



# Taradale High School

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

Newsletter 4 Term 2, 2011

## Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Parents & Caregivers

I'm sure you will agree that Parent-Teacher Interviews were a marathon for many teachers last week. I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the dedication and commitment they displayed on the night. If you missed seeing a teacher who was absent on the night or who was too booked up to see you, please ring the school office.

### Senior Exams

Note that seniors have exams from June 9. Some of these will count directly towards NCEA credits. Note that later in this newsletter is some advice about studying.

### School Ball

This year's ball was a great success with a record number of tickets sold, spectacular decorations and impeccable student behaviour. More information and photos appear later in the newsletter.

### BOT Survey

The Board of Trustees is keen to know what you think about various aspects of school life. Shortly, you will receive an email asking you to answer an on-line survey. It won't take long, yet it touches on essential parts of school life, promising to give us important information about how best to meet your aspirations for your sons and daughters.

### Sabbatical

A reminder that Mrs Drury will be Acting Principal in my absence from May 19 to August 15. The Ministry of Education sabbatical allows me to spend some 5 weeks studying and 5 weeks recharging my batteries. I will spend some of the time overseas and hope to return with a clearer understanding of the next steps we need to take as a school in the areas of:

- fostering high student motivation
- developing thinking skills in students
- encouraging solid values in our young people

Best wishes to all in the school community,  
Mr Stephen Hensman  
Principal

## STOP PRESS

Over 1,300 donations of food were donated to the Community Food Bank this year by staff and family from Taradale High School. This is twice as much as last year. Congratulations to all of our students for such a great effort. Below are some of the organizers of this event.



## Mission, Vision, Values

Continuing our theme of peeling back the layers from our school vision, here's an explanation of what we mean by "Young people who are **committed to their learning.**" What we hope to see in them is:

Setting out to be the best they can be.  
Desire and determination to reach high goals.

The knowledge that hard work brings results.

A passion for learning.

Curiosity about the world.

### Reminders:

Our Mission: **Enabling students to reach their potential.**

Our Vision: **Young people who are confident, caring and committed to their learning.**

Our Values: **Excellence, curiosity, respect (for learning, people and the environment) and integrity.**

**Kei hopu tōu ringa ki te aka tāepa,  
engari kia mau ki te aka matua.  
Cling to the main vine,  
not the loose one.**

## Coming Events

May

25 Leadership afternoon

25/26 HB Careers Expo

26 Junior Social

30 Stage Challenge  
HB Opera House

June

1 Big Sing

6 Queen's Birthday

9-13 Senior Exams

13 PTA Meeting 7.30pm

14 BOT Meeting 5.30pm

17 Chamber Music contest

July

5 Freyberg Exchange

11 PTA Meeting 7.30pm

15 Term Ends

# Congratulations to...

## Hockey

**Regan Hughes** has been named as a member of the U-21 Men's Central District Hockey Team to play in the New Zealand U-21 tournament in Dunedin in May.

**Jono Cooper** and **Regan Hughes** have been selected for the Hawke's Bay U-18 Boys' Hockey Training Squad.

**Kendele Hawke** and **Catherine Stoney** have been selected for the Hawke's Bay U-18 Girls' Hockey Team.

## Canoe Slalom

**Simon Kay** awarded Colours at assembly for winning the New Zealand U-14 Junior Kl Men's Canoe Slalom Team Secondary Schools C1 Competition, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the U-14 Junior C1 Men's Competition and shared 4<sup>th</sup> in the C2 U-18 Men's Competition.

**Thomas Kay** awarded Colours at assembly for winning the New Zealand Down River Sprint U-18 Senior Canoe Slalom Team Secondary Schools Competition and shared 4<sup>th</sup> in the C2 U-18 Men's Competition.

## Sailing

**Michael Cressey** awarded Colours at assembly for selection into the NZ team for the North American Optimist Sailing Championship in Los Angeles in June and July this year. He is one of only four sailors in the New Zealand team and the only one from Hawke's Bay. There will be around 240 competitors at the event which is considered the toughest outside of the World Championships.

## **The Following Were The Top Girl And Boy In Their Class For Self-Management Points In Term 1, 2011:**

Jessica Seed and Matthew Higgins	9A
Anna Udy and Daniel Nikolaison	9B
Desire Notley and Thomas Freer	9C
Amy Soden and Dylan Mackirdy	9D
Abbey Chapman and Gareth Mair	9E
Georgia McOnie and Joshua Christensen	9F
Tineal Tamainu and Connor Walls	9G
Nikita Gordon and Ben Longtime	9H
Emma Friedrich and Jaksen Konia	9I
Emma Deslandes and Liam Beckett	10A
Jessica Batt and David Jacobs	10B
Kelly Sunnex and Harkirat Singh	10C
Annie Ireland and Jamie Pakoti	10D
Tanisha Blanch and Daniel Trevelyan	10E
Tempany Fraser and Jamie Lane	10F
Hannah Demarco and Shannon Smith-Beams	10G
Jodi Nagel and Regan Vincent-Lewis	10H

## **FIRST TEAM BADGES WERE AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS at Summer Sports Prize Giving**

*First Team Badges are awarded to students who have shown consistent commitment and skill in a First Team throughout the sports season.*

## Seniors

### **Snooker**

Michael Stewart, Jaren McOnie, Scott Unsworth, David Walmsely, Luke Sambrook-Dixon, Georgie McOnie. Player of the Year: Michael Stewart

### **Athletics**

Kendele Hawke, Kelsey Macdonald, Billy Kerr, Sean Morrison, Georgia Kirby. All of these athletes were placed in the top 3 in their events at the East Coast North Island Athletic Championships. Billy Kerr went on to represent East Coast at the Nationals.

### **Swimming**

Blair Turvey, Alex Manketelov. Alex and Blair are amongst the top swimmers in Hawke's Bay in their age group. Both have competed at a national level.

### **Triathlon**

Emma Rogers, Callum Macdonald, Josh Chiverell, Max Meinert, Kayden Hall, Kris Sweetapple. These athletes have all competed in the Hawke's Bay Secondary School's Teams' Triathlon.

### **Girls' Volleyball**

Nicole Baird, Alice Grundy, Jess Lynch, Kelsey Macdonald, Marieke Flatt, Emilee Williams, Carrie Sweetapple, Hanna Russell. Player of the Year: Nicole Baird.

### **Boys' Volleyball**

Mitchell Barnett, Blair Turvey, Hayden Hann, Andrew Trotter, Hagen Rewi, Wade Woolley, Zan Hohepa, Max Meinert, Archie Eriksen-Hei. Player of the Year: Mitchell Barnett.

### **Touch**

Shane Puia-Bryson, Zane Hohepa, Southern Hiha, Fairlaine King, Dallan Fletcher, Julia Anderson, Andrew Davison, Tanarsha Mason. Player of the Year: Shane Puia-Bryson. Shane is also a Hawke's Bay Rep player.

### **Cricket**

Todd Lowrie, Keiren Curley, Daniel Baxter, Ben Murtha, Regan Ellison, Thorne O'Brien, Bevan Gibbs, Harrison Woolley, Nick Smith, Ben Dixon, Stan Mair. Joint Players of the Year: Todd Lowrie and Ben Murtha. Todd

is the top run scorer in his grade, scoring 2 centuries this season. Ben was a Most Valuable Player recipient from Hawke's Bay Cricket in his grade. Todd and Ben were both awarded School Colours for their exceptional run rates and in Ben's case, for taking 36 wickets in the season. Stan Mair received School Colours for taking 7 for 14, including a hat-trick, in the game against Havelock North High School.

### **1<sup>st</sup> XI Girls' Cricket**

Kelsey Smith, Izzy Boyd, Pippa De Stacpoole, Rebecca Reid, Nicole Baird, Renee Mouldley. Player of the Year: Nicole Baird.

### **Boys' Canoe Polo**

Nick Bryan, Bevan Gibbs, Tim Manktelow, Alex Manktelow, Blair Turvey, Ben Shapcott, Sean Morrison. This team represented Taradale High School at the Nationals in Palmerston North, where they were placed 4<sup>th</sup> in New Zealand. Player of the Year: Nick Bryan

### **Girls' Canoe Polo**

Sam Scott, Marieke Flatt, Kate Horrocks, Sarah Logan, Jenni Groom, Christie Bryan. Gold medal winning team representing Taradale High School at the Nationals in Palmerston. Joint Players of the Year: Kate Horrocks and Sarah Logan. Both Sarah and Kate were named in the tournament team.

### **Adventure Racing**

Ben Andrews, Kris Sweetapple, Izzy Boyd, Nicole Baird, Max Meinert, Kaden Hall, Josh Chiverell, Emma Rogers, Kendele Hawke, Regan Hughes. Player of the Year: Ben Andrews.

## Juniors

### **Athletics**

Abi Collins, Laura Langley, Rochele Street, Aimee Carlson. Player of the Year: Abi Collins. Abi has also been named Athlete of the Year. She was selected to compete in 3 events at the North Island Athletics Championships and was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100m and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200m.

### **Girls' Volleyball**

Marjlana Kurz, Colette Humphrey. Both these players competed in the Girls' 1<sup>st</sup> Volleyball team at the Nationals.

### **Girls' Cricket**

Alex Madsen, Tyler Newport, Alyssa Martin, Zoe Wilkinson, Chloe Hazelgrove-Wilson.

## Comparison of All Decile\* 8 State Schools in the North Island

The figures below comprise the NCEA pass rates for all the Decile 8 State schools in the North Island in 2010, listed in rank order. While it's not a competition, the rank order illustrates a considerable improvement in pass rates at Taradale High School in Levels 1 & 2, and a lagging behind of our pass rates at Level 3. One of our key targets for 2011 is to achieve to at least the Decile 8 average for pass rates at all levels, including Level 3. We believe we are on track to achieve that and to substantially increase the percentage of students who achieve endorsement with merit and excellence.

### Level 1

Western Springs College	92%
Kapiti College	89%
<b>Taradale High School</b>	<b>86%</b>
Hillcrest High School	84%
Hamilton Boys' High School	82%
Paraparaumu College	81%
Pakuranga College	80%
Wellington East Girls' College	79%
Mahurangi College, Warkworth	75%
Hutt Valley High School	75%
Otumoetai College	73%

### Level 2

Western Springs College	91%
<b>Taradale High School</b>	<b>87%</b>
Hamilton Boys' High School	87%
Kapiti College	86%
Hillcrest High School	85%
Wellington East Girls' College	85%
Pakuranga College	84%
Mahurangi College, Warkworth	84%
Paraparaumu College	83%
Otumoetai College	80%
Hutt Valley High School	77%

### Level 3

Western Springs College	81%
Wellington East Girls' College	81%
Hamilton Boys' High School	78%
Pakuranga College	78%
Mahurangi College, Warkworth	78%
Otumoetai College	77%
Paraparaumu College	75%
Hillcrest High School	73%
<b>Taradale High School</b>	<b>72%</b>
Kapiti College	71%
Hutt Valley High School	70%

\*Note: "Decile" is the Ministry of Education's measure of the socio-economic status of a school's community, where 1 is the lowest and 10 is the highest.

## Year 10 French - Long Lunch

Well, history was made this week, with the first ever combined classes Year 10 Long Lunch! Both classes have been studying French eating customs, and as usual, a five course lunch French-style was planned, but this year everyone wanted to share the lunch together – so B12 was transformed into a restaurant seating 35 Long Lunch diners!

Students planned, prepared and delivered a dish each, starting with an entrée of French onion soup, and crudités – raw vegetable sticks with dips. Next came the mains – and we feasted on delicious pasta dishes, hot and cold, rice, potato and quinoa salads, quiches and tartes, and roasted chicken. Next came a crisp green salad to clear the palate, followed by a selection of French cheeses – Brie,

Camembert, Port Salut and Blue (this was an interesting experience for some students!). All of this accompanied by fresh, crusty French bread.

Finally, even though stomachs were groaning, and some people had to actually lie on the floor to create tummy space, came the desserts – chocolate pudding, lamingtons, éclairs, waffles, cheese-cake, lemon meringue pie, fresh fruit kebabs, crêpes and profiteroles- oh là là!

This year's Long Lunch hit new heights of culinary delight, and was indeed a fantastic whole group experience.

Well done, Year 10!



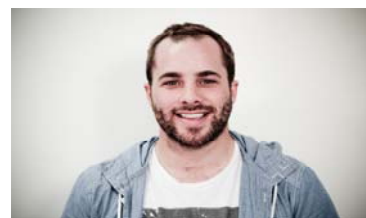
## Parent Inc presentation for parents

### Theme: Drugs. Wed 22/6 in School Hall

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June we will have a presenter at school to do three presentations to our students. Year 9 will have a theme of friendships and relationships, Year 10 and 11 will have a drugs focus and Year 12 sexuality education. These presentations which complement our Health programmes, will be presented by "Attitude", a Division of Parents Inc.

We have been lucky to secure an evening presentation. Dave Atkinson will deliver this presentation; he has been part of the Attitude team for over four years, travelling New Zealand encouraging teenagers and has spoken to over 140,000 teenagers in that time. He now trains the Attitude presenters and is responsible for developing new talks and resources. Dave's passion for young people and ability to connect with and inspire them makes him a great asset to the Attitude team.

As parents we have much to deal with in this modern world and sometimes it's good to get some expert support. The School Board gives its full endorsement to this presentation which is being made available free of charge to all our parents in our school community.



We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

Kim Roscoe  
HOD PE/Health  
Staff Rep BOT

**Recent New Books**

*Politically Incorrect Guide to Teenagers* by Nigel Latta  
*Wood Angel* by Erin Bow  
*Rock-oholic* by C. J. Skuse  
*Guilt Trip* by Anne Cassidy  
*This Way Up* by Lindsay Wood  
*Between Shades of Gray*  
by Ruta Sepetys  
*The Lost Tohunga* by David h Hair  
*Marry Ameera* by Rosanne Hawke  
*This is for the Mara Salvatrucha : inside the MS-13, America's most violent gang* by Samuel Logan  
*Beads, Boys and Bangles*  
by Sophia Bennett  
*8 Ball Chicks* by Gini Sikes  
*The Island* by Sara Singleton  
*6* by Karen Tayleur  
*Nina Questor* by Ken Catran  
*Drive-by* by Lynne Ewing  
*Guinness World Records 2011 – Gamer's edition*  
*Quarry* by Ally Kennen  
*Worse than Boys* by Cathy Macphail  
*Demon Games (Changeling 4)*  
by Steve Feasey  
*iBoy* by Kevin Brooks  
*The Tide Know* by Helen Dunmore  
*Screw Loose* by Chris Wheat  
*Monster Republic :The Judas code* by Ben Horton  
*Resurrection* by Mandy Hagar  
*August* by Bernard Beckett  
*Dreadnought (HIVE #4)*  
by Mark Walden  
*Swim the Fly* by Don Calame  
*Skulduggery Pleasant : dark days*  
by Derek Landy  
*Blood Lines* by T. K. Roxborough  
*Their Faces were Shining*  
by Tim Wilson

**Top five reads :**

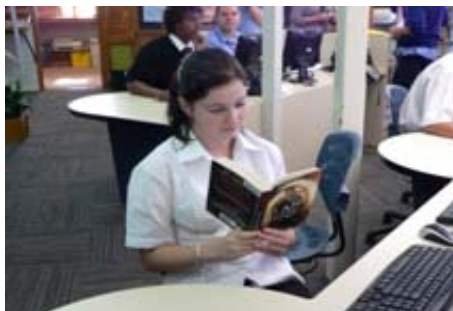
*I am Number Four* by Pittacus Lore  
*Boys Don't Cry* by Malorie Blackman  
*Red Tears* by Joanna Kenrick  
*The Sorceress* by Michael Scott  
*Ties That Bind, Ties That Break*  
by Lensey Namioka



**Stacey Mackinlay is reading 'Last Sacrifice' by Richelle Mead**



**Otis Arthur-Worsop enjoying The Guinness Book of World Records 2011 Edition.**



**Danielle Watson-Smith half way through 'I am Number Four'**



**One of Zane Hohepa's favourite books is 'NBA Basketball' by Mark Vancil**

## International Students enjoying what Hawke's Bay has to offer

Our organisational skills have been put to the test with the various outings they have organised.

Art Deco was the first event for international students this year and students had a great time walking around the city snapping hundreds of photos. Everybody went home exhausted after an awesome day.

Bowling had a great turn out with 17 international students participating. They had a great time shooting strikes and gutter bowls. A big thank you to Mrs Nel and Mr Knight who acted as our chauffeurs.

Laser Force was organized in the second week of the holidays. All involved had a great time running around shooting each other! The definite highlight for the day was going to Breakers for dinner that night making it the best event organised so far this year.

From Sebastian and Erika  
Head of International Students



# Weather Station

Taradale High School has now got its own fully automated Weather Station. Students can view the live readings from the Weather Station on a new LCD screen showing out of the Music room window. Everyone in the world can view our live weather on the school's website [www.ths.school.nz/weather](http://www.ths.school.nz/weather) or just click on the Weather Display Live link on our website. This will be very useful for our Science students who can use the readings and graphs of historical data to improve their numeracy and literacy.

## Unwanted Sporting Goods

We are looking for Second Hand Sporting Goods no longer needed by students or their families. We are hoping to build up a store of good condition seconds. If you have an old pair of Rugby boots or a Hockey stick you no longer use, and are prepared to donate to the school, please bring them in to Mrs Macredie in the Sports Coordinators office. All donations greatly appreciated.

## Winners and Losers

The winner always has a programme  
The loser always has an excuse  
The winner says let me do it for you  
The loser says that's not my job  
The winner sees an answer for every problem  
The loser sees a problem for every answer  
The winner says it may be difficult but it's possible  
The loser says it may be possible but it's too difficult  
The loser says you can't lose a race you never enter  
The winner says I'll try my best every time.

*Acknowledgement: Yvonne Willering, ASB Netball Director.*

# BURGERWISCONSIN

Home of the world's best burgers

Taradale High School would like to thank the staff of Burger Wisconsin for their continuing support and the many gift vouchers supplied as prizes for students.

## PTA Raffle

All students have been issued a named book containing 10 tickets worth \$2 each. Once the book is sold, return the butt and the money to PTA committee members who will be in the foyer during form time each day until the 3rd of June. Prizes will be drawn on the 16th of June.

The raffle prizes are:

- 1st Ipad
- 2nd Xbox 360
- 3rd Ipod touch
- 4th \$300 Petrol Vouchers
- 5th \$150 Noel Leeming Vouchers

Incentives for the students to sell tickets:

- ✦ All students who sell 10 books are entered into the draw to win an Ipad!
  - ✦ The student who sells the most books wins \$200
  - ✦ Every student that sells a book will go into the draw to win \$50
  - ✦ A lunch will be given to the first form-class that sells all their books
  - ✦ A lunch will be given to the class that sells the most books
- House points can be won too, according to the most tickets sold.

Funds will go to:

- ✦ purchasing a class set of net-books
- ✦ contributing towards the replacement of our old school van

These are great prizes and strong incentives for students too. Please support us by encouraging your sons and daughters to sell their tickets



## NCEA—where failing feels like passing

### NCEA – where failing feels like passing

Because many students need to pass most of their standards in order to pass NCEA, many feel like they're passing when they're actually failing. For example, many who pass half of their standards, will fail NCEA because they will end up with only 50-60 credits. It's possible to achieve an average of 13 credits in each subject and still fail, yet because many courses consist of just 18-20 credits, students feel like they are doing well because they are banking over 50% of their credits.

The answer to this problem is to track one's progress using the tables on pages 14 and 15 of the Student Planners. Parents can assist by asking to see evidence of this tracking. You don't need to know how NCEA works, you just need to see that a record of progress is being kept and to get a sense of the balance between credits passed and credits failed.

# Reminders About Study

## 1. Timing is everything.

- If learned material in class is not reviewed within 24 hours, then 60% to 80% of it is lost. Your brain dumps it.
- After a month with no reviews, only 3% - 4% is remembered.
- When the brain doesn't see something often, it says, "well, that's not important, delete it".
- Whereas with continual reviews of learned material, the brain says "here it is again, it must be important, it must be stored".
- A formula that works and saves unnecessary loss of learned work is:
  - 30 minutes each night reviewing the day's, yesterday's, and the day before's learning.
  - 2 hours every weekend reviewing the week's and the previous week's learning
- And don't forget when studying or reviewing homework it is essential to rest the brain for 10 minutes every hour.
- Try changing your topic or subject at least every hour when studying, because greater depth of understanding will be achieved with shorter, more frequent, visits to subject material.

## 2. Is studying the same as reading?

- Some students think that reading material is the same as studying it. It's not. Study is more active and involved than merely reading.
- Studying means summarising information, thinking about it, discussing it.
- Studying means identifying the key words in a topic.
- Studying means doing extra problems.
- Studying means finding connections between what you are learning now and what you already know.
- Studying means drawing idea maps.
- Studying can also mean recording and reciting information on CDs, iPods and MP3s.
- Studying means creating flow charts and using colour and words creatively.

3. For more information on studying, **see the following pages in the student planner:** 3, 28, 78, 82, 148 – 150.

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## The Ball - Cirque Du Soleil

380 students and 25 staff enjoyed a night of glamour and entertainment at this year's school ball. The Rodney Green Events Centre was transformed with fabric and fairy lights by a team of hard working students ably led by this year's Heads of School Functions, Melissa Coulam and Ashleigh Witkowski. Students were also transformed in gorgeous ball gowns and stunning suits. Entertainment was provided by the band 'Stolen Records', a DJ from Hawke's Bay Sound and Lighting as well as two performers from Pole Fitness. A continuous supper was served throughout the evening and overall the night was a great success. Photographs can be viewed and ordered online at [lyndaforrest.co.nz](http://lyndaforrest.co.nz)

