



Term 2 has once again been busy but very productive. We have had a number of events going on in the school, and it is wonderful to have our students engaged and participating in these events. Thank you for your ongoing support of the

us proud. It was a fabulous day, and I can see we have some fantastic students joining us next year.

-We had a good Stratford Exchange. Whilst we did win the Rugby cup, we lost overall, but the exchange was a huge success. Our students got to experience being in a different environment.

-Congratulations to Cory Horne who has been named in the Junior New Zealand darts team, and will be going to Spain to represent NZ in September.

-A fantastic effort by Taita College students in the Innovation Challenge.

-Dallas Karangaroa's Slam poem is now online on the Orange Sky Facebook page. This is fabulous for Dallas, he also featured on Stuff and in local newspapers.

-Alysha Brownie and Shine Wana Myint went away on a 10 day Spirit of Adventure programme.

-Our Year 9 programme offers our students some superb experiences to learn outside of the classroom. This term they all went to see the observatory, and learn about Matariki. The theme for this term has been communication. There are some exciting projects planned for Term 3 where the theme



college, and for being a part of our very exciting journey. We now have a fully self-governed board of trustees. This is fabulous for us as a school. The board are a committed and dedicated group of parents, who want the best for the school and for our community.

We had a fabulous open day and evening to welcome potential students to come to Taita College in 2020. We had over 300 students and parents come along and see what we have to offer. Our students were incredible ambassadors, and did

-A group of Year 9 students had the opportunity to go to Matiu Island and learn about the flora, fauna and animal life on the island.

-1st XV won the Hope Cup and Avalon Cup.

-Mrs Rajagopal and the Science team, secured a Teacher Led Innovation Fund of approximately \$110,000 that will be used to enhance learning here at Taita College. The money will be used with a specific focus in the Sciences and STEM subjects, however, this will also positively support all learning areas in the school.

is sustainability. Our students are getting to experience real and meaningful learning which makes sense. The focus on developing their citizenship skills is a real focus, as we want



to develop students who are ready for the outside world post school. Learning is so exciting these days, and we appreciate your support to encourage your children to fully participate and be active learners.

-The gifted lunch programme has been so fantastic. The students really enjoy being able to access a good healthy lunch everyday. You can feel the "buzz" in the school. Students are fueled and ready to learn, having the brain power they need to be fully engaged to reach their potential. We would strongly encourage your

children to bring their drink bottle to school too. We have installed a filtered water unit in the canteen, so that every student can fill up their drink bottle to get the H2O they need to be ready to learn in class. I would like to thank Libelle for creating this opportunity for us as a school, which is a huge success.

NCEA now must be the absolute focus for our senior students. This is the time where effort has to be made to ensure that all students are achieving and handing in their assessments on time. We would ask for

your support on this. We offer homework club 3 nights a week, but all senior students should be putting in time at home after school or on the weekend to complete their assignments in order to pass. We need your support with this. When we work together we can achieve together - so let's do this and enable our students, your children, to shine! Thanks again for another good solid term.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou
Karen Morgan

POLY GROUP SHOWCASED



The Taita Poly Group received more praise after being showcased at the New Zealand Dairy Industry Awards night in May.

Ann Wyatt, the Creative Director of event design firm Watson and Wyatt wrote to tell us: "It was a very lucky day that I met you and your amazing groups of young people from Taita College... Their commitment and dedication to provide excellence, to show such pride in their cultural heritage as well as a sense of community with each other was heart warming and was the highlight of my night."



SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK



Our theme for this year is "Lalaga le si'osi'omaga mo se lumana'i manuia" which in English is "Weave an environment for a better future". During this week, our Samoan classes had a lot of activities happening. On Monday the Year 9 had their Measina exhibit in the Samoan room B4



where it was open for anyone to have a look at lunchtime and morning tea. On Tuesday we had our class cultural day, on Thursday our Samoan group went to perform a dance and a song at Walter Nash with other schools. We even played games and had a chance to work with other students and talk in our mother tongue. We all had a wonderful time learning about other people and where they are from. On Friday our group performed in front of the school. We started with a song, followed by a dance about the theme and topped it up with a tauluga where one of our leaders would dance to sum it up. Some of our boys dancing as aiuli invited various people to come and join us in our last bracket, we all enjoyed celebrating Samoan language week with a shared lunch for the teachers and parents, and we all performed



in front of them as well. One of the highlights of the Samoan language week was when our Samoan group performed in front of the whole school, we all represented our mother tongue with pride, thank you to Mr Nofoaiga and Mrs Vine for always encouraging us to do our best and strive for success. I will never forget who I am and where I am from. Ia manuia le faamanatuina o le gagana Samoa ma le fiafia, Faafetai Lava.



OPEN DAY/NIGHT

On June 12, Taita College opened its doors wide to welcome visiting Year 8 students from the surrounding intermediate schools. They were given the opportunity to take part in fun learning activities across all of the curriculum areas, and even got to sample the gifted lunches that are offered to our students.

That night it was their family's chance to get a taste of Taita. It was the best turn out for several years with over 150 people in attendance. After being welcomed by the principal Ms Karen Morgan, our leading students presented a glimpse of the excellent opportunities available here, covering leadership, sport, cultural and academic pathways. Visitors were then split into groups and guided to important areas of the school where they could see for themselves student work and the fine facilities available here. The evening ended with a light supper and a prize draw for uniform items up to the value of \$200.

Congratulations to Avalon Intermediate student - Chante Glover who took away the prize.





MāiBiz Te Kai programme gave students a challenge to develop a food product in their teams. Students had to develop the product and work as a team to build the business of the product. The programme ran over three days. The third day was when the students presented their products/ business to the judges.



Students learnt about:

- Money and business
- An insight to starting a business
- Working as a team to build a business
- How successful businesses work
- How to present professionally and effectively
- FUN! Learning in a unique way
- The fundamentals of money in business
- Earning money from a simple business idea
- Spending money
- Budgeting
- Investing
- Economies of Scale
- Financing a business.



All Taita college values were embedded into the programme: Manaakitanga- supporting and valuing each other. Kotahitanga - working together to achieve together.

Students enjoyed the programme and showed a sense of pride in what they achieved over the three days.

TOI WHAKAARI PERFORMANCE

A troop of young actors from Toi Whakaari - New Zealand Drama School visited in June. They put on a performance of selected scenes from Shakespeare plays for the junior school and then again for the seniors. The cast featured our returning Head Boy from 2017, Kaisa Fa'atui. It was enriching for students to see a group of similar young adults working together and successfully pursuing their dreams. The plays were warmly appreciated by the school audience.



TAITA'S POET DALLAS KARANGAROA

Speaking with a homeless man in Lower Hutt inspired Dallas to write a poem entitled *Homeless*, to give this man and others like him a voice.

Dallas felt the need to talk to the man, and find out why he had ended up as he was.

So he bought him something to eat and sat down with him for a chat. He learned about the man's decline, becoming hooked on hard drugs and getting so low he couldn't find a way out. This inspired Dallas to write a rap poem.

Taita College Knowledge Hub's Lydean Herman suggested he do a creative writing course at the local library where author Catherine Robertson was present. Dallas admits he wasn't keen and only arrived towards the end of the session. But when Catherine heard the poem she knew he had written something special, as did a representative from Orange



Sky, the world's first free mobile laundry service for people experiencing homelessness. The poem was videoed for Orange Sky, and has garnered hundreds of hits world wide.

Orange Sky started as an idea to improve hygiene standards and restore dignity to people doing it tough but has evolved into something much bigger and more powerful, which has now

spread to New Zealand and the USA.

Orange Sky hopes to challenge the perception of homelessness and positively connect communities.

That is exactly what Dallas from Stokes Valley has done in his poem. His next topic is one facing us all and is close to his heart – climate change.

VISITING POET



Daisy is a mother, poet, rugby representative, educator and producer. Taita College was lucky enough to have Daisy visit us, courtesy of the kind people at the New Zealand Book Council. She came and spoke to us about culture, identity and dreaming big, beyond the negative stereotypes that are often given to our young Polynesian people. We loved hearing her perform her poems about Malu and Pe'a, as well as her engaging piece on Polynesian parents desires for their children to get a good education. Malo Daisy for your inspirational kōrero!

Thank you to our new sponsors! Wellington Hospitality Group (now known as Kapura) have sponsored our Read and Review Competition and other learning incentives within our school. Our Read and Review Competition prize now consists of a food only lunch or dinner for up to 6 people at one of the following venues Brew'd Stokes Valley or Boulcott, Gaucho's or Rizzo's at Station Village. As well as books, DVD's, Hutt City Pool Vouchers and other goodies to keep you warm while you are reading over the cooler winter months. To enter the draw, all you have to do is issue books from the Knowledge Hub, read them and review them, and place your completed entry form in the box on the issuing desk in the Knowledge Hub.

What an exciting term we have had! Lots of visitors, have brought lots of new learning to our HUB. We have had visits from the team at Hutt City Libraries, who brought with them representatives from Department of Conservation and Te Awhina, Victoria University. They worked with 20 Year 9 students, who they took on an awesome trip to Maiti/ Somes Island. They got to experience Rongoa Maori, pest



eradication and animal tracking. Catherine Robertson an award winning Kiwi writer from Wellington came with a crew to film Dallas Karangaroa (Year 12) performing his poem 'Homeless' in support of the charity Orange Sky who provide mobile laundry and shower services for Homeless people. Dallas' video has had nearly 14,000 views online! Dallas' IEP class got to help the crew with their filming and supported Dallas as he made his debut video.

We have had HEAPS of new books added to our collection this term, something for everyone, including the Manga My Hero Academia, The Game of Thrones Graphic Novel Collection and new novels by David Walliams, Fing and The Ice Monster. There is something for everyone! If you would like to have some help being matched with a book so you can enter the Read and Review Competition, come in and see our team in the Knowledge Hub.

As the weather gets colder, and that cozy warm blanket on the couch is calling, try tucking up with a cup of hot chocolate and a book to take your mind and imagination away to a new world.



INNOVATION CHALLENGE

A select group of our Year 10 students competed with schools from across the region in the Innovation Challenge. Students were given a challenge in groups of four with different schools.

They had to come with ideas, make a prototype with resources provided and present to the judges in charge of the group.



Our students were fantastic. We didn't win this year, but it was an excellent experience for our students.

We were represented by: Leone Va'atuitui, Killarney Howsan, Tahleah Kiri, Jacinta Po Ching, Elizabeth Yu, Brain Cook, Kohine Te Aotonga and Ava Solomon-Wichman.



TOUGH GUY/GAL CHALLENGE



Friday May 24, Taita College went to the Wellington Toi Ohomai Secondary School Tough Guy and Girl challenge. This was held at Camp Wainui and is an obstacle race course. Students from different schools in Wellington came to the event to take on the 6km course. The race was not only running but also had a range of different obstacles including wading through mud, running through the forest and streams, over ladders, through tunnels and up incredibly steep hills (having to use ropes to help get them to the top!). Our amazing Year 12 and 13 students had been taking part in training sessions before the big day to help them get use to the massive demands of the course. All students completed the course and had a really good (but very tiring) day out, learning more about themselves with this experience and appreciating the effort it takes to complete a course like this.



CHEF'S DAY

The Chefs were Ray and Vicki from Weltec.

The theme was desert and students got to make and present Vanilla Panna Cotta with Shortbread, Mixed Berry Compote with Chocolate designs.

It was a great experience for our students along with covering components of the standards offered in the course.



CHEMICAL & FOOD ENGINEERING DAY



Massey Chemical and Food Engineering Day was a great experience where we got the opportunity to experience and learn about the chemical and food engineering field. When we arrived at the university we got split into four groups, each group would get to go to a different activity. The activities included making a moisturiser, learning how to make cheese and then seeing how far we could stretch it. We then learnt how ice cream is made and how to test how much pressure it takes to break ice, after that we got to make ice cream and add flavours of our choice. We went home from Massey University with the knowledge to make moisturiser, cheese and ice cream. We heard stories during lunch told by past students who did chemical and food engineering, we got to hear about the paths they took, mistakes they made and how they are now successful for having taken chemical and food engineering. We really enjoyed the day and left with full tummies, new friends and open minds to the chemical and food engineering field.

STRATFORD EXCHANGE

Monday 24 June, 2019	Tuesday 25 June, 2019
12.45 pm Start in stadium ready for Taini College's arrival	8.00 am Breakfast - Stadium
1.00 pm Practice, Stratford High School Hall	8.40 am Hockey Mixed - TET 3rd
2.30 pm Distribution of letters. Most families are welcome to take their children home. We hope however that you return for the Volleyball and Basketball Games	9.30 am Boys Football - SDS Football Field
3.00 pm Small Bore Rifle Shooting - Eltham Range	10.00 am Girls B Netball - Stadium
3.00 pm Girls Volleyball - Stadium	10.30 am Tennis Sports - AHS Hall
4.00 pm Boys Volleyball - Stadium	11.00 am Girls A Netball - Stadium
5.30 pm Girls Basketball - Stadium	11.00 am Girls Football - SDS Football Field
7.00 pm Boys Basketball - Stadium	11.30 am Debriefing - Preparation Time
	12.00 pm Debriefing - Sports - Library
	12.30 pm Rugby - AHS Koohehi 1 Rugby Field
	1.30 pm Shared Lunch Presentation and Farewell Stratford High School Hall

Contact Numbers for Stratford High School Staff:
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 Please do not hesitate to make contact if there are any concerns during the exchange!

Each Taini student and staff member will receive a voucher to exchange for a meal at the school stadium between 10 am and 12.30pm Tuesday 25th June



ORCHESTRA VISIT

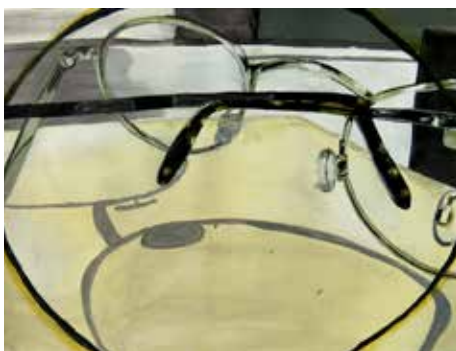
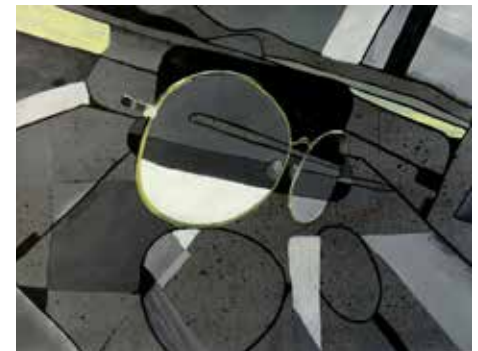
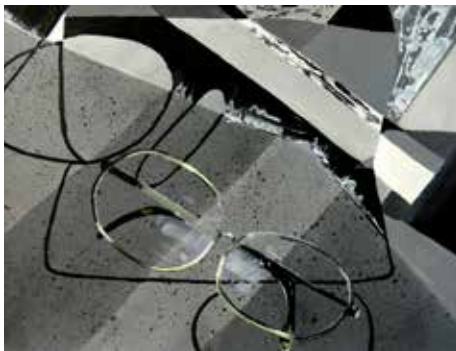
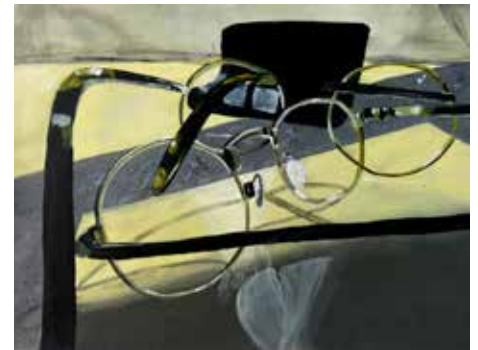


All Year 9 students along with students of Te Reo and music had the opportunity to take part in a presentation by the Wellington Orchestra. The presentation showcased traditional Maori instruments and contrasted them with European brass instruments. The presentation followed the format of a Powhiri. Students were really interested to see the similarities and differences between the two classes of instruments. Feedback from students has been extremely positive.



VISUAL ART SHOWCASE

Arwen van der Raaji has made an impressive start to her Level 2 art portfolio. With just a pair of glasses as her subject matter and Ben Nicholson as her artist model, she has already managed to entice the viewer into looking more closely at what they see. Well done!



MULTI-CULTURAL DAY



UP-COMING EVENTS

Term 3 Starts	Monday, July 22
Parent Teacher Meetings	Wednesday, July 24, 2:30pm – 6:30pm
CSW Jnr Badminton Finals	Thursday, July 25, 9:30am – 3:00pm
Tu Tangata	Tuesday, July 30, 7:00pm – 10:00pm
CSW Table Tennis Champs	Friday, August 2, 9:00am – 3:00pm
Tourism Trip Year 13 (to be confirmed)	Sunday, August 4 – August 9
CSW Road Running Champs	Wednesday, August 7, 9:00am – 3:00pm
Career Expo	Wednesday, August 7, 11:00am – 4:30pm
CSW Jnr Netball Tournament	Thursday, August 8, 9:00am – 3:00pm
CSW Table Tennis Team Champs	Friday, August 9, 9:00am – 3:00pm
CSW Small Bore Shooting Champs	Sunday, August 11, 9:00am – 3:00pm
CSW Badminton Open Singles	Wednesday, August 14, 9:00am – 3:00pm
CSW Rugby Girls Final	Wednesday, August 14, 1:00pm – 5:00pm
CSW Rugby Finals	Saturday, August 17, 9:00am – 3:00pm
Hutt Valley Netball Finals	Saturday, August 17, 9:00am – 3:00pm
CSW Squash Champs	Wednesday, August 21, 9:00am – 3:00pm
Tertiary Open Day Year 13	Friday, August 23, 9:00am – 3:00pm
CSW Badminton Senior Finals	Friday, August 23, 9:00am – 2:30pm
CSW Hockey Finals	Friday, August 23, 1:00pm – 8:00pm
CSW Small Bore Rd 2	Sunday, August 25, 9:00am – 5:00pm
Mid Term Break	Monday, August 26, 8:00am – 4:30pm
RSSL Netball Finals	Monday, August 26, 3:00pm – 6:00pm
CSW Basketball Junior Finals	Tuesday, August 27, 3:00pm – 8:00pm
CSW Girls Football Finals	Wednesday, August 28, 3:00pm – 5:30pm
CS Basketball Senior Finals	Friday, August 30, 4:00pm – 9:00pm
CSW Boys Football Finals	Saturday, August 31, 9:00am – 1:00pm
Zone 3 Basketball Tournament Napier	Saturday, August 31, 8:30am – September 3, 9:30am
Small Bore Triangular Meeting	Sunday, September 1, 9:00am – 5:00pm
Winter Tournament	Monday, September 2, 8:00am – September 7, 4:00pm
Basketball Tournament	Wednesday, September 4, 9:30am – September 7, 1:30pm
AWD Indoor Bowls	Wednesday, September 11, 9:00am – 3:00pm
Sports Photos	Wednesday, September 11, 9:00am – 3:00pm
PED 321 EOTC	Thursday, September 12, 9:00am – 3:30pm
CSW Cycling Champs	Sunday, September 15, 9:00am – 4:00pm
Inquiring Minds Programme Year 9	Monday, September 16, 9:00am – September 27, 10:00am
SNR Options Forms Due	Monday, September 16, 9:00am – 3:00pm
Year 8 Interviews	Wednesday, September 18, 2:30pm – 4:30pm
Level 2 English Speeches	Thursday, September 19, – September 20
CSW Senior Ki o Rahi Champs	Tuesday, September 24, 9:00am – 3:00pm
SONZ Have a go day	Thursday, September 26, 9:00am – 3:30pm
Success Assembly	Friday, September 27, 11:45am – 1:00pm
School Close for Term 3	Friday, September 27, 1:00pm – 2:00pm
Level 1,2 & 3 Practice Exams	Monday, October 14, 9:00am – October 21, 4:00pm
SNR Exec Applications Due	Monday, October 14, 10:00pm – 11:00am

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