



Tauranga Girls' College Newsletter

Message from the Principal

Time to have a brain break

The end of the Term is in sight and the upcoming July break is a great time to have a 'brain break', 'recharge' and 'refocus' for the terms ahead. I am supportive of ensuring that students use this time to have some time out but equally, to use the space to catch up and keep up in areas that need some improvement. Friends and parents can help with this process too. Learning isn't always easy but making sure you ask good questions, clarify your thinking, surrounding yourself with supportive friends and getting help from the staff, parents and agencies who are more than willing to help are all ways to ensure you get the most out of learning.

Changes to NCEA?

In the windy capital, Wellington last week, I attended a conference around potential changes to NCEA. I encourage you to have your say. In essence, the

Ministry of Education is asking for your comments around 6 Big Themes associated with NCEA. I am keen to see all schools focus on great learning and teaching rather than be assessment driven. Over the past decade, over-assessment has occurred, student anxiety has risen and teacher workload caused much stress. Reducing the load in Year 11 makes good sense for all. This would ensure that Years 12 and 13 become the more 'formal' years of the qualification. I encourage you to join in the conversation.

Reunion

Keep saving this date AND telling your friends. Parents this item is for you. If you are an alumni of TGC, we are looking forward to your attendance at our 60th Reunion on Friday 19 and Saturday 20 October. Please let your school friends know.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all our whanau and

parents who attended our Parent-Teacher interviews this week. Making the time to catch up with your daughter's teachers is just another way of keeping in touch with how she is progressing and what her next steps might be. It is never too early or too late to make that difference with a positive attitude and a commitment to action.

Community Consultation

As the Board of Trustees and I conclude the 8th and final community consultation, I want to thank those families that came to share their thoughts about the future direction of TGC. We purposely called it TGC 2030 as a means to future proof our College so that my vision of TGC being the school of choice in the Bay can be realised over time. A parent and student survey will appear in your email inboxes in the next few days and Lily our Student Rep will also be facilitating some student voice next week.

Uniform update

A committee of students and teachers have continued to explore a range of new summer and winter uniform options. As we have three uniform suppliers, this process is taking some time to work through but Lily our Student Rep on the Board has been speaking at all assemblies in the past week to ensure students are kept up to date with the process.

Enrolments Open

The College welcomes new enrolments for 2019 on the 23 July. I have been fortunate to have received such wonderful

feedback about the progress of our College and about the changes that we are undertaking. Much of this was again shared at our Community Consultation meetings in the last few weeks. I encourage you to come and hear from me, what my vision is for our College and for your young woman is on our College's **Open Night on Thursday 09 August**.

Another term down and my first half year as Principal at TGC. It has been my real pleasure to lead this College. I am so fortunate to be surrounded by amazing young women and dedicated

colleagues. I end Term Two by supporting our TGC/TBC Kapa Haka Roopu, our Underwater Hockey girls, seeing the creative talent of our Year 10 art students and celebrating the contribution of our wonderful International students. Have a safe July break everyone.



Tara Kanji
Principal

Retirement for Mr Armstrong



It goes without saying that Mr Murray Armstrong has history with TGC; 44 years to be precise. The time has come for Mr Armstrong to retire and sail away on the Mediterranean Sea. Over the years he has not only taught thousands of students but also mentored staff members as HOD of Social Sciences and coached a number of sports teams. Recently it would be his initiatives for overseas experiences for our senior students that are most memorable; Europe, Russia and the USA. Mr Armstrong will be remembered for his quick wit, incredibly knowledge, great costumes and commitment to Tauranga Girls' College. Many reading this may also remember Mr Armstrong as their teacher and we encourage you to attend the 60th Reunion over Labour Weekend as a chance to catch up with him.

TGC Student Awarded Scholarship to attend LIYSF



At the beginning of last year (2017), I was given the opportunity to apply for a The Royal Society Te Apārangi's fully funded Māori scholarship to attend the 'London International Youth Science Forum' (LIYSF). LIYSF is a 2 week residential student event held annually in London which attracts 500 of the world's leading young scientists aged 16-21 years old from more than 75 participating countries. It is held at Imperial College London and The Royal Geographical Society. During the time there, there are day visits out to other leading UK research centres and Universities, including Oxford and Cambridge Universities. The science packed 2 weeks is what caught my eye to apply for it.

I met the criteria needed for the scholarship, I had all documents to send in to the society in Wellington, however due to the late arrival of my application (as I did not have 80 cents for fast postage), my application was unable to be considered.

I then tried once more to apply for the same scholarship at the beginning of this year. Our HOD of Science/ my Chemistry teacher Mrs Blythe, again said "yes" to writing me a supporting reference letter and being my referee for the application. I then made sure my application arrived to the society in Wellington on time.

2 months later on my way home from work (Whakamarama Takeaways) a message flicked on my phone from a boy whom I had never spoken to before, saying "Congratulations!". The confusion in my mind of what in the world he could have been talking about lasted until I checked my email. To my surprise I opened an email from Debbie Woodhall, a representative of the Royal Society Te Apārangi, with a letter confirming my selection to the LIYSF. I, along with 5 other students from secondary schools all over NZ (including the boy who had sent me a message), were confirmed a place by the Royal Society to attend LIYSF with 85% of all costs covered.

I am so very grateful for this opportunity I have to represent my school, my wider community and my country on this LIYSF trip, where I hope to fulfil many learning aspirations, share my Māori culture with other cultures, and return home to inspire my peers to aim high, be persistent and not let any obstacle stop them in achieving these goals.

**Nāku noa,
Pianika Ormsby (Year 13 Kaupapa Māori Prefect)**



National Secondary Schools Cross Country Champs



Tauranga Girls' College's team of 9 girls competed at Spa Park in Taupo. Team members were: Tabitha Marshall, Abbie Mortimer, Emily Kneale, Sapphire Paton, Crystal Aranui, Maia Flint, Raine Piddington, Tiarna Allen and Naomi Mortimer.

It was an excellent competition held over the weekend with a large field and of over 1000 entrants from all around the country.

Best performances go to Maia Flint, who was awarded a

bronze in the Junior Girls race, after a very stressful photo finish, and Tiarna Allen who came 13th in the Year 9 Girls' race - a great achievement in a field of over 130 runners.

On Sunday, there was the regional relay champs. Maia Flint was in the Waikato/BOP Junior girls team which came 3rd, and Tiarna Allen was in the Waikato/BOP Year 9 team which got silver.

Literature Quiz



On Thursday 21 June (at Rotorua High School) Sukhleen Kaur led her team of Kahlan Brewer, Susannah Bunce and last minute stand in, Hannah Jaxson in this year's Waikato Children's Literature Association 2018 High School Lit Quiz. Over two hours the team completed seven rounds of questions from classic literature to the recent NZ Storylines finalists. It was a fantastic evening for all involved, and as our first participation in this annual competition, TGC did well to reach the top of the bell curve.

Growing NZ Innovation Challenge



Eight Year 10 Business students entered the 'Growing NZ Innovation Challenge' This provided the opportunity for our girls to work with neighbouring school on a fast-paced, one day competition for teams with an interest in Technology, Science or Business. The challenge required students to apply their subject knowledge and build a prototype solution to a real life situation being faced by one of New Zealand's largest export industries, and then pitch their idea to a panel of judges.

The four industries and situations were: 1. The Forestry Commission who was looking for a way to increase traceability of their logs when exported; 2. DairyNZ who were looking for a way to keep cows cool; 3. Customs & Immigration who were trying to reduce the risk from pests entering our country's borders; and 4. A business that was looking for innovative ways to use wool.

Students were mixed into groups from different schools. The group including Ella Lankshear and Grace McSweeney, working on the Forestry Commission issue won first prize, of \$50 Subway vouchers.

Heading to Nationals....



Emily Newbury competed in the Lions Young Speechmaker competition held in Cambridge on 17 June. She presented a prepared speech on "The Power of Words" and an impromptu speech on the topic: "Intelligence isn't enough". She has qualified for the national finals which will be held on 30 June at Mount Maunganui.

Food Fare



Wednesday 20 June was the three Year 9 Business Studies classes' Food Fare. Students had to form groups, create a business plan, survey the market, create a food product, and sell their product at a market day.



The event was extremely successful, with a lot of interest from the students. Food included dumplings, sushi, churros, waffles, smoothie bowls, cookies and cake pops.

Most groups had great success breaking even, selling out and making profit.



Badminton

On Monday 25 July Ms Thomason accompanied 21 of our senior Badminton players to the QEYC, to try to qualify for the BOP Champs later in the year. Tauranga Girls' College played extremely well as is reflected in their results:

In Division one our team of Sayaka Ueda, Kalais Going, Arleah Tippins, and Momo Hongcherdchai came second.

In Division two our teams came first, second and third! We will continue our training and will definitely be at the BOP Champs in August ready to do our best for the school.

Envirohub Sustainable Art Challenge



This annual challenge promotes awareness of environmental issues through art. Entries are invited from intermediate, secondary students and adults within the Western Bay of Plenty. Ella Mitchell and Hunter Ririnui, both in Year 9, won prizes for re-using old buttons, plastic bags and milk bottles.

Holiday Writing Camp at TGC during the school holidays!

When: 16th to 19th July

Where: TGC Library

Presenter : Maria Gill

Cost : \$195

To register: writelikeanauthor.com

Dance

Our Contemporary dance troupe competed in the Tauranga Dance Inc competition at Baycourt theatre on Friday 08 June in the both the National Young Performer of the year nomination and Modern Troupe classes. The troupe is made up of 12 strong dancers, many of whom danced in several other troupes that night for their respective dance studios.

The troupe placed 2nd in both classes and the adjudicator commented on the effective choreography and feeling shown by the group as well as the excellent interaction and execution of lifts and tricks. This was an outstanding result for a school troupe and a credit to the girls' talent and hard work.



Kaitlyn Bengston (13RBN), the choreographer has shown great leadership bringing this team together and we look forward to their next performance at the Tauranga Performing Arts Festival in July.

Opportunities like this give our girls the chance to showcase their talent, perform on stage, and promote our school in the wider dance community.

Squash

The last two weeks have been busy for TGC squash, with teams competing in all BOP Secondary School divisions.

Div 1 was a closely fought competition which was eventually decided on a points count back. Unfortunately for TGC, Trident High were the division winners placing us 2nd overall by games count back of one game difference. TGC had beaten Trident in pool play. Div 2 had 12 teams contesting, TGC presented 6 of those 12 teams so we were hopeful for some sort of placing with these odds.

Always the bridesmaid, TGC eventually placed 2nd winning silver medals and 3rd in the ungraded division.

It was fantastic to be able to offer girls who may not otherwise be playing a competitive sport the opportunity to represent Tauranga Girls' College in tournament play. These girls include some of our international students.

Div 1 (2nd place) Anika Russell, Emily Chamberlain, Ashlee Linn
Div 2 (ungraded) 2nd place silver medals Crystal Aranui, Makayla Forsyth, Anna Sakakibara.

Div 2 (ungraded) 3rd place certificates Misaki Yano, Julia Hampton, Parvati Goundar

Save the Date

Tauranga Girls' College 60th Reunion

Labour Weekend

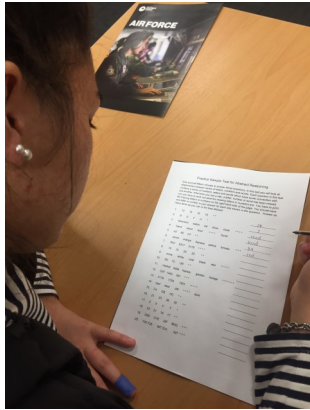
Friday 19 and Saturday
20 October 2018

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

Details to follow

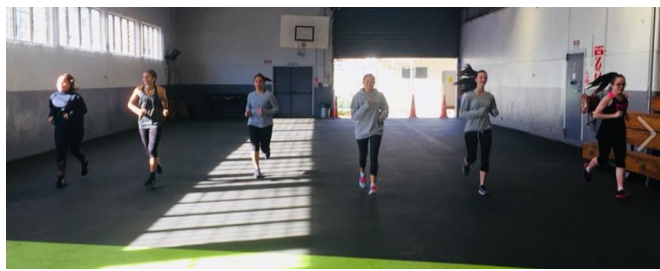
Career in the Defences

On Friday morning 22 June, six of our students attended the defence careers orientation at the Defence Headquarters. They were shown the various roles and trades that are available in the Army, Navy and Airforce.



Wikura Kuka

Following that, the girls were given a chance to try the entry tests including the sample test for Abstract Reasoning and a simple maths test. Most of the girls were happy that their results were within the passing requirements.



The morning finished with the girls learning about the fitness requirements and discovering that there was an app available for download, called Force Fit,



The six girls at the end of the day with Mike Pope the recruiting officer.

The recruiting team will be at Tauranga Girls' College on Tuesday 14 August on option night, so please come along to meet them.

World Vision Walk

Each day in South Sudan hundreds of refugees are fleeing from their home country to Uganda to seek help and safety, escaping their war torn country. Over 1 million refugees have fled to Uganda so far and this number is only going to grow.

The money from the 40 hour Famine this year is going towards providing clean drinking water, shelter, medical kits and educational resources for the refugee children. This year, as a school, in order to raise more money for this cause we decided to hold an event where we walk to raise awareness of the struggles that people just like us are facing every day. The World Vision Committee at Tauranga Girls' College lead by our head teacher Carolyn Nemeth and two student leaders, Tian Daniels and Alexis Cowbourne planned a 4km route for students and teachers to walk or run on the weekend of the 40 hour Famine.

The track selected was along Pilot Bay and the Mount Maunganui base track. This route was 4km long representing the distance that the refugees of South Sudan take every day just to get water.

Each student who took part donated a \$10 entry fee which all goes towards the World Vision refugees who have fled to Uganda. Whilst donating money we wanted to raise awareness in our community of the hardships that the refugees undergo everyday while we waltz through life without any idea of what is happening on the other side of the world. By making people aware of these happenings they are more likely to donate in the future and stand up for our brothers and sisters fighting for their lives.

Tian Daniels Year 13



Coming Up...

02 - 06 July	Kapahaka Nationals
06 July	Last Day of Term 2
23 July	First Day of Term 3
23 July	Half Year Option Changeover for Juniors
23 July	TGC Quiz Night
01 Aug	Year 9/10 Report Evening
09 Aug	Open Evening
13 - 17 Aug	Math Week
22 Aug	Winter Sports Photographs
03 - 09 Sept	Winter Sports Week
07 Sept	MID TERM BREAK
12 - 13 Sept	Benchmark Exams
28 Sept	Last Day of Term 3

Junior Report Evening




Go to the website

<http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>

The code to start the registering and booking process for our parent-teacher interviews is:

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Booking interviews is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3:


 <p>Enter your details</p>	First enter your name, your student's name(s), and your email address.
 <p>Choose teachers</p>	On the next page, pick the teachers you want to meet. First select the subject or year, then choose from the list of teachers.
 <p>Choose times</p>	Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you.

Once you have made a booking an email is generated. For your convenience please print a summary of your appointments.


If you cannot book your interviews via this website please phone the school office 578 8114 for assistance.

Bookings will open at **8am on Monday 23 July** and remain open until **4pm Wednesday 01 August**.

TAURANGA GIRLS' COLLEGE



QUIZ NIGHT



Fundraiser for ALL Sports, Cultural, Pastoral and Community Groups

WHERE: Sports Hall
WHEN: Saturday 28 July 6.00 pm
PRIZE: Best Dressed Table

Complimentary **drink** on arrival
 and **nibbles** served throughout the evening

BRING LOOSE CHANGE OR EFTPOS AVAILABLE

CONTACT: Linda Boubee-Hill or Piper Mejia Tauranga Girls' College
 lboubee-hill@tgc.school.nz pmejia@tgc.school.nz 07 5788114 (ext: 759)

House of Science Tauranga Charitable Trust Holiday Programs

- * **Robotics School Holiday Programme (8 - 13 year) 09 July 2018 - 13 July 2018**
- * **School Holiday Programme Junior Science Students (5-7 years) 16 July - 20 July**
- * **School Holiday Programme Fantastic Physics Students (8 - 13 years) 16 July - 20 July 9am till 3pm**

*For more information or to register go to
www.houseofscience.nz
 or phone 07 5710711*

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

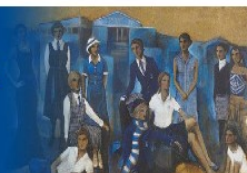
PRIDE (Mana Motuhake)

- 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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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 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