
2009 Winter Tournament Week Summary

This year Takapuna Grammar School had six teams travelling to different parts of the North Island to participate in Winter Tournament Week. There was a lot of preparation, time and effort put into these teams travelling away by teachers, parents, helpers, coaches, managers and the students.

- 1st XI Boys Hockey participated in the Founders Cup in Ngatea
- 1st XI Girls Hockey participated in the Mary Clinton Cup in Whakatane
- 1st XI Boys Football participated in the Malcolm Cowie Cup in Hamilton
- 1st XI Girls Football participated in the Lotto Premier Cup in Napier
- Senior 1 Netball participated in the Upper North Island Secondary Schools Tournament in Hamilton
- Open Boys Basketball participated in the Basketball NZ Zone 1 Secondary Schools AA Premiership Tournament in Auckland

The boys football team sponsored by Bayleys Real Estate, under the direction of coaches Mr Dave Coshan and Mr Ian Gray had the best tournament result for a number of years. The team finished 2nd in a nail biting final on the last day, the final position decided after extra time and a penalty shoot out.

The girls football team coached by Mr Peter Buchanan went to the Nationals without a full strength playing team but with the passion and enthusiasm to do well. Making the Nationals again this year was an achievement in itself. It was our only team this week to make it to a top ranking tournament.

The netball girls coached by Mrs Tate and sponsored by Harcourts of Devonport and El Framo participated in the B grade at their tournament. Many nail biting losses or wins by 1-3 points saw them being out put down to the lower half of this grade, finishing 26th overall.



The boys hockey team sponsored by Delmaine have gone from strength to strength under the coaching ability of Mr Cade. Many exciting close games took them through to the final for their tournament which they won not dropping a game.

The girls hockey team coached by Ms Judy Buntain, grew in every way throughout the tournament. Missing out in the final by a penalty shoot out, they secured their 3rd equal position on the final day. This is the best result the girls have had at a tournament in a long time.

The basketball boys had a tough week playing schools ranked high above them Mr Oakden was their coach and lead the team in the Auckland tournament to 17th place.

Propeller Driven Racing Cars

Multi-materials Technology teacher Mr Pearce used to teach a popular Year 10 unit in which students developed jet-propelled racing cars, using fizzy drink bottles pressurised with water. They raced their cars in the corridor, and then each student evaluated how well his or her car performed and what changes would be required to improve it. The move into a new Technology Building made the testing and racing more difficult, and Mr Pearce considered dropping the unit. However, the unit had been so successful that he decided to adapt it so that students could work on basically the same skills to develop a propeller-driven racing car.

The three Year 10 classes (of which about 10% are girls) were timetabled so that they all worked on the one-term Racing Cars unit at the same time. Mr Pearce taught two of the classes and Miss Cusens the third.

About 70 racing cars were tested on racing day. Mr Pearce says, "it was really good and a lot of fun, and you'd get kids really excited about what they'd done." He was pleased with the success of the adapted unit and will use it again.



From the Principal



Dear Parents and Guardians

The end of this year is now upon us with seniors, about to commence national NCEA examinations and external assessments.

The Year 11, 12 and 13 students depart school in three weeks. The year ends for them following the Senior Prizegiving held in the Bruce Mason Centre on Tuesday, 10th November at 1:30pm. The Senior Prizegiving is a very well attended event and parents requiring seats should contact Sharon Smith-Tohu on extension 251 to secure these.

By now senior students will have received feedback from the school examinations held at the end of Term 3. This feedback to students will inform them about their areas of strength and those areas which require further development.

Right now it is vital your son(s) and daughter(s) have:

- A plan for study ending at the completion of the last examination.
- A place to study which is theirs, containing the study plan in a very visible and obvious place.
- A sense of calm in the household.
- Assistance in saying "no" to other distractions or conflicting priorities.

Your sons and daughters should understand that:

- Quality concentration lasts for about 50 minutes.
- Breaking up the volume of subjects into 50 minute topics assists students to work their way through their study.
- Giving themselves a reward at the end of each 50 minute period can be motivating.
- Studying in the morning and evening can be more productive as concentration can be stronger at these times.
- Exercise, good eating habits and sleep are vital during this time of pressure and stress.

We are identifying students who will benefit from extra assistance and look to provide further mentoring and coaching. Please contact the appropriate Dean should you wish to speak to someone about any concerns you may have.

Cambridge Examinations started on the 8th October. NCEA starts on the 16th November. Year 9 and 10 students start their school examinations on the 30 November.

The school was delighted with the 2009 Takapuna Grammar School Ball. The students were a credit to the school and we were all appreciative of their behaviour and approach to the Ball itself. This is a continuance of the previous events where we have witnessed strong patterns of student behaviour. This year we had 640 students and over 50 staff in attendance making it one of the largest Ball events we have held. The growing senior school roll is largely contributing to the increased numbers.

Thank you for your support of your son and daughter at these times.

Regards



SIMON LAMB

Principal

Takapuna Grammar School

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TAKAPUNA GRAMMAR **SCHOOL PTA GOLF** **TOURNAMENT**

A day of fun and entertainment and an opportunity to support fundraising for your school.

When: Thursday, 19th November 2009
Shotgun Start 1.00pm at the
Waitemata Golf Course

To reserve a place for you or your group and to find out about sponsorship opportunities please contact:

- Nicky Pridham for team registration, sponsorship or any questions telephone; 486 1822 or email: nickypridham@xtra.co.nz

Student Achievement

Academic

Five teams of History students from Takapuna Grammar School participated in the Auckland History Teachers' Association Year Eleven History Quiz. The winning team members were **Hamish McDonald, Kimi Webster and Max Schneider**. Mrs Gillon was Team Coach. Seventy-one teams competed in six preliminary rounds and the team from Takapuna Grammar School went on to win the competition.

Anna Love has been selected as a recipient for the Massey University High Achiever Scholarship (Academic) for 2010.

Woo Min Lee, Jenny Kwon, Bianca Wildish, Raeana Connell, Nicholas Cornwell and Jennifer Matthews have all been awarded ASB Scholarship Awards.

In the Auckland Alliance Française Concours Oral for Term 3, Takapuna Grammar School students gained outstanding results:

Year 11

James Horder, Excellence and 1st place winner of regional final

Harriet Robinson-Chen, Très Bien

Thomas Doolin, Bien

Year 12

Laura Eaton, Avril Gillan Très Bien

Leisha Calder, Assez Bien

Year 13

Anna Love, Excellence and 4th equal in regional final

Antonella Pradel, Très Bien and 3rd equal Hors Concours in regional final

Congratulations to the following students who achieved exceptional results in the Goethe Society German Examination;

Year 12

James Fox, Award of Excellence (4th equal)

Talya Avram, Zoe Howes and Alex Revell - Highly Commended

Year 11

Samuel Kesting and Loran Paulich - Award of Excellence Advantaged Speaker

Dalton Haase, Timothy Williams and Jerry Yelich-O'Connor - Highly Commended

Year 10

Holly Griffin, Michael Linehan and Grace Single - Diploma

Ben Davies, Gemma Price and Stevie Wilton - Highly Commended

Year 9

Montanna Bowyer, Ben Halstead, Kyle Lloyd and Miran Mrkela - Highly Commended

Arts

Odessa Coleman was this year's recipient of the Pat Hanley Student Membership Award at the Auckland Art Gallery. This award recognises Year 13 students nominated from secondary schools throughout Auckland for their "outstanding commitment and passion for the visual arts, and community awareness".

Sports

Helena Orr has been selected to represent Orewa Surf Lifesaving Club at the Coolangatta Gold Ironman Event being held on the Gold Coast in October. This is the premier Ironman event in Australia and attracts top surf life saving athletes from all over the world.

Emma Rouse recently competed in the North Island Judo Championships and won 3 silver medals in the JR Women-57KG, JR Women-70 Kyu Grade and SR Women-57KG.

Fraser Loughlin competed at the 2009 Surf Life Saving Northern Reigon District Pool Championships contested at West Wave Aquatics Centre in September. Fraser who represents Piha took 1st place in the patient tube rescue, 3rd place in the 50m freestyle and earned the club a total of 12 points. Fraser will be part of the team going to the SLSNZ swim championships in Wellington during October.

Congratulations to **Lauren Mathis** who has been named in the New Zealand U20 team to play World Cup qualifying games in October 2009.

Jacko Gill has increased his own Auckland U17 shot put record with a put of 18.30m at the mid winter track series. This surpassed the qualifying mark for the World Youth Championships, but at 14 he was considered too young by the selectors. At the annual USA, Australia Downunder meet held in Brisbane, Jacko won the 14 year old Boys' Discus with a throw of 59.03m breaking the Meet records by almost 5.00m. He also won the U18 Boys' Shot with 18.01m again breaking the meet records of 16.76m. His third victory came in the U20 Mens' Shot narrowly missing the record throwing the 6kg Shot 16.23m.

Congratulations to the following students who participated at the Cycling New Zealand Secondary Schools' Individual Cycling Championships with some great results;

Harry Ross placed 2nd A Grade U15 Boys Overall

Guy Le Noel placed 8th A Grade U15 Boys Overall

Robbie Laking placed 11th A Grade U15 Boys Overall

Hannah Sykes placed 14th A Grade U16 Girls Overall

Cam Thompson placed 13th A Grade U14 Boys Overall

Jake Laurie placed 3rd B Grade U16 Boys Overall

Paul Symes placed 7th B Grade U16 Boys Overall

Hannah Cantrell placed 16th B Grade U15 Girls Overall

Student Achievement continued

Andrew Ranford was placed 2nd at the 2009 Gold Coast ITU Aquathon World Championships 16-19 Male section.

Alex Emery placed 5th at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Aerobics Gymnastics Competition in the Junior A Section.

Tyana Rowe-Kurene has been selected for the 2009 North Harbour U15 Netball Rep Squad.

Max Revill gained a silver medal in the Auckland District Surf Life Saving Championships. He gained a silver medal in the U14 Boys Beach Sprints and bronze in the U14 Mixed Beach Relay. He also passed his bronze surf lifeguard award

Mikaela Davies has been selected to play at the IIF tournament. She has been selected to play in the Caro Bowl team for Pompallier Club, and the Chelsea Cup team for Belmont Club, where she will be playing in the Number 1 position. She has also been selected by Tennis Northern to represent them in a tri-series regional competition

Students participated in the Nike Plus Challenge and were placed 34th out of 137 schools'. Congratulations to **Nick Mead, Katie Mantell, Tim Pickerill and Raena Connell** who ran the full 220km for the challenge.

Co-Curricular

Amelia MacDonald has been awarded with a gold scholarship award to Cambodia in December 2009



acknowledging her outstanding contribution to the World Vision and Sanitarium 40 Hour Famine 2009. She also appeared on TV3 Sunrise celebrating this achievement. Amelia spent a week in the Term 3 holidays in Wellington at the World Vision Scholarship Programme and is one of five students who have been awarded with a further scholarship.

This year's total fundraising from Takapuna Grammar School students for World Vision through the 40 Hour Famine was approximately \$11,500.

For Your Information

Sports Awards Dinner and Prizegiving

Wednesday, 4th November. Doors open 5.45pm in the School Hall. Tickets can be purchased for \$40 to invited students and their parents from the School Hall foyer on Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th October only. Any questions, please contact the Sports Department on telephone 486 9857.

Term Dates 2009/2010

2009 Term Dates	
Term 4	Monday, 12 October - Thursday, 10 December

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
