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September 2018

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Kia ora everyone

Term three is quickly coming to an end which means there are only a few weeks left of school for seniors before external examinations start in term four. These students are encouraged to plan what they need to do to complete their internal assessment requirements and have a study programme mapped out if they have external assessments. I was heartened to see so many of our NCEA students here during call back day making use of their teacher's support.

Planning is underway for the introduction of 90-minute periods next year. Rosemary Hipkins from the New Zealand Council for Education Research (NZCER) has done research on the impact of longer learning blocks as has Lynda Shanks from the Ministry of Education. Some of their findings as reported by students included "more time for in-depth learning" and "increased opportunities for student-teacher interaction". In the same research teachers reported "More opportunity for students to see the point of learning rather than just cover material" and "Less chance of learners slipping under the radar". More of their findings are included later in this newsletter. Planning is underway to ensure we are well prepared for this transition.

Winter sport culminated in the National Secondary School Tournament week. We had six teams representing the college at various venues around the North Island. The Girls' Premier Netball team had a good build up to their tournament by winning the local A grade competition. They went on to finish in the top ten of their tournament. Both boys' and girls' hockey teams were playing in top level tournaments and performed with distinction. The girls team finished third in their competition and the boys finished runners up in the Indian Cup competition. Both teams keep their place in these elite tournaments due to their placing.

The Ministry of Education recently announced that Taupo-nui-a-Tia College will be allocated two new classrooms because of roll growth. This is in addition to the two new classrooms we were given last year. This gives the college an exciting opportunity to design and build a block of classrooms suited for our curriculum needs in the future. It will also allow us to decommission some of our tired prefabs that are well past their use by date.

Research confirms a strong link between attendance and student outcomes. While some student absences are unavoidable and understandable due to illness or family crisis, many are not. These are the unexplained or unauthorised absences.
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Cornerstone Values

- Honesty & Truthfulness
- Kindness
- Duty
- **Compassion**
- Responsibility
- Consideration & Concern for Others
- Respect
- Obedience



Calendar – Week 9 – 10 Term 3 : Weeks 1 - 4 Term 4

September			
Mon	17	NCEA & Drum Performance – 6.30pm – Hall.	Week 9 (green)
Tues	18	Tuwharetoa Festival.	
Wed	19	Tuwharetoa Festival.	
Thurs	20	Tuwharetoa Festival.	
Fri	21	Kapa Haka Trip to Hawaii.	
Mon	24	ACADEMIC WEEK. NCEA Level 1 Music Solo Performance – 6.30pm – Hall. Trade Safety Course.	Week 10 (red)
Tues	25	Board of Trustees Meeting. U14 Rugby Vs Gold Coast – KO 3pm. Gateway Hazard Course.	
Wed	26	NCEA Level 2 & 3 Solo Performances – 6.30pm – Hall. Skateboard and Toy Exhibition – 4pm – 6pm – D & I Block.	
Thurs	27	SPORTS AWARDS – 7pm - Hall.	
Fri	28	End of Term 3.	
Sun	30	Rugby Awards – Wairakei Resort.	
October			
Mon	15	Start of Term 4. Mini Bike Moto GP.	Week 1 (green)
Tues	16	Mini Bike Moto GP.	
Wed	17	Mini Bike Moto GP.	
Thurs	18	SHAKE OUT DAY.	
Fri	19		
Mon	22	Labour Day.	Week 2 (red)
Tues	23	Board of Trustees Meeting.	
Wed	24	Musical Theatre Performance – 6.30pm.	
Thurs	25		
Fri	26		
Sat	27	National Chess Champs – Auckland.	
Sun	28	King Country 7's Tournament.	
Mon	29	Principals Concert – 3.45pm – Hall.	Week 3 (green)
Tues	30		
Wed	31		
November			
Thurs	1	7pm Senior Prizegiving.	Week 4 (red)
Fri	2	Y12 Day – Wharekai. (Senior Study leave begins).	
Mon	5	NCEA and Scholarship Exams begin.	Week 4 (red)
Tues	6		
Wed	7		
Thurs	8		
Fri	9		

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Poor school attendance can be linked to a number of short and long-term adverse outcomes for students including lower academic outcomes, early school leaving, unemployment and negative health outcomes. Any absence from school constitutes a loss of educational opportunity because students miss out on learning.

As a community it is imperative that we work together to have our young people at school, on time and ready to learn.

Nga mihi nui

Peter Moyle
Principal



TAUPO-NUI-A-TIA COLLEGE

Annual Sports Awards

**Thursday 27 September 2018
at 7:00pm in the college hall**

Tickets cost \$5 and can be purchased at the college office until 4:00pm on the day.
Doors open at 6:30pm for 7:00pm start.

Cornerstone Values

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College is an accredited Cornerstone Values school and was the first secondary school in the country to gain this accreditation. There are eight Cornerstone Values in total and every term we focus on one of these values. The eight values are: Honesty and Truthfulness, Kindness, Duty, Compassion, Responsibility, Consideration and Concern for Others, Respect and Obedience.

The Cornerstone Value for Term 4 is **Compassion** which is defined as:

“Willingness to help, empathise with, or show mercy to those who suffer.”

- Helping another person makes two people very happy.
- It's never too late to do the right thing.
- Put 'go' into goal and 'do' into done because actions speak louder than words.
- Be the change you want to see happen in the world.
- Never look down on anyone unless you are helping them up.
- Don't always put yourself first.
- Walk awhile in someone else's shoes.
- Care for someone enough to make their problems your own.

As a parent you can be proud that your child is part of a Cornerstone Values school and we appreciate the support you give from home in emphasising these values.

If you are new to the school you will notice that the college is proud of its Cornerstone Values accreditation and displays the Cornerstone Values logo prominently.



Students' Success

Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to Cuda Tawhai for gaining a Bronze award.

Zenith

Congratulations to Kees Manders for gaining Level 1 accreditation in the Zenith programme this term.

Year 9 Achievers Awards

The purpose of these awards is to encourage Year 9 and 10 students to get involved in school activities. Students receive Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Awards as they advance through various levels of contribution to the categories of Cultural, Sports and Service to the School or Community. Congratulations to the following students who recently attained their Bronze and Silver Awards:

Year 9

Bronze

Mollie Asher
Jemma Atkins
Onera Beck
Mia Cameron
Tanisha Chand
Ashlee Collier
Josh Concepcion
Jaydah Dempsey
Jazmine Frewen
Levi Goldsack
Logi Gunnlaugsson
Tsehai Hammersley
Cody Hawkes
Levi Higgins
Briarne Hodge
Will Hogan
TJ Hurunui

Year 9

Bronze

Lucas Kalan
Suzy Kilmister
Ella Knight
Aiden Lloyd
Isabel Lonsdale
Ryder Marston
Juliette McIlvrde
Douglas McIvor
Lachlan McLean
Lily McQuilkin
Julio Messenger
Maria Minogue
Kowhai Moor
Courtney Morison
Jordan Nicholson
Ava Park
Benny Parsons

Year 9

Bronze

Blake Perrott
Holly Pietersma
Rhed Porteous
Lily Raven
Briana Robinson
Emma Rose
Jamie Rosenburg
Corey Scott
Tyla Shoebridge
Elliott Smith
Nyah Thompson
Tobias Thurston
Ruby Wood

Year 9

Silver

Onera Beck
Levi Goldsack
Tsehai Hammersley
TJ Hurunui
Suzy Kilmister
Aiden Lloyd
Julio Messenger
Courtney Morison
Ruby Wood

Victoria University Graduates

We are always delighted to acknowledge the success of past students of Taupo-nui-a-Tia College. The following graduated from Victoria University recently:

Duncan Anderson	PHD - Doctor of Philosophy
Karyn Arndt	BCOM - Bachelor of Commerce
Miles Herbert	BCOM - Bachelor of Commerce
Rebecca Isacss	MMCON - Master of Marine Conservation
Kieran Lewis	BSC - Bachelor of Science
Kimaya McIntosh	MTCHLS - Master of TchLrn (Secondary)
Michael Ridd	BCOM - Bachelor of Commerce
Matthew Rosenberg	BBMEDS - Bachelor of Biomedical Science
Amy Wikaira	BA - Bachelor of Arts

Bay Trust Centre Clinic Times

Monday to Friday	8.15am – 3:30pm	Administrator, Fiona Primrose
Monday	10.00am – 12.00pm	Anamata CAFÉ Dr Debbie Hughes
	9.00am – 12.00pm	REAL Youth Workers - Brendan
Tuesday	9.00am – 3.20pm	Anamata CAFÉ Nurse – Fiona Lafferty
	12.30pm – 3.00pm	REAL psychologist - Antonia
Wednesday	9:00am – 3:20pm	Anamata CAFÉ Nurse – Fiona Lafferty
Thursday	9.00am – 3.20pm	REAL Youth Workers - Leighton
Friday	9:00am – 3:20pm	Anamata CAFÉ Nurse – Fiona Lafferty
	8.40am – 3.20pm	Student Counsellor Valda Gummer

Note – BayTrust main doors are closed for 10 minutes after interval bells and lunch bells.



YEAR 10 DESIGN EXHIBITION

You are invited to attend the Year 10 design exhibition

During Term 3 Year 10 students have been working on the design process. In Resistant materials they have created a wooden toy and in art they have created an art work suitable for a skateboard. All of the Year 10 students, from these classes, will be exhibiting their work.

Where: - DI block at Taupo Nui-A-Tia College

When :- Wednesday 26th of September

Time :- 4pm till 6pm



Longer Learning Blocks Evidence

Rosemary Hipkins NZCER, Lynda Shanks MOE

Positives

Rosemary Hipkins, NZCER

Teachers Report:

- Increased student attendance rates
- Increased opportunities for student-teacher interactions
- Time to try out new teaching strategies
- Less pressure for teachers during the day
- Few classes to teach
- Fewer students to interact with
- Longer time blocks for preparation
- Less time lost in transition between classes

Students Report:

- Increased opportunities for student-teacher interactions
- More time for in-depth learning
- Less hectic school day
- Getting better grades
- Additional help during lessons
- More in control of time during the school day

Whole School

- Allows closer alignment with Key Competencies
- Greater inclusion of student voice
- Sharing ownership of teaching and learning with students

Other

- Students miss less classes when away

Lynda Shanks – MOE

- Maximise learning time and minimise stress
- More opportunity for students to see the point of learning rather than just cover material
- More able to do the experiment, write it up, review and reflect in one lesson
- Cater for diversity by providing a variety of activities
- Less chance of learners slipping under the radar
- Less teacher variance which is often difficult for those recently from primary school to cope with
- More able to include ICT based activities
- Able to incorporate off-site learning without absence from other classes
- Having to wind yourself up 2-3 times per day is easier compared to 4-6 times
- Allows more opportunity to cover the various skills in the curriculum during one lesson
- Less disruptive of 'thinking zones'
- Lessons are less rushed
- More opportunity to teach higher order concepts
- Time to develop better relationships
- Students feel they have more time to finish tasks in a more relaxed and less stressed manner
- Less transitions mean less opportunity for negative peer interaction during the day

Longer Learning Blocks Evidence

Negatives

Lynda Shanks – MOE

- Teachers not prepared to make the pedagogical change
- Challenging for relief work and the need for relievers to be actively engaged in the lesson
- Miss one period and you miss half the learning time for that class that week

Rosemary Hipkins, NZCER

- Need to change some teacher practice so that long boring lessons are not the result
- The challenge of engaging students for a longer period
- More work from each class to catch up when away

Quotes

“One of the most conclusive pieces of evidence found ... is that longer lessons do provide learners and teachers with a less hectic and stressful schedule resulting in a more relaxed atmosphere as both learners and teachers stated they did not have to change classes as often. This increases the time available for learning”.

“Due to increased classroom time facilitated by longer lessons, teachers and learners are provided with: a less hectic schedule, time to complete their work, time to engage in more in-depth learning and to pursue a variety of activities. Longer lessons allow the time to foster better relationships through increased learner-teacher interactions”.

Catch up Sessions

Purpose

It is our goal to ensure every student achieves to their full potential. Gaining Level 1, 2 or 3 as well as numeracy and literacy is a priority for our students, however some students struggle to attain these goals within the 34 weeks of term time prior to senior prize giving. For the students who need more time to pass NCEA Level 1-3 or numeracy and literacy, we will provide further opportunities to succeed. This opportunity will be based around a catch up programme.



The catch up sessions will provide targeted achievement standards, individualised learning programmes and teaching expertise to ensure success. The catch up sessions will take place immediately after prizegiving and students will be notified if they are required to attend.

Students will only be eligible for study leave if they have attained:

- Year 11: 80 Level 1 Credits including numeracy and literacy
- Year 12: 60 Level 2 Credits including Level 1 numeracy and literacy
- Year 13: 60 Level 3 credits including Level 1 numeracy and literacy

Catch up Session selection criteria:

- Level 1: Has between 55 and 79 credits
- Level 1: Has not attained numeracy and/or literacy
- Level 2: Has between 40 and 59 credits
- Level 3: Has between 40 and 59 credits

These are guidelines depending on the number of external credits available.

Caveat: External candidates with a high enrolment: achievement ratio will have access to study leave (80%+).

International Students

Homestay Families Needed

In January 2019 we are expecting more International Students. We are looking for welcoming homes and families that would love to host a student and experience a different culture. It is a great opportunity for you to re connect and show off our beautiful town and district.



Are you able to:

- 🌐 Make them part of your family. Involve them in your family activities.
- 🌐 Show the student some of our New Zealand country, ways and cultures.
- 🌐 Provide them with their own room.

Homestay families are paid \$230.00 per week.

Please get in touch with us:

Aniek Lenoir - International Student Co-ordinator - Ph 021 827 642

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2018 Yearbook Advertising

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College is preparing its Yearbook for 2018. Once again we are offering local businesses the opportunity to advertise with us and support the College. The magazine is distributed to every student and your message will reach over 600 families. It is a great way to let everyone know what you have to offer.

Our advertising rates are reasonably priced and remain the same as last year. Based on a black and white A4 page they are as follows:

Full Page	\$200
Half Page	\$100
Quarter Page	\$50

Your support will again enable us to produce a high quality Yearbook which we hope will be retained in student's homes for years to come as a record of activities in 2018 at college. The format this year will see more student generated content. As a contributor you will receive a free copy when it is issued in December.

If you would like to participate, please contact chris.marshall@taupocollege.ac.nz to secure your spot. The closing date for copy will be 16th October.

Hands on at Otago

Otago Hands on week long residential programme from 13th to 18th January 2019 for year 11 or 12 students returning to school in 2019. Up to 36 projects to choose from including lectures, labs, field work, interactive sessions and group work. Meet students from all over New Zealand and experience life as a university student. Cost of \$675 covers accommodation, food, course materials, travel while at the university (excluding travel to and from Dunedin).

See <https://www.otago.ac.nz/hands-on-at-otago/index.html>.

Applications close 19th October.
Contact Mrs Brown (HoF Science).



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Taupo-nui-a-Tia College – UNIFORM SHOES

These leather shoes are permitted at school:



These shoes are NOT permitted at school – No CANVAS or SUEDE shoes



Posters are displayed at both HANNAHS shoes and NUMBER ONE SHOES

Messages from the Office

YEAR 10 EXPEDITIONS

If your child is attending a year 10 camp below is a reminder of the payment timeline.

As noted on the permission slip, signed by parents/caregivers, any compulsory sports, previous years fees and full camp fee must be paid before camp departure.



Term 3

14 September 2018

Payment no 2 – another \$50 minimum to be paid.

28 September 2018

Payment no 3 – another \$50 minimum to be paid.

Term 4

19 October 2018

Payment no 4 – another \$50 minimum to be paid.

2 November 2018

Payment no 5 – another \$50 minimum to be paid.

16 November 2018

Final payment must be paid for in full.

*Alternatively, regular weekly payments can be made until camp is paid for, **OR** you may wish to pay **in full at any time**, prior to 16 November 2018.*

Eftpos and credit card facilities are both available at the school office.

Note: if you are experiencing difficulties in meeting payments, please contact Brenda Ronke (Deputy Principal) or Dee Whale (Office Manager) to discuss options and/or to arrange regular automatic payments.

Payments to Taupo-nui-a-Tia College Bank Account number:

12 3162 0154524 00

(Please state child's name and camp name for reference)

STUDENTS FEELING UNWELL

All students that are unwell or require first aid **must** report to the BayTrust. The nurse or Fiona will contact home if required. To keep your child safe, they should follow this procedure. The students **should not** be texting home directly.



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College will no longer be accepting second hand uniform to sell on behalf of families. If you have uniform you no longer require please donate to a local Op Shop or sell via Facebook and/or Taupo Buy and Sell.

We will continue to sell the current stock of uniform at school on our Uniform Sale Day in January 2019.



SCHOOL FEES

Statements are posted or emailed twice a term. Course fees are for take home components and requirements for subjects your child is studying. Any uniform, stationery or field trips away from school (which includes sporting trips) must be paid for once the permission slip is returned. These charges can **only be added** to your account if credit is available to cover the cost.

Caregivers are encouraged to set up regular automatic payments. As little as \$5.00 per week can reduce your child's account by \$260 a year. *Please give this some thought.* An AP form is available from the school office, or email sarah.walker@taupocollege.ac.nz.



YEAR 9 ACTIVITIES

Coming up in Week 8 of Term 4 is our Year 9 Activities week. This is 4 days of action-packed fun, which in the past has included Paintball, Kayaking, Raft-building, Boat Trips, Hikes, Archery, and more. The schedule for this year's activities has yet to be finalised, but a charge of \$100 has been added to all Year 9 accounts. This charge covers transport, materials, the events and the providers. Incremental payments now will reduce the financial pressure in the lead-up to Christmas. If you have any questions, please contact Simone Stewart on sports@taupocollege.ac.nz

Daffodil Day

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College "Daffodil Day" was a huge success again this year. Our school cultural committee had been selling tags every interval and lunch in the run up to this week. The students then wrote a name and message on the tag and posted it in one of the whanau boxes in the student center. Each tag was then attached to a daffodil and delivered to the student on the Friday morning.

The school raised over \$1300 for the Cancer Society. Also, 11 of our year 9 students volunteered their time to collect for the Cancer Society around Taupo town. They eagerly donned their bright daffodil heads and yellow vests and shook their buckets with vigor.



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A huge thank you for all the support during DanceNZMade and the TNT Dance Extravaganza. The dancers really value the cheers and congratulations they get from the audience.

This year Angel (Y11-Y13) dance group is off to DanceNZMade Nationals in Palmerston North and Ayla Yeoman (Y11) was nominated to go to Nationals with her solo "In Your Blood".

Well done to Grace Bilbie and Belle Yeoman, both Y10, who received the Choreography award at DanceNZMade. They choreographed a dance piece for Taupo Intermediate.

Congratulations to Hannah and Lucy Golebiowski who choreographed pieces for the Y6 and Y7/8 Hilltop School groups – both groups gained first place in their respective categories.

TNT will also be well presented with several duet dances at the DanceNZMade Duets/Trios section this year – all the best to Hannah Golebiowski, Lucy Golebiowski, Ayla Yeoman, Georgia Smith, Grace Bilbie, Belle Yeoman, Taryn Drysdale and Shazanae Corin-Goldsmith.

Finally, well done to Taryn Drysdale who successfully auditioned to be part of the Royal New Zealand Ballet's *The Nutcracker*. She will be performing in Napier on the 1st and 2nd of December.

TIC Dance – Ms I Gloy



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October 2018

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Thanks Taupo Businesses

A BIG THANK YOU for the generous support that the following Taupo businesses have given to our Technology Department for quite a number of years.

Without the kind help and support given to us by our local businesses we may not be able to offer the students the great opportunities that the College has to assist them in today's technological and competitive society.



Tenon Limited – Ross Johanson and Darryl Robinson

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Sportswrap by Simone Stewart, Sports Coordinator

September is always a busy sports month with many of our winter codes finishing up, and our summer codes starting their training. For a number of our premier teams, national winter tournaments and events beckon. We were well-represented this year with our athletes travelling around the country to badminton, basketball, cycling, football, hockey, and netball events; with skiing and swimming still to come over the next few weeks.

WINTER SEASON

Netball

We had 10 teams competing in the Taupo Netball Centre senior league this year, with a mix of social and competitive teams across all of the grades. It has been pleasing to see the commitment of our girls training in all kinds of weather after school, the development of our student coaches and umpires, and the outstanding results achieved by a number of our teams over the season.



Premiers	Overall winners A Champ
Academy	6 th A Champ
Junior A	1 st A Reserve
Senior A	4 th B Premier
Senior Green	4 th B Champ
9A	6 th B Champ
10a	2 nd B Flight
Senior Red	3 rd B Flight
Junior Green	5 th B Flight
Junior Red	6 th B Flight

Congratulations to all of our players on successful season. A big thank you to the students, staff members, and parents / family member who stepped up to coach, manage, and umpire this season. We couldn't manage the number of teams we have without your help.

Hockey

Hockey player numbers continue to grow here at 'Nui', with 3 girls and 3 boys teams playing in 2018. All of our teams began the season in the Rotorua/Taupo competition, with our 1st XI girls and boys team dominant in the 1st half of the A-grade season. Both teams then elected to move into the intercity competition based in Hamilton, to further challenge themselves in the lead-up to their national tournaments.

The girls 1st XI finished top of their pool in the B grade, but unfortunately lost their semi-final to St Pauls. They bounced back with a 3-2 win over Matamata in their final game of the season and place 3rd overall.

The boys 1st XI played in Division 1 of the Intercity secondary school competition, and finished up with 2 wins from their 5 matches. They relished the chance to compete regularly at the same level of competition encountered at the national tournament and went into the tournament better prepared as a result.

Our 2nd and 3rd XI boy's teams have had a great season locally, with our 3rd XI going through much of the season unbeaten and earning promotion into the B grade competition. The 2nd XI stepped up when it counted and took the B Grade competition out, with the 3rd XI taking home bronze position, also in the B grade.

Seay Earthmovers Limited – Sports Pages

Rugby

We fielded a 1st XV, an u/15 Taupo-Nui-a-Tia College rugby team this season, as well as a combined u/14 and combined girls teams with other local schools. The season started superbly with the 1st XV taking home the McQuilkin Cup, and the girls collecting the KC 7's trophy on the same day.

1st XV – Chey Jacobs (Captain)

Starting preseason we had a squad of 30 players with a mix of year 13's bringing experience to the forwards and Year 12's bringing some fresh legs to our back line. We had a great start to the season taking out the McQuilkin Cup, followed by some very tough games in the Chiefs Trophy.

Back into round two we saw a decline in numbers with boys committed to league, which challenged the remaining boys, playing with minimal squad numbers and many injuries. Despite the trying circumstances they played with pride, fronting week in, week out. Big ups to our remaining boys who continued to give 100% commitment to the end of the season.

Our team continued to play competitively throughout the season even though results didn't always go our way, we have an exceptional group of young men already thinking about the 2019 season.

A big thank you for our coaching staff, Mike, Vince and Craig for fueling our minds and to Julz our manager for fueling our stomachs. Huge thanks to the parents for their support and helping with hosting at home and travel on away games.

To the year 13 school leavers I wish you all the best for your future rugby and look forward to the 1st XV boys retaining our Division One status next year.



U/15

Our u/15 team had a fantastic season with some huge victories on their way to the finals stage. They beat Rotorua Boys comfortably in the semi-final match, but unfortunately couldn't win the final. Second place in the u/15 Premier Division - a fantastic result for the boys.

U/14 Write-up – Lesley Purdon, Team Manager

An awesome season of rugby and a pleasure to work with such fine young men. Our team this year was made up from the 4 local schools. 13 from Taupo Nui-a-Tia College, 7 from Tauhara College, 1 from the Kura and another 1 from Tongariro Area School. A third of our team were new to the sport, so a lot of learning was needed.

Over the season they developed into fine rugby players and it was great to see their growth as a team as they built on their experience. It is a credit to the coach Henere Leach that the boys were able to progress so far. They did not get that many wins but their skill level has definitely improved and they have become a very competitive team. I am very proud of our boys and their success and I look forward to further working with the team.



Girls Rugby

It was a mixed season for our girl's rugby team. We combined with Tauhara College for the season with a number of our players juggling many mid-week sports commitments. Our girls had a few good wins and a couple of heavy losses; but pleasing to see the number of our girls named recently in King Country Maori Women's squad.

King Country Representatives 2018

The following Taupo-nui-a-Tia College players selected for King Country representative honours:

U14's – Renata Ngata.

U16's – George Cook, Jarvis Ali, Kees Phillips and Liam Prisk.

U18's – Chey Jacobs, Corey Rivers, Reeve Satherley and Matthew Whittaker.

Football

Well another successful season of football has wrapped up at TNT. Enormous thanks goes out to all of our coaches and managers for the many hours they have put in over the course of the season and for making football possible. Thanks also to the parents and to our Sports Coordinator Simone Stewart for all the work she does behind the scenes.

Boys

The 1st XI boys had a good season and did well to finish third in the Baywide Youth Division one competition. They ended up third in their pool and fifth overall. This is a good result as they are still a relatively young team – looking forward to 2019... Thanks to Pete and Tomo for your work over the season with the boys.

The U15's had a tough season but remained committed to the end. Next year, when older and bigger, they will no doubt experience more success. Thanks to Paul and Sian for your work with these lads.

Girls

The 2nd XI had a lot of fun and some great results under the fantastic guidance of Andrea Southgate. Again, the players are fortunate to have people like Andrea who volunteer their time to make football happen. They finished a commendable fourth in the Rotorua/Taupo competition.



The 1st XI girls have arguably been the most successful of our football teams this season. They finished second in the Rotorua/Taupo competition – well done girls. Of greater note, this team played in the girls Baywide Youth competition for the first time ever this year and finished second by one point. This was an outstanding result and is a testament to their commitment and team spirit. FANTASTIC WORK GIRLS!!! They also travelled away to tournament in week 7 and whilst not all of their results were that favourable, they have now seen where they need to be for next year.....



In the lead up to tourney the girls undertook quite a bit of fundraising, including two raffles. The winners of these were:

- Firewood Raffle – Jenny and Alan Langford
- Meat Raffle – Susan Olsen

Congratulations to the winners and a huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported the girls through these efforts. This includes Hynds Pipe Systems who generously assisted with travel costs for the girls' trip away to Auckland.

TIC Football, Sean Robinson

WINTER TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Netball

Our premier netball girls travelled to Mt Maunganui on a high following their success in the Taupo Netball competition. Seeded 14th in B Grade going into the tournament, the girls kicked off their week with two big victories. The girls played well all week with mixed results against some very strong netball schools. Making the top-8 was a fantastic achievement for the girls, and the 7th/8th play-off 25-23 victory over Western Springs was an awesome finish to a great week.

A big congratulations to Kavarna Smith who made the B-grade tournament team after an outstanding week.

Thank you to the following for their support of our girls getting to tournament:

- SsangYong Warm-up tops
- M21 Meats Meat for CACTUS dinner
- Wairakei Resort Dinner for 4 voucher
- Countdown Taupo \$100 voucher



Hockey

The Girls 1st XI travelled to Pukekohe for the Chica Gilmer (Tier 2) tournament. The team finished with 2 wins, and 1 draw in pool play; a quarter-final win in extra time over St Pauls; and a semi-final 1-nil loss to Western Heights; and finally a 1-nil play-off victory over Rangitoto College to take the Bronze medal.

Our Boys 1st XI travelled to Mt Maunganui for their tournament. This was the team's first year in the top-tier Rankin Cup/India Shield tournament after their promotion in 2017. It was a slow start for the boys with two first-up losses, but they bounced back on day 2 with a couple of big wins. The boys had an extra time victory over St Bede's College in the quarter final, and a 3-1 win over Christchurch Boys High School in the semi-final. A final match loss to Paraparaumu College saw the boys take home the silver medal in the India Shield. An outstanding first year in New Zealand Secondary School's top tier.

With the success of our hockey teams over the past few years, our Boys 2nd XI team travelled to Hamilton for the national 2nd XI tournament. The team didn't manage any wins, but got some points on the board and pushed a couple of schools in good matches. The players are no doubt better for the experience looking towards 2019.



Football

A last minute invitation to national tournament came for our girls 1st XI football team this year. This followed a successful season in both their Wednesday Rotorua league and Saturday Bay-wide league. The girls travelled to Auckland for the Kathy Seaward tournament. Despite drawing a tough pool, the girls played some great football and pushed some quality football teams. The girls played with exceptional attitudes and had a great week.

Badminton

Similar to the footballers, our badminton teams received a last-minute invitation to the National tournament in Auckland after success at the regional events. The standard of play was exceptional, and in a format different to our previous experience. Nonetheless, both our Senior Girls and Boys teams managed to win a game each and take plenty of sets in all of their matches. It was a great learning opportunity for our players, with plans already in place for the 2019 tournament.



Cycling

Two of our cyclists travelled to Auckland to compete in the Northern Tour. Ben Raven and Alex Brackenbury competed in the u/16 Boys A-grade events, and achieved the following results, out of a field of 47 riders.

Individual Time Trial	Hill Climb	Criterion	Overall
Ben Raven 13 th	Ben Raven 6 th	Ben Raven 14 th	Ben Raven 9 th
Alex Brackenbury 14 th	Alex Brackenbury 7 th	Alex Brackenbury 15 th	Alex Brackenbury 11 th

THANK YOU

Our winter sports season could not run without the countless hours of our volunteers. The strength of our school hockey is the result of a few committed parents and coaches who have worked tirelessly with our teams and behind the scenes fundraising and planning. Our 2018 success in netball could not happen without the work of our staff members, and volunteers who commit many of their own hours to ensure girls are prepared every time they take the court. We have so much individual success in sports due to parents who drive the countryside with their children, and often other people's children, to ensure they have every opportunity to experience success. We appreciate ALL of the people who have contributed to our winter sports season – thank you.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

We are already in planning for our 2019 sports season. We have a number of coaches stepping down this year, and we want to continue on the foundation that they have built. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in coaching any of our summer or winter codes in 2019 please contact Simone Stewart [A.S.A.P sports@taupocollege.ac.nz](mailto:A.S.A.P_sports@taupocollege.ac.nz)

COMING UP

- Our ski team are heading to Whakapapa next week for the North Island ski champs.
- Our swimming team are competing in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Champs.
- Jack Edwards is our lone cyclist travelling to Christchurch for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Champs.
- Our mountain bike team compete in the North Island Cycling champs.

Our **Annual Sports Awards** evening is being held on the 27th of September in the school hall. This is an opportunity for our premier teams and their coaches, managers, and supporters to celebrate the sporting year. Doors open 6:30pm for a 7pm start. Tickets will be available from the college office from 17th September.

Simone Stewart, Sports Coordinator