



TAMATEA
HIGH SCHOOL

**Ngā Pitopito
Kōrero**



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

Te Whakaputanga — Hui-tanguru (February)

Hui-tanguru/February

Mane/Monday 26th

Year 11 Science Students—
Aquarium trip

Tūrei/Tuesday 27th

School Athletics—students
wear house colours

Poutū-te-Rangi/March

Paraire/Friday 1st

Manioro—Rainbow Club Trip

**Tūrei/Tuesday 5th—Tāite/
Thursday 7th**

Year 12/13 Biology and Physical
Education students—Tongariro
Trip

Wenerei/Wednesday 13th

School Photos

Tāite/Thursday 14th

Hui Whāinga (Individual
Education Plans) - Students and
Whānau

Paraire/Friday 15th

Hui Whāinga (Rumaki and Year
9 Hub students)

Tāite/Thursday 14th

Year 12—RYDA Presentation
and Workshop

**Paraire/Friday 29th—
Tuesday 2nd Paenga-
Whāwhā/April**

Easter break — No school

Wenerei/Wednesday 3rd

Back to school

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website for up to date notices
www.tamatea.school.nz**

2024—Our first day. All new ākonga, their whānau and our new teachers were welcomed into the school with Powhiri.



Ngā whakaaro o te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou, te whānau o Te Kura Tuarua o Tamatea, kia kaha to tatou. Kua hoki mai nei ki tēnei kura.

Ko Zac Anderson tōku ingoa.

I whānau mai au ki Poihākena.

I whangaia au e te whānau Anderson.

Nō Ahitereiria ahau, heoi anō kei Te Matau-a-Māui ki Aotearoa tōku kainga noho ināiane.

Ko te Tumuaki mō te wāhanga tatahi o 2024.

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.



Welcome to 2024!

It's been so wonderful to welcome back staff and students for the 2024 school year. At our beautiful outdoors pōwhiri, we welcomed new ākonga and their whānau as well as two new kaimahi - Whaea Rachel Dickinson in the PE, Health and Technology departments, and Whaea Renata Lander in the Year 9 Homeroom Hub and Project Based Learning department. Nau mae, haere mae! Tēnā korua!

Most recently, we have welcomed Whaea Carmen Tuhua as our new Kaitaupae, front desk receptionist. Whaea Carmen is an old girl of the kura, and has already made a great impression with her can-do attitude, amazing smile and bubbly personality. We already miss our beautiful Samaia, Mrs Lowe, and wish her all the best in her new exciting adventures of married life and a new job!

The new uniform looks very sharp indeed! We know there have been some minor supply issues from NZ Uniforms, however they should now be fully stocked. The only item yet to come is our brand new hoodie, which should be available in time for the colder months.

I have the honour and privilege of being the Acting Tumuaki for Term One. In Term Two, we will warmly welcome Matua Jesse Te Weehi from Hamilton as our new Tumuaki replacing Matua Robin. It will be a special time of celebration and you will all be invited to attend the proceedings - hei konā!

We acknowledge the passing of Phil Belcher, our master carver and artist who was commissioned to undertake our unique legacy project of carvings and paintings throughout our kura depicting our whakapapa. Matua Piripi left a trail of light and creativity wherever he stepped in his active devotion to Whakairo and preservation of matauranga Māori and Toi Māori. His loss is keenly felt throughout the Hawke's Bay community - moe mai rā e te Rangatira.

This term, we are focusing on keeping the waka steady whilst we await the arrival of our new Tumuaki. This whakataukī is guiding our everyday practice:

Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti aroha o tātou mahi - Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work. As a staff, we promise to keep the success of our rangatahi at the very heart of our decisions - we will acknowledge their uniqueness and their talents and do everything we can to make their academic year exciting, engaging and fun. Their dreams are our dreams!

Thank you for all your amazing support for our start of year activities. You're always welcome here at kura, so feel free to pop in and discuss whatever is on your mind.

Ngā mihi nui

Whaea Zac

Tō Tātou Tumuaki Hou!

Ko Hikurangi te maunga

Ko Waiapu te awa

Ko Ngāti Porou te iwi

Ko Jesse Te Weehi tōku ingoa



It is a privilege to introduce myself as the incoming tumuaki for Tamatea High School. My wife Amy and I have been blessed with three children. Isla, Hadassah and Mattias. Isla has just left home and is studying in Auckland, Hadassah is midway through High School and Mattias is in his last year of intermediate.

I have been in education for 20 years, starting out as a music teacher. Witnessing ākonga establish a positive connection with learning, observing their confidence grow, and sharing in the joy of their accomplishments with whānau brings a wide, delighted smile. The last 5 years I have been a Deputy Principal, and I have been honoured to work along with fantastic colleagues and the Fraser High School whānau to make a difference with young people in Hamilton.

I feel inspired when reading the following statement in our school's plans: "Tamatea High School will support our students to dream big for their future journeys". To have a positive influence supporting our students to chase down their big dreams for the future. I can't wait to get started.



At the start of the school year, those students who have volunteered to be Tuakana (mentors) attend a training day, they then get to put their training into practice with our new year 9 students. The photographs above are our Tuakana, and below they are with their teina.



Piripi (Phil) Belcher

The school was saddened to hear of the passing of Piripi Belcher who has worked with ākongā and within the school on numerous projects. Whaea Zac and a group of ākongā farewelled him at Waimārama on Wednesday.

Kua au Kaiata Kaitao!

On the 9th of February, I attended the National P.A.C.I.F.I.C.A Inc. Conference for 2024. It's an annual event, which this year took place in Palmerston North.

During the conference, they held a myriad of competitions, including the annual P.A.C.I.F.I.C.A Youth Speech Competition. For this, youth members have a few hours to write a three minute speech about a topic of the organiser's choosing. This year, the topic was "How can we as Tagata Moana support Tangata Whenua in their current campaign for Te Tiriti?" I won the competition for the second year in a row.

Kaiata Kaitao
(Kaiata is pictured with her proud Grandma, Berry.)



Congratulations to our Amokura for 2024

Left to right: Kaylee Kleynhans (Head Girl), Nguyen Vo Tran, Rajib Chowdhury (Head Boy), Hemi Winitana, Whaea Zac (Acting Prinipal), Maddison Trengrove, Dharun Babu Sangeetha, and Farsi Butthisan.

Nau mai haere mai (welcome) to Whaea Carmen Tuhua (left), our new Kaitaupaeape (receptionist), Whaea Rachel Dickinson (middle) and Whaea Renata Lander (right), our new Kaimahi.





What ho! Art Deco with our Year 13 students took place last Friday. So many delightful ladies and dapper gentlemen shared a morning tea and then took the opportunity of a photo with the beautiful 99 year old car.





Trades Academy @ EIT/ Te Pūkenga 2024

It has been all action with Trades Academy ākonga starting their study on Monday Thursday and Friday of last week. Flavour of the year is Hair and Beauty with 14 of our 62 ākonga learning in this field. Other popular trades are building, automotive, animal care, horticulture, computing, electrical and business.

Students attend EIT once or twice a week until the end of Term 3, and have the opportunity to use specialist equipment and facilities.

After having to have students travel to many sites in 2023, it is wonderful to have almost all of them back at the main EIT site in Taradale.



Napier Youth Council

This year we are proud to have four of our ākonga selected to be a part of the Napier Youth Council. We look forward to seeing what changes you make.

Mahi tika ana!



We welcomed six International students from Japan and Brazil to Tamatea High School at the start of this year. Some are here for one term, some for two terms and others are here until the end of the year. We have more Japanese students joining us in Term 3. Sarskia and Hunter, our International Leaders have been helping our students settle into school life.



Volleyball

There is fierce competition on the Volleyball court every break time. Our girls' and boys' teams are loving their practice times and their games. Matua John and Whaea Delwyn organise, drive and cheer our students on for all their practices and games. Pictured above left is the boys' 'A' team, and below left is the boys' 'B' team. Above—practice time!



The Rotary International Youth Exchange programme is a 1 year exchange designed for students who will be aged 16 or 17 in the January of the year that they leave New Zealand

Prior to COVID, every year about 40 to 50 students leave New Zealand in January to spend a year living in another country, learning the language and culture of that country and attending school there. They generally live with 3 or 4 host families and are hosted by a local Rotary club.

Almost invariably when they return to New Zealand the following January they are more confident, independent and mature and with a greater understanding of how other people live. They have also made friends with other students from around the world.

To go on the exchange students are required to apply through a local Rotary club (applications close in late February 2024), attend a further interview and selection process by the District Committee responsible for administering the programme and then take part in a series of orientation days. This process ensures that the students are well prepared for their year away and that they will be good ambassadors for New Zealand.

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 Rotary Youth Exchange

New uniform items in 2024

In 2024 we have introduced some new uniform items for all students, they are:

- Polo shirts Hoodie Black skirt
- Black short Black le Faitaga Junior PE uniform (T shirt and shorts)

These items, and the other existing items of our school uniform will be available from NZ Uniforms at 819 Heretaunga Street, Hastings and can be bought online. There will be a link to the online site for uniforms on our website in the near future.

All existing uniform can still be worn in 2024 (school jerseys, sweatshirts, boys' grey shirts and tartan skirts).

Our uniform shop is now closed, there will no longer be uniform sales at school.

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