



Tauranga Girls' College Newsletter

Message from the Principal

Over the years I have attended a number of school productions but this year's Tauranga Girls' College led production with TBC of Beauty and the Beast was a whole other experience! If you didn't make it, you missed an absolutely amazing production and chance to experience the depth of talent in our young women and men for whom the performing arts is a passion and/or it is their way of contributing to something bigger than their own personal focus on achievement. These students are a credit to our Colleges, to their families and our community. My sincerest thanks go to all the staff, students, sponsors and friends who enabled such a high calibre production to be realised. Special thanks to our Platinum sponsor Legacy Trust for their financial support and commitment to the Arts but also to all the other businesses and friends who gave in kind and in financial support. With over a 100 cast and crew this production was no mean feat. To the students, your

commitment and dedication to this Disney production demonstrated so many of the values we all share as members of the TGC community. Pride, Participation and Respect. How lucky am I to be the Principal of this College and for this College to demonstrate in action, our vision of "Empowering Tomorrow's Women".

In this newsletter we hear from Skye Lunson-Storey. Skye featured in one of our earlier newsletters and is now back from the Enterprise trip to Asia and shares her experiences of this with us all.

The Physical Education Department hosted a Health Expo last week. The Expo raises awareness of health and wellbeing and all Year 9s and 10s should have visited the Expo. Healthy relationships, seeking help and support from others and developing a stronger sense of resilience and determination are all valuable traits in learning. All of these

ideas are connected and provide students the opportunity to learn and apply their knowledge and understanding of life in and beyond school.

This week I was in to Taupo to support our students in the annual, Napier Girls' and Tauranga Girls' Colleges Sports Exchange. Both schools met in the middle at Taupo. Sport, along with other forms of engagement (service, clubs, student councils etc) are an integral part of our curriculum. Curriculum is not simply the subjects that students select or need to take. At all times and in no matter what capacity, I expect the highest standards of behaviour and conduct by our students. It is a privilege to represent TGC. I am passionate about the 'TGC brand' and all at TGC are reminded of our agreed and shared values of Pride, Participation and Ma-naakitanga.

What else has been happening in the school lately? Well, we move

into a week that endorses our Positive Behaviour for Learning framework by supporting the national Anti-Bullying week. This week culminates in the wearing of Pink clothing on Friday 18 May. TGC has a slightly different take on the week, and for us, it is an extra focus on being positive, whilst at the same time, remembering that bullying is not acceptable. We all have a part to play in ensuring our learning environment is a safe space for all and where it isn't, students are encouraged to report it to a significant adult in the school like their tutor teacher, Dean or a member of the Guidance staff. In Year 9 and 10 Tutor classes, Year 13 student leaders can also

support juniors. Last week I was saddened to hear that one of our students had a near miss with a vehicle whilst running across Cameron Road during peak traffic hours. May I remind parents and students, that your wellbeing is important to us and that includes being road safe.

A small team of staff and students (from Mr Ferguson's Design Technology class) are going to scope out possible changes to the front entrance including signage into our College. Their planning begins this week and I will share more on this when they get underway. Another group of students has been asked to give some input into

new flooring being laid in the administration building while Tutor classes have been prioritising how they would like to use their 'Work Day' income. Giving students opportunities to have a direct impact on their College is something that I continue to develop and foster. All of these are examples of "Empowering Tomorrow's Women"- giving our young women opportunities in the decision making and ideology process.



Tara Kanji
Principal

Save the Date

Tauranga Girls' College 60th Reunion

Labour Weekend

Friday 19th and Saturday 20th October 2018.

Alumni, Old Girls of TGC, start contacting your school friends and sharing this date through your social networks.

Details to follow

Mooting Competition

Thursday, 10 May, Mrs McCann and Mr Rumbold took three groups of Year 12 and Year 13 girls to the Law Department at the University of Waikato for the first round of this year's Mooting competition.

The girls, Anita Faulkner, Gurleen Kaur, Angel Lai, Bridie Waterreus, Gabrielle Dackers, Kasey Bennett, Lucy Paterson and Akira McTavish-Huriwai, all acquitted themselves admirably. They received praise from the judges for their thorough preparation, knowledge of case law and adherence to courtroom etiquette.



We must now wait for the results as this preliminary round is being held in five cities across New Zealand and judges watch video recordings of all the moots in order to choose the best eight teams to go through to the semi-final. Last year, around 75 teams entered the preliminary round and the competition is likely to be on a similar scale again this year. We will keep our fingers crossed for our three great teams.

Young Enterprise Scheme visit to Singapore

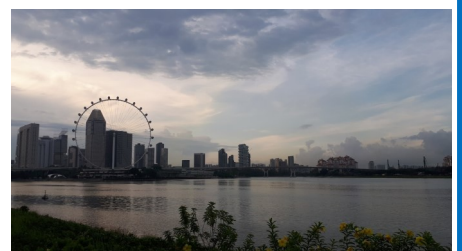
Recently in April I was selected by the Young Enterprise Scheme as one of the 10 students, out of the many participants across New Zealand, to gain a fully funded scholarship to Singapore from 14-21 April. The purpose of the scholarship was to extend my knowledge about global entrepreneurship and learn about Singapore's culture and business identity. It truly was an amazing experience and I'm extremely grateful to Southeast Asia CAPE who funded the trip. In Singapore we were hosted by the NZ Consulate and NZ Chamber of Commerce and had an very busy itinerary. This consisted of hearing from speakers including the NZ Trade Commissioner, Singapore business leaders and NZ entrepreneurs operating globally out of Singapore. For me, visiting the NZ



entrepreneurs and their businesses was the most inspiring. This was because I was able to see how someone who came from the same small country or even city as me, go on to own and operate their own global business. While we were in Singapore we also got to meet several students from a high school in Singapore, Raffles Institute. Talking to them I learned a lot about Singapore's culture and what it's like being a student in

Singapore. On the last two days of the trip we worked with the Raffles students to complete a 24 hour business challenge, then pitched our concepts to a panel of local business leaders.

Skye Lunson-Storey Year 13





The production was a resounding success receiving high accolades from many areas of the community.

The huge amount of time and work spent was certainly evident in a highly polished and professional performance.

Students were involved in all aspects of the production, backstage, in the music pit and on stage. The skills they gained will be invaluable in many areas in the future. They became a strong group, supporting each other and valuing the contribution each individual made. Thanks must go to the staff who contributed their time and experience.



We thank all sponsors for their contribution who helped to make this show such a success which was enjoyed by all.



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Aquatics Class



Our senior Aquatics class went to their Waka Ama/ Stand up paddle boarding trip on Monday 07 May. This trip is part of our work for an Achievement Standard where we learn about safety in the outdoors. Owing to a very strong wind at Waikorire/ Pilot Bay, we were unable to do the Waka Ama, However, after a walk around Mauao, we moved ourselves to the little beach near Moturiki/ Leisure Island, and had perfect conditions for the stand up paddle boarding. All of our girls did really well and had a great time out on the ocean.

It was an absolute pleasure to take these girls out for the morning.

Joanna Thomason,
PE Teacher

Ella Derry Representing NZ

Ella Derry (Year 10) is attending the Oceania Games, representing New Zealand in wrestling. This prestigious competition of which she is the youngest team member from NZ is being held in Guam.

Give Rowing A Go!



Every Sunday from now until the season is fully underway students will be meeting to go out on the water. New and/or interested rowers are welcome to join and give it a go! Meet at the Tauranga Rowing Club (in Memorial Park) at 7am. Ideal attire would be a thermal top, t-shirt and lycra exercise pants. Students can see Miss Potter in DRA1 if they have any questions.

Scholarship Exams Information Evening

**Thursday 17 May at
5:50 pm in Staff room.
All welcome.**

MUFTI DAY FRIDAY 18 May

This week is New Zealand Anti Bullying Week and there have been a variety of in school activities at lunchtimes. The week culminates in Pink Shirt Day on Friday when students are invited to wear pink and bring a gold coin donation for Pink Shirt Day Aotearoa.

Sports Exchange

For the second year the annual exchange between Napier Girls' High School and Tauranga Girls' College took place in Taupo on Monday 14 May. It was a lovely day with sunblock and sun glasses being required.

We had 10 different teams competing at this exchange and we were excited to be able to re-introduce Debating back into this exchange. Our Rugby team was also able to join this event, they played Taupo Nui a Tia College instead of Napier Girls' High School.

Tauranga Girls' College students competed with determination and demonstrated our school values superbly.

While a number of the results didn't go our way there was a lot to be gained from all of these games. Special congratulations to the Premier Netball team, the Junior A Netball Team and the Badminton team who all won their matches.

The Rugby team also had a very impressive win against Taupo Nui-a-Tia College.

The Player of the Day for each team was as follows:

Netball - Premier = Minardi Daniel

Netball - Senior A = Shanay Talopau

Netball Junior A = Molly Cachemaille

Basketball Premier = Kaitlyn Morrell

Hockey 1st XI = Kayli Tuiraviravi

Hockey 2nd XI = Breahn Pendergrast

Cross Country = Maia Flint

Football = Nesi Patel

Badminton = Kalais Going



Te Tauranga o Ngā Waka Kapa Haka (Tauranga Girls' and Boys' College combined)

After a vigorous selection process 50 students have been chosen to participate in the campaign to represent Tauranga Girls' and Boys' College kapa haka at the National Kapa haka Competition 'Kapa Haka Kura Tuarua o Aotearoa' which will be held in Palmerston North in July. However, there are only 40 students that can take the stage.

Practice and noho wananga have started in preparation for the competition and are held every weekend until July. All members



Qualifying Team - October 2017

attend the intense noho from Friday through to Sunday at local Marae under the guidance of 3 knowledgeable tutors Edward Te Moana, Rapaera Tawhai and To-ma Walker.

There has also been an enormous amount of fundraising by parents during the Christmas holidays to go toward funding the campaign. Parents are also fully involved and are currently making new Maro for the boys and korowai for the girls.

Learning and practice is of a high calibre and the expectations of all members is to give 100% all the time in order to be considered for the 40 standing performers.

Students also get study time in the mornings before practice.

INSTEP Young Leaders



On 03 May, Akuira Haimona-Ngawharau, Maioha Haimona-Ngawharau, Louise Yadav and Lily Alton joined other INSTeP Young Leaders from local colleges at an inspiring and entertaining breakfast workshop hosted by the University Of Waikato and other community leaders. They learned how to build their personal brand and how to develop effective networking skills.

The girls reported that they "can't wait for the next Instep Meeting".

It is being held in the Kaimai Room at the Tauranga Council and the girls are to share their thoughts on the question.

There's no place like home: What kind of city do you want to live in by 2048?

PPTA: Paid Union Meeting: Thursday 31 May: 1pm-3pm

Teaching staff who are members of the PPTA (Post Primary Teachers Association) will be attending an employee association meeting on the afternoon of **Thursday 31 May at 1pm** at ASB Baypark Stadium, Mt Maunganui. This is an entitlement under the State Sector Act. Teaching and Learning will continue in the morning and class times will be adjusted to ensure school finishes at 12.00pm. Students will then be allowed to leave school. We apologise for any disruption that this may cause.

Buses will operate at the normal time. If your daughter needs to stay at school please ask her to inform her tutor teacher by **Friday 25 May** and supervision will be organised.

Tauranga Girls' College Cross Country 2018



Due to the weather the Senior Cross Country event had to be cancelled but by 11.30am the skies had cleared enough to allow the Year 9 and Year 10 races to go ahead. Congratulations the following students:

Year 9 Cross Country Results

- 1 Ashlyn Koce 9LNE
- 2 Tiarna Allen 9MCC
- 3 Mikayla Price 9MCC

Year 10 Cross Country Results

- 1 Maia Flint 10RBN
- 2 Sam Smith 10RMY
- 3 Emily Pilbrow 10RBN



Coming Up...

17 May	Scholarship Exams Information Evening
18 May	Mufti Day
23 - 24 May	Senior Study Leave
30 May	Year 11 Business Market Day
31 May	PPTA Paid Union Meeting - classes finish 12.00pm
04 June	Queens' Birthday
05 June	Work Day
08 June	Big Sing Regionals
11 - 15 June	International Week
20 June	Year 9 Food Fare
21 June	International Mid winter Christmas
28 June	Senior Report Evening
02 - 06 July	Kapahaka Nationals

Year 11/12/13 Assessment Timetable ~ 23–25 May 2018

Monday 21 May	Tuesday 22 May	Time	Wednesday 23 May Study Leave	Time	Thursday 24 May Study Leave	Friday 25 May
Classes as normal	Classes as normal	9-10.30 9-11.00 9-12.00	11MAP 12HTH* 12/13 TRR *	9-10.30 9-11.00 9-12.00	12MAT 12MAE 11DRA 11TRR 13PHY (HVY 3)	Classes as normal Except: HPA/B/11FNU/ 12ECE/23AQS
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Absence:

If a student is legitimately unable to attend an assessment (eg due to illness or family bereavement), then please notify the **Year Level Dean** through the School Office 578-8114 on the day of the exam. Please follow this in writing with a Medical Certificate or a letter from home.

A student who has legitimately missed an exam must see the **Head of the Department** to discuss whether a Further Assessment Opportunity is possible; in the case of a **practical assessment** this opportunity is **not** always available.

Examination Rules:

- No** talking or any other communication between students.
- Do not** do anything to disturb other students during the exam.
- If a student has a cell phone or iPod, it must be **turned off** and **left in their bag**.
- No** receiving or sending of texts during exams!
- All notes and books are to be left in school bags.
- School bags must be left at the front of the examination room.
- Correct school uniform must be worn.
- No eating during the exam (including gum).
- Students **cannot leave** the exam room within the **first 45 minutes** or the **last 15 minutes** of the exam, including using the toilet (this means for a one hour exam students must stay for the duration).

Note: Students must be ready to enter their exam room 10 minutes before the exam is due to start.

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 Tahī)

- 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"



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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 tahī)

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

Senior Leader: **Mrs Bird**

Year 10 Acting Dean: **Kaye Barnett** ext 766

Acting Senior Leader: **Ms Kylie Valentine**

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

Senior Leader: **Mrs Ferguson**

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

Senior Leader: **Ms Millar**

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

Senior Leader: **Ms Millar**

Guidance Counsellors

Ms Judy Burr ext 728

Ms Chantal Stopford ext 724