



# Taradale High School

Be determined. Aim high. *Piki ake. Kia maia.*

Newsletter 3 Term 1, 2011

## Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Parents & Caregivers

### End of an era: Mr George McCawe retires

After 35 years of continuous service on our staff, Mr George McCawe is retiring. The school thanked Mr McCawe last Saturday night with a formal farewell and he ends officially at the end of this term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr McCawe on behalf of all the students he has supported over the years. We are grateful that he has supported young people through their dark and difficult times and we appreciate his management and leadership in the years when he worked as a senior manager.

There is a Maori proverb which seems appropriate to allude to as a symbol of the special role Mr McCawe has played in the school. It describes a white heron, whose flight is seen only once: *he kotuku rerenga tahi*. Whilst this school will see many other counsellors come and go, none of them will be our Founding Counsellor. None of them will do the job as George has done it. It's unlikely another counsellor will put in 35 years of continuous service here. It is hard to imagine another counsellor leaving their imprint on the organisational structures of the school as he has done.

We wish Mr McCawe all the very best for a well-deserved retirement.

### Reports

We will be holding **Parent-Teacher Interviews** on the second Thursday of next term (May 12), providing you with the opportunity to discuss your son / daughter's progress. Should your son / daughter's report give you cause for any concerns that need to be addressed immediately, please contact the appropriate person: a dean, HOD or teacher. Ring the school for an appointment or, if you can't find the appropriate email address, send your request or question to [office@ths.school.nz](mailto:office@ths.school.nz).

Note that we are trialling something different with **Senior Reports**. As in previous years, it's too soon to give a report on NCEA credits gained, but we have responded to parents' requests for written comments at this time of the year. We have opted for a format which gives you bare essentials rather than padding. Teachers are renowned world-wide for producing reports that veil their meaning. I hope you will find that the new format provides pithy, honest comments about what is going well and what needs improvement. Where there is no suggestion for improvement, you can assume that the student is on track to succeed as long as he/she maintains good self-management. Any feedback you would like to provide about this new format is welcome.

Parent-Teacher interviews: watch for instructions on how to book your appointments on line. If you haven't got internet access, you will be able to ring the school office to make appointments. These interviews provide invaluable information, so please plan to be there.

### 25% of the year gone already?

Yes, it's true that 25% of the year's tuition is already behind us. If any student is in a haze of complacency about the year and feels that there is plenty of time left before making a committed effort with school work, they need to think again. With a quarter of the year gone, there is no room for such delusion. I encourage you to discuss this fact with your sons and daughters, whose youthfulness often leads to a lackadaisical attitude towards time management.



With Anne Tolley at 40th Anniversary 2010

## Coming Events

### May

- 2 Term 2 Starts (winter uniform)
- 5 Summer Sports Prize Giving
- 9 Navy Recruiter
- 10 BOT Meeting
- 11 Blood Donation Day
- 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 13 PTA Raffle starts (1st prize—I pad!) Breakfast for HB Heads of School
- 14 School Ball
- 25/26 HB Careers Expo
- 26 Junior Social
- 30 Stage Challenge HB Opera House

### June

- 1 Big Sing
- 9-13 Senior Exams
- 17 Chamber Music contest

### July

- 5 Freyberg Exchange
- 15 Term Ends

### August

- 1 Term 3 starts

It's also timely to review commitments to paid employment. Research by the Department of Labour strongly suggests that part-time work exceeding 10 hours per week puts students' progress in jeopardy. Working more than 15 hours per week has severe consequences for learning.

#### Computer woes

Yes, we are experiencing some computer issues again. This time, the problems emanate from servers (the central computers which run the system), which we are now in the process of replacing much earlier than anticipated. We hope to have the problems resolved by the start of next term.

#### Sabbatical

I am fortunate to have been given sabbatical leave by the Ministry of Education. Therefore, I will be away 23<sup>rd</sup> May to 12<sup>th</sup> August. I will be visiting schools overseas, attending the Thinking Conference in Belfast, and ploughing through a small library of professional reading. The foci for my study are:

- Student motivation
- Values education
- Thinking strategies

While I'm away, Mrs Drury will be the Acting Principal. She is an enormously capable person who has the full support of staff and students so you can have every confidence that school life will be "business as usual" under her leadership.

Warm regards,  
Stephen Hensman

## School Ball-Cirque du Soleil

The school ball is on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> and tickets are on sale at \$45 each from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April in the hall at lunchtimes. The ball is for Year 12 and 13 students and their partners. Students must present a signed permission slip to be able to purchase a ticket. The permission slip was attached to a sheet with details about the ball which we ask parents to read through carefully. Please discuss with your son or daughter the suitability of any outside partner they are considering inviting to the ball. If you have any queries about the ball, please contact Mrs Liz Drury.

### **School Vision:** caring for others.

Whilst it's our job as teachers to create the conditions for enabling students to reach their potential, our vision for their future is of **young people who are confident, caring and committed to their learning.** That sounds fine, but what does it mean to be **caring** in a school environment?

New students tell us that it's easy to find new friends at THS. They are included by others more readily than they expected. That's a clear sign that our young people are already well on the way to exercising practical care. It's easy for young people to develop a "me first" attitude. That's not the basis of a good community, so we're encouraged that so many of our students are inclusive of newcomers.

We're also encouraged by our students' support of good causes and the amount of money they raise for charities. But there is no room for complacency. It is natural to be selfish, so we still have a long way to go to encourage our teenagers to show respect for all and to think of the needs of others.

Parents can help by doing what good parents have always done: ensuring their children play a role in doing jobs around the house, actively creating opportunities for keeping lines of communication open so that the needs of others are discussed, and positively modelling what it means to be a contributing member of society.



## World Vision 40 Hour Famine

### **"Go hard out for the hungry."**

The 40 hour famine will be held over the weekend of the 28<sup>th</sup> May and many of our students have already signed up for sponsorship booklets. Under the leadership of the Heads of School, Taradale High School is hoping to exceed the amount of \$5664 raised in 2010 to help combat global hunger. The Heads of School will run a Survivor Competition again in the junior school to encourage participation and boost students' fundraising efforts. To be eligible for Survivor, students must raise a minimum of \$50. Every further \$50 earns them a lifeline in the competition. Much fun was had in 2010 and the winner of Survivor earned a cheque for \$500, which was generously sponsored by local businesses.

Students have been advised of the many different forms the 40 hour famine can take: no food, phone, ipod, tv, technology in general, or no talking, are all possibilities, some of which may have great appeal for parents!

If you have any questions or concerns about the 40 Hour Famine, or would like to contribute to the \$500 prize money, please contact Mrs Liz Drury, Deputy Principal.

## National Success for Taradale High teams at the Kiwi Adventure Trust Go 4 12 Adventure Race

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 16 students along with Ms Edwards, Mr Dooney, Mrs Macredie and parent Mr Chris Hurst (as support crew) travelled to Glenfalls Reserve on Waitara Road 40 minutes north of Napier on the Napier Taupo Road where they set up camp for the night by the Mohaka River. That evening they attended race briefing and returned to build their tube rafts for the event the next day in the dark, finally hitting their tents for sleep at 10:30pm.

At 4am they awoke to pack up their race gear required for the day which was loaded into the support crew vehicles. They then walked their rafts to the start for roll call and commenced racing in the dark at 5:30am.

Their first task was to collect their maps and tricky puzzles and then to complete an orienteering course and return to the start. All teams were back and on the water by 7:30am to tackle the 6km rafting leg followed by a 25km mountain bike over an enormous hill.

Our first Taradale Team arrived in transition after these legs at approximately 12:30pm, 6 hours into the event. They had a compulsory 10 minute down time to eat and drink and then they had to complete a 30km rogaine course which included caving, sheep drafting and rock jumping. This saw the teams having to navigate some difficult terrain.

Finally the teams had a last mountain bike which took them up a 3km extremely steep hill and a final downhill run to Tutira School where they had to dismount their bikes on the school tennis court

and ring a bell.

All 4 of our teams arrived before the cut off time of 5:30pm. Our junior boys making it with just 8 minutes to spare.

Team members were not allowed to be more than 100m apart from each other at any time during the race, or they would incur penalties.

After 12 hours of extreme conditions and physical exertion our teams were utterly spent having given the race 100% effort. These efforts paid off with some amazing results being achieved.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Senior Mixed Division – Kendele Hawke, Kris Sweetapple, Nicole Baird, Ben Andrews**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Senior Mixed Division – Izzy Boyd, Kaden Hall, Josh Chiverrell, Max Meinert** (note only 20 points separated these 2 teams)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Junior Division – Alex Manktelow, Blair Turvey, Liam Hurst, Josh Jones**

**10<sup>th</sup> Place Junior Division – Colette Humphrey, Sarah Manktelow, Sophie Hoare, Jordana Jensen**

Thankyou to Mr Szelesi and Mr Gravestock who kindly lent us their vehicles to use for the event. A HUGE thankyou to Mr Chris Hurst who gave his time, vehicle and expertise to helping teams. Congratulations to Ms Edwards as Teacher in Charge for her successful organization of staff and students for this event.

## Canoe Polo NZ Champs!



### NZ Champions Canoe Polo – Senior Girls

Sam Scott  
Marieke Flatt  
Kate Horrocks  
Sarah Logan  
Christie Bryan  
Jenni Groom

**Kate Horrocks** and **Sarah Logan** have also been selected for the tournament team.

### Junior Girls – 3<sup>rd</sup> in New Zealand

Alyson Jones  
Sarah Manktelow  
Caitlin Morrison  
Kate Lambert  
Georgia Bryan  
Emily Horrocks  
Jordana Jensen

### Senior Boys – 4<sup>th</sup> in New Zealand

Sean Morrison  
Bevan Gibbs  
Tim Manktelow  
Alex Mankelow  
Blair Turvey  
Ben Shapcott  
Nick Bryan

**These are stunning results, continuing a tradition of excellence in Canoe polo which includes: 2010 Silver for Boys, 2009 Gold for Senior Girls and 2008 Gold for Junior Girls**

# Congratulations to...

## East Coast North Island Athletics Results

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 22 students competed at the East Coast North Island Athletics Championships at the Regional Sports Park in Hastings. There were some great results as follows:

### JUNIOR GIRLS

Abi Collins	1st Place 100m Final, time 13.18
	1st Place 200m Final, time 27.78
	1st Place Long Jump, 4.32 metres
Rochelle Street	1st Place Shot Put, 8.74 metres
Aimee Carlson	2nd Place Discus, 19.98 metres
Laura Langley	2nd Place 1500m Final, time 5:39.55
Caitlin Morrison	5th Place Long Jump
Stacy Lloyd	4th Place Junior Girls Discus

### JUNIOR BOYS

Daniel Hardie	4th Place 300m Final
Joseph Grace-Stephenson	4th Place Javelin

### INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

Kelsey MacDonald	1st Place 100m Final, time 13.25
	2nd Place 200m Final, time 28.08
	Equal 3rd Place Long Jump, 4.07 metres
Rebecca Shepherd	4th Place 200m Final
Kelly Sunnex	5th Place 800m Final
Nina Houston	4th Place Discus
Bethany Richardson	4th Place Javelin

### INTERMEDIATE BOYS

Billy Kerr	1st Place 200m Final, time 23.54
	1st Place 400m Final, time 55.09
Sean Morrison	3rd Place Shot Put, 12.37 metres
	3rd Place Discus, 34.38 metres

### SENIOR GIRLS

Kendele Hawke	1st Place 400m Final, time 1:04.81
	3rd Place Long Jump, 4.09 metres
Georgia Kirby	7th Place Senior Girls 200m Final

**RELAY** 2nd Place 4 x 100m Relay (Kendele Hawke, Kelsey MacDonald, Georgia Kirby and Abi Collins)

## North Island Championships

**Abi Collins** and **Billy Kerr** were also selected to represent the East Coast at the Secondary Schools North Island Athletics Championships.

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of April **Abi** and **Billy** travelled to Hamilton to compete at this event. Abi placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100m and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200m.

**Billy** placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 400m and 5<sup>th</sup> in the 200m.

Outstanding results for both of these athletes.



**Golf** **Madison Noakes**, selected for Hawke's Bay Men's Golf Team and winner of the Hawke's Bay Secondary Schools' Golf Championship with the best gross score.



## Extreme Sports—BMX

On Sunday afternoon Sport Hawkes Bay hosted a new event at SkateZone called "Extreme Sports Champs" which included BMX, Rollerblading and Scooter. Three THS students competed in the BMX section. They had 3 heats of 1 minute, During the minute they do as many jumps, back flips, tricks etc as they could and the judges mark them on difficulty, style, execution and consistency. Points from each heat were added up to find a winner.....who was a TARADALE student!

Congratulations to **Hayden Diskin** for taking out 1st place in the event.

**James Hall** and **Blake Spackman** also competed in the event, but were not placed in the top 3.

## Volleyball

Congratulations to our **Senior Boys' Volleyball Team** which finished 3rd in the Hawke's Bay/Poverty Bay Open Secondary Schools' Championships. They were placed ahead of some formidable teams, including Gisborne Boys' High School, Palmerston North Boys' High and Havelock North High. Well done.

### Senior teams

#### Boys

7<sup>th</sup> in Division 2 (23<sup>rd</sup> out of 60 teams). Every year in the past 5, this team has been placed higher and higher.

#### Girls

7<sup>th</sup> in Division 5 (71<sup>st</sup> out of 86 teams). This team was seeded at 75, so have done better than their seeded placing.

## Softball

Thank you to the Taradale Softball Club, which has been coaching our students. These THS players have received recognition:

High School Girls.

Most Valuable Player: **Sam Cooper**, who also made the Hawke's Bay Under 15 and Under 17 Teams.

Most Improved Player: **Jess Gregg**

High School Boys' A team

Most Valuable Player: **Jamie Pakoti**, who also made the Hawke's Bay Under 15 Team and Junior Softballer of the Year for Taradale Softball Club.

Most Improved Player: **Adam Richards**

High School Boys' B team:

Most Valuable Player: **Shae Bauerfeind**

Most Improved Player: **Liam Beckett**

# Congratulations continued

**Basketball:** **Nancy Rakete-Stones and Darcy Walsh** have both been selected for the Hawke's Bay U17 Girls' Basketball Team for 2011.

**First Aid:** **Stephanie Holmes** competed in the St Johns Regionals and won 1 x Gold, 2 x Silver and 1 x Bronze. She came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall for senior individuals.

**Environmental Forum:** **Jenni Coulson** has been selected as one of 4 students from HB to attend the week long forum in Wellington in the first week of the holidays - all expenses paid - one of 47 students from throughout NZ.

**Canoe Polo:** Hawke's Bay Junior Girls Canoe Polo Gold Medal Regionals:

**Alyson Jones, Sarah Manktelow, Caitlin Morrison, Kate Lambert, Georgia Bryan, Emily Horrocks and Jordana Jensen**

**Surf Lifesaving:** **Rebecca Shepherd** attended the Life Saving Nationals at Mount Maunganui with O.B.K. They have done really well and Rebecca has come home with 2 gold medals. The first, racing for the 14's and under relay team and the second for the under 19's relay team. Because of when her birthday falls she can compete for both age groups but has also had to run all the heats for both. This is Rebecca's first year with Ocean Beach Kiwi as a member of the lifesaving team and to win 3 gold medals in her first 6 months she has done really well.

## Swimming Sports

Senior Boys

Champion - **Callum MacDonald**

Runner up - **Ryan Jennings**

Senior Girls

Champion - **Rachel Danvers**

Runner Up - **Tarrah Nichols**

Year 11 Boys

Champion - **Alex Manktelow**

Runner Up - **George Webb**

Year 11 Girls

Champion - **Marieke Flatt**

Runner Up - **Jenny Groom**

Year 10 Boys

Champion - **Ethan Bailey**

Runner up - **Angus Webb**

Year 10 Girls

Champion - **Colette Humphreys**

Runner up - **Sasha Layton**

Year 9 Boys

Champion - **Gareth Mair**

Runner Up - **Daniel Hardie**

Year 9 Girls

Champion - **Sarah Manktelow** and **Emily Maunder**

**Girls' Cricket** first equal in 1st Grade

**Seniors**

Nicole Baird

Izzy Boyd

Pippa De Stapcoole

Kelsey Smith

Rebecca Reid

**Juniors**

Chloe Hazelgrove-Wilson

Alex Madsen

Alyssa Martin

Tyler Newport

Zoe Wilkinson

## HB Championships

### HB Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships

**Blair Turvey**

2nd Place Boys 14-15 50m Freestyle

3rd Place Boys 14-15 25m Butterfly

**Emily Maunder**

2nd Place Girls 13 & under 50m

Breaststroke

2nd Place Girls 13 & under 50m Butterfly

**Alex Manktelow**

2nd Place Boys 14-15 50m Backstroke

3rd Place Boys 14-15 25m Backstroke

3rd Place Boys 14-15 50m Backstroke

**Tarrah Nichols** 2nd Place Girls 16 & over

50m Breaststroke

**Callum MacDonald** 3rd Place Boys 16 &

over 50m Breaststroke

1st Place Boys 16 & over 25m Butterfly

2nd Place Boys 16 & over 25m Breaststroke

**Colette Humphrey** 2nd Place Girls 14-15

25m Backstroke

**Ryan Jennings** 2nd Place Boys 16 & over

25m Butterfly

**Sarah Manktelow** 2nd Place Girls 13 &

under 25m Breaststroke

3rd Place Girls 13 & under 50m Backstroke

3rd Place Girls 13 & under 50m Freestyle

## Marching

**Nicolle Hardgrave** attended the Marching Nationals in Wellington after they had been cancelled in Christchurch because of the earthquake. New Zealand's top marching teams attended, but Nicolle's team, the Buckingham Guards U-16 were placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Technical section and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Display section. This is Nicolle's 5<sup>th</sup> season of marching.

## National Championships

**Blair Turvey** and **Alex Manktelow** competed at Nationals in Wellington the first week of March. They both made finals, performed well and did PB's in a number of races but didn't quite make the medal podium. Their results were as follows:

**Alex Manktelow:**

7th in 50 back

8th in 200 back

7th in 100 back (all 15 year age group)

Club 200 free relay 9th

Club 200 Medley relay 9th

Regional 200 medley relay 7th (15 & under)

**Blair Turvey:**

7th in 200 fly

10th in 100 fly

15th in 50 fly (all 15 year age group)

Club 200 free relay 9th (15 & under)

Regional 200 free Relay 7th (15 & under)

Club 200 Medley relay 9th (15 & under)

Club 200 Medley relay 7th 16 & over)

Regional 200 medley relay 7th (15 & under)

**Both boys, also competed in the inaugural Ocean Swim on 20th March:**

**Alex Manktelow :**

4<sup>th</sup> overall in the 1000 m swim

1<sup>st</sup> in the 15- 19 age group

3<sup>rd</sup> non wet suit (approx. 60 competitors).

**Blair Turvey**

7<sup>th</sup> overall in 2.5 km swim

4<sup>th</sup> in 15- 19 age group

1<sup>st</sup> overall in non wet suit category

Part of the 1<sup>st</sup> team in this category.

# Parent—Teacher Interviews, May 12th, 1.30pm—7.30pm

## WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?

**A two-way conversation.** Just as you want to learn about your son/daughter's progress at school, we want to hear from you about how you think your child is doing. When teachers know about children's talents, interests, needs and dreams, they are better able to help their learning.

**Emphasis on learning.** The focus of the conference is your son/daughter's learning. We want to discuss how well he/she is doing and what we can do to support even better learning. Come prepared with any questions you would like to ask the teachers.

**Opportunities and challenges.** Teachers will always try to give you positive feedback about your son/daughter and areas for improvement. You will know your child's strengths and areas of difficulty. Together, you and the teacher can discuss ways to help your child with challenges.

## WHAT WILL BE TALKED ABOUT?

**Progress.** How is your son/daughter coping? Is he/she performing at the expected level? What are your child's strengths? Where are the areas for improvement?

**Your thoughts.** Let the teacher know how you feel about your son/daughter's progress and abilities. Tell the teacher about anything you think needs extra attention.

**Learning at home.** Ask what you can do at home to help your son/daughter with learning.

**Learning at school.** Find out what services or extra help are available at school, or in the community, if your son/daughter needs more support.

## FOLLOW-UP

Make a note of any actions you agree on with the teacher. You can use these notes for follow-up at the next set of parent/teacher interviews.

Find out the best ways to communicate with the teacher and make a plan that works for both of you.

Talk with your son/daughter about the interview. Share what you have learned. Show how you will be helping with learning at home. Pass on praise. Ask for your son/daughter's views on how learning can be improved.

## Winter Uniform for Yr9—Yr13

Winter uniform is expected in Terms 2 and 3:

No roman sandals (permitted in Terms 1 and 4 only)

Shoes must be black, leather lace up school shoes. No skate shoes, canvas shoes, ballet styles or slip on styles are permitted. Year 13 students must also wear black leather shoes, but may wear slip on and ballet styles. Canvas shoes, skate shoes and boots are not permitted at any year level.

Girls may wear blue knee-high socks or black or blue opaque tights. Laddered tights are not permitted.

Only plain blue navy jackets are permitted and may be purchased from the uniform shop or from other outlets. Year 13 students have the option of black jackets.

Only navy/gold striped scarves are permitted. Year 13 only may wear black or white scarves.

T-shirts and camisoles must not be visible at the waist or neck. V-neck polyprops are acceptable and are stocked by the uniform shop.

Thank you for your effort in ensuring our students are dressed in the correct uniform and are tidy in their appearance. Please ensure that any necessary hair cutting takes place over the holidays so that boys and girls return with hair off the collar and the eyebrows.

## Parent/Teacher Interviews 2011

The first parent / teacher evening is scheduled for Thursday 12 May between 1.30pm and 7.30pm. This will provide an opportunity for you to discuss your son/daughter's report and how your son and/or daughter has settled into the 2011 academic year.

After a successful trial last year, we will be administering the interview booking process via the School Interviews website. The bookings will become live at the time you receive the report. Please log onto this site [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the following code: E9RC9.

## Parent and Caregiver contact details

One of the challenges we consistently face is keeping parent / caregiver contact information up to date. It is vital in case of an emergency that we can contact you both at home and at work by phone, cell phone and email.

If you have changed any of your contact details, please contact the school with the new details.

By email [office@ths.school.nz](mailto:office@ths.school.nz)

Phone 844 2159

Via a note to the school office

In Person, via the school office

## School Holiday Office Hours

The School Office will be open from 9am until 3pm on the 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April during the holidays.

**Please note the reduced hours.**

The Uniform shop will be closed for the holidays and will re-open May 3rd.

# Careers Department

The annual **H.B. Careers Expo** will be held at the Pettigrew Green Arena, Gloucester Street, Taradale on **Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 May**. The expo is one of the major events for career planning and decision making.

Liaison advisers from the Universities and Polytechnics & Institutes of Technology including EIT, UCOL, Otago, the Armed Forces, Police, Wanaga and also Private Training providers such as ESITO will be attending this event.

The Careers Expo offers one of the few chances to talk to Liaison Staff from a variety of different institutions which enables students to compare the courses available and the costs and benefits of study at each.

The Expo will be open to the public on **Wednesday 25 May, 5.00- 7.30pm**. This is a valuable time for parents and caregivers to attend with their son/daughter, beginning at Year 10 – Year 13. Students need to start gathering information and become aware of the available opportunities. This will enable students to make informed choices at subject selection time.

Taradale High School will be taking all Year 12 students to the Careers Expo on Wednesday 25 May. Information will be sent home to parents and caregivers at the beginning of Term 2.

## Careers Events in Term 2:

**AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY PARENT INFORMATION SEMINAR:** Monday 23 May, 7.00 – 8.30pm at the Napier War Memorial Conference Centre, Marine Parade, Napier. Please register with Rebecca Sinclair by **19 May**: [r.sinclair@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:r.sinclair@auckland.ac.nz)

**VUW INFORMATION EVENING:** will be held on Thursday 30 June.

**VUW Liaison Adviser** will be visiting the school on **Tuesday 24 May** at 1.30 – 2.15pm

**OTAGO UNIVERSITY Liaison Adviser** will be visiting the school on **Tuesday 31 May** at 1.30 – 2.15pm.

**Royal New Zealand Navy Recruiter** will be visiting the school on **Monday 9 May** at 1.30 – 2.15pm.

**Army Careers Experience Week:** will be held **17 – 22 July**. Applications for this experience will be sent to the school during Term 2. Students who wish to apply need to be **seriously interested** in the possibility of a military career. They need to be physically and medically fit, keen and eager. Interested students need to see Mrs Penman in C10.

## Secondary Schools Hillary Challenge

In the beginning of Term 1, eight senior students took part in the Secondary Schools Hillary Challenge Qualifiers, held at Tongariro National Park. They were **Ben Andrews, Kaden Hall, Regan Hughes, Max Meinert, Nicole Baird, Izzy Boyd, Kendele Hawke and Emma Rogers**. They competed in the event over 2 days; the first day involving 6 rotations of team building activities such as high ropes, kayaking and mountain biking, and the second day was a 3 hour Rogaine.

With little time to prepare as a team before the event, they were already disadvantaged going into the competition in which they competed valiantly, despite some unforeseen difficulties. Aiming to get into the top five, they had high hopes after the first day and went into the Rogaine feeling confident in their abilities. However their overall results did not fully reflect the effort they put in and they did not end up qualifying. Despite this, they gained a lot of knowledge and skills from the experience. A huge thanks to Miss Edwards and Mr Szelesi, for taking the time to be coaches, and also to Mr McCawe, without whom the trip would not have been as entertaining and fulfilling.



Ko te pae tawhiti, whaia kia tata  
Ko te pae tata, whakamaua kia tina  
Seek out distant horizons and cherish those you attain.

By Nicole Baird and Izzy Boyd

## Taradale High School Sailing

We are pleased to announce that we have managed to get a sailing programme off the ground in 2011. A small but committed group of budding sailors have access to three sailing dinghies which has been just great. The 420 class is a high performance dinghy which is the class used for all inter-secondary sailing competitions.

The sailing programme has been hugely popular and especially so with our international students. **Kristina Meissner** who had done a lot of sailing in Germany, has been very helpful in building the confidence of students new to sailing. Other international students, **Celine Stossel** and **Josefine Pfeifer**, while new to sailing, have taken to it very quickly and are both now controlling the boats with confidence.

This season has been about learning the fundamentals of sailing. The next step will be to introduce racing and eventually teams racing.

Mr John Marshall  
Sailing Coach



## English Text Book Amnesty

Last year a lot of students did not return English text books. As a result we have several sets of books which are incomplete and therefore un-usable.

*Some of these titles are:- Macbeth, To Kill a Mockingbird, Animal Farm, Tales of the Unexpected, Go Ask Alice, Going Solo, The Wave, Deadly Prospect, See Ya Simon, Personal Best, Pounamu Pounamu, Animal Fallout, Slide the Corner.*

Many of these books are out of print and impossible to replace. They are very distinctive with a yellow sticker and number on the spine and stamped with English Department.

Three students looked under beds and on bookshelves and were able to return their copies but we would love a lot more people to do this.

Thankyou.

## Hawke's Bay Writers' Festival

Taradale High School was well represented at the Hawkes Bay Writers' Festival. Cilla McQueen, the current Poet Laureate, visited senior English and Drama students to talk about writing and performing poetry. **Jess Gibb**, Year 13, was the official photographer for the events and her photos were run by Hawkes Bay Today. **Israel Patterson, Kayleigh Owens, Ben Rosamund, Supriya Roy** and Jess helped as wait staff, and did all the clearing away, even though they were only there to carry out platters of food. The festival audience were charmed by their goodwill, and their friendliness. Mrs. Linda Nel made the stunning floral arrangements, and Mrs. Schofield chaired author discussions, including the evening event with Owen Marshall, Jenny Bornholdt, Jenny Patrick, Cilla McQueen and Annie Proulx.

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# Senior French Trip to Wellington

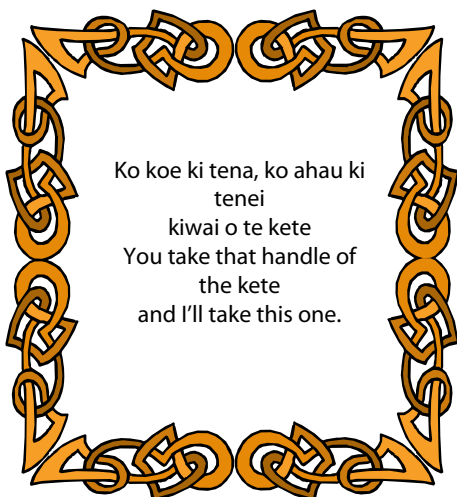
Recently, twenty Year 12 and 13 French students traveled to Wellington for two days, with the aim of increasing their motivation and finding opportunities to practise their spoken language. The group traveled to Wellington in the company of their teacher, Madame Thornton, and a kind parent helper, Mr Mike Dalzell. There were many highlights of the trip, but having the unexpected opportunity to meet and listen to the French Ambassador while guests of Monsieur Suquet, the Linguistic Attaché at the Embassy, was certainly a major one.

Other highlights included our class at the Alliance Française and being able to look through and borrow some of their many resources, and our session in the Language Learning Centre at Victoria University. While there, the students were able to participate in many web based activities, as well as learn where the study of French at the tertiary level can take them.

Probably the most enjoyable part of our trip was our three course French dinner at le Métropolitain restaurant, where we had the chance to try delicacies such as snails, French onion soup, Boeuf Bourguignon, and of course crème brûlée and chocolate fondant – miam! From there, we went to watch the French film “The Names of Love”, which everyone also enjoyed very much.

Along the way, students tried crêpes and Orangina, ate at Simply Paris Café, and managed to find time for the very French pleasure of ‘le shopping’!

This trip, which happens every second year, was quite possibly the best yet – merci beaucoup to all Year 12 and 13 French students on the trip, who were delightful, engaged, polite, responsive and très très sympa!



## Parent Evening on Dyslexia

**Neil Mackay, leading world expert on dyslexia**, is coming to Napier on Thursday 18 August.

He will be presenting an interactive evening session for parents entitled “Supporting your child at home”. This will be based on Neil’s new book called “Taking the Hell out of Homework”. The plan is to look at supporting learning, such as, spelling for tests, reading for meaning and getting ideas down on paper in dyslexia-aware ways. This will be an interactive workshop rather than a lecture! Neil is a very entertaining speaker and you will leave with plenty of new ideas and strategies to help your child.

**Check out Neil Mackay at [www.actiondyslexia.co.nz](http://www.actiondyslexia.co.nz) enrol for 1 of the 50 available places.**

**WHEN?** Thursday 18 August 2011  
**WHERE?** Napier War Memorial Convention Centre  
**COST?** \$35 each or \$50 per couple, payment to be made on entry, no EFTPOS.  
**TIME?** 7.00 – 9.00p.m.