



VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL SUCCESS!

The Junior Boys Volleyball team attended the North Island Secondary Schools Junior Championships held in Auckland 20 – 23 November at the Bruce Pulman Arena, Papakura.

The team had previously won their grade in the Wellington schools round robin competition but because they had only finished 5th in the regional Wellington schools tournament they were placed in division 3 for the tournament.

The team went through the grading round of 32, unbeaten winning all games in two sets. This promoted them into the round of 16 where they came up against schools who had multiple teams in the tournament.

The boys won against Trident High school, Gisborne Boys High School and Palmerston Boys High School in two sets. Which qualified them for the quarter finals against Matamata. Again they won in two sets!

The boys now faced St Patrick's College Silver Stream, who they had beaten in the Wellington round robin. Unfortunately they were defeated but went onto win the bronze medal round.

The team would like to thank Rose and their coaches – Jesse, Tim, Jovie and John, without whose support the trip would not have been the great success that it was.



TERM 4 HIGHLIGHTS

We have had a busy but fantastic term. Thank you to everyone, for all of the success stories and the many magic moments.

Some highlights include:
 - Having so many of our senior students awarded incredible scholarships to further their studies was outstanding this year

- Junior Volleyball Boys' team winning the Premier Grade (The boys placed 3rd in their division at the Nationals, coming away with a Bronze)
- Junior Volleyball Girls' team coming 3rd in the Premier Grade
- A Junior Executive who are actively planning activities for the junior end of year programme.



EXCELLENCE AWARDS

So what is new and coming up for us as we head into 2019:

We have a new Assistant Principal Angela Von Dadelszen who has just joined our team.

We continue to progress with our Kahui Ako - our community of learning - and have established strong relationships and are working closely with our feeder schools to develop a shared understanding around learning progressions

We will have a new board of trustees in December.

We have a new Kapa Haka group

We have just finished a junior curriculum review and as a result of your voices as parent, students and staff we are making changes. We are introducing a lifeskills programme in Yr 12 and 13 next year. We are also offering a Science Academy course aimed at the STEM subjects which will run over 2 years. In Yr 9 we will be teaching Te Reo Maori to all students - and one of our most exciting initiatives for 2019 is to move towards an integrated programme with our Yr 9 cohort. This means our teaching and learning programmes will be through inquiry, where students will investigate themes and develop projects and staff will be moving away from their subject silos to work in collaborative ways with each other across the curriculum. Student voice will be instrumental. The front end of the curriculum such as the key competencies and values will be the measure of success.

We have had a great end to the year and are already well into our planning to ensure an exciting programme of learning is on offer in 2019. To the parents, whānau and families thank you for your continued support in assisting us to do the very best we can for your children. Have a safe and relaxing holiday break. See you in the New Year.

Karen Morgan
Principal

The Likiafu Tonga Memorial Trophy

This award is for a student who shows persistence in their studies to reach their potential.

Levi Taylor

The Paul Swain Cup for Persistence in Academic Studies

Sarene Havler

The Valerie Whisker Cup for Attitude

Ryan Nickel

The Moran Cup for the Year 12

Girl with the Best All Round Academic, Cultural, Service and Sporting Record

Sarah Pihema

The Excellence Cup for the Year 12

Boy with the Best All Round Academic, Cultural, Service and Sporting Record

Jaxson Tautala-Hanita

The Taita College Academic Cup Year 11

Penina Sitagata

The Taita College Academic Cup Year 12

Daniel Cross

Highly commended for excellence in Level 3

Eloise Old, Josh Teddy

Dux 2018

Stokes Valley Rotary Dux Cup and Book Award

Esther Yu



STUDENT EXECUTIVE FOR 2019



Cahn Ahpene, Daniel Cross, Alex-Zander Harris-Hart, Amadea lafeta-Tautasi, Seira Isaia, Chiquita Pene-Stevens, Christina Taloaina, Sharvana Waikato.

Deputy Head Girl - Tiara Das

Deputy Head Boy - Spencer Siona

Head Girl - Sarah Pihema

Head Boy - Jaxson Hanita-Tautala

SERVICE AWARDS

Creagh Award to Deputy Head Girl 2018

Lepeti Melesala

Creagh Award to Deputy Head Boy 2018

Misinala Misa

Creagh Award to the Head Girl 2018

Jasmine Setefano

Creagh Award to the Head Boy 2018

Faipaua Leafa

Anne Le Claire Cup for Loyalty and Service to Taita College

Ellarose Lamberton

Stokes Valley Rotary Club Award

for service to the school and community by a senior student

Connor Jensen

SCHOLARSHIPS

Hutt Mana Charitable Trust Scholarship

Awarded to a student intending to study in an energy related field.

Kian McHardy

The Tutangata Leadership Award

Awarded to a Pacific Leader of the Polynesian Club undertaking tertiary study or an Apprenticeship in 2019.

Jasmine Setefano

The Susan Taylor Leadership Cup and Scholarship

Awarded to a Y13 student who shows an attitude that is positive, self-motivated, and committed to improving their own or other people's circumstances and who demonstrates a high general academic ability

Jasmine Setefano

The Kia Kaha Trophy and Scholarship

Te Awaroa Meteka

Ka Maro te Kaki o te Kotuku Scholarships

Awarded to a student undertaking university study in 2018

Kerry Hart, Josie Sitagata, Faipaua Leafa

The Titiro Whakarunga Scholarship

Funded by the Winton and Margaret Bear Charitable Trust

Emma Walker

The KPMG Scholarship

Misinale Misa

Victoria University Nga Hoe a Kupe Pathfinder Scholarship.

This award is to the value of \$20000.

Joshua Boyd

New Zealand School of Tourism Scholarship

Josie Sitagata

University of Otago 150th Anniversary Scholarship

Esther Yu

Victoria Tongarewa Scholarship.

This award is to the value of \$5000.

Heneriata Biddle

The Uniplus Scholarship

Awarded to a student who has worked hard to achieve academically and intends to study at a University.

Elijah Lakai

Joyce and John Kellett Scholarship

Awarded to a student intend to study at University in a Science related field.

Connor Jensen

Keystone Trust Scholarship

There were six Keystone Trust scholarships awarded nationally in 2018. The award is to the value of \$15000 along with industry mentoring and support.

Misinale Misa

First Foundation Scholarships

A unique educational trust founded to assist students to achieve their potential through tertiary education. A four year scholarship, to the value of \$12000 is provided to the student to prepare them in transitioning from secondary school into University.

Sarah Pihema, Jaxson Hanita-Tautala



NGA MANU KORERO NATIONALS

In September, ten Year 10 students headed north with Harley and Ms Hawkins, to the National Nga Manu Kōrero Speech Competition. Mereana Maney was representing Te Awakairangi ki Wairarapa in the Rawhiti Ihaka (Junior Māori) section.

The first destination was Te Aute College in the Hawkes Bay, where we were welcomed with a pōwhiri and beautiful singing from the Te Aute Boys. After a mean feed, we cooked lamb's tails and roasted marshmallows around the fire.

The next day we were up super early and after a quick stop in Wairoa's infamous Osler's Bakery,



we were on the road to Gisborne alongside Ōtaki College. We all stayed at Ōhako Marae in Manutuke, which was a great way for us to whakawhanaunga with the Te Aute and Ōtaki groups. The week was full of cooking, cleaning, washing and ironing, and learning new songs for the tautoko, but we all worked together to get it done and support our speakers.

On Thursday we got a bit of a sleep in (7am) and headed over to the venue to practise our song with Sacred Heart. By the time we

made it to the holding tent, our song sounded and looked awesome, and Ōtaki and Te Aute showed up to tautoko. After lunch Mereana took the stage and dazzled the crowds with her beautiful voice and whakaaro on the thoughts of our rangatahi. It was awesome to see all the schools on stage performing the waiata tautoko in unison. Overall, we had an incredible week, immersed in te ao Māori. We feel so privileged to have been part of such a prestigious event and can't wait to go again! He aha te kai o te Rangatia? He kōrero, he kōrero, he kōrero.



RHYME TIME

Taita College hosted Rhyme Time, a regional youth Slam Poetry competition on Thursday, 27 September. Poetry in Motion came to run the event, and slam ninja Te Kahu Rolleston generously MC'd the night.

We had competitors from all over the rohe, from as far and wide as Wellington City, the Kapiti Coast and the Wairarapa. Sixteen teenagers battled it out for first place bragging rights and \$100 cold hard cash.

The kaupapa that the poets brought to the stage addressed a variety of the issues that teenagers are facing today, and it was so



refreshing to hear their thoughts on mental health, friendship, sexuality, identity, relationships and racism. Many of the poems brought people to tears, and others made our sides hurt from laughing so much.

Dallas Karangaroa made an epic comeback after finishing 7th place in the first round, to take out the entire competition with a powerful poem, urging us to address racism in our community. Ka rawe, Dallas! A huge shout out to the other Taita College competitors: Kerry Hart, Vanessa Ta'afi, Angel Dougherty and Tiara Das for making us all proud.

We have had a record year in the Knowledge Hub, with over 4300 books being issued by our students and staff and 914 new books on the shelves! Our Hub has been an incredibly popular place to hang out and have fun while we learn. With lots of opportunities to WIN super cool prizes for reading and participating in competitions and activities.



We congratulate all our readers and winners and look forward to giving you all heaps of incentives to read and prizes for next year. The Knowledge Hub team wish you all safe and happy holidays and we look forward to bringing you a whole heap of new worlds and topics to explore through reading next year.

TOP 5 BORROWERS 2018

1. Cruz Campbell
2. Lupe Fetau
3. Kyra O'Carroll
4. Jade Kaden-Delaney
5. Chavez Tupua- Wilson



TOP 5 BOOKS 2018

1. Tokyo Ghoul Book 1
By Sui Ishida
2. Tokyo Ghoul Book 3
By Sui Ishida
3. Drama
By Raina Telgemeier
4. Tokyo Ghoul Book 4
By Sui Ishida
5. Maximum Ride Bk 8
By James Patterson



ISSUES BY HOUSE

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| 1. Narraway | 902 |
| 2. Jamieson | 862 |
| 3. Bear | 683 |
| 4. Charles | 533 |

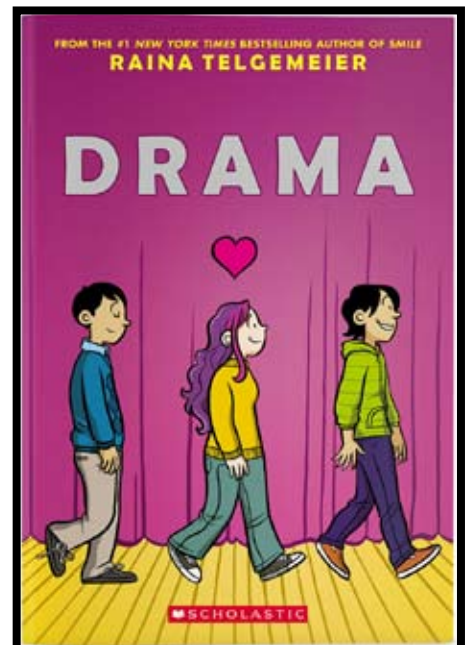
ISSUES BY YEAR GROUP

- Year 9 – 666
- Year 10 – 684
- Year 11 – 262
- Year 12 – 474
- Year 13 – 794
- Staff - 169



TOP 5 AUTHORS

1. James Patterson
2. Sui Ishida
3. Jeff Kinney
4. Rick Riordan
5. Jacqueline Wilson



TECHNOLOGY



designed seating, made the prototypes, and then made the real items. The seating is now in the park for people to see as a prototype. As part of the next iteration the stakeholders involved throughout the process have now got the plans to make the seats from the student designs and will commercially build the seats and fit out the park. This is an example of absolute collaboration and partnership. We would like to acknowledge Sue Rei our community weaver who was instrumental in working with us. Our students used their learning to find solutions in their community – and as a school we are leading from the front with future possibilities and collaboration.



^ *Tavita Malaefoou*

Recently at the Hutt City Youth awards we won two of the 8 awards. One of the awards demonstrated how we are taking a leading role with our curriculum and working with stakeholders in our community, for the betterment of our place. Our students went to Walter Nash park to investigate what was needed and how to improve the Hauora, and how they could revitalize the park. They brainstormed ideas, then put in a proposal for water fountains, and



^ *Matthew Gogo-Simeona*

TECHNOLOGY

During the Technology Outreach programme run by Victoria University, students designed and then made a robot using recycled materials. They then programmed it to carry out specific functions. Everybody involved thoroughly enjoyed designing, building and programming the robot. Each of the teams became very competitive and this helped the success of their end products.



OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTRE (O.P.C)

Since 1976, Taita College has been sending students to the Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre (OPC), where they have the opportunity to take part in multiple... outdoor pursuits. These ranged from venturing deep into semi-submerged caves, to hiking up the snowy slopes of Mount Tongariro. This year, 20 keen Year 10 students drove the half length of the North Island to reach the bush clad facility north-east of Tongariro National Park. There, they learnt the value of leadership and teamwork, with the help of professional wilderness experts. None of the activities were planned in advance, so it was up to the separate groups of students to decide, plan and prepare for whatever endeavor they chose. Some decided to find their own way through the tight gaps, corners and drops of a river cave, lighting the dense darkness with their head torch. Others navigated through the vast New Zealand bush back to camp, with nothing but a compass and a map, after being blindfolded and dropped off in the literal, middle of nowhere. These were great team building exercises. Everybody had a role to play,



as well as taking the lead at one point or another. Of course this was not limited to the wilderness. Back at our cabins, chore rosters were made to assign people to cleaning, preparing food and setting up for the next day's adventure. Being there, you either had something useful to do, or you were sleeping from exhaustion. Otherwise, OPC gave us all a sense of responsibility, maturity and curiosity that I am sure will carry on to future experiences.



FULTON HOGAN CAREERS EXPO



HALLOWEEN



HANGI / UMU PROJECT



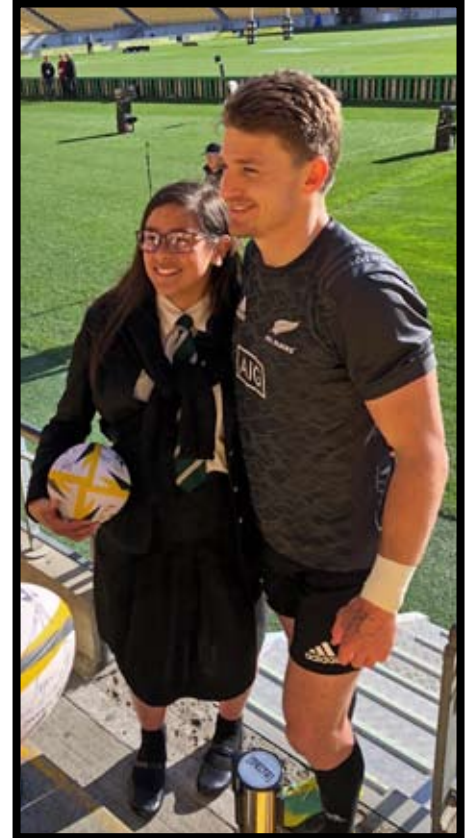
The entire year 10 were involved in the Hangi/Umu project this term. It aims to integrate learning across a range of subjects: English, Maori, Music, Science, Social Studies and Technology. Setting a platform of NCEA credits for the students to build on in 2019.



YOUNG LEADERS



As part of the ASB Young Leaders event; Ariki Hohepa, Kayla Fsitele, Fiaga Utulolo and Sifa Tupou, took a tour of Westpac Stadium and then got to watch the All Blacks captain's run. They were given bags and a ball which they were then able to get signed by most of the players.



INTERNATIONAL NETBALL



The senior A netball team and our best umpires have headed off to the Netball In Paradise International Tournament in Rarotonga. The girls will be playing against teams from the Cook Islands, Australia and New Zealand. Thanks to everyone who supported our fund-raising and good luck to the team!



'I CAN DO IT' WORKSHOPS



In August about 12 female rangatahi were offered the chance to take part in a series of three all day workshops sponsored by the Taeaomanino Trust. The vision of Taeaomanino Trust is for Pacific peoples to realise their potential with courage and optimism. The programme delivered by the Trust was called 'I CAN DO IT' and was facilitated over a three week period by Faiva and Kataraina from the team at Taeaomanino.

The workshops were held in the Marae and activities were culturally appropriate and focussed on a range of services available to individuals, families and the community. The main objectives of the programme was to help teens regulate their emotions, build self-esteem, strengthen self-confidence and learn how to develop positive friendships.

For several students, it was their second opportunity to take part in

'I CAN DO IT'. They had enjoyed working through the programme previously in 2018 and talked about having a better understanding of the concepts re-introduced this year.

We warmly thank Taeaomanino Trust for choosing to include Taita College in their schedule this year and look forward to welcoming back Faiva and Kataraina in 2019 when they will return to offer 'I CAN DO IT' to a similar sized group of male rangatahi.



BGI MURAL PROJECT

Ten Taita students under the guidance of Chevron Hassett (Taita College alumni) spent the August holidays painting a mural at the Boys and Girls Institute in Wellington. The work covers either side of a large sliding door, inside the impressive building in Wellington City and represents the connection between BGI and the Taita community.

The artists included: Tahleah Kiri, Leah Kingi, Alyssa Pickett, Jahzalia Hollis, Jacinta PoChing, Denise Pickett, Mya Kaden, Jade Kaden-Delaney, Chaquita King-Fuimaono and Tiana McKinnon.

BGI was delighted with the final work. They hosted the students, parents and some staff at an event where the mural was blessed by Matua Shane from Koraunui Marae and the mahi of the young women involved was celebrated with excellent kai and whanaungatanga.





UP-COMING EVENTS 2018

Junior Prize Giving	Wednesday 12 December, 12:15 – 3:15pm
Learning conferences	Thursday 13 December, 9 – 3pm
Learning conferences & last day	Friday 14 December, 9:30am – 12:30pm
Teacher only day	Monday 28 January, 2019, 10 – 4pm
New staff orientation	Tuesday 29 January, 8:30am – 12:30pm
Course confirmation	Wednesday 30 January, 12:30 – 3:30pm
Powhiri for new year 9	Thursday 31 January, 9:00 – 10:00am
Orientation year 9 - ignite sports	Thursday 31 January, 10:00am – 3:30pm
Course confirmation year 12/13	Thursday 31 January, 11:00am – 1:00pm
Year 10 timetable classes	Friday 1 February, 10:00am – 3:30pm
Year 9 & 10 goal setting with tutor teachers	Friday 1 February, 9:05 – 10:10am
Year 9 orientation	Friday 1 February, 10:15am – 3:15pm
Senior Exec leadership	Friday 1 February, 9:00am – 4:30pm
Year 9 timetabled classes & ID photos	Monday 4 February, 10:00am – 3:30pm
Senior Exec meeting with parents	Monday 4 February, 6:30 – 8:30pm
Tutor time all levels timetabled classes	Tuesday 5 February, 9:05 – 9:20am
Waitangi Day	Wednesday 6 February.
ID photos year 10 - 13 TBC	Friday 8 February, 9:00 – 11:30am
Year 9 parent meeting with tutor teachers	Wednesday 13 February, 6:30 – 8:00pm
Meet teacher year 10 - 13	Wednesday 20 February, 7:00 – 8:00pm
OPC year 12 Mentoring	3 March – 8 March, 9am
Class photos	Wednesday 6 March, 9:00am – 3:00pm
Interim reports due	Friday 8 March, 9:00 – 10:00am

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