



Principal with Head Students

Tauranga Girls' College Newsletter

Message from the Principal

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou parents, friends and whanau of Tauranga Girls' College. It has indeed been an exciting first month in the College. What has captured my gaze are the amazing talents of our young women. There are too many to mention in this month's newsletter alone but let me share a few now.

I enjoy walking around the school, popping into classrooms and talking to the very women who makes this College such a special place to be a part of. Coupled with this has been the opportunity to seek student voice from our learners. Hundreds of students took up this opportunity and gave feedback on their views of TGC. Members of the Student Council are going to assist me to make sense of the data and to share that with our students in the coming weeks. It is my plan of course, to make some changes as voiced by our young women. As I explained to them at our first formal assembly, "by

empowering you, you empower me" and whilst more significant changes make time to achieve, smaller changes are already happening.

When you ring the College, you will hear the voice of our Head Girl, Leah Owen. Leah along with Emily, Angel and Katie are examples of the very talents in our College. It continues to be my pleasure to meet with our Head students and to share ideas. Each lead a committee and have been busy leading assemblies, organising events and of course cheering for their House at Swimming Sports.

Upon visiting the Learning Hub recently, I came across a group of senior students. All working independently, managing their learning and focussed on their programmes of work. This was another example of a staff/student developed environment that promoted student centred

learning. Staff were on hand to assist and guide but students were empowered to take responsibility for their learning. Equally, I had the pleasure of visiting a Year 10 English class presenting their stories about Whanaungatanga. It was a pleasure to be invited into this class as it was to meet our students from Japan's Hijirigaoka Junior High School. We have much to learn from the cultural differences that our international students bring. Our students from Japan are one example of this.

All of these illustrate our College's values of Pride, Respect and Participation. Our genuine intent to achieve this enables us to be the best that we can be. It was therefore wonderful to hear former student Ria Hall perform at the Wellington Arts Festival. Ria is of course an alumna of our College and she epitomizes the very talents that we have had in the past and continue to have in the present. Ria continues to be

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generous with her time by giving back to the College when opportunities allow.



Ria Hall performing at Wellington Arts Festival

I would like to acknowledge the achievements of our students who gained NCEA Scholarships in 2017 (their names are listed later in this Newsletter). Scholarship exams challenge students to “demonstrate high-level critical thinking, abstraction and generalisation, and to integrate, synthesise and apply knowledge, skills, understanding and ideas to complex situations”. The standard is extremely high and I commend the girls who performed at such a high level.

As a fellow Geography, I understand changing weather patterns and that we continue to be at the mercy of nature. It is however disappointing that the weather has not permitted our House Athletics

Day to be held this year. This has always been a fun day in the past. Fortunately, our competitive athletes have been given opportunities to qualify for their specialty events outside of Athletics Day. The success of our House Swimming Sports day is well illustrated through the inclusion of several photos in this newsletter.

With many other events on our calendar, I look forward to meeting more of you in time to come.

Tara Kanji
Principal

Dr Morehu Ngatoko-Rahipere

In memory of our Kaumatua, Dr Morehu Ngatoko-Rahipere.

Dr Morehu Ngatoko-Rahipere was a firm believer in the value of education. He had a very close association with the College. Several generations of children and more lately mokopuna have attended or are still attending the College.

He has been a most treasured kaumatua for the school. He has attended events such as prize givings, hui, celebrations in support of the staff, kotiro and whanau. When he spoke people listened, as his contribution to any subject was always considered, to the point and informative. He was always available to give advice. In particular he was consulted and he made a valuable contribution to discussions about the rebuilding and refurbishment of Te Whare o Mereaira.

Dr Morehu was one of three kaumatua from Tauranga Moana that supported and guided the Te Kotahitanga initiative from Waikato University. This initiative looked at raising the achievement of Maori students. It was during this time that staff at Tauranga Girls College had the privilege of interacting with him at training hui at various Marae in Tauranga and also in the greater Waikato area. He had a quiet dignified presence at such events. Always available to chat and always interested to hear how things were going at Tauranga Girls' College. He willingly shared his wealth of knowledge of tikanga Maori.

Dr Morehu was one of our most gentle, loving, kind, giving and generous Koro. He truly was a humble and passionate man. His wise counsel will be sadly missed.

Tauranga Girls' College Swimming Sports



The weather shone as did the students supporting their houses. All students are encouraged to participate - a fun way for students to unite.

Results:

- 1st Freyberg
- 2nd Rutherford
- 3rd Batten
- 4th Mansfield\

Tutor House Banner

- 1st 9LNE
- 2nd 9CNG
- 3rd 9PLD

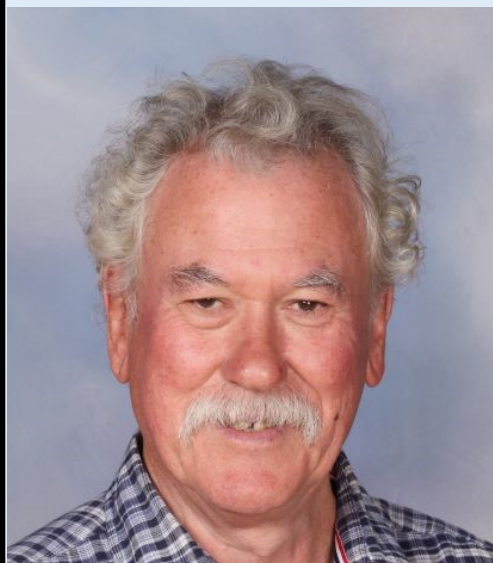
Umbrella/Funky Hat Competition

- 1st Caitlin Nicol 12NTH
- 2nd Maddie Ramsey 9BMY
- 3rd Chris Bae 12WLK



Meet the Teachers...

2018 has seen a number of new teachers welcomed to the staff of TGC,



Tony Lawrence

Business Studies and Computing

My journey as a teacher has brought me back to TGC where my wife Cindy and I taught in the 1980's. Our journey from the late 90's took us to international teaching posts in Ghana and Germany, finally returning to Tauranga. We had great experiences overseas and now it is really good to be back home to enjoy family and friends. We have a daughter Mia, who attended TGC and is now HoD PE at Lytton High school in Gisborne and a son Michael who is a petroleum geophysicist living in Perth. It is a pleasure to work in the business and computing department with such professional and friendly colleagues. The students I teach are polite, courteous and eager to learn. I am very happy to be at TGC!



Mandy Bramley

Business Studies

Mandy is a British trained teacher of Business and Economics. She left the UK in 2011 and worked in China for three years, before coming to NZ in 2014. She started her journey in NZ in Napier, but moved to Auckland in 2015. She taught junior and senior Commerce at St Cuthbert's College for the next three years.

When Mandy is not at the College she enjoys growing her own fruit and vegetables, and hopes to 'grow' this hobby so that she is more self-sufficient. This will be useful as she has recently stopped eating meat and keen to follow a plant based diet. Mandy also walks regularly so that she can enjoy all the beautiful scenery in the area, and plays badminton on a social level.

She is soon to embark on a Te Reo course so that she can further immerse herself in the culture and heritage of the country, and take a more active role within the College.

Dance Troupes 2018

Auditions have now taken place for the Tauranga Girls' College Hip Hop and Advanced Dance Troupes for 2018. The troupes rehearse weekly and will be competing in a number of competitions throughout the year. We look forward to following their progress and successes.

Congratulations to the following students who successfully auditioned for the Advanced Dance troupe which is led by Year 13 student, **Kaitie Bengston**:

Chris Bae, Ajah Cameron, Alysha Gill, Grace Gill, Kacey Henderson, Aliyah Le'Mon, Georgia Pendred, Olive Pearce, Taylah Pratt, Emma Scown, Josie Stent, Kirsten Tanner.

Congratulations also go to the following students who successfully auditioned for the Hip Hop Dance troupe which is led by Year 10 students Ashlee Morgan and Emily Wiese:

Puarito Atutahui, Acacia Batt, Maia de Bruin, Ashlee Morgan, Wanika Rahiri (Reserve), Marama Tapsell, Lucca Toomey, Emily Wiese, Jazlyn Winders

Meet the Teachers...



Terehia Channings

HOD Maori

Ko Maungapōhatu te maunga

Ko Ōhinemataroa te awa

Ko Ngai Te Paena me Te Urewera ngā hapū

Ko Tūhoe te iwi

Tēnā koutou katoa

I was raised in a unique environment in Ruātoki and attended school there as well as Tāneatua Primary School. I then went to Turakina Māori Girls' College in Marton up until my father took ill at the beginning of my fifth form year. I returned home to help with his care and so completed my college years at Trident High School in Whakatāne.

In 1985 I attended Hamilton Teachers College and Waikato University where I pursued a career in teaching. Since then most of my teaching experience has been in Māori Medium Schools and Mātauranga Māori

at tertiary level. I have a background in senior management and was the former principal of Turakina Māori Girls' College (TMGC) prior to its closure in 2016. My appointment as the principal at TMGC was my proudest moment and it was also my saddest moment when it closed.

However; it has brought me closer to home and allowed me an opportunity to take some time to review my pathway moving forward. I am pleased to be at Tauranga Girls' College as the newly appointed HOD Māori and pleased to be back in the classroom teaching Te Reo Māori. There is so much to do but so much to look forward to as well. A tōna wā ka tūtaki e te whānau.

Te Ara Ako - Learning Conversations for Year 9 and 10 Students

This year parents of Year 9 and 10 students will be invited to take part in learning conversations called 'Te Ara Ako' with their daughter and her Tutor teacher. 'Te Ara Ako' means 'Learning Pathway'. The purpose of these conversations is to give family/whanau an opportunity to understand and support the learning of their daughter and to also gain an overview of how well she has transitioned into Year 9 or 10.

Here are some basic pieces of information

- Te Ara Ako conversations will take place on Thursday 05 April.
- Conversations will be held throughout the day by appointment.
- Whanau and students will attend the 15 minute 'Te Ara Ako' together along with the Tutor teacher.
- The students ability to manage their learning, learning patterns and current literacy and numeracy levels will form part of this conversation.
- The information provided on the interim report will be discussed, and it is an opportunity for the Tutor teacher to grow the relationship to support your daughter's learning.
- Information about how to book your appointment online will be sent out the week of 19 March. Please keep an eye out for this.

2017 NCEA Scholarship Results

Congratulations to the following students who gained NCEA Scholarship

Teagan Wilson	English
Teagan Wilson -	Biology
Tayla Fraser-Brown	English
Charlotte Collins	History
Jiyun Jeong	Painting
Joyce Mayor	Biology

Scholarship candidates are expected to demonstrate high-level critical thinking, abstraction and generalisation, and to integrate, synthesise and apply knowledge, skills, understanding and ideas to complex situations.

And Meet the Head Students.....

Leah Owen—Head Girl



Kia Ora, my name is Leah Owen, this year I have the privilege of being the Head Girl of Tauranga Girls' College. Before Tauranga Girls' College, I attended Selwyn Ridge Primary and Tauranga Intermediate School where I also had the privilege of being the Head Girl, through being in such role I gained some amazing skills that I will carry with me throughout life, but I also learnt some extremely valuable lessons in how to be a successful leader. I found that leadership is about modelling the way, because even though you may be granted the title of a leader, it is your behaviour and actions that determines the respect you earn. Michelle Obama is my leader, the person who inspires me, because she is a great example of modeling the way. My vision for Tauranga Girls' College this year is, "For better unity, strengthen our community". Together united as 'TGC sisters', I want us to strengthen the school community that has been set before us and create an environment where every girl wants to come to school, every day. I feel very lucky to be able to call Tauranga Girls' College my second home, it's been a great journey the past 4 years and no doubt my final year will be just as great if not better.

Emily Kneale—Deputy Head Girl



Hey, my name is Emily Kneale, and this year it is my pleasure to be leading Tauranga Girls College as Deputy Head Girl. I became the young, empowered woman I am today following a long journey from a small school in Sussex, England to Tauranga Primary School and then Tauranga Intermediate. At Intermediate, I truly pushed my boundaries and realised the type of person I am and wanted to be and through sport, cultural and academia I learnt a lot about leadership, which was emphasized when my journey began at TGC. This year, 2018, my vision is "Pride Through Endeavour" and I really want to encourage participation as a key to success by getting stuck in, trying your best and having a go. Achievement can focus on winning or losing, success and failure whereas endeavour focuses on the effort and journey. By encouraging everyone from years 9-13 to get involved we can take TGC forward with pride. I have great personal pride being a TGC student, the opportunities here have been numerous

and have really helped me grow as a person. The past four years have been a blast and I'm sure this year will once again exceed my expectations.

Angel Haeata-Burrows—Sports Captain



Kia ora my name is Angel Haeata-Burrows and I am the Sports Captain of Tauranga Girls' College for 2018. This proud ex student of Selwyn Ridge Primary school and Tauranga Intermediate knows a thing or two about making mistakes however, without failure I would not have been successful on gaining the leadership role that I have today. Most of my life was spent in the performing arts until I had found my passion within the games of Netball, Volleyball and Rugby. Through the various sporting activities that Tauranga Girls' College has to offer I have found my second family and so my vision for 2018 is 'Whanaungatanga'. Whanaungatanga means providing our girls with a sense of belonging. Students will find their passion, gain that sense of belonging and empower others to do so. All women of Tauranga Girls' College are powerful and inspire me to play the rest of my last year here with pride. We are a team of powerful women, this is our game, let's win it.

Katie Oliver—Arts Director

Hi there! My name is Katie Oliver, and this year I was appointed the position of arts director here at TGC. My journey into this role started at my primary school, Omokoroa No 1, where I discovered not only that I am incurably useless when handling sports equipment, but also that my passion lies within the arts. When I started my new chapter at Tauranga girls college, this passion grew, as I was exposed to countless opportunities and new experiences, all of which continue to teach me the skills needed to be a leader. My vision this year is, 'we create the stories that create us'. I hope to provide our girls with a motivation, to make their stories worth reading, to not be afraid to get involved, and to make mistakes. I've made my fair share of mistakes, falling off the stage backwards is definitely a stand out. But, as I've learned from being a student at Tauranga girls college, it is our mistakes that help us to succeed, and that's where the best stories are. I can't wait to see how this chapter ends.

Year 13 Camp 2018

The Year 13 Leadership Camp at Totora Springs is an annual calendar event at Tauranga Girls' College for Year 13 students and their Tutor Teachers. The focus of the Year 13 camp for 2018 was; to explore aspects of leadership and what that might look like for the students in Year 13 and beyond, to look at future pathways and career planning and to take part in a range of challenging physical, and team building activities.

While on camp students took part in a pilot programme delivered by Waikato University/ Toi Ohomai. The framework of this programme was based on the whakapapa taught at the Whare Wananga with a focus on the implementation of values and learning qualities that are required to be successful. Students were encouraged to determine goals that are important, construct a plan and enact that plan through the forming of positive habits.

The camp concluded with the engaging guest speaker, Pat Buckley from Amped4life. Pat's speech, while entertaining, challenged and encouraged the students to make healthy and informed choices for life.



Rowing - North Island Secondary School Championships

Tauranga Girls College had an extremely successful weekend at Lake Karapiro, Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th March. The squad of 27 girls competed amongst tough competition, taking out 6th place overall from a pool of 93 North Island secondary schools. As a squad the girls secured eight A finals. Huge congratulations goes to the following girls for bringing home medals:

Silver medals

- Under 16 Double: Rosie Frood and Courtney Ryan
- Under 15 Eight: Lia Chalmers, Olivia Phizacklea, Annie Robinson, Emily Holland, Katie Swinehart, Brooke Poutawera, Summer Paterson and Elloise Cleghorn.

Gold medals

- Under 16 Quadruple Sculls: Rosie Frood, Courtney Ryan, Saffron Hann, Tayla McCormick and Molly Johnson
- Under 18 Novice Quadruple Sculls: Olivia Phizacklea, Brooke Poutawera, Danielle Neilson, Isabel Baker and Alana Yorke



Massive thanks must go to their coaches who volunteer endless hours and early mornings: Duncan By De Ley, Andrew Ede, Caitlyn Wardell, Maxie Robb and Huia Ackerman.

The squad are now looking forward to further success at Maadi Cup on Lake Ruataniwha in the South Island 19-23 March!

Rose Potter, TiC Rowing



TGC Team win Show Jumping Trophy



Congratulations to the team of six girls who entered the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Show Jumping Championship.

Over 120 riders from 20 teams entered the competition. Each member of the TGC team were placed in the top 10 in a least one of their rounds resulting in them being place first and being awarded the trophy. A superb achievement.

The riders were Ella Davidson (Yr13), Minnie Davies (Yr 9), Emily Trask(Yr 10), Naomi Mortimer (Yr9), Jess Coster (Yr11) and Kiani Taylor (Yr13).



Top results for TGC students at the Tennis: 2018 Senior BOP Championship



Ms Thomason, TiC Tennis, accompanied the 28 senior students competing in BOP Championships held at the Papamoa tennis courts. The girls played to a high standard and showed excellent sportswomanship.

Results:

Division One Doubles Championship: First – Kalais Going

Division One Consolation Plate: First – Cate Belton

Division One Doubles: Runners Up – Lara Morscher and Rahel Suter

Division Two Doubles: Runners Up– Arleah Tippins and Janaya Vinson

Third – Tess Esterman and Hannah Rose



Rugby 7s

While competing in the Gordon Tietjens Rugby 7s competition with the Tauranga Girls' College team (pictured above), Hope Garner was informed that she has been invited to trial for the New Zealand Under 18 Rugby 7's team. The trial is March 10 – 11, best of luck Hope!

Volleyball

The Tauranga Girls' College Senior A volleyball team placed 3rd in the Bay of Plenty Secondary school Volleyball competition

TAURANGA GIRLS' COLLEGE KAHUI AKO TEAM 2018

"Working together to enable all learners to realise their potential"



Our Kahui Ako team is made up of teachers across a range of subject areas. They include (back row) Kylie Valentine (English), Pam Jones (Social Science), Stephanie O'Sullivan (Food & Fashion), Nicky Hodson (Social Science), Judith Somerville (Learning Hub), , Leigh Summerville (Business Studies), (front row) Richard Hendra (Science), Caroline Gill (Performing Arts), Sarah Tortoiseshell (Science), and Carina Rumney (English). Absent: Te Rangimarie Hamiora (Maori),

What is it?

A Kāhui Ako or Community of Learning is a group of education and training providers (early learning, schools, kura, and post-secondary) working together to help students achieve their full potential. The goal of the Tauranga Peninsula Kāhui Ako is "working together to enable all learners to realise their potential"

The Tauranga Peninsula Kahui Ako includes eight primary and two secondary schools, geographically situated from central Tauranga through to the southern and eastern ends of the city. The schools include Gate Pa School, Greenpark School, Oropi School, Tauranga Boys' College, Tauranga

Girls' College, Tauranga Intermediate, Tauranga Primary School, Welcome Bay School, Kaimai School, and Pyes Pa School.

Our 2018 Goal:

The main focus for our team this year is to raise the level of culturally responsive and relational pedagogy* within Tauranga Girls' College.

*Pedagogy means "teaching practises".

What does this mean?

Culturally responsive teaching recognizes the importance of including a students' cultural references in all aspects of learning, enriching classroom

experiences and keeping students engaged. Positive student-teacher relationships are fundamental. We have the specific aim of developing culturally responsive and relational approaches within our classrooms, addressing the needs of our priority learners and developing educationally powerful connections within our community.

How will this happen?

As part of this process, we will be running professional learning for our staff throughout the year and, in Term 1, gathering data both from within the school and from our community. This will help us to understand where are currently at and how best to move forward.

How can you be part of this?

There will be a Rongohia te Hau survey that will come out to you as parents regarding this. We would really appreciate your time in filling it out as this will provide more evidence to ensure that we are meeting our aims.



Russell McVeagh Regional Debating Tournament



Parvati Gounder

Due to the growth of debating in the region, this year saw the first Russell McVeagh Regional Debating Tournament in the Bay of Plenty. In previous years our students have had to travel to Hamilton to compete, but on Saturday 3 March, 22 teams from 13 schools in the Bay of Plenty region took part in the competition at Tauranga Boys' College.

It was a long day for our students. They took part in four debates across the day from 8.00am to 6.00pm and watched the final debate (between the TBC Year 13 team and Bethlehem Year 13 team) at 7.30pm.

As our Year 13 students could not attend, due to a clash with another activity, the opportunity was given to Year 9 to Year 12 students to enter, giving them valuable experience for the future.

All the girls performed extremely well, Parvati Gounder, 11FLT being named as the 'Most Promising Young Debater'. It was the first time Stella Thompson 9BBE, Phoenix Turei 10TAA and Deanna Keriei-Orsborn 10BLL had debated against students from other schools.

Special Assessment Conditions for the NCEA Exams 2018

You can apply for Special Assessment Conditions for the NCEA exams if your daughter has a sensory, physical, medical and or learning difficulty that affects the assessment of their classroom learning and might overcome or reduced with appropriate assistance. New applications opened November 2017 for the 2018 school year. **The deadline to the school for new applications closes for Special Assessment Conditions for 2018 on 10th April.**

What are Special Assessment Conditions?

Special Assessment Conditions (SAC) provide extra help for approved students when they are being assessed for their NCEA so that barriers to achievement can be removed and they can have a fair opportunity to achieve credits. The support is used for

internal standards and external standards (exams).

Examples of SAC are use of a writer or a computer, extra time, braille or enlarged papers, or a reader.

How is an applications made for Special Assessment Conditions?

Your daughter will need to complete a **student application for entitlement to SAC form**. These are available from Ms Mordue the SENCO. You can reach Ms Mordue on 07-578-8114) and email her: kmordue@tgc.school.nz. The application will need to be supported by a report written by a registered professional, certifying the medical condition and or learning disability and making recommendations for the assessment of learning (SAC). The report must have

been completed within the last three years.

What happens then?

The school applies online through a very secure portal providing data and other information showing the need for the SAC requested. Applications close **He April 2018**. NZQA assessors may approve or amend or decline all or any of the SACs requested for your child on the basis of the information provided. Approval means that they are entitled to use the SCA for internal and external assessment (exams) for that year.

Who to contact at school

If you think your daughter may be eligible for SACs contact one of the following people:

Mrs Mordue, SENCO or the Year Level Senior Leader or Dean

We invite you to support this combined production of *Beauty and the Beast*



TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE

Wednesday 9 May 7.30pm

Thursday 10 May 7.30pm

Friday 11 May 7.30pm

Saturday 12 May 2.00pm

Saturday 12 May 7.30pm

Booking fees apply

Adults \$28.00

Senior Citizen \$22.00

Student \$20.00

Through sponsorship at \$100.00, (individual cast member)
\$500.00 (Bronze), \$1500 (Silver),
or \$2,500.00 (Gold)

Thank you to our Platinum Sponsor, Legacy

For further details please email lboubeehill@tgc.school.nz or
pferguson@tgc.school.nz

Calendar

8 March	International Host Family BBQ
12 March	BOP Athletics
14 March	Summer Sports/Prefects photos
15 March	Competitive Swimming: Tauranga Girls' College
19 March - 25 March	Summer Tournament Week
30 March-03 April	Easter Break (please note Tuesday is a holiday)
05 April	Te Ara Ako Year 9 & Year 10
07 April	Tauranga Girls' College Ball
11 April	Rotorua Summer Exchange
12 April - 23 April	China Business Trip
12 April - 26 April	History USA Trip
13 April	Last day of Term 1
30 April	First Day of Term 2

Whooping cough

A case of whooping cough has been confirmed at school. After seeking guidance from the Medical Officer of Health, the College has been asked to advise that if you are concerned about your child's health or immunization status regarding whooping cough to contact your family GP.

The symptoms of whooping cough being : cold like symptoms, persistent irritating cough and for some may include vomiting

Whooping cough is more serious for infants, pregnant women and the elderly

For more information contact 0800466863 - immunization advisory centre or www.immune.org.nz

Life Skills for Our Teenagers

During the best of times, parents wonder whether their teens are developing all the skills they need to be successful in life. Here are some tips to ponder upon:

Academic skills: Especially in middle school and during puberty, school performance may get a bit sketchy, but education should be a high priority and that parents should make sure teens establish homework habits and connect with teachers. School attendance is crucial.

Physical fitness and healthy habits: Parents can only control so much, but they control resources, so they can supply healthy food, cap the use of social media, insist on sporting involvement, and give consequences for problem substance use.

Emotional awareness, reflection and regulation: Due to mood disturbance brought on by hormones and the immaturity of the "impulse control" centre in the teen brain, teens will have 'tizzies', and parents need to focus on being supportive coaches and role models for these skills. Parents should encourage empathy for others and assist their teens with ways to cope with negative emotions. If parents are unsure of how to deal with this, they should consult the school or outside agencies to support their teens.

Social skills: During the teen years, teens start sizing up interpersonal situations, learn how to communicate effectively, learn conflict resolution skills and start self-appraisal in group situations. Since teens are individuating from their parents and constantly irritated with siblings, motivated practice of these skills will occur in other pro-social settings, for example, the school, extra-curricular activities, community service and friendships. It is important to encourage them to participate in the wider world around them and not just home based activities.

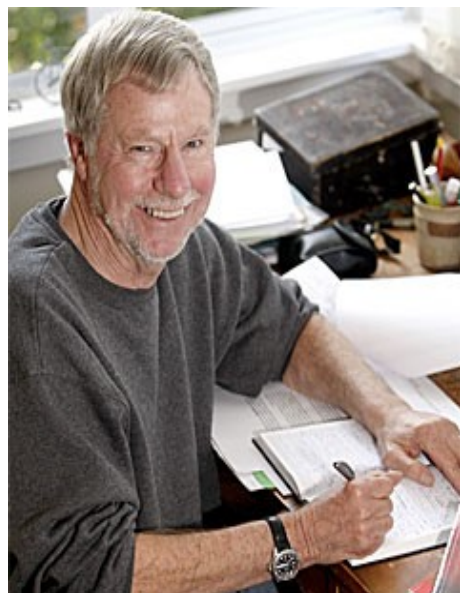
Relationship skills and values: Temperament plays a huge role in determining a person's appetite for social interaction. Parents can encourage, model and provide a rich web of relationships for their teens. Being engaged with the school is a great starting point.

<https://www.parentmap.com/article/ten-life-skills-for-teens>

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Students to meet NZ Author

On Tuesday March 27th, esteemed New Zealand author David Hill, will be speaking to students about his writing, and his writing process. David Hill's first teenage novel, See Ya, Simon (1992), is an absorbing story of friendship with a boy dying, at 14, of muscular dystrophy, whose gritty humour and determination expunge sentimentality. Shortlisted in



New Zealand and runner-up for two awards in the UK, it won the 1994 Times Educational Supplement Award for Special Needs. His next three novels in 1995, perceptively explore relationships and problems among teenagers involved in activities such as Tae Kwon Do in Kick Back, a disastrous tramping expedition in Take It Easy, and a drama production in Curtain Up. You can buy a copy of any of his books at your nearest book store and David will be more than happy to sign it if your daughter brings it on the day.

PTA AGM

6pm

Wednesday

21 March 2018

Tauranga Girls'
College

Staffroom

Tauranga Girls' College Values

"empowering tomorrow's women"



RESPECT (Manaakitanga)

- Be positive, caring and encouraging
- Be accepting of difference
- Respect other people's right to learn
- Have good manners and act with integrity

PARTICIPATION (Mahi Tahi)

- Aim high and get involved
- Show leadership
- Meet deadlines and commitments
- Be on time and prepared to learn

PRIDE (Mana Motuhake)

- Be the best we can be
- Be proud of ourselves and of our achievements
- Be proud to be problem solvers and innovators
- Be proud to be a member of our diverse school community

"By encouraging individual responsibility, integrity and respect for the rights of others"



Tauranga Girls' College
empowering tomorrow's women



Positive Behaviour for Learning

Learning Competencies

Managing Self

(Mana Motuhake)

I am organised for learning

This includes:

- Being punctual
- Bringing gear to class
- Completing homework
- Meeting deadlines

Relating to Others

(Manaakitanga)

I show respect for the learning environment

This includes:

- Respecting the teacher
- Respecting my classmates
- Respecting the learning environment

Participating & Contributing (Mahi tahi)

I take part in learning

This includes:

- Working on set tasks
- Contributing positively to learning

Contacting the College 2018

We encourage parents to contact the College (578 8114) for support at any time during the year.

The Pastoral Team includes:

Year 9 Dean: **Ms Robyn Mankelow** ext 767

Year 10 Dean: **Ms Kylie Valentine** ext 766

Year 11 Dean: **Ms Caroline Gill** ext 768

Year 12 Dean: **Mrs Bridget Prendiville** ext 769

Year 13 Deans: **Mrs Audrey Keightley** and **Ms Margot Glaser-Brown** ext 770

Guidance Counsellors

Ms Judy Burr ext 728

Ms Chantal Stopford ext 724

Senior Leader: **Mrs Bird**

Senior Leader: **Ms Millar**

Senior Leader: **Mrs Ferguson**

Senior Leader: **Ms Rowlands**

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