



TAMATEA HIGH SCHOOL

Ngā Pitopito Kōrero



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

Te Whakaputanga — Pipiri/June 2025

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Monday 16th—Wednesday 18th

Got Drive Mentored Driving
with Senior Constable Johnston

Tuesday 17th

Career Navigator
Hawaiian Ropu at kura

Wednesday 18th

Year 9 Readers' Cup
Competition (4pm)

Thursday 19th

Matariki Celebrations at Kura
Hawaiian Ropu at Kura

Friday 20th

Matariki Holiday—No school

Tuesday 24th—Wednesday 25th

Got Drive Mentored Driving
with Senior Constable Johnston

Wednesday 25th

Hui Whāinga (parent/whānau/
student meetings) for Year 9
and Rumaki

Thursday 26th

Hui Whāinga (parent/whānau/
student meetings) for all school
(Students come in with whānau
for a meeting with their
Whānau Group teacher)
Pasifika Leadership Day

Friday 27th

Last Day of Term 2

Hōngongoi/July

Monday 14th

First Day of Term 3

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

John Ryan

It was with a mix of emotions that we heard that John Ryan, our wonderful founding principal (1975-1988) died on Monday. We are sad at the passing of this lovely man who lived for education and young people and who had the vision to guide Tamatea High School in a different direction from that expected in the 1970's. John was ahead of his time in the aspirations he had for all his students, to be caring, inclusive, bicultural New Zealanders. He adopted the motto 'We Care' and he showed this in all his decision making.

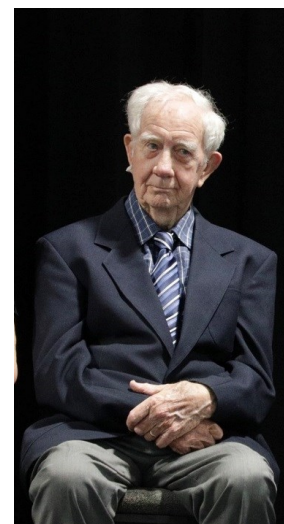
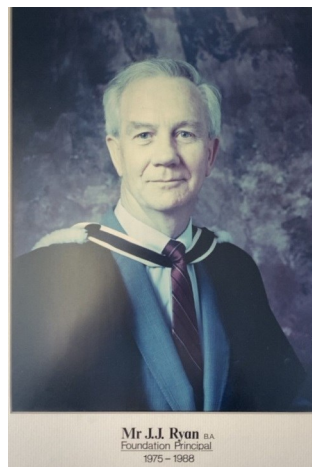
We are grateful for the absolute dedication that John displayed to Tamatea High School. He had a lifetime of loyalty to his school. He took the time to meet and welcome each of the principals that followed him. He was available for information as requested but was never intrusive. Every year for over forty years, John sat on the stage for school prizegivings – that is true dedication!

On the 12th of May 2008 we honoured John and his service to the school by naming the library, the John Ryan library. A very small gesture for a lifetime of commitment.



STAFF 1975

J.Hurndell, J.Kasza, M.Head, K.Asher, S.Gear, S.Ford
I.Collins, A.Thomson, J.Ryan, R.Zachariassen, H.Paice
Principal abs: R.Syrett



Ngā whakaaro o te Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou katoa,

John Ryan, our founding principal, passed away on Monday 9th June. As a school we are saddened by this news as John has continued to support the school since his retirement in 1988. When he was able to, he would come in to school for school events, notably for prizegivings, powhiri and when we planted the first trees and shrubs in the Ngahere. We send our condolences to his family. Tamatea High School will miss him.

As we reach the midway point of the year, it's a good time to reflect on the energy, growth, and resilience we've seen throughout term two here at Tamatea High School.

Our value of *kia tū angitu* – excellence has been clear in so many places this term. From student-led events, like Pink Shirt Day, to the effort and creativity shown in the BP Business Challenge, our ākonga have really leaned into the opportunities in front of them. We've also had students representing the kura with pride at events like the East Coast North Island Athletics Championships, the Kapa Haka Regionals, and the Hawke's Bay Chess Tournament. Kai pai rawa atu!

We're pleased to welcome three new staff members to our kura this term. Arishma Singh has joined us in the Mathematics department after moving from Fiji. Amy Page joins our English department and is already making a positive impact with her enthusiasm for language and learning. We also welcome former student, Boston Malaitai as a Learning Assistant, supporting our ākonga across a range of learning areas. It's great to have them on board, and we look forward to the contributions they'll each make to our school whānau. Nau mai, haere mai.

Over the past month, our ākonga have been involved in a variety of meaningful learning experiences. Junior and senior students have taken part in the Numeracy and Literacy Common Assessment Activities (CAA), showing the progress they're making toward NCEA goals. One standout this term was Futureopoly, a hands-on event from the Graeme Dingle Foundation, where students connected with local employers and explored career ideas in a fun and practical way. Other events like the Careers Expo and Inspiring the Future gave our students the chance to meet with training providers and employers and see what might be possible in life beyond school. Science students had the opportunity to get out to Massey University for a STEM day, where they tried out different workshops and got a feel for learning at tertiary level. Trades and practical pathways were also front and centre, with some of our students visiting local employers through the MITO Automotive Bus Tour while a group of our wāhine also took part in Girls in Hi Viz, which introduced them to the world of infrastructure and construction. For our juniors, the Pathways to Potential programme gave them a first taste of what career exploration can look like. It's been great to see so many of our students making the most of these chances to learn, grow, and explore what might come next.

Earlier this year, we talked about our focus on improving student attendance, knowing that being at school every day makes a big difference to learning. It's been really encouraging to see improvements across many areas this term, especially among our Year 11 and 12 ākonga who have shown great commitment in turning up consistently. **Ka mau te wehi!** A huge thank you to our whānau for the support you've given from home. It's made a real impact. To our Year 13s, this is your final stretch at kura. It's your turn to set the standard—don't let your teina leave you behind. Keep showing up, keep leading, and finish strong.

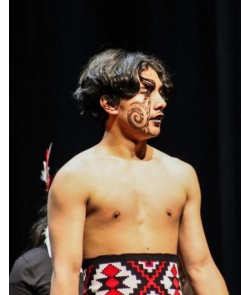
As Term 2 draws to a close, I want to acknowledge the hard work, focus, and dedication our ākonga, kaiako, and whānau have brought to their learning. Progress comes from the small efforts made each day, and it's been uplifting to see our students making the most of the opportunities in front of them. We're proud of all that's been achieved so far and look forward to what the second half of the year will bring.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Matua Jesse



Congratulations to Te Rau Aroha kapa haka who performed at Te Haaro o Te Kaahu secondary schools festival in the whakangāhau (entertainment) section. We did not know that a decision was made the night before that all whakangāhau groups were going to compete against each other. We were humbled and very proud to be the first kura to win this section.



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



Futureopoly

Futureopoly is a Monopoly style event organized by the Graeme Dingle Foundation. It gives students an opportunity to investigate all sorts of local businesses and companies, to ask questions and to get a feel for what it might be like to work for them.

Our Year 12 students attended and made the most of the experience, gaining lots of knowledge of what is out there.



Barista at EIT

We had 11 year 12 and 13 students attend the EIT Hospitality department to work on their coffee skills. The students learn from Lecturer Chris how to make the perfect espresso by grinding, tamping and extracting the coffee. Day 2 moved into the ideal latte and success with milk.

These skills will be transferred into our school cafe and ideally moving into life long skills to support them in their careers. Many thanks to the careers team in supporting the vision of the Digital Technology Dept and Miss Rose and Whaea Chanel for Team Tech support.



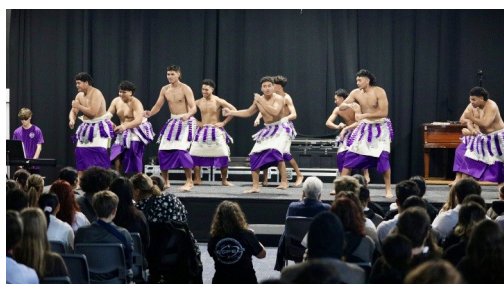
YES (Young Enterprise Scheme) Business Challenge

Year 11 students took part in a three day business challenge. Their groups had to come up with a business idea, gather information, organise their presentation and then present it to our Judges. Thank you to the YES group for facilitating this and to our Judges for taking part and listening to all of the presentations.

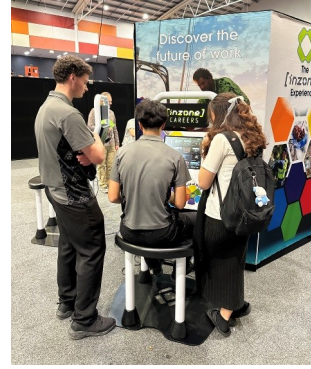


Fraser High School—Respect

Matua Jesse's previous school, Fraser High in Hamilton, brought a group of students to perform a collection of dance and musical performances, their theme was 'Respect'. They brought their high energy and spirit, encouraging our own students to get up and join in—RESPECT.



Deejay and Kaiata showing their skills



NZ Careers Expo

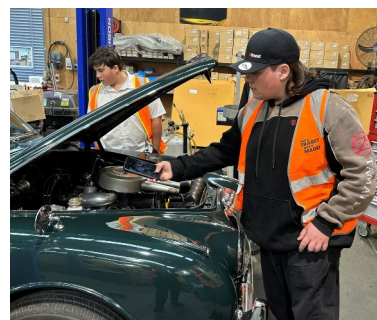
Year 12 and 13 were able to check out the Careers Expo and find out what is on offer with a variety of Universities, Independent Training Organisations, the Defence Force, and businesses. There was lots of information to collect to make an informed choice of their next step.



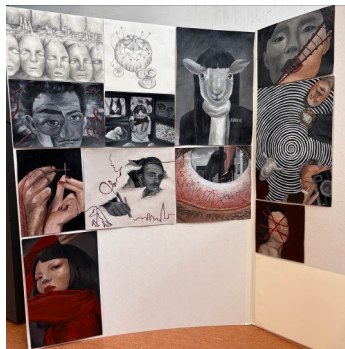
Girls in High Viz—Civil and Infrastructure (left) and MITO—Automotive Industry visits (four photos below)

A group of girls took the opportunity offered by Connexis to visit TW Civil and Infrastructure in Onekawa. They were able to experience graders, diggers, traffic control, trucks, surveying and pipeworks. They all had a fantastic time operating the machinery.

Students interested in the Automotive industry visited a number of businesses in the Hastings district, this was organized by MITO. The group were particularly delighted by the range of cars and engines they saw in the industries they visited.



Ex student—Rawiri Waihape, now working for TW Civil and Infrastructure



Progress so far with some amazing work from Year 13s on their Level 3 Art boards.
(l to r: Kyah, Kaya, Angeline and Jazz.)



Gagana Samoa—Samoan Language week

A wonderful celebration of Samoan language and culture. Our Samoan students really turned on their performances and took every chance to teach us all Samoan words. There were also activities and food, all prepared by our Samoan students.



Year 12 PE leads first ever House Hustle

In Week 6, our Year 12 PE students successfully ran the inaugural *House Hustle*—an exciting event designed to help Year 9 students connect with their House Leaders. After surveying Year 9s to find out what activities they'd enjoy most, the seniors planned a fun-filled afternoon featuring badminton, rippa rugby, handball, chalk drawing, and netball.

This event was more than just games; it was an opportunity for authentic learning. The 12PE students were responsible for creating promotional posters, role allocation, managing health and safety, communicating with Year 9 students, and gathering feedback from key stakeholders, including staff and House Leaders.

Throughout the day, students developed valuable leadership and teamwork skills—staying enthusiastic, adapting to last-minute changes, clearly explaining rules, resolving minor conflicts, and role-modelling our school's PRIDE values. They are now completing their reflections and reports as part of their NCEA assessment.

Ka pai to our Year 12 PE team for your initiative and leadership!



The latest House activity—chalk art in the quad.
All four houses were competing to win House points towards the House cup.





HB Chess Championships 2025

Once again, a half dozen hardy souls travelled deep into Hastings to contend for the Hawke's Bay Chess Championship. Our team had two branches - the year 12s contesting in the Open grade and the Year 9s contesting their own grade. And once again, every student managed to achieve a couple of good results from their five games.

In the Year 9 competition, there were nearly 30 entries. Our best performed student was Astro McCullough, who scored 2 wins and a draw. He was followed by Mason Doherty and Liam Reading, who each got two wins and Willie Wereta who scored a win and a draw.

In the open competition, Zane Devonshire had two wins but our best performer was Lucian Roebuck, who managed three wins. This left him tied in 6th place out of 22.

The next event for us is the HB Teams' Championship in Term 3.



Our senior students were part of the RSA/schools' organising committee for the ANZAC remembrance event in Taradale.



Senior Netball — a dedicated team makes for some fantastic games.



Pink Shirt Day

Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

A huge thank you to Frances Burton and her family who donated material, wool, yarn and pattern books to the school. Some of this will be used for our Matariki celebration day next week.



Year 13 versus Staff Basketball—Year 13 won!

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