

For Your Information

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM ONE, 2010

WEEK THREE: 15 - 19 February

Tuesday	16th	Junior Athletics Prelims
Wednesday	17th	New Parents Evening in the School Hall, 7pm
Thursday	18th	Junior Athletics Prelims (wet weather alternative)

WEEK FOUR: 22 - 26 February

Monday	22nd	North Harbour Swimming Zone Day
Thursday	25th	Athletics Finals Day and House Relays (wet weather alternative)
Friday	26th	Student ID Photos

WEEK FIVE: 1 - 5 March

Monday	1st	Elite Sports & Senior Sports Institute, AUT Shine Session
Tuesday	2nd	Senior Qualifications Evening

WEEK SIX: 8 - 12 March

WEEK SEVEN: 15 - 19 March

Wednesday	17th	Junior Reports Issued
Thursday	18th	Special Olympics Day

WEEK EIGHT: 22 - 26 March

Wednesday	24th	Junior Progress Report Evening
Thursday	25th	Senior Progress Reports Issued

WEEK NINE: 29 March - 1 April

Wednesday	31st	Senior Progress Report Evening
Thursday	1st	Last Day of Term One
Friday	2nd	Easter Friday

Calling All Globetrotters

The Tourism Dept at TGS is looking for world travellers who would like to talk about their travel experiences in Thailand, Egypt, France, USA, Australia and or the South Pacific. We would also welcome anyone in the Tourism industry who would be able to talk to classes about job opportunities, career progression and key qualities. If this is you, please contact Anne Roach a.roach@takapuna.school.nz.

Financial Literacy Academy, Commencing February 2010

The Duffy Twins, founders of the online Financial Literacy programme (Entrepreneurs' Club), are running an Academy in 2010 with evening workshops where your children can learn face-to-face with other like-minded students, and further develop their life skills with a focus on remaining debt free. The twins will guide and support your children towards purchasing their first homes!

There will be six Academies across Auckland (North Shore, Central Auckland, West Auckland and South Auckland). Weekly classes begin the week commencing 15th February. There are eight one-hour classes covering topics including Goal-setting, Budgeting and Saving, Debt and Asset Management, Mortgages, Kiwisaver, Preparing for Tertiary Education and the Workforce, and plenty more. All material is delivered in a simple and enjoyable way so your children can start their journeys now towards owning their own homes.

The twins hope you consider this personal invitation for your children to join the Academy. They have priced the Academy at \$120 per student for the first 8 week course.

For further information you can contract the twins directly on mobile 027-555-8825 or email; twins@duffyclub.co.nz.

NCEA 2009 Results, Reviews and Reconsiderations

Once students have received their marked 2009 exam answer booklets they can approach teachers for advice about applying for a review or reconsideration. Reviews are for a processing error such as an incorrectly transcribed grade - there is no fee for this. Reconsiderations are for remarking an entire answer booklet - The fee is \$20 for Levels 1 - 3 and \$30 for Scholarship. The final date for L1-3 is 19 February 2010 and for Scholarship 12 March 2010. Grade queries for internal standards and general queries about external exam results should come to Mary Hutton (Principal's Nominee) telephone 4894167 ext 273.



Grammar Link

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

From the Principal

Term One, February 2010



Dear Parents and Caregivers
Welcome to 2010. I trust you have all had a relaxing holiday break. The students have returned to school looking refreshed and eager to start a new school year. 1632 students are now in full time programmes. Of those 165 are international students.

Our senior roll is under a great deal of pressure at all three levels. For example we have 371 students in Year 12. Essentially we closed the roll at these senior levels taking only students who live within the zone, as we are obligated to do.

We return to quite a different property as the prefabs and the older buildings were removed from the site during the holiday break. It is pleasing to see the end of the first stage of the property development now complete and students appreciating the new facilities.

The analysis of the NCEA and CIE results across all the levels look very pleasing. We await the national data which is available in March to make comparisons of our performance. At this stage, we are delighted with the achievements of our senior students of last year.

As we welcome the students to the school over the past few days we have been asserting the

expectations surrounding the uniform. In the main students wear the uniform well. This year we will be taking very firm action with students who refuse to wear the uniform as required and we seek your assistance, if you have a student in your household who struggles with this aspect of the school. It is a great uniform and it is important that it is worn with pride.

With very little staff turnover again this year we welcome six new staff to the school. New staff are:

Nick Whiting	Social Sciences
Matt Curry	Mathematics
Shea Lethaby	Technology
Petrea Webster	Physical Education
Sarah Gibson	Performing Arts
Toni Vink	English

We also welcome back Toni Ferens, Rebecca Burke and Sandrine Ellis.

We wish you and your students all the very best for the year. Please contact the school if we can assist you and your student(s) in any way.

Regards

SIMON LAMB
Principal
Takapuna Grammar School

2010 TERM DATES	
Term 1	Tuesday 2 February - Thursday 1 April
Term 2	Monday 19 April - Friday 2 July
Term 3	Monday 19 July - Friday 24 September
Term 4	Monday 11 October - Thursday 9 December

Student Achievement

Already 2010 has provided sporting success to four Takapuna Grammar Students. In December 2009 both **Brooke Cull and Jacko Gill** represented TGS at the New Zealand Secondary School (NZSS) Athletic Championships.

Brooke Cull advanced through her Junior 200m prelims with a 1st place in the preliminary heat and 3rd in the semifinals. Brooke made the final but due to injury had to withdraw. This is a fantastic result for Brooke who should be very proud of her efforts.

Jacko Gill continues to amaze the Athletics fraternity and is now being touted as one of the most promising young talents in New Zealand Athletics since Valerie Vili. Jacko is obliterating throwing records every time he competes and has recently featured in local and world media highlighting his success. At NZSS Athletic Championships Jacko won the Junior Boys shot put with a throw of 20.42.

This broke the Junior NZSS shot record beating it by 4.38m. It broke both his own NZ U17 record and NZ U18 record and places him third on both the IAAF and Tialstopaja World Under 18 rankings. He is the only 15 year old who has made the world's top 75 throwers and leads his age group. Jacko also won the Junior Boys discus with 58.12 again a New Zealand record which again has stood for 20 years.

A week after Nationals, Jacko broke the Auckland U20 shot record (6kg heavier shot) with a throw of 17.41m beating the old mark of 16.78. Jacko has been throwing up to 21.37m in training which is getting close to World U18 record of 22.78 and he still has three years to nail this record.



Kate Seatter Kate Seatter has made the 30-person squad for the New Zealand U17 Girls Football Team. The team will train in preparation for the World Cup qualifying tournament in Auckland. Kate is hopeful of making the final 21 person squad selected in August for the World Cup in Trinidad and Tobago in September.

Logan Dunning-Beck has won the Davie Norris Boatbuilders 2010 Starling National Championship at Naval Point Club Lyttelton.

Logan also represented North Harbour in the match racing, placing third overall. Logan has started where he left off last year with outstanding performances.



Waterpolo

Congratulations to **Carlo Burney, Louis Harknett, Jake Benson, Lydia Rowlandson, Kate Sheehy, Katie Mckenty and Taylor Sheehan** for representing North Harbour and winning U14 National Championships.

Well done and good luck to **Carlo Burney, Jake Benson, Kate Sheehy and Katie McKenty** for being selected for the U15 NZ trials. TGS wishes them all the best in making this National team.

Past Pupils

A system which helps bring actors' digital doubles to life has earned New Zealander **Dr Mark Sagar** an Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences award. Mark who works for Weta Digital will receive a plaque featuring the coveted Oscar statuette at a formal dinner on the 20 February, two weeks before the Oscars ceremony. Mark attended Takapuna Grammar School from 1979 to 1984 and was Dux in 1984.

Congratulations to **Dame Lesley Max** who was made a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for her services to children. Dame Lesley Max attended Takapuna Grammar School in 1958 to 1962.

A perfect way to start the year

The last week of the scorching summer holidays was set to make or break the Takapuna Grammar School Prefects of 2010. The group of 26 students embarked on an electrifying three day Prefect Training Programme held at both the AUT City and North Shore campuses, aimed at Prefects from across Auckland. Schools completed various team building, leadership profiling and business planning activities. A fast-paced ANZ City wide scavenger hunt and some inter-school extreme volleyball resulted in a group of profusely sweaty Prefects, and some serious business and goal planning for 2010. A wonderful time was had by all, coming out of the experience as a tighter unit. Inspired by our AUT leaders to leave an unparalleled legacy, a prefect mission statement for the upcoming year emerged from the group, promising that "As prefects we will lead by example to set a foundation of personal excellence, unity and support of diversity, creating a legacy of pride and school spirit."



Takapuna Beach Business Association sign MOU with Takapuna Grammar School

We are very excited to announce that at the end of 2009, The Takapuna Beach Business Association and Takapuna Grammar School signed off on a MOU to lay the foundation for a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship between each organisation.

Both of our organisations share a vision of improving the quality of business education in New Zealand and the promotion of an enterprise culture, and this is the first step in establishing a long standing and credible relationship between the Takapuna Beach Business Association and Takapuna Grammar School.

As TBBA General Manager, Peter White, says "This formalises a relationship that has developed over the last few years with a number of our members already involved in student mentoring programs, and with Takapuna Grammar School students assisting the TBBA with the event management of Fashion Month and the Christmas Carnival. Both organisations play crucial roles in the Takapuna community and it makes sense to investigate other opportunities associated with the development of the Takapuna Grammar Centre for Business and Enterprise and the ongoing progression of Takapuna."

The objective of the MOU is "To provide our students exposure to the dynamics of local business with a view

to gaining practical experience and understandings of successful local business. This may be in the form of identifying and assisting with established projects, mentorship, work placements and employment opportunities. This practical experience complements the formal studies the students complete as part of the Takapuna Grammar Centre for Business & Enterprise." Mr Lamb hopes the MOU will be the catalyst to provide to the Takapuna Beach Business Association enthusiastic assistance with special projects and potential employment needs as identified between the School and Association staff and/or members. "

