



TAKAPUNA
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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

From the Principal

Term Two, April 2010



Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back to Term 2. It is great to see the students back at school for what will be a longer than usual 11 week term.

The key message the school is giving to the students, makes reference to the critical learning which takes place in Term 2 and Term 3. Term 4 is a very, very short term for the senior

students particularly. Term 2 is uninterrupted by internal examinations and is a good block of time in which major learning takes place. I have been impressing on the students the importance of completing all tasks and activities in each subject. Whether they count for credits or not is immaterial to the learning. The importance and connectedness of these activities have been carefully thought through by teachers. Each gives important skill and knowledge from which further learning can stem.

I also encourage students to discuss, with their parents each night, what they have learned during the day. This is important reflection which actively grows learning capability and the dendrite connections within their brains. In presenting information, in their own language, students actively assist themselves in their understanding. I would encourage parents to engage in this activity as it is valuable and has little additional demand on time.

We are on the eve of the Takapuna Grammar School Board of Trustees elections. We have a very strong field of nominations and I encourage the community to be actively involved in electing candidates to the six parent positions we have available. Further material will be sent to your home, including the voting papers.

I also encourage you to attend this year's production, *Fiddler on the Roof* starting at the Bruce Mason Theatre on the 11 May. It will be a great show.

Regards

SIMON LAMB

Principal

Takapuna Grammar School

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Original New York Stage Productions Directed and Choreographed by JEROME ROBBINS
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2010 Board of Trustees Elections

Board of Trustee voting papers will be posted to all eligible voters on Wednesday, 28 April 2010. The polls will close at noon on Friday, 7 May 2010.

There will be the opportunity for all eligible voters to meet the nominated candidates in the School Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 4 May 2010.

For any further information please contact Mr Michael Barlow, JP, Returning Officer on telephone 4894167 extension 283.

Student Achievement

Co Curricular

Young Leaders Conference

Rosy Herstell was awarded a scholarship to the SAVE (Student Against Violence Everywhere). She will be attending the Young Leaders Against Violence Conference in Nelson in April.

Youth Environment Forum

Luke Carey was one of four students selected to represent Auckland at the Sir Peter Blake Youth Environment Forum in Wellington in April.

Music

Gemma Price is a member of the North Shore Youth Orchestra. She has been invited to take part in a collaboration with the Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra which is running a Big Play, involving invited young instrumentalists to play alongside APO members in an actual rehearsal situation with a live performance at the end.

Sport

Athletics

Jacko Gill - 1st in Shot Put - Intermediate Boys, 1st in Discus - Intermediate Boys. He qualified for the 100m Intermediate Boys Final at the North Island Secondary School Athletics Championship.

Jacko has also been selected to compete at the 2010 World Junior Championships, Track and Field, to be held in Moncton, Canada in July.

Other North Island results;

Luca Denee - 2nd in the Junior Boys Hurdles 80m

Eliza McCartney - 6th in the Junior Girls High Jump

Luke Rundle - 5th Junior Boys 800m and 6th Junior Boys 1500m

Andrew Coshen was selected to compete in the Senior Boys 400m Final

Football

Congratulations to **John White** who was selected to play in the U15 New Zealand Nike Manchester United Premier Cup final. John's team won their division and will now travel to Australia to play against their best Nike Cup team in a one off game.

Golf

Tom Cardno placed second after a play off for first in the North Harbour Stroke Play which is the first of the main NZ Golf Order of Merit events for the year.

Judo

Emma Rouse won gold in the Junior Women and Gold in the Senior Women (under 52kg) in Gisborne and Bronze in the open event. Emma is now ranked 1st in New Zealand in her weight group.

Sailing

Markus Sommerville competed at the New Zealand

National Optimist Championships where he placed 4th. He will now be representing New Zealand at the World Championships in Malaysia in December 2010. Markus also took part in the Auckland Secondary Schools Regatta and was placed 2nd.

Surfing

At the combined TGS/Rangitoto college surfing competition, five competitors from TGS entered. The team also competed in an open entry tag team event where Julian and Isaac's team came 2nd. Congratulations to; **Tom Mason** placed 1st in Yr9 division, **Isaac Mennie** placed 2nd in Yr9 division, **Julian Speck** placed 4th place in Yr11 and under division and **Josh Murray** made it through to the semi finals.

Surf Life Saving

Jayson Hodgson, **Dalton Haase** and **Nicklas Livock** were part of a Surf Life Boat team who recently competed at the National Surf Lifesaving Champs held at Ohope Beach. This was the boys' first year of competition and they finished in 6th place in the final of the U19 Men's Long Course Surfboat event. This is a significant achievement with over 1,200 competitors from 44 clubs. Notably, they were the only boat crew from Red Beach Surf Lifesaving Club (SLC) to accomplish reaching a 2010 national final.

In addition, **Dalton Haase** gained 2nd in the Under 16 Boys Beach Sprint Relay with the team from Red Beach SLC.

Madison Farrell recently competed in the Mairangi Surf Life Saving Club Championships. Competing in her age group she won; Gold Medal - Beach Sprints, Gold Medal - Beach Flags, Gold Medal - Board Race, Gold Medal - Ironwoman / Diamond Event (swim - run - board - run) and Silver Medal - Surf Swim.

Tennis

Emmett MacLaurin, **Ben Davies**, **Mikaela Davies** and **Andressa Ferriera** was selected to play in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Mixed Tournament and played off for 6th place.

Triathlon

Claudia Brick - 3rd Junior Girls at the Triathlon Auckland Championships.

Andrew Ranford - 2nd Senior Boys at the Triathlon Auckland Championships. Andrew also won the open men's Olympic distance triathlon in a very respectable time of 1 hour and 58 minutes. The Panasonic triathlon in Mission Bay was Andrew's first race at the full Olympic distance of 1500m swim, 40km bike and 10km run. He was aiming to complete it in under 2 hours, and coming first was a bonus. Over the summer he has showed some good form in the Junior Elite (19 and under) trans-Tasman race series. His best result was a bronze medal at the NZ

Student Achievement continued...

Junior Elite Championships in Wellington, earning him a reserve place for the Junior Elite world champs in Hungary.

Waterpolo

TGS Senior Girls - 2nd at the North Island Secondary Schools Competition.

Past Pupils

Scholarship Art-Design student **Kate McRobie** has her 2009 Design folio featured on the NZQA Top Art

website. Her work deals with the theme of travel in New Zealand through the promotion of a company called "Kapai Kombis". The style of the folio has a playful, retro 70s feel and the company Kate has created appeals to young people wanting to tour NZ in hired Kombi vans. Kate is only one of four Art-Design students from 2009 to have her work on this site. She joins two other Level 3 Takapuna Grammar School Art-Design students from previous years; **Jenny Cho** and **Michaela Inger**.

Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Awards



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Eleven students from Takapuna Grammar School took part in this over a 6-12 month period spending more than 4 or more hours per week. The Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award is a voluntary, non competitive programme of leisure activities for those aged 14 - 25, designed to offer a personal and individual challenge. It introduces young people to exciting, positive, challenging and enjoyable things to do in their free time. It encourages friendships amongst those taking part, and across the generations with adults who give up time to share skills and help organise the programme.

Congratulations to the following students who have gained a Bronze Award; **Tim Williams, Madison Atherfold, Natalie Lane, Elizabeth Woodhead, Aless Smith, Abby Petricevich, Isabel Herstell, Nelson Raines, Mattea Mrkusic, Maddy Deane and Hannah Brightley.**

Great start to debating for newcomers

Takapuna Grammar School participates in the Auckland Schools Debating competition each year. This year most of the students from TGS are first time debaters so all credit goes to them for their successes in Term 1.

Senior Open 1 (Year 11) has won both debates so far – the first a prepared debate against Northcote on “Lifting sanctions on Fiji” and the second a limited preparation debate against Rangitoto on “Ethical Eating”. Senior Open 2 (Year 11 and 12) followed suit and won their second debate against Orewa also on “Ethical Eating”.

The Advanced Open (Year 13) team has won both rounds so far; against Rangitoto on “GST changes” and against Rutherford on “Mining in New Zealand’s reserved areas”. Their debates are all limited preparation with only one hour to get the topic and prepare a case. Rachel Love from the Senior team also stepped up most capably when the Advanced team was short on numbers.

Congratulations to all the teams and especially to Rachel Love, Chaunsen Brock, Josh Bamford and Harriette Moore who were all named as Best Speakers in their debates.



For Your Information

Parent & Child Dyslexia Workshop

Date: Sunday 30 May 12.30pm-4.30pm

Venue: Rydges Hotel, Auckland

Cost: \$95 per person

To register: Go to <http://www.4d.org.nz/workshops/>

Workshop description: Staying connected to your child and their learning can be difficult when the challenges of dyslexia or other differences arise - especially when it comes to homework and learning for tests. Ensuring that your child knows that you understand and are willing to support him/her is critical to self-esteem and future opportunities as it is actually knowing how and what to do. This workshop focuses on aspects of reading for meaning, spelling tricky words and organising ideas on paper whilst being supported by teachers. Parents can also bring their child to this workshop. It is highly interactive and fun. Parents of children who show signs of a learning difference in their 8-18yr old children should attend.

Health Centre

With the onset of winter parents/caregivers are reminded to keep students at home if they are not well with coughs, colds and tummy bugs etc. The Health Centre is for illness and injuries that occur at school on the day.

Korean Host Families Required

Takapuna Grammar School is seeking families who will host some top male Korean School students who arrive in New Zealand at the beginning of Term 3, Thursday, 22 July. From the 22 to the 25 July they will be on a school trip and will require accommodation from the 25 to the 31 July 2010, for six nights. The students will attend classes, experience kiwi language and culture, make new friends and see new places. The reimbursement for the accommodation will be \$200.

Please contact Andrew Park telephone 489-4167 extension 207 or email: a.park@takapuna.school.nz if you are interested in providing accommodation for one or more of these Korean students.

Reminder

A mid term break is scheduled for Friday, 4 June 2010 and will see students returning to school on Tuesday, 8 June after Queen's Birthday weekend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM TWO, 2010

WEEK THREE: 3 - 7 May

Tuesday	4th	BOT meet the candidates evening at 7pm, School Hall
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WEEK FOUR: 10 - 14 May

Monday	10th	Lumino Dental School visits commence
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Tuesday - Friday	11th - 14th	School Show, Fiddler on the Roof, Bruce Mason Theatre at 7.30pm
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WEEK FIVE: 17 - 21 May

Friday - Sunday	21st - 23rd	40 Hour Famine
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WEEK SIX: 24 - 28 May

WEEK SEVEN: 31 May - 4 June

Tuesday	1st	Big Sing Choral Competition
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Friday	4th	Mid Term School Holiday Break
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WEEK EIGHT: 7 - 11 June

Monday	7th	Queen's Birthday Observed
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Friday	11	Lumino Dental School visits concludes
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WEEK NINE: 14 - 18 June

Tuesday	15th	Dance Evening in the School Hall
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Wednesday	16th	Dance Evening in the School Hall
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WEEK TEN: 21 - 25 June

Wednesday	23rd	Senior Reports Issued
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Friday	25th	Young Singers in Harmony Barbershop
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