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Tītiro Whakarunga Ki Ngā Puke

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Kia ora koutou

Wow - What a term! Thank you to staff, students and whānau for making it a very successful term. We will be finishing at 12.30pm on Friday 30 June.

STAFFING

Next term sees the return of our Principal, Karen Morgan, from sabbatical. We welcome Sanjlina Prakash to our staff. Sanjlina is teaching in the English Department. We wish Angie Wood well with the imminent birth of her second child. Angie will be back with us in 2024. Corban Pointon will be taking over from Mrs Wood at the beginning of Term 3.

HIGHLIGHTS

In week 8 we held our Year 10 Literacy and Numeracy exams. These went extremely well and we look forward to celebrating with positive results.

Last week our 1st XV travelled to Hato Pāora College to play their 1st XV in rugby. Sadly we lost but it was an amazing experience for our boys and we are hopeful that this will become a yearly tradition. A very big thanks to their coach, Dan Harper, for organising this and also for donating the Dan Harper cup.

Hutt Fest - thanks to this amazing team of students! If the dress rehearsal was anything to go by this Thursday's performance is really going to be one to remember. Good luck team!

The Kapa Haka regionals are being held on Wednesday 28 June. We have 4 Taita College students competing with the Naenae College group. We wish them the very best of luck.

Mobile Dental Clinic

For the past 8 weeks we have been fortunate to have the Capital Dental Mobile Clinic on site at school with their wonderful team led by Malesha Hunter, Belinda Granada and Codi Field. As well as providing free dental care for our students, they had a community day on Saturday 10th June where they were able to give dental advice and treatments to many of our whānau. We really love having them with us and look forward to seeing them next time!



Taita College's Barbershop Success

On Wednesday 30th May, Taita College students attended the Young Singers in Harmony Wellington Regional Competition at Hutt City Church. This was the first time in more than 5 years that Taita College was represented here and they came second place meaning they will now be competing in the Nationals which are taking place in Auckland later in the year.

If you would like to see our fabulous group in person, please join us at our Fundraising Concert in the school hall on Thursday 17th August at 6.30pm.



Taita College Study Group

Starting next term, we will be launching an after school study group to provide additional support and guidance for all students and especially our senior students. This will be run by a familiar face— Our newest staff member Jordy Hetaraka. Jordy is a former student and was cultural captain as well as deputy head girl in 2016. With her deep understanding of our school's culture and the challenges students face, she is the perfect candidate to lead this initiative. The group aims to create a welcoming and productive environment where students can receive assistance with their assignments, study effectively, and catch up on their school mahi. This will be every Wednesday from 3:30PM to 4:30PM in our computer rooms, D1 and D2. We look forward to a successful launch and a thriving study group next term

Open Day and Evening

Our annual open day and evening will be held in Week 2 of next term on Thursday 27th July. This is an opportunity for Year 8 students to experience what Taita College is all about. School will finish at 1.30pm that day. Open Evening this year will run from 5.30pm until 7.00pm. Traditionally, we have a number of our students help at these events; we thank you in advance for your support.

If you have a Year 8 student and would like to attend the day or the evening, please contact the school.

Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreation trip

At the beginning of next term, 48 of our Year 9 and 10 students will be attending the Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreation Centre in Auckland. These students were chosen due to their

outstanding behaviour, attendance and future leader qualities. The trip will include activities such as sailing, tramping, kayaking, kayak surfing and learning about how we can care for our marine environment. We are looking forward to creating amazing memories and will be sure to let you know how it went!

Principal Appointment process update:

Kia ora Taita Whānau

Thank you to all those families that took the time to fill in our short questionnaire re the qualities we should be looking for in our new Principal's appointment. We received some fantastic feedback from our Community, students and staff. We are using this to build our selection criteria.

Be assured that we, the BOT, are working hard behind the scenes to leave no stone unturned. We will endeavour to keep you all informed of our progress.

Stratford Exchange

We are hosting Stratford High School for our annual Exchange on the 7th & 8th August 2023. As I am sure you are all aware this is a real highlight of the year. Mrs Elliott will be sending home information this week to the teams that will be involved. If you are able to billet a student/s please return the email/slip to Mrs Elliott as soon as possible.

Further information will be shared early next term.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday 17th July

Sunday 16th - Wednesday 19th July

Thursday 27th July

Monday 7th - Tuesday 8th August

Tuesday August 15th

Term 3 begins

Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreational Experience

Open Day and Evening, School closes at 1.30pm

Stratford Exchange (hosting)

Senior Whānau Evening

Take care

Linda Pye and the TC team