Taradale High School

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Newsletter 7 Term 3, 2011

Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Parents and Caregivers

I hope that students had a relaxing and productive two week break in July. Term 3 is a shorter term with only 10 weeks, and a very busy one as you will see from the Coming Events. We really are at the business end of the year and I have explained to seniors that it is now essential that they have a study programme that involves dedicated study time every day. It would be helpful if you checked in with them regularly about their study and encouraged them to have a calendar or planner to refer to which lists any remaining internal assessments, their NCEA exams and their planned study times. From now until exams, it is important that they are making sound decisions about part-time work commitments and social activities.

If students are looking for a monetary incentive to aim for Merit or Excellence Endorsements in NCEA, the universities are certainly providing this. Victoria University is offering $15000 over three years to students who have gained Level 2 with Excellence, Otago has recently announced $30000 scholarships over three years for students with Level 2 with Excellence and some leadership ability, and the other universities are also offering scholarships. Further information about these and other scholarship opportunities (eg for financial hardship, support with accommodation, subject specific scholarships, scholarships for students of Maori ethnicity) can be found on the Break Out database.

Study skills

Form teachers, deans and subject teachers are placing considerable emphasis on study skills at present. There is some excellent information in the school diary, on the ultranet and on the internet.

The school is also providing a 75 minute **Study Skills Seminar** for senior students on Thursday 18th August from 3.45 until 5pm in the school library. There is a $5 charge which will cover a healthy afternoon tea and some photocopied notes for students to take home.

In the past few years, we have used an outside presenter for this session, but in 2011, we are going to use our own teachers to provide a series of very practical study ideas for students. The presenters will be Mr Kennedy, Mrs Wylie, Mr Wood and Mr Galland. If you are interested, please fill in the slip on the back of this newsletter and hand it in to the school office with $5. Please contact Mr Stephen Kennedy for more information.

Our Seiyo visitors with staff and students planting their gift of two cherry trees.

Coming Events

August
- 15 Mr Hensman returns
- 16 BOT Meeting
- 17 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 22 Winter Sports Week
- 26 Victoria University trip

September
- 1 Workday and Open Evening
- 2 Central 6 Tournament
- 5 PTA Meeting
- 8 Senior Exams
- 15 Teacher Only Day
- 16 Mid Term Break

Kaua e whakaarohia te mahinga engari te otinga
Think not on the labour, rather reflect on the completion

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ERO visit
A team from the Education Review Office will be visiting our school in the week beginning the 19th September. They will be talking to students and staff, visiting classrooms and they will be looking in particular at how our school's curriculum promotes student learning – engagement, progress and achievement.

Computer issues
I apologise for the inconvenience and frustration that students and staff experienced as we commissioned our new school server last term. Much progress has been made since then with computer rooms all now fully operational. The ultranet is also functioning well and students are encouraged to use the many resources it provides.

School accounts
You will have noticed that the school has recently introduced the accounting package Xero. We have received positive feedback about the emailed accounts but are aware that there are some concerns around irregular invoicing and the reference coding of some fees on the statements. We have endeavoured to rectify these concerns and to respond individually to them. Next year, seniors will be invoiced at the beginning of each year and all caregivers will receive statements at least twice per term. You can help us by ensuring we have your up to date contact details.

PTA raffle
We have published the list of prize winners in recent newsletters, but not the overall profit from the PTA raffle, which was $10384. Thankyou to the PTA for their hard work in organising this fundraiser and to students and caregivers for buying and selling tickets. The money will go towards a new minivan and some computer netbooks for students.

Sports dinner
The annual sports dinner will be held on Thursday 15th September. This is open to all sports teams and to coaches, managers, parents and caregivers. The guest speaker this year is Paul Henare and we will be acknowledging the Most Improved Player and Most Valuable Player for each team.
Tickets will be on sale at the office at a cost of $5

School website www.ths.school.nz
The school website is updated regularly with the latest school news and upcoming events. We are currently implementing the improvements to the website suggested through the recent BOT survey.

Workday and Open Evening
These annual events are happening on Thursday 1st September. We encourage students to begin looking for jobs and if you require any workers on the day, please contact the school office. We suggest payment of $5 per hour for juniors and $6 per hour for seniors.

Taupo Exchange
This annual exchange was hosted by Taupo-nui-a-tia College this year and they won the exchange 7 – 3. We were victorious in the Girls' Football, Senior Boys' Basketball and the Girls' Hockey and the exchange was played in good spirit.

Seiyo visit
In the second week of this term, six adults and 26 students visited our school from Seiyo City in Japan. Thankyou to the families who hosted students and to Mr Fairley and Mr Gravestock for their organisation of this event. Everyone involved gained much from the week and we thank our visitors for the beautiful cherry trees which we planted in a ceremony on Wednesday.

Staff news
We offer our sympathy to Parama Naidoo and Perran Griffin, who both lost parents in the recent holidays.
We wish Samantha Yorgason all the very best as she begins her maternity leave from the 2nd September and we welcome Mr Derek Chirnside, an experienced Physics teacher from Christchurch, who will be replacing Mrs Yorgason temporarily.

Junior Diploma reports
These were posted at the end of Term Two. If you have any concerns, please contact your son or daughter's year level dean.

I have enjoyed the challenge of being in the role of Acting Principal for the past three months and thank students, staff and caregivers for your support. We are looking forward to Mr Hensman's return to school on the 15th August and to hearing about his travels and the new ideas he has gathered from his school visits in America and the UK.

Kind regards
Liz Drury
Acting Principal

Congratulations to...

Ariana Manning for reaching the National finals of the NZ Federation Festival of Community Theatre and for winning the best actress award. This is a prestigious award and Ariana was competing against much older actors. Ariana received school colours for this achievement.
Rino Atienza and Ethan Penisula for gaining Particpation Certificates in the ICAS Computer Skills Examination.
Liam Wilson for gaining a Credit certificate for the same competition, which put him in the top 20 percent of Year 9 students from NZ.
Harrison Woolley, Adam Kocklebergh and Scott Wakeling for being part of the team that won the National U16 Futsal Tournament in the recent holidays. The boys were unbeaten in the competition and played outstanding 5 aside football.
Richard Hocking for gaining first place in the Boys' Open singles division of the Secondary Schools' Lawn Bowls Region 3 competition.
Kelsey Smith and Nicole Baird for gaining second place in the Girls' Open Pairs division of the Secondary Schools' lawn bowls competition.
Sarah Groom for gaining third place in the Year 13 speech finals and for gaining First Place in the Napier Schools' Speech Competition held on the 3rd August.
Melissa Coulam for gaining second place in the Year 13 Speech Competition.
Samantha Jeffcoat for winning the Year 13 Speech Competition for 2011.
Amy Barnard for being a finalist in the National Schools' Poetry Award for 2011 for her poem – *Note for my singing teacher.*
11A netball team for winning their grade for 2011

Parent/Teacher Interviews

The next parent teacher interviews are scheduled for Wed 17th August and are located in the School hall, Music and Drama rooms.
Classes will finish at 12.30 on Wednesday and the interviews will take place from 1.30 - 7.30pm. Please take the trouble to make bookings for all the staff you wish to see, as this allows staff to assemble the relevant information to make the interview more meaningful.
The bookings can be made online **http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz**
Enter this code **YAXPH** into the green box and you will be able to make appointments.

Changes to the Attendance Procedure

The school has recently made significant changes to its attendance procedures.
Text Messages
If your child is absent, we will send a Text message to the cell phone number we have on record as belonging to the No 1 Caregiver. If you reply with sufficient detail, you **will no longer** need to follow this up with a written note. Obviously it is important that we have the correct cell phone number for the No. 1 Caregiver. If you receive such a message please take the time to reply.

Electronic message sent via http://www.school-links.org.nz/
The school_links web portal allows you to send secure messages using a logon and password. If we have a correct email address for you, you should have received details on setting up this facility. Again, if you use this method, you **no longer** need to follow this up with a written note. It is possible to coordinate things so you have the same logon and password for children at different schools. If we receive a communication from your logon we will assume it is from you. Please do not share your password with your children.

Phone Messages
As we have no way of storing phone messages, verbal messages left with a member of staff or on the answer phone **WILL** still require a follow up note**.**
As I mentioned in an earlier email, we are making over 6000 attendance decisions each day. I am sure we will get some of them wrong, but we think it is better to send a message even if we make the occasional error.
Improving student attendance is a sure way to improve academic results. This can only be achieved by school and home working closely together.

NZQA Fees

It is that time again when the school collects the examination fees on behalf of NZQA.

Fees for Domestic candidates in 2011 are $76.70
Fees for international candidates in 2011 are $383.30

Financial assistance is available to people with Community Service Cards and reduces the fees significantly. Forms can be picked up at the school office or off the school website. **Fees for 2011: $20 per student or $30 per family.**

NZQA Entries
Please encourage your children to log onto the NZQA website and to check their credits.

A Recommended Website for Parents and Caregivers

www.safeteendriver.co.nz

Developed by the NZ Transport Agency, this is a new, free educational resource for parents and caregivers. It has been developed in collaboration with a parent/teen relationship psychologist and an expert in driving psychology.

Healthy Eating Awareness

Wednesday, 14th September, you are invited to join nutritionist Alison Cowell, for a healthy eating awareness talk at Taradale High School from 7—8pm. If you are keen to discover why nutrition is vital for our health and well-being and wish to increase self-awareness, this talk is a must!

Zumba Classes

Saturday morning classes are now available from 13th Aug in the gymnasium. Classes every second and fourth Saturdays. Only $5 for staff and students, $10 for public. Classes Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6pm in the gym as well.

Ariana Manning recently competed in the New Zealand Theatre Federation Festival of Community Theatre. This involved performing at the Hawke's Bay District Festival, the North Island Regional Festival and the National Festival held in Nelson on 5th and 6th August.

Ariana was a cast member of Napier Repertory Players' production *Thistle Blossoms* written by Roseanna Beth Whitlow and directed by Anne Corney. Ariana played the role of Jo Garrett, a university instructor who intervenes the planned suicide of one of her students. Ariana consistently gave strong performances throughout the Festival and was awarded the New Zealand Theatre Federation Best Actress Award at the National Festival. As the youngest actress to have been awarded this title, this is a wonderful achievement for Ariana who competed against much older and more experienced actresses.

Amy Crepin, who played the role of the student, was awarded a Distinctive Emerging Talent Award.

Director, Anne Corney, is very proud of both Ariana and Amy. "I have been very fortunate to have had two very talented and gifted girls in my cast. They have both worked very hard and deserve their Awards."

Satomi Yamaguchi from the Aozora Sushi Bar in Ahuriri, demonstrated sushi making to a Yr11 Nutrition class. This supported the work they were doing towards understanding the impact Japanese food has had on our NZ food culture.

Amy Barnard's poem, which was chosen for the finals of the National Schools' Poetry Competition

Note for My Singing Teacher
for Frances

But your funeral filled two church halls.

Tom playing for you, still wearing his coat.
the school jazz ensemble playing you out
like you planned.

I don't lament over things.
I'm not worried about the Swedish haircut
or even the incident with the door.

Sorry never does any good, sorry,
but I forgot to dance in the aisles

better get hit in your soul
when they clap the clap
syncopation with a sax
I forgot to dance in the aisles

so by the church on Church Road
I listened to the clapping
Zita wore chilli lipstick and danced
without thought, without weight.
You could say she danced for all of us.

Amy Barnard who was a finalist in the National Schools' Poetry Competition
Photo by Reagan Butler

French Trip to Noumea

On July 1 last term, 13 French students, from Year 10 to Year 12, along with Madame Thornton and Mrs Sharon Gray, swapped their daily school routines and the winter blues for a week in the sun and warmth of French-speaking Nouméa. It was hard to believe after all the planning and waiting that the departure day had actually arrived, but once they had landed and made the long journey into town (on the wrong side of the road!!) the delightful realities of staying in the hotel with the largest pool in Nouméa, buying French sandwiches, panini and Orangina for lunch, and snorkelling with tropical fish (and even, for some, a turtle!) made Napier and the classroom seem a long, long way away…

The week sped by, days filled with French language lessons, a trip on le Petit Train around the whole city, visits to the Aquarium, the town centre (for a Treasure Hunt), the Cultural Centre, the Parc Forestier (for a lovely picnic and our first sighting of the national bird – the kagou), the supermarkets, and even MacDonalds (twice). Nights were spent with host families, figuring out ways to communicate in French, trying new foods, experiencing different customs, escaping from locked toilets…

The highlight, undoubtedly, was the final day spent on Phare Amédée, a stunning and beautiful lighthouse set on a tiny island. Here the students swam with small sharks, snorkelled, ate an island feast, joined in island dances, climbed coconut trees, had their photos taken in the arms of Parisian trainee policemen, climbed over 200 steps to the top of the Lighthouse for an amazing view, and generally soaked up the sun, sea and ambiance.

Too soon they were packing their bags for the flight home, writing the final pages in their diaries, and enjoying the last delicious and laughter-filled dinner together. Madame sends a very big "Merci" to all her wonderful students who embraced every opportunity to experience new and sometimes scary things, and who were the most delightful, funny, entertaining, kind, positive and fantastique travel companions – bravo!

library@ths.school.nz

New books

The library recently purchased three sets of books-*Global hot spots*, *World commodities*, and a cooking series called *I can cook!* Which include recipes from Italy, France, Mexico and the Middle East. Although simplistic, these books are quite informative.

Top reads for July:

The dead I know by Scot Gardner
Megan by Mary Hooper
The abused werewolf rescue club by Catherine Jinks
Shiver by M. Stiefvater
Blink of an eye by T. Dekker

Overdue books per house for July:

Tareha had the least overdue books with 58, Miller was next with 63, Hetley had 72 and Kaiwhata had the most with 76 overdues. It is wonderful that so many of you are reading, but please try and get the books back on time, or renew them if you haven't finished reading them. Remember , that often people are waiting for books to be returned so they can also enjoy them.

SPORTS NEWS

Upcoming Events:
The Junior Central Six is scheduled for Friday 2nd September and once again is being hosted jointly by Taradale High and Havelock North High Schools. Venues have been booked throughout Hawke's Bay as follows:
Netball – Taradale High School
Football & Hockey – Park Island Complex
Rugby – Tareha Recreational Reserve
Basketball – Centennial Hall & Hastings Sports Stadium
We are looking forward to another great event.

More details will be sent home soon.

Careers Events in Term Three

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING FUTURES EVENING: will be held on **Tuesday 16 August at the H.B. Club**, 6.30 – 8.30pm

WAIKATO INFORMATION EVENING: will be held on **Wednesday 17 August, 4.00pm – 6.00pm, at the Portmans Motor Lodge, 401 Railway Road, Hastings.** Students and parents are welcome to call in during this time.

VUW OPEN DAY: Friday 26 August. Taradale High School will be travelling to the Open Day on Thursday 25 August. Students will have the opportunity to visit Massey, Palmerston North on the trip to Wellington. There is also the option to visit Massey Wellington, Toi Whakaari; Weltec; Sir George Seymour on Friday 26 August. Students intending to attend the Massey Wellington Open Day need to register: free text **OPENWEL** followed by their name and email address to 5222

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY: **Saturday 27 August** at the City Campus. For any students who will be flying to this Open Day, there is an offer to receive free bus tickets to & from the airport as well as a free breakfast for out of town visitors. Please see Mrs Penman in C10 to register.

HALLS OF RESIDENCE (HOSTEL) ACCOMMODATION: All applications are on line. All Accommodation applications **opened online on 1 August**. All applications must be submitted by 30 September. Students, please remember to download the **Common Confidential Reference Form** and return to Mrs Penman in C10.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Students should consider applying for scholarships to assist with financial costs while studying at a Tertiary Institution. The Tertiary Institutions offer a number of scholarships. Please check their websites for information and closing dates. The **"BREAKOUT"** Database may be accessed via the Napier library website. Students need to be library members & may logon with their card number and a password. Students will be asked a selection of questions regarding themselves and their study options. This will generate lists of scholarships which are available in New Zealand including information , contact details & closing dates.

IPENZ Foundation Scholarships 2012: The IPENZ Foundation is a Charitable Trust formed by The Institution of Professional Engineers, who are keen to encourage school leavers into Tertiary education in the fields of Engineering & Engineering Technology. A number of scholarships are available Nationally & Regionally. **Closing Date: 10 January**, **2012**. It is very important to read & follow instructions given in the application form. Check out these scholarships: http://www.foundation.org.nz/Scholarships.cfm

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF ENGINEERING offer: Kick Start Scholarships, a one year scholarship of $2,000 to assist first year students with initial costs such as accommodation; textbooks & fees. Closing Date: 6 January, 2012. www.engineering.auckland.ac.nz/kickstart

CANTERBURY UNIVERSITY: Considering Engineering at Canterbury next year? Canterbury is looking for enthusiastic Year 13 students to tell them why they've chosen to study at UC in 2012. Be in to win one of 10 laptops. **Closing Date: 1 September, 2011**. See www.engf.canterbury.ac.nz/UCEngComp2012

CANTERBURY has increased the number of scholarships for intending students tenfold. Check out the University website.

STUDYLINK: All senior students who are considering tertiary study will need to apply online for a Student Loan and Allowance. The website is: www.studylink.govt.nz Start the application process early to ensure that funding is arranged prior to the course start date. Studylink will return at the beginning of Term 4 to ensure students have applied and will verify their documents, (Birth certificate; evidence of bank account details; IRD number; evidence of parents' income if applying for an allowance.)

YEAR 11: All Year 11 students will be involved in a Careers Day in Term 3, on **Tuesday 20 September**. Part of the day involves the students attending a "Mini Careers Expo" in the school hall. All Parents/Caregivers are welcome to visit the expo to meet Tertiary and Industry providers. Students will also spend part of the day looking at Career options at the EIT campus. A letter will be sent to parents/caregivers outlining the programme details closer to the event.

VUW has recently released their **Guaranteed Entry Scores (GES) for 2012**:

All degrees, except BAS & BBSc: **150 points**

Architectural Studies (BAS) & Bachelor Building Science (BBSc) **180 points**

Students will need to gain University Entrance and the GES**.**

Students interested in Agriculture: In2the Field is a mentor programme that aims to explore a career path which students may be interested in such as Dairy Farming, rural banking or even research science. Students may have the opportunity to get some hands on experience & learn more about a specific career path from an industry professional. Please see Mrs Penman in C10 to register your interest.

LAND BASED CAREERS SEMINAR: Farming; Horticulture; Animal Care; Vet Nursing; Grapegrowing; Winemaking; Business. This seminar will be held at EIT (R101) on **Wednesday 17 August**, commencing with an Industry Expo at **4.30pm** followed by speakers from the Industry sharing their experiences until **6.30pm**. RSVP Tracey Calder 974 8000 ext.6018 by Monday 15 August.

Taradale High School would like to thank the employers from our local community who have partnered with us to provide the work experience component of the Gateway program for 2011.

The students and their employers are:

Student	Employment Type	Employer
Courtney Barrett	Animal Care	SPCA and Carlton Lodge Racing Stud
Victoria Barrett	Early Childhood Education	Chipmunks Daycare & Preschool
Ben Blake	Building & Construction	Advance Construction HB Ltd
Kaitlin Burne	Baking	New Century Bakery
Angus Campbell	Building & Construction	David Campbell
Jess Gibb	Radio Broadcasting	Radio Kidnappers
Archie Ericksen-Hei	Diesel Automotive	Gough, Gough & Hamer Ltd
Sophie Gittings	Sport & Recreation	City Fitness
	Travel & Tourism	Best Travel
Helena Gower	Baking	Heaven's Of The Meadows
Cameron Grant	Electrical	Wilsons Electrics Ltd
Todd Hamilton	Building & Construction	Amtech Construction Ltd
Rebecca Hodgetts	Early Childhood Education	Sunny Days Early Childhood Centre
	Health	Waverley Rest Home
Braden Jones	Electrical	Falcon Electrical Ltd
Aidan Lau-Guild	Animal Care	Pheonician Stud
Durelle Lawrie	Early Childhood Education	Little Guppies Early Childhood Learning Centre
Regan McDougal	Animal Care	National Aquarium of NZ
Ashleigh Lovell	Travel & Tourism	Hawke's Bay Wine Country Tours Ltd
Luke Ross	Marine Automotive Engineering	Matt Grace Mechanical Ltd
	Diesel Automotive	Truck Stops Ltd
Stacey MacKinlay	Motor Engineering	Procycles Ltd
Jachin Matthews	Joinery	Kevin Molloy Joinery Ltd
Daniel McDonald	Farming	Bay Agricultural Training
Adam Meechan	Building & Construction	Tony Meechan Builder
Shaun Millard	Engineering	Suvic Engineering Ltd
Stephen Morrison	Building & Construction	Concrete Structures Ltd
Israel Paterson	Teaching	Arthur Miller Primary School
Adam Richards	Baking	Heaven's Of The Meadows
Kayla Stanford	Retail	Balmoral Pharmacy Ltd
Charlotte Stewart	Early Childhood Education	PORSE – Jenny Martin, In-Home Caregiver
Amanda Street	Hairdressing	Visage Hair Designers
Amanda Taylor	Hospitality	Café DMP
David Walmsley	Sport & Recreation	Kelly Sport Hawke's Bay
Brianna Zame	Bakey	Heaven's Of The Meadows

These employers have allowed our students to become active staff members in their businesses for one day a week over an agreed period. During that time they have learnt valuable skills and gained credits towards NCEA.

We appreciate the time and effort that has been dedicated to teaching our Gateway students. The students that were selected to take part are having a rewarding experience and are gaining valuable insight into what it will be like to work in their chosen career.

Please support these businesses who have committed to helping our students.

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7th August, 2011

Dear parents/caregivers

On Thursday 18th August from 3.45 – 5pm, we are offering senior students the opportunity to attend a Study Skills Seminar in the school library, or the hall if numbers allow. The seminar will be run by four staff members, who are willing to share their expertise.

The 75 minute seminar offers a variety of suggestions to help students to prepare for the forthcoming practice and NCEA external exams. It will cover a variety of practical techniques that students might use to improve their preparation and performance.

Mrs Wylie will include ideas on studying for English, Humanities and general study tips; Mr Galland and Mr Wood will offer suggestions on the Science and Mathematics areas respectively; and Mr Kennedy will cover what the school's ultranet site can provide.

The cost is $5 to allow for the cost of food provided and photocopying of hand-outs, and is payable to the school office.

For more information, please phone Mr Kennedy on 844 2159 ext 709

Mr S Kennedy
Senior Manager

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I ……..(parent/caregiver) give

permission for my son/daughter …….. from Year……

to attend the Study Skills Seminar on Thurs 18th August from 3.45 – 5pm. I

enclose $5/ please charge my account.