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Autumn Of Remembrance And Participation

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Principal's Comment

The autumn issue falls close to winter and at the end of the second term for 2010. Anzac day seems like an age ago and brings me to ponder the importance of remembrance, service, and honour from the actions of many of our local heroes who gave their lives to the principles we stand by today. I was very proud of the large numbers of Taita College students, groups and leaders who participated in the ANZAC services in Lower Hutt, Taita, and Stokes Valley on the 25th April as represented in the photographs below.

Of course, we use this particular day to commemorate the bravery and courage of our soldiers but really participation and contribution should be on our lips daily. In the school context, at Taita College, meaningful participation and contribution is seen in three ways; through academic rigour in the classroom; involvement in the co-curricular life of the school; and finally through the giving back to the college through the notion of service. I personally seek to acknowledge and reward the students who show these characteristics in their school life. This edition is testament to these valued contributions.



Principal John Murdoch admiring David Lindsay's display case of his grandparents' medals.



Student executive member, Georgia Marsh reading the poem of remembrance at the Stokes Valley RSA



**...making a
splash — the
annual
swimming
sports**

Swimming Sports

....and the last shall be first

In a stunning turn around from a last placing in the first House event for 2010, last year's House shield holders, Narraway, really turned it on at the second House event for the year. The Taita College swimming sports.....not only did they win the House swimming trophy for 2010, but did so by a sufficient margin to see them leapfrog to the top of the ladder .



Jonathan Brooke

As the results below display, Narraway swimmers dominated the championship events, winning four of the six age group titles. When those efforts were added to an equally dominant performance in the House swimming relays, it was clear Narraway was going to be hard to beat.

But it was equally clear early on that the other Houses would not be making it easy for Narraway.

Charles -- seeking to defend the swimming trophy won in 2009-- started the House Chant-Off in fine style thereby raising the standard for the other to reach. Bear and Jamieson Houses showed they meant business bringing the largest numbers of swimmers to the meet and thereby taking out the major points for participation. Bear House further staked its claim by not only meeting the Charles House challenge in the House chant off but by pushing Charles back to third. The clever snapper card costume designed by Jameison House leader Sam Brodie, and dutifully worn throughout the day by Mark Sanhnikone , appealed to the judges and helped Jamieson take second place for best House costume.

However, when the Narraway chant led by House Leader Nick Shield took first place in the chant off and the clever mermaid ensemble created by Narraway House Leader Lynda Wallis took out best costume, the winner of the House Swimming Shield for 2010 was a comprehensive and clear cut victory.

Congratulations: To our 2010 Taita College age group swimming champions, to all students who swam for their Houses, and to Narraway House on the winning of the swimming trophy for 2010. To all House leaders for their leadership and good humour on the day; the Year 13 PE students who helped with recording and timekeeping; and to Georgina Marsh, Millie Anderson and Atarina Tutahi for their fine efforts with the marshalling of swimmers for the starter. Special thanks to the PE staff and Mr Hamish Buddle, in particular, for putting on an

enjoyable event and indeed to Ms Rose Tuita'alili and her helpers for cooking up the BBQ sausies, which brought to end an enjoyable swimming sports.



Briar Fairbrother

Swimming Champions, 2010

Junior Girls:

1st Darianne Otineru (N), 2nd Briar Fairbrother (J)

Junior Boys:

1st Broden Irving (B), 2nd Levi Daly (B)

Intermediate Girls:

1st Grace Hemara (N), 2nd Caroline Sio (J)

Intermediate Boys:

1st Jarrod Burnett (N), 2nd Amon van der Berg (N)

Senior Girls:

1st Kayla Bedlington (B), 2nd Ellen Jackman (C)

Senior Boys:

1st Nick Shields (N), 2nd Sam Brodie (J)



Open Day.....

.....Open Evening

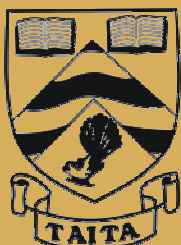
Standing room only on the evening of the annual invitation to the community to take time to come into the college and see students at work, at practise and enjoying various activities that are part of the school curriculum. A number of extra-curricular opportunities were also demonstrated in the computer labs, gymnasiums, various technology areas, drama room and elsewhere around the campus.

*Left: Ben Arnst, Year 10, at practice in English
Right: Avalon Year 8 students in a drawing suite*



On the Open Day students from several local intermediates, including Avalon, Naenae and Hutt had a taste of various secondary school activities in the science laboratories, both gymnasiums, drama areas and the different technology areas in the College's recently rebuilt technology area.





Up Hill and Down Dale

Cross Country Championships

The 2010 House competition is shaping up as a potential classic with the third House event for the year, the Cross Country, producing a different winner to the first two events and a third new leader atop the House points ladder.

Despite a threatening forecast for the afternoon, the PE staff predicted the sun would shine on the 2010 event. Once again the PE staff bettered the meteorologists, with students and staff gathering under warm May sunshine on the field by the BRC, awaiting the start of proceedings.



Staff Event Judges

The music, 'carefully' chosen by principal organiser, Mr "I forgot to check the lyrics" Buddle, complemented the colourful costuming and provided a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere for this autumnal afternoon event. Indeed in the lead up to the day, secrecy enshrined the costumes different Houses were preparing for the event. That secrecy proved to be well deserved, when some particularly clever costumes prepared by both Bear House leaders and Charles House leaders were revealed at the start.



Shaun Haines and Sapphire Cavie

Headed by Bear and Charles Houses on the costume front, Narraway and Jamieson Houses made up ground in the traditional chant off before the start of the event, ably led by their House Leader and Head Boy Nick Shields; and House Leaders Axton Daniels and Sam Brodie respectively.

When the running commenced students made the choice to either compete in the challenging two circuits Championship course, or to take part in the less arduous one circuit non-championship course. The Championship course, while far tougher, offered the chance to win the age group cross country title and gain large numbers of House points, with the non-championship event ensuring there was an event all students could tackle on the day. Congratulations to all competitors on the day. You certainly provided a spectacular sight weaving your way up the steep hillside section of the course behind the college. Particular congratulations to those students who made the extra effort to take on the championship course for your age group. The Championship course is the 'real' cross country event, demanding high levels of fitness, concentration and determination.

A big thank you to all staff and students for your help with the running of this event. Anything that promotes physical activity is worth the effort, and any opportunity for students to take part in these types of events helps students to think about their levels of personal fitness.

Mr Anthony Grace
Co-ordinator House Activities



Cross Country Champ's with the butt of their message

U14 Girls Championship

- 1 Geyne Elliot (Bear)
- 2 Gemma Toma (Narraway)
- 3 Zarea Harrison-Harrison (Jamieson)

U14 Boys Championship

- 1 Peter Yalukanda (Jamieson)
- 2 Anthony Tamaka (Bear)
- 3 Asher Crouch (Bear)

U16 Girls Championship

- 1 Sapphire Cavie (Bear)
- 2 Ake Isaia-Hapimana (Narraway)
- 3 Jessyca Morecraft (Jamieson)

U16 Boys Championship

- 1 Ross Jackman (Jamieson)
- 2 Abdi Guray (Jamieson)
- 3 Majid Gudle (Narraway)

U19 Girls Championship

- 1 Bianca Waikato (Bear)
- 2 Alana Ellison (Bear)
- 3 Jamal Pencha (Jamieson)

U19 Boys Championship

- 1 Josh Drysdale (Narraway)
- 2 Isaia Price-Vaaitoa (Charles)
- 3 Shaun Arnst (Narraway)

With those efforts, and those of their fellow House mates, the overall House results were as follows: Bear 1st (1382 pts) Narraway 2nd (1335) Jamieson 3rd (1186) and Charles 4th (774).

With the win Bear House also went to the top of the House ladder with 3,480 points, a mere 12 points ahead of previous leader Narraway on 3,468, and less than 200 ahead of Athletics Day winning House, Jamieson on 3,293pts. Charles House is in 4th place on 2446, but with the sporting events of the competition over and the Spelling Bee and House Performing Arts Challenges yet to come, it may be Charles House's true strengths have yet to be showcased. We won't have to wait long to find out with the House Spelling Bee challenge. May the best House win!



The strange House costumes entered into the spirit of the event



Bell Gully Mentoring



Josh McIntyre and Ariana Kauri, two of the lucky, and excited, dozen students selected to be guided and mentored by the young lawyers of Bell Gully



Fifteen year 12 and 13 students were chosen to participate in the Bell Gully mentoring programme this year. The students are Ashley Brydon, Ariana Kauri, Amanda Saville, Brandon Vaalu, Ethan Toma, Jamal Peneha, Josh McIntyre, Shaun Arnst, Brooke Margetts, Leonor Agustin, Haylee Keepa-Gordon, Matthew Young, Daniel van der Hoorn, Migliore Mauigoa and Isaac Wharewera.

The programme aims to assist these students in focussing their school and career goals as well as promoting self confidence and generally broadening their horizons of opportunity. They are grouped and mentored by young lawyers from the Wellington branch of Bell Gully.



Fundraising & Sponsorship News-June 2010

Kia ora, Talofa lava and Giddyay



STAGE CHALLENGE EASTER RAFFLE

Winner: Ronwyn Coffey
Second: Jamal Peneha. Third: Lisa
Thank you to all those who supported this. It raised \$280.00.



Thank you to the **New Zealand Community Trust** for a grant of \$4,000.00 to help with transport & accommodation for the two softball & two volleyball teams to attend summer tournament. The softballers did not go but the Volleyballers did. As a result we had to return some of the money. Thank you NZCT for supporting Taita College sport.

Volleyball Tournament Trip

Palmerston North—22-26 March

LOTTO LOTTO LOTTO LOTTO

Winner \$200.00 Bonus ball 13/3/10 #22

Rose Tuitaalili-Moreli

Each side winners—\$100 #21, #23

Site Timu, William Donaldson

\$400 was raised in profit.

HANGI HANGI HANGI HANGI HANGI

Thanks to those who donated veges, prepared the meals, and/or bought and sold hangi. \$840.00 was raised.



If you are able to assist or wish to discuss fundraising ideas, please contact Margy Murphy, Grants & Fundraising Co-ordinator by email margy@taita.school.nz or telephone 5678728 extn 245. (answerphone only)



TAITA COLLEGE POLY CLUB

is a fusion of Maori and Pacifica cultural groups. They are raising funds for instruments and performance costumes in time for Term III competitions.

FUNDRAISER: \$10 Hangi

Place your orders by phoning Hangi Hotline, 5678728 x245, leaving your name, phone number & order for Rawiri. He will call you back with the date of the next hangi and advise when you should pop in to pay and collect your meal ticket.



Sausage Sizzling Footballers

Our Girls & Boys 1st XI Football Teams will be at **Petone Warehouse** on both Thursdays during the holidays, **8 & 15 July**. If you are down that way, please support them.



Another 2011 Vietnam Trip Fundraiser!

Have your **Family Portrait**

taken by a professional photographer from Jack'n Jill's Portraits Ltd.

Saturday 7 August 2010

Taita College Marae - \$10 to book
Includes a FREE 10"x13" photo in either colour or B&W. Your choice!

Register your interest to

desiree@taita.school.nz
or telephone 5678728 extn 210



Thank you McDonalds Lower Hutt for donating over \$120.00 worth of vouchers last term to be given to students as rewards.

CADBURY CHOCOLATES

\$2.50 a bar



Boys & Girls Football, Prem 1 Netball, Rugby League, Basketball, Smallbore Shooters & Barbershop Quartet are just some of the groups that may be selling chocolates over the next few months. If you are able have a box at your workplace to help, please email Margy. You can stipulate which group get the profits.



**Hello's
And
Goodbyes**

The College Farewells: John Preece, HOD Technology

Mr John Preece retired at the end of term one after teaching and leading the Technology Department at the College since his appointment in 2000. His decade of service included two terms on the Board of Trustees, during which time he effectively led the design work on the totally refurbished and extended 'Tech' Block. He was a coach and manager of a number of girls' soccer teams and the energy behind the school Civil Defence teams which culminated in regional success at the annual competitions. He'll be remembered as a 'big', warm hearted man with a quietly penetrative sense of humour and relaxed but assertive teaching approach; a mentor to his students who displayed real emotion at his decision to move on to the next phase of his life.



VISIT FROM TOLKAI UNIVERSITY, URAYASU JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, URAYASU CITY, JAPAN

On Friday 19 and Monday 22 March Taita hosted 120 students and teachers from Tolkai University, Urayasu Junior High School.

Students were welcomed with a Powhiri and then spent the day in classes learning waiata and Kapahaka. They were taught by our students and then performed in the afternoon session.

*Right: Associate Principal and Head Student
Below: Group at Powhiri*

