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A NEWSLETTER OF TAKAPUNA GRAMMAR SCHOOL



*Lana Veslogouzova distills pyrrole.*

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## Summer NanoCamp '09

In the blazing heat of the last days of the summer holidays, thirteen Year 13 students from around the country attended the week long NanoCamp. With a generous \$10,000 grant from the MacDiarmid Institute, all students were fully funded and given the chance to experience all of the scientific equipment provided by the Palmerston North campus of Massey University. The science lab sessions were both educational and enjoyable, despite there being six hours of these most days. The students created OLED's, conducting polymers, solar cells, and used expensive equipment such as optical tweezers. The camp also included many exciting social

activities, a phenomenal number of nerdy puns, and attitudes more positive than an Aluminum ion.

The purpose of this camp was to promote Nano-Technology, a new course offered by Massey, which includes elements of mainly physics and chemistry on a molecular scale. Overall, the camp was a huge success and I, Lana Veslogouzova, count myself extremely lucky to have been chosen out of 250 applicants. The camp left me as excited as a free radical on an oxygen molecule to go back to school. I guarantee that my NanoCamp lab coat and goggles will be worn for many practical sessions throughout the year.



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# Welcome Principal's report

Simon Lamb,  
Principal



The results arising from student achievement in 2008 for NCEA, Cambridge and Scholarship have been outstanding. We have been impressed with the quality of student achievement at all levels.

We welcome you all back to school for 2009. We have many more students enrolled in the school this year, with our largest cohort being Year 12 at 380 students. There has been increased enrolments at this level and Year 11 over the holiday period. Year 13 is also significantly increased. We extend a special welcome to all new students and their families.

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We have much to look forward to this year, especially the completion of Stage III, the new Library, student services and social sciences classrooms. This is scheduled for completion in July. The weather across the holiday period has enabled good progress to be made.

I particularly look forward to the further development of the school in terms of student achievement. We have witnessed such variety and standards of excellence in so many areas in recent years. A commitment some years ago to sports programmes, cultural opportunities are reaping outstanding student achievement, whether for individuals or for groups.

The Board of Trustees and school engaged in a process of developing the Strategic Plan last year. Many groups from the community, staff and students contributed to the process. It is a pleasure to be able to present you with a final draft of the Strategic Plan. This outlines the direction and commitments for the school in the next 5 years. We are very much committed to establishing an explicit direction for the next 5 years.

We have decided to present the Strategic Plan in a diagrammatic form. The central rectangle contains the vision for the school, "Aspiring to Personal Excellence", a definition of the Takapuna Grammar School learner and our core values. From there radiates the five strategic commitments, those required to deliver the vision. Each year the annual goals are determined from the Strategic Plan. Any written feedback to the Strategic Plan is welcome. This can be forwarded to email address; [principal@takapuna.school.nz](mailto:principal@takapuna.school.nz) or posted to the school.

I would also like advise the school community that I will be away on Sabbatical Leave for all of Term 2 returning to school the beginning of Term 3, 20 July 2009. During my absence Mr Terry Holding will be Acting Principal. I look forward to returning to school at the beginning of Term 3 and sharing my findings with the staff and students at Takapuna Grammar School and the local schools on the Peninsula.

I wish you well for the year.

Regards  
SIMON LAMB  
Principal  
Takapuna Grammar School



## Introducing the 2009 Prefects

Vivien Hsu, **Head Girl**  
Bruno Offner, **Head Boy**  
Katie Braatvedt, **Deputy Head Girl**  
Zac McEwen, **Deputy Head Boy**

### Boys

Ashley Abraham, Zane Catterall, Guillaume Fleury, Nathan Holland, Alexander Hosking, Mikey Jarvis, Ryan Kurte, Woo Min Lee, Matt Lowe, Rupert Magele, Charlie McNaughton, Jamie McPherson, Derrick Newton, Tim Pickerill and Sheng Hong Su.

### Girls

Laura Burley, Meg Cummins, Neda Durdevic, Lauren Frost, Billie Kessell, Lucy Korn, Jenny Kwon, Stephanie Monks, Kelly Owens, Antonella Pradel, Chloe Pryor, Bafreen Sherif, Kate Thompson, Lana Veslogouzova and Bianca Wildish.



## Welcome to our new staff for 2009

*Front Row (left to right): Mr D McQuillan (English / Media), Ms J Cryns (Dance), Mr H Viles (PE), Ms R Hill (Art), Ms V Soma (ESOL), Ms R Roxburgh (Mathematics)*

*Middle Row (left to right): Ms E Terblanche (Chemistry), Mrs A Jenkins (English), Ms T Elton-Farr (Graphics), Mrs J Rouse (HOD, Technology), Mrs M Brooke (HOD Special Education), Ms M Aitken (Technology)*

*Back Row (left to right): Mrs S Cook (HOD Mathematics), Cameron Dickson (Guidance), Mr M Cade (Science), Ms L Thomas (Art), Mr T Middeldorp (Music), Ms H Harvey (Social Science / Yr 9 Dean), Ms M Stewart (PE), Ms N Camp (Special Education)*



## Message from the PTA

Last year the PTA raised more than \$24,000 for LTGS and with belt tightening already in evidence we believe the school needs parent support more than ever in 2009.

Our small but dedicated group of PTA members has started the year with enthusiastic plans to bring the school community together in social events - as well as attempt to raise all important funds to help provide extra facilities for the school.

On March 27 we're staging a dance evening for parents, featuring local bands and dinner. Watch the school notice board for more details closer to the time.

Throughout the year we are also hoping to bring in guest speakers for special events and, of course, our hugely successful Golf Day is scheduled for spring.

For more information contact: Helen Whitehead Mob 021 748 331 or Karen Yarton Ph 445 6079

## From the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees congratulates Simon on his recently awarded sabbatical. This sabbatical is funded by the Ministry of Education and enables Principals of 5 or more years experience the opportunity to pursue further study. Simon has an interest in neuroscience and how recent developments in the area of neuroscience can be used to support students' learning. He will be travelling to England in Term 2 to pursue this interest area and returning to school at the beginning of Term 3. The Board of Trustees fully supports Simon in this opportunity and looks forward to his return to the school to further the school's development and his commitment to this critical aspect of teaching and learning.

Last year the school received an extremely positive ERO Report. This report noted a number of significant achievements including the high levels of student performance in NCEA, the number of scholarships awarded and the quality of the teaching and learning programmes. Nonetheless, the Board and the Senior Leadership Team remain committed to ensuring that every year, the performance and the quality of the programmes continues to improve. With this in mind, and with the very generous support of the research company Colmar Brunton, the students, staff, parents and trustees were asked for their input into the school's five-year Strategic Plan. A copy is included in this newsletter. It outlines the community's aspirations for the students and the school and will ensure that Takapuna Grammar continues to focus on excellence in all its endeavours. It is an exciting and ambitious plan that will require inspiration and hard work from

all of us and to which the Board, Simon and Senior Leadership Team are fully committed.

Work on implementing the plan is well underway. In 2009, the Board is focusing its particular strategic responsibilities on the following:

- Carry out a full review of the school's review and reporting processes including those relating to school-wide student achievement.
- Identify new ways of reaching parents, staff, students and the wider community through online means and support the process of educating users in how to use it.
- Extend the communication and collaboration with special interest groups within the school community
- Complete Phase 2 of the Property Development Plan, on budget and to standard.
- Produce a Property Development Plan for Phase 3, identifying all key property developments for the next 5 years.
- Continue to build partnerships to support the development of a community leisure centre.
- Identify and adopt sustainable income sources including the establishment of the TGS Foundation Trust.

In addition to a newsletter update, we are intending to use the website to keep you informed of our progress.

Members of the public are welcome to attend Board meetings. The dates for 2009 are: 17 March, 19 May, 16 June, 28 July, 25 August, 22 September, 20 October, 17 November and the 8 December.



Top: Jeong-Young, who signed on behalf of Kyung Bock High School principal, Young Il KIM  
Above: Terry Holding Senior Deputy Principal, Leanne Eaton Homestay Co-ordinator, Lesley Brennan International Manager

## Kyung Bock High School

Following a visit from Mr Terry Holding, Senior Deputy Principal and Mr Andrew Park, Korean Counsellor, in September 2008, a group of 8 students and 2 staff from Kyung Bock High School visited Takapuna Grammar School in February.

Kyung Bock High School is a prestigious boys' school in Seoul, situated close to the Blue Palace, the home of the

President of Korea. A memorandum of understanding was signed during the visit, the schools agreeing to foster closer relationships between students and staff.

Takapuna Grammar School continues to grow strong links with overseas schools that share a common educational philosophy and teaching and learning pedagogy.

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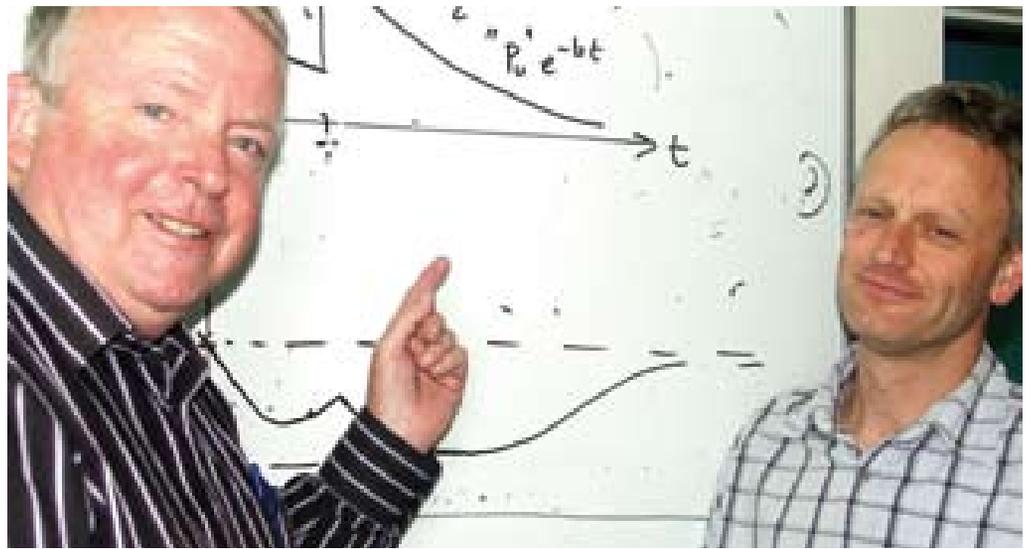
### Pride in the Environment:

Takapuna Grammar School is located in a stunning environment and the grounds are the envy of many other schools. The students are generally proud of their school and of the teaching and learning facilities.

Unfortunately, however, at times they are careless with their rubbish and do not place it in the many bins located throughout the grounds. We need to remind students of their common responsibility to keep the school clean and tidy and not to litter.

To do this staff have agreed to use, when necessary, a clean-up system that will involve all students at 3.15 remaining behind until the grounds are cleaned up. This should take no more than 5 minutes if done properly. It will not affect bus students as the first school bus leaves at 3.25. The need for the cleanup will be assessed each day and therefore we will not be able to give parents advance notice.

We ask for your support over this and hope that it will not be necessary to use the clean-up as students will encourage each other not to drop litter in the first place.



Professor Graeme Wake (left) with Peter Jaques working on a mathematical model to measure sustainable dumping of a pollutant into a river.

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## Industrial-strength Maths to Revamp School Lessons

Turning teenagers on to the thrill of using maths to solve real-world problems should be a whole lot easier for secondary school teacher Peter Jaques after his year at Massey studying the latest industrial applications for mathematics.

From predicting a major power blackout to modelling the spread of pine tree weeds, the maths teacher from Takapuna Grammar School is brimming with ideas and examples of how maths can be used to solve problems across a range of industries.

Returning to the role of student last year after 20 years at schools, including as former head of maths at Takapuna Grammar School, has been “revealing and revitalising,” he says.

Mr Jaques received a New Zealand Maths, Science and Technology Teacher Fellowship for his study What is going on in Industrial Mathematics; done through the Centre for Maths in Industry at the Albany campus.

As well as attending lectures at the Institute of Information and Mathematical Sciences, he visited companies throughout the country, including New

Zealand Steel, Transpower and Plant Protection Chemistry, to observe the latest techniques for applying mathematical models to solve industrial issues.

At Plant Protection Chemistry he looked at how crops can be sprayed more effectively through mathematical modelling of spray drift, and at Compac he witnessed how maths was used to design software for more accurate sorting and weighing of commercially grown fruit.

Director for Massey’s Centre for Mathematics in Industry, Professor Graeme Wake says the opportunity to assist front-line teachers to find ways to apply mathematics outside the classroom and learn new approaches is really exciting. “It gives us the opportunity of informing pre-tertiary students on what is happening in this area.”

Peter Jaques’ report on the industrial mathematics innovations he studied last year is available on the website <http://www.thinking-outside-the-box.co.nz>.

## High Achievers - Academic

### NCEA Scholarships

Takapuna Grammar School attained 26 NCEA scholarships in total, five of these were Outstanding. The Art Department attained 3 outstanding scholarships, 6 scholarships for Art Design and 1 Outstanding for Art History and the English Department attained 4 scholarships.

Tina Chiang (Hui Hsuan) attained 4 scholarships out of 4 attempted. Raymond Tiong attained 2 scholarships out of 3 attempted. Claire Sorrenson attained 1 Outstanding and 1 scholarship.

### Outstanding

Claire Sorrenson, Art History  
Xiao Feng, Graphics  
Hye Cho, Visual Arts  
Jordan Oxborough, Visual Arts  
Blake Wood, Visual Arts

### Scholarships

Hui Hsuan Chiang - Biology, Chemistry, English, Statistics and Modelling  
Claire Sorrenson - English  
Raymond Tiong - English and Visual Arts  
Hannah Manning Scott - English  
Alice McSherry - Geography

David Ma - Graphics  
Jessica O'Connor - History  
Miyeon Kim - Japanese  
Emily Bouwhuis - Music Studies  
Samuel Stewart - Physics  
Elliott Powell - Physics, Statistics and Modelling  
Alexandra Cornwell - Visual Arts  
Siwan Lai - Visual Arts  
Joshua Pollard - Visual Arts  
Emma McIntyre - Visual Arts  
Heari Chung - Visual Arts

### More student achievement...

Congratulations to Fraser Loughlin who has been selected to represent Piha Surf Lifesaving Club at the Under 14 National Surf Lifesaving competition being held at Mount Maunganui.

Helena Orr has been selected to represent Orewa Surf Life Saving Club at the New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships being held in Gisborne in March.

Gemma Price has been selected by the NBR New Zealand Opera to be one of the Children's Choirs in a forthcoming concert of the Mahler 3rd Symphony at the Auckland Town Hall with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, as part of the Auckland Festival.



## Peer Support Programme

The Peer Support programme is happening every Wednesday morning at 8.45. Year 13 students trained as leaders run small groups with Year 9s, playing games, facilitating discussions on set topics and generally being kind big buddies to the new students. As these photos indicate, it is an experience enjoyed by all. Thanks to all the Year 13 leaders for

giving up their Wednesday sleep-in!

The programme concluded on Wednesday March 11th but we are looking to encourage the ongoing relationships between Year 9 and Year 13 students through a peer mentoring system. For more information contact Mary Pottinger Head of Department, Student Support on ext 292.



## Gardasil (HPV) Immunisation for Girls

All girls at Takapuna Grammar will be offered the opportunity to have the 3 vaccinations at school over the next 2 years, administered by Waitemata District Health Board Public Health Nurses.

This year it is being offered to girls in years 12 and 13 – information and consent forms will come home with students early next month.

Next year it will be offered to girls who will be in years 10, 11 and 12 (Girls who are currently at Intermediate school are being offered the vaccinations when in year 8, and after 2010 it will be a routine vaccination in the year 8 school immunisation programme.)

If parents prefer, the vaccination can be given by their family GP.

It is free whichever healthcare provider parents choose to use.

If parents have any questions, they can phone 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466863) for information.



## COMMUNITY

- Be the school of choice for students locally and internationally.
- Ensure students, parents and teachers work more collaboratively to improve and support student learning.
- Promote in students a clear understanding of their identity and their roles and responsibilities in the local, national and global communities.
- Respect and build on the school's traditions and history.
- Strengthen links with past pupils.
- Make Takapuna Grammar School the centre of learning for the community.

## COMMUNICATION

- Provide more effective communication within and between the school and its community by;
  - Ensuring access to good information.
  - Promoting greater collaboration.
  - Celebrating success and achievement.



## ASPIRING TO EXCELLENCE Through Knowing, Caring and Achieving

### The Takapuna Grammar School Values

- Challenged to academic excellence
- A critical, creative and motivated learner
- A motivated life long learner
- A connected and global citizen
- A participator and contributor

### The Takapuna Grammar School Character Pillars

- Personal Excellence
- Respect
- Service and Citizenship
- Inquiry
- Creativity and Innovation
- Pride
- Sustainability

We are all learners

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

- Ensure a teaching and learning programme that challenges and meets the needs of all learners
- Work collaboratively with parents and the community to support learning.
- Ensure all students actively engaged in a vibrant co-curricular programme
- Retain and attract motivated staff to the forefront of educational practice
- Provide a dynamic and innovative learning programme for the school
- Provide challenging, individualised learning that meet their learning needs
- Create appropriate and effective learning environments



**PERSONAL EXCELLENCE**

Connecting, Relating & Supporting

**Our School Learner is:**

- Academic and personal excellence
- Reflective thinker
- Learner
- Active citizen
- Contributor

**Our School Values are:**

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Learners and Teachers

**LEARNING**

learning programme and environment that meets the needs of all learners.

with students to engage them in their

ively participate in a comprehensive and programme which encourages excellence. Motivated and passionate staff who are at the forefront of pedagogy.

progressive professional development for all staff.

individual education plans for all students to meet their learning needs.

innovative learning spaces.

**INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY**

- Find new ways to value, respect and champion the diverse groups within the school to ensure a more inclusive community.
- Provide further specialised Teaching and Learning programmes to ensure personal excellence for specific groups of students.
- Provide new, high quality support programmes for identified groups of students.
- Extend the recognition of and respect for New Zealand's bicultural traditions and values.

**RESOURCES**

**FINANCE**

- Future proof the financial position of the school by;
  - Implementing sustainable income sources through the establishment of the Takapuna Grammar School Foundation Trust.
  - Continually growing the working capital and accumulated assets of the school.

**PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT**

- Provide high quality facilities to meet the teaching and learning needs of students and teachers at the school focusing on;
  - Special Education
  - Whare
  - Classrooms
  - The Staffroom
  - The Community Recreation Centre
  - The Main Entrance and the Central Walkway
- Build and maintain a culture of pride and respect for the environment and its sustainability.

**ICT**

- Maximise the potential of existing and new technologies to support quality teaching and learning and effective communication.



# Performance

## High Achievers - Performing Arts

Bop Doo Wop performed at Potters Park with Auckland's Queen City Big Band at an annual Christmas concert in December. A lot of the arrangements they sing are from original Queen City Big Band charts including Manhattan Transfer. They performed a 30 minute set to an appreciative audience. This was a great way to end a successful year of performance.



The Northern Area Performance Theatre Awards (NAPTA) were established in 2001 to formally recognize and celebrate the talent seen in amateur theatre productions within the Northern region. Participating society productions were judged and awards presented at the annual awards evening held in February 2009. Congratulations to Mrs Jane Horder, HOD Drama who was awarded the Best Actress in Leading Role Musical - "Putting it Together".



Once this building and landscaping are completed, the school will have completed the first phase of its long term Property Development Plan.

## New Building Progressing Well

We have had many favourable comments about the new building under construction behind the Main Block. This is larger than the Sir Peter Blake Art and Technology building and will house all student related services including a new large library, cafeteria, and Student Services as well as ten classrooms for the Social Sciences department, which presently occupies the prefabs behind the Main Block. The design of the building and landscaping will provide additional sheltered areas for students to gather during breaks.

Construction is progressing well despite the prolonged wet weather at the start of the project. It is due to be

completed in the middle of the year. Staff and students are looking forward to moving into the new facilities in Term 3. The old buildings being replaced will then be removed off site, probably during the Christmas holidays to avoid further disruption to students.

Once this building and landscaping over the wider site are completed, the school will have completed the first phase of its long term Property Development Plan. Funding for this phase has come from a combination of Ministry of Education funding for replacement buildings and the school's own locally raised funds.



## Romeo and Juliet at Takapuna Grammar School

Our outdoor Shakespeare this year is Romeo and Juliet, the favourite of his plays. Even in its day the play stayed in Shakespeare's company repertoire for several seasons and earned recognition by Francis Meres in his account of the bard's work in 1598. His is one of the few appraisals of Shakespeare in his own time to have come down to us.

English classes have already booked out the dress rehearsal as the play is studied at Year 10. In addition to providing academic interest the production invites involvement by Technology – Ms Woodward is in charge of costume design with parent, Ms Anna-Marie Dixon, and their

ideas are de-constructed deviations from any period. Mr Pearce has designed and made swords and members and skilled parents with some cast members, are sewing those costumes which need making.

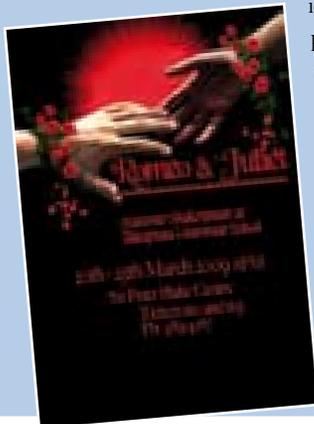
Katie Braatwedt has composed music for the production to be played by her saxophone quartet. Members of the group will use their other instruments as well in her colourful and inventive arrangements of original melodies. Mr Stent has allowed for her compositions to contribute to NCEA Music standards. Year 12 Drama

students are able to use roles in the play for standards in the subject.

The setting is an alternative Classical/early nineteenth century/Regency look on a planet where women are street fighters along with the men. This permits us to create a number of female roles where none exist in the script. We have also replaced the irritating friar with four nuns. The writing has enough variation to create different characters from the one Friar Laurence role. The roles provide scope for talented actresses who are hungry for challenges.

Director, Mr De Grut, has double-cast main roles to enable more parts. He was deluged by keen and talented actors at auditions last year. Michael Ross – the hilarious Roger in Grease- doubles with David Arrow – Lysander in A Midsummer Night's Dream – as Romeo. Lily Kemp and Siobhan Dixon - Titania and Mustardseed in Dream, share Juliet. Comics Sam Blood (Mercutio) and Beren Allen (Tybalt) also star. There is an alternating Mercutio (Tamarah Scott) in an experiment which will surprise aficionados. The two casts will alternate over the 6 night run. If it rains, it will play in the central hall of the PB Centre.

The play opens on Friday, March 20 and runs to March 26 at 8pm each night down in the Sir Peter Blake Centre courtyard. Limited seats will be allocated and available from Monday 2nd March through the school office. Adults, \$15 and students/concession, \$10. The ticket includes an interval drink.





The huge bus offers 22 electronic career display units onboard and is entirely sponsored by NZ business.

## Inzone Careers Mobile Unit Visit

Year 12 students had the opportunity to access information on careers and tertiary training aboard the Inzone Careers' Bus which visited in February. The huge bus offers 22 electronic career display units onboard and is

entirely sponsored by NZ Business. Liaison staff from all of our universities will also visit the school to outline courses and entry requirements commencing with Auckland University's visit on March 12th.

## Gateway Programme

This is an opportunity for Year 12 and 13 students to participate in work based learning relevant to their future careers. Students will undertake 10-20 days in the work place to achieve a minimum of 10 credits through individual learning plans. Interested

students should contact their Dean.

For more information regarding Gateway please see Mrs Vicki Strong, Gateway Co-coordinator situated in the CATs office or telephone 489 4167 ext 610.

**VOLLEYBALL**

The Junior girls team represented the school in December at the North Island Champs and finished 11th out of 40 teams.

## Volleyball Highlights

Takapuna Grammar School Volleyball teams have been performing to a high level over the last six months. At the end of the 2008 season both junior girls and boys teams finished a creditable 11th in the Auckland Championships with Kate Scatter (non traveling reserve) and Jeremy Magele being selected in Auckland Teams.



the tournament, and were members of the top line-up that pushed both eventual finalists, Waikato and Auckland, very hard in section-play.

After a very narrow loss to Manukau, North Harbour played their final game against Hawke's Bay, where a well-deserved victory saw the team finish

The Junior girls team then represented the school in December at the North Island Champs and finished 11th out of 40 teams (first time competing at North Islands)

Takapuna Grammar School was very well represented by three players being selected for the North Harbour Junior Girls volleyball team. Aylah Murray, Maria Damian and Kate Scatter (captain) represented their province in the Inter-Provincial tournament, played at the Otara Recreation Center in December of last year.

Aylah and Kate played very well throughout

in 5th place. Maria played for much of that game, which left the coach wondering whether he should have played her more in the earlier games. However, as a Year 9, she will have her chance to shine at that level this year.

TGS Volleyball is lucky to have the services of Graham Scatter who provides expertise in coaching and getting the best out of the girls. The upcoming season for the seniors looks promising with the Senior Girls team promoted to the Premier Competition (top 10 schools in Auckland). Both boys and girls goals are to make nationals.

*Grant Simpkins TIC Volleyball.*

Sport



## Community Education at Takapuna Grammar School

Classes start 14th February

Online Enrolments are now available

<http://www.takapuna.school.nz/files/community.asp>

Phone 486 3693 for a booklet



**WATER POLO**

## 2008 Waterpolo Highlights

Waterpolo has recently had some good results with teams and players enjoying success.

### Junior Waterpolo Girls

Junior Waterpolo girls won the 2008 Auckland Secondary Schools Junior B league and were undefeated for the whole competition. They also won the 2008 North Island Secondary School B grade championship plate (only losing by one point to the overall winners of the tournament).

Lauren Kerslake played for North Harbour U14A Girls Team which won the 2008 U14 Girls NZ Nationals in Wellington. Rikki Taylor played for the 2008 North Harbour U14 B Girls Team. Lydia Rowlandson, Katie McKenty, Taylor Sheehan and Kate Sheehy all played for North Harbour U14 development teams and were winners of the North Island Development Championship in Rotorua.

### Junior Waterpolo Boys

2008 was a development year with many close games. The boys finished 5th at the 2008 North Island Secondary Schools B grade championship, just missing out on being



in the top pool.

Max Revill played for North Harbour U14A Boys team, which came 2nd at the 2008 Nationals in Wellington.

Carlo Burney played for North Harbour U14B Boys team, which placed 7th at the 2008 Nationals in Wellington.

Jake Benson, Louis Harknett and Callum Orr played for North Harbour U14 Boys Development team, winners of the North Island Championship in Rotorua.

### Senior Waterpolo

Senior Waterpolo are looking to improve on their 10th place in the 2008 Snr B Nationals and will be entering a boys and girls team in the 2009 tournament in April.

Waterpolo is supported with strong leadership and willing parents and volunteers who continue to strive for excellence in the sport.

*Grant Simpkins, TIC Waterpolo*

The latest addition to the 'Fleet' is named 'Leonidas' after an early King of Sparta.



**ROWING**

## Introducing Leonidas

On St. Valentines Day, 2009, the Takapuna Grammar School Rowing Club Inc, christened the latest addition to the 'Fleet'. "Named 'Leonidas' after an early King of Sparta" said Gordon Walker, Club President, "the name means lion-like and that is what you are like out there on the water".

The christening took place after a full day's competitive rowing at the annual Head of Harbour Regatta, organized by TGSRCI on lake Pupuke. The event attracted 34 upper North Island schools.

Despite rain on the day, the event, sponsored by Citywide Engineering, ASB and local businesses, was a huge success.



## High Achievers - Sports

### Golf

Tom Cardno competed in the College games under the Takapuna Grammar banner and was 4th overall for Golf amongst all the schools competing.

More recently Tom won the Lion Foundation New Zealand Golf Men's Under 23 Tournament held in Hastings during January carding a tournament total of five-under 283. This is a major achievement for Tom who is the youngest ever player to have won this tournament.

He has now qualified for the New Zealand Open in March.

### Sailing

The Singapore Airlines Sail Auckland Regatta was held off Kohimarama Beach from the 4th to 8th of February. Ben Goodwin (crew) and Logan Dunning Beck competed in the 420 class against other boats from NZ, Malaysia, Japan and Australia. 10 races were sailed in a range of conditions over the 4 days. The boys finished the regatta in first place with a race to spare.

Their next event will be the NZ 420 Nationals and Youth World's Selection Trials to be held in Napier.

### Athletics

Ayla Gill recently competed at the New Zealand Secondary School Athletics Championships and was placed 1st in the Senior Girls Shot Put and Senior Girls Hammer Throw.

Jacko Gill recently competed at the New Zealand

Secondary School Athletics Championships and was placed 1st in the Junior Boys Shotput and 4th in the Junior Boys Discus.

Andrew Ranford recently competed at the New Zealand Secondary School Athletics Championships and was placed 9th in the Junior Boys 3000m and 8th in the Junior Boys 4000m race.

Brooke Cull competed in the Pacific School Games for the New Zealand Team, in Canberra, for Athletics and was placed 6th in the 200m finals (personal best 25.74). She also competed at the New Zealand Secondary Schools National Athletics U16 in Hamilton and was placed 4th in the 200 metres. In January Brooke competed at the North Island Colgate Games, U14 in Wanganui and was placed 1st in the 100m and 1st in the 200 metre races.

### Swimming

Claudia Brick is a member of the North Shore Swimming Club and recently competed in the New Zealand Junior Swim Champs (21 & 22 Feb). She received national bronze medals in both the 100m and 200m backstroke, and is now ranked 5th in New Zealand in her age group for her overall swimming. Last weekend she travelled to Mount Maunganui where she competed in the New Zealand Surf Lifesaving Nationals, Ocean Athletes Under 14 Carnival and she collected a bronze in the tube rescue and two golds in the swim, and the run-swim-swim events.

## IN BRIEF...

### First XI Football

Boys first XI football have completed their summer training and pre season selection.

The new First XI for 2009 beat Saint Kentigern College 3-2 on Saturday March 7th then went on to defeat the North Shore under 35s team later in the day.

For info on Boys or Girls Football at the school please contact Mr Smith at [s.smith@takapuna.school.nz](mailto:s.smith@takapuna.school.nz)





# Calendar of Events

## Term One, Calendar of Events

<b>Week Seven: 16th -20th March</b>		
Tuesday	18th	Junior Reports Issued
Sunday	22nd	Year 12 PE Camp
<b>Week Eight: 23-27th March</b>		
Monday, Tuesday	23- 24th	Year 12 PE Camp
Wednesday	25th	Junior Report Evening
<b>Week Nine: 30th March - 3rd April</b>		
Wednesday	1st	Senior Reports Issued
Sunday	5th	Year 12 Geography Camp
<b>Week Ten: 6th - 11th April</b>		
Monday - Tuesday	6 - 7th	Year 12 Geography Camp
Friday	11th	Easter Friday / End of Term One

## Takapuna Grammar School 2009 Dates

<b>Term 1</b>	Tuesday 3 February	To	Thursday 9 April
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 27 April	To	Friday 3 July
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 20 July	To	Friday 25 September
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 12 October	To	Thursday 10 December

## Success from the Classroom to the Boardroom

In 2008, the students from the Takapuna Grammar Centre for Business & Enterprise were asked by the Directors of New Zealand Light Leathers to work with other TGS students in designing a new logo. The end result was presented by the Centre for Business & Enterprise students to the Board at New Zealand Light Leathers on a trip to Timaru.

The Board were so thrilled with the end result that they have already put the logo to use, as can be seen on their very impressive business cards (as shown). This logo could now be found in the hands of some very influential people from the fashion houses of Europe and elsewhere! This work exemplifies the interaction between the Takapuna Grammar Centre for Business & Enterprise and the business community. An on-going

relationship has been developed with New Zealand Light Leathers who, along with a number of other businesses both locally and nationally, are keen to ensure that our students gain a hands-on knowledge of all facets of business. The support of the business community has been invaluable in the success of the Centre.

