



E tipu e rea, ka tipu koe hei tangata—Growing good people for a changing world

Te Whakaputanga — Pipiri/June 2026

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Thursday 25th

Hawke's Bay United Nations Youth Forum

Tuesday 30th

Hui Whāinga - student/whānau/teacher interviews for Year 9 and Rumaki students

Te Ara Whai Mahi – The Pathway to Work—career workshops for Year 12 - site visit

Te Ara Whakapakari – A Year 11 confidence and life skills programme

Hōngongoi/July

Wednesday 1st

Hui Whāinga – Student/whānau/teacher interviews for all students

Thursday 2nd

Matariki school activities

Massey University Biology Trip

Matariki Hāpori Evening

Friday 3rd

P5 Hui ā Kura

Last Day of Term 2

13th-16th July

EIT Taster Days for young people aged 15-19 – free – register now!

www.eit.ac.nz/tasterdays/

Monday 20th

First Day of Term 3

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www.tamatea.school.nz

Lytton High School Sports Exchange

What a fantastic event! Our students made us proud as they competed in Basketball, Volleyball, Netball, Girls' Rugby Chess and a quiz. Nga mihi maioha Lytton High School for your manaakitanga, we are looking forward to a re-match!



Ngā whakaaro o te Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou katoa,

In week 9 of this term, a group of our students travelled to Gisborne for our Sports Exchange with Lytton High School. It was fantastic to see our students represent our kura, challenge themselves, and build connections with another school community.

These exchanges are something both Tamatea and Lytton value highly. Neither school has had regular opportunities like this in recent years, so it has been great to see these fixtures re-established and happening once again.

The exchange was also a great example of two of our PRIDE values in action: Kia Whakauru – Participation and He Kura Kanorau – Diversity. Participation takes many forms. For some students it is a sport. For others it is kapa haka, music, the arts, leadership, chess, academic competitions, or service. What matters is getting involved. Likewise, every student brings different strengths and talents to our kura. That diversity makes our school stronger. Different pathways, different interests, different strengths - all have value.

Our students represented Tamatea exceptionally well. They competed hard, showed resilience when results did not go their way, and remained gracious when they were successful. They demonstrated respect for their opponents and pride in our kura.

The exchange was also a great example of Kia Tū Angitū – Excellence. Excellence is about more than results. It is about preparation, effort, resilience, giving your best, and striving to improve. Our students demonstrated these qualities throughout the exchange and should be proud of the way they represented our kura.

A massive mihi to Lytton High School for the invitation to participate and for their manaakitanga while we were at their kura. We appreciate their commitment to strengthening the relationship between our two kura and look forward to the opportunity to host them at our kura in the future.

Before closing, I would like to acknowledge the many staff, coaches, managers, and whānau who make opportunities such as the Lytton exchange possible. Such opportunities require a huge amount of time and commitment behind the scenes.

I would also like to make special mention of our Sports Coordinator, Whaea Theresa. This exchange is just one example of the many opportunities she helps create for our ākonga. On behalf of our school whānau, I want to thank Theresa for her ongoing commitment to our students and the time and effort she invests in helping them succeed.

To every student who has stepped forward and participated this term, thank you. Whether through sport, culture, leadership, service, or the arts, your involvement helps make Tamatea a stronger school community. Every time you choose to get involved, celebrate your unique strengths, and strive to be your best, you demonstrate our PRIDE values of Kia Whakauru – Participation, He Kura Kanorau – Diversity, and Kia Tū Angitū – Excellence.

Ngā mihi nui,

Matua Jesse
Tumuaki



YES (Young enterprise Scheme)

Two of our Year 12 students, Steph and Conrad are a part of YES. Their company is 'Frystreet Mix'. They are making and marketing a frybread mix, you just add the liquid to their ingredients. Their product will be available for sale next term; they will be selling it at the Farmer's Market in Hastings – date to be confirmed.



Year 9 Readers' Cup

A huge congratulations to our dedicated Year 9 Readers' Cup team, who proudly represented Tamatea High School at the Inter-High School Regional Readers' Cup on Wednesday evening.

Since the end of Term 1, our team of Diamond, Zhantē, Sophie, Rehaan, Reem, and Autumn has shown incredible commitment, meeting regularly to read, discuss, and analyse six challenging novels in preparation for the competition. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and perseverance were evident throughout their journey and on the night of the competition.

Competing against 14 schools, they achieved an impressive 6th place, a fantastic result that reflects their hard work and dedication. A special congratulations also goes to the team for winning the Best MC Team Mascot Award with their outstanding mascot inspired by Tamatea Pōkai Whenua. The mascot reflected the team's creativity, thoughtful research, and strong connection to the history, identity, and values of our kura.

Finally, a sincere thank you to Whaea Meredith for guiding and supporting the team throughout their preparation, and to Whaea Leanne for coming along on the night to encourage and cheer on our readers. Your support helped make this a memorable and rewarding experience for everyone involved.

Ka rawe, Year 9 Readers' Cup team! We are incredibly proud of you all!



Year 9 Matariki Education Workshop – Ātea a Rangi

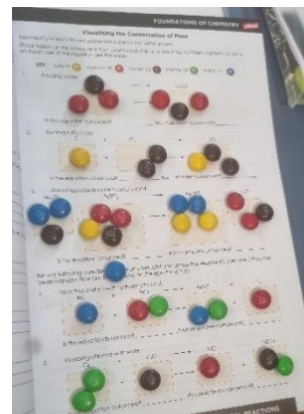
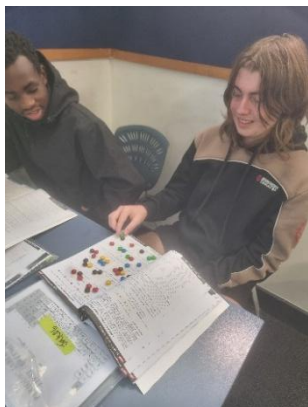
Our Year 9 Homeroom and Rumaki ākonga recently enjoyed a memorable day of learning at Ātea a Rangi in Waitangi Regional Park as part of our Matariki celebrations.

The workshop, Ngā tohu o te tau hou (The Signs of the New Year), provided ākonga with an authentic opportunity to deepen their understanding of mātauranga Māori through a range of engaging, hands-on experiences. Ākonga explored the Matariki star cluster inside a portable whare whetū (star dome), learnt about traditional navigation and celestial alignment, discovered the seasonal signs that guided our tūpuna, and explored waka kaupapa on land.

The day concluded with native planting alongside educators from Hawke's Bay Regional Council, reinforcing the importance of kaitiakitanga and our shared responsibility to care for the environment.

A huge thank you to the educators from Ātea a Rangi and Hawke's Bay Regional Council for providing such an authentic and enriching learning experience. We are incredibly grateful for this fully funded opportunity, which enabled all our Year 9 ākonga to celebrate Matariki while strengthening their understanding of te ao Māori, our connection to the natural world, and the knowledge passed down through generations.





Counting atoms using M&Ms (above)
and titrations (below)



Science

There has been plenty happening in the Science Department recently, with students across different year levels enjoying hands-on, relevant, and engaging learning experiences. A highlight was taking a group of students to Massey University for STEM Day, where they had the opportunity to work in university laboratories and take part in a range of practical workshops. Students explored chemistry by making silver nanoparticles, biology through gene testing and microscopy, and experienced sessions in zoology, animal science, food technology, and psychology. It was a valuable chance to see where science can lead and to experience the wide variety of pathways and real-world applications it offers.

Back at school, our Year 11 Science students have been building their understanding of chemistry by learning how to count atoms using M&Ms, making an abstract idea much more visual and fun. In the senior chemistry classes, Year 12 and Year 13 students have been developing their quantitative analysis skills through titrations in the lab. Our Year 13 students recently completed a full-day model investigation into salinity in a river environment, using a Mohr titration method to compare salt concentration at different distances from the ocean. This is a highly relevant area of study, as climate change and sea level rise are expected to affect the salinity of estuarine environments, with important consequences for the organisms that live there. Learning experiences like these show students that science is not only practical and interesting, but also deeply connected to the environmental challenges and opportunities of the world around them.



Massey University STEM Day



Trades Academy

Our Year 12 and 13 Trades Academy @ EIT – cookery and bakery students, recently prepared morning tea and a light lunch at Scholars Restaurant at EIT. The café service was fantastic; the pastries and scones were delicious for morning tea and the light lunch selection looked very inviting. Watch out for some more of these opportunities as they move into their final term of learning and preparing food.



Careers

Year 12 and 13 students had the opportunity to explore the Tahātu Careers Expo where universities, tertiary institutes, defence force, NZ Police, and all sorts of other employment institutions were available.



Te Ara Whai Mahi

Students who are a part of Te Ara Whai Mahi have been able to visit ABB who are a global technology leader in electrification and automation, and the Hawke's Bay Airport. Both companies showed students what they do, with so many opportunities within their companies. Students were able to see the brand new fire station at the airport and find out about the varied work of the firefighters.

Girls in Hi Vis

Connexis organised a 'Girls' in Hi Vis' event at TW Civil and Infrastructure in Napier where the girls (Years 10-13) were able to try out some of the varied types of tasks and work some of the big machines. Our ex-student, Breanna, did this last year and now works for TW.



Leadership in Action: PE Students Coach Tamatea Intermediate

Throughout Weeks 4–7 of Term 2, our Year 12 and 13 Physical Education students stepped into coaching roles, running weekly sports sessions for over 50 energetic Tamatea Intermediate students.

This hands-on experience allowed our seniors to put leadership principles into practice. They focused on developing clear communication, managing equipment efficiently, and evaluating effective group leadership strategies. This practical work forms the foundation of their main assessment report for the term.

We are incredibly proud of how our students represented the school. Feedback from the Tamatea Intermediate staff and students was overwhelmingly positive, highlighting that our seniors managed large, boisterous groups with outstanding calmness, confidence, and a great



We were very pleased to see Angel Dean, ex Deputy Head Girl 2023, who is studying Physiotherapy at the University of Otago. She came in to talk to some of our Year 12 and 13 students about Uni life, and gave them some tips about what to expect, how to survive the first year and about her time away from home.



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