

Tamatea Intermediate Athletics





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It is that time of year when the diary starts quickly filling up. Remember to check our calendar on the back page of the newsletter to ensure you save the date of our upcoming socials, assemblies and uniform sale. Another important date to remember is Tuesday 30th January, our first day back at school for 2018.

Congratulations to Ihaia Abbott and Madison Cunningham, our super basketballers who have been selected for the New Zealand U14 Basketball Development Camp in 2018. What an amazing achievement.

Congratulations also goes out to the following students who have secured scholarships at their intended High Schools for 2018. Katie Moorcock, Jordan Gee and Bailey Wilkins have all been awarded scholarships for Tamatea High School. Kingshouse Tupuola has been awarded a scholarship for Lindisfarne College. Manaia

Rangihuna has been awarded a scholarship for St Johns and Emily Arrowsmith has been awarded a scholarship for Sacred Heart. I am sure there will be more to follow and will keep you updated!

FRONT PAGE PHOTOS: Well done to every student who participated in our School Athletics afternoon. Results to follow in the next newsletter.

FUNATHON GRAND TOTAL!!

We are thrilled to announce that we raised \$6,175.60 for Fun a thon this year. **If you still have money outstanding it is not too late to bring it in!!** Thank you all for your support!!

\$6,175.60



CARPARK OUT OF BOUNDS

Please **DO NOT** use our carpark to collect your children, particularly **TOMORROW** as we are expecting our campers back between 2.30-3pm. There will be two large buses coming in with students getting out - we do not want traffic congestion or accidents, so in the interest of child safety we ask that even if it is a short/rainy day you will need to park on the road. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

SOCIALS! Social dancing practise is underway for both year 7's and year 8's. You will receive a notice home with a permission slip a few days before the Socials. The permission slip is the student's "Ticket in the door" so this must be brought with them on the night. Tidy dress is essential. Girls: neat skirt or dress desirable, boys: collared shirt, dress pants or tidy jeans. More information will be available on the permission slip / invite.



VISIT FROM YEAR 9 STUDENTS

Many thanks to Tamatea High, Taradale High, Napier Boys High and Napier Girls High who allowed us to have some of our students from last year come back and talk to our year 8's to answer any questions about what High School life is like. What do you do on your first day? How much homework do you have? Many minds were set at ease!

Below is some information you might find helpful with this age group!!

Communication

One of the greatest frustrations for families of young adolescents is a young person's inability and/or unwillingness to communicate anything beyond the fact that someone threw up at school. The talkative, thoughtful, and optimistic child of yesterday can become a silent, sullen, slouchy young adolescent. Conversations become one-sided affairs with the adult doing most, if not all of the talking. Unfortunately, this often degenerates into the parent barking orders or criticisms – hardly an ideal model for effective conversation.



The most common phrases uttered at these times by the 10 – 15 year old are “I don't know,” “I forgot,” and “So?” Since these are often accompanied by a shrug of the shoulders or a rolling of the eyes, frustration peaks and communication shuts down altogether. Don't give up. Young adolescents' minds are sometimes filled with many new and confusing thoughts. They often don't know why they did or did not do something or how to bring all of their thoughts and emotions into one easy answer that will satisfy them or you. At other times, they simply do not wish to talk or engage in a conversation on an issue at the time. On the other hand, if the young adolescent starts the conversation, most likely he or she is just looking for someone to listen, not lecture.

Communication with young adolescents, in spite of the difficulties involved, is well worth pursuing. They can be funny, perceptive, self-reflective and deeply concerned about social issues. Furthermore, they like to talk! It just has to be on their own terms and in their own time. They are also fearful of criticism or a critical tone (remember the importance of self-esteem), so be careful about how you sound.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Think carefully about ways to question young adolescents and carry on a conversation. A more specific question such as “Were there any surprise questions on the social studies test?” is better than a general question such as “How did school go today?” And be careful about your tone of voice.
2. Today's young adolescents have more complicated questions to ask than did young people of another generation. Stay calm, don't over-react until you have the whole story.
3. Sometimes another adult can be a better sounding board than a parent. An aunt, uncle, grandparent, coach or teacher might seem less judgmental to a young adolescent than a parent. Accept this assistance graciously.
4. Use newspaper stories, television or neighbourhood events as conversation starters or to share hard to say ideas. “Wow! I can't imagine how that mother must feel – I love you so much I'd be heartbroken if you ran away.”
5. Avoid judgmental remarks that might close down conversations before they start. Derogatory comments about gender, race, your young adolescent's friends, and clothing styles might let your child know that you have already made a judgement or said all that you have to say about a certain subject.



Our first lot of campers (Rms 6, 9, 10, 12) are having a great time at Mission Bay, Turangi! Our parent app will be keeping you up to date with their arrival time tomorrow (should be 2.30pm) as well as our parent line 8449332 and website. Many thanks to parents for their support of our worthwhile camp. Rooms 13 and Rongokako are off on the 20th. Please remember to pay the outstanding camp fee before this date!

MATH MIND MOVER I have 6 digits, four of them are nines. The sum of all the digits is 46. The first, third, and fifth digits are all different. The first digit is two less than the last digit. The third digit is $\frac{1}{3}$ of the fourth digit. What is the mystery number?

Remember to include your name, room number and working out on your entry form. Good luck.

HATS HATS HATS
compulsory for Term one
and Term four or students
will have to sit in the shade
Interval and Lunchtime! We
are a sun smart school.
Thank you for your support.



Regards,

Joanne
Smith
PRINCIPAL

The countdown is on!

20 th – 24 th Nov	Camp rooms 13 and Rongokako
29 November	Year 7 Social 7-9pm
30 November	Year 8 Social 7-9pm
1 st December	Road Patrol Reward Day Splash Planet
5 th December	Service Award Assembly
7 th December	Prize Giving Assembly/Helpers morning tea
8 th December	Reports coming home / emailed
14 December	Last day of School!! 12.30 FINISH
15 December	2 nd hand uniform sale 9– 11am
23 January	Office open for inquiries in the mornings.
30 Jan (TUESDAY)	School starts back for both year 7 and year 8's

