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Eliza McCartney and Paul Snow-Hansen.

## TGS Olympians

In the last week of Term 3 Takapuna Grammar School proudly welcomed back two of their 2016 Olympians. Paul Snow-Hansen (sailing) and Eliza McCartney (pole vault), who placed 10th and 3rd in their respective events at the Rio Olympics, returned enthusiastically to their former school.

Staff and students were eager to hear the Olympic experiences of the pair. Students were given the opportunity to create questions for the athletes and the responses to these did not disappoint.

Eliza listed Usain Bolt and Paul, Sonny Bill Williams as the most famous athletes they encountered in their time at Rio. Eliza's account of being asked to move aside as she completed her victory lap so Usain could be photographed highlighted the star status of the sprinter. While many of our students loved the idea of the free McDonalds in the Olympic Village the pair didn't choose this as their food highlight. After a 4-year hiatus on sugar Paul binged on anything sweet while Eliza loved the huge yellow passionfruit.

Paul and Eliza encouraged the students to believe in themselves in everything they do. Both athletes have the goal of always attempting to better themselves, with this being a key factor in their success. When asked how he overcomes his race day nerves Paul discussed the importance of sticking to the performance processes set out in training. Eliza motivated the students by talking about the importance of following what you enjoy, this is how her path to an Olympic pole vaulting bronze medal began.



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# Principal's Report

My first term at Takapuna Grammar School has been a wonderful experience. The warm welcomes and friendliness of staff, students, parents and friends of the school has made the transition positive and smooth. Everyone has worked tirelessly this term on all fronts in and beyond the classroom. The quality of the sport, music and cultural experiences have been outstanding for all those involved and those fortunate to share in them. Many of the results reflect the high level of attainment of the students here and the quality of teaching and learning. Parents and families care about their sons and daughters experience at school and want to be part of it.

The term culminated with the school examinations which gave students a good indication of both where they are at, and what their next steps must be, in order for them to attain personal excellence by the end of the year.

I wish students all the best for final NCEA, Scholarship, IB and Junior Examinations. Thank you to all the staff and parents for your support of the students and the school in the myriad of ways you offer this.

Please do not hesitate to call your Dean or a senior staff member if you have any questions that we can help with. We want to work together to achieve the very best outcomes for all our students.

Mary Nixon

Principal

Takapuna Grammar School



## Year 11 Speech Competition

The Year 11 speech competition, held on Friday 26th August, was the culmination of weeks of hard work by our students. Year 11s all prepare and present speeches as part of their NCEA English course and students then sign up to enter the competition. Twenty-four semi-finalists presented some excellent speeches covering a range of topics from drugs in sport to why we should care less about what others think of us. It made the selection of the seven finalists a very difficult decision and all of the participants should be commended for their efforts.

The seven selected to progress were: Samuel Ong, Aliesha Kemp, Angus Fotheringham, Sinalei Faulaulo, Luke Patterson, Lilly Brewer and Barnaby Watts. The competition was hosted by Jarrah Swift and Saffie Doughty from Year 12. These two confident and articulate young leaders have been consistent finalists in TGS speech competitions for the last few years and stepped up to this responsibility with ease.

All seven finalists did a wonderful job entertaining and enlightening their listeners. The judges, Year 11 dean Mrs Dobson and Deputy Principal Mrs Roe, had much to deliberate

and some challenging decisions to make. At the end of the event they commented on how impressed they were by the high standard before announcing the winners.

Barnaby Watts commanded the audience's attention from the outset with his intelligent and humorous speech about why New Zealand is the best country in the world and was named the overall winner. Second place was awarded to Lillie Brewer who spoke with passion and animation about the importance of failure. Angus Fotheringham claimed third place with his engaging spoken word speech on the importance of adventure.

Once again TGS is proud to see so many of its young people strive for, and achieve, personal excellence within the sphere of public speaking. We look forward to hearing more from these students over the coming years.



*Barnaby Watts, Lillie Brewer and Angus Fotheringham.*



## L'Oreal for Girls in Science Forum

Eight female TGS students, accompanied by Mrs Murphie, were treated to a pleasant getaway from the stress and pressure of exams when they attended the annual L'Oreal for Girls in Science Forum on 9th September. Gathered at the Science Centre of the University of Auckland were powerful and passionate female representatives from various high schools. All students were welcomed with warm muffins for morning tea and guided into a lecture theatre to officially unfold a fulfilling four hours of scientific thrill. Host, Dr Michelle Dickinson, also known as nanogirl, introduced two L'Oreal fellows who shared their experiences in Science and empirical research. A live interview was then made available where students could ask questions of both scientists. The highly anticipated laboratory tours then began, which provided a glimpse into the inner workings of undergraduate Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science and Computer Science. Students were extremely inspired by these intelligent women who strive to make changes in a Science field which is still dominated by male scientists today. Upon completion of the event, TGS students left the university with rapt smiles, optimistic minds and a L'Oreal goodie bag.

By Kate Lee



## For your information

19 October	House Achievement Awards Assemblies
20 October	Yrs 11, 12 and 13 NZQA Assembly Mufti Day
24 October	<b>Labour Day – No School</b>
26 October	Sports Awards
28 October	<b>Yr 2 IB External Examinations Begin</b>
31 October	Performing Arts Awards
1 November	Senior Prizegiving – Bruce Mason Centre
2 November	Senior Sign Out – Book Return Senior School Revision Programme Begins
3 November	PTA Golf Day CBE Breakfast
7 November	<b>IB Yr 1 Examinations</b>
10 November	<b>NCEA Examinations Begin</b>
21 November	Junior Examinations
22 November	Junior Examinations
23 November	Yr 9 Camp – Group 1
24 November	Yr 9 Camp – Group 1
25 November	Yr 9 Camp – Group 1
28 November	Yr 9 Camp – Group 2
29 November	Yr 9 Camp – Group 2
30 November	Yr 9 Camp – Group 2
2 December	<b>NCEA Examinations Finish</b> Yr 12 Peer Support Training IB Yr 1 Students Final Day
6 December	Junior Prizegiving Leavers Dinner
7 December	<b>END OF TERM 4</b>



# The opening of the Barry Brickell Studio

The latest building to open at the school is a double room block adjacent to the Sir Peter Blake Art and Technology centre. It has been named the Barry Brickell Studio in honour of one of Takapuna's most famous former students.

Ian Barry Brickell was born in New Plymouth in 1935. He moved to Devonport and studied at Takapuna Grammar School. When still young, he was introduced to Len Castle and developed an interest in pottery, creating works and firing them in his own kiln at home. He gained a Bachelor of Science degree from Auckland University in 1954, qualified as a teacher and went on to teach in 1961 at the Coromandel District School. This only lasted for a few months before he became a full-time potter, working from a property he purchased near Coromandel town.

Brickell earned great renown as one of New Zealand's foremost potters. He was featured with other artists in the "Treasures of the Underworld", the New Zealand pavilion at the Serrville Expo, in 1992. These works were accessioned for the collection of the National Art Gallery and are now held by Te Papa, the Museum of New Zealand. His clay steam ship plaques are on display at the Devonport Library. He wrote several books and a number of



*Students Working in the Barry Brickell Studio*

small publications. Dunedin writer Pauline Dawson says of Barry: "Through various incarnations, always with dedication and hard work and a division of his energies between his passions, Brickell shaped a style and practice wholly his own and indigenous to New Zealand."

He was also fascinated by steam. In 1974 he purchased additional land and set up the Driving Creek Railway, which has become one of Coromandel's most popular attractions for all ages. A narrow gauge railway through replanted native kauri forest, it includes two spirals, three short tunnels, five reversing points and several large viaducts, as it climbs up to the mountain-top terminus, called the Eyeful Tower.

In 1988 Barry was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire for services to pottery and ceramics. Barry Brickell died earlier this year.

## Student Achievement

### Academic

**Harvey Merton, Poppy Ross, Katherine Jenkins and Emilly Fan** have all been nominated by District Rotary for the National Science and Technology Forum.

**Emily Chadderton** has been selected as a lead character in a short movie to be shot around Auckland.

**Kate McNish** is competing in a Dance competition in Australia in November.

**Mollie Cornfield** has been selected by audition to represent Takapuna Grammar School in the 2016 National Secondary Schools' Brass Band.

**Georgia Barron** performed in the musical theatre show 'Star Light Express' as a lead character 'Pearl'.

### Sports

**Cole Manson** is competing in the North Island Men's Stroke Play Championships at Waitangi in September.

**Liberty Soanes** has been selected to row for the Auckland Light Blues (Junior Development Squad) at a regatta in Queensland during September.

**Callum Richards** won the Junior North Island Slope Style Skiing Competition.

**Saskia Vosper** has made the New Zealand U17's NZ Football Ferns Team and **Emily Couchman** has made the New Zealand U20's NZ Football Ferns Team.

The **Senior Girls Football Team** placed 10th in the country at the recent Winter Tournament.



## Year 9 Debating Final

While debating may not be everyone's idea of a good time, most people will admit (even reluctantly) that being able to argue your point effectively is a useful skill to have. It might also be easy to assume that teenagers come with an innate ability to argue about almost anything. For those of us who have the pleasure of teaching the finer points of public speaking, we know this isn't always the case. Sometimes a good deal of figurative prodding is involved. It can be scary business getting up to speak in front of a largish group of individuals, even more so when that group swells to include the entire Year 9 cohort!

Unlike a prepared speech, debates require participants to not only listen and take in what the other team is saying (while strategizing their counter attack), they also have to combat nerves to speak coherently in order to present, what is effectively, an impromptu speech. This can take chutzpa!

So my hat goes off to the six students who participated in this year's debating final: Zoe Raines, Conrad Butler, Ella Gladwell, Alana Birch, Samuel Cordner and Hannah Gibbs. Congratulations to all of them on a fine effort.

The final saw 9SE face off against 9WE, in the affirmative and negative roles respectively, debating the merits of banning cars from the Auckland CBD. Both teams presented sound points to support their positions on the moot, which made the adjudication very challenging. It was an incredibly close call, with 9WE winning the debate by a whisker.

Best overall speaker was awarded to Ella Gladwell. A well-deserved recognition!

Takapuna Grammar School students and ex-pupils featured in the NZ Football Knockout Cup recently (Women's version of the Chatham Cup) at QBE Stadium. Current students **Emily Couchman**, **Saskia Vosper**, **Lily Jarvis** and **Talisha Green** were joined by ex-pupils Chloe Wilson, Emma Rolston and Morgan Owen in the Forrest Hill side that won after extra time and a penalty shootout 3-2.

**Miller Hazelman** and **Jasper Edgar** have been named in the North Harbour U18's Rugby Team and **Lockie McNair** (named Captain) and **Joe Seufatu** have been named in the North Harbour U16's Rugby team.

**Benjamin Romley** completed his First Poom Black Belt Grading with the World Taekwondo Federation in September and passed.

As nerve wracking as it can be to deliver in a debate, it can be equally intimidating to be the judge for one. This daunting task of adjudication was taken on by two senior students, Thomas Lunt (13LH) and Daniel Howie (12SL), both very capable public speakers themselves. Thomas has been actively involved in the Auckland Schools Debating and Daniel was second runner up in this year's Senior Speech Competition. As a school, we are so fortunate to have such confident and accomplished senior students involved in junior competitions. Many thanks for your support Thomas and Daniel.

However, none of this would be possible without the patient support of the English teachers and the long hours of preparation and practice by the many year 9 students. We thank them for all their hard work this year.



### Results from the National Cycling Championships:

Individual Time Trial: Oscar Elworthy U20 Boys  
Hill Climb: Lucy Buckeridge U14 Girls  
Criterium: Sam Dyne U15 Boys  
Criterium: Oscar Elworthy U20 Boys  
Overall General Classification: Oscar Elworthy

### Podium Results:

Individual Time trial: Lucy Buckeridge U14 Girls - 2nd  
Individual Time trial: Josh Kench U16 Boys - 3rd  
Criterium: Nick Bowen U15 Boys - 2nd  
Criterium: Aidan Nicholas U20 Boys - 3rd  
Overall General Classification: Sam Dyne - 3rd

### Results from the Auckland Teams Time Trial Cycling Series

Junior Boys A, Champions  
Junior Girls A, 2nd place  
Senior Boys A, 2nd place



## 2016 Fashion Show

Takapuna Grammar School held its Twelfth Annual School Fashion Show on August 31st at the Bruce Mason Theatre.

Organised by Level 3 Soft Tech Students, and directed and produced by Deborah Woodward and Jane Rouse, the show was a huge success.

Chantelle Gerrard, a former staff member and Starship kid, stepped in at the last minute to MC the event.

The show opened with Rhythmic gymnast, Hannah Kelly who is in year 10 and her stunning performance was a highlight of the show. Other highlights included the Frank Casey section, dancers choreographed by Celine Human and the song Ava Maria sung beautifully by Hannah Potts of year 13. Designers included Coop by Trelise Cooper, Lulu + Issac, TK, and Ruby.

The theme was Light & Shade and the show spanned from sunrise, throughout a day and into the night. The first

half included Year 10 hoodies and a new section called sticky situations which showcased year 10 garments made with calico and duct tape. Level one were inspired by Architecture and Level 2 were innovative in their sustainable practice. Some garments were multifunctional, others used zero waste principles and some were recycled with materials such as old maps and a trampoline. Incidentally, the trampoline dress designed by Maia Baillie won the recycled section in the Walk the line award show at NZ Fashion week.

Around 170 students were involved in the show including designers, models, dancers, backstage crew and dressers. We also farewell Year 13 students Edward and William Lotawa who have modelled in the show since they arrived at the school in year 9.

All in all it was another great show raising money for The Starship Foundation and giving our students a real and relevant experience.



## KBB Festival 2016

**Congratulations to the Music Department on their outstanding success this year at the KBB Music Festival in August.**

TGS Symphony Orchestra and TGS Strings (under the direction of Mrs Roe and Mr Stent) represented the school very well in a category where we are just starting out. The Symphony Orchestra in particular has an exciting future at the school as we look to cement its position as one of our leading instrument ensembles.

TGS Junior Concert Band, a combination of students from TGS and BIS, gained a Bronze Award under the fierce and demanding direction of Mr Ted Dawson. This demonstrates the value and impact of the continuing implementation of an instrumental music scheme that connects the two campuses.

TGS Senior Concert Band, under the direction of the incomparable Mr Andrew Uren (clarinet/saxophone itinerant tutor and master conductor) gained a Gold Award. They were also nominated for the Chairperson's Command Performance Award for their spectacular rendition of the Rimsky-Korsakov Trombone Concerto featuring Year 13 soloist David Paligora.

Finally, TGS Jazz Band, conducted by Mr Stent, also gained a Gold Award and won the award for the Best Performance of a NZ Work (Jazz Band category). To top off an exceptional evening for Takapuna Grammar, the Jazz Band were invited to perform at the Gala Concert at the Holy Trinity Cathedral as the nominated and overall winners of the Chairperson's Command Performance Award. These last two awards were won, not only on the stunning performance and high energy presentation of the band itself, but also the fine work of Year 13 Music student Martin Greshoff who composed the work that the group performed to win these prizes.

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Five students were also accepted into the KBB Honours Programme this year and were invited to perform with students from many other schools in high level and demanding collaborative projects in both Concert Band and Chamber Orchestra settings. Our congratulations to David Paligora, Martin Greshoff, Mollie Cornfield, Alex King (all Concert Band), and Emilly Fan (Chamber Orchestra) for gaining entry into these prestigious ensembles.



*Honours Programme participants: David Paligora, Martin Greshoff, Mollie Cornfield, Alex King, Emilly Fan*

## Gateway Applications

Gateway applications for 2017 are now open to Year 11 and 12 students who would like to experience a work placement in their possible future career. Students have been placed in a variety of industries including: Hairdressing, Building, Plumbing, Electrical, Primary School Teaching, Early Childcare, Sports Coaching and many more. Students will undertake up to 10 days in the work place to achieve a minimum of 20 credits.



*Nick Warmington on Gateway work placement with Devonport Electrical this year.*

For more information and an application pack please come and see Vicki Strong, Gateway Co-ordinator, in the Careers Department.



Boys 2nd XI



Boys 1st XI

# TGS Hockey is a Winner

TGS had 6 hockey teams this year: 3 boys' and 3 girls' teams with 87 registered players, 8 coaches, 8 super managers and 4 dedicated referees. These are the best numbers we have had for several years.

The Girls 1st XI and the Girls 2nd XI both went up a grade after the first round of games, playing in division 1A and 2A respectively. The Girls 1st XI also had three NHHA representatives chosen from their squad. Madee Forbes was goalie for the North Harbour under 18B team while Lucy Buckeridge and Ruby Worrall played for the NHHA Under 15 team. We are very proud of their achievements. Madee leaves school this year after several years in a rep team but we hope Lucy and Ruby will inspire others to trial for these teams next year.

The Girls 2nd XI made it to the final and gave an inspiring performance, getting an equalising goal in the last 30 seconds of the match. Unfortunately, they could not dominate in the penalty shoot out and lost to Orewa.



Madee Forbes

Our big winners were the top 2 boys' teams.

It was absolutely thrilling to see the 1st XI overcome their disappointment at not progressing to the Supercity League and making up for it by winning every single match in division 1A. They won one of their games by 18-0! They finished their last 10 games

scoring 59 goals and only conceding 4 goals. This was a tremendous effort by their goalie Chris Spencer. There were some spectacular drag flick goals from Mitchell Bremner, who was their top scorer. These boys trained hard and played hard and deserved to be top.

The Boys 2nd XI was also spectacular with many boys training 4 times a week to make them another winning team. They lost only one game in the final round of 10 and that was to their arch rival Rosmini. They met them again in the final, and almost let them win, but managed to rescue their pride by scoring an equaliser in the final minute of the game. Then we had the nail-biting shoot out, just like the Girls 2nd XI. However, the boys held their nerve and Ben Holt, their goalie, was quite brilliant.

Results from the final rounds:

Teams	Played	Won	Goals for	Goals against	Bonus pts	Final pts	Placing NHHA
Boys 1st	7	7	59	4	5	33	1st
Boys 2nd	5	4	17	6	1	17	1st
Boys 3rd	10	7	34	17	6	34	2nd
Girls 1st	7	4	10	7	0	20	3rd =
Girls 2nd	7	4	16	11	2	22	2nd
Girls 3rd	11	5	15	13	5	27	3rd

Congratulations to all the players and coaches - you make us proud.



## National Champions

The Takapuna Grammar School Boys Cycling team were crowned National Boys Champions at the Cycling National Champs recently. Having gone close in the last two years, this was vindication for a program that has been growing in the school over a number of years. Congratulations to all involved.



*Eliza McCartney with the PE Staff.*

TGS staff were very excited to welcome Eliza McCartney to the school on the 8th September. It was a wonderful opportunity for Eliza's former teachers to congratulate her on her success at the Rio Olympics. Over tea and coffee in the staffroom they celebrated her outstanding achievement and the amazing journey she is on. The TGS P.E. department, among others, were delighted to have their photo taken with this shining star.

# Success for Netball at Upper North Island Secondary School's Tournament

A huge congratulations to our Senior Netball team who have recently placed 8th out of 32 in their grade at the Upper North Island Secondary Schools Tournament. The team made a huge effort over the five days. They competed in ten gruelling games with pride and fight, moving up seven places from last year and reaching the quarter finals. This young team, with only two year 13s, has been described by local Netball heads as 'the up and coming North Harbour team and a team to watch next year'. The girls have high hopes for next year's tournament. They aim to finish in the top 5 and gain promotion into the grade above. More locally, the team have their eyes on reaching the Premier grade at Netball North Harbour after narrowly finishing 3rd in Open A.

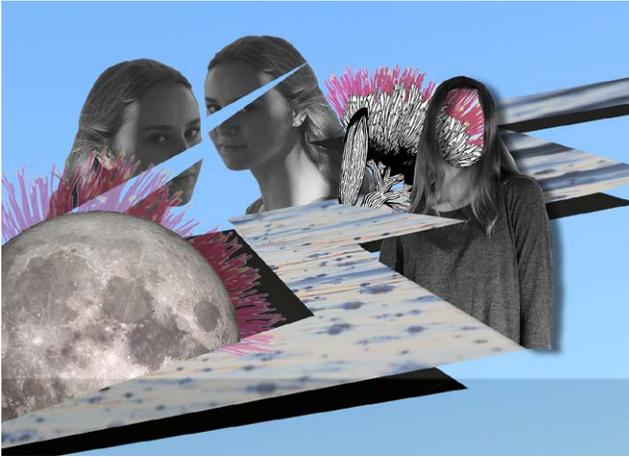


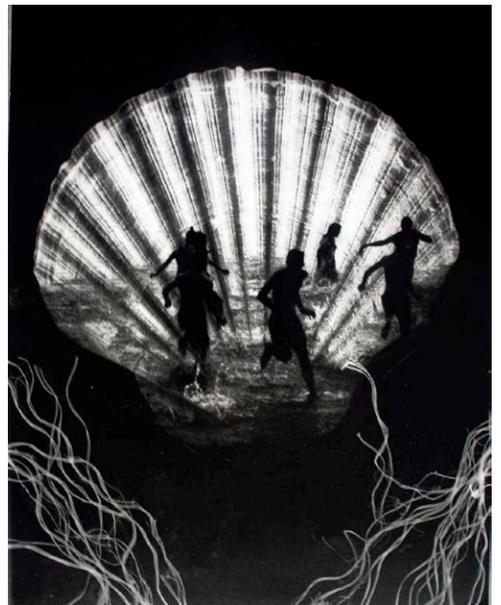
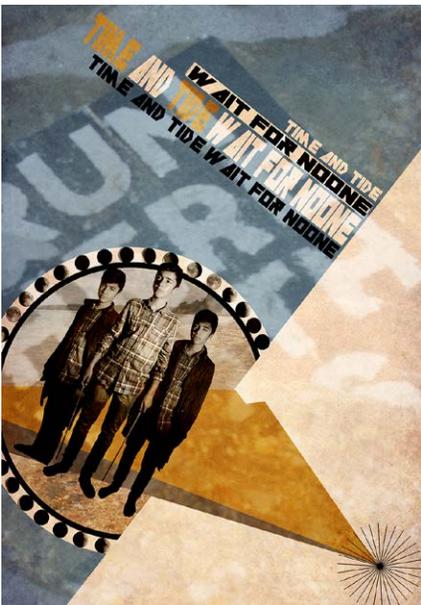
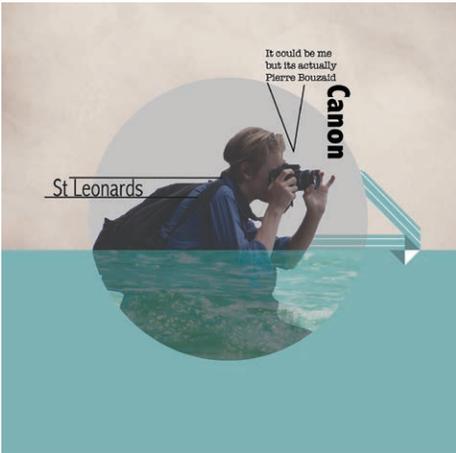
*Back Row: Jess Davies, Hannah Howe-Smith, Eva Steedman, Piper Rush, Ella Hill, Saffei Doughty, Manurere Ratana. Front Row: Georgia Winnie, Anna Jacobs, Livia Lauren, Grace O'Brien, Tazz Lio.*



# LIFE'S A BEACH. Level 1 Digital Art

This year a new course was introduced into the Art Department called Digital Art. Students doing this course have learnt photographic and design skills and have developed confidence in Photoshop and Indesign. The work featured on these pages is from this course and includes digital photography, darkroom-photograms and digital illustration. Students began the year with two photo-shoots at St Leonard's beach and these were used as a basis for much of the work they continued with in Terms 2 and 3. One of their assessments involved a study of Russian Constructivism, and the production of a piece of graphic design inspired by this movement. The pieces on these pages that include bold use of typography are the result of this study.







# Business and Enterprise News



Another busy term for our Business and Enterprise students before their senior exams at the end of the year.

Our Level 3 Young Enterprise Scheme companies are all in their final stages of selling for the year and have all been busy in developing selling opportunities. Russell Harray came in to assist the groups with converting enquiries to sales in order to increase their performance and meet their objectives. You will now see Burgundy products in the window of BNZ in Takapuna and Half Baked jars will be table centrepieces at the prestigious AUT Business awards at the Langham Hotel.



The YES competition closes with the submission of Annual Reports to Wellington to decide on the National Award winners that will be presented in December. We look forward to hearing the results of our North Auckland Regional Awards that will be held at AUT at the end of October.

Massey University hosted a Business and Market Day

*“You will now see Burgundy products in the window of BNZ in Takapuna and Half Baked jars will be table centrepieces at the prestigious AUT Business awards at the Langham Hotel.”*

in August for Level 3 students. This event provided the opportunity to listen to a range of guest speakers. Under discussion was curriculum areas to enhance students' application of business theory to real life business examples and bring the classroom to life for them. We heard from Flow Software, Winscribe, BCS Group, Fonterra and NZTE. All of the businesses gave valuable insights into the strategic decisions that need to be made in a global environment.



Level 2 Business students worked on their community well-being business activities this term and we saw a vast array of different activities performed. We had nine groups each producing either a service direct for the benefit of the community or operating to donate to a charity. They were very successful and the results we obtained included: Yoga classes run in school for our Special Education students; a Café operated on early Wednesday mornings to provide warm food and drinks to students; a lunchtime Smoothie business; a dance class run at Neverland Studios; a quiz night resulting in a donation of over \$600 to assist the homeless; a TGS Showcase concert held at BIS donating \$210 to Canteen; Cookies sold for Unicef raising \$124; a Bake Sale raising \$118 for Auckland City Mission and a Laser Tag event that raised \$286 for The Dream Centre. All the students embraced the community aspect and produced very pleasing outcomes.



## Financial Capability

The Year 10 Enterprise and Financial Literacy students are all involved with their main financial literacy topics at this time of year. This involves them exploring real life future financial situations. They all work through the variety of financial decisions required when leaving home to study, setting up a flat and also starting work. They will investigate a job, transport costs, insurance, borrowing options including credit cards, budgeting skills and complete tax calculations. During Money Week there was an opportunity to play Market Share in class to improve financial decision making and obtain a copy of the Sorted booklets to take home and share.

As part of Money Week 2016 we held our first ever Money Mardi Gras. This was an event to bring together the school community and local financial experts to celebrate the 'fun of finance'. Angela Clemens from The Commission for Financial Capability opened the evening and was followed by a range of financial speakers who ran mini seminars that provided financial expertise and information. Simon Neal from Spark discussed the key items to look for in mobile plans to get the best value for money. SavY focused on the financial decisions needed for leaving home and student loans. Claudette Wilson and David Verry from North Harbour Budgeting Services Inc. shared their budgeting tips. Peter Lee from Principal C2C Partners informed us about KiwiSaver and Chris Hails from the National Cyber Security Centre presented ways to avoid online financial scams.

All of our speakers were very well received and provided enlightening and valuable information for the audience. Our students also highlighted the many opportunities they have within the school curriculum to practise and develop their financial skills. We had exhibits and stalls from our YES groups and our talented Year 10 Market Day groups. There were also student run hands-on activities for all ages including a tournament of the Market Share game, Who wants to be Gazillionaire? and Project Fundway.

BNZ have been very active in school. Megan McCallum (Assistant Store Manager - Takapuna) came in to run a session on opening and operating a successful bank account for our Money Mardi Gras. David McKeown donated his BNZ Closed for Good Day to enhancing our students' business and financial skills.



### Future Business activity dates for your diary:

- In conjunction with TBBA we will have students at the Takapuna Beach Christmas Carnival on Saturday December 10th.
- Planning is well underway for the first ever Takapuna Grammar School Level One Ignition Day that will be held in Devonport on Sunday 4th December – this will be the induction day for 2017 Level 3 Business Studies students.



# Grammar Link

## School Magazines

TGS SCHOOL MAGAZINES published in the early years contain gems of literature submitted every year from each Form Class.

We have chosen a few that made us smile.

4A's EXAMS.

*They make me shake and shiver,  
They render me quite dumb,  
For then, when they are over,  
The marks are still to come.*

*I sink into the form room,  
All pale and worn and scared;  
Two weeks before they started,  
I had not thought I cared.*

*I rule up sheets of paper,  
Much more than I shall need,  
And clear the desk for action—  
Maybe, I'll write a creed.*

*I sit there, dumb and silent,  
While pencil-ends I chew;  
Alas, of all the questions,  
There's not one I can do.*

*But, see, there comes a glimmer,  
A little gleam of light;  
Down goes the wretched answer,  
I only hope it's right.*

*So, somehow, all the questions  
Are answered, bit by bit,  
Though when the teacher sees them,  
No doubt he'll take a fit.*

*At length the marks are given,  
My paper has been rent;  
For I have come the lowest  
With just minus two per cent.*

MARGARET BLAMPIED, IVA. 29

Form IVA 1947 Exams

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The Literature Lesson.

"Now, Swain," said the Master. "Who was Chaucer?"  
"Your question makes me quake with awe, sir."  
"Poeter! Recite the Works of Spencer."  
"I can't. I have no common-sense, sir!"  
"Palmer! What do you know of Hood?"  
"It's put on prams to make kids good!"  
"Now tell me, Mascul, what was Moore?"  
"Please, sir, what Oliver Twist asked for!"  
"Bomford! Recite to me from Browning!"  
"I can't, sir, while you stand there frowning!"  
"Nicolson! Who was Keats?"  
"A chap who manufactured sweets!"  
"Archer, pray tell me, who was Scott?"  
"Forgive me, sir, I've clean forgot!"  
"Poole, pay attention! Who was Gray?"  
"I'm sorry, sir—I couldn't say."

K., IIIA. Boys.

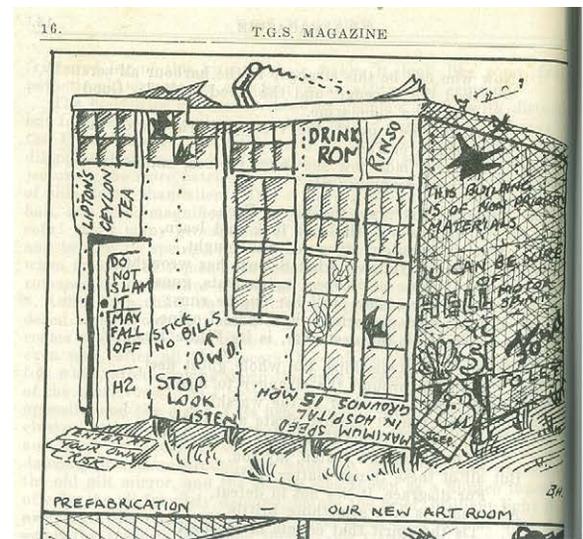
There were some young boys of IIIA,  
Who tried throwing ink one fine day.  
They were caught by a master—  
The result was disaster—  
How many they got I can't say.

McC., IIIA. Boys.

There was a young runner named Nicks,  
Whom, cross-country troubles can't fix.  
Over hills and down dales,  
He speedily sails;  
He's a winner by hours, not ticks.

A.S., IIIA. Boys.

Form IIIA 1928 with The Literature Lesson



1944 Sketch of the new Art Room

A CAUTIONARY TALE.

The fault of Angelina Koole  
Was eating chocolate in school.  
Her desk, as though to get her books,  
She opened one day, to dodge the looks  
Of Miss Irene Jones, who taught her,  
And who subsequently caught her  
At this very silly trick.  
Inside the desk there lay a stick  
Of Sante's chocolate, rich and brown.  
She quickly put her French book down  
And took one large delicious bite.  
Alas! Miss Jones, who saw this sight,  
Gave her a thousand lines and one,  
Which were at lunch-times to be done.  
Poor Angelina wrote with vim,  
Until her head began to swim:  
She wrote the lines, but was so tired  
That she lay down and then expired.

Moral:—  
If chocolate you wish to munch  
You'd better keep it for your lunch.

M.P.B.—Va.

Form VA 1950 A Cautionary Tale

## New Zealand Paralympic Song

CONGRATULATIONS to Ex-Pupil Natalie Te Paa who was selected to sing on the track 'Long White Cloud', which was the New Zealand Paralympic Song in Rio this year.



# Century of Memories

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

In order to compile a record of our Ex-Pupils who have turned 90 years plus we would appreciate hearing from you.

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## TAKAPUNA GRAMMAR SCHOOL SENIOR EX-PUPILS (90 YEARS PLUS) 1933 – 1941

Pauline Dale (nee Woodroffe)

Dulcie Sybers  
Brian Kissin

Joan Leach (nee Bogue)

Jo Gladwell (nee Jocelyn Lees)  
Betty Mason  
Don Suckling

Tom Hanna  
John Reynolds

June Barnett  
Verna O'Connell (nee Stone)  
Helen Hubert (nee Horne)  
June Howard (nee Perrett)  
Donald Sutherland  
Mac Saba  
Kath Withs  
Jacqueline (Jill) Fogarty  
Peter Fogarty  
Ivan Petersen

Wally Tisdall  
Barbara Baillie  
Jean McCormack  
Phyllis Petchell  
Helen Stubbs  
Thelma McArthur (nee Wrack)  
Vivienne Jenkinson  
(nee Burrell)



**HOCKEY TEAM, 1933.**  
Standing—M. Yarnton, A. Lynch, T. Nettleton, R. Haden, M. McMurtrie, Miss Hunt.  
Sitting—Z. Hutter, T. Marsh, E. Corner (captain), G. Andrews,  
Absent: H. Dunning. N. Whitcombe.

*Senior Ex-Pupils 1933*



**SOCCER XI, 1936.**  
Standing: A. W. Coeman, W. E. C. Downard, H. W. Mills, H. C. Kitchingman,  
G. P. Goodwin.  
Seated: J. M. Kozell, J. R. Adams, J. C. Duro, J. G. Buchanan, S. R. Taylor.  
In Front: H. S. Mills.  
Absent: J. A. Hunt.

*Senior Ex-Pupils 1936*



**CRICKET XI, 1939.**  
Back Row: D. Anderson, J. Mollard, J. Blackwell, G. Gooder, J. Vivian, K. Darlow,  
Sitting: B. Foote, B. Hawksworth, P. Massey, E. Batty, D. Drower, S. McKay.

*Senior Ex-Pupils 1939*



**FIRST XV, 1941.**  
Back Row: W. H. Meade, J. M. Ferguson, F. J. Le Gert, C. Allen, G. Steppes, C. D. May.  
Middle Row: Mr. V. C. Hall, J. C. Kitchison, H. Burdette (Captain), D. R. Hirst, Mr. J. Thompson.  
In Front: P. Johnson, A. G. Wood.

*Senior Ex-Pupils 1941*



**FIRST XV, 1944.**  
Standing: J. Hawkins, M. O'Hara, M. Clendon, J. Chapman, B. Firth, W. Robinson, B. B. Browne,  
A. Galley.  
Sitting: A. Delavau, T. J. Patrick, D. Coleman, P. J. Stone (Capt.), J. Baker, B. Beach,  
Mr. C. Robinson.  
In Front: I. Salt, H. S. Schultz, A. R. Eustace, B. S. Buckton, L. M. Sussex.

*Senior Ex-Pupils 1944*



# English writing portfolio

Many of our senior students complete an English standard which requires them to keep a writing portfolio. They work hard throughout the year to produce well-crafted and controlled pieces of writing which command the attention of their readers. Their work needs to deliver a clear message for a specific audience and purpose and should follow the conventions of different forms and styles of writing.

Here is a recent example from Harvey Merton Year 12.

## The Kite Runner – Narrative Inter-Chapter

By Harvey Merton

*Harvey Merton says that, "While reading Khaled Hosseini's The Kite Runner, a mention was made of a massacre of the oppressed race of people living in Afghanistan, called the Hazara. This massacre was at the hands of a cruel man named Assef; the childhood bully of our protagonist. While this event was mentioned, it wasn't explored very comprehensively. As this disgusting act interested me, I decided to write on my own ideas of how this event would have progressed. It is as follows."*

Assef marched down the street – his heavy boots grinding the dust under him. His thick military uniform was obscured in the front with his dark, rough beard which stayed remarkably straight despite his brisk movements. The silver rims of his black glasses glinted in the harsh sunlight – warning the helpless Hazara villagers of their impending doom.

Assef clicked the safety off on his gun and swung it towards the run-down, crumbling mud huts – grinning in a calm madness. Women screamed in the village below and scrambled with their children to huddle in the deceptive safety of their humble abodes. Some tried to flee but soon found that a ring of executioners garbed in dismal black robes were closing in on their ramshackle dwellings. Obscured by their deathly black balaclavas, some wore grim expressions of determination but most, like Assef, wore grins of pure anticipation and excitement, like children on the eve of Eid. They knew that they were doing the work of Allah; eradicating the Hazara filth that had invaded their watan and making it pure again.

Assef smelt the fear. He heard the panicked flutter of the fragile little hearts that he longed to cut short. He loved it. He loved the power he had to slaughter this filthy infection and cut it out at the roots. It was his precious homeland.

With his thick military boot he kicked open the door of the first hut. The rickety old boards shattered into spear-like splinters that spewed forth into the tiny room. Deliberately, he stepped inside; he wanted to savour his first kill of this holy day. His eyes surveyed the room and fell upon a man in the corner – arm encircling his family, shielding them from the cruelty that emanated from Assef.

'Up you dog!' Assef barked at the man, 'where is your šaraf?'. He strode over and spat on the man. 'I shouldn't have expected more of Hazara filth like you.'

Assef reached into his left breast pocket where he kept his most precious possessions; close to his heart. He felt the familiar cold and brutal outline of his brass knuckles; savouring the feeling as if being reacquainted with an old friend.

Leaving his gun slung around his broad shoulders, he drew out the heartless, brutal metal and slipped his fingers into the holes. He clenched and unclenched his thick hands – once again familiarising himself with the feeling of power they gave him.

'Get up you gutless kasseef!' Assef roared. The man shook and did not move. He wanted to feel resistance! The helpless resistance and hope of a doomed man who has been given a fighting chance. But all he got was subjugation. The same meek look of a lamb that Hassan had given him many years ago. The Hazara are pathetic.

Assef dragged the man to his feet and flung him against the wall. He pummelled him with a flurry of punches until his face was bloody and disfigured.

'Fight back!' Assef roared in fury, 'fight back you spineless worm!' The man dropped to the floor, his face hardly recognizable. Assef shot him. Right in eye. Assef spun around before his body slumped to the floor. Maybe the mother would provide more resistance.

In two brisk lunges Assef was across the room – one of the little boys dangling from his hair in Assef's rough hand.

'No please!' screamed the mother, 'not my son! NOT MY SON!' She charged at him in uncontrollable rage, wildly swinging her arms and kicking her legs. She didn't care about her own life; her maternal instincts were too strong. She just needed to save her precious son. This is exactly what Assef wanted. He wanted this filth to beg and fight with no hope of ever prevailing.

With two powerful movements, he flung the boy across the room and brought his brass knuckles smashing down on the back of the woman's neck; the snap filled the whole hut.

'Kill the boys, Assef ordered his men as he spun on his heels and marched out. The sound of gunshots and terrified wailing cut short, echoed behind him.

The world he strode out into was complete chaos. Hazara ran in all directions, screaming, through the piles of dead bodies of their fellows. Dismembered human body parts were strewn everywhere. Even the thirsty, dusty earth could not drink the river of blood that now flowed down the streets. The smell of gunpowder and blood wafted together in a beautiful concoction of death and suffering. This is the cleansing that Assef craved. Too late for Hitler, he thought again, but not for him.