

Newsletter



TAMATEA
HIGH SCHOOL

2010/2

Date: 12 February 2010

"ATTITUDE is EVERYTHING!"

Principal:

Mr Chris Nielsen

PRINCIPALS REPORT

School Prefects

It was with great pleasure that we were able to present our 2010 School Prefects to the school assembly this week. We have an outstanding group of leaders who I am sure will make an impact on the school over the next year. I would like to congratulate the following students who have been selected as Prefects for 2010:

Head Boy – Matthew Gray

Head Girl – Stevie Ashby

Dep Head Boy and Rata House Prefect – Raniera King

Dep Head Girl and Tawa House Prefect – Kelsey McCulloch

Cultural Prefect and Kauri House Prefect – Justin Warena

Miro House Prefect – Te Whetu Barbarich

Pastoral Prefect and Student Trustee – Delaney Fisher

Pastoral Prefect – Josephine Keen Te Hau

Cultural Prefect – Shannen Walker

Sport Prefect – George Crawley

Sport Prefect – Niua Momoisea

Academic Prefect – Seth Harrison

Environmental Prefect – Kirstie O'Riley

I thank these students for taking on the significant responsibility of leadership within the school. I would also like to acknowledge the other students who put their names forward for Prefect roles but were unsuccessful. I am sure that even those who were unsuccessful will have a leadership role to play within the school.

NCEA 100+ Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in gaining more than 100 NCEA over the 2009 school year:

Dillon Bailey, Charles Cross, Matthew Gray, Franco Haua, Kelsey McCulloch, Sonja Murray, Casey Petersen, Georgina Smithers, Candice Thomas, Devon Turi, Daniel VongPhaChanh, Benjamin Weir and Ann Ye.

Swimming Sports

The school swimming sports will be held on Tuesday 16 February and we encourage as many students as possible to enter.

Entry for year 9 students is compulsory. I would ask that all parents support the school in ensuring that the year 9 students make every attempt to enter this event. It is a fun event that is not too demanding nor does it require a great degree of swimming ability. Rather it is a fun day and an opportunity for the year 9 students to come together and be involved in a major school event. Year 9 students who are unable to participate

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for legitimate reasons should have a note explaining this. I would however ask that parents do not support non-participation unless it is absolutely necessary.

C L Nielsen

Principal

INTERNATIONAL CORNER

Welcome to our new International Students – Kana Nishikubo, Reina Suzuki, Tsubasa Kawamura and Ryuta Kato from JAPAN and Anelisa Morao from BRAZIL.

Today we were visited by Ryuta's teachers, Mr Daisuke Ito and Mr Makoto Ohtake, from Ikubunken High School in Japan. We hope you all enjoy and benefit from your time with us at Tamatea High School.

Heather Watson

DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

STAR COURSE POSSIBILITIES 2010

Mrs Morgan is currently taking enrolments from Year 12 and 13 for STAR courses. Choices for the students are extensive and include:

Agriculture including: docking, crutching, fencing, driving a tractor, weed control, animal handling, electric fencing, farm safety

Horticulture including: plant production, garden maintenance, seed sowing, maintaining hand tools, identify plants

Automotive Engineering (not for those doing DTH)

Beauty Therapy including treatments for facial cleansing and makeup application

Business Studies including some office computing, accounting, (all at level 2)

Computer Aided Design (producing Graphics type drawings using a computer)

Computing - holiday courses in Multimedia and Web Design

Introductory papers in Navigation, Meteorology, Flight Radio towards a private pilot's licence

Boat Masters course for boating

Equine (horse) Care

Fashion Illustration

Pattern Drafting

Forestry Chainsaw safety and chainsaw operation

Hairdressing

Hairdressing extension (for those who completed the first course in 2009 or 2010)

High Performance Sport using sports science to improve performance

Sport and nutrition

Fitness Assessment

Individual exercise

Group exercise

Community Support Certificate (learning how to work with people in the health and disability area)

Barista (coffee making)

Bartending (holiday courses –you need to be 17 for this)

Maori Language

Marae customs

Introduction to Massage

Basic Electrical Skills

Defensive Driving (you must have had your Learners for 6 months to do this)

Radio broadcasting

Creative writing

Debating

NATIONAL YOUTH DRAMA SCHOOL

This is held at Havelock North High School during the Easter holidays. It is a very popular course and students come from all over New Zealand to attend. Past students who have attended the course come back raving about the experience and the learning they have obtained. Classes include:

Acting Shakespeare, Improvisation, Stage Combat, Radio Drama, Scriptwriting, Circus skills, Editing, Directing, Documentary, Plasticene animation, Musical Theatre, Screen acting, Dynamic stage acting, Acting in a short film, Performance design, Film production and design, Technical skills (lighting and sound)

Students have had the chance to enrol for these classes in their house groups. If you think your son or daughter has missed an opportunity please get them to see Mrs Morgan.

COMING EVENTS

February

16 Swimming Sports

17 Gateway Health & Safety Course

17 Auckland University visit

18 9S & 9T Outdoor Activities

19 9H Outdoor Activities

24 Year 9 Parent Meeting and Barbeque at 6pm