



TAMATEA HIGH SCHOOL

Ngā Pitopito Kōrero NEWS

Growing Good People For A Changing World

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Te Whakaputanga - Edition: Paenga-Whāwhā (April) 2022

Paenga-Whāwhā—April

Tuesday 12th

ANZAC Commemoration - RSA
and local schools

Thursday 14th

Last Day of Term 1

Easter Holidays

Haratua—May

Monday 2nd

First Day of Term 2

Wednesday 11 - Friday 13th

BP Business Challenge—Year 11

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Mirumiru—learning bubbles

Our students are learning some wonderful new skills while they are in Mirumiru. One of our awesome Learning Assistants, Ms Ansell (right), is sharing some of her flax weaving skills. Students have taken part in a cooking competition. Mr Groom (below right) can be seen doing a very good job of judging. Barista skills have kept a few staff feeling loved. Matua Aaron's students have been keeping up with their fitness skills (bottom left).

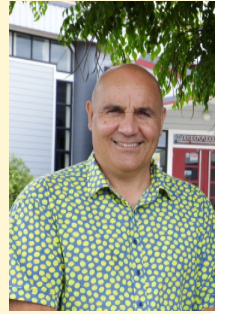


Ngā whakaaro o te Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou e te whānau

Ngā mihi aroha ēnei ki a koutou i roto i tēnei wā. Te tūmanako ia, kei te noho haumaru koutou. Kaua koutou e whakamā ki te toro mai ki te kura ki te tautoko i ō koutou whānau.

Firstly, I'd like to announce that our receptionist and school stalwart of over 25 years, Janet Symes, has announced her retirement from the end of this term. Janet has been the face of the school for so many years and we are grateful for her warm welcome and calm way of dealing with every situation. We wish her and Noel all the best for this next stage of their lives – we're sure that we'll still be seeing plenty of the Symes in the future. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe Janet.



He mihi hoki tēnei ki a koutou katoa, te whānau o Tamatea. The past two years have been a real challenge for all of us. We've had experiences ranging from the hard lock downs through to what we're doing now. Omicron is spreading through our communities, but thank goodness so many of us are vaccinated, boosted where possible and taking the precaution of wearing masks. This has meant we have slowed the spread and reduced the load on our health system.

I want to thank all our teachers and staff for their efforts to keep school as normal as possible. Some students are enjoying coming to class each day, some are coming to school intermittently and others are learning solely online. Our teachers are doing a great job of keeping the learning going and making it available for those who are staying at home. Of course, our teachers and staff have families of their own who they are looking after at the same time as keeping the school open. We're grateful for their professionalism.

It's important for everyone to be aware that wherever our ākonga (students) are with their learning at the moment, we will still be able to help them to achieve their goals this year. Some of our juniors will have goals to improve their reading, writing and numeracy. Others will be focusing on demonstrating our school values in class and developing their character habits. Our seniors will have goals for NCEA and for their career pathways. When the traffic light setting changes to orange, we hope to have a much more familiar school experience and we will all be able to refocus for the year. I want to reassure all our ākonga, that regardless of their engagement with hybrid learning, we will still be able to help them to achieve their goals. It is likely that after the Easter holidays, we will refocus on our plans for the year. There is still plenty of time to help all our students to succeed.

In the meantime, we continue to offer hybrid learning, we will continue our good hygiene practice and mask wearing. These measures are ensuring that Omicron isn't spreading rampantly through the school. Please keep an eye out for symptoms, keep sick ākonga at home and get them tested. People returning positive tests and students sharing households with positive testing people need to isolate for 7 days or until symptoms are gone.

Thanks to all who continue to keep us informed about ākonga who are staying home because of positive tests or being household contacts.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that we are here to help if you need anything. Michaela, our public health nurse is in school and our counsellor, Whaea Wendy, is also available for support. To make appointments please contact the school.

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki,

Matua Robin
Tumuaki

Mrs Symes, retiring? Never! Many of you will know our receptionist/office fairy/first aid lady, the person with all the knowledge. Janet has been working at Tamatea High School since 1996. She was also a mainstay of the PTA (Parents/Teachers Association), she helped organise reunions, has said 'Hello, Kia ora' to a lot (A LOT) of students and whānau, she has looked after so many students (whether they have grazed a knee or broken an arm), called ambulances and gone to hospital with them. She has answered SO many phone calls, made sure we have our post, crocheted baby cardigans for all of our many staff babies, lent us a shoulder to cry on, listened when we needed her to. Now is her time to relax, crochet, knit, patchwork and take time for herself and for Noel, her husband (who was a Teacher Aide here).



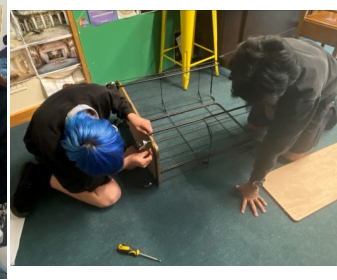
We will miss you Janet. Make sure you visit!





Volleyball

At last we have been able to play a Volleyball game! A committed team of students have attended trainings and have now been able to put their skills into practise with a proper game.



As well as normal curriculum learning here's some more photos of the cool skills being learnt in Mirumiru this term.





Morning briefings are not quite the same during Covid, space and masks are necessary.



Katarina May, our friendly driving instructor from Drivetrain has been working with some of our seniors to help prepare them for their restricted licence.



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Ethan Pineaha-Burns, ex student, following his dreams and continuing his education by studying at EIT for a Bachelor of Arts (Māori). Ethan left Tamatea High in 2012. Ka mau te wehi!



EIT Level 5 Art & Design student Daniele Villazorda. Daniele is an ex student from 2020.

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