



Term 4 has certainly raced away. We have had a solid term with most senior students in full preparation to finish off any internal assessments and prepare for external examinations. Some highlights include:



- Our Junior Boys' Volleyball team placed 9th in the New Zealand top grade at the National tournament in Tauranga.
- Jerome Tafili has been named as a member of the New Zealand Volleyball Under 18 Mens' team.
- Mia Welsh-Duffin was awarded the 2019 Shooter of the Year at the SPOTYS.
- Cory Horne for winning 2019 Darts Player of the Year at the SPOTYS.
- Dux 2019 – Tiara Das and Daniel Cross for 2019
- William Bower and Penina Sitagata, named as our Head Students for 2020.
- We had an outstanding Senior Prizegiving, where we gave around \$90 thousand dollars worth of scholarships to students.
- We have had some lovely assemblies and celebrations to farwell our three long serving staff; Mr Strawbridge, Mr Hawke and Mrs Mulligan.

- We had a fun and exhilarating project week for our juniors in which to end the term. Students were adventurous and had a fabulous attitude towards learning in a different context. Sadly, we have been informed in the last two weeks that our gifted lunch programme will not be on offer in 2020. This is extremely sad. We will keep trying to see if there is any avenue to work through this.

We also bid farewell to our school counsellor Mrs Maria Lloyd, and to Mr Wijesekare, Mr Ryan Pene-Stevens, and Ms Hawkins.

We must take from the term, and year, all of the incredible things that have happened here at TC. It has been hugely successful and full of fun and learning.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday break, and hope that you have some special time together with friends and family.

Bring on 2020!!

Ngā mihi ki a koutou  
Karen Morgan.

## 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.

## OUASSA EXPERIENCE

In the January and July holidays, Jaxson and Tiara were at the University of Otago in Dunedin in the Otago University Advanced School Science Academy, or OUASSA. They took part in a trial run of university life, where they attended lectures, subject-specific projects, and stayed at a hall of residence.

They were involved in subject projects such as Anatomy and Physiology, Geography, and Physics and Geophysics. They were also in smaller projects of Pharmacology, Quantum Physics and Psychology.

Jaxson and Tiara also had science communication presentations, where they

had to present a topic of their choosing to the general public in different ways. Jaxson did the 'Exploration of Human Anatomy' and the importance of lungs and the respiratory system. Tiara was in filmmaking where her group made the film 'Our Abusive Relationship,' the human relationship with climate change.

Other Dunedin activities the two did down there included visiting a cold room with temperatures of -7 degrees and -32 degrees Celsius, visiting Otago Museum which includes a butterfly enclosure, visiting the geology museum, they went laser tagging, swam at Saint Kilda's Beach, visited



Knox Church and went to the best ice cream store in New Zealand called Rob Roy.

The two would like to give a huge thank you to Mrs Raj for the amazing opportunity; they both look forward to attending the university next year.

## WRITERS HUI



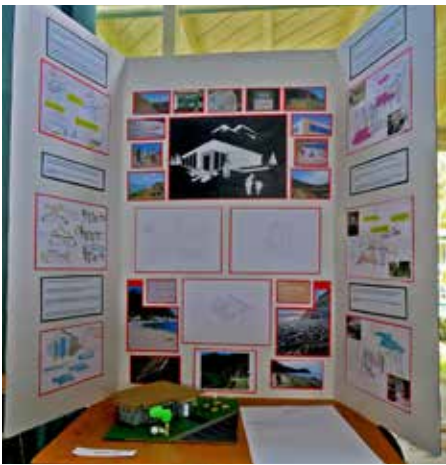
L-R: Witi Ihimaera, Whiti Hereaka, Te Kahu Rolleston, Dallas Karangaroa & James George.

The National Māori Writer's Hui, 'Te Hā', was held in the September holidays. Dallas Karangaroa (Y12) was lucky enough to receive a full scholarship to attend the three day wānanga and workshops. Dallas was one of twelve Māori students across the country to receive a scholarship to the youth program which was designed and delivered by slam champion Te Kahu Rolleston.

Dallas got to take part in writing workshops to hone his craft with Tayi Tibbe and Essa May Ranapiri. One highlight of the hui was a poetry open mic where Dallas and the

other rangatahi opened the evening with a powerful collaborative spoken word piece on inter-generational trauma. As a part of the hui, Dallas was invited to contribute to a panel discussion on developing tuakana teina relationships in the writing community, alongside his mentor, Te Kahu Rolleston, Whiti Hereaka and Witi Ihimaera. Overall it was a fantastic hui attended by some of Aotearoa's finest Māori writers, such as Te Kupu (Upper Hutt Posse), Anahera Gildea, Renee Taylor and Patricia Grace. Dallas was a fantastic representative for his whānau and our kura.

# TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE



2019 was a busy year for our Poly Club and International team. Our priority is the renowned Tu Tangata Polynesian festival held at the Michael Fowler Centre in Wellington. This year we were the only Lower Hutt College "included" alongside eight other schools from Wellington. Our group practiced hard during the holidays to create and execute our items, all the while doing gigs as fundraisers. The theme was "Rebel with a Cause" Pasifika/Maworking alongside to create change within our communities. The leadership



Sarah Pihema and Lani Small, thank you for all the countless hours leading and mentoring the group. It is such a hard job to do with so little appreciation back. Know that nothing would have gone as smoothly if it was not for your great commitment in leading the Leadership team and serving our group with heart. You are amazing young women who are passionate about their culture and their fellow members...tis a beautiful thing.

International Leaders Shadae Corby & Penina Sitagata



Marsh, What Now TV Show, Matatini support, Huttfest Setup an Takedown team, Japanese Exxchange.

Thank you for the music Patricio Taafua, Ben & Dre Tiaki, Aroma Migliore Mauigoa and your talented team of musicians. You made the group sound amazing! The beats you created blended in beautifully with the minions and I am forever grateful for all the time you scraficed. To my OL'Skool, thank you so very much for coming in and supporting the minions, it means a lot and the



team led by Honcho's Sarah Pihema & Lani Small worked tirelessly in ensuring we made everything fit and our group looked and sounded legit.

After 3 months of full on practicing, tears and learning everything to "Rose standard", the group performed with heart and soul and made the audience their own. Beasts on stage, humble off stage. Another epic performance, one that made Taita College, our community and our families very proud. This year ALL our performers earned credits for the work they put into Tu Tangata, our juniors alongside our seniors were able to earn 10 credits in Performing Arts NCEA L1, which benefits them in their future success.

organized the performers at the various performances, attire and bracket. I am very proud of their professionalism and ability to cater to different occasions. Thank you wahine toa for yet another successful International year. **Performances:** Tumeke Taita, Hutt City Council Summer Vibes, NZ National Library, Air NZ International Airport, Hutt City Volunteer Awards, NZ Police Awards, Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry, NZ Dairy Awards TSB Arena, Anzac Dawn Ceremonies, Lower Hutt Childcare Centre, Matariki Celebrations, Te Wiki o te Reo Maori, National Language Week Celebrations, Te Pukana Exhibition, Renown Poet Laureate Selina Tusitala

respect you continue to share is our legacy.

Big thank you to Mr Clint Hawke for your constant support, advice and mentoring over the past 11 years. You have my utmost respect and alofa. I pray that your next adventure is as exciting as your TC years. You deserve all the blessings WE LOVE YOU MR HAWKE

May God bless you our beautiful school family and community. Our supportive parents and families Thank you for allowing me to teach your precious children. To my minions: the time and excellence you put into Poly Club will hopefully reflect well on your futures. Cheeehooo!

Ia manuia  
Rose.





The Meaningful Pathways class has completed its third successful year in a row. Students selected for this class attend Trades Academy on Thursday and Friday each week in their chosen area of interest, ranging from construction, hair and beauty, engineering and automotive, sports and fitness, animal care, hospitality and creative technologies. Our partnership with Weltec and Whitireia shows how education providers can work together to provide positive outcomes for students. Students go to work experience placements every Tuesday and attend school every Monday and Wednesday where they work on their NCEA levels.

Our aim is for all the students to leave school with the qualifications they need to begin their chosen careers, an IRD number, a bank account, work experience that will support them to gain full or part-time employment, and/or entry to the tertiary course in their chosen career. We have been lucky enough to work with community providers like Youth Inspire and Literacy Aotearoa who have run road code courses allowing many of the students to gain their learners licence.

All of the student's selected for the class were identified as at risk of not achieving and since being in this class their attendance and engagement has improved and what we know follows from this is that their academic performance has improved. All of the students are on track to achieve Level 2 or Level 3 NCEA. More significantly though is their overall readiness to move on from school and engage in tertiary education or full-time work. Successes from this year include:



Tiger Haapu-Ripia who achieved Level 2 and 3 NCEA and won the award for the best Year 13 Gateway student at the recent prize-giving. Tiger worked with Thomas Kiwara at the Avalon Rugby Club on Tuesdays. He also captained the first 15 rugby team and got driving lessons during class time.

Tori Felise juggled Polyclub with Prem 1 netball, HV netball reps, getting driving lessons, working part-time at Jenkins Gym and McDonalds and still

achieved Level 3 NCEA. She has been accepted into the pre-police proficiency course at NZIS as part of her longer term goal of becoming a police officer.



Kaea Mahan-Rihari who completed Level 3 NCEA part way through term 3 and is now working fulltime at Makers Fabrication and hoping to start a carpentry apprenticeship next year. Kaea has also been awarded a \$2000 scholarship to support him on his vocational pathway.

The success of this class and our Gateway programme relies on the continued support from businesses in the community. This year the students have worked in a variety of businesses including: YMCA, Buzz Café, Jarvis Plumbgas, Brockelsby Plumbing and Gasfitting, New World (Stokes Valley and Lower Hutt), the Warehouse (Petone and Lower Hutt), Kitten Inn, Fresh 'n' Faded barbers, Lifestart childcare, Metro Direct Glaziers, Van Beers, Glen the plumber, Jenkins Gym, Red Cross and Avalon Beauty Shoppe Ltd. We are very grateful to these employers who are willing to give their time to help our students gain valuable work experience.

## SERVICE AWARDS

Creagh Award to the Head Boy 2019	Jaxson Tautala-Hanita
Recipient of the Anne Le Claire Cup for Loyalty and Service to Taita College	Sarah Pihema
Recipient of the Stokes Valley Rotary Club Award for service to the school and community by a senior student	Daniel Cross
Creagh Award to the Deputy Head Girl 2019	Tiara Das
Creagh Award to the Deputy Head Boy 2019	Spencer Sione

## EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Recipient of the Likiafu Tonga Memorial Trophy	Tiger Ripia-Haapu
Recipient of the Paul Swain Cup for Persistence in Academic Studies	Arwen van der Raaij
Recipient of the Valerie Whisker Cup for Attitude	Eugene Awatere
Recipient of the Moran Cup for the Year 12 Girl with the Best All Round Academic, Cultural, Service and Sporting Record	Penina Sitagata
Recipient of the Excellence Cup for the Year 12 Boy with the Best All Round Academic, Cultural, Service and Sporting Record	William Bower
Recipient of the Taita College Academic Cup Year 11	Liam Wenger
Recipient of the Taita College Academic Cup Year 12	Penina Sitagata
Dux 2019 and Recipient of the Mexican Supplies Scholarship and Stokes Valley Rotary Dux Cup	Daniel Cross Tiara Das
Student Leaders for 2020	Penina Sitagata William Bower



## YEAR 11 PRIZE WINNERS

	<i>FIRST</i>	<i>SECOND</i>	<i>THIRD</i>
<i>ART</i>	Mia Welsh-Duffin	Aroha Koia	Vika Tupou
<i>DESIGN &amp; VISUAL COMMUNICATION</i>	Vika Tupou	Junior Misa	
<i>DRAMA</i>	Gloriya Nansen	Amy Pihema	Mia Welsh-Duffin
<i>ENGLISH</i>	Mia Welsh-Duffin	Liam Wenger	Shanika Ram
<i>FOOD &amp; NUTRITION</i>	Teila Leuila	Mereana Maney	Kararina Waipouri
<i>GEOGRAPHY</i>	Jeremiah Thickett		
<i>HISTORY</i>	Liam Wenger	Shanika Ram	Lawson Bell
<i>HOSPITALITY</i>	Bailey Kemp	Jerome Jensen	Mya Kaden =Stephanie Hooper-Wills
<i>MAORI</i>	Mereana Maney		
<i>MATHEMATICS</i>	Nikita Old	Aroha Koia	Kian Whitlock
<i>MUSIC</i>	Mia Welsh-Duffin	Bethany Vena	David Wright
<i>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</i>	Connor Osborne	Kyra Ambrose	Shanika Ram
<i>PRODUCT DESIGN TECHNOLOGY</i>	Chavez Tupua-Wilson	Jeremiah Thickett	Junior Misa
<i>SAMOAN</i>	Sharn Lilo	Te-Hani Foese	Leanne Sauila
<i>SCIENCE</i>	Chavez Tupua-Wilson	Tanishq Das	

## YEAR 12 PRIZE WINNERS

<i>ART</i>	Arwen van der Raaij	Alyssa Pickett	Racheal Judge
<i>AUTOMOTIVE</i>	Monique Taylor	Ben Lamberton	Mundine Tusa
<i>DESIGN &amp; VISUAL COMMUNICATION</i>	Margaret Hopoi	William Bower	
<i>DRAMA</i>	Arwen van der Raaij	Naite Malaefoou	William Judge
<i>EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION</i>	Shontelle Schuster	Fiaga Utulolo	
<i>ENGLISH</i>	Alysha Brownie	Lori Kiwha	Arwen van der Raaij
<i>FOOD &amp; NUTRITION</i>	Ereti Tangiora	Manu Kingi	
<i>GATEWAY</i>	Arleen Edmonds	Ginesa Togiatau	
<i>GEOGRAPHY</i>	Lori Kiwha	Kayla Fajtele	Alysha Brownie
<i>HISTORY</i>	Medow Turia	Lori Kiwha	Eden Moses
<i>HOSPITALITY</i>	Ereti Tangiora	Brody Sowry	Daphney Taura =Shadae Corby-Kirkwood
<i>MATHEMATICS</i>	Liam Wenger	Penina Sitagata	Josiah Lyford
<i>MATHEMATICS WITH STATISTICS</i>	Kayla Fajtele	Shontelle Schuster	Arwen van der Raaij
<i>MAORI</i>	Mereana Maney		
<i>MEANINGFUL PATHWAYS</i>	Aidan Flitcroft		
<i>MUSIC</i>	Rua te Aotonga		
<i>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</i>	Lori Kiwha	Kayla Fajtele	Deborah Yu
<i>PRODUCT DESIGN TECHNOLOGY</i>	Roketi Misa	Crystal Haa	
<i>RETAILING</i>	Monique Taylor	Dallas Naik	
<i>SAMOAN</i>	Penina Sitagata	Nathan Faapusa	Melissa Fetau
<i>SCIENCE</i>	Arwen van der Raaij	William Judge	Marshall Kennedy-Newton
<i>SCIENCE ACADEMY</i>	Connor Osborne	Liam Wenger	Josiah Lyford =Penina Sitagata

# YEAR 13 PRIZE WINNERS

	<i>FIRST</i>	<i>SECOND</i>	<i>THIRD</i>
<i>BIOLOGY</i>	Tiara Das	Alex-Zander Harris-Hart	
<i>CHEMISTRY</i>	Tiara Das	Daniel Cross	Alex-Zander Harris-Hart
<i>DESIGN &amp; VISUAL COMMUNICATION</i>	Chiquita Pene-Stevens	Edward Evans	
<i>DRAMA</i>	Katiri McGregor-Burt	Jaxson Tautala-Hanita	Aaron Rei-Taylor
<i>EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION</i>	Lanna Melesala		
<i>ENGLISH</i>	Daniel Cross	Tiara Das	Jaxson Tautala-Hanita
<i>FOOD &amp; NUTRITION</i>	Katiri McGregor-Burt	Nikita Kiri	Theo Pese = Tou'anga Hopoi
<i>GATEWAY</i>	Sharvana Waikato	Dante Thompson	Nikita Kiri
<i>GEOGRAPHY</i>	Jaxson Tautala-Hanita	Alex-Zander Harris-Hart	Jade Seiuli
<i>HISTORY</i>	Sarah Pihema	Sharvana Waikato	Tala Lilo
<i>HOSPITALITY</i>	Racheal Judge	Tala Lilo	
<i>MAORI</i>	Sarah Pihema		
<i>MATHEMATICS WITH STATISTICS</i>	Daniel Cross = Tiara Das		Henare Tana
<i>MEANINGFUL PATHWAYS</i>	Tiger Ripia-Haapu	Eugene Awatere	
<i>MUSIC</i>	Silila Setefano		
<i>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</i>	Spencer Sione	Chiquita Pene-Stevens	Sarah Pihema
<i>PHYSICS</i>	Daniel Cross	Tiara Das	Alex-Zander Harris-Hart
<i>PRODUCT DESIGN TECHNOLOGY</i>	Drae Vaofusi	Tou'anga Hopoi	
<i>RETAILING</i>	Maddison Mariri	Cahn Ahpene	
<i>SAMOAN</i>	Tala Lilo	Tori Felise	
<i>SCIENCE</i>	Edward Evans	Theo Pese	Angelnella Tupua-Wilson
<i>TOURISM</i>	Chiquita Pene-Stevens	Ryan Cairncross	

## ACADEMIC CUPS

- Stephen Steers Memorial Cup for Product Design Technology
  - Quality Demolition and Contracting Cup for Art
  - Wingate Service Station Cup for Product Design Technology
  - Sipos Cup for Biology
  - Employment Skills Cup for Gateway
  - Design Technology Award for Design and Visual Communication
  - Top Achieving student that has taken History for the first time
- Chavez Tupua-Wilson  
 Arwen van der Raaij  
 Roketi Misa  
 Tiara Das  
 Sharvana Waikato  
 Chiquita Pene-Stevens  
 Ariki Hohepa





## CULTURAL AWARDS

Jagodaki Art Award Awarded to a student who has demonstrated a passionate commitment to senior art	Arwen van der Raaij
Chris Melvin Cup for Senior Debating	Daniel Cross
Jonathan Brown Memorial Cup for Excellence in Dramatic Performance	Naite Malaefoou
Taita college Cup for Contribution to Drama	Jaxson Tautala-Hanita
Moana Clothing Cup for Outstanding Achievement in Drama	Katiri McGregor-Burt
Most Improved ESOL Student	Sifa Tupou
Stone Award for Senior Literature	Tiara Das
Most Dedicated Bass Player	Dre Tiaki
Significant Contribution to Musical Ensemble	Rua Te Aotonga
Taita College Cup for the Most Promising Musician	Bethany Vena
Lithgow Cup for Public Speaking	Arwen van der Raaij
Nga Kete Matauranga Trophy for Contribution to the Arts and Culture at Taita College (Poly Club / Kapa Haka)	Mereana Maney
Taita College Kapa Haka Award	Teepa Hori-Keepa
Year 11 Leadership Award for Top All Round Girl in Contribution to Arts and Culture at Taita College	Teila Leuila
Year 11 Leadership Award for Top All Round Boy in Contribution to Arts and Culture at Taita College	Junior Misa
Taita College Cup for Contribution to the Poly Club by a Senior Student	Lani Small
Arahi Polynesian Club Award for Improved Performance	Shadae Corby-Kirkwood
Taita College Polynesian Award for the Best Performance by a Boy	Junior Misa = Spencer Sione
Pasifika Parents Support Group Cup for the Best Polynesian Club Performance by a Girl	Penina Sitagata
Leapai Tuita'alili Memorial Trophy for Cultural All Rounder (Contribution to Cultural Group in Music, Leadership, Mentoring and Backstage)	Sarah Pihema



## SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

The scholarships Taita students will be awarded throughout 2019 come to an outstanding total of around \$92 thousand dollars.

Hutt Mana Charitable Trust 2020 Energy Secondary School Scholarship	Henare Tana
Recipient of the Tu Tangata Leadership Award	Sarah Pihema
Recipient of the Susan Taylor Leadership Cup and Scholarship	Tiara Das
Recipient of the Kia Kaha Trophy and Scholarship	Sharvana Waikato
Recipient of the Ka Maro te Kaki o te Kotuku Scholarship	Tala Lilo Spencer Sione Angelnella Tupua-Wilson
Recipient of the Titiro Whakarunga Scholarship, funded by the Winton and Margaret Bear Charitable Trust	Henare Tana
Recipient of the KPMG Scholarship	Christina Taloaina
Victoria University Ngā Hoe a Kupe Pathfinder Scholarship	Daniel Cross
New Zealand School of Tourism Scholarship	Raven Duffin
University of Otago Maori Entrance Scholarship	Alex-Zander Harris-Hart Katiri McGregor-Burt Jaxson Tautala-Hanita
Jack Swindell's Estate Scholarship	Shavarna Waikato
Uniplas Scholarship	Tou'anga Hopoi
Joyce and John Kellett Scholarship	Daniel Cross
University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship	Tiara Das
Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award	Kaea Mahan-Rihari





Kyra Ambrose Yr11



Aroha Koia Yr11



Vika Tupou Yr11



Mia Welsh-Duffin Yr11

## UP-COMING EVENTS

Jnr Prize Giving	Friday 6 December 1:30 – 3:30pm 2020
Teacher Only Day	Monday 27 January
Teacher Only Day	Tuesday 28 January
Student Leaders meet with Year 9 Dean	Wednesday 29 January 12.30pm – 1.30pm
Course Confirmation for Years 12 & 13	Wednesday 29 January 12.30pm – 3.30pm
Powhiri for Year 9 Students (Hall then Marae)	Thursday 30 January 8.40am – 10.00am
Year 9 School Programme (Bring Lunch & PE Gear)	Thursday 30 January 10.00am – 3.15pm
Course Confirmation for Years 12 & 13	Thursday 30 January 11.00am – 1.00pm
Year 9 Full School Day, ID Photos	Friday 31 January 8.50am – 3.15pm
Student Leaders' Programme - off site	Monday 3 February
Year 10 Assembly, Year 9 & 10 Timetable classes	Monday 3 February
All Students Attend, Full School Day (Year 11 – 13 Assemble in Hall)	Tuesday 4 February
Full school timetable	Wednesday 5 February 8.50am – 3.15pm
Waitangi Day Holiday	Thursday 6 February

