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Tītiro Whakarunga Ki Ngā Puke

Kia ora koutou

And just like that we are at the end of Term 2!

One of the highlights this term was seeing our wonderful Year 12 and 13 students attend the School Ball on 12th June which was held at the Lower Hutt Town Hall. It is such an honor to see them all dressed up and carry themselves with such maturity and pride. Events like these remind us of the incredible young adults they are becoming, and it is a true privilege to share in these milestones with them and their families. Our barbershop participated in the Big Sing on 11th June at the Michael Fowler Centre. Sadly, we did not place but boy do our kids sound amazing! Thanks to Syahida Ahmad for her time spent with our barbershop students.

Sadly HuttFest was postponed on Friday 26th June, due to the extreme weather conditions. Our wonderful Poly Club decided that the show must go on and our students performed for families and friends in our school hall. A big thank you to Jordy Hetaraka, Emma Henderson and Tamara Howie for the countless hours they have dedicated to the group. Our group is due to perform again on Thursday 2nd July at the Walter Nash Centre.

Four fantastic students from the T1 class (Mas, Mikaere, Alex and Malakai) recently hit the lanes for the DSP Sport in a Tenpin Bowling event, turning an exciting day out into a wonderful learning experience. Beyond mastering the mechanics of aiming for a strike and celebrating every fallen pin, the students developed valuable social and physical skills. Throughout the games, they practiced patience through turn-taking, cheered enthusiastically for their peers, and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. The experience also helped enhance their hand-eye coordination and spatial awareness, all while building their confidence in a supportive, community-focused sporting environment.

Our Library (Knowledge Hub) refurbishment is complete and it is now open again for staff and students to use. It is such a welcoming space and it is awesome to see students using this area, especially during this cold weather. Our Manaaki team has relocated to the upstairs section of the library with beautiful bright offices and our boardroom is now located within the downstairs area. The Administration Block build should be completed by the beginning of September with the new Taita College Marae and Satellite School builds to follow.

On Tuesday 30 June we hosted the annual 1st XV game against Hato Paora. Both teams played exceptionally well and sadly the game was stopped early due to an injury. We are happy to report that the injured student is doing well! Hato Paora was awarded the win of the day with the final score being 15-10. We would like to thank our 1st XV coach and management team for organising this event.

Early next term, we will be wishing our fantastic HOD of Social Sciences, Amelia Birch, all the very best as she heads off on maternity leave. Thank you for everything, Amelia—we will miss you! We are extremely lucky to have Sophie Browne step in to cover Amelia's classes and David Staite will cover the HOD position.

We have quite a few students away with various illnesses this term and with winter well and truly here so is the flu season!
Please click on the Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora link that has great guidelines for knowing if your child is well enough to attend school
Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora

Please see the attached below notice from the wonderful team at Capital Dental who are due to visit Taita College in August. Please complete the medical history form, using the link provided. This will also give consent for Capital Dental to examine your child.

REMINDERS

As part of our school's commitment to supporting staff well-being and ensuring they are fully prepared to engage with students during school hours, we are now kindly requesting that our students, parents/whanau communicate with teachers during their specified working hours 8.00am – 5pm, term time only.
We are finishing early tomorrow, Friday 3rd July, at 1.30pm.

SPORT

It is fantastic to see a large number of supporters at our sports games. Please read below a reminder from College Sport about conduct when spectating.

Parents Code:

- Positively encourage and support all players
- Make an effort to understand the rules of the game
- Refrain from criticising or abusing officials
- Focus on genuine effort over victory, and encourage players to accept the outcome of all games, regardless of the result
- Recognise and appreciate good play from both teams, and avoid ridiculing any individual player
- Ensure that any form of violence is actively discouraged and in no way acceptable

Supporters Code:

- Encourage all participants to play within the rules
- Display self-control and good sportsmanship on the sidelines
- Show appreciation to coaches and officials who facilitate the game
- Remember that young people participate in sports for their enjoyment, not yours.

Have a fantastic term break and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 20th July.

Upcoming Dates

3 July	Last Day of Term 2 (Early finish at 1.30pm)
20 July	First Day of Term 3
26 - 31 July	Tourism trip to the Gold Coast
06 August	BOT meeting
07- 23 September	Europe Trip
10 September	BOT Meeting
27 September	Last Day of Term 3

Regards
Taita College

Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers,

We have received a transfer request from Bee Healthy for your child to be seen by the **Capital Dental Mobile Clinic**. We are writing to seek your consent if you would like your child to receive care through our mobile dental service at school.

If your child has already left this school, we recommend that you book an appointment with a private dental clinic. Info: https://dentistwellington.co.nz/

If your child is already enrolled with our service, or is currently seeing your family dentist, please disregard this email.
If your child is not currently enrolled with a dentist and you would like them to receive care through our service at school, you are welcome to register with us.

Our mobile clinic visits high schools throughout the region each year, including **Taita College** around **mid-August** for 4-5 weeks, providing **free basic dental care** under the Ministry of Health Service Agreement for students **under 18 years of age (Year 9–13)**.
What is included?
Each eligible student is funded for **one dental check-up per year**, which includes:

- A full dental examination
- Any necessary basic dental treatment

Services we provide

- Full dental examinations, including X-rays as required
- Fillings (restorations) for baby and permanent teeth
- Professional cleaning/scaling to remove plaque
- Fissure sealants to help prevent tooth decay
- Tooth extractions as required
- Oral health education and advice
- Referrals for specialised treatments, including dentures, crowns, bite splints for teeth grinding (bruxism), root canal treatment, and orthodontics

Action Required
If you consent to your child receiving care through the Capital Dental Mobile Clinic, please complete the Medical History Form using the link below:
https://www.dentistwellington.co.nz/form/patient-medical-history
IMPORTANT: When completing the form, please select **"Mobile"** as the **Preferred Practice** to ensure the registration is sent directly to our mobile clinic. Your information will be kept secure and confidential.
Already enrolled with a family dentist?
If your child is currently enrolled with a family dentist, please let us know so we can update our records accordingly.
We look forward to supporting your child's oral health and helping them maintain a healthy smile.
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us:
Phone: 021 0297 4020
Email: mobile@capitaldental.co.nz
Hours: Monday–Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Saturday–Sunday CLOSE

Warm regards,
Capital Dental Mobile Clinic Team