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Taita College

Newsletter

Greetings to the Taita College Community

In Term 3 our senior students were busy studying for their practice examinations, they were completing internal assessments and they were preparing for the examinations at the end of the year. For the junior students, this term was also one of preparation and study for examinations that will be held at the end of Term 4. Their diligence means that they will be able to attain results which reflect their ability.

The term also saw a number of much anticipated events. The college formal was held at the Duxton on the evening of 20 September. A group of enthusiastic staff and students, led by Mrs Saysell (and lately Ms Parr), worked towards this event. Four teams attended the winter tournament week. Our Premier One netball team went to Palmerston North, the 1st XI football team went to Auckland, as well as a group of gymnasts, and we had a shooting team participating in a tournament in Blenheim. All teams and individuals participated well and made Taita College proud.

I wish to welcome two international exchange students, Falk Franken from Germany and Oscar Marin from Chile, to the Taita College community. They will be here for a year. We are expecting an additional student from Sweden later in the term. This is also an opportunity to farewell and thank Mrs Saysell, Teacher in Charge of Drama and Dean of Year 13 who left the college on maternity leave as from 20 August. I wish to thank Mrs Saysell for her efforts on behalf of the students at Taita and I wish her well in her new role as a parent to little Robbie.

In my addresses to our student assemblies, I emphasised the theme of our college motto "Pride through Success; Honour through Service". It is with pleasure that I can acknowledge another success for our college - Mr Candamy, our Principal, was seconded to the Ministry of Education for the rest of the term to continue the work he commenced whilst on sabbatical. He has been sharing his work with schools in the Central South region. The senior management team for Term Three continued with myself as Acting Principal, Mrs Pye as Acting Deputy Principal and Mr Ballantyne as Acting Assistant Principal. Hon Helen Clark, the Prime Minister also visited the college for the second time in three years. We were honoured by her visit and the students had the opportunity to ask her questions, which largely centred around student loans, the Emissions Trading Scheme and community issues in the school library. They were most interested in her answers to them.

Clint Hawke (Acting Principal)

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Pride through Success
Honour through Service

Newsflash

- ♦ Kimberley Gill was voted to be the 2008/09 Student Representative on the Board of Trustees.
- ♦ Have you seen the great notice boards in the Canteen and the BRC? They feature the art of our extremely talented students and the work is amazing!!!!!!
- ♦ Ms Jo Parr is the Acting Year 13 Dean while Mrs Saysell is on maternity leave.
- ♦ Sports Cups & Trophies – Urgent. Please return all cups and trophies to the main office.



University Accommodation

Application forms have to be received by the university no later than the date below in order to be considered for the first round of placements:

Massey University – 1 October
Otago University – 30 September
Waikato University – 1 October

These accommodation **application forms** and the 2009 university prospectus information for Massey, Otago, Victoria, Canterbury and Waikato are available online, or they can be obtained from Mary Opie, Careers Advisor.



Bryant Hall, Waikato University

2008 Dates to Note

13 Oct	First Day of Term 4
15 Oct	Option Choice / Mini Careers Expo Evening
22 Oct	Sports Prizegiving
28 Oct	Gateway Prizegiving
10 Nov	Senior Prizegiving
17 Nov	NCEA Exams start
21 Nov	Teacher-Only Day

Taita College Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is located next to the canteen, up the stairs from the car park. All uniform items and homework text books can be purchased from the college. Please note that the school blazer and tie are to be worn all year. If you need assistance, please call Ronwyn Coffey on ext 235.

SHOP HOURS

Tuesday 9.00 am — 11.30 am
Thursday 3.00 pm — 4.30 pm

Open in the Holidays

9 Oct Thursday 9.00 am — 12 noon

Reminder



Please check the closing dates for applications for **University Scholarships**.

You can do this by going onto the university websites and noting down the closing dates for specific scholarships: www.massey.ac.nz
www.victoria.ac.nz
www.otago.ac.nz

Application forms are available either online or from Mary Opie, Careers Advisor for Taita College.

Rotary Club

Seeks applications for scholarships, (& an electrical engineering scholarship). These range from \$2,000-\$6,000. See website—www.wellingtonnorth.org.nz
Applications close 1 November 2008.
Brian Poole 478-6531 or poole.family@xtra.co.nz



Option Choice/Careers Expo

Course selection will occur early in Term 4. It is important for students, especially those entering the senior school, to have invested some time into thinking about what they would like to do when they leave Taita College. To assist with this we have included some career information for both students and parents. All students will be interviewed and course selection will be discussed in Term 4 also.

Some websites you may find useful:

www.careers.govt.nz

<http://www.mycoolcareer.com/>

We are very pleased to announce that there will be a Mini Careers Expo included in the option evening for parents and students. We have invited a team from *Career Services Rapuara* to speak about the resources and information they have available.

A number of exhibitors including universities, WelTec and local tertiary providers will be available to talk about careers and training options available. Students will be able to visit exhibits during the day and parents and students are welcome to visit in the hall from **7.00-9.00 pm on Wednesday, 15 October.**

Next year's Coca Cola Careers Wellington Expo will be held 16-18 August 2009.



It is important for students to consider the following points when choosing their programme:

- ⇒ Interests and strengths
- ⇒ Keeping options open by taking a range of subjects if undecided about a career path
- ⇒ Subjects required for tertiary study
- ⇒ Pre-requisites for further studies ie what students need to take a course through from Levels 1-3.
- ⇒ English is compulsory at years 9,10, 11 & 12
- ⇒ Mathematics is compulsory at years 9, 10 & 11.



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RNZ Ballet Workshop

On Friday 22 August the Year 11 dance students were involved in a workshop run by the Royal New Zealand Ballet. For all of the students this was their first experience of ballet and a chance to have a try at this difficult dance style. Within no time the students were spinning on their toes and leaping through the air, learning about tendues, pliés, ports de bras and grand jetés. I think they all agreed that it takes a lot of hard work to make this dance style look so graceful and effortless, making us all appreciate the skill and training of professional dancers.

The students then began developing some group choreography for one of their final Achievement Standards, impressing both the tutor and I with their creative choreography. Both groups developed interesting movement based on mirroring each other and supporting each other's body weight. Congratulations to all of the students involved who took on this challenge with such enthusiasm.

Rachel Scott,
Dance Teacher

Talent at Taita

The Talent Quest this year proved to be as entertaining as ever with such a range of talents on show. Once again we were all blown away with the creativity and enthusiasm of our students, which made judging the event a very difficult task.

Thank you to all of the students involved for their performances and for spending their own time to prepare – your efforts are truly appreciated. Finally, congratulations to this year's Talent Quest champs.

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| 1 st place | Natasha McAllister and Hayley Chesterfield |
| 2 nd place | Ammon Ah Wong |
| 3 rd place | Emilio Bonica-King |

Our thanks also go to the judges.

Rachel Scott



Bridge Building

For the first time in many years, Taita College participated in a Bridge Building exercise that allowed students to build a replica of an actual bridge.

CIVENG Ltd is a company owned by Helen and John Irvine who were sponsored by the civil engineering industry and educational providers that provide bridge building equipment, which is moved from school to school.

The equipment was largely used by our junior students and all junior classes had the opportunity to build a bridge. This allowed students to work co-operatively to ensure the bridge was built within the time allocated. It also enabled teaching and learning to take place in the areas of physics and engineering.

As you can see from the photos it was a great experience enjoyed by all the students who participated. A big thank you to Helen and John Irvine for providing this equipment free of charge to schools.

Ava Szabo
HOD Science



Pacific Island Parent Meeting

The Pacific Island parent meeting takes place every 2nd Thursday in the month. It is held in the staffroom.



Arahi: kapa haka

As a part of Te Reo Maori o Te Wiki (Maori language week), Arahi, our kapa haka group, was invited to the Waterloo early childhood centre to teach the children a waiata with a poi, a haka and to share lunch with them. Our students and the children at the centre really enjoyed the activity and they have asked if we would like to come back next year.

We took our Year 10 Maori class and kapa haka group to Matariki (Maori New Year) at the Wainuiomata Marae. There were lots of displays, including Ta Moko (tattooing, traditional Maori art) and Harakeke (weaving). The group loved it and it was great that Taita College was represented there. We had an end-of-year mentoring outing and noho at the marae. We booked out the Naenae pools from 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm and had a sausage sizzle for dinner. There was lots of whanau support and the night was a success. The group slept at the marae that same night and we watched movies - it was a time of sharing and also celebrating the one year anniversary of the Tuakana Teina Mentoring programme. If you are interested in any information about Arahi, our school kapa haka group, or the mentoring programme, please don't hesitate to contact me.

We performed at the open day at Koraunui Marae on 19 September. There were other schools participating in the day and it was a wonderful opportunity to revive the school's relationship with the Stokes Valley community and the marae. Arahi also performed as part of the *Sound of Music* concert which was organised by the music department. This was an awesome evening for everyone involved.

This term the kapa haka group has grown so much; the kids have gained more confidence and have added to their portfolio. They know more haka and waiata, but more importantly they have been exposed to more Te Reo Maori and Tikanga than would previously have been the case. To our whanau and tutors, we would like to thank you, because without you our job would have been that much harder and our goals that much further away. Taita College has been represented at a lot more Maori events this year and we hope to keep this an annual occurrence.

We have raised a significant amount of money to go towards our end-of-the year trip to Ruatoria. Our students who are coming on this trip with us are really excited and keen to go away and experience the rural way of life. We will be staying at Rongohaere Marae and while staying there we will go on a guided tour of Mount Hikurangi, do lots of swimming, eeling, horse riding, weaving, eating and collecting kaimoana, and other joys.

We have a core group of whanau who regularly attend hui, (Roopu Awhina our school whanau Maori support group), and are always involved in noho marae, fundraising, kapa haka practice, mentoring outings, trips and pretty much everything we need support in. We would love to make the roopu bigger, so if your son or daughter is involved in any of our groups, please know that you are welcome and definitely needed to come and support your child. This may just mean that you come and watch them practise, or come on a school trip, or help out with transport, or help out with fundraising -- whatever you can do would be gratefully appreciated and not go unnoticed.

Nga Mihi
Kerry Hirini

Taita College Community Liaison



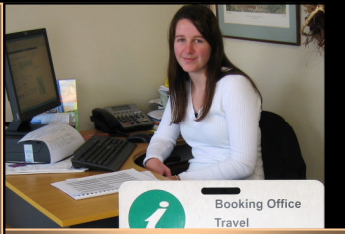
Roopu Awhina Meeting

The Roopu Awhina group meets the first Monday each month in the staffroom.





Kimberley Gavin
TVNZ Avalon Studios
"Media is fun & being behind the scenes on 'Good Morning' has been really exciting."



Laura MacKay
Upper Hutt i-SITE Visitor Centre
"This is different from school. It is a more grown up and a more mature place to learn."



Sara Herbert
Barnardos ELC Lower Hutt
"I wanted to see what it would be like working with little children and watch them learn"



Teina Motu
LANtech
"I am interested in a field somewhere between digital design and 3D animations."



Bevan Walker
Traditional Builders 2000
"There is more to building than I thought. My workmates never hesitate to help me."



Eugenia Jack
Barnardos Sessional
"I wanted to learn more about children & I've enjoyed the challenge. This I can do!"



Uaea Apu'ula
National Bank Lower Hutt
"I have learned good communication skills working in a bank."



Paula Vaelei
SOMA Preschool
"I love watching children achieve new things and seeing them grow."



Stephanie Mackley
All Seasons Childcare
"I love little children and have always wanted to work with them. I love talking to them."



Sarah Michael
New World Lower Hutt
"I have wanted to be a baker since I was about four. The people I work with are kind."



Shannon Hughes
SOMA Preschool
"I love working with children. I am looking for a well-paid job and one I really enjoy."

Gateway Dinner and Prizegiving

This event will take place at the end of October and is an opportunity for students, employers, parents and staff to celebrate the successes of 2008. Invitations will be sent out soon.

PORSE Photo Competition

It was exciting to have some of our Early Childhood Education students entering this competition and we were proud to gain four placings. The photos were great examples of good interaction with a child.



From left to right: Toni Robertson 2nd, Rachel Turley 4th, Emma Collins 5th; Amy Collins 3rd.

Enrolments for 2009

Application forms and information pamphlets can be collected from either Mrs Pye or Mrs Gould. All applications, covering letters and CVs are to be returned no later than Friday 7 November. The selection process will start with interviews in late November - early December.

Thank you

Taita College wishes to thank all employers for their involvement in Taita College Gateway Programme 2008. You have been extremely generous with your time and we appreciate your support in making the programme an ongoing success.

Linda Pye
Gateway Coordinator
Ph: 5678728 ext 206

Steph Gould
Gateway Administrator
Ph: 5678728 ext 130



Emma Collins
Koraunui Kindy and School
"I like how I have formed a close bond with the children. I would like to be a teacher."



Oriana Fa'afaga
Toll NZ / Interislander
"It's great that I am actually experiencing what I want to do before I finish school."



Aaron Mildenhall
AJ Hoffman Builders
"I would like to own my own business one day."
Favourite saying: Safety First!



Toni Robertson
PORSE In Home Childcare
"The children warmed to me on the first day! I know I want to work with young children."



Natalie Stephenson
Zambezi Hair Salon
"It's an easy-going work environment & my co-workers are friendly and supportive."



Tyler Cathcart
Duxton Hotel
"This work certainly keeps me on my toes. I enjoy cooking and would like to be a chef."



Amy Collins
Heretaunga Park ELC
"I love watching children achieve new things and seeing them grow."



Natasha de Gans
Tawhai School
"I am learning about teaching before I study. I hope to teach in under-privileged countries"

Taita College Gateway 2008

Taita College continues to be overwhelmed by the generosity and support of local and city-based industries. We have 28 students in a variety of workplaces including:

- ◆ Hospitality
- ◆ Early Childhood Education
- ◆ Tourism
- ◆ Primary School Education
- ◆ Media
- ◆ Building & Construction
- ◆ Electrical
- ◆ Hairdressing
- ◆ Glazing
- ◆ Motor Engineering
- ◆ Banking
- ◆ Retailing
- ◆ Computing

All students are making very good progress in their work-based unit standards and have gained an average of 14 credits. All students are to be commended on their good attendance and punctuality.



Gateway Students 2008



Hayden Wood
Hutt City Reconditioning Ltd
"Cars are what I have been involved with since I was young. I am a petrol-head."



Rachel Turley
All Seasons Childcare
"I love children and my ideal dream is to travel overseas as a qualified nanny."



Todd Wynne
Glass Shoppe
"I have learnt lots about glazing and lead-lighting. It is not as easy as it seems."



Mavis Siaopo
Barnardos Sessional
"The different things children can do at their age just amazes me." - Moved to Australia



Nicola Murphy
New World Lower Hutt
"I pack groceries and everyone makes me smile, especially my friend Julia."



Susana Pele
Barnardos ELC Lower Hutt
"I never realised that children could have so much energy! My dream is to be a nurse."



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Science Fair

The Taita College Junior Science Fair took place during Term 2 and all of Year 9 and 10 participated and entered, which produced an outstanding display of close to 80 entries. The best of these were selected to be entered into the Wellington Regional Science Fair, sponsored by NIWA. Our top three Taita College winners were as follows:

- 1st Prize of \$75 – Bullet Penetration
Jamie Ward & Jarred Winter, Year 10
- 2nd Prize of \$50 – The Waiwhetu Stream Clean Up
Matthew Young and Luke Crouch, Year 10
- 3rd Prize of \$25 – Popping Corn
Cassidy Browne and Leisha de Gans, Year 9

Whilst we did not win any prizes this year, a great time was had by the contestants who represented the school.

Congratulations to these students for their effort on their scientific work and presentation.



Sports' Prizegiving Sports' Prizegiving

**WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER
Prizes, Entertainment, Light snacks**

Tickets \$5.00
These will be available from the office the first
week next term.
Book a table for your team.
All students, staff and parents welcome.

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TOUGHLOVE ... What's it all about?

TIPS FOR PARENTS

"I'm at my wits end", or, "I've tried everything, but nothing works", are phrases that the *TOUGHLOVE* Parent Support Group hears frequently. Terms such as an *out of control teen*, a *difficult kid*, or a *kid in trouble* often cause parents a great amount of worry, particularly when the parent has tried everything and is at the end of his or her tether.

TOUGHLOVE offers parents strategies that work. The tough part for parents is accepting that change is more likely when they first try to change the way they respond to their teen, rather than trying to change their teen's behaviour. Parents are shown the techniques for making such strategies effective. This helps parents cope with feelings of despair.

A kid does not need a parent who dismisses extreme behaviour as being 'just a phase' and then watches it worsen, while hoping that the teen will grow out of it. Pretending the problem isn't there helps make it worse. Facing up to the need for positive action is tough on parents, but leads to the desired result. Kids need boundaries and consequences as much as they need love.

Kids need to know where the boundaries are, and parents need to be consistent with consequences when boundaries are crossed. Inconsistency allows kids to develop manipulation skills which often lie behind the reasons why parents contact *TOUGHLOVE*. Parents need to renew their confidence to deal with the pressures of unacceptable behaviour.

A kid whose behaviour is unacceptable does **not** need, for example, a telephone in the bedroom, unlimited access to TV, freedom to go out when he or she chooses, pocket money, whimpy parents, unenforced curfews, or parents who cross their fingers and hope that the unacceptable behaviour will just fade away.

Kids need parents who can set an example with their own behaviour as to the sort of behaviour they expect from their kids. Knowing how to achieve this is what *TOUGHLOVE* focuses on.

PARENTS - DO YOU NEED?



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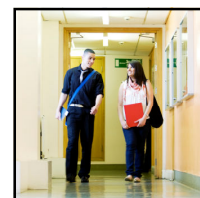
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Winter Sport Results

NETBALL

The Premier Netball final was played two weeks ago at Walter Nash. Well done to the girls who finished the season on a high with a convincing win over Chilton St James. Thanks also to the boys for a great haka at the end. Congratulations to **Alicia Colledge** who was named Premier Player of the Season.

The team went on to compete at the Lower North Island Championship. Competition was fierce and the girls were eventually placed 9th overall. Special congratulations to **Alicia Colledge** and **Rachel Savelio** who were named in the A-grade tournament team and **Rachel** was also named as Defender of the Tournament. Well done to the team and their coach Mrs Alissa Morgan-Ziogas. Thanks also to Wendy Colledge, team manager.

Well done also to our Taita 6 team who finished 1st in Collegiate 6, Taita 13 who finished 2nd in Col 13 and Taita 10 who finished 3rd after an unfortunate loss in their semi-final. We had three other teams finish in the top four in their grades, so all in all, it was a pretty successful season.

BASKETBALL

The Junior Girls' basketball team played in the Division 2 final at the TSB arena on the same night as the netball final. They played well but were unable to maintain their unbeaten season and were defeated by Paraparaumu to finish 2nd. Well done girls.

Well done to the Junior Boys' team who inherited a place in the strong junior first division. Even after dropping a grade, this team was up against far more experienced teams and they had their work cut out for them. Consequently, it was a difficult season for the boys and it was pleasing to see them playing their best every game and not giving up.

Our Premier Girls' team had an excellent season. They were promoted from Division 1 after an unbeaten first round. They played some excellent games in the tough Premier division and narrowly missed finishing in the top 4.

The Premier Boys had a tough season and found it impossible to maintain their top 4 placing in this league. It was great to finish the season with a well deserved win against Onslow College.

FOOTBALL

The Boys' 1st XI football team had a good local season finishing 3rd in Division 1. They travelled to Auckland during winter tournament week to play in the Rex Dawkins Satellite Tournament. They played some excellent games against some strong opposing teams from around the country. They competed well and it was unfortunate that one game lost on a penalty shoot out dropped the team from the top 8. The winning team, Kristin College, greatly appreciated your vocal support during their final. Well done boys, you represented your school with pride.

The Boys' 2nd XI had a great start this year. They played well all season and won their grade with a convincing 16-0 win against HIBS. The Girls' 1st XI team had a good season with some excellent wins. They were placed third overall in their grade.

It was great to be able to field a 2nd XI girls' team this year. They had a great first round and were promoted to the Regional competition. This was a tougher nut to crack and they eventually finished in 6th place in their division.



RUGBY

The Under 15 boys' rugby team played in the Division 2 final and unfortunately were defeated 18-15 by Scots College, finishing 2nd in their grade. Congratulations boys.



Photography Competition

The Habitat for Humanity New Zealand 'A Place to Be' Photography Competition ("The Competition") opens at 12pm on Friday 12 September 2008 and closes at 12:59pm on Sunday 28 September 2008 (the "Competition Period"). All entries must be received during the Competition Period.

Extra details from — www.habitat.org.nz

HOCKEY

The Boys' 1st X1 hockey have had a good season and have final their game for 5th or 6th place at Fraser Park this week... Good Luck boys!!!

The Girls 1st X1 hockey team had some tough games this season and are faced with a must win situation in the semi final play-offs. At this stage they are hoping to take out this last game and keep their P3 placing.

BADMINTON

It was good to see so many students enjoying the badminton season this year. Of the ten teams participating five were placed in the top three in their grades. Well done to the Taita 2 and Taita 6 Boys' teams who finished second in their grades.

GYMNASTICS

For the first time in many years Taita entered a gymnastics team in the NZ Secondary Schools' competition. This year the competition was held in Auckland and three girls represented the school. Well done to Grace Hemara, Aimee Drysdale and Johanna Kiernan who were placed second team and received silver medals in the Club B Grade of the competition.

COACHES AND MANAGERS

A huge thank you is extended to all of the parents, ex and current students, teachers and other staff members who have contributed to the sports programme this winter. It is important to remember that these lovely people give up their time for our students and your children so they have these opportunity to play sport. This needs to be appreciated by the school, the students and their families. It is not always easy to find the time to commit to helping with a team and we are extremely lucky to have so many supporting our students in this way. Many, many thanks to you all.

Soon we will be needing help with our summer sport programme so if you are at all interested in helping with either coaching or managing a summer team please either phone or email the sports coordinator.

Debbie Elliott
Sports' Coordinator

Rugby



It was a hard season for rugby in the Wellington district this year, with rain and bad weather affecting chances of getting a real flow for the teams. This left many players frustrated with the season and lack of playing time. Nonetheless, our playing numbers grew and it will be great to build on this success in 2009.

Under-65 Rugby:

The U-65's came close to making the semi-finals this year, with many players grasping a sense of what it means to be a committed and passionate rugby player. It was great also to see some of the players make brilliant progress through the course of the season, with their skill level growing. Discipline was still a key issue for this team and it will be great to see some of these players come back with a fresh outlook and more playing time in the up-and-coming season.

Girls' 10's:

It was awesome this year to see a girls' team back up and running. This team consistently outplayed the opposition and showed a 'never back down' attitude. I would say the final was the hardest game for the team and it was close right to the end, but the team dug deep into their psyches, ending the season with being the only Taita team to take out top honours in the grade. I hope that next year we can enter a 15 in the girls' grade as there is so much talent in these teams.

Under 14's:

The under 14's was a new team this season and managed to make it right to the semi finals, which was a great achievement for a new team. This showed their commitment to training and putting in the extra effort. The amount of talent in this mostly Year 9 team has been good to see. There are many potential leaders in this team and the forward pack was one to reckon with.

Premier 3:

The premis finished the season a little frustrated and wishing things had worked out differently. They were one of the top teams in the grade but, cancellations had a major effect on the players' end results. The team still played well during the season and many players came into their own in their seventh form year. It has also been great to see the development of other players throughout the course of the year. For those of you who have played your last college season, keep playing the game and I hope you have enjoyed your time playing for the college.

T. Sinclair
Acting HOD PE

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The Option Choice/ Mini Careers Expo Evening

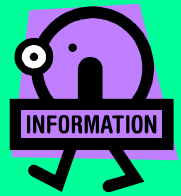
WHAT: The Option Choice/Mini Career Expo evening

WHEN: Wednesday, 15 October.

The Mini Expo will run from 11 am – 3:15 pm then again from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
The Option evening will start at 7:00 pm

WHERE: This will take place in the Taita College Hall.

There will be representatives present from many of the Universities, WelTec, Whitieria, Trades, Foodstuffs etc. Careers Services will be doing a short presentation on their website. All parents are welcome and we hope it will be a great family outing! We will see you there!!



Our Premier One Netball team won the Hutt Valley Competition.

School Fees

It isn't too late for you to go *into our draw* for one of two **\$100 vouchers**. **If you win, you can choose the type of voucher.** To be eligible you have to have paid your fees by 13 November 2008. The draw will take on or after the close of business on 14 November 2008. The winner will be chosen from all of the families who have paid their school fees over this year.

The fees are **\$120 per student** or for families with more than 1 child the fee is **\$100 per child**.

The college relies on these fees to provide extra curricular activities including library books, field and sports trips and school resources.

If you have an automatic payment at the college, we will automatically deduct from available funds but you only qualify for the draw if you pay all your family's activity fee for 2008 before 13 November 2008.

We especially thank those parents and caregivers who have paid already.

School Newsletter via e-mail

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Talent Agency

Workshop 1 & 2

WHEN: 30 September & 1 October
: 7 & 8 October

WHERE: Avalon Public Hall, Mabey Rd., Avalon, Lower Hutt
START TIME: 9.30am
FEE: \$200



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Honour through Service**

