

Te Puāwaitanga: He Pānui

E te whānau tēnā koutou, well we're getting close to exam time, our taura have worked very well this year. We only have one or two students to complete a couple of internal assessments before exams start.

1. Te Pō Ōkawa

Ki Whea: Ngā Purapura, Ōtaki
Hei Āwhea: Rāpare, 12 November
Te Wā: 6 - 10:30pm
Kaupapa here: The Great Gatsby

Tau 11-13 students are now aware of who has met the criteria set for attendance at the Pō Ōkawa to be hosted by Te Kura ā-Iwi o Whakatapuranga Rua Mano.

Students intending to invite a partner are reminded that time has been set aside on Monday 9 November 5-6pm for a hui with Whāea Sophie and Whāea Evelyn.

All Tau 11-13 students attending the pō ōkawa are released from kura on Thursday 12 November to prepare for the event.

The programme for the kura will be:

4pm: All students meet at the kura with their partners.
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4.30pm Bus departs for Ōtaki
6.00 pm Arrive Ngā Purapura - Ōtaki
10pm Wehe i Ōtaki
11.30 pm Tae ki Porirua

Please note students will need to be collected from the kura, we will keep in contact via facebook. The kura is continuing to work with students on options for transport - there will be a cost to students for this, we will confirm as soon as we are able to. Please note our kura will travel as a group to and from Ōtaki.

2. Rā ngāhau Friday 13 November

Ki Whea: Daytona, Upper Hutt, then H₂O Xstream
Hei Āwhea: Rāmere 13 Whiringa a rangi
Te Wā: Depart Kura 9.15, return 3pm
Utu: \$5/taura - this will help with costs for our BBQ kai
Kawe mai: Kai, Togs and towel, closed shoes for the cars, mufti.

Kaimahi have planned a fun day out for all Te Puāwaitanga students on Friday. We will go over to Upper Hutt, where we are booked on the Daytona Cars, Paintball, Trampoline and Ice skating. After this we will walk across to the pool for a swim and lunch. We will aim to be back at kura for the buses.

3. MoE Approved Teacher Only Day

The Ministry of Education has approved a series of teacher Only Days to help Kaiako become familiar with the significant changes in NCEA. These Teacher Only Days will help kaiako develop and modify programmes to ensure we are prepared when the changes are introduced. The Teacher Only Day for the Wellington region will be 17 November. This means there will be no kura for Te Puāwaitanga students only. The kura tuatahi programme will continue as normal.

4. 2021 Course selection meetings for Tau 11-13 whānau

Course selection hui with whānau of Tau 11-13 whānau will be held on Monday 23 November. We would like to meet with all whānau of students enrolling in Tau 11-13 2021 on this

evening please. We have also decided to issue final year reports on 20 November (earlier than planned) to help us ensure we have all necessary information for these hui. A timetable of meetings will be sent home for whānau to make bookings.

5. Kapahaka events

Wellington Secondary School Sports Awards

Ki Whea: Te Rauparaha Arena
Hei Āwhea: Rātapu 8 Whiringa a rangi
Te Wā: 4pm arrive, 5.30 on stage
Utu: kore

Te Puāwaitanga has been asked to Pōwhiri nominees and their whānau, and will also perform one item. Students who are available are asked to let Whāea Kataraina. At present we require more of an effort by our Tama to commit. Please remember koha we receive from events like this help us pay for some of the special events the whānau enjoys. Everyone should consider supporting this kaupapa please.

Pō Haka

Ki Whea: Te Rauparaha Arena
Hei Āwhea: Rāmere 20 Whiringa a rangi
Te Wā: 4pm arrive, 5.30 on stage
Utu: kore

This year has affected kura tuatahi and the kura tuarua National and Regional Kapahaka Competitions. With the kapa Kaiako we have decided to provide an opportunity for our rōpū to perform and celebrate their learnings this year with whānau. So we have hired Te Rauparaha Arena where we will have performances by Poutuarongo, Rangitūhi (Poutokomanawa), Whitireia (Poumua) and Te Puāwaitanga.

Tickets will be \$10 per adult - this will help cover costs of the hall hireage. Whānau can start requesting these now. A full programme and more details will be issued next week.

6. Driving mentor

We are very fortunate to have Papa Tai with us this year to mentor our year 13 students who are working towards their restricted driving licence. Feedback about the programme has been very positive. We are now taking registrations for year 12 students who currently hold their learner licence. Please see Whāea EveJane and she will schedule some driving days with Papa Tai.

7. NCEA Exams 2021

Students who are sitting exams this year will be given their exam admission slips which will inform whānau the day and time of the exam. Level 1 and Level 2 Te Reo Māori are digital exams and will be held at kura. All other exams will be at Porirua College; L3 Te Reo Māori, L2/L3 Te Reo Rangatira, L2 Physics, L3 Stats, L2 Mathematics. More information will be sent nearer the time.

8. Kī o Rahi Junior Competition

Matua Keanu is looking to put a tau 9-10 Kī o Rahi team for a tournament next week. He will meet with students to discuss this further and confirm details with whānau if enough interest is shown.

9. **Kakahu Okawa** standard is dropping, we are seeing ripped pants, skirts, unwashed uniforms, holy stockings, and incorrect hū ōkawa. Kia Kaha Whānau!