



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

Newsletter Pānui



Message from the Principal

The end to the school year gets a little closer

Junior assessments have been completed and Year 9 and 10 activities have begun. This is an opportunity to learn outside of the classroom and with others from your daughter's cohort that she may not have yet met and therefore know. It is an important part of socialising with others, supporting one another and of course having some more fun both in and out of school. The last morning of school for Year 9 and 10 students is 11 December with a Junior Prizegiving. School on 12 December is only for those students who have been requested by senior staff and will have been sent invitations.

Year 9 and 10 Prizegiving combined

This year we will be combining our Year 9 and 10 Prizegiving. This special occasion, with a focus on our Year 9 and 10 learners, will take place on Tuesday 11 December commencing at 10am. A warm invitation is extended to parents/whanau. Reports will be given to your

daughter to take home on this day. School will conclude for all students by 12 noon.

New Uniform Blouse

A reminder that the new blouse comes into effect next year for all Year 9 and new students. Those students currently in the school (current Year 9-11) can wear the uniform that they wear at the present time as the new blouse is compulsory for them in 2020. Year 13s can choose to wear the existing Year 13 Polo or the new blouse. NZ Uniforms are making the new replacement item to your uniform but you will also be able to purchase the item at Activewear Schoolwear. There will be PLENTY of the new blouses available later in January. The replacement blouse is cooler in summer, will look cleaner and smarter, lasts longer than the polo but more importantly, it is what student voice called for, which the BoT supported when this decision was made last term.

New website underway

A new website is long overdue and plans are currently under-

way to develop our new TGC website. Thanks to Core Design for their creative input and to Miss O'Connor for working behind the scenes to ensure we are well underway with our planning.

BoT Strategic and Emergent Ideas

After much deliberation, consultation, and conversation about the future direction of young women attending TGC, the Board has drafted the 4 emergent ideas which will drive the College over the next 3 years. I believe they are both innovative, exciting and provide opportunities for all learners to be the best that they can be. If you would like to add your thoughts to this before they are finalised, then please do so within the next week by emailing bot@tgc.school.nz.

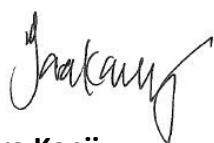
Thank you to our IWI partners via the Kāhui Ako (Potama Pona-mu support our Kāhui Ako or Community of Learning), business input via Priority One, parents, teachers, students and those who attended our community consultations and provided

innovative ideas and suggestions as they looked to shape the future of TGC for those young women in our College and who have already begun their onward journey to our College.

TGC Facebook

Our College's FB page will keep students updated and informed about the start of year dates and events after the Xmas and New Year period. Please keep an eye on this. If you have any TGC news to share with us over that time, please email our Brands and Communications Leader Kaydi O'Connor on:

koconnor@tgc.school.nz.



Tara Kanji
Principal

Helen Tomson (nee Barnett) alumna from the class of 1957



I had the pleasure of a cuppa with Helen this week. Helen attended class at Tauranga Girls College in 1957 although the school was officially opened in 1958. Helen attended the recent Sixtieth Diamond Jubilee over Labour weekend and returned today donating to the College her 1957, 1958 and 1959 year book along with a school photo. My thanks to Helen for her generous gifting of these items. The College will be hosting a get together for other members of the class of 1957 during Term 1 of 2019.

Helen is an accomplished author, plunket and registered nurse who returned to Tauranga after many years away from the city.

Emergent Strategic Intent 2019-2021

Each emergent intent or statement is followed by an explanatory narrative

Emergent Intent 1

Flexible student-centred learning

Learning is redefined (or defined) to include opportunities where every student is encouraged to explore, challenge and innovate so that they may thrive now and move forward with confidence.

Emergent Intent 2

Active commitment to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi

Te Ao Maori (the Māori World) is woven into our school

Emergent Intent 3

Positive connections with our community

We reflect, understand and acknowledge our community by being actively engaged and participating to help create a better future for all

Emergent Intent 4

Strength through diversity

We recognise and value the importance of personal differences, learning and growing through the sharing of the unique qualities we all possess

All feedback must be emailed to bot@tgc.school.nz by 14 December 2018

Environment Committee

November saw the transformation of part of the gully thanks to a keen team of students, groundsman and teachers. Trevor and Samson set about clearing an overgrown bank behind the school pool; a Year 9 Nga Mahi class then spent an afternoon clearing away the debris before 9BBE and 9HVV planted more than 250 native trees, shrubs and flaxes, which have been raised in our horticulture area here at school. The Nga Mahi class finished the job with some final planting of totara trees, watering and some general clean-up.

The work is part of the Trees for Survival program that the school has been involved with since 2003. Seedlings are provided to the school by local nurseries, then re-potted and raised in our irrigated shade house before being planted out in the local area.

We have just received another 300 seedlings which will be re-potted by a group of Year 10s as part of the junior activities days. The Environmental Committee will be planting these in a wetland area in the Gordon Carmichael Reserve in July next year, in conjunction with the Tauranga City Council.



Any students keen to get involved can see Ms Harvey or keep an eye on the notices for information from the Environmental Committee in the new year.

Ngā mihi nui
Kate Harvey

Underwater Hockey

Over this past weekend the UWH U18 National championship was held in Wellington. TGC had 4 students in the Mid Northern team, Eloise Sharpe (Captain), Momo Hongcherdchai (Vice Captain), Brooke James and Charlotte Webb. They had some tough pool games and played in the final for 3rd & 4th against the Northern B team. With two minutes to go, and a score of 2 all, the team dug deep and scored 2 more goals to come home with the bronze medal. An awesome effort for our girls team.



Other team news, ie Mid Northern U18 boys, where both Sarah Tortoiseshell's boys played in the team, had a fantastic set of pool games and seeded in first place going in to the finals. It was obviously a hard fought finals game, as it went in to extra time and sudden death and unfortunately Northern scored the first goal so that left Mid Northern with the silver medal. Still a stirring effort from the Mid Northern boys.

Audrey Keightley
Y13 Dean 2018
TIC Underwater Hockey

Tennis – 2018 Junior BOP Champs Results

Tauranga Girls' College had the greatest number of participants, 26 in total, in the Junior Secondary School BOP Champs held on Friday 09 November at Papamoa. The forecast rain held off and we got to play all of our matches. A lot of fun was had, especially in the Division Two category. There was almost a clean sweep of victories for TGC here with Ella Ryan coming second in the singles, and Jasmine Watchorn coming 3rd. In the doubles we took out 1st place with Sydney Williams and Emily Van Breda, 2nd place with Tarifa Laban and Emily Wiese, and 3rd place with Kayah Cowan and Beige Tito. There was also some very good tennis to be seen, watching the likes of our Sophie Karl, who won the Division One Singles. It was a pleasure for Ms Thomason to take these girls out for the day. They played hard, were very helpful, and represented our school exceptionally well.



Division One Singles

1st Sophie Karl

Division Two Singles

2nd Ella Ryan

3rd Jasmine Watchorn

Division Two Doubles

1st Sydney Williams and Emily Van Breda

2nd Emily Wiese and Tarifa Laban

3rd Kayah Cowan and Beige Tito

Joanna Thomason

TiC Tennis



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NISS Volleyball Champs 2018

Three TGC Teams competed in the NISSVB Champs in Auckland from Tuesday 27-Friday 30 November. This year there were 52 girls teams entered into this event.

The Junior A Team began in the top 32. Day one was a great day for the team - they topped their pool to go through to Division One. A highlight of the first day was beating New Plymouth 2-1 (the team who went on to win the event). On day two, the team lost a very close but crucial game vs Carmel College 16-18 in the 3rd set. This loss was devastating. To make it through to the quarter finals now, the girls had to beat the Mount College. They battled hard and played some outstanding volleyball. But ultimately, the game was lost 1-2. The team got 2 great wins on Thursday but weren't quite strong enough to beat the Auckland Champs team from Westlake in the 9/10 play off. The team finished 10th overall.



Back Row: Sammy Nicholson, Olivia Carr-Maniot, Stevie Morrison, Kenza Taele, Ella Lankshear, Paige Haeata-Burrows

Front Row: Grace McSweeney, Luisa Togotogorua, Emma Bettelheim, Manga Peleti-Tavete

Coach: Ms Patete, **Manager:** Ms Govind



The Junior B Team began in Division Three, along with 20 other teams. They had a strong start to their tournament with 5 wins in a row to top their pool. In the cross overs, teams needed to top their pools to go straight to the semifinals. They finished 2nd. The team finished 7th in Division Three. Y12 student, Zoe Lankshear, was a super star. She was so incredibly committed and hardworking and organised the team like a pro at the event

L-R Emily Van Breda, Zara Ainsley-Torbarina, Anaya Smith, Marama Tapsell, Brooke Pou, Maggie Davidson, Alofa Kislanski, Billie Jo Hickton, Alana Townsend, **COACH:** Zoe Lankshear, **Kayla Bowen**

Coach: Zoe Lankshear, **Manager:** Ms Blythe.



The Y9A Team began in the top 32 based on their excellent results in the BOP qualifying rounds. They played some great volleyball for being a young team who had only played together for one term. Close losses on day one saw them head into Division Two. With two wins and a loss in the first pool play, the team were into the quarter finals, which was a great achievement. The team finished 8th in Division Two.

Photo L-R: Grace Summerville, Bree Haeata-Burrows, Maia Blackburn, Zoe Wilson, Serenity Thomas, Molly Cachemaille
Additional players: Sophie Summerville, Maya Carr-Manoit, Jaime Hammerich, Acadia Eruera.
Coach: Chris Summerville, **Manager:** Leigh Summerville

Junior BOPSS Beach Volleyball Champs

56 students from TGC were at the Mount Maunganui Beach on Wednesday 14 November competing in the Junior Bay of Plenty Beach Volleyball Championships. There were 46 Y10 girls teams and 40 Y9 girls teams entered into the event. Four TGC teams came away with medals and the Y9 team of Zoe Wilson and Maya Carr-Manoit finished 4th in Division 1.



Emma Bettleheim and Louisa Togotogorua won the SILVER medal in the Y10 Division 1 Grade



Kenza Taele and Ella Lankshear won the BRONZE medal in the Y10 Division 1 Grade



Alana Townsend and Maggie Davidson won the SILVER medal in the Y10 Division 2 Grade



Anaya Smith and Kyra Tremayne won the SILVER medal in the Y10 Division 3 Grade

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Annabel Robinson



The brief for this piece was to create something representing ourselves. I really enjoyed making this because of the amount of freedom we were granted. I showed many aspects of my life through this painting; my interests, passions and values. The books and pencil show my love for creating, whether it be art, writing or otherwise. The film, music, and tea are all things that I love. I decided to include my birthdate as it is also part of my identity. The owl represents wisdom, which is something I value. The sky at the top represents wonder and possibility.

Secondary School Sportswoman of the Year



Congratulations to Frances Lloyd, Year 13, who was recognised at the Sport Bay of Plenty Awards, being awarded the Secondary School Sportswoman of the Year.

Frances competed at the International Taekwondo World Championships in Dublin and won:

- Bronze medal in junior female +65 sparring
- Bronze medal in junior female special technique
- Silver medal in junior female team special technique.

France is the captain of the senior basketball team and is a major contributing member of the school Sports Council.



Year 12 student to attend Powering Potential

Natasha Barnett is one of forty talented senior secondary school students who will be tasked to find answers to challenging questions posed by scientists at Powering Potential, taking place in Wellington from 10-13 December 2018.

Organised by Royal Society Te Apārangi in partnership with Freemasons New Zealand, Powering Potential will bring many of New Zealand's most promising science students together from all over New Zealand to work alongside a scientist or PhD student, who will act as their mentor over three days. The students will work in teams of five on a question submitted by their mentor. The students will then research, investigate and collaborate to provide recommendations.

All costs for the students, including flights, accommodation and social activities, are covered by Royal Society Te Apārangi, Freemasons New Zealand and Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

World Café

World Café was a successful event formed from a connected learning project between students and teachers in the Food and Fashion Department. It was a student-driven collaborative project that took place across several classes. The students produced both savoury and sweet food items to purchase during the lunchtime. There were also some craft items available. This was the first such event that utilised the department's restaurant and decking area. Due to its success, the plan is to hold more events like this for the students, by the students in the upcoming academic year.



Junior Production

A 'Circus of Fantastic Feats!' took place over three days in the TGC Hall. 112 Performing Arts students from Year 10 were involved in creating Dance and Drama performances that explored a circus theme. They performed with energy in 6 shows across three days (Tuesday 27 - Thursday 29 November) and a total of 1,426 junior primary students attended! Children came from schools all around the area - Merivale, Omanu, Kaimai, Welcome Bay and Pillans Point to name a few. It was a great chance to give back to our community and gave the Year 10 students a chance to lift their performance level for large audiences.

Shows were led by the ringleader Pia Beach and her sidekick Kahurangi Ngatai both 10RMY.

The children got to watch:

- "The Greatest Showman" dance (Miss Gill's Dance class)
- "The Best Bottom" (Mrs Walker's Drama class)
- A circus animal dance
- "Rainbow Fish" (Miss Potter's Drama class)
- A clown dance
- "Horton Hears a Who" (Miss Cassells' Drama class)

It was a fantastic season of performances and the girls demonstrated great ability on stage with their characterisations. The children had great fun interacting with the performers and our girls should be very proud of the work they put in.

We're looking forward to Junior Production 2019 already!
-Performing Arts Department



TGC Library Summer Reading Club



TGC Library is keen to open its collection to summer time readers. Both Seniors & Juniors can sign up via a permission letter available from the Library. Club members get to choose up to 10 books to take home over the long summer break. These can be chosen on Thursday 06 & Friday 07 December. They will be due back first week of Term One, 2019. Club members get a free blue bag & a chocolate santa.

Year 9 Food Fare

The Year 9 Business Studies girls, had an opportunity to experience business in their Food Fare held at lunchtime on Tuesday. Students had to survey the market, create a business plan, undertake a production process, promote and sell. There was a wonderful range of food including sushi, nachos, burgers, milkshakes and Christmas fudge. Students will donate a percentage of their money to a cause and split the remaining profit between them. All of the groups learnt important lessons in business with some very important ones involving communication and teamwork.



Literature Quiz

Results from the Tauranga Girls' College Literature Quiz

1st Place (9HYY - Thing 2) Jena Opie, Ella Mitchell, Inaya Sinclair and Lea Smith

2nd Place (a tie between English Department and 9HVY Thing 1) Rose Brunning, Lily Knight, Sarah Dixon and Katie Hills

3rd Place (9LNE) Susie, Reen, Caitlin and Jio



Coming Up...

11 December	Year 9 and 10 Prizegiving
12 December	Students by Appointment Only
TERM 1	
29 January 2019	Year 13 only 9am - 12pm
30 January 2019	Year 9 and Year 13
31 January 2019	Year 9. attend school. Year 13 leave for camp
01 February 2019	Year 9 and Year 10
04 February 2019	Full school

TERM DATES 2019

Term 1

29 January - 12 April

Term 2

29 April to 5 July

Term 3

22 July to 27 September

Term 4

14 October. Finish date to be confirmed

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 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	Acting Dean: Mrs Lochhead	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

Senior Leader:	Mrs Bird
Acting Senior Leader:	Ms Valentine
Senior Leader:	Mrs Ferguson
Senior Leader:	Ms Rowlands
Senior Leader:	Ms Rowlands

Guidance Counsellors **Ms Judy Burr** ext 728

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

Ms Chantal Stopford ext 724