



TAMATEA HIGH SCHOOL

Ngā Pitopito Kōrero



E tipu e rea, ka tipu koe hei tangata—Growing good people for a changing world
Te Whakaputanga — Mahuru/September 2025

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**Te Wiki o te Reo Māori/
Māori Language week**

Thursday 18th

End of Term Hui a Kura—P5

Friday 19th

**Hui Whāinga for Years
10—13**

Year 9 attend school as normal

Last Day of Term 2

Whiringa-ā-Nuku/October

Monday 6th

First Day of Term 4

Fijian Language week

Tuesday 7th

Defensive Driving course for Year 13

Wednesday 8th

Hui Whāinga—Year 9s and Rumaki

Thursday 9th

Hui Whāinga—Year 9s and Rumaki
Defensive Driving—Year 13
Pounamu Wananga—Year 13

Friday 10th

Pounamu Wananga—Year 13

Wednesday 15th

Otiere Pa—Rumaki trip

Trades Academy Graduation
5pm—8pm

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



Napier Young Achievers Award 2025

Kaiata is our Amokura Tamawahine, our Head Girl. She was presented with this award by the Spirit of Napier Lions Club. The club presents these awards to young achievers in each Napier secondary school. This year, amongst many other things, Kaiata has been the Youth MP representing Teanau Tuiono in the 2025 Youth Parliament, and the Deputy Chairperson for the Napier Youth Council. As a youth representative for P.A.C.I.F.I.C.A. she also addressed the United Nations.

Emily Lloyd, (right) who attended the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum in Auckland and the London International Youth Science Forum, was a volunteer leader on the Spirit of Adventure, and was the guest speaker at the Award ceremony.

Ka mau te weehi Kaiata and Emily, we cannot wait to see what you do next.

NZQA Ringa Toi Exhibition

Congratulations to Kaya who has had her amazing artwork accepted into the NZQA Ringa Toi Exhibition in Wellington. This is an annual exhibition at Te Papa that showcases the artwork of secondary school students with a focus on Toi Māori and Pacific Arts at Excellence level. If you are in Wellington over the holidays, pop in and take a look.

Ngā mihi mo tetahi mahi toi Kaya.



QuakeCoRE 2025

Stella has a passion for Earth Science and, in 2022, attended the QuakeCoRE Annual meeting in Napier and loved it. When it came up this year in Dunedin she decided she really wanted to attend and sought sponsorship to do so. QuakeCoRE is the NZ Centre for Earthquake Resilience and attracts people from all over the world. They present to the meeting about the work they are doing to help prevent the damage to buildings during an earthquake and about engineering for the future.



Ngā whakaaro o te Tumuaki

Kia ora e te whānau,

Kua rima tekau Te Wiki o te Reo Māori i tēnei tau. Tika ana kia whakanuia! Kua whakaritea e Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori kia 50 ngā wero reo Māori ki reomaori.co.nz.

Me kōwhiri tētahi wero reo e hāngai ana ki tō ao; he kupu o te rā, he horopaki kai rānei, kei a koe te tikanga! Karawhiua! I mua i Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, kua whakapau kaha tō mātou kura ki ngā haratau haka ā-kura. He haratau ēnei mō te haka ā-whare. I te Tūrei, i tū Te Rau Aroha, arā, ko te kapa o te kura nei ki te Ahurei Kapa Haka o te Kāhui Ako. E poho korerū ana mātou ki a rātou. He rawe te kite i a koutou, te whānau e tautoko ana i ngā ākonga. Nei rā te mihi ki a Matua Parekura, a Whaea Brenda, a Whaea Maraea, me Whaea Nani mō te ārahi i a mātou.



This year marks 50 years of Māori Language Week, and we're inviting everyone to take up the **50 Reo Challenges**. Pick the ones that fit you—word-of-the-day, a greeting at the dinner table, ordering kai in te reo—every challenge counts. Choose yours and take up the wero at reomaori.co.nz.

Leading into Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, our kura has spent the term focusing on school-wide haka practice and building toward our House Kapa Haka Competition. Our school kapa haka rōpū will then step onto the Ahuriri Kapa Haka Festival stage. Kapa haka is a space our ākonga love to be part of, and it was awesome to see them supported by whānau this week. A special thank-you to Matua Parekura, Whaea Brenda, a Whaea Maraea and Whaea Nani—your steady guidance anchors our kapa haka and strengthens tikanga and te reo across the kura.

To everyone who sat benchmark exams and CAAs over the last two week—**ka mau te wehi!** Our kaiako have consistently commented on how seriously our ākonga prepared through Term 3. We're proud of the effort and look forward to celebrating results as they come through.

This term has felt like a montage of courage, curiosity, and contribution. In Rotorua, our 12/13 Physical Education (PE) crew slogged through the Tough Guy & Tough Girl course—mud-splattered smiles at the finish line and assessed credits (Level 2 and Level 3) earned the hard way. Back in Hawke's Bay, our boys' and girls' badminton teams fought for every rally at regionals, while 11 PE's "Amazing Race" stitched fitness to local identity, navigating across Ahuriri, ending at Mataruahou, with teamwork and grit.

At the same time, doors to the future have been opening. Career Navigator mock interviews turned nerves into confidence; Victoria and Massey's Wellington Open Days put tertiary options within reach; and Ignite Driving is quietly transforming L-plates into life skills. Through the Sport Hawke's Bay Student Council, student voice is shaping how sport looks and feels across our region.

Creativity and curiosity have had their moments in the spotlight too. The Year 12 Art Exhibition at Creative Arts Napier showed brave ideas and beautiful craft, while the Year 9 Science Roadshow at NBHS reignited wonder with hands-on exhibits and live shows that kept the kōrero rolling all the way home. Our international students, paired with local buddies, tasted the best of Heretaunga, deepening friendships and a sense of belonging. Finally, into active citizenship, the Electoral Commission sat with our 17–18-year-olds to demystify enrolment and voting, because showing up for each other, includes showing up for democracy.

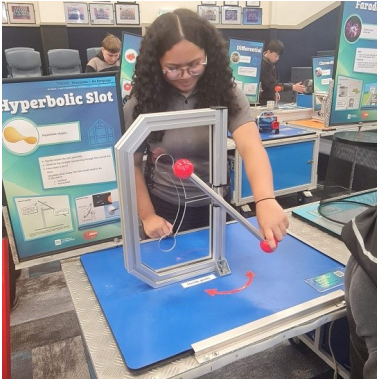
Now we turn that energy into clear next steps. **Hui Whāinga for Years 10–13 is on this Friday 19 September.** This is your student's finish -line meeting where ākonga, whānau, and kaiako agree the plan to finish strong: remaining credits and internals, portfolio deadlines, a study schedule, and literacy/numeracy next steps. Please prioritise attending with your young person. Your presence makes a measurable difference.

Our kura appreciates your ongoing support.

Matua Jesse

Year 9 Science Roadshow

Our Year 9 students recently had the opportunity to attend the Science Roadshow, and it was a fantastic experience! The ākonga were fully engaged with the wide range of hands-on exhibits, from puzzles and experiments to challenges that tested their curiosity and problem-solving skills. The interactive shows encouraged audience participation and made key science ideas come alive in fun and memorable ways. Students really enjoyed the chance to explore science in an interactive setting.



Hawke's Bay Badminton Secondary Schools' Championships

We recently took part in these competitions in Hastings. One boys' team and one girls' team competed. They all had some great games. Congratulations to those students who won medals.





Versus Talent Quest—Toitoti, Hastings

A platform for celebrating the bold, brave and brilliant talents of our young people.

A platform for young musicians, singers, dancers, comedians, actors, bands and creative souls to step into the spotlight.

This is more than a competition it's a stage for rangitahi to express themselves, connect through creativity and be celebrated for their talent .

Russell Morell, Respect Dance Academy, teaches dance at school, he also organises cool competitions!

Ngā mihi nui Russ for organising this for Hawke's Bay—and to our students who gave it a go—ka pai te mahi!

House Touch Rugby and House Netball Competitions





Year 12/13 PE Tackle the Tough Guy and Tough Girl Challenge

After five weeks of dedicated training, our Year 12 and 13 PE students travelled to Rotorua to take on the Secondary Schools section of the Tough Guy & Tough Girl Mud Run.

The challenging 6km course at Lakes Ranch featured waist-deep mud, relentless uphill and downhill runs, a climbing frame, multiple tunnels, rope climbs, rocky scrambles, and a rope bridge across the mud. Competitors also faced a jetty jump into an icy lake, crawled under fences, and even encountered the occasional electric fence—plus one pair of shoes that didn't make it to the finish line!

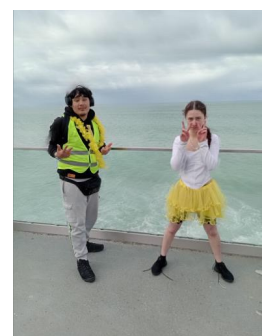
Despite the tough conditions, every student crossed the line, cheering one another on and celebrating their shared achievement. The day ended with a well-deserved soak in the Polynesian Spa.

This unforgettable experience not only earned students NCEA credits in training principles and health and safety, but also built teamwork, resilience, and a true sense of camaraderie.



Year 11 Amazing Race

The Year 11 PE class took part in the Adventure Race from Ātea a Rangi to the top of Mataruahou (Bluff Hill). They had to solve all sorts of puzzles along the way and record themselves at each part of the adventure.





In readiness for our 50th Year celebrations, we have been donated a display cabinet for our archive of treasures. One treasure we have had for twenty years is a beautiful Japanese bridal kimono. It was donated to the school by Naofumi Sueya who attended Tamatea High School from 2003 to 2005.



Our renovations continue, the scaffolding is going up around Ōtātara, our tech block. Some of our teachers will be happy to return to their rooms in Mataruahou (100 block).



Daffodil Day 2025

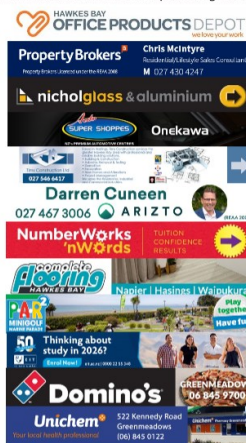
Our Daffodils are flowering at school, they were all planted to remember those who have had cancer, those with cancer and those we have lost to cancer. Our students volunteered their time to collect for cancer in Taradale on Daffodil Day. People commented on their lovely smiles and charming manners.



Once their Agriculture course is finished on a Thursday, the girls return for a bit of a catch up—still in their gumboots of course!

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