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Tītiro Whakarunga Ki Ngā Puke

Kia ora e te Whānau

It was awesome to see so many parents/caregivers attend the whānau interviews. The support that you show not only for your child but also for the school is heart warming.
This has been a busy term with a number of students sitting their CAA's. These examinations assess students competency across reading, writing and numeracy. To attain NCEA L1,2 or 3 students must pass the literacy and numeracy requirements.

Our Year 12 PE classes embarked on a 4 day trip to Mistletoe Bay in the Marlborough sounds. Students had spent a term fundraising for this event. The weather was stunning, the water was amazing, the camping fun and the students absolutely awesome! A big thanks to Mr Willis and his team, these experiences will be remembered for a lifetime.

Year 12 and 13 students also attended the 'Tough Guy & Gal' Challenge in Wainuiomata on 5th May. This event is an epic 6km/12km mud run and features water trails, a spider's web net climb, mud slides, and swamp crossings. These students had an amazing time!

It was so great to see the students and staff celebrating the annual Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day represents Anti-bullying and Inclusion. Funds raised and cans donated by our staff and students will be given to the Lower Hutt Foodbank.

<u>Statement from the Ministry of Education to Support Schools with Reporting to Parents and Whānau</u>

We have introduced a new curriculum this year for Maths & Statistics and English for Years 0–10, and, and Te Reo Rangatira and Pāngarau Tau 0-10 wāhanga ako.
This means we are currently changing from the old to the new curriculum. We want to acknowledge that schools and kura will only have been using the new curriculum from the start of 2026, which includes new teaching and assessment methods and content.
Because of this, you could see a change in your child's progress or achievement compared to previous years,which may be the result of changes in the curriculum expectations of your child's year level.
If you have concerns or questions about your child's achievement, we strongly suggest talking with your child's teacher or kaiako. They will also have used their own observations, classroom tasks and other tests when reporting on the progress your child or tamariki is making.

BRANZ Tour

The Year 12 and 13 PDT classes went on a tour of BRANZ (Building Research Association NZ). Students were given a corporate presentation to showcase some of the amazing work undertaken at BRANZ followed by a guided tour of some of the sensitive areas of the testing facilities. A highlight of the tour was seeing the massive furnaces used in the new Fire Lab testing facility. This warehouse allows them to build a variety of structures including two storey houses and then set them on fire to test occupant evacuation times. Thanks heaps to our hosts Hannah, Dan and Russell for taking the time to give us this tour.

Open Morning/Open Evening for 2027 Enrolments

We warmly invite all families to attend our Open Evening on **Monday, 15 June from 6pm to 7.30pm**. This is a great opportunity to view our new buildings, speak with Senior Management and Heads of Departments and be escorted around the school to view various activities taking place.
You could also go into the draw to win a $200 uniform voucher by completing the entry form on the night.
Year 8 students from Intermediates around the valley have been invited to attend our Open Morning on **Monday 15 June from 9am to 12pm.**

Kapa Haka

Kapa Haka is on every Tuesday at lunch time, in the school hall. Whether you are experienced or curious, ALL are welcome.

Donation of Basketballs

On Wednesday 27th May Taita College was extremely lucky to receive a donation of basketballs from Paul and Rachel Davidson. Paul and Rachel run Rebel Sport in Cuba Street, Wellington. How lucky are we that they thought of us!

Hutt Sports Awards

On Wednesday 20th May 55 senior students volunteered to set up Walter Nash stadium for the Hutt Sports Awards. The students covered 1200 chairs and set up 120 tables.
Taita College volunteers for this task every year as our way of thanking the sporting community for their hours of volunteer work as coaches, umpires and organisers of local sports.

RYDA

On the 6th of May all of our year 12 students attended the RYDA road safety workshop at the Ricoh Centre.
The students learned about the dangers of distractions while driving and the reasons for the graduated license rules:
(learner - restricted - full). We hope that they listened to the messages and will abide by the laws that are designed to keep them safe.

Uniform

A reminder that students must wear their blazers everyday during Term 2 and 3.
All of our Year 9 students should have received their free showerproof jacket by now.
If your child does not have a school jacket please ask them to come to the main office to collect one.
Students are not permitted to wear Nike Shox shoes. Plain Black Nike Airforce are allowed.

College Sport Wellington

We have been notified that College Sport Wellington (CSW) have updated their app. This means that parents/caregivers will need to update to the version 2.63.1 to access accurate sport information.

Hutt Community Services

Please see the attached document that lists services available within the Hutt. These services include: Youth Support, Health and Wellbeing Support, Housing and Healthy Homes Support and Kai Support Providers.

Important Term Dates

Friday 29th May	Teacher Only Day
Monday 1st June	Kings Birthday - Public Holiday
Thursday 11th June	Board of Trustees Meeting - 5.30pm
Thursday 11th June	Big Sing
Friday 12th June	Y12/13 School Ball at Lower Hutt Town Hall (Please see attached document for 25% off at Johnny Bigg)
Friday 3rd July	End of Term 2
Monday 20th July	Start of Term 3

You can keep up to date with events during the year by following us on FaceBook or Instagram or by viewing the Taita College website.

HUTT COMMUNITY SERVICES

Kai Support Providers

Stokes Valley Foodbank
162 Stokes Valley Road, Stokes Valley
Mondays: 1pm–1:30pm
For other days, contact before 12pm for same-day support
Phone: 027 557 0248
www.foodbank.co.nz/stokes-valley-foodbank

Lower Hutt Foodbank
134 High Street, Lower Hutt
Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
Hours: 9am–11:30am
Phone: (04) 568 7392
Facebook: Lower Hutt Foodbank

Upper Hutt Foodbank
64 Martin Street, Upper Hutt
Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday
Hours: 9am–11:45am
Phone: 04 528 9057
www.upperhuttfoodbank.co.nz

He Puawai Trust
Helping whānau grow kai, access resources, and attend workshops.
https://hepuawaitrust.org/

Kai to the Community
Tuesday from 2pm
St Matthews Church
53 Reynolds Street, Taitā,
Lower Hutt
Thursday from 2pm
Walter Nash 22/26 Taine Street,
Taitā, Lower Hutt

Salvation Army Community Supermarket
Corner of Kings Crescent & Cornwall Street, Lower Hutt
Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday
Hours: 9:30am–11:30am
Phone: 04 570 0273

Stokes Valley Kai
Whānau community feeding initiative.
Thursdays at Koraunui Library Hub
Cooking from 10am
Kai share from 11am

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Housing & Healthy Homes Support

Well Homes

This free service may be able to support whānau with beds and bedding, insulation, curtains, carpets and heating, mould cleaning kits and minor home repairs, social housing relocation, and health or social service referrals.

Phone: 0800 675 675

Email: wellhomes@huttvalleydhb.org.nz

Housing Advocacy and Support Sustanibilty Trust

They offer in-home support for households living with low-income

Phone 04 830 7650 or email Email: wellhomes@sustaintrust.org.nz

https://sustaintrust.org.nz/housing-advocacy-and-support

Hutt Valley Community Housing

Provides warm, dry short-term accommodation for individuals and families.

Phone: 04 527 4001

Transitional Housing

Supportive accommodation for families.

Phone: 04 570 0273

www.salvationarmy.org.nz/get-help/housing/transitional-housing

Curtain Bank

Earthlink Hutt Valley: 04 567 7111

https://www.earthlink.org.nz/curtain-bank

Sustainability Trust: 04 385 0500

https://www.earthlink.org.nz/curtain-bank

Housing New Zealand

Phone: 0800 801 601

Council Rental Properties

Hutt City: 04 570 6660

Upper Hutt: 04 527 2169

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Health and Wellbeing Support

Minor Ailments Scheme

Support to help people with minor illnesses access healthcare through participating pharmacies.

Available for:

- Children under 14 years old
- Community Services Card holders
- Māori and Pacific people

Participating Pharmacies in Lower Hutt:

- Taita Pharmacy
- Naenae Pharmacy
- Owles Pharmacy
- Wainuiomata Pharmacy

Participating Pharmacies in Upper Hutt:

- Lagan's Pharmacy
- Queen Street Pharmacy
- Unichem Pharmacy

Talk Teeth

Free oral health and dental care information.

Phone: 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583)

Koraunui Dental Hub Clinic, Montgomery Street, Stokes Valley

Koraunui Marae Trust

Koraunui Health and Social Services.

Services include:

- Tamariki Ora (Well Child)
- Hapū Mama (Midwife Clinics)

Phone: 04 939 6662

Address: 146 Stokes Valley Road

Takiri Mai te Ata – Whānau Ora Collective

- Kokiri Marae Health and Social Services Ph: 04 939 4630
- Kokiri Marae Māori Women's Refuge Ph: 04 566 5025
- Tū Kotahi Māori Asthma Trust Ph: 04 939 4629
- Whai Oranga o te Iwi Health Centre Ph: 04 564 6966

Te Awakairangi Health

This service provides free health and wellbeing support, mental health and addiction support, access to social workers and community health workers, as well as outreach nursing services

Phone: 04 566 5320

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Youth Support

<u>Vibe Youth Health Service</u>
A free and confidential support service for young people aged 10–24 in the Hutt Valley
Phone: (04) 566 0525
Freephone: 0800 24 28 28
Address: Level 1, 119 Queens Drive, Lower Hutt
222/222-228 Main Street, Upper Hutt Central
Website: www.vibe.org.nz

<u>Atareira</u>
Free community mental health and addiction support service supporting individuals, rangatahi, and whānau.
Phone: (04) 499 1049
Address: 3rd Floor, 105 High Street, Lower Hutt
Website: www.atareira.org.nz

<u>Te Paepae Arahi Trust</u>
A kaupapa Māori mental health and addiction service in the Hutt Valley providing free support for rangatahi, adults, and whānau.
Phone: (04) 920 0696
Address: Level 5, 330 High Street, Lower Hutt
Website: www.tepaepae.co.nz

<u>Youth Inspire</u>
A Lower Hutt-based youth support service helping rangatahi aged 15–24 into employment, education, training, and driver licensing.
Phone: 04 972 8766
Freephone: 0800 759 037
Address: 1199 High Street, Taitā, Lower Hutt
Website: www.youthinspire.co.nz

<u>Youth Helplines</u>

What's Up (5–19 years)
📞 0800 942 8787
💬 Webchat
🕑 11am–11pm daily
🌐 whatsup.co.nz

1737 Need to Talk?
📞 / 💬 1737 anytime
Talk to a counsellor for free

Lifeline
📞 0800 543 354
💬 Text HELP (4357)
🌐 lifeline.org.nz

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