



# TAMATEA HIGH SCHOOL

## Ngā Pitopito Kōrero



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

**Te Whakaputanga — Hui-tanguru/February**

**Poutū-te-Rangi/March**

**Tūrei/Tuesday 4th**  
School Athletics

**Tāite/Thursday 6th**  
Year 11 Art—Site visits around  
Napier

**Pairea—Friday 7th—Wenerei/  
Wednesday 12th**  
Spirit of Adventure—Year 10  
trip

**Tūrei-Tuesday 11th**  
Hui Whāinga—Student/  
Caregiver/Teacher interviews

**Wenerei/Wednesday 12th**  
Hui Whāinga—Year 9 and  
Rumaki

Dairy and Beyond Trip—group  
of Year 10 students

Year 11 Science trip to the  
National Aquarium

**Tāite/Thursday 13th**  
School Photograph Day

**Tūrei/Tuesday 18th**  
Career Navigator—Year 12

**Tāite/Thursday 20th**  
House Sports Day

**2025**

**Tamatea High School  
50th Anniversary Reunion  
Friday 24th—Sunday 26th  
October  
(Hawke's Bay Anniversary/  
Labour weekend)**

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**Nau mai haere mai—Welcome!**

A Pōwhiri was held to welcome our new students and staff to Tamatea High School.



**ようこそ (Youkoso) - Welcome!**

Our new International students, all from Japan were also welcomed at the Pōwhiri.

## Ngā whakaaro o te Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou katoa, ākongā, whānau, and kaiako. Welcome to 2025 at our Kura! It is fantastic to see familiar faces return and to extend a warm welcome to our new students. In particular, to our Year 9s, we look forward to seeing your growth here at Te Kura Tuarua o Tamatea.



We are equally delighted to introduce some exceptional team members joining us in key roles this term. Please join me in welcoming Monique Goodson as Head of Science; Leonie Egan, our Leader of Project Based Learning and Life Readiness Programme; Lara Small in Food and Nutrition; Matiu Whiting in Hard Materials; Adele Crib, adding her expertise to our Learning Assistant team; and Nani Taane, our dedicated Learning Assistant in Rua Tē Pāia. Their expertise and passion will undoubtedly enrich our Kura and support our ākongā's growth. We are excited to have them join us and look forward to their energy, fresh ideas and perspectives they will bring to our staff room and classrooms.

Looking ahead to 2025, our focus remains on enabling our students to achieve their fullest potential. We are committed to ensuring every student has opportunities to excel in their NCEA qualifications and transition confidently to the next chapter beyond our Kura. Focussing on daily attendance is key to this vision—your encouragement as whānau plays an important role in making this happen. Thank you for your support in ensuring your student attends Kura every day.

Equally, building our students literacy and numeracy skills is important; building our student capabilities in these areas support ākongā success at NCEA. It is foundational for ākongā success in all areas of learning, whatever their individual pathway may be.

Other important goals for our kura in 2025 are our focus on improving attendance and supporting our students' with literacy and numeracy.

Finally, a reminder about our upcoming Hui Whāinga on Tuesday, March 11th, and Wednesday, March 12th in Week 7. Hui Whāinga are important goal-setting and progress meetings that bring together ākongā, their whānau, and their whānau group tutors. These hui provide a dedicated space for discussing a student's learning journey, reviewing progress, and collaboratively setting goals for the future. We appreciate everyone's ongoing support for these hui.

Ngā mihi nui.

Jesse Te Weehi (Tumuaki)

Our 2025 Amokura, pictured here with Matua Jesse are (l to r) Izzy (Amokura Tamatāne), Ruby, Trident, Sydney, Jordin, Kaiata (Amokura Tamawahine), Oakleigh, Sarskia, Victor, Hunter and Tom. Missing from this photo is Emily (pictured separately) as she is volunteering on the Spirit of Adventure, having experienced her first voyage last year.



Kaiata (Amokura Tamawahine—Head Girl), and Izzy (Amokura Tamatāne—Head Boy)



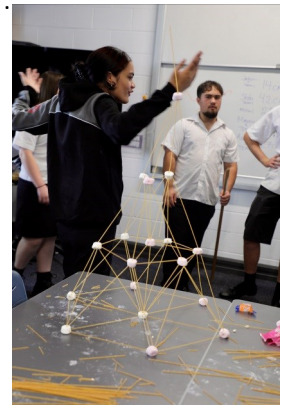
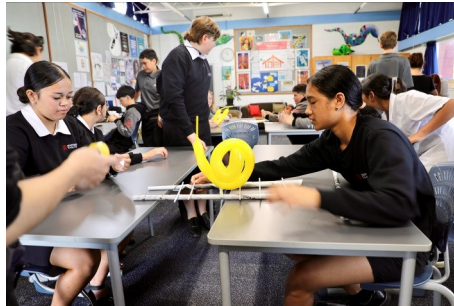
## Tuakana Teina



Tuakana training takes place at the start of the year. Some of our Year 12 and 13 students step up and help our new Year 9 students to settle in and transition to high school.

Our Tuakana then transfer their newly found skills to working with teina, having fun while getting to know them.

Tuakana-teina is a teaching and learning approach from Te Ao Māori – the Māori world. It refers to the relationship between an older person (tuakana) and a younger person (teina). The meaning is older sibling, younger sibling – where siblings learn from each other.



Welcome to our new teachers, Monique Goodson (Head of Science), Lara Small (Food and Nutrition), Matiu Whiting (Design Technology—Hard Materials) and Leonie Egan (Leader of Project Based Learning and Life Readiness Programme)

### Congratulations to

Khanh Nguyen Vo Tran, Year 13 2024, who was awarded a NCEA Scholarship Award in Visual Arts—Painting for her Level 3 Art Portfolio. She is pictured here with her Art teacher Emma Neal.



Parekura Aaron Matehe and his partner Denise Keelan have, once again, headed to Te Matatini this year to perform with their rōpū, Te Tū Mataora. We wish them all the very best. Kino kē koe Parekura!

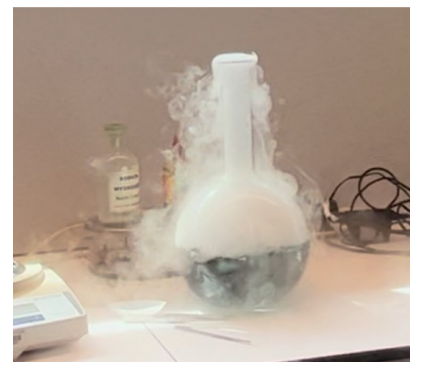
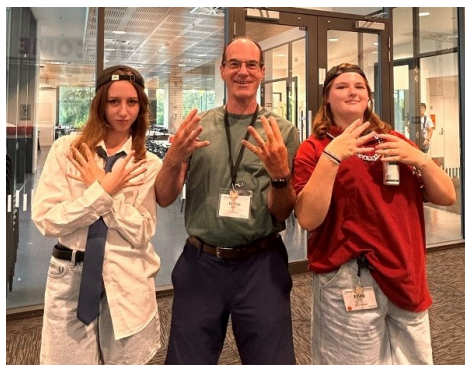
## Opportunity Knocks for River, Emily and Kyah

River: 'I'm incredibly grateful to have received the 'Imagine Beyond' Scholarship to attend Hands-On at Otago 2025 for Media, Film, and Communication. This opportunity allowed me to fully immerse myself in filmmaking, develop new skills, and collaborate with like-minded students in a university environment.

The highlight? Creating a short film with my MFCO group and seeing it screened on the final day. Staying at Te Rangihīroa College was amazing, and the Red Shirts were so welcoming and supportive.

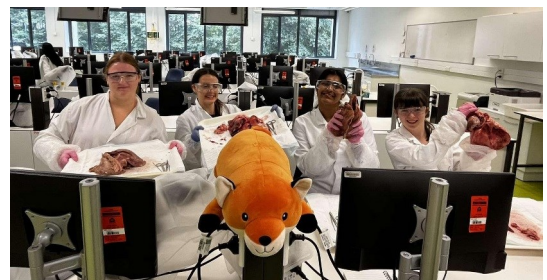
I stepped out of my comfort zone and made the most of every moment, gaining confidence, making lifelong friends, and truly feeling like I belonged.

If you're considering Hands-On at Otago, go for it! It's a life-changing experience. A huge thank you to the 'Imagine Beyond' Scholarship and everyone who made this possible. This wasn't just a program—it was a turning point."



Kyah: "At first, spending two weeks of my holidays at a 'summer school' sounded like a chore— but after the two tiring weeks in Auckland, I can say that Rotary National Science and Technology Forum (RNSTF) was the best experience of my life.

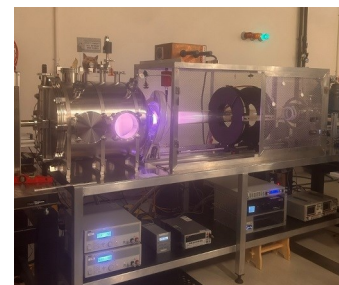
I was able to make lifelong friends through social activities, and attend 12 different STEM modules run by professors at three different universities. I am so grateful to Greenmeadows Rotary for sponsoring me as well as our kura. Thank you to everyone who made this possible!"



Emily: "Going to forum was an amazing opportunity. Going into it, I wasn't exactly sure what to expect, but every single lecture or module we attended was fascinating, from heart dissections, to lasers and robots. There was such a variety and it expanded not only my knowledge of the different areas in STEM, but also opened my eyes in terms of the career I want to pursue.

As well as this, it was the people who made my experience what it was. I would have never thought that the 167 nerds that I met would give me so many good moments and memories to look back on.

RNSTF gave me the confidence in myself to apply for an International Science Forum in London, which accepts only 500 students from 80 countries. It offers lectures and modules from world leading scientists, a Nobel prize winner and visits to University of Cambridge, Oxford as well as top research centres. I am so lucky to have been chosen to attend this forum in London! Thank you to Greenmeadows Rotary for opening the door to these opportunities."





### What Ho! Art Deco celebrations, Such fun!

Year 13s dressed up in 1930's style and shared morning tea with our staff. Thank you to Mrs Morgan for organising 'Emily' the 100 year old car who made her appearance. Everyone flocked to have their photo taken with her.



## Tamatea High School Reunion Update

- In 2024, the school decided to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school in 2025 with a reunion, selecting Easter 2025 as a potential date
- In November 2024 the school was informed of roof replacements which included asbestos removal which meant that Easter 2025 was no longer an option for a celebration; King’s Birthday Weekend was then explored as being a better option
- In early 2025, a small group of former students who expressed interest in organising the reunion, reviewed the situation and agreed that King’s Birthday Weekend date did not give enough time to coordinate a well-organised celebration. They recommended the date be set at **Hawke’s Bay Anniversary/Labour Weekend Friday 24 – Sunday 26 October 2025**. While this is yet another date change, the longer timeframe would be better for those organizing and for those attending.
- The Reunion Committee currently consists of former students: Aroha Cooper, Sharon Jansen, Caren Rangi, Devon Turi, Michelle Johansson, Luke Harris and Carmen Tuhua. They are looking to recruit more members. Spokesperson Sharon Jansen notes that “we are very excited about the opportunity to reconnect with former classmates and teachers, while also showcasing Tamatea High School 50 years on from its establishment”.

So please keep an eye on the Tamatea High School facebook page for more information coming soon including how you register your interest in attending. Any questions please email [tamateahs50threunion@gmail.com](mailto:tamateahs50threunion@gmail.com)

### Trades Academy @ EIT

Trades has started with a hiss and a roar, with over 65 Year 12 and 13 students attending. They are undertaking studies in Building and Construction, Animal Care, Integrated Trades, Business Studies, Computer Technician, Computer Technology, Early Childhood, Hair and Beauty, Pikitoi, Services Preparation and Automotive. Pictured are the Year 12 group who head out on Fridays.

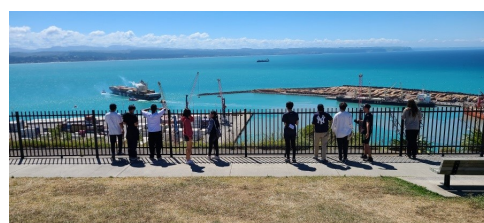


### Mohi Bush Trip

This week the Japanese students and their buddies went for a trip to some special places in the region. First up we went to the top of Te Mata Peak, to get the best view. We learnt the legend of the sleeping giant as well as looking at Kahuranaki and the rest of Te Matua a Maui.

From there we went to our main destination, Mohi Bush. This reserve is a pristine example of pre-human rainforest, tucked away up Maraetotara Road. Walking along the track, we were able to see examples of many Aotearoa native plants, including punga, kawakawa and kohuhu/pittosporum. The most impressive, however, was the dreaded ongaonga, which grew in some quite large clumps that we carefully avoided.

After our walk, we stopped at Maraetotara Falls. We drove to Mataruahou, just in time to see a pair of cargo ships swapping places in the port.



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