



# TAMATEA HIGH SCHOOL

## Ngā Pitopito Kōrero NEWS

**Growing Good People For A Changing World**

**E tipu e rea, ka tipu koe hei tangata**

Te Whakaputanga - Edition: Poutū-te-rangi - March 2022

### Poutū-te-rangi—March

#### Tuesday 15th

Otago University liaison visit at 10 am

#### Monday 21st

Victoria University liaison visit at 11.45 am

### Paenga-whāwhā—April

#### Tuesday 12th

ANZAC Commemoration—RSA and local schools

#### Thursday 14th

Last Day of Term 1

### Haratua—May

#### Monday 9th

First Day of Term 2

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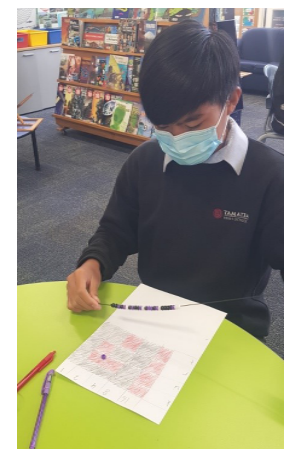
### Mirumiru (Bubble) Teaching

Our students have responded well to wearing their masks and to learning in mirumiru with their peers. They are receptive to the changes and enjoying the shorter time at school. Lunches are a big plus - thanks Libelle for accommodating the different lunch times. For those students learning from home, the Zoom meetings are awesome, they are able to connect with their teachers and with other students.



### Binary Code

Some of our Year 9 students learnt how to make bracelets of their name using Binary Code—thanks Laura from Digital Circus for teaching us how to do this.



## Ngā whakaaro o te Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou e te whānau

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou i roto i ngā āhuatanga o te Korona! Kua huri mātou ki ō mātou mirumiru kia whakapōturi te horahanga o te huaketo COVID 19. Te tūmanako kei te pai koutou e noho haumarua ana ki ō koutou whare. Mā te mahitahi ka tae pai tātou ki te mutunga o tēnei mate urutā!

Greetings one and all. Well, hopefully, we're in the last phase of the COVID pandemic. It's been a challenging two years for all of us and I am very proud of the way that our students, whānau and staff have worked together to ensure that we've supported our ākonga to still achieve their goals. We'll continue to do this through the pandemic and beyond.

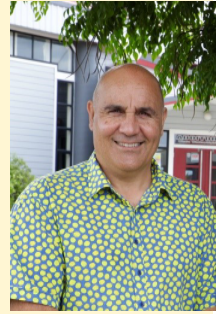
The other week, Whaea Chanel and Whaea Josie ran a programme for our Year 11 students which saw them complete a handful of NCEA standards. A big thank you to them both. This means that the Year 11s have all started on their NCEA journey and even if they are unable to complete any other assessments this term, they will still have a buffer for the year. Thank you also to Mrs Morgan who organised a Year 12 and 13 Health and Safety programme which has helped those students with their NCEA goals. Of course, we strongly encourage all our seniors to keep working on assessments that they have started in class this term because that will make it easier to achieve their goals this year. But we also want to reassure everyone, that we will be able to work together to reduce the impact of COVID. We did so last year and the year before. We'll keep refining our plans to make things work for our ākonga.

This week we have started our mirumiru (bubble) timetable which means we will be able to slow the spread of the virus. Students are in the same class with the same teacher for the duration of their time at school and breaktimes are staggered. We've moved from trying to stop the spread to trying to slow it down. This means that the school should be able to stay open and students will be able to undertake learning with their peers in a classroom, or at home online. Many of our students have told us that they have access to devices at home already. Those few who need to borrow school devices, please contact Whaea Josie on [josieb@tamatea.school.nz](mailto:josieb@tamatea.school.nz). We'll be reviewing our online learning approach on a weekly basis and as case numbers fall will look to return to the in-school programme.

We are reminding students to wear masks, practise good hygiene practice and stay home if they are unwell. We are grateful to the continued communication from home. Whānau are letting us know of positive tests and when our ākonga are household contacts and are having to isolate at home. Please continue to keep unwell students at home.

Koinā āku mō tēnei wā, mā te Atua koutou e manaaki.

Matua Robin  
Tumuaki (Principal)



A big **'Thank You'** to Pub Charity Ltd and The Lion Foundation who granted us funds for our static shade sail, and to One Foundation who granted us the funds to ensure the ground beneath the shade sail and the surrounding area was safe and even. Our wonderful caretaker, Pete, made some awesome tables to go under the shadesail. This is now a popular space to eat lunch.

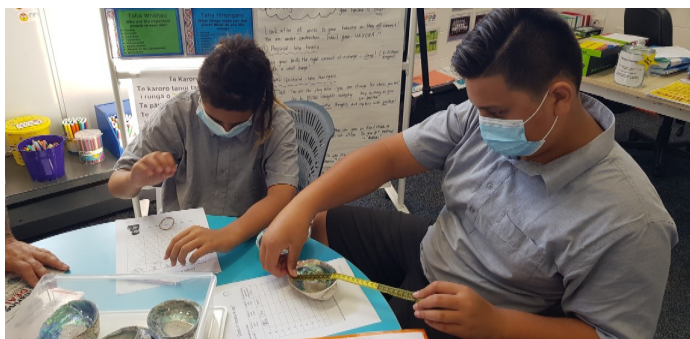


## Health and Safety

Some of our senior students attended a two day workshop to better understand Health and Safety in the workplace. Our facilitator, Mark, guided them through various scenarios to help them complete their assessments.



## More Mirumiru (Bubble) Classes





## Athletics

Athletics was held for competitors only this year. A committed group of students ran and jumped and performed. Well done for completing the events without the usual support of the school—the rest of the students were all busily learning.



As the only passenger on the bus to Trades, Paige could easily see the effect of COVID and isolation on Thursday



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