for the first quarter, but after that we struggled to contain them, going down 6 - 42 by full-time. We were much more competitive in our second game against Waiopahu College, but with only two subs, fatigue and injury affected us more than our opponents and we eventually lost 16 - 22. In our third game against Francis Douglas Memorial College we were down by just four points with ten minutes to go, but the game blew out due to fatigue and lack of mental capacity at this stage of the day and it ended up being a 14 - 32 loss for us. Despite the three losses, our boys behaved exemplary, playing with their heart and soul the majority of the time and holding their heads high.

After the game we travelled to the local pool complex to shower and from there said our farewells to our TWTT whānau. It was a fantastic trip where all of our boys were able to bond and extend the development of their rugby league skills. We were fortunate to be selected as a wildcard entry to the 2017 National Secondary Schools Rugby League Tournament held in the first week in September, during the Winter Tournament week.



KIA ORA 2017

TOUGH GUY TOUGH GAL 2017

On June 29th 2017 a group of Sports Performance and Level 3 PE taiohi made the trek to Kaipara for the Tough Guy and Tough Gal Mud Run. Competing against 1200 others runners thru, over and under natural and made made obstacles, Tai Wānanga taiohi competing against students from not only all over Auckland but from the King Country, Bay of Plenty and beyond. We had fantastic results with Hiria Thomas coming in 2nd for her age group, Zion Lee also second for Senior Boys and Matthew Walmsley also second in his age group. All taiohi had a fantastic time and were pleased with their great effort, awesome results and representation of Tai Wānanga kaupapa.



KIA ORA

NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS WINTER TOURNAMENT WEEK SEPT 4 - 8

Rugby League: Thank you to a Wild Card Entry we will be competing in the 2017 prestigious event in Auckland. Best of luck to the team.

Netball: The Tuakana team also return to Auckland to with a goal to place top 10 in B grade. A hard task ahead but more than capable of success.

Updates will be loaded on our Tai Wānanga Sports Updates Facebook Page. If taiohi can please return their permission slips and pay any outstanding fees.

To our year 13 cohort taking part in their final Secondary Schools Tournament Week, have a great week, leave everything out on the field and court and enjoy your last event playing alongside each other.

Congratulations to all those taiohi that competed in local Grand final competitions. Also congratulations go to three taiohi who have excelled in Rugby League recently.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

SHELDON ROGERS: Recently returned from Australia securing a position in the NZ Warriors U18 team.

TURANGAWAEWAE TE KOI: Named and represented in the NZ Maori U17 team.

TUMATAUENGA TE KOI: Named in the NZ Warriors Development u15 team.

CONDITIONING

With the winter cold well set in its important that taiohi come to school prepared with boots, thermals, water bottles and appropriate training gears. Conditioning provides an opportunity for taiohi and kaitiaki to not only improve their physical fitness but it allows us to also develop skills such as mental resilience by learning to push through the pain to feel success. It encourages strong work ethic by completing WODs whether it be as a roopu, by time or by AMRAPs. More importantly we are all on a journey of positive transformation however the effort put into training determines the output of success gained. For the majority it is AWESOME and UPLIFTING to witnesses taiohi training hard day in day out and growing as a result.

KI O RAHI

The junior Y9/10 team has been training for some time now in preparation for the term 4 Waikato Secondary Schools Junior Competition.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

To all our valued volunteers that continue to take the time to coach, manage, administrate, transport, wash uniforms, on behalf of Tai Wānanga THANK YOU very much for your ongoing support in developing our taiohi.

WINTER SPORTS WEEK

Representing Tai Wānanga at Sports Week, is a privilege not a right. When confirming our team representatives, leadership will take into consideration attendance, contribution and academic progress to date.

If students, have poor attendance, and are behind in their commitments to achieve their exit strategy, a recommendation will be considered with whanau that they do not attend.

Our main measure of achievement for our taiohi, is the achievement of the exit strategy. Our role is to support taiohi with achieving this strategy.

Please contact your child's Rōpū kaitiaki if you are unsure on whether your child meets the accepted criteria.

Ngā mihi nui.

PROJECT BASED LEARNING

TERM 2/3 JUNIOR PBL UPDATE

MAUI TE TUPUA is progressing well. We have finished the brand, sets are under way, dancing, kapa haka, acting and costumes are all coming together to prepare for our shows on Thursday 14 & Friday 15 September. See our flyer for more information

ABOUT THE SHOW

"Ko Māui he atua
Ko Māui he tangata
Ko Māui he manu
Ko Māui he ngangara hoki"

'Māui Te Tupua' is a theatre production of the extraordinary Polynesian hero who pushes the limits to accomplish great achievements. This production is a contemporary version of the ever popular tales of Māui told through the lens of the junior taiohi of Tai Wānanga Ruakura.

The story goes that Māui is brought up by his koroua, Tamanui. As a young curious adolescent, Māui questions his koroua as to why he is so different. It is revealed to him that he was born into the world, stillborn. Miraculously he was brought back to life by Tangaroa and the sea creatures. Māui sets out on a quest of self-discovery where he finds his mother, Taranga and his four brothers. Upon revealing his identity, Māui is met with a mixed reception, adored by his mother but outcast by his brothers. Māui uses his

ingenuity and charisma to cunningly persuade his brothers to join him in his pursuits, and in doing so he challenges the normal practices and limitations of the world he lives in.

From the moment of his birth, Māui is marked for both greatness and tragedy. He attains the jawbone of his tupuna wāhine, Murirangawhenua, steals the secret of fire from Mahuika, pulls new land from the bottom of the ocean, and traps Tamanui-te-rā, the god of the sun. His achievements begin to overstep the mortal limits. As Māui revels in his great personal triumphs he tries to defy death by destroying Hinenui-te-pō, the goddess of death, only to meet his tragic end.

'Māui Te Tupua' uses a dynamic mix of waiata, poi, haka interspersed with contemporary dance, mystical creatures and relatable characters who deliver dialogue in both Te Reo Māori and English. The music is selected to engage a young audience and is interlaced with popular cover songs performed by a live band. All elements of the production from marketing, prop and set creation, dance and kapa haka, acting, soundscaping, stage management, lighting and sound, and the live band have involved our year 9 and 10 taiohi of Tai Wānanga as a part of the Kaitiaki Led Project Based Learning programme. Through the support of the Teacher Led Innovation Fund, we welcome you to enjoy our production as an innovative approach to 21st Century learning.



MAUI

TE TUPUA

TAI WĀNANGA PROUDLY PRESENTS

MAUI

TE TUPUA



Come and experience the stories of Maui through
HAKA, DRAMA, DANCE, ART, LIGHTS & MORE

SHOW DATES

Thursday 14 September
Matinee show at 1pm
Night Show at 6pm

Friday 15 September
Matinee show at 1pm
(dependent on bookings)
Night Show at 6pm

ENTRY COSTS

All children including High
School students - \$2.00
Adults - \$5.00
Kai Stall
Merchandise
Māui Te Tupua T-shirts
(pre-ordered) - \$25.00

BOOKINGS

For bookings and merchandise orders, please contact Ngahia
Raumati at n.raumati@taiwananga.co.nz or call the office 07 8530035.
The show will be held in our Ako Studio, 10 Bisley Rd Ruakura.

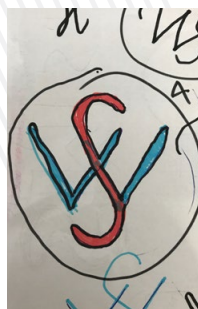
PROJECT BASED LEARNING

ROUND 2 SENIOR PBL

We have seen major shifts in student engagement through PBL with many taiohi welcoming the structured approach to their PBL experience. Led by Whaea Noema taiohi have now completed the brands for the products as well as information brochures, pictured below. They have all gone through a design process which has allowed them to come up with the concept of their brand. They then had the choice to create the brand themselves or employ the Bubble team(4 designers from Creative Industries) to complete their work. You can view your tamariki's progress by opening the spreadsheet link below to see their scores, attendance and other relevant information.

Our PBL expo will be held at the beginning of Term 4.

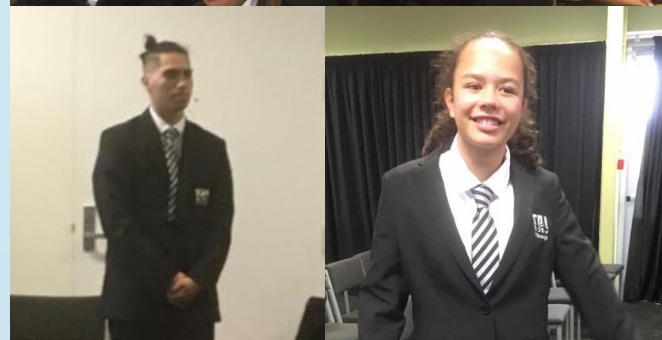
[Click here to view the spreadsheet](#)



KIA MĀORI 2017

NGĀ MANU KŌRERO

It was an honour and a privilege to support our four Taiohi who successfully competed in a school wide competition to progress to the regional stage of Ngāa Manu Koorero held in Tokoroa on the last day of term 2. Tahuaroa Ohia and Ngarewarewa Tata represented in the English speaking competition and Waimanea Nuri and Peatariki Patterson competed in the Te Reo Maaori speaking competition. All Taiohi represented Tai Wānanga with pride and we were fortunate to have placed third overall as a kura and proud of Waimanea who placed third in her impromptu. He mihi nui ki a Raukawa mo te manaaki i a maatou, we were taken care of by our whanaunga in Raukawa who hosted a great event. This was a great opportunity for taiohi within Waikato to express their thoughts and display their creativity through spoken word. Kei ngāa manu koorero o Tai Wānanga teenaa koutou.



WELCOME WHAEA JEANNETTE

Ko Whaea Jeannette Hogg tōku ingoa. I am married to Dave who is also a teacher and we have two children; Our 3 year old son Israel, and our daughter Ezrah, who is 2. We live in Kirikiriroa and have both taught in various roles in a number of schools in the Waikato area.

I have been here at Tai Wānanga since the start of this year and am thoroughly enjoying my part time role as a Year 9 & 10 Literacy Kaitiaki. I currently work very closely with 19 junior taiohi every Monday and Tuesday of the week. These taiohi are a part of a one-to-one Literacy programme designed to engage taiohi, accelerate and lift student achievement in all areas of Literacy including:

Writing: Taiohi work towards writing confidently using all conventions of writing at their appropriate level.

Reading: Taiohi work towards reading fluently and accurately and they become equipped with a high level of comprehension skills to be able to understand what they have read.

Oral Language: Taiohi will be exposed to a wide range of vocabulary so that they are able to communicate effectively and articulately.



How can you help us to help your child?

"Ordinary people seek entertainment.
Extraordinary people seek education and learning."

Completing tasks within the timeframe

Each week there will be set tasks and assignments for taiohi to complete. I cannot stress enough the importance of encouraging your child to complete the tasks and assignments that are given to them within the timeframe. We believe that this will benefit them in their learning journey setting good standards for when they become seniors.

Reading

It is common for the World's most successful people to read at least one book per week. Encourage your taiohi to spend at least 15 - 20 minutes of reading time per night, or at least every second night.

Communication

I value your input and would very much like to keep in contact with whānau, so if you have any pātai please do not hesitate to come in to kura to see how your child is doing or contact me via j.hogg@taiwananga.co.nz.

If you are unsure if your child is a part of the Literacy programme or if you have further pātai, please make contact with myself or Whaea Noema (n.watene@taiwananga.co.nz), Leader of Junior Learning Programmes.

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 OR LATENESS

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

SIGN IN/SIGN OUT

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

OTHER IMPORTANT EMAILS

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