



Tauranga Girls' College Newsletter

Message from the Principal

Kia ora and welcome to the final TGC Pānui in Term Three

Christmas decorations means...

As we come to another term's end, it feels like Christmas or the summer holidays will be upon us before we know it and yet there is a lot to cover between then and now. Seniors have just completed 'benchmark' exams and know how important these are as formative feedback ie what needs attending to in order to ensure learners are fully prepared for the actual (summative) examinations called NCEA. In the meantime, our non NCEA students continue to grow their learning capabilities and for mostly Year 9 and 10 students, there is the opportunity to lead the school without the senior students.

Distributed Leadership

It is with both joy and sadness that Ms Millar, our College's Senior Deputy Principal leaves us this week. Ms Millar is the newly appointed Principal of

Onslow College. As the 'newbie' on the team, I have relied heavily on the capabilities of the Senior Leadership Team, especially Ms Millar.

Ms Millar has made a significant difference in her 2.5 years and we have all been the better for it. Her contribution to Tauranga Girls' College extends well beyond our College walls and I am sure those that have met or worked with her, will concur. There is no doubt that Ms Millar has all the attributes necessary of a successful leader of learning as Principal and is deserved of this new role. I have always been impressed with her focus on student centred learning, equity and to challenge the norm. A group of staff and students will take our taonga, Ms Miller, to Onslow for her powhiri next week. On behalf of the College, we thank Ms Millar for all that she has contributed during her time at TGC and wish her (and her whānau) the very best on her new adventure. Kia Kaha

Nau mai haere mai Taumata School Leaders

TGC welcomes the Foundation Principal Ms Fuller, Deputy Principals and six teaching staff who have been appointed to Taumata Primary School, the newest school in the Lakes/Pyes Pa area. Whilst their learning and teaching spaces are being built, Tauranga Girls' College has offered the team a classroom in J Block to do their planning and preparation during Term 4. How exciting for us all to share ideas and to know that those students have a pathway to TGC and TBC in years to come.

Growing capability in others

Applications for formal leadership roles in Year 13 for 2019 and with a strong focus on service, closed last week. We have been inundated with a series of very high calibre applications from this current Year 12 cohort. The first round of voting by staff and students has now taken place and from that forms an initial shortlisting.

Those students will now have the opportunity to speak to their peers and then to staff. From this a final voting and discussion occurs forming a shortlist for interviews. As with all positions for formal leadership roles, we are looking for a team that can work together, reflect the schools diversity, demonstrates its values (that is, walks the talk) and who can gel to bring out the best in each other and for our school. There are specific expectations associated with each formal role, so students needed to be very sure about their ability to lead and grow capability in others in this area. Unfortunately, not everyone who applies will make the final cut and then go on to win the role. What I value is how those that both win and do not win roles conduct themselves going forward. There are plenty of leadership roles that do not require a 'badge' and it is my view that opportunities to lead do exist in the College and in a variety of areas and in year levels.

Senior Prizegiving vs Academic Prizegiving in 2018

Traditionally, academic prizegiving is held at the Holy Trinity Church in Term 4. Whilst the venue remains the same this year, Senior Prizegiving will include the supreme academic, sporting, arts and cultural award winners. We will continue to have prizegiving for sports, arts and so on, but the opportunity

for the highest awards in each of those separate events are to be announced at the Holy Trinity venue this year. This is the change from the past. This will ensure that we celebrate a wider range of supreme award winners including those of the highest academic abilities. This year Senior Prizegiving will be held on 5 November the Trinity Church at 6.00pm

Suffrage 125

2018 marks the 125th anniversary of women's suffrage in New Zealand. On 19 September 1893 the Electoral Act 1893 was passed, giving all women in New Zealand the right to vote. As a result of this landmark legislation, New Zealand became the first self-governing country in the world in which all women had the right to vote in parliamentary elections. As a College that 'Empowers Tomorrows Women' we remember those women that have gone before us and those today who continue to shape Aotearoa New Zealand. This includes those young women at Tauranga Girls' College. You will see this in action at our Colleges 60th Reunion where an exciting series of speakers (women) both alumni and others will share their narratives about their leadership journeys.

Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori

Last week both staff and students supported National Māori Language Week, more commonly known as Te Wiki O

Te Reo Māori. Special thanks to our Kaupapa Māori leaders for their leadership and to Mrs Channings and Mrs Hamiora for giving up their break times to offer waiata and te reo classes for both staff and students.

Year 9 Enrolments for 2019

Thank you to new and to existing families for enrolling your daughter for the start of the 2019 year. Our Year 9 enrolments are the highest in years. We know that there is much mahi ahead of us all to be the best that we can be. Together we will continue to make the difference. The Board is looking forward to developing a strategic plan for the next three years that captures a new direction for TGC. Contact our schools office to make an appointment with Mrs Leach or Mrs Bird if you are interested. It is never too late to help those of us already on board to make Tauranga Girls' College the school of choice for girls!

Be kind and have a safe, happy and balanced brain break vs learning focus these holidays.



Tara Kanji
Principal

Farewell Ms Millar

It has been a privilege to spend the last two and a half years getting to know the students and staff at Tauranga Girls' College. I have thoroughly enjoyed the way girls get involved with everything that the school has to offer and the array of the opportunities that they have on tap. Whether it is academic, cultural, sporting or environmental there really is something for everyone. I have enjoyed working with staff and seeing the school move towards different ways of meeting with whānau, reporting and using technology. I will watch with great interest as the school redevelops J Block and leaky buildings become a distant memory. The educational landscape in New Zealand is changing and the next few years will be an exciting time for Tauranga Girls' College. I wish everyone involved with the school the very best and I am very grateful to the staff and students I have had the pleasure of working with.



‘He mauri tō te tangata, he whakapapa tōna, he mana motuhake.’ Everyone has mana. Everyone has a whakapapa, a genealogy, heritage and identity that makes that person no more and no less important than the next person. When we learn to treat everyone with care and respect, there are fewer barriers to establishing and maintaining relationships.

Gate Pa School visit to Tauranga Girls' College



This week saw a group of Year 3 and 4 students from Gate Pa school come to visit one of our school Science laboratories. The children had been learning about chemical reactions with their teacher Raman Kaur. To begin with, we talked about safety in the lab and learnt the names of a few pieces of lab equipment then we carried out some chemical reactions. The children were asked to make a prediction about what they thought would happen then to make some observations while they were completing

their experiments. They then watched Mrs Tortoiseshell make “elephant’s toothpaste”, which was very exciting. The children also visited Mr Hendra’s Biology lab to see the fish and the frogs. A good time was had by all!



**Tauranga
Girls' College**
The School of Choice for Girls

Tauranga Girls' College
60th 
Diamond Jubilee



To register visit: www.tgc.school.nz/reunion

Saturday 10 am – 4 pm
20 October 2018
\$55.00

Sixtieth Summit

A powerful showcase of Wahine Toa Aspirational Women as Agents of Change

**Powhiri, Inspirational Guest Speakers, Open
Campus, Food Carts, Music, Celebration
Cake & Bubbles**

**An open invitation to all members of our
community – male or female – alumni, staff,
others interested in hearing our speakers –
to join us in celebrating our Diamond
Jubilee**

Angela Buglass
ex Trilogy CEO

Carol Beaumont
Nurses' Organisation
Advocate

Julie Hardaker
Former Hamilton Mayor

Denny Spee
Tarnished Frocks & Divas

Margaret Wilson
Former Parliament
Speaker

Meghan Maher
Repertoire Executive

Trudy Kendall
Sustainable
Businesswoman

Michelle Prendiville
One News Sports
Journalist

More Details to Come

**Terms & Conditions: Speakers may change due to reasons
beyond our control. Some speaker sessions are concurrent.**

TGC Tourism students learning outside the classroom



The Social Science department's motto of "going places" continued this term with the recent opportunity for Year 12 Tourism students to experience Rotorua's number one tourist activity, as rated by Trip Advisor. Rotorua Canopy Tours is an adventure/eco-tourism operation that has won regional business and national Tourism excellence awards. This fieldtrip allows our students to experience domestic tourism first-hand and also to relate this activity directly to their learning in the curriculum. In Term 3, students have studied in class how tourism can impact positively or negatively on the physical environment. This business has an important environmental and sustainability message, along with a sense of adrenaline excitement as people challenge their fear of heights. Our school has been going on this fieldtrip now for 5 years and the feedback is extremely positive about this innovative company which operates on 'our back doorstep'!"

High Achievers:

10BLL and 10RBN will be attending a course on Learning Resilience on Friday 21 September. If you would like to know more about the course you will find it on <https://www.taolearn.com/>

Scholarship Practice exams:

These will be held from Week 9 as follows:

Thursday 20 September	J305 12:30 - 3:30	Calculus, English
Thursday 27 September	J305 12:30 - 3:30	Geography, Art History, Chemistry
Saturday 29 September	J305 9:00 - 12:00	Biology
Thursday 18 October	J305 12:30 - 3:30	Statistics, History, Accounting

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TGC Premier Football Team in Blenheim for National Tournament

Sixteen members of the Premier Football team went on a road and air trip Tga-Ak-Nelson-Blenheim for national tournament this year. The team stayed at Omaka Marae which created a great dynamic for the team and was a new cultural experience for a number of students.

Coach Scott Harrison kept the pulse of the team and organised a number of fun team activities such as the Master Football Chef - where 4 teams of 4 competed for the grand final dinner cook off.



The football tournament went well led by Captain MacKenzie Harris. Substitutions rolled on and off the pitch regularly giving all members fair game time. The team went in confidently and with great spirits. The results are as follows. Pool D results gave TGC 7 points putting us into the upper 8 Quarter Final

TGC Premier Football Tournament Team Results Table

Round 1 - draw 4 - 4	Avonside HS
Round 2 - win 7 - 0	Villa Maria Girls HS
Round 3 - win 2 - 0	Ashburton HS
Round 4 (QF1-8) loss 0 - 1	Papanui HS
Round 5 (SF 5-8) win 3 - 1	Marian College
Round 6 (Final) Loss 1 - 0	Rangi Ruru HS



Most Valuable Player for TGC was Rebecca Barron for her consistent energy, playing at full steam, and effect, til the end of every game. Despite the challenge of having two key players injured, who were not able to play some crucial games, in the end the team came in 6th place overall, which was a pleasing finish to a challenging tournament.

Don Wallis

TiC Football

Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival.



A group of eight students from the Year 9 and Year 10 Chinese classes took part in the recent festival on The Strand, performing a traditional Chinese folk song Molihua 茉莉花

Success in Australia



Emily Kneale and Abbie Mortimer have been competing in the Age Group Standard Distance Triathlon, representing New Zealand.

Emily came fifth and Abbie twenty fifth.

Winter Tournament Week

Gymsport Tumbling - New Zealand Secondary Schools Tumbling Championships had two students competing. Ashleigh Tanner and Gemma Gilmore both Year 10 students. Ashleigh was placed 6th in the Junior Elite Section and Gemma was crown National Champion in the Senior International Elite Section.

Netball - Our Premier netball team competed in the B grade of the Upper North Island Netball Secondary School tournament. They were unbeaten until Friday where they lost their semi final match. They won their last game of the tournament was against Mt Maunganui College for 3rd place. This will see them promoted to A Grade next year where the girls are hoping to continue their development and be a competitive team. Kenza Taele was named in the B Grade tournament team.

We also had a Invitational team competing in D grade, they played very well throughout the week and where placed 9th.

Hockey - Our 1st XI travelled to Whangarei to compete at the top National tournament for girls hockey. The girls had some very hard games and showed great grit and determination to win some must win games. They played Otumoetai College in their final game losing 1 -0. They were placed 10th in Marie Fry Trophy.

Our 2nd XI hockey team travelled to Startford to compete in the Kate Trollove tournament. The girls battled both the opposition and the freezing cold weather to be placed 5th at the end of the week and Breahn Pendergrast was named MVP of the tournament.

Basketball - The premier team traveled to Rotorua each day to complete in the regional qualifying tournament for Nationals. They girls can be very proud of their efforts and have qualified for Nationals which take place in Palmerston North during the first week of the October holidays.

Underwater Hockey -This team traveled to Rotorua to compete at National Secondary School tournament. They played 6 games over 3 days where they finished the tournament with a excellent 3 -1 win against Nelson Girls to be placed 5th.

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Madi McTainsh 11HKG
11 Contemporary Maori Art



“Te Harenga ō Te Tirairaka”

The theme of my artwork is *Te Harenga ō Te Tiraraka* or *The Journey of the Fantail*. I am interested in the idea of expressing symbolic stories in my work, and chose to explore cultural aspects of the fantail, myself, the figure and spirits. I am using different techniques through this process by using painting and photography, then bringing them together in photo-paintings. Some techniques have failed some have not.

My artistic journey is inspired by my artist model, New Zealand Maori painter, Darcy Nicholas. Like Nicholas, I have used bright vibrant colours to not only show his influence but also to show my personality. I have used figures, faces, the kowhai tree and fantails with a maori influence, e.g a figure with a moko kowai (a maori face tattoo).

Stepping through this process, I wanted the concept of the spiritual world to come through, so I photographed a series of images using my classmates as the figures. I positioned them so one figure was behind the other as the ancestor, and used a slow shutter speed on the camera to capture them in blurred movement. Once this was printed on wet strength paper I layered my Te Harenga imagery over the top using acrylic paint and medium. I added contrast to the figures, the front one being lighter and back one darker to resemble the afterlife, and used techniques that my artist model has given me throughout my studies.

HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED

Tauranga Girls' College International Department are looking for families to host International Students in 2019. Student stays range from 3 weeks - 1 year.

If you meet this criteria:

- be prepared for anyone living in the home 18+ to have a police check
- can provide a student with their own room
- are not primarily doing it for the money involved
- have a genuine interest in finding out more about other cultures
- are tolerant, have a sense of humour and interact well together
- have an empathy with and understanding of teenagers
- are able to set fair but firm negotiated boundaries
- can provide transport to after school activities
- will provide three meals a day including snacks which may include any takeaways or meals out with the host family
- will offer regular outings/day trips to points of interest to specifically show your student and to encourage her to participate in the family's activities and routines eg chores, sports, family holidays and outings.
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THE INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Contact:

Toni Bieleski - Homestay Manager

Phn: 578 8144 ext 808

email: tbieleski@tgc.school.nz

NCWNZ High Tea

On Sunday, myself and 3 other prefects attended a High Tea hosted by the National Council of Women New Zealand, Tauranga Branch, in celebration of women obtaining the right to vote 125 years ago in 1893 when this legislation was passed. We all felt extremely honoured to be apart of the commemorative service held on Sunday. It was a great learning experience for us, being able to hear previously untold stories of people whom had contributed to achieving suffrage in NZ and engaging in conversations with other women about women's rights in this country today.

Leah Owen
Head Girl



Top swimming results:



Lily Pearce won 6 medals overall at the NZ SS Swimming Champions held last weekend.

Gold in the 50m Butterfly, Silver in the 100m Individual Medley, Silver in the 100m Butterfly and Silver in the 50m Freestyle. Bronze in the 200m Freestyle and well as Bronze in the 400m Freestyle.

From these results, she gained 163 points for Tauranga Girls' College putting the school at 13th in New Zealand on her own out of 60 schools with other girls competing.

Interclass Technology Challenge

In Term 3, Year 9 Science classes have been investigating the combination of Technology and Science. Every class has been carrying out challenges during class time to create, work together and construct solutions to problems using newspaper, sellotape and ingenuity. There were 4 representatives from each class who met this week in the inter-class challenge. Their two tasks were: 1) to build the longest bridge possible that could support a 300 gram weight, and 2) to construct a device that could retrieve as many ping pong balls from across a 2 metre ditch in a 2 minute time limit. The lessons learnt continue to be great learning - perseverance, trial and error, creativity, team work and a little bit of espionage.

Results:

Bridge challenge:

1st place: 9MCC

2nd place: 9HVV

3rd place: 9CNG and 9BBE

Ball grab

1st place: 9CNG

2nd place: 9PLD

3rd place: no-one! It was very hard!



OVERALL:

FIRST PLACE 9CNG (Skye Eldershaw, Ana Te Huna, Nuvraan Kaur, Lucca Toomey)

SECOND EQUAL PLACE 9HVV (Hemorere Heke-Ririnui, Kyla Bidois, Lillie Butler, Acacia Batt), 9PLD

(Lucie Whitmore, Brooke Watkins, Ruby Handley, Alymayu Lema), and 9MCC (Tiarna Allen, Raine Piddington, Mikayla Price, Casey Rendell)

Coming Up...

20 Sept	Voting for BOT Student Rep closes
24 - 28 Sep	Year 13 Production
27 Sept	Board of Trustees Meeting
28 Sept	Last Day of Term 3
15 Oct	First Day of Term 4
18 Oct	Sports Prizegiving
25 Oct	Arts Prizegiving
2 Nov	Māori Prizegiving
5 Nov	Academic Prizegiving
7 Nov	Start of NCEA Examinations
16 Nov	Teacher Only Day

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TAURANGA GIRLS' COLLEGE

FILM FESTIVAL
2018

Hosted at the
Youth Theatre
Tauranga Boys' College
664 Cameron Road

GOLD
COIN
ENTRY

5:30pm TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2018

Tips for Parents- to help keep gaming in balance



Youth AOD Service
Bay of Plenty District Health Board



Tips:

- Be interested and curious about the games your young person plays. It is important to engage with the world they live in- real and virtual.
- Understand how the games your young person plays work and have conversations with your young person about this. There is psychology that goes into game design primarily with goals to get people playing for longer and spending money. Anyone who games is exposed to this and whilst this certainly doesn't mean everyone will get 'hooked' it's important gamers understand these things.
- Know if the games your young person plays has micro-transactions (most do) and negotiate limits around spending money for virtual items before this question comes up (because it will). Also, if on mobile devices or tablets, be aware of settings to ensure a password is needed before any payments can be made in the game.
- Notice how your young person is during and after gaming. This may mean thinking about where they are gaming. In their room with the door shut is different to in the lounge or family room.
- Encourage face to face activities and social connections outside of gaming. Remember, gaming can be currency for social connection but face to face connection is important for wellbeing. Even gaming with others in the same room is different to gaming alone online. Anything that promotes connection as opposed to disconnection is important.
- Negotiate limits to their gaming. Some parents will find it important to make gaming conditional on other behaviours or responsibilities being done or demonstrated. For some, there may need to be consequences if limits are exceeded. It is important your young person know what these consequences will be and vital you follow through if you set them.
- As well as agreeing limits to game time be mindful of agreeing regular breaks during gaming sessions, especially if playing for longer than two hours, in weekends for example, even if with friends. Build in breaks for healthy snacks, a stretch and even getting outside to connect with nature, something proven to be good for our wellbeing.
- If you are finding it hard to set and enforce appropriate limits around gaming, or are having trouble with your child's behaviours when you try and limit their gaming, consider seeing a family therapist as they are specifically trained to assist you in these areas.
- Encourage other ways to cope with difficult thoughts or feelings so that they don't rely solely on escaping into games.
- Notice if your young person's gaming is impacting on things like sleep, school attendance, face to face relationships and other commitments or activities. If it does and also does not respond to things you try to help them maintain balance, then seek help.
- If your young person's gaming is out of balance, remember that this is often a symptom of other things, with the gaming behaviours the tip of the iceberg and what is seen. Often what sits unseen is the issues they are using games to escape from.
- Finally, if you are a gamer and a parent, be mindful of your own gaming habits and screen time generally, and what you role model to your kids about balance. Connecting with your kids around gaming can be wonderful and playing appropriate games together can be a great way to connect. Connection and not disconnection is key!

For more detailed information about these issues please refer to other Sorted resources or contact Sorted on 5575052 or email Sorted@bopdhb.govt.nz.

Also check out other helpful sites such as www.netaddiction.co.nz and www.netsafe.org.nz/

NCEA Examinations

NCEA Examinations start on Wednesday 7 November. The time table can be downloaded from:

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/qualifications-and-standards/qualifications/ncea/exams-and-portfolios/exam-timetable-2018.pdf>

Free Computer Course

Toi-Ohomai are offering free Certificate in Computing - Level 2, which is based around cloud computing.

This twelve week course aims to help parents understand a little more about using Google Apps (Gmail, Docs, Sheets etc), basic trouble shooting, cyber security, privacy and social media.

Some of their classes are tailored around school hours, to enable parents of children to attend while the kids are at school.

For more information:
call 0800 86 46 46 Toi-Ohomai
Institute of Technology
or email

Suzanne.hart@toiohomai.ac.nz

Special Assessment Conditions 2019

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 be able to overcome or reduced with appropriate assistance. New applications open 1 October for the 2019 school year. **The deadline for new applications closes for Special Assessment Conditions for 2019 in mid-February.**

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 the Deputy Principal in charge of NCEA, Ms Rowlands, or from the NZQA website. 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 in mid-February 2019.

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;

· Glenda Rowlands, Deputy Principal in charge of NZQA
growlands@tgc.school.nz

· The year level Dean

· Mrs Gilby, Inclusive Learning Leader (SENCO)
kgilby@tgc.school.nz

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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 Dean: **Kylie Valentine** ext 766

Senior Leader: **Ms Millar**

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

Senior Leader: **Mrs Ferguson**

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

Senior Leader: **Ms Glenda Rowlands**

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

Senior Leader: **Ms Glenda Rowlands**

Guidance Counsellors **Ms Judy Burr** ext 728

Ms Chantal Stopford ext 724

Inclusive Learning Leader **Ms Karen Gilby** ext 740