

# Tamatea High School 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion 1975 – 2025

## 3rd Communication



Labour Weekend : Oct 24<sup>th</sup> to Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 2025



As Promised – our 3<sup>rd</sup> Communication is finely compiled & hopefully answers many of the questions we've received from those of you wishing to attend our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion event.

### A Little Admin (& “AQs”, by no means “Frequent”) ...

We're still hearing from various suppliers as to their availability, however we've enough info gathered, to give you a glimpse of what to expect over this Labour weekend, 2025 & we encourage you to get those Registration forms in, along with your respective payment, by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June. *There's a possibility we may be able to provide an extension date for payment, depending on registered & paid numbers received by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June.*

### Tickets Limited to 250 “paid”

Once we've reached our projected limit of paid attendees, we'll be creating the [QR Coded Tickets for each person](#), reticent of the event/s you've paid for. We'll email your tickets to you well in advance of our Reunion weekend & these will be *scanned upon entry to your paid event/s*, with your name confirmed off our registration list, so please remember to bring them. (*Not quite a school roll, but you get the picture!*)

We've had to limit numbers to 250 for our Saturday evening Formal Night, for catering purposes. Hawkes Bay is limited with available venues that can cater for this number of patrons in bulk AND at an affordable price, something the Committee has been ever-mindful of, during our planning to date. Our Sunday breakfast/brunch is limited to 180 patrons & we'll have a room dedicated to our group at the Taradale Club, for this purpose. Again, please remember to bring your tickets. (NB: Tickets are non-refundable.)

### Can we bring Children ?

Children are welcome to come with you to the Saturday “day” event only. They must be managed by parents & respect your allotted time when decade photos are being taken. They are also welcome to tour the school with you, more details in the Schedule of Events below. All other Reunion events are “Adults Only”.

### How much does the ticket cost in AUD\$?

If you wish to attend & you reside in Australia or any other country, we cannot provide you with the currency conversion rate, as these change daily. This information you'll need to source yourself, by either googling the rate as you're about to make the payment, or via chatting with your overseas bank. Alternatively, you may have family in Hawkes Bay who can make the payment for you & you reimburse them on your arrival.

### Why are you charging \$90 to enter the school grounds?

*Bizarre* question put to us recently. Quite simply – “we're NOT” doing this! The \$90 fee is only applicable to the Formal Evening event on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October, as a per head price for that event.

## Schedule of Events

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct -  
5.30pm - 8.30pm

### *Meet & Greet – Adults Only*

**Dress Code :** Smart Casual

**Venue :** Tamatea High School, Auditorium (Freyberg St entrance, to the left of the Office Block – follow the signs once you're inside the school grounds)

It's been a long time between Reunions, so our Friday evening "Meet & Greet" will be pretty special, for everyone attending. We have a few surprises in store (*not detailed here*), however our Reunion Committee have organised a Grazing Table of delicacies & beverages including Non-alcoholic Beer, Mocktails (these can get interesting), Juices, Soft drinks & Tea & Coffee. The School has a policy of "no alcohol on the premises", so we've created refreshments based on this pre-requisite & there'll be more than enough to satisfy the palate.

This will be a trip down Memory Lane & with long lost connections rekindled, this evening will create the real "spirit" of our Reunion weekend, so send in those Registrations & book this night especially. *Please bring your tickets.*

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct -  
10.00 am - 2.00pm

### *Decade Photos, School Tours, Time Capsule Opening*

**Dress Code :** Smart Casual

**Venue :** Tamatea High School Auditorium & Courtyard

As with all Reunions, there will be Photos, LOTS of photos ! We felt the best way to capture all past Students, Teachers, Staff & BoT members over a 4 hour period, was to take Decade Photos in groups of 10 year periods. We have a very talented Photographer, who will structure the photo shoots in this manner:

1975 – 1984 at 10.30am

1985 – 1994 at 11am

1995 – 2004 at 11.30am

*Lunch – Opening of the Time Capsule*

2005 – 2014 at 1pm

2015 – 2024 at 1.30pm

We have a selected number of Hawkes Bay Food Trucks, who will position themselves in the Courtyard & have a wide variety of freshly cooked dishes for purchasing, given we're extending the decade photos through the Lunch time period.

Senior Students will conduct School Tours 15 minutes after each Decade Photo has been taken eg: 10.45am, 11.15am, 11.45am, 1.15pm, 1.45pm.

*Your children are welcome at this daytime event.*

*With the exception of Food Trucks for Lunch, this is a FREE event & "No" Tickets are necessary for this event.*

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct - *Formal Evening – Adults Only*

*5.30 pm - 12.00am* **Dress code :** Suits with Ties & Gowns or Cocktail dresses

**Venue :** The Thirsty Whale Function Centre (Entrance is directly “*behind*” The Cork & Barrel Bar, West Quay, Ahuriri). Signage will be in place, so you’ll find the right place!

Your tickets will be scanned upon arrival. So as to ensure only THS 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion registered/paid members are in attendance, we have created QR codes per registration, reflecting the event/s you’ve paid to attend. Given the social location for this event, there will be patrons frequenting other hospitality venues along the street & we intend on having no gate crashers or unpaid entrants.

We’ve hired a professional Photo Booth for this occasion, so anyone wishing to grab a photo or photos with friends, can do so & have these printed on the night. Archived photo images of Tamatea High School events over the years, will be projected around the walls, bringing back memorable moments with schoolmates, teammates & in remembrance of friends & teachers who’ve since passed.

Lady Larisa & her band of bluesy musicians, will entertain us through the evening & it’s on the cards we’ll have a special guest appearance when Larisa & the band take a 45 minute break, so you’ll have to be there to see who this is...

A 3-course meal will be served & we’ll be advising the kitchen ahead of time, of any dietary requirements, specifically dairy free & those allergic to nuts. There will be a variety of meat, seafood & vegetable dishes on offer, whether in a buffet or A la carte setting, depending on numbers attending. Dinner will be served between 6.30 & 7pm.

The dance floor will be lit up, stage set, cash bar at the ready & dining tables laid. This is the pinnacle of our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion event & while catering limits us to 250 seated, we still have space to fill, so get those paid Registrations in before Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June, wherever possible & if we can extend the payment date, we will.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct - *Sunday Brunch – Adults Only*

*10.00 am - 12.00pm* **Dress code :** Clothes (not what you wore the night before, but as the mood takes you...)

**Venue :** The Taradale Club – Wharangi Road, Taradale.  
[Follow the Signage to the Brunch room](#)

Your tickets will be scanned upon arrival. No Reunion would be complete without a final goodbye to friends who live overseas & an opportunity to grab contact details & laugh over events of the night before....

The Taradale Club provide an extensive Breakfast Buffet, designed to impress even the fussiest of palates, so follow the signs on arrival & you’ll be directed to the right room for our Reunion Breakfast.

## What happens after the Reunion Weekend ?

Whether you're able to attend our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Weekend or not, all photos taken by our Photographer, at any of the Events scheduled, will be compiled into a THS 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Celebration book, to commemorate this enormous occasion. Once this project is completed, we'll advertise the book for sale on the Tamatea High School website & the THS 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Facebook page, with contact information for purchasing.

Similarly, the Decade photos taken, will be made available for purchase & the advertising format will be as above.

As a last opportunity to Register & pay for the various & your chosen events, we've left this form below for you to complete, just in case you're yet to do so.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	
<b>Partner's Name</b>	
<b>Role at THS</b>	Student <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Staff <input type="checkbox"/> BOT Member <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Phone Number</b>	
<b>Years Attended THS</b>	(For eg 1975-1979)
<b>Dietary Requirements</b>	

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**Bank Acct No: 12-3479-0023354-51**

**Bank Acct Name: TAMATEA HIGH SCHOOL**

**Payment Reference: "Surname/Initials"**

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**ITINERARY** - Please tick ✓ which events you'd like to attend & if your Partner will join you.

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm – 8pm	Meet & Greet, Venue : <i>Tamatea High School Auditorium</i>
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am – 2pm	Back to School ! Photos, Catch Up, Time Capsule Reveal
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm – 12am	Formal Evening, Venue : <i>The Thirsty Whale, Ahuriri</i>
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am – 12pm	Brunch – Venue : <i>The Taradale Club, Whararangi Rd.</i>

✓You    +1    \$\$ Paid    Date Paid

Ticket Price – Friday evening Only	\$30 pp	.....	.....	.....
Ticket Price – Friday & Saturday evenings	\$110 pp	.....	.....	.....
Ticket Price – Saturday Evening Only	\$90 pp	.....	.....	.....
Ticket Price – Saturday pm & Sunday am	\$120 pp	.....	.....	.....
Ticket Price – Friday, Saturday & Sunday	\$130 pp	.....	.....	.....

Should you wish to get in touch with the organising committee, please feel free to email us on:  
[TamateaHS50threunion@gmail.com](mailto:TamateaHS50threunion@gmail.com)

**WATCH THIS SPACE!**

***“SPREAD THE WORD”***