



**TAMATEA**  
HIGH SCHOOL

**Ngā Pitopito  
Kōrero**



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

**Te Whakaputanga — Whiringa-ā-Rangi 2023**

**Whiringa-ā-Rangi/November**

**Tāite/Thursday 23rd**

Year 13 Graduation Dinner

**Mane/Monday 27th**

Year 8 Orientation

**Hakihea/December**

**Tūrei/Tuesday 5**

Junior Prizegiving—10.30am-  
12.00pm

**Wenerei/Wednesday 6th**

Junior Activity Day—Splash  
Planet

**Tāite/Thursday 7th**

Junior Activities

**Paraire/Friday 8th**

Last Day of Term 4

**2024**

**Kohitātea/January**

**Wenerei/Wednesday 17th—**

**Tāite/Thursday 18th**

**School Uniform for Sale**

**NZ Uniform Shop Pop up in Te  
Tōnuitanga/Auditorium, 9am-  
5pm**

**Mane/Monday 29th**

Senior Course Confirmation 9.30-  
11.30am

**Tūrei/Tuesday 30th**

Year 13 Wānanga

**Wenerei/Wednesday 31st**

Tuakana Training 9am—1pm

**Hui-tanguru/February**

**Tāite/Thursday 1st**

Powhiri, Year Level hui and  
Whānau group for whole school

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Congratulations to all of our prize winners at our Senior Prizegiving ceremony held on 1st November. It was wonderful to see Te Tōnuitanga o Tamatea (Auditorium) was full to bursting point with whānau and students.



Angel Dean—Dux of the School



Kiya Mulholland—Proxime Accessit (Runner Up to Dux)



Sasha Coleman—Top Māori Scholar



Osaiasi Latu—Prime  
Minister's Vocational  
Excellence Award



Maddison Trengrove—Academic  
Excellence Year 12



Kyah Ingram—  
Academic Excellence  
Year 11



## Ngā whakaaro o te Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou e te whānau

He mihi mahana tēnei ki a koutou i tēnei wā.

Some of you may be wondering how things are going with the appointment process of our tumuaki hou (new principal). The Board of Trustees has engaged Claire Hague to guide the appointment process. Claire is a former Assistant Principal of our kura. She has been the tumuaki at Napier Girls' High School and also the Director of Education for Hawke's Bay/Tairāwhiti. Claire understands our school and our community. The Board of Trustees are grateful to have her expertise and guidance to call on.



I want to say too, that we are so fortunate to have such a strong group of trustees who have skills in human resources, the law, accounting, management, and education. Also, our strong hapū connections are a real asset. We're in good hands with this process. The Board has asked for input from our staff, students and community about what is important to look for in a new tumuaki. Not surprisingly, the input matches their own perspectives!

They will be posting the advertisement in the next few weeks, short listing at the end of January, interviewing and hopefully making an appointment to start in term 2 of 2023. In the interim, Whaea Zac will be acting tumuaki.

I will be officially finishing at the end of term one and we will have a farewell and celebration of our kura at that time. I'm looking forward to using term one to work on my doctorate which is about how principals give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi in kura au noa (mainstream schools).

Something that has been on my mind over the last month has been the tragedy that has unfolded in Gaza. It has been upsetting to hear about Israeli hostages and deaths at the hand of Hamas. Equally upsetting has been the Palestinian deaths inflicted by the Israelis. Violence never leads to peace. I hope that the world can help these two countries to find resolution to a complex issue and stop the killing. We're so lucky to be living here in Aotearoa where the threat of violence, bombs and soldiers is so foreign to us. But, we must try to understand conflict in other parts of the world and do what we can in our own lives to live peacefully and to resolve conflict. Nei ahau e tuku aroha ana ki ngā mokopuna, whānau, kaumātua hoki o Ihairara me Parihitini. Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki.

We only have a few weeks left in this term. We're encouraging our students to keep focused on being in the right place, at the right time, wearing the right things and bringing the right attitude. Your continued support from home on this matter is appreciated. We have activity days coming up as well as our junior prizegiving so lots to look forward to and keep coming to school for.

Koinā āku mō tēnei wā

Matua Robin

### New Uniform items in 2024

In 2024 we are introducing 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)

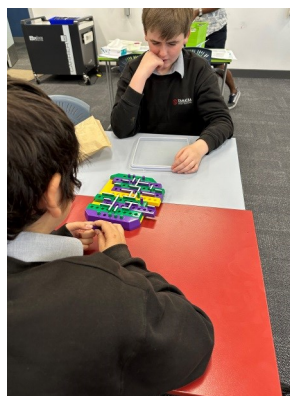
**These items will be available from NZ Uniforms who will be operating a pop up shop in Tamatea High School's Te Tonuitanga (Auditorium), 17th and 18th January 2024, 9am—5pm.**

Tamatea High School uniform will also be sold in NZ Uniforms' shop 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.

White blouses and shirts, and black dress trousers continue to be part of our uniform and will also be available from NZ uniforms.

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.**

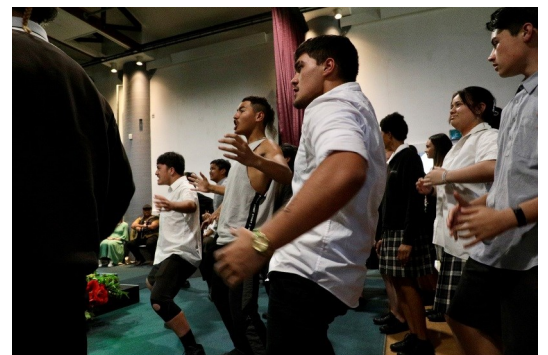


With the senior students on study leave, some whānau groups are gathering together and building skills by playing board games.





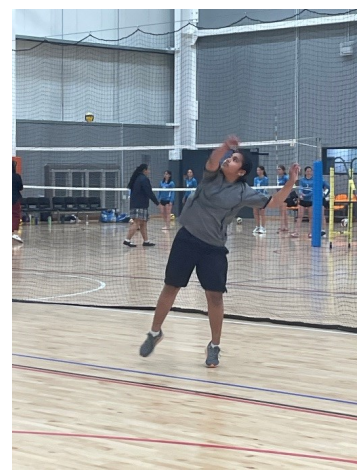
## Senior Prizegiving





## Junior Volleyball

Volleyball is very popular at Tamatea High School, every break there are students out at the Volleyball nets playing. Here are a few photos of our teams and some action shots as they play in their competitions.



As part of our Term Four focus on Auahatanga-Innovation the Year 9 Ako Hub ākonga had the Education Team from the MTG set up in our classes so that we could learn about Māori technology - traditional and modern. We viewed artifacts and taonga from the MTG collection and participated in a range of digital and hands on activities: weaving, using TinkerCad to design our own waka, extracting muka from harakeke, making porotiti and using a tuwiri.





## Māra Kai

Our Māra kai is thriving nicely. We have two worm bins, clearing our kitchen waste and turning it into compost. Two compost tumblers are working to get rid of school vegetation, grass and clippings.

The hot house is churning out tomato plants, beetroot, peas and cucumbers and the shade house is acclimatising the plants so that they can be moved outside to the vegetable beds. The native shade house has recently received over 1000 native plants which needed transplanting into larger containers. Thanks to students for helping with transplanting.

Last week we planted kumara saplings in their raised beds, north east, as Māori custom mentions.

Ginelle de Villiers-Higgins



## Junior House Basketball

Intense competition and wonderful support from the sidelines. The winning house was decided by a shoot out, congratulations to the awesome RATA!





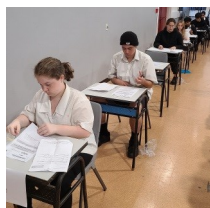
## Trip to Waiaroha

10A and 10H students had the opportunity to see the newly built water treatment, storage, and discovery center in the middle of Hastings CBD. Students learned about the journey of water from mountains to streams and rivers to underground; and how it is extracted from aquifers, treated, and stored before being supplied to some 20,000 households. Waiaroha not only revealed the inner workings of how safe water is delivered to our taps but also highlighted the wider story of the importance of water in our lives.

Students enjoyed the interactive activities and display features. They had a chance to see what a 5 million litre tank looks like. We were all amazed at the beautiful carving and weaving used at the site. It was an enlightening afternoon for our year 10 ākonga.



NCEA Exams are in full swing.



Project Based Learning (PBL) is a subject where students can express their passion. Ella-May's passion is cats and she used her time in PBL to create a cat bed and toy.



Eleven Tamatea High School students went to see authors Brianne Te Paa and David Riley at Taradale High.

Brianne, from Kaipara, is the author of a book published in English and Te Reo Māori about Matariki and remembering those who have passed on. David, from Otara, has written over fifty books about our land and people, including Israel Adesanya, Joy Cowley and Sonny Bill Williams. They also spoke about their different experiences turning their words into books.

Our students were really well behaved and engaged. Kudos to Misbah who asked an interesting question that got a really illuminating answer.



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