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Tītiro Whakarunga Ki Ngā Puke

Kia ora koutou

Term 4 is here! This year has flown by, and it is hard to believe our senior students only have another week of regular classes left. Exam season can be a stressful time, so please remind your rangatahi that our wonderful manaaki team are here to support where needed.

We have moved into our new administration block! It is a beautiful, modern space that our staff are loving. While work continues on 'D' Block and minor touch-ups are being finished on the admin building, please note that the visitor entry is from the South (sliding doors) and Student Services is located at the North end. Additionally, please use our new carpark—the area inside the balustrades and chains is now strictly a car-free zone.

Work has also begun on the new Kimi Ora Satellite School (completion targeted for March/April 2027), and our new marae construction is due to start before the end of the school year.

I look forward to hosting students, whanau and guests at our Senior Prizegiving next week at the Little Theatre. This is always a highlight of the year.

Junior Leadership

Last term, our Junior Leadership Team stepped up to make a difference by participating in Youthline's **'Walk the Talk'** challenge. Alongside our Senior Exec, they organized lunchtime sports activities, bake sales, and a sausage sizzle, raising **$269.38**. We just received word this week that the national total reached almost **$316,000**!

Youthline plays a crucial role in our community by providing free, confidential 24/7 mental health and helpline support for young people.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our student leaders in achieving this. Inspired by this success, our Junior Leaders are looking forward to bringing you more fun events throughout this term!

NCEA Exam Timetable

Attached to this pānui is the 2026 NCEA Exam timetable. Students, please take a look at the timetable so that you are well prepared for your exams. We wish all of our students the very best for their exams - GOOD LUCK!

Europe Trip

In September 2026, after over two years of planning, a group of 30 Year 12 and 13 students along with four staff members embarked on an unforgettable 17-day journey across Europe.

Starting in England, the group explored iconic landmarks including Big Ben, The London Eye, Hampton Court Palace, and Tower Bridge. From there, they traveled via Eurostar to Belgium, stopping at Passchendaele and Tyne Cot Cemetery to pay their respects to fallen ANZACs before visiting a chocolate factory in Ypres to what we hoped was to sample authentic Belgian chocolate. Sadly, this was not the case, it was a tour of the history of chocolate - NO FREEBIES!

Next was Paris, where students visited the Eiffel Tower, Sacré-Cœur, and the Arc de Triomphe, spent an exciting day at Disneyland, and toured the world-famous Louvre. The journey continued to Rome for guided tours of the Colosseum, Palatine Hill, Roman Forum, and then a self-guided tour of the Spanish Steps, and Trevi Fountain. Returning to London for a final day of shopping and a visit to the aquarium, the group then headed home to New Zealand to be reunited with whānau.

Beyond learning about rich cultural history and stunning architecture, the trip created lasting friendships and unforgettable memories for everyone involved.

Kobi Adam

Improv workshop

I was lucky to be chosen to attend a week-long improv workshop that was held in the first week of the school holidays. The workshop was fun, bringing together students from schools from all over the Wellington and Wairarapa regions to learn improv from experienced tutors. I made amazing friends and memories, and at the end of the workshop, we performed two shows for our family and friends as well as the public as part of the NZ Improv Festival. We had a wonderful time performing, and our audience enjoyed the performance immensely. I am glad I was able to do this experience again, and was able to make new friends and connections.

Michelle Berrio-Espajo

A huge congratulations to **Jackson Than** on securing a Merit Award for the Chemistry Olympiad and a Bronze Award for Biology. ***Well done, Jackson!***

Senior Prizegiving

Please save the date! This year, our Senior Prizegiving (Years 12 & 13) will be held at the Little Theatre in Lower Hutt on Wednesday, 28th October at 7:00pm. Students receiving a certificate or award will receive an email notification, as will their parents/guardians. Normal finish to the end of the day - 3.15pm.

Our Year 11 students will have their prizegiving on Friday 27th November. This will be held at Taita College.

The last day for our juniors is Thursday 10th December. The prize giving for juniors will be held at Taita College, starting at 11am.

Upcoming Dates

26 October	LABOUR DAY
28 October	Last day for Y12 and Y13 students. Finish at 12.30pm
28 October	Senior Prize Giving at the Little Theatre in Lower Hutt - 7pm. School finishes at normal time - 3.15pm
26 November	Sports Prizegiving
27 November	Year 11 Prize Giving - 11am
3 December	BOT Meeting - 5.30pm
10th December	Junior Prize Giving and last day for Junior students. Prize Giving will finish around 12pm.

Regards
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