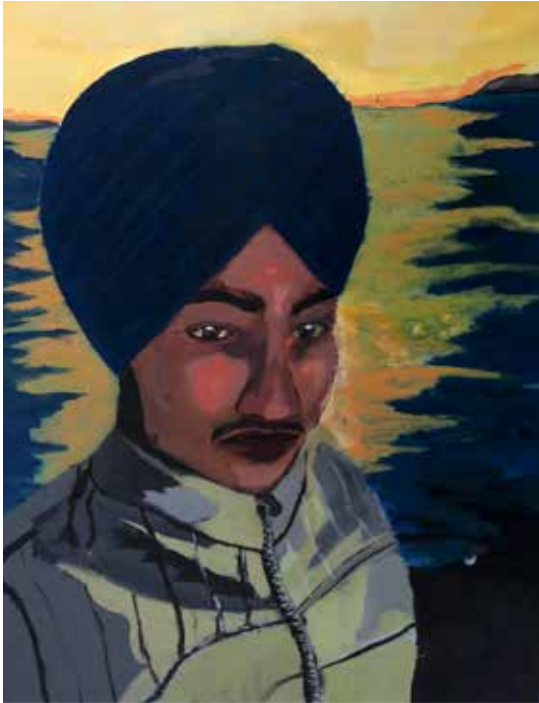




Kia ora koutou

This term has certainly been steady as she goes - a real focus has been on academic achievement, and working hard on all assessments. The term has been busy but productive.



Yr11 Artwork (above) by Jaspreet Singh and (below) by Mia Welsh-Duffin.



Head students Jaxson Hanita-Tautala and Tiara Das representing Taita College at the ANZAC commemorations.

TC TERM 3 HIGHLIGHTS

- Student ball was a lovely occasion, and it was wonderful to see the students looking so grown up and gorgeous
- Boys' Basketball team won final in second division
- Jerome Tafili has made NZ under 15 Volleyball squad
- Corey Horne is going to Spain to represent NZ in darts
- Winter Sports tournament was good, our Senior Netball team were involved and did well with their games
- Careers day was excellent, we had the most interactive guests this year and the day was extremely successful - a superb link to community
- Tourism trip to Australia a big success, and a fabulous opportunity.
- International Students - They had an outstanding time with us and experienced many opportunities that I am sure they will always remember. Thanks to everyone who made this exchange so positive.

Have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday break.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou

Karen Morgan

Principal

INTEGRATED LEARNING

Learning at Taita College is so exciting! Gone are the days where students simply sat and listened while the teacher talked from the front of the class. Students now learn essential skills in each subject while participating in inquiry and project based learning that is fun, meaningful and engaging.

In our junior programme we are working towards an integrated approach with a thematic approach.

This offers our students the chance to learn outside of the classroom (EOTC), and to date our Year 9 students have all; trained into Wellington, visited Te Papa, gone to the top of Mount Victoria to see the landmarks of our area, had gelato on Oriental Parade, and visited both Weta workshop and the Carter Observatory.

Success is absolutely about academic achievement, but from a culturally responsive perspective it is about so much more. To have many plentiful and rich experiences, not only develops key competencies but life skills that are critical for positive outcomes for all students.



This term our theme has been sustainability, and whilst we have a few projects on offer, one of our main science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) focused projects, is to rejuvenate our wetlands 'swamp' at the back of our school. Our students will be putting on their gumboots, and getting 'stuck in knee deep' to clean up the area and to then re-plant new shrubs, trees and harakeke. Students will be ensuring waterways are clean, tracking any animal or bird species in the area, and will learn what it takes to sustain a wetlands area by knowing all of the eco systems that co-exist. Learning will be hands on, real and will make sense for our students.

An additional bonus for us is that this year we were awarded a Teacher Led Innovation Fund of \$110 thousand from the Ministry of Education, which will be used to support our wetlands 'swamp' project. This means we now have the capacity to work with a number of different groups, as collaboration and linking with our local expertise and resources is a priority. We feel very privileged to have so many organisations and people

contributing to our students' learning such as: EnQuiring Minds, Malaghan Institute, McDiarmid, GNS, The Learning Connexion, Zealandia, Environ School, Victoria University, Marine Science experts, Kaumatua, and Mountain and Seas. We are also extending the offer of involvement in the wetlands project to our feeder schools Avalon Intermediate and Koraunui. Our students will be acting in a tuakana teina role to help promote project based learning with the Year 8 students in a tangible manner that is understood and accessible. Relationships for us are the key to success, as when we work together, we achieve together.



TOURISM TRIP



The senior tourism class wisely chose the middle of winter to again visit the Gold Coast of Australia. They were involved in all the logistics, booking the travel and accommodation, budgeting and expenses. They also came into contact with all the employment opportunities tourism offers. Because nothing beats learning about tourism like being a tourist.



VISITING JAPANESE STUDENTS

The families of Taita's students and staff hosted visitors from Osaka, Japan again this year. Over the two weeks the Japanese students visited some typical Wellington New Zealand sites, including: Junglerama, ten-pin bowling, Weta, the Zoo and Wellington city centre. They also got a taste of Pacific culture at Tu Tangata and got to try their hand at learning the school haka. Before leaving, as a thank-you, the Japanese students performed their own cultural songs and dances for their hosts at a goodbye party held in the hall.



KAPA HAKA

Late in term 2, a small group of Kapa Haka students were honoured to support our Taita College students performing at the regional Secondary Schools Kapa Haka competition at Walter Nash. Teepa Hori-Keepa, Mereana Maney and Kohine Te Aotonga all represented Taita College beautifully as a part of the rōpu 'Te Whānau Tahī', made up of students from Naenae, Heretaunga, and Taita Colleges. The bracket was fantastic and all three Taita students were outstanding in their performances - we are so proud of you. Te Whānau Tahī came first equal in the haka section, as well as third overall. Ka mau te wehi!



HAKA SHOW-DOWN



It took months of training. The expert guidance of Matua Hirini. The enthusiasm of Miss von Dadelszen. Even the student help of Sarah Pihema and Trace Hohipa among many others, to help the staff of Taita College perform such a majestic school haka and defeat the many stunned student challengers in a Haka show-down of mythical proportions. It was as if there was an army of Matuas on that stage. Their triumphant calls can still be heard echoing through the whole school.



RAFTING



The Yr12 PE students went on a rafting trip this term over in Otaki. This EOTC trip was connected to an assessment that the students were learning about risk management strategies in a challenging outdoor activity. For our trip, that lasted 2 days, students had to demonstrate that they knew how to use wet suits properly, put on life jackets, adjust a safety helmet and then steer a raft down the Otaki River! During the trip, the students learnt how to



battle the currents within the water, what to do if you fall in the rapids and how to get someone back into the raft. Our year 12 students can also tell you what not to wear (Cotton - due to soaking up water, therefore keeping you cold and peaked hats because of the metal top part and the peak), as well as how to paddle forwards and backwards as a team and being able to safely hit into rocks. It was an amazing experience and one that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. We hope to continue to give experiences like this to students who enter the PE subjects.



RANGATAHI TU RANGATIRA



The juniors have been learning about different Cultural Games and the PE department have welcomed the support from the Community, Rangatahi TU Rangatira. R2R (for short) is a National training Provider that focus on promoting cultural and physical wellbeing for rangatahi Māori, and to encourage the development of rangatahi as future leaders. Each class has been able to have at least 7 sessions with R2R and we really enjoy them coming in to support our students learning and learning about our different cultures.

SMALL BORE RIFLE SHOOTING



A very busy year for the college shooters, culminating recently with retaining the 2018 trophy we won last year taking out the 2019 Wellington Inter-college Schools competition. The annual two day shoot is always closely contested. This year Naenae College was second followed by Wellington College, Queen Margarets, Onslow and Scots rounding out the top five. All members of the Taita team went on to be part of the Hutt Valley Representative squad that contested the triangular tournament against Wellington

and Manawatu representative college teams. Through the season the team shot in the Hutt Valley inter-club competition contributing to our club, Wainuiomata, and helping win one of the grades. Team members also participated in Provincial and Club championships in Wellington, Hutt Valley, Paroutawhao (near Levin) and Wairarapa (Martinborough). A number were selected to shoot in Hutt Valley grade representative teams against Wairarapa, Wellington and Horowhenua.

The most experienced of the team, David Wright, Liam Wenger, Alex-Zander Harris-Hart and the inimitable Mia Welsh-Duffin regularly collected wins and top five placings in all of the open

tournaments in Wellington, Poroutawhao and Wairarapa. Leading the way, but being really closely challenged by David, was Mia.

Mia's talented eye for the sport was revealed at the end of year nine, 2017 and then last year especially when she was let loose, rather mercilessly winning every Open grade shoot in her grade accumulating a dozen or so cups, trophies and a consistent flow of prizes.

This year in the Inter-college Wellington championships she was top shot overall and girls champion. She has been shooting as part of the Hutt Valley Representative team against all the other regions or provinces in the country. Similar to rugby's Mitre 10 competition.



INTERNATIONAL DARTS

Cory Horne has travelled to Gibraltar, near Spain to compete in the Junior Darts Corporation Youth World Championships. Cory is known amongst the darts community for keeping his cool under pressure and for being a humble player. Cory is a part of an 8 man squad heading to represent New Zealand. He will be spending the first day of the tournament in

a four man team, made up of other students from Upper Hutt, Christchurch and Taupō. The last few days of the tournament he will be competing in the singles competition. If Cory qualifies in the single tournament, he could be heading off to England in December to play in the finals. We are so proud of Cory and his achievements. Taita Kāreti ki te Ao!

NETBALL

We had a very successful season starting with a record number of players selected for Hutt Valley Rep teams this year. Congratulations to Cassidy Faitele (under 15) Shirley Lam Sam, Tori Felise, Lanna Melesala, Kayla Faitele, Kyra Ambrose (under 17) and Selena Taula (under 19). Tori Felise was also named MVP for the under 17 team.

Three out of our total of six teams made it to finals with our senior mixed team and the year 9/10 team winning their grades. Shirley Lam Sam, Tiana McKinnon and Leah Kingi were named as College Sport Wellington 'Players of the Season' for their grades.

Our senior A team re-entered the premier grade this year and worked hard to show that they belonged at the top level, winning 5 of their games at the Winter tournament in September. Sharvana Waikato was named player of the tournament.

Thank you to our umpires, without whom we could not play – Ava Soloman-Wichman, Madison Faivaai, Cassidy Faitele, Trina Waikato and Maureen Turley. Thank you also to our coaches who dedicate their time and energy to ensuring the players get the best opportunities – Natalie Dornan, Tina Watson, Amelia Birch and Cathy Peek.



NETBALL UMPIRING

Cassidy Faitele was nominated Most Promising Umpire from Taita College. This is a great honour as it shows just how much she has improved over the season. Well done Cassidy. Hutt Valley Secondary Schools Netball ran a 5 week course for up and coming umpires which Maureen Turley and Tasi Betteridge facilitated. Over 30 umpires attended which was really great to see the enthusiasm of our students. Netball Hutt Valley Umpires Association also ran a junior whistlers programme Year 7 to 13. It was great to see that a few of our secondary school umpires attended.

Thank you Mrs Glynn and your daughters for helping Taita College when we have been in need of an awesome umpire. On behalf of Mrs Peek and myself, thank you ladies for umpiring our teams over the season. Without you our teams would not of been able to play.

Mrs Peek has done an outstanding job with our netball teams once again. I know that the girls really appreciate the time and effort you have put into our teams to ensure that we have a great season each year. Thank you so much. You're a legend miss!



The Careers Expo was a resounding success again this year. A host of companies and higher learning institutions came to the school to help students consider their next step in life. Those represented included:

- NZ Tourism
- NZ Institute of Fashion Technology
- WelTec / Whitieria
- Learning Connexion
- NZIS
- Premier Institute of Education Wgtn
- Victoria University
- The Fire Service
- Early Childhood Education
- Vibe
- Study Link
- Capital Training
- NZ Police
- Good Skills - Careerforce
- G & H Training
- Kokiri Hauora
- GNS Science
- Inland Revenue
- NZMA



Gateway is coming to an end for the year. We have had some really great results for our students.

The following students have been offered jobs through the Gateway Programme:

- Skye Nathan - PK Patterson (construction)
- Dante Thompson - Groundworks Ltd (Drain Laying)
- Kaea Mahan-Rihari - Makers Fabrications
- Lanna Melesala – BestStart Naenae (Early childhood Education)

The Gateway Programme through schools gives our students the opportunity to work 1 day per week. This enables them to gain work experience, Time Management, Reliability and Customer Service are just a few of the skills they have learnt over the 3 terms.

Our students have been to early childhood centres, retail shops, construction, plumbers, electricians and drain-layers to name just a few.

A big thank you to all our employers who have taken the time to invest in our students. We really appreciate all that you have done for us this year.

If there is anyone that would be interested in being involved for 2020, please do not hesitate to contact Maureen Turley email: gateway@taita.school.nz or 5678 728 ext 2.



THE KNOWLEDGE HUB

Lots of events, lots of prizes and lots of fun! That has been the theme in the Knowledge Hub for term 3! With an eventful calendar we have seen celebrated in the Hub this term:

50 years since the Apollo Moon Landing, Cook Island Language Week, Tongan Language Week, Māori Language Week and National Poetry Day.



We hosted our inaugural Poetry Slam to celebrate National Poetry Day on 23 August. We had 10 entries into the Slam, held at lunchtime in the HUB. This was won by our very own famous poet in training, Dallas Karangaroa, followed very closely by a minuscule margin, by William Bower. Both poets won a voucher from our mighty sponsors at KAPURA, which allowed them to take their families out to dinner at either Gaucho's or Rizzo's at Station Village or Brew'd Stokes Valley or Boulcott. Highly commended for their efforts were Mr Montgomery (who wrote his very first ever poem!), Tiara Das and Seiara Isaia who came 3rd equal, and were awarded lots of lollies for their efforts. A big thank you to our generous sponsors, judges and audience for making it such a successful event! We will be running a similar event in term 4 for our year 9 and 10 students, so get writing people!





KAPURA also sponsored our Creative Competition, where we had a huge number of entries! Art from Manga to paintings, video creations, poetry and creative writing, it was an opportunity for our students to show off their creative talents. The finalists were chosen by our own resident experts in the field of creativity, Mr Nicholls and Ms Birch. The 3 top pieces were then sent to KAPURA who awarded first place to Deborah Yu for her drawing incorporating creative writing, 2nd place to Mia Weish-Duffin for her creative writing and 3rd place to Danni Lee Kokiri for her cardboard print. It was a super hard job for the judges as all the entries were amazing!



We also held our first ever Chalk Art event, with the theme: Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, entrants were able to create their designs in a lunchtime, guided by some of the amazing artists and very close neighbours at The Learning Connection!



Our termly Read and Review Competition, sponsored by KAPURA, will continue to run next term, make sure you get reading and reviewing, so you too can go into the draw to win dinner for your family at Gaucho's, Brew'd or Rizzo's!



The Board of Trustees for Taita College:

(Back row:) Willie Isaia, Karen Morgan (Principal), Alan Lyford (Board chair).

(Front row): Emma Henderson (staff representative), Emma Sitagata, Helen van der Raaij

Absent: Dina Awarau, William Bower (student representative).

UP-COMING EVENTS

Fia Fia Evening	Thursday 26 September 6:30pm - 9:00pm
Success Assembly	Friday 27 September 11:45am - 1:00pm
School Close for Term 3	Friday 27 September 12:00pm
Girls Basketball Tournament Palmerston North	Monday 30 September - Thursday 3 October
Level 1,2 & 3 Practice Exams	Monday 14 October - Monday 21 October
SNR Exec Applications Due	Monday 14 October
AWD Bocce / Boccia Tournament	Friday 18 October
CSW Rugby 7s U 15	Saturday 19 October
Labour Day	Monday 28 October
CSW Rugby 7s	Monday 28 October
Ignite Sports Year 10 Leadership Day	Thursday 31 October
Last Day for Seniors	Thursday 31 October
School Close for Prize giving	Thursday 31 October 12:30pm - 1:30pm
Senior Prize Giving	Thursday 31 October 6:30pm - 9:30pm
AWD Swimming	Friday 1 November
CSW Volleyball Senior Finals	Friday 1 November 4:00pm - 9:00pm
CSW Rugby League Finals	Saturday 2 November 9:00am - 4:30pm
CSW 3 x 3 Basketball Jnr Tournament	Wednesday 6 November 8:30am - 3:00pm
NCEA Exams	Thursday 7 November - Saturday 30 November
CSW Jnr Volleyball Tournament	Friday 8 November - Saturday 9 November
CSW Jnr Golf Tournament	Wednesday 13 November
CSW Jnr Touch Tournament	Thursday 14 November
Teacher Only Day	Friday 15 November
CSW Jnr Tennis champs	Wednesday 20 November
CSW Jnr Ki o Rahi Champs	Wednesday 20 November
CSW Jnr Softball Champs	Friday 22 November
Jnr Softball Nationals Paraparaumu	Monday 25 November - Thursday 28 November
CSW Jnr Bowls Tournament	Tuesday 26 November
New Zealand Athletics Champs	Friday 6 December - Sunday 8 December
Jnr Prize Giving	Monday 9 December 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Learning Conferences	Tuesday 10 December - Wednesday 11 December

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