



## **Ngaruawahia High School Newsletter**

Te Kura Tuarua O Ngaruawahia

Issue 1, 2019



## **Principal Chris Jarnet**

**Kia ora Koutou**

**Welcome back to kura for 2019. The year commenced with our school camp where we mix all of our new students, with our existing students to ensure that everyone gets to know everyone else over a fun and action-packed week. Our new enrolments number around eighty students.**

**The Swimming and Athletics days were also a huge success and a number of students were picked to go onto regional competitions and experienced further success.**

**We welcome four new staff this year, Ryan Thomsen who teaches digital technology and Trish Tribe who is teaching English, Whaea Ree who is our Kapa Haka Tutor and Tiriti Punga school administrator.**



## **The Board**

**Ko te mea tuatahi anoo, me wehi ki te Atua, me whakahoonore too taatou Kiingi, a Kiingi Tuheitia Pootatau Te Wherowhero te Tuawhitu, e noho nei ki runga i te Torona Tapu o ana tuupuna, tana whaea, tatu mai ana ki a Makau Ariki, a raaua tamariki, a raaua mokopuna, te Kahui Ariki nui tonu, me Waikato Whaanui, me taatou katoa -**

### **Pai Marire**

**On behalf of the Board of Trustees, may I extend a very warm welcome to everyone for 2019, especially the new students and staff who have chosen to come to this kura. And welcome back to all returning students, teaching and administration staff for another full-on year.**

**In a few months' time, schools around Aotearoa will hold Boards of Trustees Elections as the current three-year term ends. The Board feel it is important to highlight these Elections because with some members departing, we want to attract “new blood” with “fresh ideas” to continue meeting the constant challenges Boards like us face.**

Being a Board member does require a lot of dedication and while challenging, can be very rewarding, knowing you can make a difference. Many schools look for people with specialist skills, but for School's like ours, these skills can be difficult to find. If you think this is you, keep a watch out for the notices advising of when the Elections are. If you want the best education for your tamariki, then we urge you to get involved at the governance level and learn how you can make the impossible – possible.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the great work of our current Board, because it hasn't been an easy road to travel. However, we all made it to the end of our term and still have the passion to want more for our students.

Here's the challenge for 2019 – join the Ngaruawahia High School Board of Trustees.

Maa te waa,

Elaine Preston - Chairperson

Amy Whetu

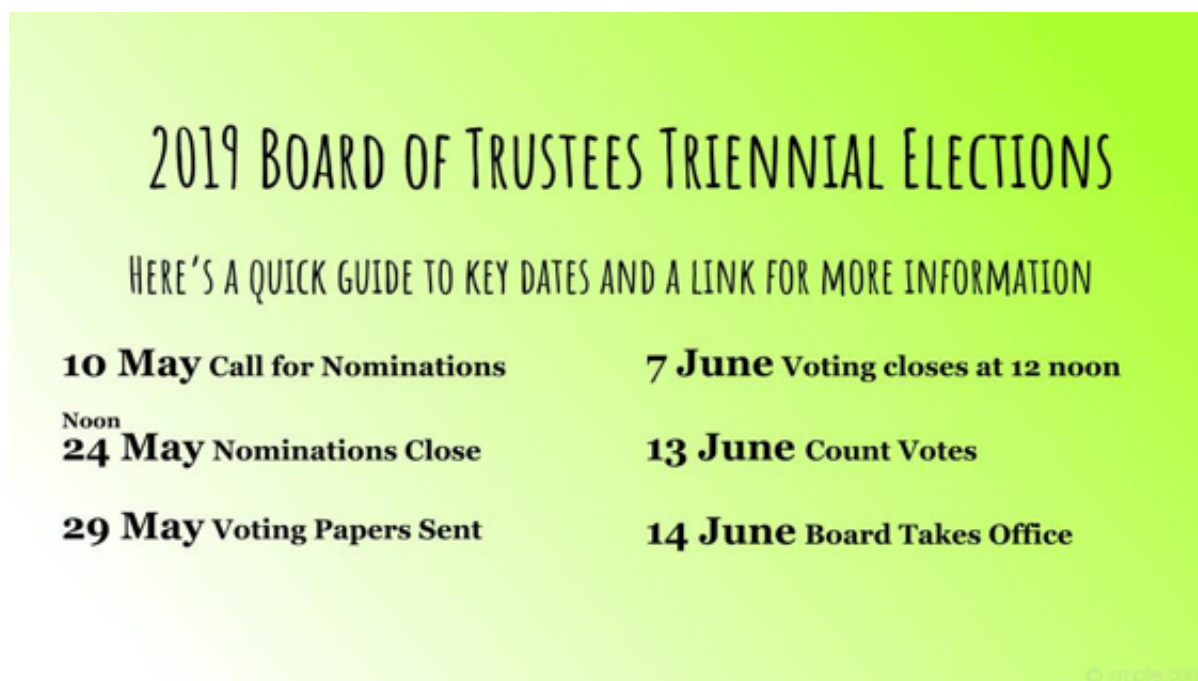
Cara Thomas

James Parker

Heath McFarlane

Rangimarie Poutapu

Adrian Reeves - Staff Rep



2019 BOARD OF TRUSTEES TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS

HERE'S A QUICK GUIDE TO KEY DATES AND A LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION

<b>10 May</b> Call for Nominations	<b>7 June</b> Voting closes at 12 noon
Noon <b>24 May</b> Nominations Close	<b>13 June</b> Count Votes
<b>29 May</b> Voting Papers Sent	<b>14 June</b> Board Takes Office

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## Volunteering at the Kura

We are looking for Whaanau who have skills and time to support our Kura. This could be helping with sports, cooking, event planning, fundraising, gardening, parent helper in class, driving the van for class trips etc.

If you would like to help out, please [fill in this linked online form](#) to let us know.

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## New Staff



**Matua Ryan** - "Kia ora Koutou, my name is Ryan Thomsen and I am the new Digital Technology and Financial Literacy teacher at the kura. I grew up in the USA but have lived in Hamilton since 2001 when I married Whaea Eliza. We have three boys ages 15, 7 and 6. I enjoy hiking and camping, I play the piano, sing and can speak Mandarin Chinese. I previously worked at the University of Waikato as a Business Research Analyst and have felt very welcome at the kura by students and staff. I look forward to getting to know the amazing students and their whanau as the year progresses."

**Ms Tribe** - "Hello! I am part of the English team, taking all the year 9 classes. I have previously taught at three other high schools - Fairfield College and St Paul's in Hamilton and International College in Auckland. However, most of my teaching experience is at the University of Waikato. I left there at the beginning of this year with the aim of having a few months rest, but found myself here at Ngaruawahia instead - and I love it here. It is a wonderful school."

**Whaea Ree** - "Ko Pirongia tooku Maunga, Ko Waipa tooku Awa, Ko Tainui tooku Waka, Ko Ngaati Maahanga-Ngaati Hourua ooku hapuu, Ko Oomaero raatou ko Aramiro me Oneparepare (Te Papa O Rotu) ooku Marae, Ko Rena Jones tooku ingooa, noo reira teenaa koutou, teenaa koutou, teenaa koutou Kaatoa."

"I'm known to our Tamariki as Whaea Ree. I come from Whatawhata and Aitutaki. My roles are Pouawhina and Kapa Haka tutor. I hope to meet more of our tamariki and their community. One of my goals at Ngaaruawaahia High is "Mahia te Mahi, Hei painga mo te Iwi" -Te Puea Herangi. Paimarire!"

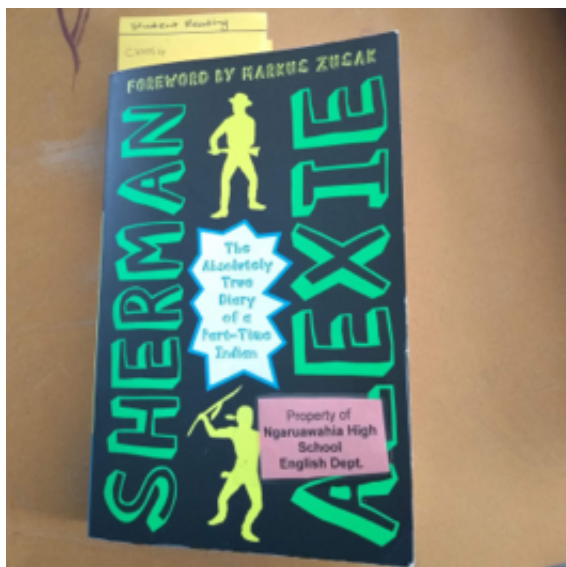
**Whaea Tiriti** - "My name is Tiriti Punga; many of you already know me. I am the administrator for our kura and you can find me in the front office. I have two tamariki at this kura with two more to follow after. Prior to working at this kura I was the secretary at Ngaruawahia Primary School. I am still, however, a parent representative on their board."

"I love lots of sports but netball and rugby league in particular. My tamariki play many sports and I love to go along and support them. This year I am coaching our school's Junior Netball team; so please come along and give us your support."

"I am really enjoying working at this kura; staff and students are awesome, loving and caring. It is great to be back."







## Head Students

**Kia ora, my name is Charlie Ryan and I am one of the Head Students for 2019. In this position, I have a few responsibilities including leading our school ball committee, the Senior Student Council and many other things. I hope to connect our school more with our community and displaying more of our student's artwork around the school as I feel it gives**

**our Kura more character.**

**Hello, my name is Havana Klink and I am one of the Head Students for 2019. Goals that I would love to implement this year is school traditions, for example, Spirit week. I am leading the Junior student council and will be focusing a lot more on their needs and ideas. Some of these are organising a Junior social for next term and an Enviro Team.**



## **Deputy Heads**

**Kia Ora, my name is Melissa Blackett and I am one of the Deputy Head Students for 2019. In this position, I have a few responsibilities including organising assemblies and leading Senior Student Council. I hope to achieve many things this year, one of them is to create a positive environment and atmosphere within the school.**

**Hey everyone, I'm Autumn-Breeze McCormick and I'm the other Deputy in our group. My main responsibility is School Houses and other bits and bobs that need to be done. What I really want to get across to our students is that it's okay to be an individual and that it is actually pretty cool to be unique in your own way.**

## **Student Council**

**This year the Head Students decided to split the Student Council into two separate councils, Junior Student Council and Senior Student Council. They decided to do this as both Juniors and Seniors have different interests. When necessary, both Student Councils will come together and collaborate on different ideas and fundraisers.**

Our head students will continue to lead our students. While Charlie and Melissa lead our Senior Student Council, Havana and Autumn take charge of the Junior Student Council and work alongside both to help achieve what we need.

**Both student councils have managed to organise some great fundraisers to support our Kura and other organisations. They will continue to create opportunities for our school and community to get involved with each other and we cannot wait to see what you have instilled for us this year.**

**- Melissa Blackett**

## **Board of Trustee Student Representative**

**- Anayda Jones- Brown**







## **Outdoor Experience**

**As a welcome to all new students and those returning for another year of growing and learning as a kura, we do a massive week of fun activities. With our Seniors leading the groups and activities, our new Juniors had the opportunity to get to know the leaders of our kura and also the privileges they have living in this area.**

**Our leaders put together many fun activities; rafting down our Waikato River from Horotiu bridge, nature walk through Hakarimata, learning different medicinal purposes for our plants and mountain biking all the way to the new Perry Bridge in Horotiu and back. Throughout the week our students and teachers grew to know each other a lot more becoming more trusting and supportive.**

**The Year eleven students managed to document all of the antics we got up to and created documentaries to show off at the end of the week. With the week over, the leaders had to choose the Juniors who stood out the most during the week.**

**A huge thank you to Matua Josh for helping to organise this amazing week and POET for supporting our school and helping to make this week possible.**

**- Kaylee Wilson**





## Swimming Sports

**Ngaruawahia High School had their annual Swimming Sports Day on February 18th at Ngaruawahia Swimming Pools. “It was a race to see who would come 2nd.” Maurice declared as there was no chance of placing first with Appo Puikkonen around, he wiped them all out.**

**Best Junior Female and Male swimmers were Jodie Ranui and Hunter Higgins.**

**Best Intermediate Female and Male Swimmers Santija Silich-Steed and Daeton Moana-Ruland.**

**Best Senior Female and Male Swimmers were Aapo Puikkonen and Emmah Hardie-Neil.**

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## Tongariro Crossing

**"During the 20th of February until the 23rd, four incredibly fortunate students had the**



privilege of being able to attend the Blue Light Tongariro Crossing trip. Four people were selected from each school, Raglan Area High School, Huntly College, Te Kauwhata College, and of course our very own. We were fortunate to have been supervised by Craig Wiggins, our local Ngaruawahia Police Officer, along with other officers who took part in making sure our trip went smoothly.

"About two hours in everyone still had their legs, we were admiring and taking in the spectacular scenery. By about four hours in we continued to make our way up to the sky it felt like, grey fog crept in and the wind began to start howling at us. A lunch stop was made and it gave time for people to put on their heavy duty raincoats and thermals etc. As we made our way to one of the lakes it got wetter by the minute, and colder by the second. One and a half hours left we walked into a beautiful clearing and the view started opening up to us steadily, knowing we had come to one of the last sections of the track we tried to take in as much of the view as we could."

- Joseph Higgins

Well done, and a huge congratulations to Brayden Walker-Logan, Charlie Ryan, Brooklynn Mauroa-Semenoff and Joseph Higgins for going along to this amazing trip.

Also, a huge Nga mihi to Craig Wiggins and the Blue Light Tongariro Crossing organisation for allowing our students to be a part of this amazing opportunity.





## **Touch Rugby**

**Earlier this year we had two staff members and a student represent Waikato in Touch at the Junior Touch Nationals and Open Touch Nationals held in Rotorua. Kristian Marshall played in the U16 Mixed Team, Matua Carl coached the U16 Girls Development Team and played in the 35 Open Mixed Team and Whaea Haz managed both the U16 Boys and U21 Men's Teams.**

**It is always an honour to represent your province. We are very proud of Kristian, Matua Carl and Whaea Haz. Matua Carl has also been selected to play in the NZ 30's Mixed Team, at the World Cup in Kuala Lumpur, in April this year. We wish him all the best over there.**

**- Whaea Haz**

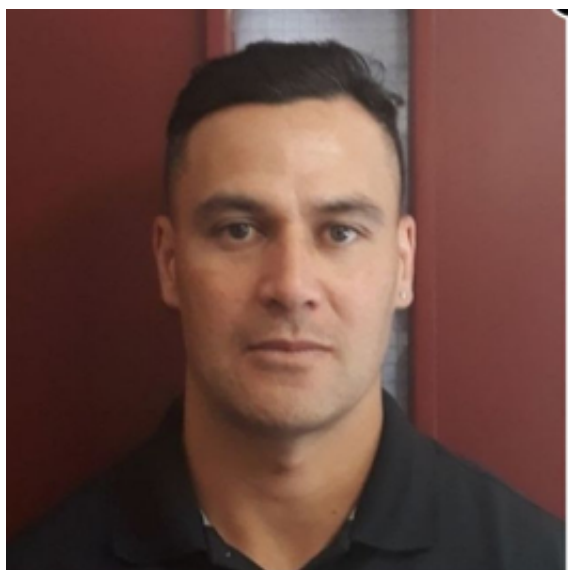
## **Waikato U16 Grades Winners:**

- **North Harbour Girls**
- **Auckland Mixed**
- **Waikato Boys**

## **Opens Winners**

- **Waikato U21 Men's Winners**
- **Counties U21 Mixed Winners**
- **Te Tai Tokerau U21 Women's Winners**

- **Waikato Open Men's Winners**
- **Auckland Open Mixed Winners**
- **Auckland Open Women's Winners**
- **Counties 27 Women's Winners**
- **Canterbury Over 35 Women's Winners**
- **Bay of plenty Over 40 Women Winners**
- **Canterbury Over 30 Men's Winners**
- **Canterbury Over 40 Men's Winners**
- **Auckland Over 45 Men's Winners**
- **Auckland Over 50 Men's Winners**
- **Counties Over 55 Men's Winners**







## **Regional Shakespeare Festival**

**Jurrell and Tien performed at the regional Shakespeare festival. It was a small event this year but a fun one. The boys did amazingly. They were strong on stage, full of effort and quite frightening to watch (mostly because I was scared they were going to hurt themselves). They received awards for best choreography, best stage fight, best prop use and came away with a buzz. Talked all the way back about what a high it was to perform.**

**We really really really want to thank Adrian for his help. He helped make wooden swords for the boys and then when they broke on first use on Friday he pulled together some awesome metal swords in time for us to go today. We would have been far less powerful without those swords. We really appreciate it.**

**- Whaea Tess**



## Pop-Up Globe

**On the 20th of February, a group of Year 11, 12 and 13 students went to the Shakespearean play Hamlet at the Pop-Up Globe in Auckland. Hamlet is a play about a prince getting revenge on his uncle for killing his father, which of course ends in tragedy as most of Shakespeare's plays usually do. Our students stood or sat in awe, shock and slight confusion as the play progressed and we delved deeper into the story. After the play was over our students chatted about Hamlet for hours, still soaking up the magic of the theatre. Our students learned several things that day and now have memories that they will never forget.**

**- Autumn McCormick**







## **Athletics**

**The NHS school Athletics day was held on February 22nd and although it was an overcast and drizzling day our students performed and participated with determination, not letting the rain stop them.**

**Nga mihi to Matua Maurice for organising this day and making sure it ran smoothly, along with Whaea TA, our Dj and teacher in charge of scheduling. Thank you to all who participated, and congratulations to those who placed in all events.**

**- Trinity McNicol**





## Maritime Museum

**In March, our Junior students had the privilege of spending the day up at the NZ Maritime Museum. Students were treated to meeting crew from the Waka Haunui, a traditional Maori waka. Students were able to explore the waka itself and hear stories about how masterful our early Polynesian Navigators were. It was both humbling and inspiring to learn that our ancestors are considered the greatest sailors of all time. We also had the opportunity to sail on the Ted Asbury Ship which included going under the Auckland Harbour Bridge. It was an amazing day that was enjoyed by everyone involved.**

## - Whaea Tarena





## Something to do with bees

Year 10 Science students were lucky to receive a visit from Sarah Cross, research associate and head beekeeper for Plant and Food Research. Sarah gave students an informative and interactive experience where they could try on bee suits, handle honeycomb and hive tools, and have a try with smoke billows. Our guests of honour, the honey bees, were contained in a display frame throughout her visit and students found them fascinating to watch. Sarah's visit complemented our current Plant Biology topic in Science, and the knowledge she shared with us about bees as pollinators were interesting and thought-provoking for our students.

- Whaea Rachel







## **Aapo - International Exchange Student**

**Hi, my name is Aapo Puikkonen and I am 17 years old. I come from Tampere, Finland. I was on a student exchange program in Australia for six months and now I'm in New Zealand for five months but sadly leave in April. I've really enjoyed it here, learning the differences between my culture and Maori culture. I have also found that people are more social here. I came to New Zealand to learn better English skills. There are a few differences between schools in New Zealand and Finland, for example, we get to wear mufti, we get a free meal every day at school and at school in Finland, we mainly focus on academics so we mostly just do academic subjects. It gets really cold in Finland, during winter the temperature is about -30 degrees in the north part of Finland. In my town, the coldest days are about -25 degrees and during summer it's around 15-20 degrees. My favourite hobby is swimming which I think I'm okay at (but everyone at the swimming sports says he completely thrashed the boys at swimming sports!).**

**- Aapo Puikkonen and Trinty McNichol**

**We wish Aapo the best for the future and hope he had a great experience in New Zealand. He has made a lot of friends here at Ngaruawahia High and will be missed.**

**- Melissa Blackett**



A huge thank you to all those who donated towards the Easter Raffle Hampers, this was a fundraiser for the Ball committee. Trinity McNichol's whaanau won two of the baskets and the big basket went to Rachel Butler. Enjoy all the goodies, and have a wonderful Easter!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

12<sup>th</sup> April  
End of Term 1

19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
Easter Weekend

25<sup>th</sup> April  
ANZAC Day

29<sup>th</sup> April  
School Starts Term 2

17<sup>th</sup> May  
Pink Shirt Day

23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Junior Social "Disney  
Theme"

31<sup>st</sup> May  
Gut Cancer Day

16<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May  
Writing Workshops

19<sup>th</sup> June  
Wig Wednesday

5<sup>th</sup> July  
End of Term 2

## Try Out Rowing

If you are interested in trying out Rowing over the holidays, see [this attached flyer](#) (it is viewed best when opened in Microsoft Word).

## Host Families Needed Urgently

See [this document](#) for more information about hosting exchange students from France from the beginning of June.

# Legal Rights of Youth Seminar

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## Legal Ages—Consent—Bullying and the law

**Thursday 2 May 2019**

**10:00am til 12:00pm**

**Western Community Centre**

**46 Hyde Avenue, Nawton**

**Hamilton**

Presenters: Manawa Pomare, Solicitor and Educator &  
Sarah Guy, Legal Education Co-ordinator from YouthLaw Aotearoa

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**Nau mai haere mai**

**Koha appreciated**

