



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

Te Whakaputanga — Mahuru/September 2026

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Wednesday 23rd

Self Defence – Group of Year 10 Girls

End of Term Hui ā Kura – Period 5

Thursday 24th

Hui Whāinga (student led interviews) – Rumaki and Year 9 students with their whānau

Friday 25th

Hui Whāinga (student led interviews) – all students and their whānau

End of Term 3

Whiringa ā Nuku/October

Monday 12th

Term 4 begins

Wednesday 14th

Level 1 Visual Art External Portfolios Due Date

Monday 19th – Tuesday 20th

Year 12/13 PE – First Aid course

Wednesday 21st

Trades Academy – Prizegiving

Thursday 22nd

Level Up Live – Career Event at A&P Show – Group of Year 12 students

Friday 23rd

Hawke's Bay Anniversary – No School

Monday 26th

Labour Day – No School

Friday 30th

Guthrie Smith Centre Activity Day – 9H

Whiringa ā Rangi/November

Monday 2nd

Year 8 Orientation

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www.tamatea.school.nz

Smokefree Tangata Beats

Supafly, one of our music bands, took part in the Smokefree Tangata Beats National Finals in Wellington. They spent many evenings preparing and fine-tuning their performance. This culminated in an amazing display of their skills on Saturday. According to DeeJay and Kotahi, the best part of their time away was performing. As well as using guitars, drums, keyboard and trombone, the band uses taonga pūoro – traditional Māori musical instruments – 'singing treasures'. Ka mau te wehi!

Our kura was presented with a beautiful Pūkaea, a taonga puoro gifted in recognition of our journey with Tangata Beats.

Ngā mihi maioha to Matua Tū for all his time and dedication, and to Whaea Josie for all her help.



Lower North Island Secondary School (LNISS) Netball Tournament

Our senior netball team travelled to Wellington to the LNISS Netball tournament. What a week! They played so well, they had some great games and were put up a ranking. Ka pai te mahi.

Huge thanks to Whaea Theresa for her fantastic organisation, to Whaea Cheryl for all her coaching, and to Whaea Monique for all her support.



氣をつけて 元気でね。またね！

Ki o tsukete (bye, take care), Genki dene (stay well), Mata ne! (see you again)

Three of our Japanese students are with us until the end of this week. We have loved having them here, they have participated in so much - including learning our school haka. Pictured are Mao, Haruki and Ren, standing beneath Sakura (cherry blossom).



Ngā whakaaro o te Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou katoa,

As we come to the end of Term 3, there is plenty to celebrate across our kura.

I continue to enjoy seeing our students get involved, have a go and represent Tamatea High School with pride. These opportunities build confidence, skills and relationships, and bring to life our vision, **E tipu e rea ka tipu koe hei tangata, Growing good people for a changing world.** Thank you to our staff who give their time and energy to make these opportunities possible, and to our ākonga for making the most of them.



This term we are also pleased to welcome **Danielle Kihi** to our staff and to welcome back a very familiar face, **Izrael Shields**, our 2025 Amokura Tamatāne (Head Boy). Danielle and Izrael are both working alongside our students and staff to support ākonga with their learning. It is particularly special to have Izrael return to Tamatea in a different capacity, after serving our kura as Amokura Tamatāne last year. Nau mai, haere mai Danielle, and nau mai hoki Izrael.

For our senior students especially, the weeks ahead are important and every day counts. There are assessments to complete, credits to secure and preparation for external examinations to continue. Our message is simple: **finish strong. Know what you need to complete, be at school every day, meet your deadlines, ask for help and get the mahi done.** For whānau, please have that same conversation at home. Ask what still needs to be completed, when it is due and what support your young person needs to achieve their goals. There is still plenty that can be achieved in the weeks ahead.

I also want to make a special acknowledgement of our **Year 13 whānau**. For many of you, this Hui Whāinga will be the final time you sit down with us to formally discuss your young person's goals and progress at Tamatea High School. Hopefully, together we have helped them achieve many of the goals they set for themselves.

One of the questions at Hui Whāinga asks whānau to think of **five things that describe their child**. For our Year 13 whānau, there is something particularly special in that question. For some of us, our young person will soon be taking their next step into adulthood, perhaps leaving home, moving into further study or employment, or becoming more independent. As whānau, those five things remind us to pause and appreciate what makes our children special, the joy they bring to our whānau, how proud they make us, and how fortunate we are to watch them grow into young adults with an exciting future ahead.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in us and for supporting your young person throughout their time at Tamatea. Take a moment to celebrate not only how far they have come, but who they have become along the way.

Thank you to all our whānau for your ongoing support. With warmer weather arriving, there is much to look forward to as we head towards summer and the end of the school year.

Ngā mihi nui,

Matua Jesse
Tumuaki



A group of Year 13 students took the opportunity to visit the Victoria University of Wellington open day to check out what is on offer for tertiary study in 2027.



For Matariki 2025 our ākonga could choose to decorate one piece, putiputi or whetu. This year, with help from a grant from Contact Energy, a group of students spent some time tidying up lines and colours and then arranged the pieces into one collective artwork.

Year 12 Art Exhibition at CAN (Creative Arts Napier)

I was lucky enough to take part in the Year 12 Art Exhibition, along with Danica. It was a lot of work, but it was such a cool feeling to have my art in a real Art Gallery; and it sold! *Mackenzie*



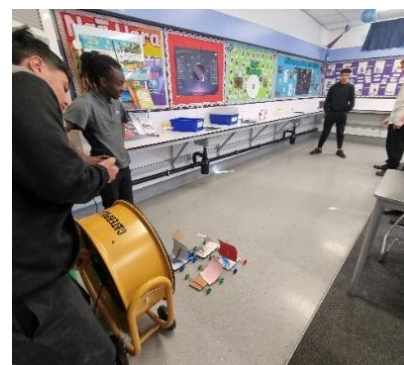
Napier Youth Council Parliament Trip

Last week, the Napier Youth Council (Misbah, Carly and myself from Tamatea) went to parliament. The day started with a tour of some very important places in the Beehive (parliament). Cushla Tangaere-Manuel spoke to us to tell us what it is like to be an MP. In the afternoon we got to view a live question time in the debate chamber. This was very interesting to watch as everyone in the government was there including the Prime Minister. Before we left, Katie Nimon, MP for Napier and Northern Hawke's Bay came and talked to us. *Mackenzie*



Land Yachts

Year 11 Science made 'land yachts' and then had fun testing them to see if they worked. The science project involves designing a lightweight wind-powered vehicle to explore physics concepts like forces, friction, and aerodynamics.



Year 11 PE 'The Amazing Race'

A highlight of the Year 11 PE course is 'The Amazing Race'. Students compete in teams, starting at Ātea a Rangī, moving along Marine Parade and then up to Mataruahou (Bluff Hill). They perform various tasks along the route. A fantastic way to hone their problem solving and teamwork skills.

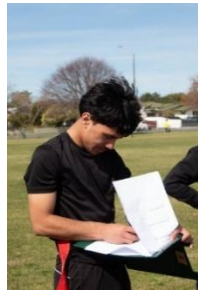


Te Ara Whai Mahi

A group of Year 12 students took part in mock interviews as part of their Te Ara Whai Mahi course. Students were 'interviewed' by local business owners and employees in a 'speed interview' session. They answered interview questions and then received feedback on their interviews. Students were buzzing as they returned to school with more confidence, knowing that interviews were not so scary.



The **Tamatea Try-Out** was an energetic, action-packed success, bringing our Year 9 and Junior Rumaki together for a full afternoon of dynamic sports action! Led by our Year 12 PE students with fantastic support from Year 13 students, the event gave junior students the chance to test their skills across six different sports: badminton, basketball, volleyball, netball, rippa rugby and football. Students worked through all six rotations over the first two periods before returning to their favourite sport to cap off the day in Period 5. The atmosphere was incredible, and the response was overwhelming with two-thirds of all participants intending to play a school sport, blowing past the Year 12 PE team's original goal for the event.



Flag Football

This event was for all Year 10 students; what a fantastic day! Our Year 10s performed so well, with some senior PE students refereeing. The atmosphere was electric and all teams were dressed in ‘team’ gear and all played to win.



Hawke’s Bay Badminton – Secondary Schools’ Tournament

Some of our Badminton students recently took part in the HBSS Badminton tournament. Two great days with some fantastic games and some wonderful sportmanship.



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