

# Taumarunui High School



Term 1 2021

## Welcome and welcome back!

### *Back to School*

It is wonderful to welcome new students, staff and families to our school and to welcome back everyone else. The school year started as is appropriate with a Powhiri and it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces amongst the new ones, coming along to support.

The key values which guide the tikanga of our school are Learning / Ako, Empathy / Aroha and Respect / Manaakitanga. We cater to a very diverse range of needs and interests amongst our students and focus on enabling every student to be the very best version of themselves that they can be. In order to do this we all must focus on being good learners, showing empathy to others and respecting others.

We started back with two shorter weeks, which was an excellent way for students and staff to ease back into school and further develop those good learning habits. For students the first two weeks focused very much on each advisory building its learning community, developing relationships as learners and setting goals and targets.

We take pride in the efforts we undertake to enrol the whānau, not just the student, and we actively encourage whānau to be fully involved in the learning undertaken by students. It is important that every student has significant adults in their lives supporting them, participating in developing their individual learning plans and attending their exhibitions of learning. Every young person deserves to be supported to be the best they can be. Together we can make a difference.

**John Rautenbach - Principal**

**Taumarunui High School - Big Picture Learning**  
**"One student at a time, in a community of learners"**



## Daisy Jae Tumataroa

*We are exceptionally proud that Daisy has been appointed to the Ministerial Youth Advisory Group*

This is a wonderful and fully deserved honour for Daisy being one of the students selected for this prestigious group.

The purpose of the Youth Advisory Group is to:

- provide an opportunity for New Zealand youth to voice their own experiences and perspectives on education
- inform the Minister of Education on aspects of the education system and how these affect the children and young people who use the system
- bring youth insights to the Ministry of Education and the education sector to help inform how they work.



## TOP of the Class

### Annie's Amazing NCEA Results

All of us at Taumarunui High School are incredibly proud of Annie Beisly who as a year 12 student, completed both NCEA Level 2 and Level 3 during 2020.

Annie not only completed her NCEA Level 3 a year earlier than her peers, she also gained a full excellence endorsement. This amazing performance by Annie is a real tribute to her dedication, talent and determination. Annie took advantage of every opportunity she was provided and is a shining example of what can be achieved in a system that allows every learner to learn at the level and in the way they prefer.

Annie received the Dux award for the top Level 3 achievement at the Academic Prizegiving last year. We wish Annie all the very best for what we know will be an extremely bright future!

## Free and Healthy School Lunches

We are very fortunate to be able to provide every student in our school with a free and healthy school lunch everyday, as part of a Ministry of Education initiative. The lunches are not only healthy and nutritious, they are also very tasty. Please encourage your child to make use of the healthy lunch programme.

## Upcoming Events

23 February – School Athletics Championships

3<sup>rd</sup> March – School Swimming Championships

4<sup>th</sup> March – Year 9 hearing and vision testing

## Taumarunui High School's Values and Expectations

AKO  
LEARNING



- We try to understand new ideas and knowledge
- We consider different points of view
- We reflect on our learning
- We keep going when things get hard

AROHA  
EMPATHY



- We care for people
- We are kind
- We allow others to be themselves
- We do not hurt others physically or emotionally

MANAAKITANGA  
RESPECT



- We respect the mana of Taumarunui High School and its people
- We speak and act politely
- We treat others as we would like to be treated
- We wear our uniform with pride

**Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe, me he maunga teitei!**

*Seek the treasure that you value most dearly, if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain!*



## Student Leaders 2021

This year we have an exceptional group of student leaders representing our school and providing support and leadership to the student body.



**Head Students for 2021** – Martino Neil and Shaylah Mason

**Deputy Head Students** – Mario Pakau, Mac Barrett, Shannon Lacy and Amalia Bradley

**Student Representative on the BOT** - Daisy Tumataroa

**Prefects** - Devlyn Austin, Christopher Brown, Nathan Brown, Ayannah Bull, Ethan Cowie, Brie Donovan, Liam Edhouse, Chloe Porter, Dannielle Walker, Temorie Wihongi

## The 4 A's

Our behavioural expectations are simply summed up by the 4 A's, if everyone does their part we have a positive, welcoming learning environment.

**Appearance** – wear correct uniform, take pride in yourself and our school

**Attitude** – be a positive learner and treat yourself and others with respect

**Attendance** – be in the right place, at the right time doing the right thing

**Achievement** – always do your best work and aim for excellence

# Kia U, Kia Maia, Kia Manawanui!





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Kia Manawanui

