



E tipu e rea, ka tipu koe hei tangata—Growing good people for a changing world
Te Whakaputanga — Here-Turi-Kōkā/August

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Wenerei/Wednesday 14th
Year 11 Physical Education—
Orienteering

Tāite/Thursday 15th
Rumaki visit to Te Kura Reo Rua
o Maraenui (Maraenui Bilingual
School)

Paraire/Friday 16th
Year 8 transition visit

Hātarei/Saturday 17th
Open Day at 1pm

**Mane/Monday 19th—Paraire/
Friday 23rd**
English Writing Exams

Mane/Monday 19th
Hawke’s Bay Secondary
Schools’ Badminton
Competition (Boys) - Hastings
Sports Park

Tāite/Thursday 22
Hawke’s Bay Secondary
Schools’ Badminton
Competition (Girls) - Hastings
Sports Park

Trades Academy @ EIT Open
Day

International Students trip to
Ranui Farm

Paraire/Friday 23rd
Teacher Only Day—No School

Tūrei/Tuesday
Year 11 Physical Education—
The Amazing Race

Paraire/Friday 30th
Trades Academy @ EIT Open
Day

2025

**Tamatea High School
50th Anniversary Reunion
18th—21st
Paengawhāwhā/April
(Easter weekend)**



International Students

At the end of last term we farewelled Gisela and Isabelli from Brazil (above).

We said konnichiwa at the beginning of this term to Haruka from Sano Nihon University Senior High School, Sano, Japan and Sei and Seri from Junten Junior High School Tokyo, Japan. The students were welcomed by their Whānau Group buddies, our International Student Leaders and host mums. Our International Students Koga, Haruka and Nanami enjoyed a night of celebration with fellow students at the annual Senior School Ball.



Ngā whakaaro o te Tumuaki

Ngā mihi o te wā ki a koutou. Ko te tūmanako kua tīmata pai te wāhanga tuatoru.

Hope this newsletter finds you all well and having a good start to term three.

I am super proud of our students here at Tamatea and excited for you to read a piece of writing from one of our students below. But to set the scene for this, I would like to remind our school community of our upcoming Open Day on August 17th for incoming Year 9 whānau for 2025. This is a fantastic opportunity for prospective students and their families to explore our school.



We are incredibly proud of our kura and the excellent opportunities it provides for our students. Our commitment is to know each student personally and to equip them with the skills and knowledge necessary to flourish in our ever-changing world. To provide insight into the experiences of our Year 9 students, we invited them to share their thoughts and advice for our incoming students.

We are pleased to present this piece by Madz Sheehan:

"Don't worry about the small stuff (crushes, classes, people, work etc). Tamatea High School is fun and easy to settle into. I was worried about the little things too, the people, what my options were but it all eased over halfway through Term 1. I have to say it's easier with friends, and make new ones!

I was surprised with how friendly the teachers/staff are but I feel it sets a positive surrounding. The school is pretty small but that is good! It makes getting to classes easier! One thing that caught me off guard was how fast your work needed to be in, don't be unsure of yourself, you have got what it takes to hand in work before the deadline.

One thing I loved about this school is my options I had for the first half of 2024. They were Design Technology Hard Materials and Horticulture. What I enjoyed the most was what we learned and the people. Learning life skills is fun.

The advice I'd give is, grab all the opportunities you can get and like/enjoy, give it your all and try your best in your classes/options. Explore the school, see what's on offer. It is definitely hard making and adjusting to Tamatea High School, it's like a whole new world. Overall it's really fun, friendly and enjoyable. Give it your all, but go at your own pace. You got this!"

Madz, thank you so much for sharing your wonderful piece of writing about Tamatea High School. We are proud to have you as part of our kura and grateful for your willingness to share your journey and advice with our school community.

Matua Jesse

Hawke's Bay Teams' Chess Tournament

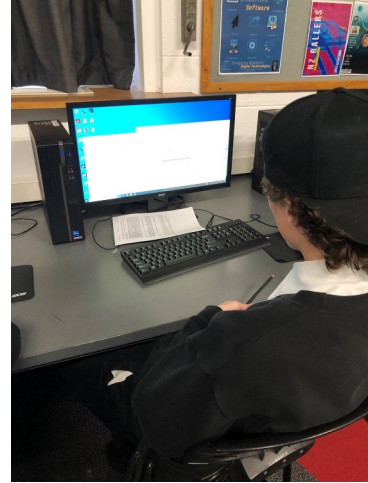
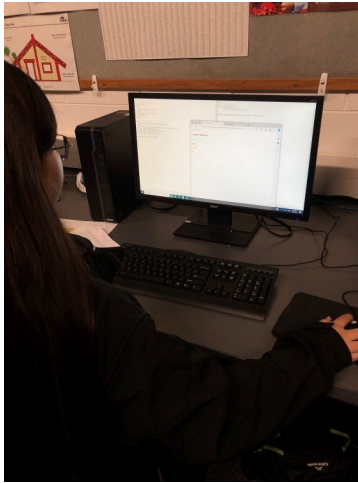
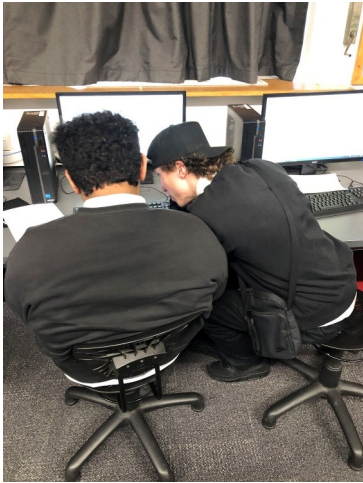
A team of four Tamatea students competed in the A grade of this event. Each of them won either two (Aaliyah and late replacement Misbah - thanks Misbah) or three (Lucian and Zane) games. Once again, we were slow starters, losing our first two matches 0-4 before winning the next two 3-1 and 4-0. A 1-3 fifth round loss saw us grouped with a bunch of five teams on almost identical points going into the finale.

As the results from the games started to trickle in, it became obvious that if we lost 1-3, we would finish last out of 11 teams but a 2-2 draw would be enough to take us above many of them. At 1-2 down, we were on the precipice, especially as Zane was both a piece down on the board and a minute down on the clock. However, he stuck to his task and when his opponent slipped, he pounced, delivering checkmate with only 10 seconds (10 seconds!) left on his timer. This elevated us all the way up to 7th on tiebreaks.



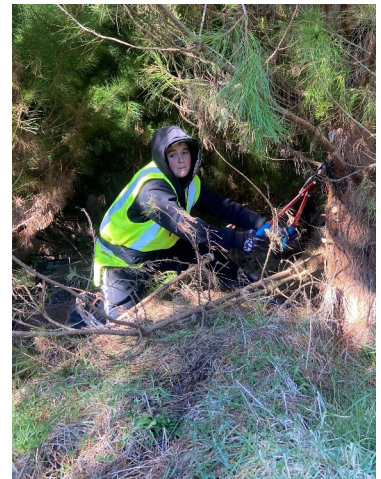
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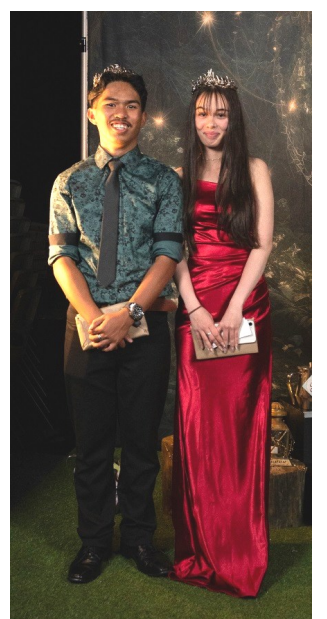
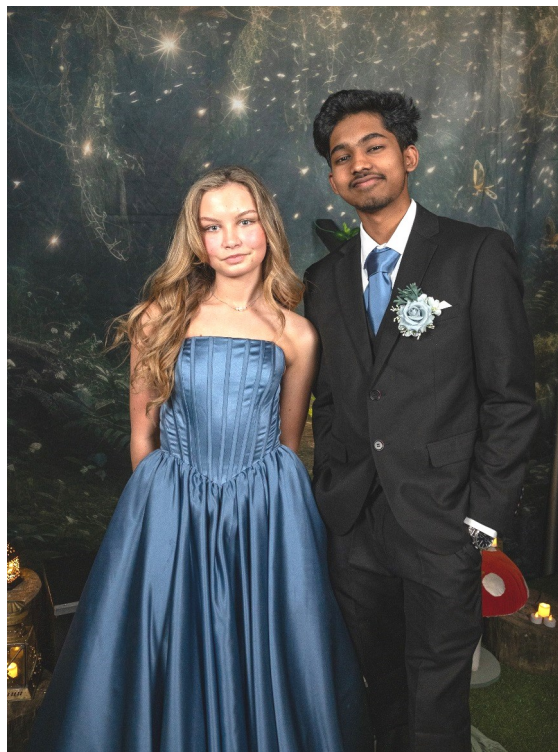
A small group of students had the opportunity to learn HTML and CSS coding. They were introduced to the language and learnt to understand how things work to create a webpage. The students were very keen with some wanting more opportunities like this in the future. Some students could see the connection with current outcomes at EIT. What an awesome start to future pathways!



Forestry Big Day Out

13 students took the opportunity to be taken to the Forest and to Pan Pac to check out possible careers in Forestry. They were able to see the timber being taken from the forest, and then had a tour round Pan Pac Forest Products to see how the timber is treated and milled. Thank you to 'Discover Forestry' for organizing this trip, and a big thank you to Matua Luke who agreed to take our students on this trip, his last hurrah before he travels to Ireland to play rugby.







Evening in the Everglades

The ball was held on 2nd August, what a night!
Te Tōnuitanga was transformed and our students enjoyed an evening of fun. Thanks to Whaea Josie, and to the ball committee for all their work. Thanks also to Michelle from 'Ruby Bloom' for capturing the essence of the evening.





Boys' Football

Our boys' team recently played Havelock North High School, and while they did not win they played a great game with lots of action. The team has improved so much since the start of the season and we are very proud of them—well done boys!



Science

9H have been doing a few experiments in Science with Matua Devon - making sherbet and using the Brainbox sets to make circuits.

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