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Naming Ceremony for the Rowan Nicks Science Centre

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Professor Rowan Nicks

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Dear Parents and Guardians

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Now in Term 3, senior students are focussed on internal assessments, the school examinations and the run to the end of the academic year. It is hard to believe that these students are in their last 10 school weeks of the academic year.

In terms of enrolments for next year, we have 30 out-of-zone places available, at Year 9 only, for 2016. We are trying to manage the roll as pressure for places at Takapuna Grammar School remains. With a larger cohort departing from Year 13 this year, we have been able to make available these 30 places at Year 9. Many parents continue to purchase property in the local area to secure their child's place at Takapuna Grammar School. The ballot will take place on the 9th September with applications for this process closing on the 2nd September.

As many are well aware, student involvement in sport and physical activity has a major influence on health and well-being and can be equally correlated to academic achievement and performance. Those skills and abilities acquired and learned on the sports field are easily transported to academic domains. In a time where change is the constant and notions of future employment opportunities are, at best, vague, the impact of physical activity and engagement remains perpetual. As mentioned in my last newsletter, I intend to keep you informed and updated about the ASPIRE initiative. With the support of community members, Takapuna Grammar School is seeking to ensure that every student is involved in a sport and/or physical activity. To this end the intention is encapsulated in the term ASPIRE. To achieve increased dynamics and involvement in sport the school is committed, internally, to developing its structures. Externally, the school is looking to include and involve more development and contribution, to the infrastructures of sport. From the outset, financial support, both internally and externally, is going to be an expected dynamic. You will begin to hear more of this initiative as time progresses in the context of growing further sport and the Performing Arts at Takapuna Grammar School. I look forward to updating you as this initiative develops.

At the time of writing, Takapuna Grammar School has hosted its inaugural Manaaki session. I have been impressed with the response from students, which ranges from rampant, enthusiasm to support for the idea despite the dynamic seeming strange and unusual. The potential of this initiative is well recognised by most and it is in this possibility that the power of mentoring can be realised. We look forward to updating you of this as Manaaki develops and intend to include parents in the Manaaki process so that you have access to and understanding of the programme and how it is impacting you son or daughter's academic development at the school. As an initial idea, the PTA are keen to host a Manaaki Evening for parents which will feature a well-known speaker, Allison Mooney. Allison was the featured speaker at the Staff Manaaki Day held on the Queen's Birthday Professional Development day. She articulates well the abilities and limitations of four personality styles with particular reference to parenting and supporting teenagers. Notions of communication, collaboration and conflict can be well supported by understandings in this arena. The date being suggested is the 27th of August and you are welcome to come to the school hall to gain, first hand a detailed explanation of the Manaaki project preceding a presentation from Allison. Her book, *Pressing the Right Buttons*, will also be for sale on the evening.

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We have been impressed by the large number of parents coming to our recent Enrolments Evenings, Senior Report Evening and Junior Report Evening. The Options Information Evening will be held on the 18th August from 4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. in the School Hall. Your support for students and their learning is greatly appreciated by the school.

Please contact me if you have any questions or queries. I am available at principal@takapuna.school.nz.

Regards

Principal
Takapuna Grammar School





For your information:

11 August	Otago University Enrolment - Lunchtime	31 August	Winter Tournament Week
12 August	Enrolment Evening – Library	4 September	TGS Comedy Evening
13 August	Victoria University Enrolment – Lunchtime Scholarship Tutorial – Pd 4	7 September	IB Internal Examinations Begin
14 August	International Evening	9 September	Senior Internal Examinations Begin
17 August	KBB Music Festival Week	14 September	North Island Secondary Schools Skiing until the 16th of September
18 August	Massey University Enrolment - Lunchtime	17 September	IB Internal Examinations Finish Senior Internal Examinations Finish
20 August	Yr 11 Speech Competition Auckland University Enrolment – Lunchtime Enrolment Evening - Library	21 September	North Island Secondary Schools Snowboarding until the 23rd of September Examination Feedback Week
21 August	National Poetry Day Staff/International/Sports Photos	22 September	Auckland Secondary Schools Cycling Road Race
23 August	10SPI OPC Trip	25 September	NZ Cycling Championships End of Term 3
26 August	Fashion Show	26 September	School Ball NZ Cycling Championships
27 August	Allison Mooney Presentation – School Hall	27 September	NZ Cycling Championships Classics Trip to Europe - Departs
28 August	10SPI OPC Trip - Returns Yr 9 Debating Daffodil Day		

TGS Internal Exams – Supervisors

Supervisors are needed for our Internal Examinations which run from Wednesday, 9 September to Friday, 18 September 2015. The school pays \$45 per examination session. The sessions run from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm. The sessions will involve distributing and collecting papers and supervising the students while they sit the examination. We will have an examination meeting for supervisors before the examinations start.

If you are interested and available, would you please confirm the days and sessions you are available and let Margaret Lister know by email or phone by Wednesday, 19 August at m.lister@takapuna.school.nz or phone 489 4167 Ext 9262.





Field of Remembrance

The Devonport RSA has created a Field of Remembrance of crosses at Takapuna Grammar School, containing details of all those with a connection to Devonport who were killed in the service of their country, at the Battle of Chunuk Bair. The Battle of Chunuk Bair was perhaps the most significant event of the Gallipoli campaign for New Zealand. The Field has been established at school for about two weeks encompassing the centennial date of the battle, nominally 2 August to 23 August. The Field will provide a focus for the students to reflect on the sacrifice of the many New Zealanders lost at Chunuk Bair.

Korean Night

Our school's strong sense of Korean culture was wonderfully showcased on the night of July 2nd in the school hall. A group of keen Korean students along with some non-Koreans used this night as a chance to showcase their musical talent as well as making unsuspecting audience members eat ridiculously hot noodles.

Both modern and traditional acts were performed on the night, even by students who had never performed before, making the night an unforgettable experience for both the audience and performers.

"Although it was my first and last time performing for Korean Night, it was a really exhilarating night where everyone was cheering you on and there was free food," says Year 13 student, Sarah Han

Overall it was an enjoyable night for both the performers and the audience. Margaret Lee, one of the non-Korean students who took part in this evening by being a part of fan dance said that,

"it was pretty sweet to immerse myself in some Korean culture." It seems to be true that evenings like this are, as Year 11 Ella Pearson says, "...a great way to learn about a different culture. The Korean Students raised over \$800 which has been donated back to the school.





The Brothers and Sisters programme with Kiwi English

It's not every afternoon that you get to leave school and wander around Auckland City, but on the 18th and 19th June, the IB Year 1's did just that and became tour guides around the city we call home.

The IB students acted as tour guides to small groups of Japanese students visiting New Zealand as part of the 'Kiwi English' programme, showing them the city and getting to know one another. This was a learning opportunity for everyone involved. The Japanese students came to New Zealand to learn about our culture, and to improve their English. We were encouraged to talk to the students in English as much as possible, which proved challenging at times. Patience was key and even a language barrier didn't stop us from connecting with one another.

We also learnt a thing or two about our home town. Some students simply hadn't explored the city much, others had never been up the Skytower. This programme gave us the opportunity to visit some of the city's best attractions: Victoria Park Market, the Maritime Museum and Albert Park. We even had time to do a little shopping in and around Queen Street. I had the interesting experience of going up the Skytower twice in two days so fortunately the panoramic views of Auckland and the surrounding area do not tend to get tedious.

Overall, the programme was an eye opening experience. No one lost their way (well almost), and everyone involved had a good time. Being a tour guide around our own city shows more of the place you live in than you could expect, and I think that is something we all took away with us along with a friendship connection to students of another culture living in another part of the world.

By Leah Wilks

Trees for Survival

For the eighth year running, our Special Education Department Transition class visited Wendy and Dave Moore's farm near Warkworth, for a fantastic day of tree planting, for Trees for Survival.

Since 2008 the Transition Class has brought out a group of enthusiastic students who together have planted over 6000 trees.

A lot of work comes together on planting days. First of all, the



Picture: Dave and Wendy Moore with Vicki Bridle and Zoe Mantel receiving garden tools for the potting shed.

school will have started the process a year ago, planting the trees from seedlings and nurturing them over the school year. The TFS coordinator makes sure everything is moving along smoothly.

With the help of Auckland City Council and volunteers from neighbouring farms trees we have planted on a site allocated by the landowners Wendy and Dave. The hardest parts are digging the holes and carrying three spades at once!

It was another successful, enjoyable and rewarding day; great food and hard work for the Transition class and the staff who helped.

The Takapuna Grammar School Trees for Survival day has become a highlight of the planting season every year.



Dance Evening

Dance Evening in June this year was a huge success. A vibrant night involving almost 200 students from the Dance Department and all co-curricular Dance groups. Cactus Dance Company performed a number of works including two professionally choreographed pieces. Tempus Dance Company delighted with a variety of performances from upbeat numbers to the stunning 'Lost' choreographed by Miss Emily Woodfield, and part of our WW1 commemoration.

The Special Education Class were a huge hit as usual, performing a dance choreographed by their teacher Miss Natalie Dowd to Uptown Funk. Touch Compass Dance Company worked with the Integrated Dance Group, comprising students from Dance and Special Education, to create a beautiful dance. We were also honoured to have Touch Compass Dance Company perform. The Bruce Mason Theatre was packed with enthusiastic family and friends, and as a department we couldn't be happier with how the evening went.

By Juliet Cryns, Dance teacher

Pictured: Opening number 'Emerge' performed by Cactus and Tempus Dance Companies

Individual dancing success

At the recent New Zealand Championships for Highland and National Dancing Rina MacDonald gained an outstanding achievement winning 4 of the 10 championship dances she competed in and finished runner-up overall in the under 16 age group. This is testament to the many hours of dedication, practice and commitment Rina has put into dance and a thoroughly deserved result for all her effort.



Pictured: Rina MacDonald



Year 10 Speech Finals

The Year 10 speech competition is a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase and celebrate some of our talented young orators. This year was no exception with an impressive range of excellent speeches being delivered.

Twenty-three Year 10 students were selected for the semi-finals after presenting their speeches in their English classes. Over four lunchtimes they battled it out to impress the judges and win a spot in the finals. The speeches included both serious reflections and entertaining spins, on modern day issues that were pertinent to a teenage audience. The quality of the speeches made the selection of the seven finalists really difficult, and they should all be commended for their efforts.

All of the finalists: Angus Fotheringham (10KR), Ella Vukovich (10CV), Georgia Barron (10SN), Samuel Ong (10CV), Kate Lee (10SA), Barnaby Watts (10MQ) and Jessica Pausch (10MK) delivered outstanding speeches to a packed hall of Year 10 students, teachers and parents. The Year 10 Dean, Jack Chapman, and the School librarian, Annie White, had the unenviable task of judging.

Barnaby Watts took first place with an engaging and entertaining speech about New Zealand politicians; impressing the judges with his charismatic and confident performance. Jessica Pausch and Samuel Ong placed second and third respectively and the honours were well deserved.



Picture: Mr Chapman, Barnaby Watts, Samuel Ong and Jessica Pausch



A win for TGS Brass



TGS Brass performed magnificently at the recent NZBBA national championships in Rotorua. The band played to a full auditorium and were awarded a combined total of marks over three disciplines (Sacred piece, Stage March and Own choice) to win their grade.

The national judge praised the efforts of the band, for the quality of the sound that they produced. The audience were also very generous with their applause and the Youth Cup was presented to the Musical Director Mr Ted Dawson. The band's soloist for the day Martin Greshoff was also rewarded for his fine playing of *Benidictus* on his euphonium. Martin received the cup for his great playing of a difficult work. The band also competed in the street March led by Drum Major Joe Seufatu. The band not only achieved a very high standard of marching they gained more points than the two D grade bands (all adults) and more music points than five of the C grade bands.

This is the first time that the band has competed at national level and considering this group was formed only four years ago, the results are outstanding. With only three students leaving school at the end of this year the aim to compete in the 2016 National contest in Napier is very much in the sights of the band.

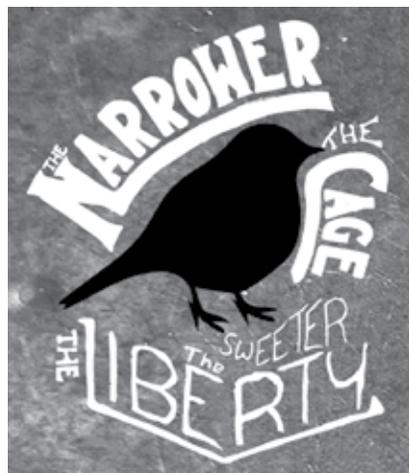
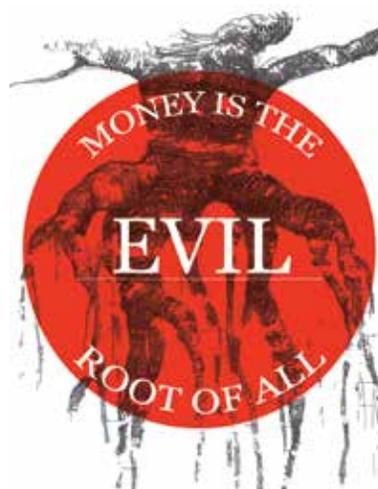
By Bill Rimmer, Band Manager

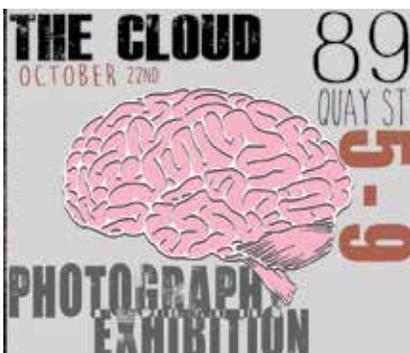
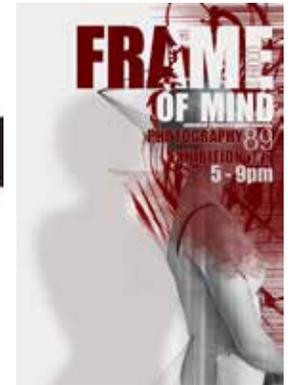
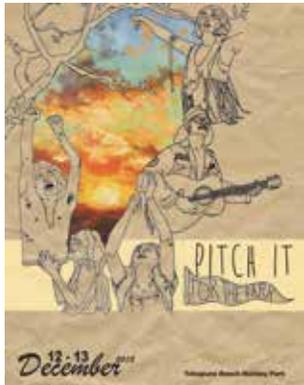
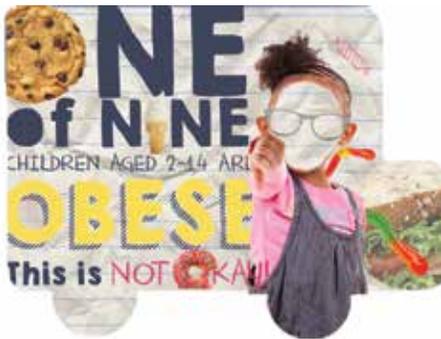
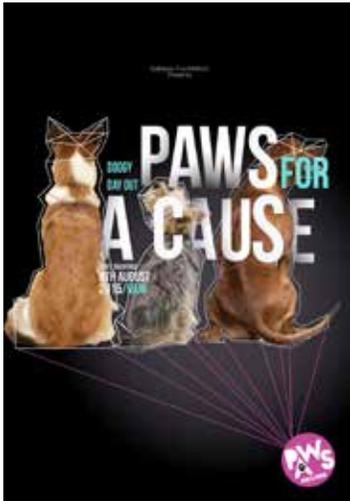


“Designers are meant to be loved, not to be understood.”

Fabien Barral (French Designer and illustrator)

The work featured on these two pages was made by our Level 2 and 3 Art-Design students using the Adobe suite. Level 2 students were asked to use type and image to communicate a short phrase, like a proverb or a line from a poem or song. Level 3 students have created illustrations and designs that respond to a particular issue of their choice. The designs shown here explore such varied topics as endangered animals, organic skin products, homelessness, epilepsy dogs, refugees in New Zealand and encouraging creativity.







Success!

Nina Edgar is a Takapuna Grammar School student who is excelling in Karate. She placed 1st in the All New Zealand Goju Champs in the 12/13 year old Kata and 2nd in the Kumite. She placed 2nd in the Karate NZ Open for 14/15 year old Kata, 2nd in the Karate NZ National Champs in the Team Kata and 2nd in the National Secondary Schools Champs in the Under 14 Kata.

Katherine Badham competed in Christchurch at the Cross Country Club Nationals and placed 3rd.

Lucy Jacobs has been selected into the NZ Secondary Schools Athletics Association Cross Country team. She will be heading to Melbourne with the team to compete in the Australian

Championships this month.

Bridget Connolly played as #2 for the North Harbour golf team vs Northland. She won all her games and the team placed 1st.

Erica Gatland won the Lead Climbing competition and placed 2nd in the Bouldering Competition.

Silver and bronze for Arushni Naicker, who competed at the ASA Winter Championships in July. Arushni swam five events in the girls 15 & over age group. Results: 100 Fly, 6th, 100 Back, 6th, 50 Back, 6th, 50 Fly, 2nd, 100 Free, 3rd

Congratulations to our Premier Boys Squash team who finished 2nd in the Auckland Premier Squash competition with 21 points. This team is now off to Nationals in Palmerston North. The aim is for a top five finish, which they narrowly missed out last year, when they placed a 6th.

Takapuna student on the world rugby stage

Sean Wainui, an ex Takapuna Grammar Prefect and 1st XV Captain, has represented New Zealand on the world stage after playing for the Champion New Zealand team in the Under 20 Rugby World Cup in Italy. The team played England for the title, winning 21-16.

Wainui played in the successful pool matches, against Scotland and Argentina. During the Scotland game, Wainui came from reserve and played for 30 minutes, the team won 68-10. Wainui started on the wing against Argentina, scored a try, resulting in their win 32-29.

The midfield back signed to Taranaki Rugby, and was selected to play in the Taranaki ITM Cup Premiership team in 2014. Sean Wainui stated to 'Stuff' after the signing of his Taranaki contract, "I just thought if I trained as hard as I could in the development programme then you never know where things can go and so it's proved." The team won the league. Sean also played in the Chiefs Super 15 development side in 2014. 2015 has brought the results of Sean's hard work, as he was selected for the Chiefs Super 15 wider training squad, and the NZ Under 20 rugby side. Wainui spent 11 weeks over the summer recovering from a stress fracture in his foot, and as a result missed the Under 20 training camps and trials. Wainui was called late to the squad, and proved his worth scoring two tries against Japan in the Oceania Cup.

Sean Wainui returned to Takapuna Grammar for a Q&A session after the Under 20's win, and was welcomed by the current 1st XV team. Wainui presented a NZ U20 jersey to the school, stating the day 'was an honour'.

The Maori All Blacks squad, scheduled to play Fiji, and the New Zealand Barbarians was announced recently. The team welcomed ten new players, Sean Wainui was included. An article from the New Zealand Herald, states Coach Colin Cooper is excited by the mix of experienced hands, and young talent.

Takapuna Grammar wishes Sean Wainui all the best for his future in rugby.

By Ciara Connolly



Picture: Will Scovell, HOD Physical Education and Sean Wainui



A challenging idea

On the 24th of June our students competed against 14 other schools across Auckland, in the raw division of Stage Challenge, at the Aotea Centre. The entire day was an amazing experience for all the students involved, and the energy was great from the start of the day till the end. This year's Stage Challenge was led by Year 13 students Emma Wildman, Hibiki Kato and Jemima Daly. The theme was based on Palm Oil deforestation that occurs in parts of Malaysia.

The concept was triggered by thinking about the fact that 85% of palm fruit is grown in Indonesia and Malaysia. The palm oil industry causes many major environmental issues. An area equivalent to 300 rugby fields of rainforest is being destroyed every hour, to assist palm oil production. This deforestation is forcing the extinction of wildlife such as the Orang-utan, which may become extinct within the next 5-10 years. The dancers aim was to show the effects deforestation has on the environment and wildlife through a creative dance and performance. Although we did not place in the top three, we were proud to gain three awards for Choreography, Soundtrack and Drama.





Shadow a leader – a student's report

A day to remember

The first of July was a day to remember. Fellow TGS student, Samantha Mottram and I were lucky enough to be part of 'Shadow a Leader', an AUT sponsored event, where a high school student, and an AUT Business and/or Law student, shadowed a successful Auckland business person.

I was privileged to be paired with BNZ's Director of Strategy and Business Performance, Richard Griffiths, and Sam, with Sovereign's Chief Officer of People and Community, Sharron Botica.

Our day began with a breakfast, with the main guest speaker, Greg Sheehan, CEO & Executive Director of Rightway, (an accounting firm), held at the AUT Paul Reeves building. Many other speakers also addressed us with their experiences in starting up a business, rapidly growing a business, and networking - or ideally 'making friends'. After meeting our team leader, we were taken to our respective locations. My day consisted of shadowing Richard through meetings, and meeting the BNZ management team - including the CEO, Anthony Healy.



Pictured Ciara Connolly

However, the highlight of my day was listening to ex PM and current Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, Helen Clark, who was coincidentally speaking to the BNZ staff on the first of July. The 23rd most influential woman in the world, as claimed by Forbes, spoke of her challenges with climate change, poverty and women's rights.

The experience of 'Shadow a leader' completely changed my views on banking and the management of a large scale company, as BNZ is modern, new and full of interesting people. The careers in banking are endless, including legal, marketing, youth development, and trading. The most important and consistent piece of advice I was given throughout the day was, "get a degree and the rest will fall into place." By Ciara Connolly

Alice Kim reviews the recent Level 3 Business Studies activities:

YES Product Launch

On 25th of June, Level 3 Business Studies students held an official product launch to showcase their products. Parents, teachers, peers, ex-pupils, and business mentors all attended the event in aim to congratulate students on their successful companies, as well as to make purchases! As part of Level 3 Business Studies, and Young Enterprise Scheme, students have been working continuously throughout the year to develop a business idea into a real product. This year, students have introduced various products ranging from delicious, and convenient mug cakes, survival jackets, tourism playing cards, refurbished school furniture, to handy phone charger accessories. The product launch marked the beginning of students selling their great products.

Enterprise In Action

Six Year 13 students taking commerce subjects were part of the 80 students selected nationwide to participate in Enterprise in Action. The chosen students were Alice Kim, Xiao Jiang, Rebekah Alvey, Caleb Fotheringham, Hayley Smith, and Samantha Mottram. Enterprise in Action was held from 13th to 14th of June, at Massey University. The event comprised of two global entrepreneurial challenges. Both challenges were revealed each morning, requiring students to write a business plan, and deliver an oral pitch to a panel of judges in less than a day. The two challenges were forming an exhibition displaying light in celebration of the year of light, and developing a market entry strategy to export an oil-based product to Saudi Arabia. I was a member of the winning team for the FedEx International Challenge, in which I was one of the 20 finalists to be considered to represent New Zealand in the challenge of the Asia-Pacific region. The event was a rewarding experience for all participants, allowing us to apply the skills we had learnt in class to a practical situation. "I feel that I gained more business knowledge, and confidence by participating in Enterprise in Action," as said by Xiao Jiang. Each student also received a scholarship to Massey University Business School.



New Zealand Secondary Schools Case Competition

During term 2 holidays, the New Zealand Secondary School Case Competition was held, which was sponsored by Massey University. Students were given a real business case, and were required to submit a full business plan. Xiao Jiang, Alice Kim, Ella Halstead, and Helen Leenoh were one of the few selected groups to advance to the regional finals of the competition. The case given was to analyse strategies for Starbucks to further grow in the Indian market. "It was great to compete in a business challenge with students from all over New Zealand," said Xiao Jiang. The event was a valuable experience for all participating students, enabling them to further develop their business skills, and knowledge outside of classrooms.



New Zealand Secondary Schools Case Competition

The YES Finance Directors all got a helping hand at a training session last term when they went out to Ernst and Young for the day to get expert advice to help them plan and organise their company finances.



Pictured Hilary Robotham YES Coordinator, Alice Kim, Xiao Jiang and Laura Barker

Level 2 Business students were treated to a yummy morning tea when they presented over \$2700 to Habitat for Humanity. This was the end result of all the monies that had been raised by the students during their fundraising business activities.

Level 1 Business

Level one Business Studies requires us to find a product from Warehouse Stationery and investigate it, applying the marketing mix. We visited Warehouse Stationery, in Wairau Park, where, much to our excitement we were allowed to look around the shop and search for a product that suited us. Once we had found the product we were going to research we were able to ask many questions. We left Warehouse Stationery with lots of information, prepared to start writing our next internal.

By Holly Blair

Year 10 EFL

Year 10 Enterprise and Financial Literacy students have just completed a topic on careers and financial literacy. The students were each given a random career for the first part of the topic and then they went on to research their own career choice to apply their learning.

Jaz O'Connell and Logan Eastmure said they found the topic eye opening and very educational. Through their work they found as you get older time management is crucial, having to balance work, time, personal time and leisure time to get things that you need done in the limited time looked quite difficult! They also enjoyed learning about financial literacy especially the aspects on debt and commenting that they thought saving is a must, i.e. kiwi saver, in the modern world. They had a better understanding of student loans, mortgages, how the tax system works and also how to create a monthly budget to help them in the future. 'With the careers that we were given, few in our class enjoyed their job. However, when we explored our own careers it was a real eye opener, because it gave us an insight on how much we would have to live on, how long we would need to study for and how much on average our student debts would build up to.'

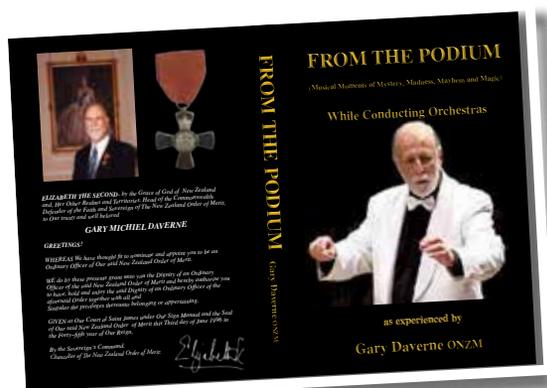
An initiative between a committed group of business and technology students is due to be launched very shortly – Takapuna Grammar School Walkaway Wardrobe. This is where students will be invited to bring in good quality clothes that they no longer want and be able to buy other items. More information will be available soon so get sorting out those wardrobes to have room for that new look!

August ends with Money Week and there will be lots of financial activities going on around school. We will also be taking students to Massey University on 3rd September to take part in the Finance Festival and pitch our students against other North Shore secondary schools as they battle to be crowned the most financially literate students on the Shore!



Grammar Link

Letters from Ex-Pupils



A letter received from 1953 Ex-Pupil Gary Daverne June 2015

Dear Friends and Colleagues, Please find attached a cover image of my just released book, *From the Podium*. For years I have considered writing about, what I call 'happenings' while on the podium conducting for some 40 years, orchestras and choirs all around the world including 35 of those years as Music Director/Conductor with the Auckland Symphony Orchestra. Some 'happenings' are serious; some are downright hilarious, things that the audiences are generally unaware of. So I have now put pen to paper. There are 300 pages, 77 photos and a complimentary CD included, containing some of my recorded original orchestral music. The foreword is by Max Cryer, MBE. Books cost \$30 (GST incl.) plus \$5 for postal orders. RRP is \$42. You are warmly invited to purchase copies by email, mail or fax. Direct orders to: daverne@ihug.co.nz advising me the number of copies you would like, with postal and contact details. Payment can be made to BNZ Bank A/c: 02-0248-0099307-000 or mail me a cheque. Please feel free to extend this invitation to others you feel may be interested.

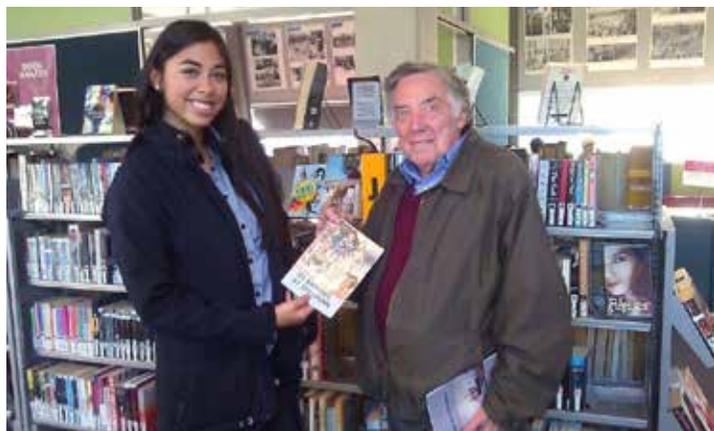
Happy reading,
Gary Daverne
ONZM Music Director
Emeritus Auckland Symphony Orchestra

Ex-pupil Maurice Norton, a retired Lawyer, living in Takapuna, has had an interest in early NZ painting for some years.

In the early 1990s he met an elderly recluse, who lived in Mt Eden surrounded by dozens of her paintings. He became absorbed in her history and after her death was a Trustee of a bequest by her to benefit the Auckland Art Gallery. Her name was Ilene Rosa Stichbury and he wrote a booklet on her life for the bequest. Research into NZ painters then became a hobby and he wrote several more booklets.

The Trust was instrumental in the purchase by Auckland Art Gallery of the painting 'Us bathing at Takapuna' by Bessie Christie in 1997.

Bessie taught art at Takapuna Grammar School from 1938 to 1940. The seven bathers are all artists including Lois White who also taught briefly at TGS. After much research all the artists are identified and their details are given in the booklet. Maurice has kindly donated these booklets and an insight to the story behind the painting.



Pictured: Year 15 Student, Indi Yerman receiving the booklet from Ex-Pupil, Maurice Norton



Ex-Pupil support

Thank you to the many Ex-Pupils who return to our school to share their experiences and inspire our students. They have included, in recent months:

DR ALEXANDER HOSKING Alexander came into our Careers Department to speak with our Year 13 students interested in studying medicine in 2016. Alexander gave a terrific run-down of what to expect when students undertake medical study and he gave some useful hints on gaining success in that crucial first year. Next year will be his final year which he will carry out in Whangarei.



JACOB MOORE

Jacob takes the Sultans of Sing Barbershop Chorus every Friday morning from 8 – 9 a.m. They recently performed at Young Singers in Harmony. While at TGS, Jacob played the role of Pontius Pilate in Jesus Christ Superstar in 2004. He was also the drummer for The Checks. His barbershop quartet called Polytonix, won the national Young Singers competition that year and went on to win the Open Men's National competition.

PAUL HITCHCOCK

Paul Hitchcock, former Black Cap assists our cricketers by running through the basics of batting with the boys at Sunday morning Development Programme sessions.

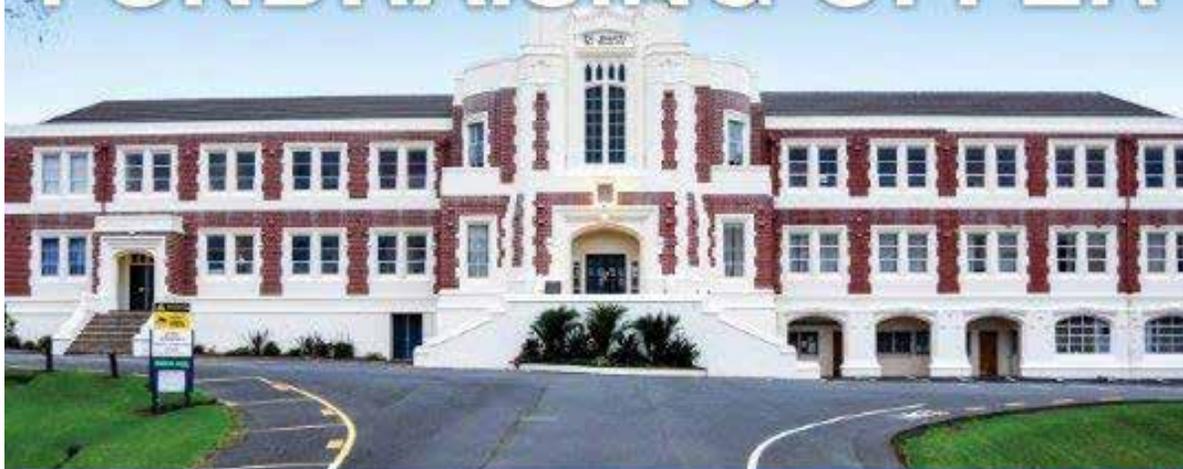


Picture: The TGS XV about to embark on our first ever trans-Tasman tour. There's a future All Black & the future TGS caretaker in amongst this lot.

Thank you for your photos

Please keep sending us your School photos. They are a fantastic addition to the archives. We would love to receive stories of your time at Takapuna Grammar School to publish in the next newsletter. Please mail to Wendy Strain at Takapuna Grammar School, P. O. Box 33-1096, Takapuna, Auckland 0740, or email w.strain@takapuna.school.nz

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