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A NEWSLETTER OF TAKAPUNA GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Goethe Institute Scholarship 2011

“Guten Tag! Willkommen in Deutschland!” became a common phrase heard by three privileged senior students, Jerry Yelich-O'Connor, Carolin Fleissner and Emma Wharam, the recipients of the Goethe Institute Scholarship 2011. Takapuna Grammar is one of two New Zealand Partner Schools with a special relationship with the Goethe Institute and the Federal German Government. The National German Adviser, Mr. Bernd Schliephake, selected these three students to receive a three-week scholarship to attend a course in Freiburg, Germany, in January.

Over the three weeks the girls immersed themselves in the German language and culture by attending daily classes in German and sightseeing with sixty-five other students from twelve different countries around the world. By day the girls visited historic landmarks such as the Casino in Baden-Baden and the Castle behind the

inspiration of ‘Faust’ and by night experienced the city of Freiburg, seeing German plays and concerts. Whilst there, the girls were visited by important political figures including Dr. Gernot Erler and the Chancellor of Freiburg.

The girls became accustomed to the beautiful sights of snow-covered trees, houses and roads as it was mid winter. They not only improved their understanding and appreciation of the German language but formed many new friendships with people from around the world.

This trip would not have been possible without the generosity of the Goethe Institute, Mr Bernd Schliephake, Judith Geare and the wonderful language department of Takapuna

Grammar School. When asked what they thought about the trip they replied in unison, “This trip has been the best three weeks of our lives so far!”

**By Jerry Yelich-O'Connor
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Dear parents and guardians

Welcome to the 2011 school year. We have had extraordinary enrolments into the senior years seeing 50 additional students enrolling in the last week of the holidays. This year the roll is 1630 students with the largest cohort being 368 at Year 13. The other senior years sit at 350 each.

We have started the year well. Classes are settled and students appear to have enjoyed the holiday season. As always, I encourage parents who have concerns to contact the school early. We recognize the benefits of open communication and attempt to make ourselves readily available to parents and the students. The form teacher and dean are normally the first points of contact. Do use the principal@takapuna.school.nz email address if you seek others' support or call on 09 4894167.

The NCEA results are impressive, reflecting the hard work invested by students and staff alike. Among the outstanding results is the 98% Numeracy rate for students at Level 1, Year 11. I look forward to updating you in respect to the full range of achievements in the next newsletter. We await the inter-school comparisons which become available from NZQA on the 24th of February. It is then that we can make true comparisons with the performance of other schools within the Decile 10 range. Needless to say the patterns of Takapuna Grammar's data is very positive.

I encourage parents to take note of the term dates this year. With the World Cup the term dates have been modified resulting in very long, eleven week Terms 1 and 2 and consequently an extremely short Term 4. For senior students this will mean that there will be only 11 days of school at the beginning of Term 4, including Prize Giving Day, before they leave for NCEA examinations. Students will need to be aware of this as they prepare for the NCEA end of year exams and assessments.

There is a genuine interest in considering the International Baccalaureate as a qualification at Takapuna Grammar School. Many private schools offer this qualification at present. Takapuna Grammar School would be one of the first state schools to offer the International Baccalaureate

if we proceed. Please find attached some supporting material for your consideration. This investigation has the support of the Board of Trustees. I am particularly interested to know if you, as the parents and the students, would support the International Baccalaureate at Takapuna Grammar School.

If support exists then we would be looking to introduce International Baccalaureate Diploma programme at Year 12 and Year 13 in 2012. Whilst Takapuna Grammar School is a state school and committed to NCEA, I believe there is merit in students having other options. Given the international transportability of International Baccalaureate there are advantages in considering this option. The philosophy of IB is tightly aligned to the teaching and learning philosophy of Takapuna Grammar School and many students are arriving from primary and intermediate schools where IB is already taught within the Primary and Middle year programmes.

Click here to view this information <http://www.ibo.org/diploma/>. There is also an attached pdf file; IB Diploma.pdf that you can download for your information. To register your views on this issue please click here <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7QXKHC8>. This will direct you to Survey Monkey. Parents and students are encouraged to make their opinions known before the end of March 2011. Both links and the pdf file are available on the home page of the Takapuna Grammar School website <http://www.takapuna.school.nz/files/home.asp>.

Welcome to the year. I look forward to another very exciting and productive year.

Regards

Simon Lamb
Principal



Witchery Fun in this year's musical

TGS Music Theatre production *Into the Woods*

by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine.

April 10 – 13 at 7.30pm in the school hall

\$20 and \$12

Book at the School Office

If you enjoyed *Fiddler*, or missed it, then you must catch this year's offering from the same team. The senior Music Theatre class is mounting the delightful and salty full-length Broadway musical, *Into the Woods*, by the master, Stephen Sondheim. All ages will love the fast-moving adventure and the melodic score and witty lyrics.

The first half tells an interwoven story of a baker and his wife collecting the ingredients of a potion to counteract an infertility spell put on their house by the witch next door. The items all come from our favourite fairy tale characters – the hair of Rapunzel, Jack and the Beanstalk's cow, Cinderella's slipper and the red hood of "you-know-who."

This half is for the kids and brings all the stories to their "happy ever after" conclusions. However, the second half explores more adult problems. Rapunzel is clearly troubled, Cinderella's prince is a philanderer and the fallen giant's wife comes for Jack, stamping on the locals' properties. How should they respond to such a threat?

Into the Woods is perfect for little ones and local primary schools will be invited to previews before the show opens. Senior Hospitality students will cater morning tea and lunch for them and show off the delights of their future school.

Because the show is so demanding – all Sondheim's work challenges, with edgy music and dense lyricism, Ms Horder and Mr. De Grut have enlisted a professional Music Director and six specialist musicians. TGS pianist, Max Tang, will anchor the keyboard part in performance and rehearsals.

Ms Horder loves Sondheim having appeared in *Putting it Together* (AMT in 2008) and *Sweeney Todd* (Peach Productions in 2010) and *Woods* has been a favourite of Mr. De Grut since it first appeared. The show has a range of good strong roles, no stars and plenty of songs for everyone. It's fun too. Already the students are enjoying the quirky, irreverent humour and the entertaining vocal feats required.

A professional show does have high costs, so if you would like to be a sponsor the show or provide cash donations or materials, especially timber, please contact Mr. De Grut, at b.degrut@takapuna.school.nz.



Alice Nicholls as the Witch in "Into the Woods"



Welcome Back from the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees welcome you to a new year at Takapuna Grammar and extend a special welcome to all new parents to the school community. The Board has just attended the first meeting of the year and anticipate there will be several interesting developments to report on in the coming months.

Congratulations to Simon Lamb, senior management and all staff for settling students into the school and getting timetables underway so promptly. The 2010 NCEA results and in particular the many scholarships received are also to be applauded. We are very proud of all students who have achieved so well.

The Board has a busy year planned with two or three meetings per term and we extend our welcome to anyone who wishes to attend. Meeting dates can be found on the school website.

As always ensuring teaching and learning goals are being met

are the priority of the Board. Other areas of focus will be completion of the school's Phase II property plan, renovating the old library into a new special education facility, looking at energy efficiencies and further recyclable practices within the school and strengthening the alliance with Belmont Intermediate. This is well underway with regular meetings not only between the Board chairs, but also between senior management and head of departments at both schools. We look forward to informing you of our progress throughout the year.

Kind regards

Mark McCall

Chairman

Upcoming PTA Events

Fond Farewells

A fond farewell to our Chairperson Helen Whitehead, Deputy Chair Karen Yarnton, Treasurer Nicky Pridham and Golf Tournament organiser Debbie Stewart. Helen, Nicky and Debbie's children have now left Takapuna Grammar School.

We are really grateful for their enormous contribution, time and effort and it isn't quite over yet for Nicky, who will continue working with the sub committee to complete the cookbook and Karen, who has kindly offered her assistance with our other fundraising activities this year.

Come and Join Us

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 1st March in the Bert Sutcliffe Lounge (in the Sports Hall) at 7pm, followed by our usual monthly meeting at 7.30pm and with four of our key committee members leaving this year we would love some new members. An open invitation is extended to anyone who would like to attend. You will be warmly welcomed into our friendly team.

We believe that the relationship with the school and parents is pivotal. It is not all about fundraising, we have a lot of fun along the way. If you don't have the time to commit to attending our monthly meetings you can still help in a variety of ways, by running events, selling tickets, sourcing raffles and prizes, or by helping on the day at any of our fundraising events. Please contact

Desiree Mason on 4466043 or email us at pta@takapuna.school.nz if you would like to volunteer in any way.

Summer Dance

Local bands, the last rays of summer and TGS parents... It's bound to be a night to remember. We have a parent's dance planned for late March/early April - date to be confirmed. This is an annual event with local bands and is a lot of fun. The money raised from this event is directly channelled back into the various sports/arts groups within the school which have sold the tickets.

Cooking up a Feast of Funds

Our main fundraiser for this year is the cookbook. The money raised from this is going towards the building of a new school pool. We are well underway with the production and the final selection of recipes will be made in March. The sub committee have been busy cooking and testing each recipe. We have a limited amount of advertising still available at very attractive rates. Please call Sarah Mason 021 1233588 or 4466043 for further information.

Parents Ball and Golf Day

We hope to hold these annual events later in the year if we have enough support from the school community.

Development of School Facilities

Following financial support from the PTA, the school has been able to develop school facilities around the grounds, for the benefit of staff and students, which would not have been possible without their generous donations.

From this...



...to this!



1. Raised bank beside the courtyard of the Ralph Roberts Student Services Centre. Monies allowed the area to be graded, tiered, top soiled and sown with grass, as well as the provision of seats in concrete bases.

From this...



...to this!



2. Seats in a shaded area, beneath the Morton bay figs, left following the removal of the old student services prefabs.

From this...



...to this!



3. Paved walkway between Sir Peter Blake Art Technology Centre and Science Block



NZSS Track and Field Athletics Championships

World Junior Shot Put Champ, Jacko Gill, was in prime fitness leading into the 2010 New Zealand Secondary Schools Track and Field Athletics Champs held in December, in Hastings, and did not disappoint in his main event. Jacko headed a team of five students who attended the national championships last year.

His throw of 23.86m with a 5kg shot not only gave him a gold medal; it also gave him an official IAAF U18 World Record. Jacko is still only 15 years of age. He has had an outstanding year with his athletics and now looks to compete one more time to try to beat more records before he turns 16 very soon.

Brooke Cull came home with a Bronze medal in the 200m. Brooke was plagued by injury in 2010 and worked extremely hard to recover for this event. All the physiotherapy sessions paid off with a final time of 25.58sec.

Luca Denee is one of the shorter hurdlers in his field but technically he is one of the best. Competing in the 80m hurdles he placed 3rd in his heat and went one better in the final, claiming the Silver medal in a time of 14.44 sec. In addition to the hurdles, Luca threw the discus in the Junior Boys event with a throw of 32.59m which placed him in the middle of the field.

Eliza McCartney had an outstanding meet in the Junior Girls High Jump and a new discipline for her, the pole vault. She finished 4th in the high jump with 1.65m only missing the Bronze medal on a count back and she placed 5th in the pole vault where she reached 2.85m. We look forward to seeing more of Eliza in action as she develops, particularly her pole vault discipline.

Luke Rundle is an 800m specialist and placed well in his heat. Unfortunately in the semi final Luke lost a shoe in the first lap when it got flicked off by another runner and he never recovered to make it to the final.

Takapuna Grammar School is so very proud of its five students who made the NZSS Track and Field Athletics Champs in 2010. All five are names to watch out for in coming years.



Left to Right: Brooke Cull, Eliza McCartney, Luca Denee and Luke Rundle

First XI Football

The Boys First XI team will take on the best teams in Auckland this season and will face some tough competition, having been promoted to the A1 division of the Auckland Competition. Their matches are on Saturday mornings and the boys are looking forward to lots of vocal supporters.

The Girls First XI will again also take on the best in North Harbour, playing in the Premier grade. This leads on to the Auckland Provincial Competition and the National Championships. This team is ready for some tough competition and would love to have great support. They play on Wednesday evenings.

If you would be available to get involved with our Football programme at TGS please contact Mr Smith on 489 4167 ext. 9365 or via email at s.smith@takapuna.school.nz. We are always looking for coaches or managers. See the school website for more information.



Get2Go National Finals



Back Row Left to Right: Sophie Hawkins, Aiden Skelton, Harry Elworthy, Jordan Griffiths
Front Row Left to Right: Rachel Sykes, Tamara Bullock, Jonathan Ranford, Atawhai Stokes

The weekend of the 3rd – 5th September was an incredibly exciting one for Takapuna Grammar School Cycling. The NZSS Individual Champs consists of 3 disciplines – the Individual Time Trial, the Hill Climb and the Criterium. Of the 23 riders who competed during the weekend, Takapuna Grammar riders performed exceptionally well walking away with 8 medals and 3 B grade podium finishes.

In the Individual Time Trial Takapuna Grammar had five students who reached top10 placings with Harry Ross receiving a silver in the U16 boys A grade and Harry Elworthy receiving a bronze in the U15 boys A grade.

In the Hill Climb (0.8km straight up Mt Wellington) four students reached top 10 placings with Hannah Sykes receiving a silver in the U17 girls A grade and Harry Ross also receiving silver in the U16 boys A grade.

In the Criterium (a spectacular spectator sport to watch where the cyclists do a certain number of laps of a 1.5km course) three students reached podium placings; MacKenzie Living 1st in the U16 Boys B Grade, Harry Elworthy 3rd in the U15 Boys A Grade and Jonathan Ranford 2nd also in the U15 Boys A Grade.

As a result of the accumulation of points from the three disciplines, nine of our cyclists placed in the top 10 throughout the grades. B grade podium winners were Jake Laurie who placed 3rd in the U17 Boys B Grade, MacKenzie Living placed 3rd in the U16 Boys B Grade and Rachel Sykes who placed 2nd in the U15 Girls B Grade.

In the prestigious A grade we had 2 medals, Harry Ross finished 2nd in the U16 Boys A grade and Harry Elworthy finished 3rd in the U15 Boys A grade.

It was a fantastic effort by all the 23 students who rode and an outstanding effort by the parents and coaches who have put in endless time and energy to bring success at this event. Special thanks to go to Mike Thompson and his dedicated coaching team as well as those who helped marshal at all the team events.

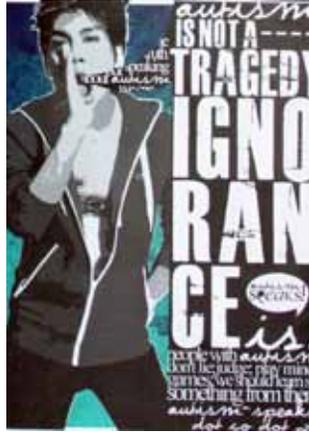
Cambridge Town Cup Rowing Regatta

Cyclone Wilma graciously passed over the Waikato District during the small hours of the Saturday January 28th threatening the start of the Cambridge Town Cup rowing regatta. The final storm clouds and rain did blow over about 8am in time for racing to get underway although small but strong wind pockets disrupted mid course racing during the afternoon but not enough to warrant scratching any of the weekend's races.

To add to the drama of the weekend's weather, the Karapiro dam was opened to reduce lake levels in

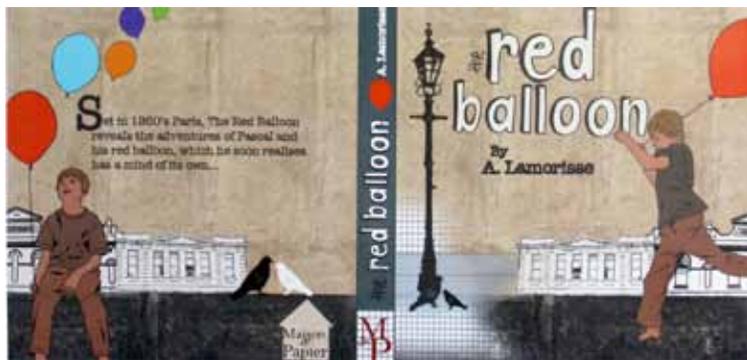
anticipation of the rain. The effect created was a stunning waterfall for those who crossed the dam to inspect it. It also exposed 'beaches' not normally seen on the Karapiro lake edges. For full results, please see Sporting Achievements on page 12.

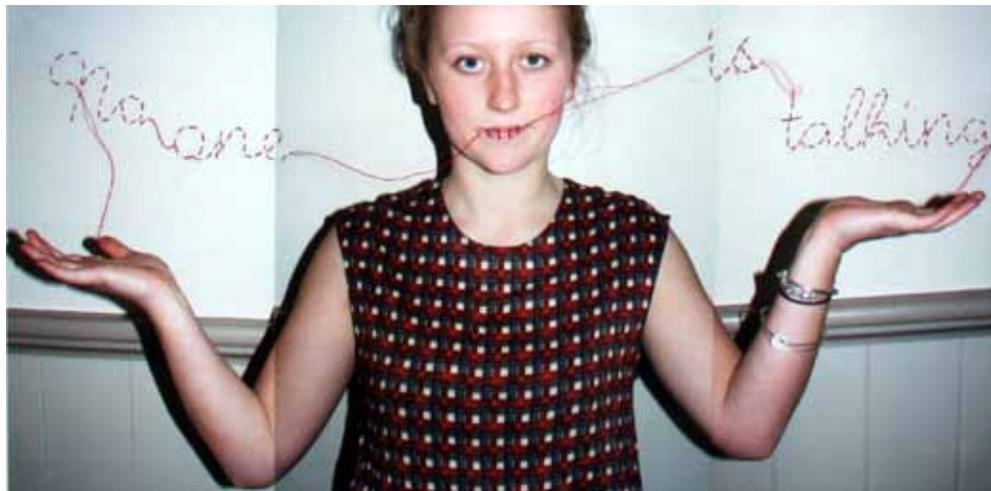
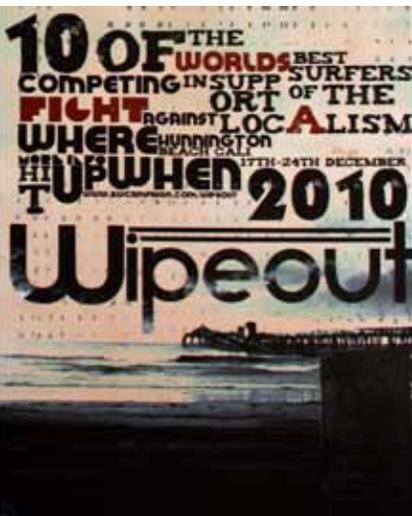
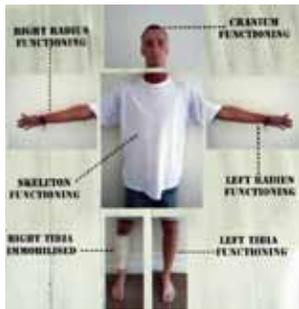
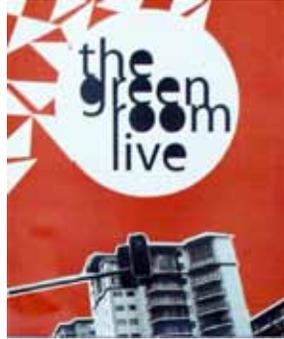
In the final week of March, schools from all points south and north travel to Karapiro to compete at the annual Maadi Cup event. This will be the first time many school rowers will get to use the new facilities, upgraded for the Rowing World Cup.



2010 Top Visual Arts Students

A selection of work from some of our best 2010 Level 3 folios, including Paint, Photography and Design.







Student Achievement

Academic Success in 2010

The following students gained Outstanding Scholarships in 2010;

Laura Eaton - Art History

Harriet Robinson - Chen - English

Sam Thompson - Graphics

Matt Hill - Physics

The following students gained Scholarships in 2010;

Accounting: **Andrew Ranford**

Art History: **Tamara Markovic**

Biology: **Matt Hill** and **Chirag Udhani**

Chemistry: **Matt Hill** and **Chirag Udhani**

Classics: **Issac Hornburg**

Design: **Rosie Smith, Kate Wanless, Serge Coates**

Chitty, Naawie Tutugoro, Rory Bingham and

Seung Kim

English: **Maddy Powers, William Zhang,**

Amelia MacDonald, Laura Eaton, Ani McGahan

and **Jarryd Walker**

Geography: **William Zhang, Dom Keall Grant,**

Emma Chandler, Gordon Kang, Lucy Hawkins,

Liz Lewis and **Nakita Rose**

Graphics: **Ji Min Jun**

Japanese: **Marina Narita** and **Seung Kim**

Mathematics: **Andrew Ranford, Thomas Chiang,**

Chirag Udhani and **Sung Yeon Kim**

Physics: **Chirag Udhani**

Painting: **Gareth Hemmings**

Physical Education: **Ruby Piddington**

This is a total of **40 Scholarships in 2010**, including four outstanding Scholarships.



Year 13 Scholarships

The following 38 students gained Excellence Endorsements for NCEA Level 1 in 2010: **Isobel Hawkins, Yu Jin Na, Jessica Daniel, Gemma Price, Harriett Maire, Hyeyeon Kim, Jennifer Cai, Holly Ann Griffin, Alice Nicholls, Ruth Chong, Louee Cliffe, Mira Bi, Petra Bullock, Daniel Tidbury, Alexander Ross, James Kang, Joyce Wang, Megan Ganley, Felix Pryor, Ben Davies, Mattea Mrkusic, Mikala Easte, Thomas Keall Grant, Peter Sorrenson, Madeline Denne, Anna Minegishi, Rachel Love, Ella Matuschka, Grace Single, Catherine Meachen, Bonnie Simmonds, Aless Smith, Morgan Allen, Tara Collins, Olivia Rairan Chitty, Michell Kim, Janetha Rainbow** and **Dahui Bae**.



Year 12 NCEA Endorsements

129 students gained Merit Endorsements for NCEA Level 1, ensuring that 54% of all Year 11 students received an Endorsement for Level 1.

The following 40 students gained Excellence Endorsements for NCEA Level 2 in 2010: **Samara Lucich, Billy Goddard Worthington, Samantha Gilmour, Grace Kemp, Ben Fulton, Serafine Wattam-El Ojeili, Aylah Murray, Liangwen Hu, Sidonie Jago, Emily Sotheran, Jerry Yelich-O'Connor, Hannah Brightley, Gwan Lee, Greer McIntyre, Amy Jesensek, Joshua Dawes, Pang Hsu Chang, Soojin Lee, Gabrielle Miegeville-Little, David Browne, Thomas Doolin, Isabelle Verney, Madison Plummer, Tessa Whittaker, James Roberts, Jodi Thomas, Jodie Chandler, Lucia Dawbin, Harriet Robinson-Chen, George Edgar, Sophie Hayman, Danielle Drummond, Victoria Timmins, Shiwei Zhou, Tim Williams, Logan Dunning-Beck, Sophie Walker and Zoe Davidson.**

108 students gained Merit Endorsements for NCEA Level 2, ensuring that 39% of all Year 12 students received an Endorsement for Level 2.

The following 16 students gained Excellence Endorsements for NCEA Level 3 in 2010: **Thomas Chiang, Ani McGahan, Naawie Tutugoro, Tobias Brockies, Laura Eaton, Kirsten Woodward, Nakita Rose, Rosie Smith, Kate Wanless, Elizabeth Lewis, Amelia MacDonald, Matthew Hill, Leisha Calder, Gareth Hemmings, Sungyeon Kim and Chirag Udhani.**

68 students gained Merit Endorsements for NCEA Level 3, ensuring that 29% of all Year 13 students received an Endorsement for Level 3.

The following Year 13 students did exceptionally well in the Cambridge examinations for 2010: **Isabella Piper-Jarrett** gained an A* grade in her Cambridge Business Studies A2. **Naima Tighe-Umbers** gained an A grade in her Cambridge Business Studies A2 level and an A grade in her Cambridge Economics A2. This was even more outstanding due to the fact she studied these courses in one year rather than two and **Felme Turner-Mwai** gained an A grade in her Cambridge Business Studies A2.

Welcome to our New Staff for 2010



Back Row left to right:
Mr P Smith (Social Sciences),
Mr J Bennet (Science),
Mr G Dowdell (English)

Middle Row left to right:
Ms G Lynch (English),
Mr D Rattray (PE/Health),
Miss S Dee (Art)

Front Row left to right:
Miss R Yap (Mathematics),
Ms F Broughton (Mathematics),
Mrs B Jenkins (English)

Absent:
Miss J Reid (Special Education),
Mrs S Read (Performing Arts/Dance),
Mrs J Moir (Special Education Speech Therapist)



Student Achievement

Sport

Athletics: **Luca Denee** won a gold medal in the U14 boys division of the Auckland Pentathlon Champs. He won the 200m with a PB even though he had run an 800m race less than two hours before. Due to injury Luca had not competed in the long jump for a year. He had one practice jump prior to the competition and jumped 5.54 m, winning his division. Walter Gill is going to give him some coaching for Discus and Shotput.

Brooke Cull has been selected for the Oceania Team, to the Australian U20 Nationals, for the 200m, to be held in Sydney at the Olympic Park in March.

Bowls: **Clayton Hockley** competed at the National Secondary schools bowls in December and came fourth, losing his final game. He also competed in the U20 Kitty Hawke's singles in February 2011, winning this competition to qualify for the U20 Nationals.

Cricket: **Danielle Gleeson, Leah Watts** and **Megan Oliver** was selected to represent Auckland Cricket as members of the U15 team. They travelled to Wanganui in mid-January to compete in the National U15 tournament. Auckland won the final playing against Wellington.

Rowing: The Takapuna Grammar School Rowing club competed at the annual Cambridge Town Cup at Lake Karapiro. This was a particularly successful event with 13 crews making 'A' finals and 10, 'B' finals. This year's senior girls won both their A finals.

The successful results included:

A final winners:

Women's U17 Coxed Quad (**Alahna Walker, Charlotte Gibson, Courtney Sheehan, Jamie**



Shearer, and Joshua Nicol-Molitor (coxswain)

Women's U18 Coxed Quad (**Alahna Walker, Charlotte Gibson, Courtney Sheehan, Melissa Niemandt** and **Joshua Nicol-Molitor**)

B final winners:

Men's U16 Coxed Quad, (**Max Burney, Eddie Hogg, Sam Wanless, Rohan Krishnan** and **Jacob Rundle**)

Women's U17 Single Scull, **Charlotte Gibson.**

Other placings:

Men's U18 Double Scull, **Alex Speck** and **James Horner**, second in their B final.

Women's U15 Coxed Quad, **Emma O'Brien, Chevana Solomon-Hough, Sian Camp, Chevonne Groenewald** and cox **Josie Broad**, third in their B final.

Sailing: **Tim Adair** and **Markus Somerville**, were placed 3rd and 2nd overall out of 140 sailors from all around New Zealand at the North Island 'Opti' Championships regatta which was held late last year at Lake Taupo. This was the first qualifier of the season. The final qualifier of the season is the National Championships which will be held at club 'Wakatere' in April 2011.

Tim Adair has also been selected to compete in the Interislander Optimist Championships Regatta which is one of the qualifying regattas to represent NZ overseas.

Logan Dunning-Beck took part in the Auckland regatta and won gold in the 29er.

Mahia Pepper placed 3rd in the Starling Nationals Match Racing and a 2nd in the Starling Nationals Fleet racing held in Napier in January.

Surf Life Saving: Claudia Brick passed her Surf Lifesaving Bronze award. She recently competed at the Northern Region Junior Surf Life Saving Carnival, bringing home 3 gold and 3 silver medals. She placed 2nd in the Surf Swim, 2nd in the paddle board, and 2nd in the diamond (swim/board) in challenging conditions. In the team events Claudia and her partner won both the Board Relay and Board Rescue, and placed 4th in the tube rescue. Her team (Mairangi Bay) also won the Cameron relay event.

Jonathan Ranford has been selected to compete at the National Junior Surf Club Champs in Mt Maunagnui. He also competed at the recent Auckland Junior Surf Champs winning a silver medal in the U14 Tube Rescue and bronze medal in the U14 Cameron Relay.

Max Revill competed for Muriwai Surf Club in the Northern Region Surf Lifesaving Championships. He placed 3rd in the U19 Board rescue and 3rd in the U19 beach relay.

Swimming: Congratulations to **Tessa McNair** and **Claudia Brick** who broke two TGS school records; Tessa McNair in the Junior Girls 2 length Backstroke. The new school record set in 2011 was 42 seconds. The previous record was set in 1976 by Andrea Hawcridge in 48 seconds.

Claudia Brick in the Intermediate Girls 3length Backstroke. The new school record set in 2011 was 76.22 seconds. The previous record was set in 2005 by Candice Cull in 76.83 seconds.

Tessa McNair has been selected to compete in the New Zealand National Age Group Championships in Wellington.



Mikaela Davies and the CEO of Tennis Northern

Claudia Brick recently swam in the State Ocean Series Capital Classic (2.8km) in Wellington winning her age group, and making her 9th female overall.

Tennis: Mikaela Davies won the NZ U18 Girls singles title in December 2010.

Touch Rugby: Shawnee Tekii has been selected for the North Harbour IPS Touch Under 13's elite squad.

Triathlon: Tessa McNair placed 4th in the National Age Group (Female 13-15) and **Jonathan Ranford** placed 5th in the National Age Group (Male 13-15) Triathlon Champs at Kinloch, Taupo.

Past Pupils: Congratulations to the following past pupils who sailed at the Auckland regatta which finished of Takapuna Beach: **Kate Ellingham** won gold in the RS: X. In the 470s **Paul Snow-Hansen** was placed third.

Sports Notices

Cycling information evening for all new riders and parents is on Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm in the Burt Sutcliffe Lounge.

Netball registration night is on Monday 7th March from 6-8pm in the School Hall. Please see the school website or netball noticeboard for more information.

Winter Sports muster night for football, squash, basketball, hockey and cycling is on Tuesday 15th March from 6-8pm in the School Hall.

Extracurricular Activity

Developing relationships through Peer Support



During Term 1, all Year 9 students are involved in Peer Support on Wednesday mornings. They work in small groups with trained Year 13 Peer Support leaders playing games and having group discussions. The aim of the programme is to develop long term relationships between junior students and positive senior role models. It also assists with orientation and helps address issues of common concern such as friendship, communication, problem-solving, and trust. For more information please contact Mrs Mary Pottinger, HOD Student Support.

Active adventures at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre

At the end of the summer holidays 20 students met at school and piled into the vans, and Mr Viles and Mr Flinn drove us down to the Tongariro National Park to the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre. After a long drive and much anticipated sleep, the fun began the following morning. It was an action packed week from caving in the Limestone caves below the ground surface, tramping through the wilderness, summiting Mount Tongariro and Ngauruhoe, to tackling team building activities and hope ropes courses such as the giant ladders, trapeze and bridge swing. Canadian Canoeing, sleeping under the stars and cooking our own dinner kept us quietly occupied. All five days were fun and sunshine filled and left us with funny memories, new friends, and great stories to go along with the tan lines, cuts and bruises all over. We were all sad to be leaving, but left with smiles on our faces, having just enjoyed a week full of once in a life time opportunities.





2010 Year 9 Camp: A Deans' Perspective

Year 9 students moved out of the classroom and into a camp near Drury for three days in late November. There were two 'in-takes' to cater for the entire year group. This was a fantastic way for the Year 9s to end the year and we hope it will continue for years to come.

Camp supervisors at Ararimu were impressed with behaviour of our Year 9 students, saying they were fantastic. They were willing to try new and challenging things and they bonded as teams. The students were able to have a go at a variety of activities such as kayaking, flying fox, archery and assault course.

Part of the camp involved students staying out in the bush for a night in open huts and completing a Burma trail in total darkness. Despite a fair amount of screaming this was thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff alike.

Rachel Sykes should be very proud to set a new speed record for the confidence course which nobody else came close to, girl or boy!

These camps were a tremendous success thanks to William Scovell's hard work in planning and running the camps. A big thank you must go to all of the staff who gave up time to help supervise and also to a number of senior students who came along to help and did a great job.

As Year 9 Deans we were very proud of our year group and were able to get to know them much better.

By Alison Jenkins and Matt Cade

*When I say Taka, you say pride!
"Taka" ... "Pride!" ... "Taka!" ... "Pride!"*

If you were in Auckland City on the 26th January you would have heard the 2011 Takapuna Grammar School Prefects, as we sprinted around the city in an Amazing Race Challenge. This task was part of the AUT three-day Prefect Training Programme.

On the first morning prefects from St. Pauls, Diocesan School for Girls, Green Bay, Papakura, Glenfield and Takapuna Grammar were welcomed on to the AUT Marae and then attended lectures which inspired us to think about the legacy we will leave behind for future year groups.

With this thought in mind we developed our own Prefects Brand - "Thinking globally, acting locally with passion and pride in unity" and we certainly demonstrated passion, pride and unity in our tasks during the camp, especially in the Les Mills Bootcamp, sprinting, push ups and all!

During the Amazing Race, we had to take photos of ourselves at certain checkpoints doing activities such as juggling a hacky sack next to Albert Park Fountain (while one of our members accidentally took a little swim) and singing the national anthem at Queen's Wharf.

We also embodied these values at the networking dinner, where Sarah presented our business plan brilliantly and Gala did us all proud by winning the talent quest! Thank you to Ms Graves and Ms Basse for coming along to keep us all in order! It was a fantastic experience which will hopefully make us better leaders for this year.

By Hannah Brightley





Term Dates 2011

Term 1	Tuesday, 1 February – Friday, 15 April
Term 2	Monday, 2 May – Friday, 15 July
Term 3	Monday, 1 August – Friday, 7 October
Term 4	Tuesday, 25 October – Thursday, 8 December

Important Dates 2011

Tuesday, 1 March	NCEA Qualifications Evening in the School Hall at 7.00pm
Tuesday, 8 March	PTA Meeting in the Bert Sutcliffe Lounge at 7.30pm
Wednesday, 16 March	Junior Progress Reports Issued
Tuesday, 22 March	BOT Meeting in the Ralph Roberts School Library at 7pm
Wednesday, 23 March	Junior Report Evening
Thursday, 24 March	Senior Progress Reports Issued
Wednesday, 30 March	Senior Report Evening
Tuesday, 5 April	PTA Meeting in the Bert Sutcliffe Lounge at 7.30pm
Tuesday, 12 April	BOT Meeting in the Ralph Roberts School Library at 7pm
Friday, 15 April	End of Term One
Monday, 2 May	Term Two Commences
Monday, 9 May	Class Photos
Monday, 16 - Wednesday, 18 May	Lumino Dental Visits
Monday, 23 - Friday, 27 May	Lumino Dental Visits
Tuesday, 24 May	BOT Meeting in the Ralph Roberts School Library at 7pm
Monday, 30 May - Friday, 3 June	Lumino Dental Visits
Monday, 6 June	Queens Birthday Observed

Please note that the Junior and Senior report evening times are still to be confirmed. Please refer to the school website.

Uniform & Stationery Office

As from the start of the 2011 school term, the Uniform & Stationery Shop will be open:

Parents/Caregivers Only	Monday - Thursday	8.30am - 3.00pm, 8.30am - 10am, 10.20am - 12 midday, 12.30 - 3pm
Students	Monday - Thursday	8.30am - 8.45, 11am - 11.25am, 1.25pm - 2.05pm

PLEASE NOTE: THE UNIFORM & STATIONERY SHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

School Sports Physiotherapy Clinic

The School Physiotherapy clinic is located within the health centre. The Physiotherapists are happy to help students with any injuries or sports related problems. The clinic is run by Devonport Physiotherapy and to book an appointment just see the nurse or physiotherapist. There is still no surcharge for this service.

New Phone System

When phoning into Takapuna Grammar School, please be aware that all extensions in the school begin with 9, followed by 3 digits for example 9240 (Student Services). **NOT** 240 as in the past. There is also a staff directory if you are unsure you can use by pushing 1.

Contact Details

If your contact details (including email) have changed please contact the Enrolment Administrator Helen Parker by email enrolments@takapuna.school.nz or telephone **489 4167** extension **9221**. From time to time the school will send out newsletters and any urgent information by email.