

# Taita College

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*Tītiro Whakarunga Ki Ngā Puke*

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Kia ora koutou

Welcome back to Term 2. We have had a really settled start to the term, which has been fantastic! Winter sports start this term. If your child is involved in a sport it is important that they turn up for their training as well as their scheduled games. Notification of practices are entered into the school notices so please encourage your child to check these or to look at the noticeboard.

To find out when and where the games are to be held please download the College Sport Wellington app on your phone or check the College Sport website: <http://www.collegesport.org.nz>

## **ATTENDANCE**

As I am sure you are aware, the Government has set new attendance targets for schools. Students are expected to attend school at least 90% of the time. Individual school attendance is going to be reported on a weekly basis.

Please see the guidelines that have been issued as to when children should be kept home from school. <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/political/514534/government-issues-guidelines-for-when-sick-children-should-be-kept-home-from-school>

If you are intending to take your child on an overseas trip during term time please contact the principal. Any NCEA assessments due over the period of absence will need to be completed prior to leaving. There will be no catchup available for missed assessments.

## **UNIFORM**

As we move into winter unfortunately we are seeing non uniform items being worn. A reminder that students are able to receive a black jacket free of cost. These can be accessed through the front office. Please ensure that students have the school tie and correct shoes. If there are barriers to this occurring please contact the Year Level Dean so we can work together towards a positive outcome.

## **LITERACY AND NUMERACY EXAMINATIONS**

These examinations will take place during the week of 27 - 30 May. The examinations will be taken by those students requiring Numeracy or Literacy at Year 11 and a select group of students at Year 10. Students will get a second opportunity to sit these examinations in September

## **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](http://schooldocs.co.nz) and enter the username: taita and password: taitacollege

- Employer Responsibility Policy (Board Review only)
- Appointment Procedure (Board Review only)
- Equal Employment Opportunities

- Teacher Relief Cover
- Safety Checking (Board Review only)
- Police Vetting
- Classroom Release Time / Timetable

Take care and thank you for your ongoing support

Linda Pye and the TC team

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **BARBERSHOP AND THE BIG SING**

We are excited to once again have a strong Barbershop quartet and group taking part in the Young Singers in Harmony competition on the 20th May at the Lower Hutt Town Hall.

For the first time ever we have entered the Big Sing which takes place at the Michael Fowler centre on 6/7th June. Good luck to all those involved.

#### **TOUGH GUY TOUGH GAL**

Good luck to the 50 students that we have competing in the Challenge on the 24th May at Camp Wainuiomata.

#### **POLYFEST**

The regional PolyFest event will take place in Week 10. We are so excited to see the amazing talent that we have in our community. Further information will be available later in the term.

#### **MONDAY 13TH MAY EARLY FINISH**

School will be finishing at 12.35pm on Monday 13th May as teachers are required to attend a PPTA Union Meeting.

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

#### **ANZAC DAY**



Taita College students were very fortunate to be invited to attend ANZAC Day ceremonies at Stokes Valley RSA, Taita Cemetery and at the Lower Hutt Civic Service. Students from our wonderful Poly Group performed for the attendees at the Taita Cemetery and our students laid flowers at Stokes Valley RSA as well as the Lower Hutt Civic Service. We truly appreciate our students giving up their time to attend these very special services.



## Songwriting Workshop with Jenny Mitchell

We are thrilled to share highlights from an extraordinary event that recently took place in our music department. Thanks to the generous support of the New Zealand Music Commission, we had the privilege of hosting Jenny Mitchell for a songwriting workshop. This event was a unique opportunity for our students to dive deep into the craft of songwriting under the guidance of one of the best in the industry.

Jenny Mitchell, renowned for her ability to blend insightful lyrics with captivating melodies, led the workshop. Her expertise and passion for music were evident as she shared valuable techniques and encouraged students to find their unique voices. The sessions were interactive and filled with creative energy, providing students with the tools to express themselves through their music. Our music department looks forward to organising more such events that continue to enrich our students' educational journey and foster a vibrant community spirit.



## SPCA DOG HEALTH EVENT

On Sunday 28 April Taita College hosted the SPCA Dog Health Event. The SPCA provided free immunisation and health checks for 50 dogs from our community. Members of our Senior Executive were in attendance to lend a very much appreciated hand.



### Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday 7th May - Parent / Teacher Interviews  
Wednesday 8th May - Parent / Teacher Interviews 4pm - 6pm  
Monday 13th May - School finishing early at 12.35pm  
Friday 31st May - Teacher only day  
Monday 3rd June - King's Birthday (public holiday)  
Friday 28th June - Matariki (public holiday)  
Friday 5th July - Last day of Term 2 (Early finish 12pm)