

Ngaruawahia High School Newsletter

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Nga mihi nui mo te Kirihimete me te tau hou! Greetings to you all for the coming Christmas and New Year holidays.

This brings us to the close of 2010. A year of change, a year of challenge, a year of success, a year to learn from in order to lift the game for 2011. We had several changes during the year which upon reflection have added value to the overall direction of the school.

- The Y9 syndicate has added another level of transitioning Y9 into secondary school life
- The literacy team working with class teachers to lift the levels of literacy in the junior school, although we have seen success in some areas, there are still challenges we face in making this fully successful
- The student leadership forum – including student voice in the school visioning and creating opportunities for growth as leaders
- Curriculum leadership forum – creating leadership around learning rather than around systems and administration
- Restorative practices – away from the more punitive models of dealing with behaviour in managing the classroom
- New Zealand Curriculum and Visioning – a collective voice including community, student, staff and BOT to the NZ curriculum document and our school direction
- Board of Trustees incorporating leadership into governance
- A school-wide goals focus
- Setting high expectations – with academic expectations and engendering positive relationships.

Towards 21st Century Learning

21st Century Learning is now and has been for the last ten (10) years. So what does this mean for education? What are our schools and our education system doing about preparing students for 21st century learning, more importantly, what are we at Ngaruawahia High School doing about 21st century learning and for 21st century learners?

These are very good and provocative questions that the senior leadership team are fully engaged in exploring. What are we doing currently that conflicts with 21st century learning, what should we be doing, how should

we do it, and who else are educating their students with this premise in mind?

In engaging in the discussion of 21st century learning we seem to ask more questions than find answers. We have, however, made a start forming a cluster group of senior leaders from other schools such as Albany Senior High School and Otorohanga College, for they too are asking these very same questions.

Despite our different schools, Albany is a brand new senior high school designated a Decile 10, Otorohanga is a country school already 100 years as a secondary school and a decile 5 school, while Ngaruawahia will be 50 years old in 2013 and is Decile 2.

Our three schools cover the spectrum of deciles and history, yet its senior leaders resonate strongly in its thinking about the direction of secondary schooling in New Zealand. In an informal forum held Friday 3 December we as leaders in the current educational system met to discuss these very matters. It was not surprising to any of us that the most exciting conversations came from the ability of schools to look and think 'outside the box' in providing more meaningful and engaging educational parameters.

Albany Senior High School, literally do not have classroom walls – their classes operate in open spaces sharing central resources, and teaching occurs in cooperative styles with others using the same floor space. If you can imagine a whole level where students learn in groups using different parts of the same space, this opens education to co-operative and de-privatised learning.

On Wednesdays the whole school works on 'Impact Projects', that is they leave the traditional school work for the day and reorganise themselves into projects of their particular passion. For example, those who aspire to be novelists, spend the day writing stories, eventually publishing their own novels. They are supported by a teacher with that particular expertise.

Students interested in building scientific gadgets spend the day with a teacher of this persuasion who likewise supports them in their work. The

school utilises the nearby Massey University Albany Campus who take on students in the pursuit of subjects they offer while the Auckland Medical School take on a student or two who are interested in medical studies following school. This is education beyond the realms of our experiences.

Educating students in this manner is surely an example of 21st century learning. The current Principal of Albany Senior High School, Barbara Cavanagh, was also the Principal of Ngaruawahia High School until 2001, she dreamed the dream and has turned it into a reality.

I am proud that our senior leadership team share in the conversations with Barbara and her team and have been privileged to discuss the underlying principles of this kind of education. Though we differ in many ways I believe we share the most fundamental aspects – the desire for education to reach beyond the narrow parameters of our current systems. All our students can be successful, all our students can aspire therefore our collective vision and direction for Ngaruawahia should surely embody 21st century ideals. Let's move forward in finding the best for our students – onwards toward 2011.

On behalf of the senior leadership team and the staff of Ngaruawahia High School we wish you all the best for the coming festive season and please be safe over the holidays.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa
Robyn Roa

NGARUAWAHIA HIGH SCHOOL STARTING DATES FOR 2011

The school office will be open from Tuesday 25 January 2011 onwards. New enrolments and uniform purchases from 11am each day.

Friday 28 January

Year 13s return.

Monday 31 January

Auckland Anniversary holiday.

Tuesday 1 February

Year 9s commence.

Wednesday 2 February

Year 9s and Year 10s.

Thursday 3 February

Year 9s and Year 10s.

Friday 4 February

Year 9s and Year 10s.

Monday 7 February

Whole school return.

Late enrolments.

For further enquiries please phone **824 8729**
Email: admin@ngaruawahiahigh.school.nz

Junior Prizegiving 2010

Academic awards

9 Taumata

Tyler Alexander

Award for seven merits
Achievement in Art
Achievement in English
Achievement in Graphics
Achievement in Hauora
Achievement in Information Tech'
Achievement in Mathematics
Achievement in Science
First in 9TA Social Studies

Sharnejah Moana

Award for five merits
Achievement in Mathematics
Progress in Art
Progress in English
Progress in Materials Technology
Progress in Science

Jacob Mitchell

Third in 9 Taumata
Achievement in Art
Achievement in Mathematics
Achievement in Science
Progress in Graphics
Fourth in 9TA English
Third in 9TA Mathematics
Third in 9TA Science
Second in 9TA Social Studies

Tom Gilbert

Second in 9 Taumata
Achievement in English
Effort in Graphics
Progress in Art
Second in 9TA English
First Equal in 9TA Science
First in 9TA Hauora

Gemma Robson

First in 9 Taumata
Achievement in Art
Fourth in 9TA Social Studies
First Equal in 9TA Science
First in 9TA English
First in 9TA Mathematics

9 Te Hiranga

Daniel Randall

First in 9TA Mathematics

Harold Clatworthy

Award for Seven Merits
Achievement in English
Effort in Hauora
Progress in Art
Progress in Graphics
Progress in Hauora
Progress in Mathematics
Progress in Science

Hikurangi Tokona

Third in 9 Te Hiranga
Achievement in Science
Achievement in Maori
Second in 9 TH English
Second in 9 TH Science

Jesse Turu

Second in 9 Te Hiranga
Achievement in English
Achievement in Graphics
Achievement in Materials Tech'
Progress in Mathematics
Progress in Science
Fifth in 9 TH Hauora
Fifth in 9 TH Mathematics
Third in 9 TH English
First Equal in 9 TH Social Studies

Zhadon Cook

First in 9 Te Hiranga
Achievement in Mathematics
Achievement in Music
Progress in Materials Technology
Second in 9 TH Mathematics
First Equal in 9 TH Social Studies
First in 9 TH English
First in 9 TH Hauora
First in 9 TH Science

9 Te Kakano

Miriata Roberts

Achievement in Science
First in 9TN Social Studies

Santana Maru

Third in 9 Te Kakano
Achievement in Food Technology
Effort in Food Technology
Second in 9TN English
First in 9TN Hauora

Te Amo-Rose Maru

Second in 9 Te Kakano
Effort in Information Technology
Effort in Science
Effort in Graphics
Third in 9TN English
Second in 9TN Social Studies
First in 9TN Mathematics

Cheyenne Allen

First in 9 Te Kakano
Achievement in Food Technology
Progress in Art
Progress in Graphics
Sixth in 9TN Mathematics
Fifth in 9TN Hauora
Third in 9TN Social Studies
First in 9TN Science
First in 9TN English

10 Kimi Kimi

Rex Punga-Sullivan

Effort in Mathematics
Progress in Social Studies
First in 10KK Hauora

Joanna Cummins

Award for Five Merits
Achievement in English
Achievement in Maori
Achievement in Science
Effort in Mathematics
Progress in Hauora

Carlos Makiteiaa Tamati

Third in 10 Kimikimi
Effort in Workshop Technology
Progress in Social Studies
Fourth in 10kk Mathematics
Fourth in 10kk Social Studies
Fourth in 10kk Science
Third in 10kk English

Zane Tata

Second in 10 Kimikimi
Achievement in Hauora
Achievement in Mathematics
Achievement in Science
Effort in Social Studies
Progress in English
Second in 10KK Hauora
Second in 10kk Mathematics
Second in 10kk Science

Jarrold Foggin

First in 10 Kimikimi
Achievement in Hauora
Achievement in Graphics
Third in 10KK Hauora

First in 10KK English
First in 10kk Mathematics
First in 10kk Social Studies
First in 10kk Science

10 Kiwi

Zebulon Reid

Award for Five Merits
Achievement in Science
Achievement in Certificate of Engineering
Progress in Social Studies
Progress in Workshop Technology
First in 10KW Hauora

Shawn Beckham-Mansell

Third Equal in 10 Kiwi
Achievement in Social Studies
Achievement in Workshop Tech'
Progress in English
Progress in Science
Fourth in 10KW Science
Third in 10KW English
Second in 10KW English

Vanessa Waters

Third Equal in 10 Kiwi
Sixth in 10KW Mathematics
Fifth in 10KW Hauora
Fourth in 10KW Social Studies
First in 10KW Science

Damien Gillespie

Second in 10 Kiwi
Achievement in Hauora
Progress in Mathematics
Progress in Science
Third in 10KW Mathematics
Third in 10KW Science
Second in 10KW Hauora

Tangi te Hau Takiari

First in 10 Kiwi
First in 10KW English
First in 10KW Mathematics
First in 10KW Social Studies

10 Taumata

Maddisen Bond

Award for five Merits
Achievement in Hauora
Achievement in Science
Achievement in Graphics
Achievement in Workshop Tech'
in 10TA English

Hamish Mitchell

Third in 10 Taumata
Achievement in Hauora
Effort in Mathematics
Effort in Science
Effort in Art
Progress in Social Studies
Progress in Workshop Technology
Third in 10TA English
Third in 10TA Mathematics
Second in 10TA Hauora

Naomi Randall

Second in 10 Taumata
Achievement in Enterprise
Achievement in Mathematics
Achievement in Maori
Fifth in 10TA English
Third in 10TA Hauora
Second in 10TA Mathematics
First in 10TA Science

Larissa George

First in 10 Taumata
Achievement in Enterprise
Achievement in Maori

Progress in Science
Second in 10TA English
First in 10TA Hauora
First in 10TA Mathematics
First in 10TA Social Studies

Sports Awards

Netball

Naomi Randall

Nikora Trophy
for most improved player

Bethney Waters

Eastern Waikato
most Outstanding Player

Claudia Neil

Goodwill Cup
for Contribution to Netball

Basketball

Caleb Deane

Cup for Best Boy Junior
Basketball Player

Cross-country

Jonte Deacon

First in Junior Boys Cross-country

Mere Matika-Waaka

First in Junior Girls Cross-country

Athletics

Korowai Taukiri

First in Junior Boys Athletics

Kirikauera Tata

First in Junior Girls Athletics

Swimming

Tukuaterangi Tapara-Tukiwaho

First in Junior Boys Swimming

Ashleigh Hagger

Rapana Cup – Junior Girls
Swimming Champion

Special Awards

Jonte Deacon

Kaita Taki Tane,
Overall contribution to
Kapa Haka as a junior male

Larissa George

Kaita Taki Wahine,
Overall contribution to
Kapa Haka as a junior male

Tukerangi Renata

Williamson Trophy,
Most Improved Musician

Vanessa Waters

Lorraine Middleton,
The Short Story Writing Cup

Liam Francis

Librarians Award
for exceptional use of the Library.

Maddisen Bond

Librarians Award
for exceptional use of the Library.

Larissa George

The Wynel Te Wiata Trophy
for Academic and General
Contribution to the School
and Best Overall Junior Student

Naomi Randall

Gilby Todd Trophy
for Junior Proxime Accessit
Achievement in Enterprise
Achievement in Mathematics
Fifth in 10TA English
Third in 10TA Hauora
Second in 10TA Mathematics
First in 10TA Science

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What XTC Holiday Program brought to you by Nga Miro Health
Dates Starts Monday 17th of January 2011 – Friday 28th of January 2011

What Lots of cool activities like

- * Black Water Rafting
- * Quad Bike Adventure
- * A - 2 Day Camp
- * AND MANY MORE!!

WHO Local rangatahi who live in Ngaruawahia & are aged 13 – 18 years of age & you must have either completed year 9 or be enrolled to complete year 9 in 2011.

For a registration form please contact Carl Shepherd

On cell - 027 2477 098 or by email – carl@ngamiro.co.nz

Registrations will be taken right up until January 17th – the 1st day of the program

HURRY - There are only 50 spaces available so REGISTER NOW!!

**COST –
NOTHING ITS
FREE!!**

**Ngaruawahia Community
Youth Holiday Programme
2011**

January 5 – January 20th

3 – 5yrs \$20.00

6yrs – adult \$60.00

The programme is open to those that live in Horotiu, Ngaruawahia, Taupiri, Glen Massey and Orini areas. Children aged 9yrs and under must be accompanied by a paying adult aged 18 years and over.

For further information contact

Norm McIntosh on 824 8199

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