



TAMATEA
HIGH SCHOOL

Ngā Pitopito Kōrero News



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

Te Whakaputanga—Edition: Hui-tanguru (February) 2023

Poutū-te-Rangi (March)

Tūrei/Tuesday 7th

Career Navigator (Year 12-13)

Wenerei/Wednesday 8th

School Photo Day

Tūrei/Tuesday 14th

SSNI Athletics

Career Navigator whānau
session—5.30-6.30pm

Tāite/Thursday 16th

House Sports Day

Tūrei/Tuesday 21st

Mahinga Kai—Senior Food and
Nutrition class

Tāite/Thursday 23rd

EIT Te Pūkenga Discovery Day

Tūrei/Tuesday 28th

Career Navigator 9am-12.45pm

Our Pōwhiri to welcome our new students and teachers took place on 2nd February. It was fantastic to meet our new students, their whānau and our new staff, and to share kai with them, once the formalities had taken place.



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website for up to date notices

www.tamatea.school.nz

Ngā whakaaro o te Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o tō tātou kura, Te Haikura o Tamatea. Nei te reo maioha, mahana hoki e rere ana ki a koutou. Ahakoa, ko tēnei te pānui tuatahi mō te tau, te nui hoki o ngā karere!



This is our first newsletter of the year and there is already so much to make mention of. The first thing is to acknowledge the challenges that many of us have had to face in the recent cyclone event. It has been a difficult and anxious time for many. Some of our students and whānau have lost homes and possessions, some are cut off because of bridges being damaged. We've all had to deal with uncertainty with power outages and no communication. It has been so good for us to be able to welcome our ākonga back this week with activities and reconnection opportunities. Plenty of gentleness, awhi, manaakitanga and aroha. We have our nurse, Michaela and counsellor, Karina, available to give support with mental health or physical health matters.

To add to our challenges, we have another wave of COVID to contend with. Some people are barely getting symptoms while others have been laid flat. A good number of our teachers and support staff have been affected. The government currently requires those who contract COVID to isolate for 7 days from the first sign of symptoms. The PPTA (teachers union) is currently in pay and conditions negotiations with the government and the government seems to be playing hardball. The PPTA's response has been industrial action which prevents teachers from relieving for sick teachers. What this means is that we'll do our best to cover sick teachers with relievers, but if this is not possible, we will only be able to provide supervision for students of teachers who are away. We may send some classes home early and we will prioritise our senior students so their NCEA is less impacted. We will keep our whānau up to date with these matters, but we thank you in advance for your patience.

On a happier note, we have a number of new teachers that we welcome to our Tamatea whānau. Matua John Aloia, Matua Peter Le Bon, Matua James McLean, Matua Luke Russell, Whaea Melanie Bremner and Whaea Lynne Darroch are new teachers and we also have Tuahine Hakiwai and Zaya Davies joining our Learning Assistant and Pastoral teams. We're so glad they've chosen to join our kura. Our school roll numbers are significantly up, so we are likely to be welcoming further new kaiako. I'll keep you posted on this front. New appointments and farewells go hand in hand. You may know already that our Deputy Principal, Nigel Groom, has stepped down from his role at Tamatea. Nigel has been a committed servant to Tamatea and we are grateful for all he has done. In addition, our counsellor Wendy Isakson has also moved on. She has provided such wonderful support to so many of our ākonga and staff. We have been blessed to have her as part of our whānau and wish her well with her future endeavours.

Our goals for this year continue to include a focus on meaningful pathways for our leavers, having high aspirations for all our ākonga and giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This means that we work hard with our senior students to complete their NCEA qualifications, get their drivers license and have solid plans when they leave school. High aspirations for our learners is all about knowing where they are regardless of their level and abilities and scaffolding their next steps so that they continue to improve in their learning. Giving practical effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi is why we have established our Rua te Paia facility. These are our Māori language immersion and bilingual learning classes so that our ākonga have a genuine opportunity to graduate with strengths in te ao Māori (the Māori world) and te ao whānui (the wider world).

It has been a challenging start to the year, but our committed staff and community are determined to pick ourselves back up and get our waka on track. Your support in this is appreciated in advance.

Nei tōku mihi aroha ki a koutou.

Matua Robin
Tumuaki



Sano Nichidai High School leaders, Tanno-san and Watanabe-san with Matua Robin and Whaea Meredith (our International Dean).

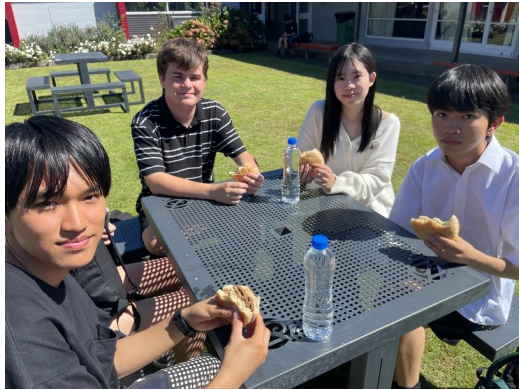


Trades Academy at EIT Te Pūkenga started on 10 February; these are some of the students attending Trades Academy this year.



Our Tuakana teina (Year 9 mentors) took part in Tuakana training at Wharearangi Marae and then brought their skills back to school to our new Year 9 students to help to connect with them and to settle them into their new school.





Post Cyclone, a chance to reconnect, chat, eat and take part in activities, for staff, students and some of our younger whānau. Students have enjoyed coming into school to see teachers and their friends. The kai has been wonderful and the activities have started to create a sense of normality.



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