



## “Colour me” successful

Takapuna Grammar School held its eleventh Annual School Fashion Show on August 26th at the Bruce Mason Theatre.

Organised by year 13 Soft Tech students and directed and produced by Deborah Woodward and Jane Rouse, the show was a huge success.

“Colour me” was the theme and sections included Colour me cool (Year 10 Urban Hoodies) Colour me classic (Little Black Dresses) and Colour me creative (Trash to Fashion entries by Special Ed)

The opening of the Show was a Silk Aerialist who kept the audience on the edges of their seats. Other highlights included the Frank Casey section, The Korean fan dancers, the dancers choreographed by Celine and Shani Human and Coop by Trelise Cooper.

All in all it was another great show raising money for The Starship Foundation with nearly \$4000 raised.



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# Dear Parents and Guardians

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Welcome back to our newsletter for Term 4. Students, seniors especially, are geared up for the examinations, which are now only weeks away. We have impressed on these students the need for sound preparations for the coming NCEA, Scholarship and International Baccalaureate qualifications. They are important moments for students and, given the contestability for future employment and tertiary study opportunities, they need to be achieving at the highest possible rate. Simply pragmatic actions can assist students a great deal at a time where they will need to be organized, focused and well prepared.

I note, particularly, those Year 8 students and their families who are in receipt of this newsletter. Welcome to Takapuna Grammar School. We are delighted that you join our school and community and we look forward to the years ahead where we unite in progressing your son or daughter's education.

We have been reveling in the achievements of individual students, groups and teams recently; evident in the results of competitions such as the Winter Tournament week late last term. We invite parents, families and guardians to join the school in celebrating these achievements at our upcoming Sports Awards, Arts Awards, Senior Prizegiving and Junior Prizegiving events. You will see these dates highlighted in the calendar contained in this newsletter. The dates are:

- 20 October – Sports Awards
- 21 October – Performing Arts Awards
- 2 November – Senior Prizegiving
- 3 December – Junior Prizegiving

I have been delighted to witness many of the events where students have performed beyond their own and others' expectations. This was well demonstrated by the groups performing at the recent KBB festival which saw our TGS Strings (directed by Mrs. Louise Roe) win a Commended Award, our TGS Senior Concert Band (directed by Mr. Andrew Uren) win a Silver Award and the TGS Jazz Band (directed by Mr. David Stent) win a Gold Award.

We remain fully committed to the ASPIRE and PERFORM innovations. We have held many meetings since I last reported the progress in regards to the desire to fully engage students in co-curricular and physical activities. Included in this dynamic we are delighted to be in receipt of funds in support of various Sporting and Performing Arts activities. We appreciate this and encourage the school community to be aware of the prerogative and involve themselves in the initiative through actions, discussions or any other means. I will continue to keep you posted on these developments as they occur.

Manaaki continues to progress well. While we missed the senior students when they were at their school examinations, many mentors and junior students enjoyed the luxury of very small groups and highly valued discussions. We look forward to the return of students to the opening sessions of Term 4, the weeks where we will have the juniors alone again, along with the programme's continuation next year. The school is very eager to seek student feedback about the programme so The Education Group will return early next year to complete another round of discussions and surveys seeking the students' view and advice in regards to the future developments of Manaaki.

In terms of next year, it is important to note that the current Board of Trustees come to the end of their term in the first half of 2016. While the date for elections has not been set, there may be members of the community who would like to consider and discuss the possibility of putting themselves forward for this important governance role at the school. I and other Board of Trustees members will be keen to engage with any members of our community who may like to take the opportunity.

If you would like to discuss any issues, please contact me at [principal@takapuna.school.nz](mailto:principal@takapuna.school.nz). I will be able to respond personally and/or direct you to the most appropriate expertise in the school.

Regards

Simon Lamb  
Principal  
Takapuna Grammar School





# PTA Events & Projects

## Recent Events:

**Studio Photograph Sessions by Michael Overend. Thank you to the families who took up this offer. We are donating \$2000 to the Art Department for equipment.**

Allison Mooney – “Pressing the Right Buttons”. Allison entertained us with her insights into relating to people, leaving us with practical tips for communicating well with our families, friends and colleagues.

Comedy Night – Paul Ego, Jeremy Corbett and Matt Stellingwerf. The hall was completely packed for this hilarious evening of comedy from professional entertainers. Funds raised are to go towards Performing Arts.

You may have noticed new bench seats around the school – PTA is buying a few at a time as funds allow. They are being well used by students and staff.

## Ongoing Projects:

Once the current major building work is completed, the PTA will pledge the funds raised from the sales of our cookbook, ‘Taste of Takapuna’, towards a major project to enhance the central outdoor area which will improve the break-time environment for our students. So far we’ve raised almost \$65,000 towards our target of \$90,000. If every family bought just one more book we would reach our target. Please support your TGS students - contact PTA or school office to purchase.

(Those families of Year 9 students who received cookbooks earlier in the year – payment is now overdue. Please return books if you don’t wish to purchase).

## Upcoming Events:

Golf Day – Thursday 5th November.

## We invite you to join us

### For the 10th Annual Takapuna Grammar School PTA Golf Day

Thursday, 5 November 2015. **Registrations are now open.**

The Takapuna Grammar School Golf Day is a fun afternoon out on our beautiful local Waitemata Golf Course. You don’t have to be a regular golfer to enter - the Ambrose format allows for golfers of all levels to participate. You can enter your team of four, or enter as an individual and we will put you together with others (numbers permitting). The TGS Golf Day is an opportunity to network with business colleagues or clients, or enjoy a day out with friends.

Team entry is \$600 for four players: this includes lunch, on-course refreshments, after match dinner, and a chance to win fantastic prizes. Individual entry is \$150.

We also seek your assistance by way of donations of prizes and raffle items; sponsorship of food or drinks. Hole sponsorship options are also available.

In 2013 the \$9500 raised from the TGS Golf Day was used to support students over several School departments with equipment that would

otherwise be outside budget for Sports, Media, Performing Arts, and Music.

To enter, please indicate your intention to enter by 25 September, to [pta@takapuna.school.nz](mailto:pta@takapuna.school.nz). For more information please email us or phone Ruth on 489 2764. To sponsor, donate or offer your help, contact [pta@takapuna.school.nz](mailto:pta@takapuna.school.nz)

Thank you in advance for your help in making the Golf Day a successful fundraiser for Takapuna Grammar School. Please see our PTA pages on the TGS website, or contact the PTA at [pta@takapuna.school.nz](mailto:pta@takapuna.school.nz) for more information.





# A hotly contested speech final

The Year 11 Speech Final was hotly contested this year, with 27 students participating in the Semi Finals in week 4. This is the largest number of entries we have had for several years. All of these students had already received an Excellence grade for their speech in class which meant that the quality of the speeches was incredibly high and it was very difficult to choose the eight finalists.

The eight selected to progress to the final were, Jarrah Swift, Zoe Drake, Harlum Topia, Madison Coghlan, Harvey Merton, Becky Ireland, Dougal Burden and Saffie Doughty. They performed to a capacity audience in the hall on Thursday of Week 5. All of the finalists were articulate, confident and had real presence on stage which made the judges decisions very difficult.

The judges were the Year 11 Deans, Mr Dan Eichblatt and Mrs

Katrina Woodley. Harvey Merton's entertaining speech on "Nerds" saw him named the winner. Harvey commanded the audience's attention from the moment he took to the stage and was a deserving winner. Second place went to Jarrah Swift with his well-crafted and interesting speech on the idea "We can be whatever we want". Third place went to Saffie Doughty with her engaging speech on "This generation".



Year 11 Speech Finalists with Mr Eichblatt and Mrs Woodley

## Year 9 debating competition

The school has a strong history of producing talented young public speakers and there is no better way to develop students' skills and confidence than to engage them in controlled debate. Since the introduction of the Year 9 debate competition four years ago there have been some great debates in the school hall. This year was no exception with another two teams going head to head in a fiercely fought final.

The finalist teams worked very hard to make it through. They were selected to represent their English classes following the in-class debates, participated in by all Year 9 students with two rounds of lunchtime debates and emerging the winners from the semi-finals.

The moot for the final debate was: That this house would ban big-game hunting. This topic has recently been in the news and on social media with the controversial killing of 'Cecil the lion' and generated some interesting debate. Su Yeon Kim, Felicity Lewis and Pheobe Peng from 9Cg were the affirmative team and Rebecca Lu, Esther Howie and Isabella Dunleavy, with the support of Fionnghuala Hitch, from 9Hv, were the negative team.

Both teams argued their positions well; presenting strong, convincing, articulate and passionate arguments. They engaged in some excellent rebuttal and the final score sheet revealed only a four point difference, so it was a very close contest. The panel of judges consisting of the Year 13 Dean and English teacher, Mrs Barbara Jenkins, the Year 9 Dean, Mr Sam Boardman and the school's Teacher Librarian, Mrs Annie White, had a very difficult task adjudicating. However, the winning team was 9Cg and Best speaker went to Felicity Lewis, for her commanding presence and composure throughout the whole competition.

## Singers entertain

For the second year in a row, award winning choir Skat a Tak were asked to perform alongside the North Shore Chorale at their 'Golden Age of Broadway' concert on Sunday 30th August, at St Peter's Church in Takapuna. NSC are conducted by Nick Forbes.

Students from the choir featured as soloists and included entertaining performances from Amy Robertson and Mathew Sherlock singing Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better from "Annie Get Your Gun", Isabelle O'Brien's rendition of Show Me from "My Fair Lady" was comic and delightful and Ella Cornfield's rousing performance of Don't Rain On My Parade from "Funny Girl" left the audience wanting more.

The choir sang New Music from the mesmerizing musical "Ragtime", At The End of the Day from "Les Miserables", and ended their programme with the beautiful and haunting Sondheim work Being Alive from "Company". Thank you to North Shore Chorale for asking us back this year.



## For your information

|            |  |             |                                     |
|------------|--|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 12 October | Term 4 Begins  | 5 November  | PTA Golf Day                        |
| 20 October | Sports Awards – Assembly Hall                        | 9 November  | NZQA Examinations Begin             |
| 21 October | Performing Arts Awards – Assembly Hall               | 16 November | Junior Examinations                 |
| 26 October | LABOUR DAY – No School                               | 17 November | Junior Examinations                 |
| 27 October | PPTA Paid Union Meeting                              | 18 November | Year 9 Camp - 1                     |
|            | Yrs 9 - 10 will finish school at 12.30pm             | 23 November | Year 9 Camp - 2                     |
|            | Yrs 11 – 13 NCEA Revision Programme at school        | 24 November | IB External Examinations Finish     |
| 2 November | Senior Prizegiving – Bruce Mason Centre              | 27 November | IB Final Day for IB Students        |
| 3 November | Book Return Day and Distribution of NZQA Entry Slips | 2 December  | Leavers Dinner                      |
|            | Revision Week for Senior Students                    |             | Senior Sign Off and Year Book Issue |
|            | IB External Examinations Begin                       | 3 December  | Junior Prizegiving – Assembly Hall  |
|            |  |             | Junior Reports Issued               |
|            |  |             | LAST DAY FOR JUNIOR STUDENTS        |

## Chocolate in Mathematics

A mathematical competition was held for Level 3 Calculus, recently. This optimizing project was planned to help students understand the concepts and the calculus of some optimizing questions that they may encounter in their exams.

Students were asked to choose their own particular theme for the project and design a chocolate box that would be marketed. They had to produce their own chocolate box at maximum volume with a detailed report, outside class time. This also aimed to give students the opportunity to promote their ideas in the way they may need to do in the future. The box needed to be suitable for its purpose and comply with some conditions, set by the teachers. The box had to have various shapes and include curves and a lid. The final model, when placed on a surface, was required to have the sum of base girth and vertical height to be 50cm.

They firstly decided on a choice of shape for their own chocolate box. They had to think about the end use, sketch the box in 3-D and clearly describe the variables used which controlled the shape. Students were also asked to find the volume of the box in terms of their variables and to form a restriction equation using the girth and height restriction. They used calculus to find the dimensions of their design that gave the greatest volume for their boxes. They wrote a formal justification for their assertion of optimization and commented on the suitability and practicality of the chocolate box



they created. A full size box was also made out of cardboard, based on the optimal dimensions and they handed in the box with the report.

Mr. Holding, the judge, viewed the project through the eyes of a non-mathematician and chose his three favourite boxes from a wide variety of designs. The winners of the prize are HaEun Kim, Mitchell Donnelly, and Sria Moodley and they will be awarded a \$10 voucher each.

By planning and producing their own chocolate box under given conditions, instead of just solving lots of optimizing questions, this project helped calculus students comprehend the optimizing questions that they are often asked to figure out. The detailed report has been judged by the Calculus teachers; considering the language, logic, presentation as well as their originality of their chosen theme and model. By HaEun Kim



## Tū Tangata

The Tū Tangata rōpū has been introduced as a Form Class replacing the existing Whanau Class. Term two, saw many hours of hui, planning and finally the implementation of the Tū Tangata programme in Term 3.

The Tū Tangata programme is designed to develop and foster students so they can aspire to the highest levels of success. The programme will operate in a whānau centred rōpū where academic and personal excellence is concurrently achieved.

Activities will aim to nurture students through Māori values and behaviours to enhance their knowledge in Māori Tikanga. Students will be required to meet attendance and effort criteria to remain in the programme. This is to include demonstrating commitment to academic and personal excellence, represent the school in curricular and co-curricular activities, aspire for leadership roles within the school and embrace and practise Māori Tikanga/Kaupapa.

The Kaiwhakahaere/Director of the rōpū is Mr Grant Simpkins and Kaiako Form Teachers – HOD Maori Tehani Buchanan, Mr Matt Cade and Mrs Alison Jenkins. Tū Tangata Board Representative – Sheryl Jones, and School Representative – Mary Pottinger, also support the rōpū.

Programmes within the Tū Tangata rōpū include:

Wharemahī-Homework Club every Monday lunchtime and Wednesday afterschool.

Wednesday morning before school activities, including Māori Tikanga, Guest Speakers and Physical Activity.

Noho Marae, once a term, living and relating to Māori Tikanga, and improving teamwork, and morale.

Tū Tangata Workshops throughout the year will include Leadership development, time management/study habits and career opportunities.

There are currently 41 students involved in the programme and it's hoped to expand this number in 2016. Any enquires on the programme please contact Grant Simpkins – g.simpkins@takapuna.school.

Mollie has been selected again for the National Secondary School Brass Band, on solo cornet.



*Mollie Cornfield*

## Poetry Corner

Emilly Fan in Year 11 was the winner of the IKA creative writing competition in the category of 'Poetry for the Page'. The competition was open to students in Year 11 through 13 and she was invited to MITs Open Day to read her winning poem 'Starlight' and collect her prize.

### Starlight

far in the starlight  
he saw in me  
an amalgamation  
of textures  
of radiance  
of pulchritude  
of exquisite qualities  
that no other human could possess  
he said i was me te wai korari  
and he himself a pea  
who would endure anything  
to get to the sweetness  
Ko Hinemoa, ko ahau

I didn't understand.

close in the mirror  
i saw someone undesirable  
someone who wasn't worthy  
of love  
or acceptance  
E kore e ea i te kupu taku aroha mōu  
he said

I didn't understand.  
until I lost what I had

### Emilly Fan – 11SL

me te wai korari - as sweet as the honey of the flax  
pea - bear

Ko Hinemoa, ko ahau - I'm just like Hinemoa, I'd risk all  
for love

E kore e ea i te kupu taku aroha mōu - Words can't express  
how much I love you



# Athletes take on Tongariro

Last month, 56 elite Year 10 athletes ventured off into the unfamiliar territory of Tongariro, to challenge their physical and mental strength. Within the space of six days the students learnt lifelong skills, conquered their fears and completed at least one task out of their comfort zone.

During the week at the Hillary Outdoors Tongariro Base, the students participated in various activities developing their team and leadership skills. Activities consisted of caving, sea kayaking, high ropes, stream walking, snow sports, alpine tramping, abseiling, and snow caving.

Along with these activities all groups completed an overnight adventure out in the wilderness, only using the equipment and eating the food they carried themselves. The groups spent the night in various different locations including the bush, caves, and in the mountains. For most this was a new experience. "It was something I probably won't get an opportunity to do again; I made so many unforgettable memories, developed new friendships and gained skills that I will be able to use for the rest of my schooling career. It was a remarkable experience, I am so glad I had the opportunity to take part," said one athlete.

All the students, parents and teachers thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity. William Calver, a lifesaving parent helper, said, "I found the whole experience was challenging for the students and they really get out of it what they put into it. There were some tough days with heavy cold rain as well as physically hard experiences. I loved the ski day and hated the rain. Best day for me was ski day. The hardest was spending five hours digging out snow caves! Would



love to do it all again."

Without parent helpers like Will the trip couldn't have been reality. The five extraordinary parent helpers and two teachers got amongst the fun, supported, encouraged and looked after all the students well.

It was an eventful week for everyone, taking on Tongariro. William Clarke an enthusiastic adventurer said, "The camp, although challenging at times, was extremely rewarding. Everything that I did on camp was worth any challenge that I had to overcome. Being with the people I was with the whole time, instructors other students, parents and teachers, was the highlight of the trip and I was glad to share the experience with them. I would definitely go back if I had any chance to."

By Renee Young, Imogen Ayris and Anna Jacobs





# “Works On Paper” by Augustine Morgan-Guthrie

TGS is well-known for having an incredible range of talented students, and the visual arts are no exception. Last month, student art exhibition ‘Works on Paper’ was installed in the Depot Art Gallery in Devonport for three weeks. In just its second year running, the opening event had over 100 people in attendance, and just under half of the works were sold then and there. Organised by Art History and Visual Arts teacher Sandra Cammell and Deputy Head Girl Augustine Morgan-Guthrie, the exhibition was intended to promote the highly talented body of work senior students produce every year. The exhibition consisted of practical art, photography and design pieces. All works were printed and up for sale, with most of the profits going back to the students. Anyone interested in attending the exhibition and revelling in the sight of young artists creating such a high calibre body of work can attend next year’s exhibition, which will again be in August. The organisers would like to thank The Depot for their beautiful gallery, and of course the young artists themselves, for their contributions to the exhibition.

The three artworks shown below were awarded the People’s Choice Awards, with first place going to Katie McDougall’s painting of a dead shark. Sam Fraser’s digital illustration and the landscape by Isabella Ahlers were awarded second place equal. Congratulations to these students who will be given gift vouchers.

The rest of the artwork featured on these pages is a selection of paintings by Level 2 and 3 students, also exhibited at the exhibition.



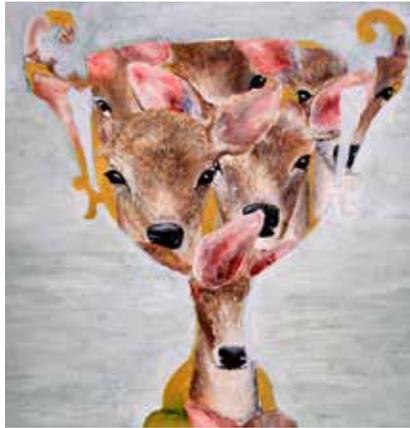
*Isabella Ahlers*



*Katie McDougall*



*Sam Fraser*





## The return of a top athlete

Our 2014 Sportswoman of the Year, Eliza McCartney, returned to school in August. At the Tokomaru house assembly she was presented with a framed acknowledgement of the award she won at the ASB College Sport Awards night – the overall Sportswoman of the Year. She is the first Takapuna Grammar School female student to win this prestigious award following two male winners, Jacko Gill (athletics) and Paul Snow-Hansen (sailing).

Eliza's notable accomplishments from 2014 included holding all of the NZ Woman's pole vault records at the same time as well as placing 3rd in the IAAF World Junior Champs pole vault event. Since leaving school Eliza has continued on her winning form and won a silver medal at the World University Games in Korea.

Following the assembly, Eliza spoke to the 2015 Elite Sports Institute class about her sporting journey. Having being in this class only last year, she was able to share relevant experiences with the current class and give valuable advice to those students. She was



*Eliza with ESI Class of 2015*

both inspiring and motivating. The future looks bright for Eliza with her aims including qualifying for the 2016 and 2020 Olympics as well as pursuing her studies in a part time role at Auckland University.

## Road Cycling

**It's been another amazing Auckland Secondary Schools Team Time Trial season for our riders. Race 1 of the series started on the Mangere course but was moved to the Pukekohe Race Track for the remainder of the series. We entered 11 teams into the series and medaled in six of the eight possible events.**

The Junior Boys A (Adam McPheat, Lochie McNair, Jack McKinney, Callum Erskine) finished 2nd on finals day but won the series overall (with Joshua Kench). They were followed up by three other Junior Boys' teams who made it into the top 10, on finals day.

The Senior Boys A (Oscar Elworthy, Aidan Nicholas, Harry Waine, Julian Laking and Vincent Allen) placed 3rd on finals day and finished 3rd in the overall series (with Jacob Kench and Nik Young). They also had a course record during Race 1 of the series.

The Junior Girls' A finished on the podium as well with a 3rd on finals day (Anna Forest, Charlie Arnold, Anna Jacobs and Renee Young) and third in the overall series (with Zoe Martin). The Senior Girls' A finished in 6th overall and had a medal in their sights on the Finals Day before one of the team fell, unfortunately.

Well done to our Year 13 riders who finish this year and have completed this set of races with great enthusiasm and leadership. You have and represented yourselves, your families and the school so well– Ellen Smeed, Briar Kench, Bridget McArthur, Tessa McNair, Piers Mrkusic, Lily MacDonald.



## Adventure Racing

In early August we entered four junior teams into this year's North Harbour/Waitakere Regional Adventure Racing event called Get2Go. Run by Hillary Outdoors, the one day event aims to allow students to try all aspects of the outdoors in a snapshot but also seeks to find the team in the region to send to the 2015 National Grand Final on Great Barrier Island in December.

Our school has dominated this Regional for the past five years and so the expectations were high. With four teams we were covered on both sides of the draw and this year we placed high in the results as well. Team PRIDE took 1st place, Team ROAR placed 3rd, Team LIONS placed 4th and Team LIONESS placed 10th. All 32 students had the opportunity to kayak, run a rogaie, rock climb and mountain bike.

It's been an amazing year for Adventure Racing with our seniors attending the Hillary Challenge Grand Final in May. We also sent two teams to the Hillary Challenge Qualifying event in June and placed 3rd, qualifying us for the 2016 Nationals.



## Mountain Biking

Mountain Biking is a sport on the rise at Takapuna Grammar School. Having started more formally last year, this year we have more than doubled the numbers of students who are involved. Up to 13 riders (all age levels) met every Tuesday night throughout Terms 2 and 3 to train together and were encouraged to join the JAJA kids – Auckland Mountain Bikings Junior Academy Programme for extra trainings.

The Auckland Secondary Schools Mountain Biking series is held over four races around Auckland during the winter months and our riders competed well in this series, to finish 4th school overall in Auckland. The four races were held at Totara Park, Woodhill, Whitford Forest and Riverhead Forest. Jeevan Gossage- Krishnan placed 3rd overall in the U15 category across the series with fellow Year 10 rider Callum Erskine finishing 6th. Senior rider and student leader Dan Finnemore placed 4th overall in the U20 group. The students have continued riding and training together right through Term 3 even though the competition finished because they enjoy it so much.

## Rugby Celebration

James Little has so far experienced a fantastic rugby season in 2015 and it just continues to get better. Despite a frustrating season for the Takapuna Grammar 1st XV James performed particularly well. In the middle of the season James was selected for the Blues U18 squad to attend an intensive training camp. From here he went on to play against the Chiefs U18 team. His performance in this game caught the attention of the New Zealand secondary schools selectors and he was selected for a 50 man training camp in Palmerston North. After this three day camp James has been selected for the New Zealand secondary schools Barbarians team.



## Young Enterprise Team

In the Young Enterprise Scheme Term 3 is all about selling!

The big event for the YES calendar was on Saturday 8th August when all the YES companies from the Auckland region attended a Trade Fair at the ASB Showground. This gave our students the opportunity to sell direct to the general public and network with other schools to see what products they had also brought to market. The day was successful with sales made by many of our companies.

If you are interested in purchasing any of the products then please contact the Mrs Johnson at school.



## Level 2 Business

Level 2 Business Studies continued their series of speakers from their studied business of The Warehouse. This term we had a very informative talk on the financing methods that the business uses which included the factors they need to consider when analysing financial information from their stores. They also learnt about how The Warehouse practises Corporate Social Responsibility and adds value to its local community. The environmental aspects that influence the way the company operates were very interesting for the students. They look at the whole of their supply chain as well as the operations in all stores.

Cultural intelligence and understanding different global practices are an important part of being successful in business. Our department was fortunate this term to be visited by Korean students from Ulsan Foreign Language School and some visiting Japanese students. This allowed the business students to put their cultural understanding to good use as we welcomed them into our classes.

The ANZ Business Challenge took place at Massey University in August and eleven students took part. Sharon Zöllner a Senior Economist from ANZ gave an overview of macroeconomic issues while Professor Paul Dunmore from Massey University discussed financial and accounting analysis of Pumpkin Patch Ltd. Chelsea Leadbetter from Forsyth Barr addressed the students on the market analysis of their studied business, Pumpkin Patch. The ANZ insights team Ginny Openshaw and Greg Alford gave a very interesting overview of the microeconomic retail sector. All the participants were treated to a Subway lunch and took part in an Amazing Race around the campus and our students did very well and were awarded a prize!



## Finance Festival

The Upper Harbour Sorted Schools Finance Festival in association with The Commission for Financial Capability was held during Money Week and we took a group of Years 10, 11 and 12 students to take part in various financial activities at Massey University. All the students got to hear from Minister Paul Goldsmith and the Retirement Commissioner, Diane Maxwell. We were also treated to a look at the Trading Room on the Massey Campus, which was very informative especially for the Share Club members!

## Year 10

The Year 10s competed in Project Fundway. This activity involved the students working in groups to plan, design and create a finance festival garment to be modelled on the catwalk. They had a limited budget to buy resources and had to capture the principles of Money Week in their end result. The students said that they had a very enjoyable experience and learnt how to budget better!

## Money Week

Money Week 2015 was marked at school with chocolate gold coin rewards and all our Year 10 Enterprise and Financial Literacy students having a financial session with SavY from Auckland University. These sessions covered basic financial decision making along with answering financial questions on tertiary studies. Many of our students wanted to know how to survive on a student loan and how to reduce their debt by making wise financial choices after leaving home.

Currently as part of the Financial Literacy topic our students are 'going flatting' and working out how expensive it is to set up a flat and live away from home and how hard it is to make all the financial decisions themselves with a very limited income.

## Share Club

At the request of some entrepreneurial students we are now offering a co-curricular Share Club that runs in N45 every Tuesday lunch time. We are using the NZX virtual trading platform which gives all members a virtual \$50k to practise their trading skills. We are linking with Massey University Investment Club so that our students can talk through strategies with the University students to get more insight and advice. When the Massey students visited us they discussed the way that stocks can be valued and stop loss options which was very useful as we begin trading.



## Investment Challenge

The senior students had an Investment Challenge given to them where they became Financial Advisors for the day. They had four mini-lectures to assist them on the topics of bonds, property, stocks and mutual funds. They then had to take their knowledge and apply it to a scenario that was based on a family that had come into some funds .



# Grammar Link

## Harold Hamon Blampied (1920 - 2015)

It was with profound sadness that we learnt of the passing of Harold (Hal) Blampied in his 95th year. You will recall the moving story in our Grammar Link, July 2014 'Boys from Bayswater – A True Story' and in the Grammar Link, May 2015 when Harold donated a completed copy of his story 'From Bayswater to Beaufighters and Back.'

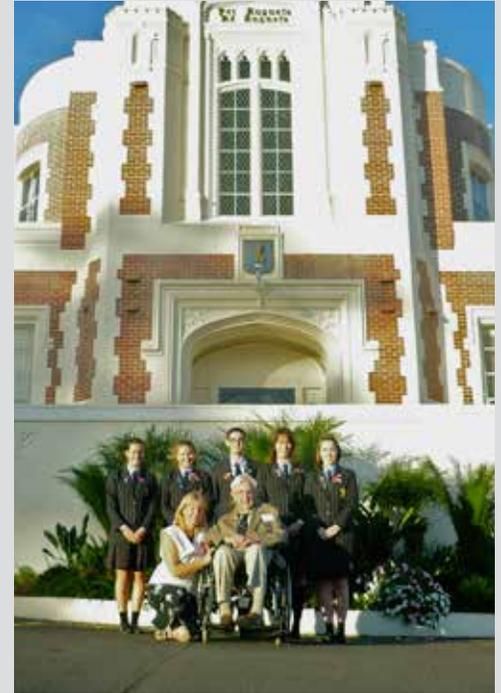
Harold maintained strong links with the School and many of his lifelong friends were made in his early days.

Harold had an amazing and full life. He treasured returning to the School each ANZAC Day to remember his great mates Jock Waddell and Ian Reid, and others who were lost in the War.

He also enjoyed mixing and mingling in a familiar environment with family and friends associated with Takapuna Grammar.

The family feel a bond with Takapuna Grammar and they look forward to attending future Dusk Anzac services and carrying on the tradition of remembering those from the school who fought and died for their country

"Dad would have been so proud to know that 78 years after leaving his old Grammar School, the Principal and staff would be there to farewell him at the end."



## George Gair

It was with sadness that we learnt of the passing of George Gair. He was the MP for North Shore from 1966-90 and Deputy Leader of the National Party.

In September 1981 George Gair and his wife, Fay attended the opening of the newly erected 'N. Block', which we have recently re-named the Rowan Nicks Science Centre, after further extensions and renovations in 2015.

George and Fay's son, Warwick, is a former pupil of the school (1966-1970)

The car park and green cliff top area off Winscombe Road is named the George Gair Lookout and has frequent use by TGS students and the public.



## The Ball tradition still continues at TGS

The Year 12 and 13 students have their Annual Ball in September at Alexandra Park. It is still the highlight of the year for most students. From our archives a photo of our 1961 Girl Prefects at their Ball and a poem from the 50's decade to dedicate to the Ball Season.



From Takapuna Grammar School 1955 Magazine  
DANCING TIME by Barbara Blair, V Gen. 1 Girls  
Place: Takapuna Grammar School Hall.

Time: 4pm, Friday afternoon.

Scene: Boys on one side of hall, silent. Girls on the other side, talking and casting sweet smiles towards him.

Loudspeaker: "Would the gentlemen please take their partners for a quickstep."

There is a wild rush by the boys. The girls are still sitting talking nineteen to the dozen hoping their favourite boys will ask them.

One particular boy dashes across the floor to beat his rival.

Boy: "May I have the pleasure of this dance please?"

Girl: "(with sweet smile): "Thank you."

Boy: "(after several false attempts at starting): "I can't do this old thing. Can you?"

Girl: "No."

Boy: (when finally started): "Nice weather, isn't it?"

Girl: "Yes."

(Another long pause).

Boy: "There's a dance next Saturday night."



## Parents & Caregivers – 2015 School Leavers (Year 13 students)

TAKAPUNA GRAMMAR SCHOOL ALUMNI have a current database for ex-pupils.

Is the youngest child from your household leaving school and you (as parents) would still like to stay connected with TGS but are not an ex-pupil?

We invite you to join a new Database 'Friends of TGS'

Each term you will receive two Ad Augusta newsletters which also contains the ex-pupil Grammar Link. Our covering letter also sets out our forthcoming events.

To register please contact [w.strain@takapuna.school.nz](mailto:w.strain@takapuna.school.nz)

Full Name and contact details. Final Year for your child at TGS.

Girl: "Is there?"

Boy: "Yes."

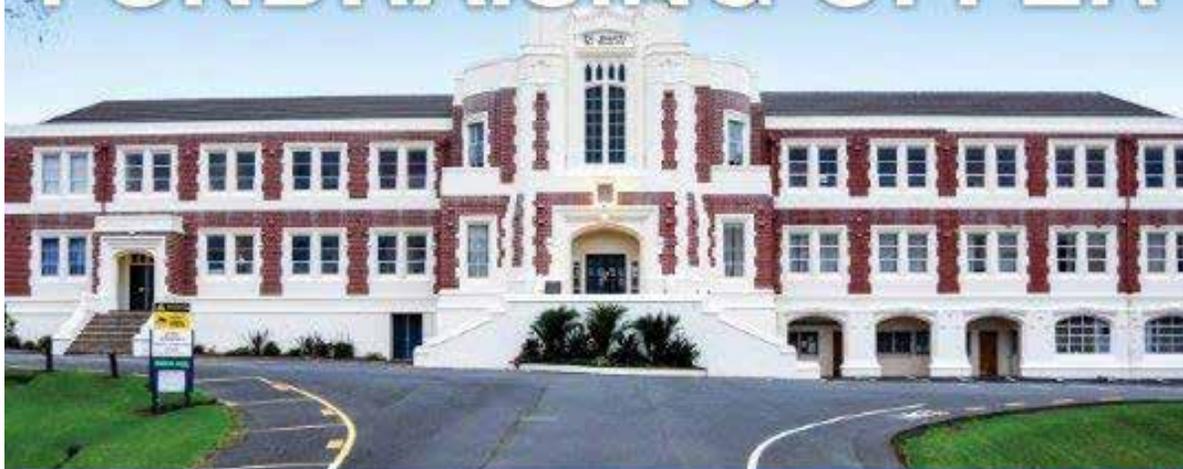
Girl: "Oh."

Boy: (plucking up all his courage): "Would you..."

Loudspeaker: "Will the gentlemen please escort their partners to their seats."

Boy (later, to his boyfriend): "Just as I was getting along splendidly

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