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A NEWSLETTER OF TAKAPUNA GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Left to Right Hannah Spurdle, Brian Wynn, Liesbet Vercreyssen and Lucy Hill.

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Duke of Edinburgh highest honours

Former-students Liesbet Vercreyssen, Lucy Hill and Hannah Spurdle, were presented their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards at Government House, Wellington recently. The Duke of Edinburgh programme provides a framework for personal discovery and growth through: service, skills, physical recreation and adventurous Journeys while developing perseverance, responsibility to self and community.

To gain the Gold Award, students have worked hard over a 3-5 year period, completing activities at least three hours per week, learning or enhancing a skill, providing service to the community and participating in a physical activity. Additionally, they have completed an Adventurous Journey (tramping) and Residential Activity.

Acting Principal, Mr Brian Wynn, attended the Gold Award presentation to recognise such an outstanding achievement by these amazing and talented young people. Ka mau te wehi wahine ma. Nga mihi nui.



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Dear Parents and Guardians

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and welcome Mrs. Mary Nixon who has been appointed to the position of Principal at Takapuna Grammar School. Mary comes with a wealth of experience as the Principal of Napier Girls' High School. She will take up her new position at the beginning of Term 3 and will be formally welcomed with a Powhiri on 25 July. Mary will meet with the students in assemblies over that week.

The election for the Board of Trustees will take place over the next week and it is a good opportunity to thank the outgoing Trustees for their hard work and commitment over the last three years. We are very fortunate in our community to have had a wide range of professional experience on the Board and this places us at a great advantage as a school. Once again, to all the Trustees, many thanks for your leadership, time and passion for the students at Takapuna Grammar School.

As we progress through the academic year it is pleasing to report to you the many wonderful opportunities that our students have been recognized for.

ACADEMIC

- Jessica Turner has been offered a one week internship with the Labour Party, in Parliament, during May. She will shadow a range of MPs to learn how Parliament works.
- Sebastian Safka placed 7th in the Junior Division of the Auckland Maths Olympiad held at the University of Auckland and Alan Gu and Simon Goodwin had top 10 placings in the Senior Division.
- Christian Swan has been cast as Michael in Auckland Theatre Company's production of "Billy Elliot" opening in October.
- Louis Sinclair has landed a major role in the Auckland Theatre Company's production of "To Kill of Mockingbird".
- Arthur Lee won an award for 'Most Talented Student' at the Business Boot Camp held at Massey University.

SPORTS

- Olivia Boniface and Becky Ireland will play in the New Zealand U20 Women's Team, competing at the 2016 World Junior Ultimate Frisbee Championships in Poland during August.
- Pia Tapsell was selected to be involved in the Women's Sevens Series Tournament held in Auckland, at the beginning of May.
- Lucy Buckeridge 3rd (Junior Girls), Katherine Badham 1st (Senior Girls) at the North Harbour Cross Country Championships.
- Max Griffiths 2nd (Senior Boys), Sofie Salkova 1st (Intermediate Girls) and Sebastian Safka 1st (Intermediate Boys) at the North Harbour Orienteering Championships. Max and Sebastian also won the Team Challenge Trophy.
- Will Watson (Y12) has just been selected in the NZ U18 Men's Volleyball team that will head to Florida, USA later this year.
- Alex Blair, John Cheney, Tom Lee, Jamie Spencer and Michaela Bremner all attended the Scouting New Zealand Outdoor Pursuits Training programme recently.
- Montana Cooper has been selected to represent New Zealand at the World Hip Hop Championships in Las Vegas, in August

A very special congratulations must go to our former Takapuna Grammar students who have been selected to represent New Zealand in the Olympic Games team into Rio over August.

- Eliza McCartney (Pole Vault)
- Jacko Gill (Shot Put)
- Paul Snow-Hansen (Yachting)

Our very best wishes go with these athletes and we look forward to watching them compete and hearing about their experiences at assemblies back at school.

As many of you have been aware the work on the Main Block has begun. This officially started with the Associate Minister of Education, Nikki Kaye, handing over the building to the contractors, Woodview Construction, at a small ceremony in April. The work has progressed very well with much of the internal refit taking place. The work will be completed in stages: the western and parts of the northern aspects and the Hall included in Stage One, and the eastern aspects in Stage Two.

Thank you to all the parents and school friends who supported the recent PTA Dance in the Sir Peter Blake Block. It proved to be a very enjoyable evening and generated many thousands of dollars that will be used to enhance student projects in the school. Thank you to Ruth Blackman and the team once again for their organization and determination to improve student outcomes here at school.

As a final note, could I ask that you remind your children about their safety both coming to and from school. As the Peninsula has become more populated the traffic issues have become more acute. We will remind the students in assembly about road safety both when on foot and on a cycle but that consistent message from home also reinforces the need to identify the risks.

Many thanks

Brian Wynn

Acting Principal Takapuna Grammar School



From the Board of Trustees

Mary Nixon appointed Principal of Takapuna Grammar School

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Mary Nixon as the new Principal of Takapuna Grammar School.

Mary comes to us with over 30 years of teaching experience in New Zealand; the past 10 as Principal of Napier Girls' High School. In this time she has taken an already good school to a significantly higher level, with very strong results in NCEA and NZQA Scholarships. She has led the creation of modern learning environments whilst preserving iconic buildings and is the Lead Principal in the Napier Community of Learning. These achievements are very well aligned with the aspirations of TGS for the next few years.

Amongst her many achievements, Mary has been involved in national and regional ministerial forums on raising student achievement. The Board was particularly impressed with Mary's passion for the craft of teaching and improving

educational outcomes for the entire school.

Mary is no stranger to the North Shore having been a Deputy Principal at both Takapuna Grammar School and Rangitoto College prior to moving to Napier. Her earlier teaching career included teaching positions at both Long Bay and Edgcumbe Colleges.

Mary will officially start at the beginning of Term 3 but will be visiting the school later this term to introduce herself to the staff.

The appointment of a new Principal is the single most important decision for a Board of Trustees and we have been very conscious of the fact that we were making a decision on behalf of the students, the staff and the entire community. It was a challenging process but the Board is very confident that Mary will be both an outstanding leader of the School and a visible and active member of the wider community.

I hope you will all join me in welcoming Mary to our school.

Regards

Jon Williams

Takapuna Grammar School – Board Chair

For your information

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| 10 June | Board of Trustees Election Results |
| 13 June | IB L2 Examinations |
| 17 June | Lumino Dental Departs |
| 22 June | PTA Dance Evening |
| 23 June | Yr 13 Geography Trip to Rotorua
Japanese Brothers and Sisters Programme |
| 30 June | Scholarship Training Day |
| 1 July | Attitude Talks
Senior NCEA/IB Mid-Year Reports
Yr 10 Speech Competition |
| 6 July | Senior Parent Teacher Interviews |
| 8 July | Junior Mid-Year Reports Issued
END OF TERM 2 |
| 9 July | School Ball |
| 25 July | START OF TERM 3 |
| 28 July | Open Evening |
| 1 August | Enrolment Evening – Library |
| 4 August | Junior Parent Teacher Interviews |
| 9 August | Enrolment Evening – Library |
| 17 August | Enrolment Evening – Library |
| 25 August | Enrolment Evening – Library |

Term Two Manaaki Update

Hello Parents and Whanau

This Term in Manaaki we continue with our school wide theme of 'Pride' as we move to a project based learning task that looks at how we could make our school even better!

We have called this task the 'Taka Pride Project'

The groups will pick an aspect of our school and plan how we could make it even better than it is now. The projects will be selected by the groups and worked through collaboratively.

The groups have brainstormed ideas and now move on to focussing their project. Some may choose to present their ideas to another group or teacher. This task aims to expose the students to project based learning and collaborative problem solving to enable them to hone their critical thinking.

We are currently involved in the planned evaluation of Manaaki so far. The Student and Parent surveys are complete and we have met with groups of students to gain feedback to inform the future planning of our program.

The next stage of the survey is the staff survey. Once these are complete we will collate all the relevant info to help shape the program into the future.

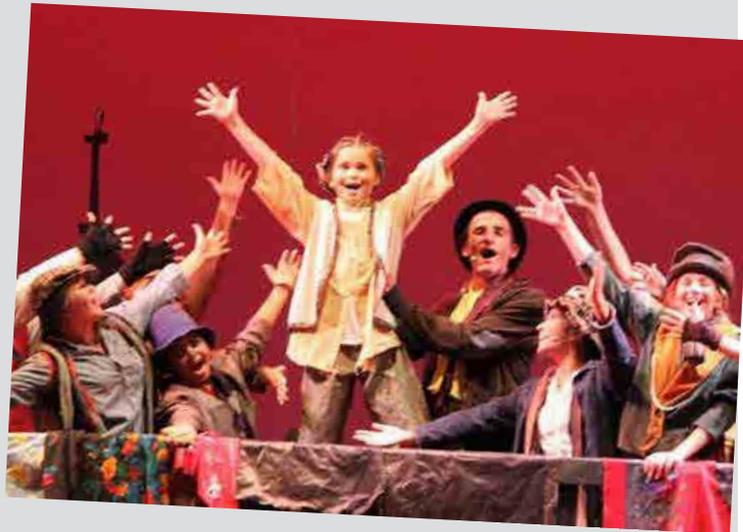
Mr Steve Smith and Mrs Toni Ferens
Manaaki Lead Team





Our "Oliver" now to be in Billy Elliot

The face might be familiar to those of you who went and saw the 2015 production of 'Oliver'. Christian Swan who is in Year 10, played the role of Oliver. This year he has been cast in Auckland Theatre Company's professional production of Billy Elliot starring as Michael. This is extremely exciting news for Christian as this musical is one of his favourites and it has been a dream of his to be part of this show. "My passion for theatre grows stronger every day and these types of experiences make it all worth while!" says Christian. He is thrilled by all the support he has been given and hopes everyone can come and enjoy this spectacular musical. Debuting at the brand new ASB Waterfront Theatre from the 7th of October, with music by Elton John, lyrics by Lee Hall, and an exceptional cast, this surely will be a show to remember. For more information and to buy tickets head over to: <http://asbbillyelliott.co.nz/>.



Christian Swan.

A performing arts update

Friday 14 May – saw the Rockquest North Shore Region Heats. Year 10/13 band "Shed" (Ben Jones, Francesca Parussini, Gabriel Rea-Bucknall, Kenny Liang, Volkan Ozyurteri, Bijoux Nortje) gained entry into the Regional Finals (to be held on Friday 10 June) making them one of the top 12 entries from the North Shore region.

Friday 14 May to Sunday 16 May – was the annual Choir Camp. Our thanks to Mrs. Cynthia Jaques, Mrs. Sam Cooke, Mr. Matt Buckley and Ms. Jane Horder for their tremendous work and effort in organising this camp and coaching our young singers as the lead up to a concert at St Peters Church, Takapuna (Sunday 12 June) and shortly after that, the Big Sing Auckland Region competition on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th June, at the Auckland Town Hall.

Sunday 16 May – The ABBA (Auckland Brass Band Association) Competition was hosted here at TGS. Our congratulations to the following performers:

- David Paligora, Martin Greshoff, Alex King and Mollie Cornfield (representing North Shore Brass) who placed 1st in the 'Quartet (under 19)' division.
- "Tarnished Brass" (TGS Junior Brass small ensemble) who placed 2nd in the 'Ensemble (under 19)' division.
- Mollie Cornfield who placed 1st in BOTH of her Under 16 divisions ('Slow Melody' and 'Not Slow Melody').

Sunday June 19 - Come along and hear our school's outstanding choir, Skat a Tak, and Jazz vocal group, Bop Doo Wop, at Jazz Vespers, Sunday 19 June, 7 to 9pm, Takapuna Methodist Church, 427 Lake Road, Takapuna. Jazz Vespers is a cross between vespers (prayers) and music performed by guest choirs and instrumentalists in the jazz idiom.

This event will be led by Barry Brinson, a Christchurch composer and classical and jazz musician. No entry charge but koha will be gratefully received to cover expenses and support the church's organ restoration project.

Lauren Towns has just had the experience of a lifetime. She starred in the Brisbane production of "The Sound of Music". She was chosen as one of 18 from an audition of more than 1000. Lauren says, "I will never forget the experience I had and am extremely thankful to my friends and family for making this experience possible."



The Final Curtain

Performed by the Music Theatre Class (MUT) this was the final ever performance in our old hall with its stage and proscenium arch.



Christian Swan.

Term One ended on a down beat as we said goodbye to our old hall in style. Ms Horder's class put together a show to remember, with songs from some fabulous Broadway hits. Members of the class were supported by Bop Doo Wop, with invited stars Thomas Lunt, Gabe Jones, Maia Brown, Maria Morris and Emma Self.

It kicked off with some high-kicking from La Cage Aux Folles - bouffy blonds and endless legs.

There was the delightful Spamalot where a plague victim insisted "I'm not dead yet" and immediately resurrected to perform a ridiculous dance, and others wonder "Whatever happened to my part" or sang the "Song that goes like this". The junior choir, Taka Crooners, performed the unsettling "Tomorrow Belongs To Me" from Cabaret and the boys' choir, Sultans of Sing, rollicked along with "What a Game" from Ragtime. Songs from A Chorus Line, Little Me and Putting it Together completed the line-up; the last providing a medley of Sondheim songs including Amy Robertson dazzling with the patter song "Not Getting Married" and a workout for the chorus, "Back in Business".

Thomas Lunt filled in the gaps as MC and the show moved at a great clip; a very well received showcase of singing talent taught by Ms Horder with choreography by Ms Cryns and Ashleigh Coward. Ms Horder accompanied the band consisting of Mr Stent, Nick Brownlie and Harry Charles. Gabe Ford came in to do sound and set up lights with Max Griffith and Max Manson. Costumes, as always fabulous, by Ms Annamarie Dixon. The redoubtable Jordan Blum stage managed with help from Marijke Geerkins, Celine Human, Rebecca Scholtz and

Georgia Smith. Department administrator, Ms Jaques, stitched the parts together. We'd like to thank Ms Carolyn Pomeroy for stepping in to trouble shoot, especially with costumes. It seems she loves our work so much she has to take part.

If you like our work and want to contribute, we have PERFORM, a fund for providing our students with professional input from the industry. Your contribution can go towards musicians and choral directors to support our music, choreographers and actors to give our students a professional hand with the work. Please contact Ms Cynthia Jaques c.jaques@takapuna.school.nz if you'd like donate.



The Final Curtain - Amy Robertson wowed with "Cabaret"



The Final Curtain - Chorus sings "Freedom Run Away" from Urinetown



Takafest

“TAKAFEST”, 27 June - 3 July, aims to showcase the work of our students and give performers an authentic context with audiences who expect to be entertained. The week-long festival was a big hit last year and will again show student work by classes, as well as co-curricular groups. Many of the pieces will be for NCEA assessment. Senior Food Technology students will be catering and serving drinks and nibbles on the last night, which will be a cabaret with various treats.

The programme features all the performing arts: with different events each day of the week, culminating in a catered cabaret on the final night.

The programme includes:

Monday 27th – Brass Band, Concert Band (at the Bruce Mason Centre) from 11 am. A showcase of smaller ensembles of brass, woodwind, strings and barbershop in the evening at school.

Tuesday 28th - Dance performances throughout the day with a showcase in the evening. This will run twice at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Wednesday 29th - Piano competition finals, in the evening.

Thursday 30th - a day of theatre; solos by the Music Theatre students in the evening.



Friday 1st July - Stage Challenge, off site, with an evening of theatre.

Saturday 2nd July - An “open mic” for song writers and poets.

Sunday 3rd July -Choral performances in the afternoon and a Cabaret Evening



The Big Sing, secondary schools choral festival: Auckland Town Hall

This year our four award winning choirs, Skat a Tak, Leonessa, Sultans of Sing and the Taka Crooners will be performing at the annual Big Sing Choral Festival being held at the Auckland Town Hall.

The Taka Crooners and Sultans of Sing are performing during the morning session on Wednesday 15th June, and Skat a Tak and Leonessa are performing on Thursday 16th June also in the morning session. Both sessions start at 9am. There is a \$2 entry cost.

This year, each choir will get to perform in a Gala Concert

on the evening of the day they performed. So if you miss the day session you can see them in the evening. Tickets can be purchased through www.nzcf.org.nz.

There is a final concert of all the choirs performing at the Big Sing, plus other singing groups at St Peter’s Church, Killarney Street, Takapuna at 5 pm on Sunday 12th June. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Picture shows the Boys’ Choir, Sultans of Sing, singing “What a Game” in the term one show, The Final Curtain



IB Camp: Learn and Enjoy

A school trip is often picked as the most memorable experience from school life. In the first week of May, 42 students in the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme went to a camp at Willow Park, Eastern Beach. IB is a worldwide educational programme designed to develop a well rounded person enriched in academics, physicality, creativity and personality.

The purpose of the camp was to ensure students’ understanding of the programme and to help them build strong bonds with their classmates. Everyday there were three to four activities that focused on different aspects of the IB programme: academic, social skills, and philosophy behind the programme.

There was also a Group 4 Project. Students were divided into groups of four with each member studying a different field of science. They had to plan, conduct and analyze an experiment related to the theme of “survival”. Various experiments took place such as making fire, dyeing fabrics, and purifying sea water. Through a Shelter Building Activity, students learnt how to cooperate; materials were provided to build the most weatherproof



shelter. In order to be successful, they had to listen to each other’s opinions and decide on the most effective design. In the end, their shelters were tested by pouring buckets of water on them; some groups were soaked. Overall, the camp provided students a valuable opportunity to meet new people and understand the programme as Fern MacArthur reflects, “I mostly just loved getting to know everyone in IB and having a blast.”

IB conference scholarship

Cloe Barbera has been awarded a full scholarship for travel and attendance to the IB student Conference in Denver, Colorado, in July this year.

Cloe had to submit an essay based application to the IB Organisation to apply for the scholarship.

Her application was selected from over 300 applications for the travel scholarship.

The conference is for Year 1 IB students from all over the world. The conference has attendees from many different countries and has the theme of ‘From Farm to Fork: Ethics of Food Sourcing, Production and Consumption’ which ties in with the IB Learner profile attribute of becoming ‘international minded’

The TGS students attending the conference will take part in workshops, lectures and make presentations to the other participants based around the conference theme and may choose to bring a project back to school with them.

Tu Tangata Hakari – Feast

Tu Tangata hosted a Hakari (Feast) for students and staff recently to encourage Whakawhanaungatanga (establishing relationships and relating well to others). Staff and students enjoyed a lovely hangi on a beautiful autumn day.



Host Families needed for Takapuna Grammar School International Students

Applications to become a host family for International students at TGS are always welcome from families who would like to host, either short or long term. Please ‘spread the word’ to your friends, family and contacts who live not too far from TGS. For further information please contact homestay.coordinator@takapuna.school.nz





Technology Beanie Brief

'Using pattern to define and document our place in the world is a trait humans share across time, culture religion and race'. In Technology we used this thought to encourage our students in Soft Materials to design, develop and construct a beanie inspired in some way by their cultural heritage. Here are some of our wonderful designs created by our Year 9 students.

Return to Tongariro: The Taka Geo Club

Friday 5th of May 2016 saw us embarking on the inaugural adventure of the Taka Geo Club – Return to Tongariro.

The weather has not been kind to us during our Year 12 Geography trip to Tongariro National Park over the last couple of years. We thought it might be a nice opportunity to offer our super keen Geo students a chance to return, to complete the Tongariro Crossing in May, when the weather is cold but often more settled.

We took 11 students and 5 staff and set off after school on Friday. After 2 hours sitting in Auckland's traffic we finally hit the open road, with a late stop in Taupo for dinner, before arriving late in the evening at Piper's Ski Lodge, in National Park. A warm welcome as always from our awesome hosts, Bruce and Diane.

Up fairly early to a full cooked breakfast to fuel up for the day's adventure. It was simply a spectacular day. The weather could not have been more perfect. We took our time clambering up the Devil's Staircase, along the top of Tongariro and down the other side – 19.4 km. The views were awe-inspiring and the banter non-stop. So much geography everywhere. We eventually emerged from the forest around sunset into the Ketetahi car park, tired but exhilarated.

This trip marked Mr Smith's 19th crossing, Miss Sladen and Miss Gill's 10th, Miss Kelly's 4th and Mr E's 2nd. We all enjoyed the opportunity to take a small group of Geography enthusiasts into such a unique Aotearoa environment.

If you are sad to have missed out, join the Taka Geo Club. It is open to anyone whether you take Geography as a subject or not. We will have a geotastic event at least once a term. See Miss Gill or Miss Sladen to found out more.

A big thanks to Mr Smith for lending his excellent trip organising skills to the cause. And big thanks too to Miss Kelly and Mr Eichblatt for sharing your enthusiasm for geographic environments with us, we really enjoyed your company.

#geo4lyfe #TakaGeoClubsFirstOuting #WeDoItAllForTheGeo #TakaGeoClub



Winter Sports Round Up

Winter sports codes are showing an upward trend with participation rates increased in all major codes.

Football

Girls – Following a really successful 2015 for the Girls 1stXI, this season has started with three one goal losses. Whilst disappointing on the face of it, this Girls' side has yet to field its strongest team.

Boys – 11 teams have signed up this year, with the boys First XI kicking off their regular season with two good wins. Their aim this year is to bounce straight back up to the next division.

Rugby

Five teams are competing in North Harbour competitions. Our 6th grade side look like the team to watch. The 1st XV will be worth keeping an eye on as they are a very young side and will be all the better for a year in the top grade.

Netball

16 Netball sides are competing this year across the grades. Teams 1, 2 and 3 all look strong, with a noticeable increase in depth given the coaching support and structures that the committee has given to this programme.

Hockey

6 teams (3 boys and 3 girls) have all got off to a good start this season. The newly formed committee is looking at further developing the coaching programme to increase the skills and fitness levels of the students involved.

Basketball

15 teams maybe a record for the school (we had 10 teams last year) and shows the growth of both the sport and the support. Our Open Boys team will be looking to go back to back this year as defending North Harbour League champions and there are good numbers in both junior boys and junior girls as well as a good mix of teachers, parents and students involved in coaching / management.

OTHER SPORTS NEWS

North Harbour Cross Country Championships: - Junior Girls - Lucy Buckeridge 3rd; Senior Girls - Katherine Badham 1st

North Harbour Orienteering championships: - Max Griffiths - Senior Boys – 2nd, Sofie Saffkova Intermediate Girls – 1st, Sebastian Saffka - Intermediate Boys 1st, Max and Sebastian have also won the Team Challenge Trophy.

Volleyball: Will Watson (Y12) has just been selected in the NZ U18 Men's Volleyball team that will head to the Florida, USA, later this year.

Ultimate: Olivia Boniface and Becky Ireland have been selected in the U20 National Ultimate Frisbee team to compete in Poland.

Netball: Livia Lauren (Year 11) has been selected into the Under 15 A North Harbour Representative team. This has been a great year for Livia so far, also being selected into the Under 15

High Performance Programme, Shore Rovers Junior Development team (Club) and Senior 1.

Eva Steedman (Year 10) gained selection into the U15 B North Harbour Representative team. Considered one of our top junior netballers, she is also a member of the Shore Rovers Junior Development team playing in Senior 2 at club level, TGS Year 10/1 and the Year 10 Academy.

Olympic Representatives

Takapuna Grammar congratulate Eliza McCartney (Pole Vault), Jacko Gill (Shot Put) and Paul Snow-Hansen (Yachting) for their selection in the Olympic Games team to go to Rio in August. All three athletes have had stellar seasons, and it is great to see these ex-students, who have only recently departed, get to compete at this elite level. We will all be cheering you on.

Active Football

There is a new sports initiative this winter. Physical Education teacher, Mrs. Tu'isila is trialling a pilot program called "Active Football". The initiative is to improve our overall student participation in sport, get students to try new sports which they usually would not play and get students active for an hour of physical activity, while doing something they enjoy. It will also provide a competition, at school, taking out the constraints of travel and traffic.

It is hoped that next year, if successful, "Active Football" could potentially invite other schools, like Carmel College and or Westlake Girls HS to provide a team for an Active league.

"Active" football runs on a Thursday after school from 3.30 - 4.30. Teams are 7 a side and games are 30 mins long with 15 minute halves. Goals are modified to 3m by 2m and each team has its own coloured playing shirts, a pair of goal keeping gloves and a team ball. Each field has a referee and a prize giving will occur on the last Thursday of Term 2. There are 64 girls playing active football this term, ranging from Years 9 – 13.

Later this year TGS sport hopes to create more "Active" teams and competitions such as Active Touch, Active Netball, and Active Ultimate Frisbee. All competitions will be mid-week, after school and run no later than 4.30 pm.



Active Football



Boys' First XI Football fought hard

The 1st XI suffered a minor setback in a hard fought game against Rutherford College in pursuit of a place in the Senior 1A competition. A crowd developed on the banks of the TGS No 1 football field after school, on a mild Thursday afternoon. The first leg of the relegation battle began.

The Taka boys came out with real intent early on and it was clear the sides were evenly matched. The game was played at pace with neither side able to break the opposition defence. At the half hour mark the game opened up, with a Rutherford midfielder breaking forward before slipping it behind to a forward who banged it in.

The Taka boys kept their heads high while revving up the intensity. Two minutes later they got one back, courtesy of a Trevor Everett cross scooped up into the back of the net by Sol Cranna-Smith. Spectators were suddenly keen to stick around.

The match stayed hard fought. A high work rate was maintained and there was the odd tussle until the 85th minute when Simon Mudapakati put Sean Green on goal with a chipped through ball. He headed it in with ease.

The celebrations were short lived as Rutherford piled on the pressure and snuck two goals through gaps in the TGS defence. "The boys played well and with heart for 85 minutes. It's unfortunate we switched off for the last five and conceded two. All we can look at now is going to Te Atatu and getting the result on their home ground," reflected captain Devon Copp, shortly afterwards.

The return leg was on the second to last day of term, at Rutherford College and unfortunately we lost 0-3. It will be a year in Senior A2 for this team.

By Daniel Howie (Year 12)



International Students shining in sports

The International Department is proud and excited to report Bolivian student Pamela Hernandez Gomez has smashed, volleyed and aced her way to a victorious finish in the North Island Secondary Schools Senior Girls tennis championships, serving up wins in both the singles and doubles tournaments.



Representing Takapuna Grammar School for the first time after joining our school family in February, Pamela never faltered as she batted away her opponents with a wicked ground-stroke and a bewitching smile.

A number of International Students have joined our school sports teams this year and it is wonderful to see them enthusiastically embrace the opportunities our school offers.



Pictured Above:

Striking the ball - Argentinian student Catalina Schanton arrived at Takapuna Grammar School at the beginning of Term 2 and has joined the 1st XI Girls Hockey team. One to watch this season!



Takapuna Grammar Active Football teams after competing against each other on a beautiful Thursday afternoon



TGS Cyclists lined up ready to go!



TGS Year 9 1 and Year 10 1 after competing at the Netball North Harbour Junior tournament

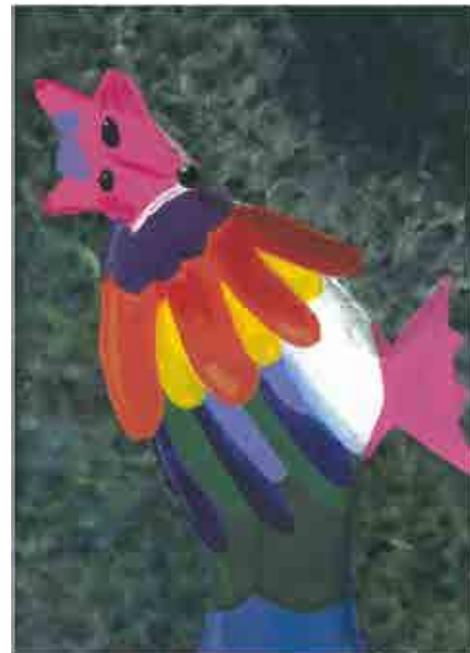


TGS Hockey girls celebrating after scoring a goal



Year 9 Core Art

In Term One, Year 9 Core Art went down the garden path and came back with a hoard of mutants! Many hours were spent sticking all manner of creatures in the proverbial blender and coming up with wild and exciting creatures. Each one has its own backstory, detailing exactly how they came to be... These are some of the results.





Business and Enterprise News

Year 10 – Enterprise and Financial Literacy Course

The focus on Enterprise has been paramount so far. Students have researched an enterprising person, and applied their learning to discover what personal enterprising skills they each possess. The Business Studies topic resulted in students running a business at the School Market Day. The products were of a very high quality and some groups have been selected to participate in future Market Day activities in the community. The Asia topic considered different enterprise opportunities, practise

with exchange rate calculations and culminated with a country investigation presented as a leaflet.



This term all the students were treated to their first visit to their studied business, Pita Pit in Takapuna. Helen, the manager of the store explained how the business started and provided them with a 'behind the scenes' view of the operations. We tried many of the new menu items and discussed how customers' preferences influence the business. The store has changed location to 26 Anzac Avenue so after studying location factors in class, the students were able to apply their learning to the real world situation and explore with Helen the reasons for the move. An exercise in marketing was completed to propose some new street signage that Pita Pit could consider, to highlight their store. Our students commented - "It helped me to understand more about how small businesses worked and see it actually worked while we were in the store" – India Ryan

"The staff were really friendly, we learnt about the business and the Pitas we ate were very good, I would definitely go back more often!" – Chloe Boyd

"I learnt about how entrepreneurial skills are important in a small business and the unique selling point of Pita Pit as a healthy fast food outlet." – Jonathan Harknett



Level 2 Business Studies

The Level 2 students have been busy planning and conducting market research for EasiYo. The brief they were given was to increase the market reach and many groups employed the yoghurt making skills to provide yummy taste tests for respondents to try. The results were well received by EasiYo.

The Warehouse provided more guest speakers last term.

Tim Mangold, Head of Finance, came in to discuss the finance function and students had the opportunity to consider three financial scenarios that the Warehouse has experienced. Craig Jordan, Chief Digital Officer, spoke about the changing face of technology as an external factor that influences The Warehouse. He discussed the growth in mobile spending and the innovations the business is developing and using, to take advantage of data and technology advances, like for example their endless aisles in stores.



Level 3 Business Studies

The focus on EasiYo continued this term when the class went back to their HQ in Albany to learn all about the production process, quality and supply chain management for a large global enterprise. Paul Fletcher, a technology expert assisted the YES companies with their digital footprint and exposure to customers. He discussed how they might use google ad words and google analytical tools to advance their understanding. Paul has a great deal of experience with social media platforms and gave our students pointers to help them drive marketing and sales as they get ready to launch their new products at the end of this term. The YES product launch will be held in the school library after school on Thursday 30th June.

In order to prepare for their next YES challenge, the Dragons Den business pitch on 2nd June, Toastmasters have been into school to help our students calm their nerves, to each deliver a killer business pitch.

The Term One break was a very busy time for two students, Arthur Lee and Jack Downs who gave up their holiday to further their business skills with two learning experiences. Arthur Lee attended the one day YES Smart Start Boot Camp at ASB and commented:

"Although I was the only one from my school who attended, it was worth it. I'm surprised they managed to fit in so much, in just a few hours. This helped me a lot in what I need to know for my team's Dragon's Den Pitch. I learnt that there are multiple ways to be innovative, it's not just the product, the way the team communicates and the structure as well as the supply chain can be innovative as well. Also, when determining the target market, psychographic factors should be taken into account, e.g. customer behaviour and social norms. For a successful business pitch for Dragon's Den, I've learnt that I need to have established suppliers, the production process, and measurable quality controls which was

all valuable information."

In the second week both Arthur and Jack went to Massey University where they stayed on campus and took part in the phenomenon that is 'Business Boot Camp' – this is an amazing week of business immersion with like-minded business students conceived and run by Dr Jeffrey Stangl - Executive Director Education Partnerships at Massey University, Dr Loren Stangl – Lecturer in Marketing at Massey University and David Farquhar - Education Specialist at HP.



Arthur BBC - Arthur Lee Boot Camp Award

Arthur Lee says "Business Boot Camp 2016 was one of the few things I was very happy to participate in. I have met a whole lot of like-minded people who are determined to make their dreams come true. We've met a wide range of business and chatted with CEOs in a span of 5 days. The sponsors were amazing, from providing the bags, notebooks, t-shirts, to providing our transport to and from several businesses. I've gained extensive business knowledge in 5 days that wouldn't have been taught in a classroom. I was also very honoured to be voted 'Most Talented' by my fellow campers. The fact that this was awarded to me by my peers makes it a worth a whole lot more. I would also like to thank HP for including a mini Bluetooth speaker with the prize, I've been using it every day and it's awesome! I definitely recommend this camp to whoever is interested in making a difference in the world. Business is everywhere, no matter what job you choose to do."

Business Boot Camp

Jack Downs wrote – "Throughout my week at Massey I had the opportunity to listen to lots of very influential entrepreneurs and business experts, along with 69 other students from schools all over the New Zealand. This event has changed my mind of what I want to study after I leave Takapuna Grammar School at the end of this year. I had my mind set on doing a Bachelor of Media Design at the Media Design School but I am now seriously considering going to Massey University's Business School."

Each day at the boot camp was somewhat different, each day had a different sponsor and we visited different businesses after lunch on three of the days.

On the final day, we had a tour of the Massey Campus, lunch sponsored by Jucy, followed by an awards ceremony. Over all

the whole week was extremely worthwhile, and I would love to have the chance to do something similar again. I would definitely recommend to any upcoming year 13 Business Studies students that they take this unique opportunity as it will change their views on the business world."

Mrs Johnson was recognised at the Massey University Business Boot Camp for her and the school's support of the event. She was presented with a certificate and a voucher for EnQ training for fifteen staff members which was very gratefully received.

We are very grateful to all of our speakers and our wonderful mentors for giving their support to the students' as they start running their company's. If you would like to assist these students in any way and share your expertise then please do not hesitate to get in touch by email– e.johnson@takapuna.school.nz.



In other Business news....

The Centre for Business and Enterprise is very pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Takapuna Beach Business Association through working with David McKeown – BNZ Business Partner, and Terry Holt – TBBA CEO to develop a relationship and working partnership between both organisations. Mrs Johnson stated 'This is a major advantage for the school and our students. We will now be able to gain experience, advice and support from both the Takapuna Beach Business Association and its membership. This will work within curriculum areas to support learning and having access to support and align our activities with TBBA events will provide students with real work experience opportunities. We are very excited about this initiative and look forward to the partnership strengthening throughout the year. If you want to know more about this initiative then you can keep up to date on our dedicated website page: www.takapuna.school.nz/curriculum/takapuna-beach-business-association/

Share Club

Our Share Club runs every Wednesday lunchtime in N45. Our students have the opportunity to discuss investments and shares and try out their investigations by trading on the virtual NZX platform. We are currently collaborating with Albany Senior High School on a fantasy share league that enables our students to pick a portfolio and to track their shares using real time google financial information over a period of months. May the best trader win and hopefully it will be one from TGS!

Top Scholar in Accounting.

Mr Videler accompanied Mr Wynn and Alice Kim to Wellington as she was awarded the New Zealand Top Scholar for Accounting. Alice was very proud to receive the top scholar award after all her hard work.

Mr Wynn commented that TGS is very proud of Alice's outstanding achievement and that she is an example and role model to all TGS students.

GirlBoss

30 girls travelled to AUT in the city to take part in The Third Wave, a conference organised by GirlBoss NZ, a YES company operating from Albany Senior High School, with the mission to provide practical advice and inspiration for young women with an interest in business, leadership, gender politics and STEAM (Science, Technology, Arts and Maths).

It has been set up by youth, for youth, with the aim of encouraging the next generation of young women to embrace their skills and potential. This was their first organised conference and it featured powerful women speakers: Jacinda Adern (Labour MP); Theresa Gattung (Co-founder, My Food Bag) Frances Valentine (Founder, Mindlab); Anna Curzon (Xero) and many more, lined up to inspire and educate our girls and demonstrate strong role models for female entrepreneurship and leadership.

Holly Blair, Katherine Aitken, Minori Fujiwara and Jude Gair-Ah Siu said about the conference:

"All of the successful women speakers we listened to were inspiring and empowering for us. They provided valuable insights as well as tools and advice that will benefit us in the future. They talked about ways to build our confidence and grit to go forward into the workplace and industries of our choice. All the speakers were different, yet they conveyed the same strong message, that we were all important future female leaders and we should strive towards our aspirations by seeking, being open and brave to grasp all opportunities open to us to be successful. We all thoroughly enjoyed the conference and look forward to continuing our relationship with GirlBoss. Our favourite speakers included Jacinda Adern, Tanya Grey and Theresa Gattung."

Mrs Johnson is currently in the process of setting up a GirlBoss pod at school to continue the learning that was started at the conference so if your daughter is interested then please watch for details in the Daily Notices.



Grammar Link

Our Anzac Day

At 5:30 pm on April 25, Takapuna Grammar School continued another one of its long-time traditions of remembering those who had fought and served in wars overseas. Since 1954, we have commemorated the 85 Ex-Pupils killed during World War II and the Korean War with next of kin, representatives of the school, Board of Trustees members, staff, prefects, present and past pupils attending the ceremony.

Following the national anthem and hymn, Acting Principal, Mr Brian Wynn, read a verse from the Apocrypha of the Old Testament. This year the address was given by Sergeant Nicholas De Vries who is a part of the Royal New Zealand Air Force. After another hymn was sung and the Roll of Honour was read by Mr Terry Holding, four wreaths were laid at the memorial window. Alongside the Ex-Pupils' wreath and two school wreaths, this year a special wreath was presented by Ex-Pupil, Dawn Rawlinson in remembrance of the animals that had fought and died in the war.

Written by T.G.S. Prefect, Geena Lee



Dawn Rawlinson and Ken Gilmour



Purple Poppy

Animal Aid, the UK's largest animal group, helped start up the campaign which has spread internationally. For the Glenfield Veterinary Clinic itself, more than 125 purple poppies were hand crocheted and approximately \$350 has been raised for the SPCA.

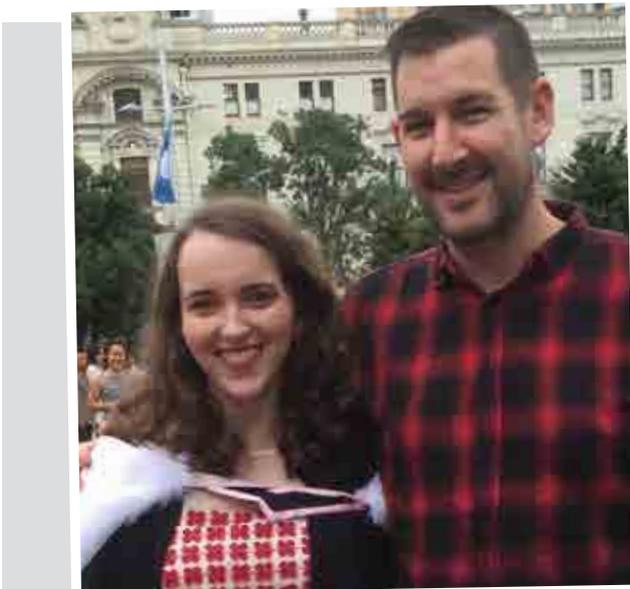
"It's so important to remember the animals," Dawn Rawlinson says.

The purple poppy was worn alongside the red poppy to remember the soldiers, and also the white poppy which represents peace.



At Anzac Service

Left to Right: Liam Thomas, James Thomas, Frances Thomas, Anne Plank (nee Blampied), Nicky White (nee Blampied), Martin Blampied, Leo White (Great Grandson). (Sally Thomas was also at the service).



Graduation Day

A proud day for some of our past students. Dean and English teacher, Mr. Dan Eichblatt caught up with a few Ex-Pupils on their Graduation Day at Auckland University this month. Dan commented that “as students they have seen us in our gowns at annual prize-giving events; today it was their turn.” We congratulate Grace - who has completed a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Psychology -and all other recent graduates.

If you have news or photos of your Graduation Day to submit to our Grammar Link, we would love to hear from you.

Pictured left: Grace Single and Dan Eichblatt

Century of Memories: Turning 100 years in 2016

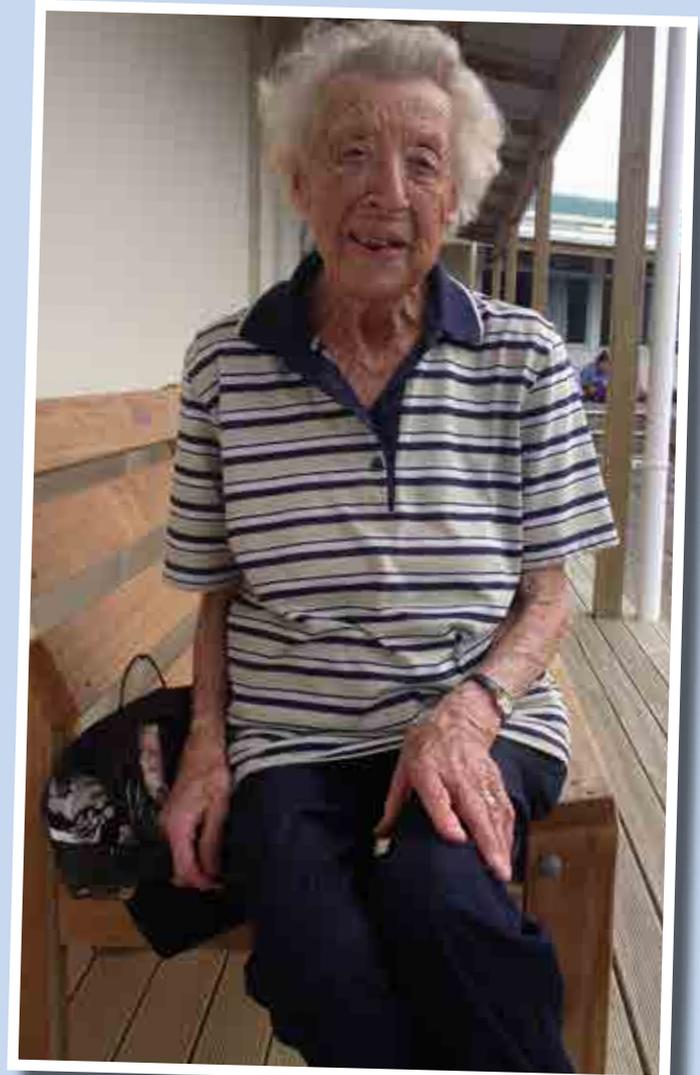
Pauline Dale (nee Woodroffe) started in the third form at Takapuna Grammar in 1930- making her one of the school's earliest students. She turns 100 this year, and still has fond memories of her school days. Earlier this year she popped back to her old school with her daughter Angela, for a trip down memory lane.

Pauline attended the school until 1934, attaining both University Entrance in 1932 and her Higher Leaving Certificate in 1933. She also received mention in the school magazine for her speed shorthand success in both years.

Pauline enjoyed the active life available on the Shore. She was a keen horsewoman, regularly exercising the local military horses by riding them all the way from Devonport to Milford. After her school accomplishments, Pauline worked in the city as a secretary before leaving to travel and work in the UK and Europe. She returned to New Zealand to teach Commercial English, Accounting and Typing at various schools in the Waikato.

She raised her family of three children in Whitianga with her husband Guy, the proprietor of the Whitianga Hotel. While she enjoyed the glamour of travel, she was also an active sportswoman, accomplished in shooting, golf and fishing. She had involvement in the Mercury Bay Deep Sea Fishing Club and hosted many overseas visitors for the fishing season.

Pauline is still active, and enjoys walking each day. Her daughter Angela firmly believes that her values, sense of purpose, and the importance that she places on exercising the body and mind, can be attributed to the education she received. Pauline still smiles and delights in pointing out Takapuna Grammar on her “memory drives” down Lake Road.



Pauline Dale nee Woodroffe

Century of Memories

We would love to find our most senior Ex-Pupil.

If we could compile a record of our Ex-Pupils who have turned 90 years plus we would appreciate hearing from you. Please contact w.strain@takapuna.school.nz. Wendy Strain Tel. 4894167.





Progress of Main Block

