

TERM CALENDAR

August

30 Finals of InterArts competition

September

3 School Speech Finals
8 AIMS Games opening
9 AIMS Games week
17 BOT Meeting
19 Samoa Trip departs
23 Alpine Camp
26 Samoa Group Return
27 Latimer Assembly
27 Last day of Term 3
HOLIDAYS

October

14 Term 4 Starts
14 Year 8 Camp Ngatuhua 1
22 Year 8 Camp Ngatuhua 2
22 Year 8 Camp Waitomo
28 Labour Weekend
29 Staff Only Day

November

3 Year 8 Camp Great Barrier

Principal's Corner

"There is so much on in the final few weeks of the Term. Best wishes to everyone for all the various events – win with humility, lose with pride – but most importantly enjoy the journey and learn all you can along the way."

Jill Weldon

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Thanks to everyone who completed the online survey about our school communication methods. Your feedback is being discussed this week at the BOT meeting with actions to be furthered as a result.

Some interesting outcomes are that many of the respondents still prefer the newsletter to be printed in hard copy as well as emailed, few people are aware of our Instagram and some of you feel we could use the Skool Loop App more efficiently.

Some comments about timely notice of events and gaining permissions as well as lots of affirmation about being kept informed have been noted.

Congratulations to our two lucky winners: Raponi Wilson and Leanne Lester, winners of the two \$50 petrol vouchers for completing the survey. We will get these to you as soon as possible.

House points:

Te Mauri	1 st
Te Wehi	2 nd
Te Ihi	3 rd
Te Mana	4 th

HIGASHIDORI JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Big thanks to the host families and students who recently hosted our guests from Higashidori in Japan. They had a brilliant kiwi experience and we learned lots from them here at school.

Our thanks to the following families:

Hauraki	Flowerday	Jepsen
Matthews	Crowley	Simmons
Hamblyn	Hennell	Hemara
Flowerday	Nel	

We appreciate you all and thank you for your warm hospitality.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL 2019

Our school attendance target is 95% and as a school we usually meet this well in the first and last terms. It drops a bit in the winter months with illness to about 93%.

2019 has not stacked up to be a great year so far for attendance – Term 2 was very poor at just 89%.

The Ministry of Education collects data from Term 2 and they confirm that this year's non-attendance data is the worst in 5 years.

There are significant numbers of students not attending school on a regular basis or arriving to school late *every* morning. The MOE will be monitoring this attendance going forward so we need to lift this back up to where it should be.

ALL students should be at school by 8.40am every morning – supported by parents and whānau to be up, breakfasted and at school on time. The community constable is working with us and whānau to support getting some students here more regularly, attending and learning.

If you need some help with supporting your young person to be at school – please let us know. We want to work together to address this and I thank you for helping us to get this right.

SCHOOL SPEECH FINALS

These take place next week – Tuesday 3 September in the PAC. If your child is selected from Centre finals this week in either 'informative' or 'persuasive' speeches, they will be delivering their speech between 10.10am and 12.50pm next Tuesday in the PAC with an audience from across the school. You are very welcome to join us and enjoy hearing all the speech finalists.

HOUSE INTERARTS FINALS

Similarly – House InterArts finals are this FRIDAY. An extravaganza held annually to showcase the Performing Arts within House competition – you are warmly invited to the razzle dazzle of performance in the PAC this Friday.

This is the timetable for the day and order of appearance (please note the times are approximate as some performances go over or under):

10.00am	Dance	Te Ihi, Te Mauri, Te Mana, Te Wehi
10.30am	Wearable Arts	Te Mauri, Te Mana, Te Wehi, Te Ihi
11.40am	Movie Retell	Te Mana, Te Ihi, Te Mauri, Te Mauri
12.40pm	Lip Sync	Te Wehi, Te Ihi, Te Mauri, Te Mana
2.40pm	Results	

We have a freephone number available – you can call this off your mobile or home phone at no cost:

0800 131 033

Keep it handy – save it in your phone!

STAFF ONLY DAYS

You might be aware that in the recent negotiations to settle the Primary and Secondary Teachers Collective Agreements, the Government offered extra Staff Only Days as part of the bargaining. This was in direct response to workload and hauora of teaching staff at busy times of the year requiring significant hours of work outside the normal workday. An example of this is at student led conferences, assessment time and report writing time.

These **extra 8 staff only days across 3 years**, which became effective from July 1st 2019, do not need to be made up (added on to the end of the school year) and they are specifically to address workload.

I know this might not be great news for you as working whānau, but it is very welcome news to the education sector.

We have scheduled one of these Staff Only to coincide with assessment and report writing time for our staff in Term 4 this year.

To try to make it less painful we have added it on to Labour Weekend so perhaps you as whanau might be able to enjoy a longer weekend.

All schools are looking to see if we can coordinate our days in 2020 to assist the community to plan.

Please mark in your calendar now that TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER will be a staff only for Te Puke Intermediate.

SAMOA TRIP IS LOOMING

Immediately following the AIMS Games, the group travelling to Samoa will depart for a weeklong cultural and educational experience.

The final meeting has been held with all paperwork, passports etc collected.

We are excited to be able to share the 'travel bug' with our students – many of whom now have their first passport!

We return in time for the last day of the Term 3 to share our learnings and experiences.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

Last week we held our Open Night for 2020 enrolments. There was an excellent turn out of students and their whanau supporting them and we enjoyed showing our place to our visitors.

We require all enrolment information back to us or to their contributing school by Friday 20 September. Please support your friends and family to meet this deadline.

If you know someone who missed the open night and receiving the information – please get them to contact us immediately.

First choice for Centres cannot be guaranteed for late enrolments and we do not like disappointing people.



Facebook
Skool Loop App
Instagram



NEW LEARNING CENTRE FOR 2020

A new Learning Centre was presented at the Open Night last week for 2020. In combination with the students and the staff in Energise, we have created a new Centre to validate and provide space for students who like sport, are outdoors people, enjoy games for fun, need to be active, learn best through practical experiences – but are not so into fitness and training. We wanted to make it okay to feel this way about sport and activity which is different to the Energise brief.

EDVENTURE will be on offer to Year 7's and 8's for 2020.

The description, expectations and student profile is on the school website – check it out if you think it might be you.

More on this in Term 4.

AIMS GAMES PREPARATION



We are in full AIMS Games mode with a quarter of our school involved in the competition. Warm up games happening with Tauranga Intermediate this week, tournaments and extra trainings with less than two weeks to go! Huge thanks to parents and whanau who are supporting the week with coaching, managing, transport and general support.

Check out the AIMS Games Website or the App for your phone. They'll make it easy to keep up with draws and results across the week along with offering deals at local restaurants, free buses around the venues, etc.

GOOD LUCK to all our athletes competing – I hope it is a memorable, enjoyable experience with success and personal achievements.



A big thank you to Barrett Homes who supplied drink bottles for our AIMS netball team. They are much appreciated!



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HOUSE POINTS AS AT 23.08.19

Te Ihi 1020	Te Mana 1015	Te Mauri 1025	Te Wehi 980
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