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Tītiro Whakarunga Ki Ngā Puke

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to Term 3! This promises to be an exciting term for all our students.

Firstly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to any new staff, students and families who have joined our school community this term. We are thrilled to have you with us and look forward to supporting your educational journey.

We have noticed a large number of students arriving late for school. A reminder that school does start at 8:50am and all students are expected to be in class on time. I thank you in advance for your help in making this happen.

Course selection for 2025

Students in Years 10, 11 & 12 will next week be selecting their subjects for 2025. This will be completed online through Schoolpoint. Whānau will be able to access this using their KAMAR logins.

All students will select 5 subjects. Each subject has a description and links to pathways through to year 13. Career links are also available for each subject area.

The major change for 2025 is that there are no compulsory subjects at any level. Students however must have literacy and numeracy to achieve NCEA L1 - 3. Students who are yet to achieve this will be required to do an English/Maths course.

An email will be sent to whānau next week with a guide on how to select courses

Polyfest

A huge congratulations to our Poly group who performed with extinction at the Hutt Polyfest event held at the end of term 2.



We would like to congratulate Freya Palmer and Jessica Wiggins on the completion of their Silver section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award NZ. Both Freya and Jessica have now moved on to the Gold section of the award and we know that they will continue to succeed.



Term 3 is traditionally a busy and productive time. This term, we will be focusing on several key areas:

- **Academic Excellence:** We will continue to strive for academic excellence, providing our students with the support and resources they need to succeed in their studies. Congratulations to those students who achieved their Literacy/Numeracy in the recent examinations.
- **Extracurricular Opportunities:** This term we have a number of exciting sporting, extracurricular and social activities planned. The Year 13 Tourism class will be travelling to the Gold Coast, Stratford sports and cultural exchange will take place in week 4 and we will be finishing the term with the Senior School Ball.

It has been great to see the number of students participating in sport this winter. Kuranui College will be joining us on Thursday 22 August for a mini sports exchange starting at 2pm.

- **Wellbeing and Support:** The wellbeing of our students remains a top priority. We have a range of support services available, and I encourage any student who needs assistance to reach out. Our staff are here to help, and we are committed to ensuring that every student feels safe, supported, and valued.

We are farewelling Hester Ruffell at the end of week 2. We thank her for not only teaching our students but also supporting and encouraging them over the last 4 years. We wish her well with her future endeavours.

A quick reminder that students are not to have their cell phones out at school. This includes before and after school.

As we move forward, I encourage all students to take full advantage of the opportunities available to them. Engage actively in your classes, participate in school events, and most importantly, support each other.

School Policies

Please find below the following school policies that are up for review this term. To place a review on these policies please go to schooldocs.co.nz and enter the username: taita and password: taitacollege

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| ● Concerns and Complaints | Board Review |
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| ● Protected Disclosure | Board Review |
| ● Media | |
| ● Professional Development | |
| ● Staff Conduct | |
| ● Staff Leave | |

Upcoming Events:

- Tourism trip to the Gold Coast for Yr 13 Tourism students - 4 - 9 August
- TORPEDO7 GET2GO CHALLENGE - 9 August
- The annual Stratford Cultural and Sports Exchange - 12 - 13 August
- Open Day/Evening Thursday 15 August (School closing at 1.35pm. A Stokes Valley bus has been arranged for 1.40pm)
- Barbershop Nationals - 23 - 24 September
- The School Ball - 28 September

Important Dates: Please take note of the following important dates for the term

- Term 3 End Date: Friday 27 September (finish at 12pm)
- The School Ball - Saturday 28 September

Wishing everyone a productive and fulfilling Term 3

Ngā mihi nui

Linda Pye

