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Tītiro Whakarunga Ki Ngā Puke

Kia ora e te Whānau

We hope that all of our students had a restful break but what a stormy start to Term 2! Thank you all for keeping your students home on Tuesday due to the extreme weather conditions. This is a perfect time to make sure that the school has correct phone numbers and email addresses just in case of emergencies like these. You can update these through the parent portal which can be accessed via our school website or make contact with the main office to advise of changes.

Included with this pānui is the Term 2 Assessment Calendar. Please take the time to check when subject standards are due for your child. There is also an invitation attached to attend a free session with John Parsons on how to keep students safe online. Spaces are limited so please register early.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

We warmly invite you to attend our Parent-Teacher interviews on **Tuesday, 28 April**, held in the school hall.

These meetings are a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child's progress and collaborate on their learning journey. Sessions will run from **2:30pm to 6:30pm**.

Please check your inbox for an email containing your personalized booking link and further details. We look forward to seeing you there!

Europe Update

As many of you are aware, thirty of our dedicated Taita College students were set to embark on a life-changing journey to Europe at the end of Term 1. After months of tireless fundraising and preparation, the excitement to visit some of the world's most iconic landmarks was at an all-time high. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing situation in the Middle East and the resulting flight disruptions via Dubai, we have had to adjust our plans. However, we are thrilled to share that we have successfully **deferred the trip to September**. We want to extend a massive thank you to our travel agents, **Travelbound**, whose hard work ensured this trip remains a reality. While the global situation remains fluid, we are staying positive and focused on our new departure date.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to the local businesses and individuals who have supported our students through donations and fundraising. Your generosity is making this dream possible.

Social Sciences

In the lead up to the 2026 General Election, the Social Sciences Department will be running a series of activities that will help students explore the importance of democratic participation. These activities will culminate in a school-wide Mock Election in Term 4, so that students can experience the voting process firsthand. This term, our focus is on the electoral roll and the importance of being registered. As a part of their learning, students may discuss with you at home what it means to be eligible to vote, and how you can check that you are registered online. Our focus is on teaching students how the voting system works, and how to engage in a political debate, not who to vote for.

We appreciate your support in helping our students see why having a say in our community matters.

Uniform

A reminder that students must wear their blazers everyday during Term 2 and 3.

All of our Year 9 students should have received their free showerproof jacket by now.

If your child does not have a school jacket please ask them to come to the main office to collect one.

1st XV Rugby Trip

The Taita College 1st XV rugby team embarked on a three day mini tour of the Central Plateau during the last week of the school holidays. The team had done several fundraising ventures over the last six months to cover the tour costs.

21 players and three managers travelled and stayed at the Taupo Nui a Tia College school Marae. This communal living brought the team closer together. The tour was a huge success with some of the highlights below:

- Visiting AC Baths
- Visiting the mighty Huka Falls
- Watching the water be released at the Aratiatia Dam
- Drawing our game against Cambridge HS 1st XV (school roll of 1800 students)
- Attending the Chiefs vs Hurricanes game in Hamilton, managing to get ourselves on TV several times and the boys soaking up the whole game atmosphere
- Playing Mini Golf
- Soaking and relaxing at the DeBretts Hot Pools
- Receiving several glowing reviews from the public about the boys behaviour and how they were a credit to Taita College

Special thanks to the whanau who supported the team in Cambridge, this was appreciated by us all. Cambridge HS are now planning to reciprocate our visit and are planning to tour Wellington next year and would like to play Taita College on this tour. Management believe this tour has greatly brought the squad closer and we are looking forward with great anticipation to the 2026 rugby season.



Hard Technology Workshop

From Rags to Riches.

The hard-tech workshop has a newly refurbished table. This includes new vices and an awesome new work top. One down five more tables to go as funds allow. We encourage all rangatahi to respect the school furniture so that they can produce work of a very high standard.



**Out with the old and
in with the new!**



"Pride through Success ◊ Honour through Service"

Winter Sports

It's that time of year when winter sports are about to start. Rugby, Basketball, Netball and boys Football games begin next week closely followed by girls Football and Badminton. We look forward to seeing students out on the fields and courts participating and representing the school.

If there are any students who have forgotten to register, NOW is the time for them to see the sports coordinator to see if they can be placed in a team.

REFEREES

We are looking for any basketball referees who may be able to referee on Friday evenings as we have a few teams and need to provide a referee for all of their games. Referees are paid for each game. If you have the availability and experience to ref please contact Debbie Elliott, the sports coordinator, at school on 5678728 ext 235.

Netball

This year we have four teams in the Hutt Valley Netball competition. Games are played either at the Hutt Valley Netball courts by Walter Nash or at Taita College. The season starts on Saturday 2nd May with three weeks of grading, followed by a round robin tournament and finals in August.

Thank you to all the coaches and managers - Gina Mitchell-Pita, Mora Mano, Alisha Peivi and Amelia Birch, who have volunteered their time to assist the teams. Thanks also to those that are willing to score for the teams on the day.

This year we had four students, Vision Te Nahu-List, Toefofoga Mano, Aurora Takiri and Cobie Toa-Smith complete a Whistlers Course to train them to become umpires and we will help develop their skills by asking them to umpire the Saturday games.

It is great to have support from whanau on game day but we ask that all support is Positive and Encouraging so that everyone enjoys the season and develops throughout the year.

Important Term Dates

Monday 27th April	ANZAC Day Observed (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 28th April	Parent/Teacher Interviews - 2.30 - 6.30pm
Thursday 30th April	Board of Trustees Meeting - 5.30pm
Friday 29th May	Teacher Only Day
Thursday 11th June	Board of Trustees Meeting - 5.30pm

You can keep up to date with events during the year by following us on FaceBook or Instagram or by viewing the Taita College website.

2026 ASSESSMENT CALENDAR - TERM TWO													
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3									
		Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	
Week Starting		20-Apr	26-Apr	4-May	11-May	18-May	25-May	1-Jun	8-Jun	15-Jun	22-Jun	29-Jun	
Events													
Art	L1												Working towards AS91913
	L2												Working towards AS2.1
	L3												Working towards AS3.1
Automotive	L2												Online through MITO
	L3												Online through MITO
Bio	L2/3						AS91604						
DVC	L1											AS92001	Working towards AS92002 & 92003
	L2												Working towards AS91337 & 91338
	L3												Working towards AS91627 & 91631
English 101/201/301	L1			US10792							AS91926		
	L2				AS91105				AS91102				
	L3						AS91476	portfolio 1 due (speech to article)					P
ENG210	L2			US3488					AS91102				
ENG103	L1							US1293			AS91926		
Food and Nutrition	L2											AS91302	
	L3											AS91469	
FDTN1	L1			US33249									
FDTN2	L1								US33241				
FDTN3	L1												
Gateway	L2				US4252			AS30906					AS4261
	L3			AS7127				AS30906			US7126		
Geography	L1											AS91932	
History	L1												AS92024
	L2												AS91229
	L3												AS91434
Hospitality	L1			AS15919									
	L2	AS20666		AS13276									AS13272
	L3												AS18497
Te Reo Maori	L1									AS92093			
Law & Society	L1						AS27838						
	L2						AS27842						
Maths	L1										AS91944		
	L2			AS91256					AS91257 & 91260			AS91268	
	L3				AS91580				AS91574				
MP2	L2			AS4253			US4252					US28097	
Music	L1	AS91950		US32300									AS91948, US32301
	L2												Working towards AS91270 & AS91272
	L3												Working towards AS91416 & AS91418
NUM101	L1											Working towards 92028	
NUM201	L2			AS91330	AS91260		AS91333						
PED 101/201/301	L1								US425 & US426		AS92017		
	L2			US476, US426, US425							US32840, US32847		
	L3		US30935							US31388			
PED 102/202/302	102										AS92017		
	202				AS91329		AS91333						
	302				AS91500	AS91504							
Product Design (PDT)	L1												Working towards US24352, 25919, 25920, 24355
	L2												Working towards US24361, 12932, 12927
	L3												Working towards US29677-29682 & AS29684
Samoan	L1										AS92032		
	L2						AS91145				AS91144		
	L3						AS91564				AS91565		
Science	L1				AS92045 (part 1)			AS92045 (part 2)					
	L2					AS91168							
	L3					AS91393							
Tourism	L2							US24731					
	L3									US18211			

YOU ARE INVITED TO A **FREE** SESSION BY INDUSTRY EXPERT JOHN PARSONS ON HOW TO **KEEP ĀKONGA** AT YOUR KURA **SAFE** ONLINE. SPACES ARE LIMITED, SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER USING THE LINKS PROVIDED BELOW

ONLINE CHILD PROTECTION

FOR WHANAU, PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

DELIVERED BY
JOHN PARSONS

WHERE TIAKIWAI CONFERENCE CENTRE, NATIONAL LIBRARY
AITKEN ST, THORNDON
(BEST ACCESS TO THE THEATRE IS OFF AITKEN STREET)

WHEN 5.30 TO 6.30PM
MONDAY 11 JUNE

COST FREE



This session is about empowering whanau, parents and caregivers.

In today's digital world, young people face an increasing range of risks in their online activities. Equip yourself with the tools to reduce these risks and confidently address issues when they arise. Join us to learn how to reduce risks and maximise the benefits for your children.

Some of the things John will cover include:

- Online sexual predators
- Cyber bullying
- Sextortion
- Pornography and extremism
- Mobile phones
- The importance of sleep

John Parsons is a highly regarded Internet Safety and Risk Assessment consultant and has worked extensively in the education sector in Aotearoa. John is a published author and social commentator who works throughout Aotearoa.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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