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Kia Ora Tatou, Talofa Lava, Malo e leiei

Planning for 2010 is well underway and as next year takes shape there are a number of promising developments for Taita College. These include a new curriculum, property plans, and a new group of staff and students who will bring a myriad of skills and talents to the college.

The New Zealand Curriculum implementation for Year 9 will be significantly different in the eight learning areas. Key competencies, skills and values will be explored, modelled and developed school-wide to better prepare our students and your children for their future.



I have in past publications and in meetings stated one of the broad aims for Taita College is that it will be a college internationally and nationally recognised for the quality of its curriculum and teaching and learning. This begs the question, "What is quality?"

New Zealand educational policy on curriculum and assessment has for too long focused on 'quality' around content and standards and shown little concern for process and methods of learning. The school curriculum at Taita College will serve as a way of preparing young men and women to be independent, motivated and positive about their own ability in this changing world and to have a strong sense of identity, community and belonging. To do this properly, parents, whanau and communities will need to develop stronger links to student learning, not simply to attend parents' evenings, but by participating and contributing in support of their children. There are many ways we plan to develop this, so watch this space!

Another important message is to convey our sad farewells to the teaching staff who will leave Taita College at the end of the year. Ava Szabo, HOD Science, leaves to take up an Assistant Principal position at Bishop Viard College. Ava has led the science department with passion and drive for the last three years and worked hard for all staff and students at the college. Trevor Keough, Assistant HOD Science, has been appointed HOD Science, also at Bishop Viard. Tom Sinclair, Assistant HOD PE, plans to travel overseas and will be missed for his energy and enthusiasm in the areas of PE and his coaching and coordinating role in sport and rugby. Catherine Saysell, Teacher in Charge of Drama, begins her maternity leave in earnest but will return later next year to support the drama department. Gill Berridge, who has worked in the transition department for four years, is retiring from teaching and going back to study. Vicki Ferguson, TIC Music, has resigned to become a fulltime mother. Aaron Hare who has assisted in the PE department is taking up fulltime study at AUT to become a fully qualified teacher. Luka Andic, Ruth Brydone, John Cunningham and Aisea Masila have also played important roles here this year in various departments while on fixed-term contracts and I thank them for their work. I wish all of these staff members well and every success for the future.

My thanks to the remaining staff and Board of Trustees at Taita College for their hard work this year. It is a joy to lead such a willing, highly skilled and dedicated group of people. It has been a particularly busy year and it is unfortunate that there have been some unhelpful comments from media sidelines and social commentators. However, our role is education and I look forward to communicating the achievements and successes and sharing the good stories that come from this quality school in the future.

With the triennial elections for school boards now set for May 2010, Taita College has begun to plan ahead for this important event. The Board and staff have spent time developing a clear vision for the next three years. The vision is hugely exciting for the school. If you are considering running for office or know of someone who would make a significant contribution on the Board of Trustees, please feel free to contact me personally at the college.

Best wishes for a safe, relaxing and happy Christmas and I look forward to 2010.



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Mentoring Evening with Bell Gully



Rear: Hado Abdi, Mona, Shaun Arnst, Kimberley Gill, Mani Tuki, Ariana Kauri, James Start,
Front: Nicole Olivecrona, Rosalie Cus (mentor), Malologa Gogo-Oti, Nejima Gabose.

The Bell Gully mentoring programme students attended a function at the Bell Gully offices on Guy Fawkes night.

The students thoroughly enjoyed a barbecue dinner and found it a valuable experience to mix with all of the mentors. In the course of the evening there was the challenge of a speedy wearable arts competition, which provided considerable entertainment for all. The penultimate part of the evening was to watch the Wellington fireworks display from the 21st floor of the HP Tower building, which provided spectacular views of the fireworks over the harbour.

The final event for the programme was a barbecue picnic held at the Wellington Botanical Gardens on Sunday, 6 December.

Whaia e koe ki te iti kahurangi; ki te tuohu koe, me maunga teitei.

Seek the treasure you value most dearly; if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain.

Source: www.maori.org.nz

News

- The junior boys' softball team finished 4th at the North Island tournament in Palmerston North
- The girls' and boys' junior volleyball teams competed at the National Junior Volleyball tournament in Rotorua from 30 November to 5 December..



2010 Leaders

Head Girl	JAMAL PENEHA
Deputy Head Girl	ARIANA KAURI
Head Boy	NICHOLAS SHIELDS
Deputy Head Boy	FRED PULE

The following students will make up the senior executive for next year:

Shaun Arnst, Tyler Auld,
Joseph Aumua, Alana Ellison,
Ellen Jackman, Ariana Kauri,
Brooke Margetts, Georgia Marsh,
Jamal Peneha, Fred Pule,
Jason Rapana, Nicholas Shields,
Kalameli Sio, Brandon Vaaulu,
Bianca Waikato, Isaac Wharewera



SERVICE AWARDS

Student Representative on BOT	KIMBERLEY GILL
Creagh Award to the Head Girl 2009	MANI TUKI
Creagh Award to the Head Boy 2009	JAMAL EDGECOMBE
Stokes Valley Rotary Club Award for Service to the School and Community by a Senior Student	DYLAN HEMOPO
Anne Le Claire Cup for Loyalty and Service to the College	ALEXIS DYKMAN MICHAEL LUDLAM

Senior Prize Giving

Dux 2009, winner of the Stokes Valley Rotary Dux Cup and book award
Winner of the Otago University Dux Scholarship
MEGAN BOGISCH



Proxime Accessit 2009, recipient of the Paper Plus Book Award and winner of the Taita College Proxime Accessit Cup



Winner of the Otago University Leadership Scholarship
JAMAL EDGECOMBE

EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Paul Swain Cup for Persistence in Academic Studies
AHMED JAMA



Valerie Whisker Cup for Attitude **ANDREW OLIVECRONA**

Zonta Club of Hutt Area Cup **COURTNEY HAWKINS**

Moran Cup for the Year 12 Girl with the Best All Round Academic, Cultural, Service and Sporting Record
JAMAL PENEHA

Excellence Cup for the Year 12 Boy with the Best All Round Academic, Cultural, Service and Sporting Record
NICHOLAS SHIELDS

Taita College Academic Cup Year 11 **LUKE CROUCH**

Taita College Academic Cup Year 12 **GEORGIA MARSH**

Senior Prize Giving continued

SCHOLARSHIPS

Year Book Scholarship – provided by H & A Print, Wanganui
ALEXIS DYKMAN
MICHAEL LUDLAM

Travel Careers & Training Scholarship (Wellington Campus) to the value of \$500
JAYDENE MARINO

Tu Tangata Leadership Award and Tertiary Incentive Award – The Tu tangata Leadership Award is awarded to a Pacific Leader of the Polynesian Club undertaking tertiary study or an apprenticeship in 2010

The Tertiary Incentive Award is provided for a student intending to study at University or Polytechnic
MALOLOGA GOGO-OTI



Hutt Valley District Health Board Scholarship – awarded to a student undertaking a tertiary course in a health related field in 2010
HADO ABDI



Kirkland and Taita College Staff Scholarship – awarded to a student intending to undertake secondary teacher training. This award has been a joint donation from Mr Wayne Kirkland, recently Deputy Chairperson of the BOT and members of the Taita College Staff
SARAH SEGESSENMANN



Leadership Cup and Scholarship – awarded to a Y13 student who shows an attitude that is positive, self-motivated, and committed to improving their own or other people's circumstances and who demonstrates a high general academic ability
ALEX BENGREE

Ka Maro te Kaki o te Kotuku Scholarship
HALAYNA SMITH

Titiro Whakarunga Trust Taita College Scholarship
Student undertaking university study in 2010
SANDRA IVANOV

First Foundation Scholarship

This award is a competitive scholarship involving the provision of mentoring for Year 13 and tertiary study, paid work experience during university vacations and tertiary fees.
JAMAL PENEHA

YEAR 13 SUBJECT AWARDS

1st in Accounting MALOLOGA GOGO-OTI

1st in Art (Painting), 1st in Science, 2nd in History,
3rd in Classical Studies JUDITH ROBINSON

1st in Biology and winner of the Sipos Cup,
1st in Geography, 1st in Physics, 2nd in Calculus, 2nd in Chemistry
MEGAN BOGISCH

1st in Calculus, 1st in Chemistry, 1st in Statistics,
2nd in Biology, 2nd in Physics JAMAL EDGEcombe

1st in Classical Studies, 1st in History and winner of the Shelley Seay Cup, 2nd in English
SANDRA IVANOV

1st in Computer Studies JAYNESH PATEL

1st in English, 2nd in Art (Painting), 2nd in Geography
ALEX BENGREE

1st in Gateway and winner of the Employment Skills Cup,
1st in Retailing, 2nd in Tourism HALAYNA SMITH

1st in Food & Nutrition, 1st in Level 2 Early Childhood Education
SARA HERBERT

1st in Media Studies, 3rd in Art (Painting)
NEJIMA GABOSE

1st in Music FAILETASI LAUNIUIVAO

1st in Physical Education MANI TUKI

1st in Tourism KIMBERLEY GILL

1st in Level 2 Work Communication Skills
BRITTANY HALLIGAN

1st in Practical English JACKSON KAIWAI

1st in Level 2 General Science MICAH RICE



2010—Taita College Leaders

Jamal Peneha, Nicholas Shields, Ariana Kauri.

Senior Prize Giving continued

YEAR 12 SUBJECT AWARDS

1st in Art and winner of the Quality Demolition & Contracting Ltd Cup, 3rd in History.
3rd= in Mathematics (Applied)

TIMOTHY STANNARD



1st in Automotive

RAVNEEL SINGH

1st in Biology, 1st in English, 1st in History,
2nd in Geography

GEORGIA MARSH

1st in Chemistry

AMANDA SAVILLE

1st in Computer Studies and winner of the Rodger Cup.

1st= in Graphics, 2nd in Mathematics, 2nd in Physics,

3rd in English

ALEXIS DYKMAN

1st in Dance and winner of the TSSL Cup for
Contribution to Dance

LOREN DU CHATEAU

1st in Food & Nutrition

EDEN PYATT

1st in Geography, 1st in Mathematics,
1st in Physics

BRANDON VAAULU



1st= in Graphics, 2nd in Computer Studies

MICHAEL LUDLAM

1st in Integrated Studies, 2nd in General Science

FAALENUU PESALELI

1st in Mathematics (Applied)

NICHOLAS SHIELDS

1st in Music and winner of the Taita College Cup for the
Most Promising Musician

JASON RAPANA

1st in Physical Education, 2nd in Biology, 2nd in Chemistry

KRISTINA HENDRIE

1st in Retailing, 3rd= in General Science

TYLER AULD

1st in Workshop Skills (Tools for Work)

DYLAN COLLEY



YEAR 11 SUBJECT AWARDS

1st in Accounting and winner of the Trish Bullard Cup,
1st in Dance, 1st in English, 1st in Food & Nutrition

LEONOR AGUSTIN

1st in Art

SUSAN PATERSON

1st in Computer Studies, 1st in Geography,
1st in History, 2nd in Mathematics, 2nd
in Science

LUKE CROUCH



1st in Drama

JESSICA CROSS

1st in English (Practical), 1st in Hospitality

ASHLEIGH GIDEON-SCURRAH

1st in Graphics

BENJAMIN HEATH

1st in Integrated Studies

HAANI HIRAKA

1st in Kapahaka

SHARI PUNA



1st in Maori

BOBBIE MOKE-MAGELE

1st in Mathematics, 1st in Science, 2nd in English,

2nd in Geography, 2nd in History

MATTHEW YOUNG

1st in Mathematics (Applied), 3rd in English (Practical)

ZANE EMERY-GOFFE

1st in Music and winner of the award for the Most
Improved Senior Musician

MATTHEW BODNAR

1st in Physical Education

EMIL ULBERG

1st in Science (Applied)

TAUU ISAIA

1st in Workshop Skills (Metal) and Winner of the
Wingate Service Station Cup

SELESITINA ALESANA-TA'AFI



1st in Workshop Skills (Wood)

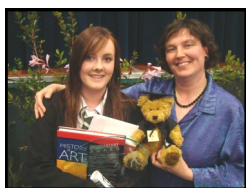
SHAUN HAINES

Senior Prize Giving continued

CULTURAL AND SPECIAL AWARDS

ART

Jagodakiart Award – this is a new award for a Year 13 student who has demonstrated a passionate commitment to senior art.



JUDITH ROBINSON

DEBATING

Chris Melvin Cup for Senior Debating

GEORGIA MARSH

ESL

Most Improved ESL Pupil

LITIA FAAOLOVITI

KAPAHAKA

Taita College Award

JACINDA REI

LITERATURE

Stone Cup for Senior Literature

SANDRA IVANOV

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Lithgow Cup for Public Speaking

GEORGIA MARSH



PERFORMING ARTS

Moana Clothing Cup for Outstanding Achievement in Performing Arts

ALEX BENGREE

POLYNESIAN CLUB

Taita College Cup for Contribution by a Senior Student

TOAIVA POLAIA

Arahi Award for Best Performance by a Boy



JOSEPH AUMUA

SPORTS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Rolls Cup for Runnerup to All Round Excellence in Senior Girls' Sport

MEGAN BOGISCH



Endeavour Cup for Runner up to All Round Excellence In Senior Boys' Sport

RUBIN MacCORMICK

Taita College Cup for Sportsman of the Year

AXTON DANIELS

40th Reunion Cup for Sportswoman of the Year

BRIDGET SMITH



Taita College Cup for Best All Rounder

BRIDGET SMITH

Miller Family Cup for Contribution to Sport by a Senior Student

NICHOLAS SHIELDS

College Sport Wellington Awards – these recognise the highest achieving sports people throughout the Wellington Region and were presented at the Annual Awards function.

Other Sports

JED PENIATA

Jed was part of the NZ Gridiron team and represented New Zealand in the United States of America this year.



College Sport Wellington Volunteer of the Year

DAVE STRAWBRIDGE

This recognises contribution Mr Strawbridge has made as Smallbore Shooting Coach at the college over a number of years culminating this year in two of his students receiving national honours. Dave was coach, provided transport and supported our shooters throughout the shooting season.

House Finals



Narraway again successfully defended the Taita College House Shield one fine lunchtime. With its win in the 2009 Competition, Narraway has earned the chance in 2010 to try to match the historic Bear House threepeat of 2005-2007.

As the final two House events of 2009 demonstrated, such a threepeat for Narraway in 2010 will be anything but easy. Bear House chased Narraway hard all the way to the finish in 2009.

Congratulations to all Houses and especially your House leaders for your efforts and good humour throughout the 2009 House Competition. Special congratulations go to all **Narraway** members and to their House Leaders, Halayna Smith, Malologa Gogo-Oti, Ricky Wardlaw and Ben Te Hiini—*Best House 2009*.



Library News

This year in the library we have increased the number of graphic novels because of the popularity of these colourful books with our students. A special area has been created for these graphic books and there are always students browsing through them. (Older parents or grandparents, you will remember these used to be called *comics*.)

REMEMBER - it is never too late to return an overdue book to our library! There are no fines. We just need the books back for our 2010 students.

An American college recently received an overdue book after 50 years! Please don't keep our books for that long!!!



2010 Uniform Shop

The shop will be open for sales and fittings most days from 13 January 2010 from 10.00am to 2.00pm .

Please ring and leave a message to make an appointment on 5678728 ext 235. Mrs Ronwyn Coffey will ring you back to confirm a suitable time to come in.

If you need a **quote** for **Work and Income**, please arrange to do it early, to avoid the big rush that happens when school is about to return in the new year.

We are **unable** to offer credit on uniform purchases but we encourage you to start an automatic payment to accumulate funds to pay for the uniform before your child needs it for college next year. If you would like to do this you can ask Mrs Coffey or contact Mrs Kelly on ext 205.

Don't forget every student needs a blazer, black school shoes and a tie. These are costly items and **must be named.**

The following students will be House Leaders for 2010:

BEAR HOUSE

Captains Bianca Waikato, Joseph Aumua

Vice Captains Ariana Kauri, Jason Rapana

CHARLES HOUSE

Captains Emma Edmond, Liam Gideon

Vice Captains Loren du Chateau, Jesse Peratiaki

JAMIESON HOUSE

Captains Kalameli Sio, Axton Daniels

Vice Captains Jamal Peneha, Sam Brodie

NARRAWAY HOUSE

Captains Lynda Wallis, Kalani Nepia

Samuel Lord (10BUD and Corey Spence 10HII were the names drawn for the families who paid their school fees. The prizes were presented at the end-of-year assembly.

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