



TAMATEA
HIGH SCHOOL

**Ngā Pitopito
Kōrero**



E tipu e rea, ka tipu koe hei tangata—Growing good people for a changing world
Te Whakaputanga — Here-Turi-Kōkā/August 2025

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Subject Selection Open

Wednesday 6th

Otago Liaison visit 9.50—
11.00am

Thursday 7th

Ako Hub (study group) 8.00 —
9.00am (Every Thursday
morning)

Year 8 Transition visit

Year 12/13 PE Training at Park
Island

Monday 11th

Maths Week

Year 13—Aquarium trip
Year 9 and 10 Writers' Toolbox
zoom

Tuesday 12th

Year 13—Electoral Commission
visit 10.45—11.15pm
Waikato Course Planning 1.45-
3.15pm

Thursday 14th

International Students' Trip

Ako Hub (study group) 8.00 —
9.00am (Every Thursday
morning)

Friday 15th

Sport Hawke's Bay Student
Council Meeting

Sunday 17th—Tuesday 19th

Tough Guy, Tough Girl Challenge
in Rotorua—Year 12/13 PE

Monday 18th

Tongan Language Week

Tuesday 19th

Hawke's Bay Secondary Schools'
Badminton Competition

Tamatea High School
50th Anniversary Reunion
Friday 24th—Sunday 26th
October
**(Hawke's Bay Anniversary/
Labour weekend)**

ようこそ, **Youkoso, Welcome** to our two
International students, Yasu and Nachi, who are
with us for this term. They have hit the ground
running with attendance at the school ball,
participation in Badminton, and quickly
assimilating into all of their classes. Last week
they bravely introduced themselves at a full
school assembly.



Bruce Bickerton

Back in Week One some of our Music
students (and a few staff) were fortunate to
spend an hour with Taonga Puoro
practitioner Bruce Bickerton. These
traditional Māori instruments were almost
lost but through the mahi of people like
Hirini Melbourne, Richard Nunns, Ruby
Solly, Ariana Tikao and Matua Bruce are
reclaiming their voices and place in music,
healing, ceremonies, performances,
storytelling and other contexts.



Cook Islands Māori Language Week 3-9th August Ātui'tui'ia au ki te raurau a tōku matakeinanga "Connect me to the offerings of my people"

Kia orāna kōtou kātoatoa, Greetings to you all. Our week started on Monday with Pure (Karakia)
beautifully recited by Amokura Jordin. Whaea Taiatini and Jordin shared their skills with ei katu
making. Over the week there'll be food, language and performance. Meitaki!



Saturday 9th August—this Saturday

OPEN DAY 1pm-3pm

Come and check out what we have to offer your whanau.

Ngā whakaaro o te Tumuaki

Nau mai, haere mai – Welcome to Term 3!

One of the major highlights to kick off Term 3 was our Senior Ball, themed around Vincent Van Gogh's *Starry Night*. Our auditorium was beautifully transformed, with deep blues, yellows, and swirling lights capturing the feeling of the famous painting. Both ākonga and staff embraced the theme, bringing amazing energy, laughter, and even some impressive limbo moves to the dance floor!

A huge thank you to the Student Ball Committee for their creativity and hard mahi in making the event happen—and to all the kaiako who supported on the night and behind the scenes. It truly was a night to remember.

This term, we extend a special welcome to Danielle Angland, who joins us as one of our new Learning Assistants. Danielle is a former student of our kura. It's always something special when our own return to help guide the next generation, nau mai hoki mai, Danielle!

Our senior Art students recently attended the Top Art Exhibition at EIT, which showcases NCEA Level 3 portfolios that achieved Excellence in Painting, Sculpture, Photography, Design, and Printmaking. The visit gave our ākonga a real sense of what artistic excellence looks like and plenty of inspiration. Thank you, Emma Neal, for helping our students channel their creative energy into a range of artforms. Your guidance and support mean so much to them.

As part of our Life Readiness Programme (LRP), our Year 10 students completed a new Career Readiness Programme, supported by the Graeme Dingle Foundation. They explored their strengths, identified key skills, and learned about industries and career pathways. The programme ended with a fun and meaningful community engagement event, where students met with professionals and guessed their jobs through a series of questions. It was a creative and memorable way to spark career thinking and build future confidence.

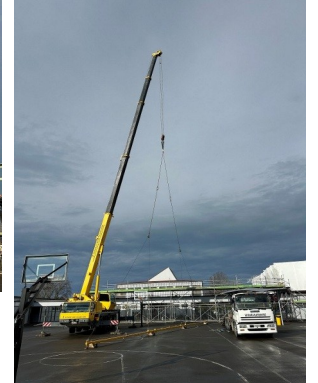
Ngā mihi nui to Leonie Egan and Ashley Toye for designing and leading this programme, and to all staff and community members who contributed. Career exploration leads naturally into the important task of Subject Selection for 2026. Whether our students are planning for tertiary study, trades, or stepping into the workforce, choosing the right subjects is key. We encourage whānau to talk with their tamariki about their goals and to reach out to our team if any support is needed.

This week we welcome Year 8 students from our contributing schools for the first of our Transition Visits. These visits are designed to help incoming ākonga explore our kura, meet staff, and discover the many opportunities available to them at Tamatea High School. We look forward to walking alongside these future students as they prepare for their next big step.

Our annual Open Day is this Saturday from 1:00pm to 3:30pm. We warmly invite prospective students and their whānau to come along and explore our kura. Nau mai, haere mai come and discover what makes Tamatea a special place to learn and grow.

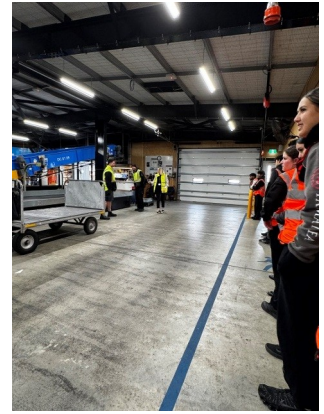
Working together is a vital part of ensuring our students' success. Thank you, whānau, for your continued support in helping our students stay focused, achieve their goals, and take confident steps toward a successful 2026.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Matua Jesse



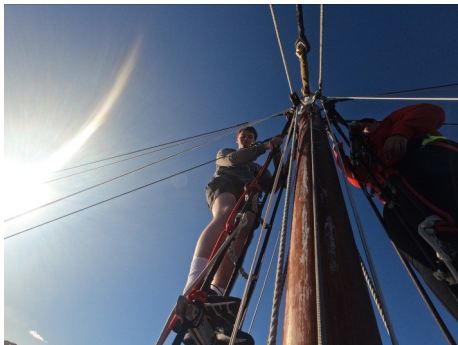
Our re-roofing continues for the rest of 2025 and into 2026. Last week there were some enormous sheets of roofing iron delivered, with some very tight turns and clever driving to get into our quad.

Please check the Skool loop app, Facebook page or our website for up to date notices www.tamatea.school.nz



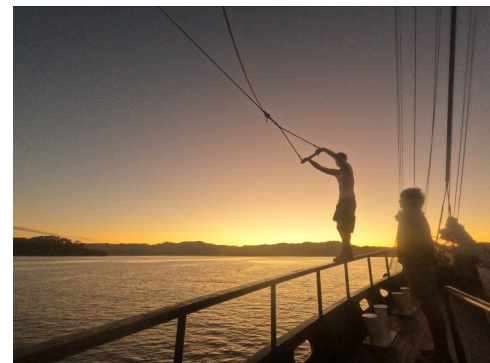
Career Navigator

Graeme Dingle Foundation facilitated our Career Navigator site visits to Hawke's Bay Airport and Higgins Contractors Limited. Our tour of the airport included Air New Zealand front of house employees, baggage handling and the fire station. Students were able to check out 'Judy Drench' the new fire engine, and made sure that sirens and water blasting were all working. Higgins Contracting Ltd employees shared their work journeys, our students were then given the Higgins experience with diggers and graders. Students were shown the Higgins Laboratory where all the technical details for tarmac are sorted, improving our roads with top quality tarmac.



Spirit of Adventure

Eugene has recently returned from a 10 day voyage on the Spirit. When asked about his experience he said "The best bit was waking up in the mornings and jumping in the water—I loved the cold swims. It was really fun to climb to the top of the mast". He sailed out to Great Barrier Island and to Coromandel, and had a fantastic time.

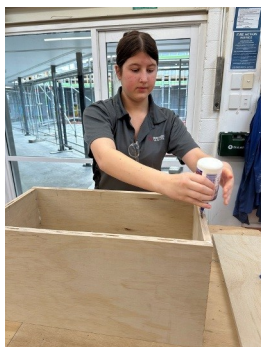


Starry, Starry Night

The perfect title for the Tamatea High School Ball 2025. The venue looked amazing, thanks to the dedicated team of students under the guidance of Whaea Josie. The cars, the suits, the ballgowns.....what a night!







Year 10 and Year 11 in Design Technology—Hard Materials



Year 12/13 PE

Training for Tough Guy, Tough Girl Challenge

Our Year 12 and 13 PE students have been working hard on a fitness training programme in preparation for the upcoming Rotorua Tough Guy, Tough Girl Challenge in mid-August. Their training has included running sessions at Park Island in all weather conditions – from cold rain to warm sunshine – as well as fitness circuits, mobility and stretching work, and even tackling our own in-school Hyrox challenge.

This exciting experience not only builds fitness and teamwork but also provides valuable learning and assessment opportunities around training principles, performance outcomes, and health and safety in adventurous environments like mud running. We're proud of the effort and resilience our senior students are showing as they train for this challenging event!

Badminton

Our Badminton teams have recently been re-graded and are playing exceptionally well in their new grades. We have also been lucky to have our new International student, Yasu from Japan, joining in with his top skills. Our B Grade Boys' team, now playing in the A Grade, is doing exceptionally well to be competitive and winning some of their games within their grade.

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