



# TAMATEA HIGH SCHOOL

## Ngā Pitopito Kōrero



**E tipu e rea, ka tipu koe hei tangata—Growing good people for a changing world**  
Te Whakaputanga — Whiringa-ā-Rangi—November

**Whiringa-ā-Rangi/  
November**

**Paraire/Friday 15th**  
NCEA Accord Day 2—Teacher only day

**Mane/Monday 18th**  
Junior Volleyball Training after school

**Tūrei/Tuesday 19th**  
Waka Ama—Rumaki PE class  
Junior Girls' Volleyball game

**Wenerei/Wednesday 20th**  
Hosting Greenmeadows Rotary for Dinner

**Tāite/Thursday 21st—Tūrei/  
Tuesday 26th**  
International students—activities

**Paraire/Friday 22nd**  
Macfitness Hikoi—Ōtātara Pā  
Junior Volleyball Training

**Mane/Monday 25th—Tūrei/  
Tuesday 26th**  
Amokura Camp

**Tūrei/Tuesday 26th**  
Waka Ama—Rumaki PE  
Junior Girls' Volleyball game

**Wenerei/Wednesday 27th**  
Year 13 Graduation Dinner  
6.30pm

**Paraire/Friday 29th**  
Year 8 Orientation Day

**Hakihea/December**  
Tāite/Thursday 5th  
Junior Prizegiving

Please note: change of date for  
the 50th Anniversary Reunion  
**2025**

**Tamatea High School  
50th Anniversary Reunion  
31st Haratua/May—2nd  
Pipiri/June**



**Congratulations to our Dux of 2024—Riya (above)**

Senior Prizegiving was an afternoon of celebration. Te Tōnuitanga was packed, full of whānau, students, staff and friends, all coming together to celebrate the achievements of our senior students before they left school to get ready for their exams.

Riya was awarded the Margaret Jeffery Cup for Dux of the School and the Tamatea High School Scholarship for Dux.



Maddison Trengrove—Proxime Accessit (Runner Up to Dux) and Top Māori Scholar



Joint winners of the Year 12 Academic Excellence Award  
Kyah Ingram and Kaiata Kaitao



The Momoisea Shield for Best All-round International Student  
Paulo Solon



Year 11 Academic Excellence Award  
Misbah Abdulla

## Ngā whakaaro o te Tumuaki

Tēna koutou e te whānau

We find ourselves midway through Term 4. A few comments to celebrate the first weeks of Term 4 in 2024.

We recently celebrated our Senior Prizegiving, it was a wonderful event, and we are incredibly proud of all our senior students. The afternoon celebration was a testament to their hard work, resilience, and dedication throughout the year. It was fantastic to see so many whānau present, celebrating their students' achievements. Our senior students made us proud and it was a privilege to stand with everyone that has made a difference in our students' lives and celebrate their efforts and growth in 2024.

Since early November, I have witnessed our students waiting patiently outside Te Tōnuitanga o Tamatea (Auditorium), all slightly nervous before going inside to put in their best efforts towards their NCEA exams. I want to acknowledge all the hard work from students and our staff in preparing well for these NCEA assessments. A special acknowledgement goes to Sanjesh Kumar, our Principal's Nominee. Thank you, Sanjesh, for your commitment to our students' achievements and your invaluable support in making our NCEA exams a success.

A personal highlight for me this term has been the enrolment interviews with our incoming Year 8 students. Although I haven't had the chance to meet all ākonga and their whānau, it has been a joy to connect with those I have met. I've truly enjoyed hearing from your child about their current school learning experiences and discussing what they're looking forward to as they join us at Tamatea High School. Thank you for taking the time to meet and share with us. We eagerly look forward to welcoming your child into our kura over the coming term and officially at the start of 2025!

As we head into the last few weeks of term, we remind our Year 9 and 10 students of the importance of regular attendance. Every day of learning counts, and your presence in class helps you build a strong foundation for the future. If your student is facing challenges with learning, life, or anything else, we're here to help. Keep the communication open with us so we can provide the best support.

Looking outside, the sun is shining, giving us a glimpse of what is to come. Bring on Summer!

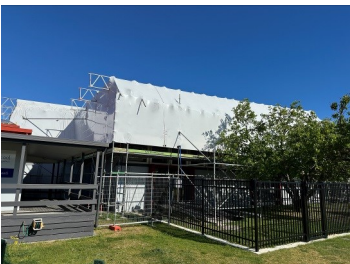
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Matua Jesse



### Change of Date for the 50th Anniversary Reunion of Tamatea High School

After 50 years the familiar shape of the S68 blocks of Tamatea High School are getting a facelift. Gone will be the big triangles of the skylights (gone too, hopefully, will be the leaks and any asbestos) and in their place will be a slick low-level roof.

Changes have been managed and the biggest casualty has been the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion now postponed until King's Birthday weekend in June 2025. The change for the reunion celebration was essential as school holidays have to be used for potential asbestos removal, meaning no access to the school for anyone.



Welcome to Haruka Abou Aresh  
our new International Student  
Coordinator.



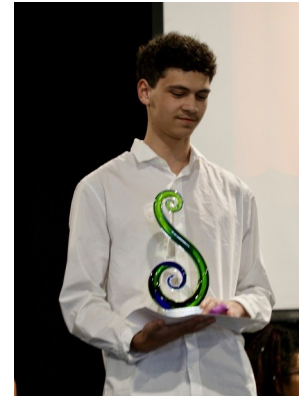
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## Senior Prizegiving



Kaiata Kaitao was awarded the Clyde Jeffrey Cup for Service. In 2019 her brother Mika Kaitao (Head Boy), and in 1984 Caren Rangī (Head Girl and mum to these two) were also awarded this cup. Kaiata was delighted to see she was the third family member to appear on the cup.



**Congratulations** to Izrael Shields, member of Te Whānau Puoro who were named as Best Emerging Artists Under 25 at the recent Waiata Māori Music Awards held in Hastings. Te Whanau Puoro (a combined band with members from Tamatea High and Flaxmere College) have gone from strength to strength after last year's Smokefree Rockquest competitions. They played at Outfield at the end of 2023 and competed at the Smokefree Rockquest again this year, albeit without their lead vocalist. They attended the award ceremony and played the closing number.







**Congratulations** to all of our Trades @ EIT students who crossed the stage having completed their courses. They have all enjoyed their one (or in some cases two) days a week out of school to try out a Trade of their choice, with some hoping to continue in that Trade once they have left school.



Ka whiti te Mārama, which means 'The light shone clear,' has just been printed. It was written by Toni MacKinnon, Art Curator at MTG Hawke's Bay.

The book is an extended version of an exhibition of the same name, currently at MTG Hawke's Bay Tai Ahuriri. Each of the art works has been chosen for the fact that they reveal something about our history - from before Pākehā arrived, to more contemporary times. In that sense, the book is historically interesting as well as a visual feast.

Commentary and poems by students from two local schools, Lindisfarne College and Tamatea High School, have been incorporated into the book.

Creative New Zealand funded the publication (with a contribution from Hawke's Bay Museums Trust) on the basis that the book was sent free to all schools in Hawke's Bay. The book is a relevant and valid source for students in understanding different perspectives on our past and schools can use it as a resource for learning about Aotearoa's history.

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