



**TAMATEA**  
HIGH SCHOOL

**Ngā Pitopito  
Kōrero**



**E tipu e rea, ka tipu koe hei tangata—Growing good people for a changing world**  
**Te Whakaputanga — Paenga Whāwhā (April) 2023**

**Paenga Whāwhā (April)**

**Tāite/Thursday 6th**  
Last Day of Term 2

**Mane/Monday 24th**  
Accord Day (teacher only day)  
No school for students

**Tūrei/Tuesday 25th**  
ANZAC Day

**Wenerei/Wednesday 26th**  
All students return to School

**Haratua (May)**

**Tūrei/Tuesday 2nd—Tāite/  
Thursday 4th**  
Year 11 BP Business Challenge  
(all Year 11)

**Wenerei/Wednesday 3rd—  
Paraire/Friday 5th**  
Senior History Trip

**Tūrei/Tuesday 9th**  
Futureopoly—All seniors attend

**Mane/Monday 22nd**  
Sexwise Presentation—Year 10

**Tūrei/Tuesday 23rd**  
Careers Expo—Year 12/13  
students attend

**Paraire/Friday 26th**  
University of Waikato Open Day

**Pipiri/June**

**Tāite/Thursday 8th — Paraire/  
Friday 9th**  
Health and Safety Course

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Our Rumaki ākonga may not have been able to get into the water but that hasn't stopped Matua Aaron teaching them how to paddle. Ka rawe!

Ngā mihi nui Matua Shane for introducing some of our Year 9 ākonga to fly fishing at Hawke's Bay Fish and Game.



Years 11 and 12 learnt Māori games as part of the senior wānanga.

## Ngā whakaaro o te Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou e te whānau

Kua tīmata a Tamanui te Rā i tōna hokinga atu ki a Hine Takurua. Ka waiho i a Hine Raumati mō ināianei. Ka mau anō tātou i ngā kākahu mahana he haumarutanga i te ngau makariri o Tāwhirimātea!

This is the time of the year that our ancestors would say that the Sun, Tamanui te Rā, is starting his journey from his summer wife, Hine Raumati, to his winter wife, Hine Takurua. It's the time where we start to unpack our warm clothes to guard against the cold bite of Tāwhirimātea – the God of wind and rain.



On that note, it is timely to let everyone know that our student Board of Trustees representative, Angel Dean, has led a uniform review and the Board, teachers and students have agreed to students wearing plain black hoodies at school. So that kaiako can easily see students' faces, they will be asked to keep hoods down in class. There have been a few students wearing tights, or skinny and ripped jeans. We appreciate parents support in ensuring that ākonga are wearing correct uniform at school. We're happy to help out with providing uniform if necessary, but ākonga who continually blame mum for not doing the washing or repeatedly wear incorrect uniform will be sent home to get changed.

This term has been a difficult one for many of us. We've had a little spike in students not doing the right thing on the back of the pressures from the flood, housing and other community issues. We're doing our absolute best supporting our students to make good decisions and embody our PRIDE values. I'm pleased to say that the vast majority are doing us all proud. Our caring and supportive environment means that our overall attendance is around 80% - it would be good to bump this up closer to 90% though.

It was a real pleasure to hold our Hui Whāinga in week 8. It was an honour to listen to our ākonga share their thoughts about the things that have been going well, the challenges they're facing and the goals they have for the year. I was impressed to hear one student say that she realised a big part of overcoming her challenges was up to her. We are committed to supporting our ākonga at school but in many cases the best results are achieved when the school, whānau and student are all working together.

Last week we were lucky to have Whaea Tamara Murphy join our teaching whānau as our Head of Project Based Learning. Tamara is an experienced teacher who comes from Wairoa and taught for many years at St Joseph's Māori Girls' College. Nau mai, haere mai ki te whānau Tamara! Next term we will also have more new staff members beginning. Former student, Devon Turi, returns to Tamatea High School having graduated at least 10 years ago; he has spent 7 years teaching Science at Naenae College in the Hutt Valley. As previously mentioned, week 4 will also be the starting date for our new Deputy Principal, Zac Anderson. We are also looking forward to welcoming some more Learning Assistants to the whānau in the new term.

I want to thank Matua Shane Hiha who has been helping out as Acting Deputy Principal and Acting Principal while I have been away at the end of term. It's really special to have Shane join us given his community connections and also as a member of Pētane marae. Having swapped roles from when he was tumuaki at Te Aute College and I was deputy principal, I have been grateful to have his support while Whaea Nicky has been on leave and we've been waiting for Whaea Zac to start next term. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe, e te tuakana, Shane.

The final piece of good news that I would like to share is that after around 18 months of discussions it looks like our partnership with the Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Education, Kāinga Ora and a local building firm is going to bear fruit. We have an agreement in principal to establish a building academy at Tamatea High school which will provide ākonga the opportunity to apply to spend most of their senior year at school as part of the building team. We'll be building houses for kāinga ora to provide warm, dry and healthy homes in our community. It'll provide some great pathways for our students to transition into apprenticeships – watch this space, we'll keep you all posted. Koina āku mō tēnā wā. Please ensure everyone gets a good break and we look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday 26th of April when term two starts.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Nāku, nā

Matua Robin





### Senior Wānanga

As well as being involved in dedicated subject time for assessments and concentrated learning, some senior ākonga prepared a Hāngi as part of their Food and Nutrition course.



This week a group of Year 12 ākonga prepared a delicious morning tea for staff





## Junior Horticulture

Creating bean frames and planting the beans in the Māra Kai



## Young Enterprise Scheme (YES)

One of our YES Business teams organised themselves for a fundraiser to support their business by making and selling cupcakes at school.



Year 11 made an array of sandwiches for their Food and Nutrition assessment

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