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Tena Koutou katoa

This term is in full swing with staff and students adapting positively to 90-minute periods. Our music, drama and kapa haka students have been rehearsing for public performances in regional and national competitions, and winter sports are well underway.

Week 3 of this term was Bully-Free NZ Week. To promote the anti-bullying message, our senior students arranged a number of activities and both senior and junior assemblies had anti-bullying as the key theme. In addition, staff also had professional development to ensure every staff member was aware and vigilant of the different types of bullying.

All schools have bullies and any school principal who claims otherwise should always sound alarm bells for you. Schoolwide awareness of bullying, and a sense of urgency in dealing with bullying, are vital components in combating bullying. Definitions of bullying include:

- Bullying is deliberate – harming another person intentionally.
- Bullying involves a misuse of power in a relationship.
- Bullying is usually not a one-off behavior and is repeated.
- Bullying is behaviours that can cause harm – physical or emotional. It is not a normal part of growing up.

If your child is being bullied, below are tips for reporting bullying from the cross-sector Bullying Prevention Advisory Group:

1. Listen to your child and assure them that they have a right to be safe.
2. Be clear on the facts. Make notes about what happened and when it happened.
3. Help your child see that there is a difference between 'narking' 'tattling' or 'telling'. It takes courage to report. Reporting is done not to cause trouble for another student, but to protect all students.
4. Telling is getting help when you or someone you know is being hurt, or when your right or that person's right to be safe is being taken away.
5. It may be difficult but try to remain calm so that you can support your child and plan a course of action with them.
6. Stay on track. Keep an eye on your child's behaviour. If your meetings with school staff haven't made the bullying stop, go back and talk to the principal. Follow up on the steps that were agreed to at the meeting.
7. Speak to your child's trainer or coach if the bullying is taking place during after-school activities or sports events.
8. Contact the Police if the bullying involves criminal behavior, such as sexual assault or use of a weapon, or if the threat to your child's safety is in the community rather than the school.

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**Cornerstone Values**

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

# Taupo-nui-a-Tia College



## The Principal's Message

## Calendar – Week 5 - 8, Term 2

May			
Mon	27	Kapa Haka visit to Liston Heights.	Week 5 (green)
Tues	28	12SOE1 Tramp.	
Wed	29	12SOE1 Tramp.	
Thurs	30	12SOE1 Tramp. Shakespeare Nationals – Wellington. Reports posted.	
Fri	31	<b>Queens Birthday Friday.</b>	
June			
Mon	3	<b>Queens Birthday Monday.</b>	Week 6 (red)Wee
Tues	4	12SOE2 Tramp. <b>Possible PPTA Industrial Action - Year 9 rostered home – TBC.</b>	
Wed	5	12SOE2 Tramp. Manu Korero Regionals – Rotorua.	
Thurs	6	12SOE2 Tramp. Clay Target Shooting – Matamata. Chess Competition – Tauhara.	
Fri	7		
Sat	8th	<b>School Ball.</b>	
Mon	10	Chamber of Music Competition – Tauranga. Defensive Driving.	Week 7 (green)
Tues	11	12SOE3 Tramp. First Aid Course at REAP. 5pm – Board of Trustees Meeting. <b>Possible PPTA Industrial Action - Year 10 rostered home – TBC.</b>	
Wed	12	12SOE3 Tramp.	
Thurs	13	12SOE3 Tramp. Y13 Geography Trip. Defensive Driving.	
Fri	14	Fieldays Trip – Mystery Creek. Senior Badminton – Rotorua.	
Sat			
Mon	17	13ODL2 Tramp. Junior Science Testing various times this week.	Week 8 (red)
Tues	18	<b>PPTA Rolling Regional Action TBC.</b>	
Wed	19	Rugby Chile 2021 Meeting.	
Thurs	20	10ODER1– Snow Survival. Y11 Geography Trip. Y13 History Trip – Te Awamutu.	
Fri	21	Y13 Drama Camp - all day.	

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It should be noted that there is not always a quick fix to bullying – especially cyberbullying. I liken it to a forest fire – the initial flame might be quelled but there needs to be awareness of the smouldering embers that could flare up at any time.

At the front of our school, the music room construction is on track and the completion date is near the end of July. With our growing numbers of students in music, this will be a much-needed facility. The existing music room is to be renovated as part of this development. In addition to this, the Ministry of Education has approved the building of 7 new classrooms that are to be sited on the field next to the Wharekai. This is an exciting new development that will complement the learning needs of our students for many years to come.

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College is going through the process of reviewing its curriculum. The New Zealand Curriculum Framework has been in existence since 1993. Constantly, our curriculum has evolved over this period of time to meet the needs of our students. However, with the development of the Taupo-nui-a-Tia Graduate profile it is timely that we review our courses to ensure we have all of our students leaving school well-equipped for an ever changing and uncertain future. Your input into this process is important and we will be seeking your views later in the year.

Peter Moyle  
Principal

## 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 2 is **Consideration and Concern for others** which is defined as:

*“Willingness to be kind, thoughtful and consider the interests of others before self.”*

- Be nice to people on your way up because you will probably meet them on your way down!
- When consideration is the sensation that sweeps the nation it will be time for a celebration.
- Let others learn.
- Make others happy when you enter a room, not when you leave it.
- Before thinking of yourself consider the effect of your actions on others.
- Become an example of how you would like the world to be.

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.

### Advertising Opportunity

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## Students' Success

### Zenith

Congratulations to Kees Manders for obtaining Level 2 in the Zenith Programme this term.

## Bay Trust Centre Clinic Times

<b>Monday to Friday</b>	8:15am – 3:30pm	Administrator, Fiona Primrose
<b>Monday</b>	9.00am – 3.10pm	REAL
	1.20pm – 3.00pm	Physio – Jeff Fox
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.00am – 11.30am	REAL
	10.00am – 3.10pm	Anamata CAFÉ Nurse – Fiona Lafferty
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00am – 3:10pm	Anamata CAFÉ Nurse – Fiona Lafferty
	12.30pm – 2.00pm	Anamata CAFÉ – Dr Bronwen Thomas
	9.00am – 3.10pm	REAL
<b>Thursday</b>	9.00am – 3.20pm	REAL
	8.30am – 11.00am	Physio – Jeff Fox
	11.20am – 3.10pm	Student Counsellor – Valda Gummer
<b>Friday</b>	9.00am – 3.10pm	Anamata CAFÉ Nurse – Fiona Lafferty
	8.40am – 3.10pm	Student Counsellor – Valda Gummer

Note – BayTrust main doors are closed for 10 minutes at 8:50am and after interval bells.

our family  yours

*The way it should be.*



Great Lake Centre on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019 8pm - 12am – Formal Dress.**

This is always a fabulous, glamorous and very enjoyable evening with an excellent standard of behaviour.

### **Ticket Cost - \$90**

This includes a 2 hour rolling supper, photo booths, DJ, special effects, arrival photography, group and couple photographers, venue, security and a special prizegiving for attendees.

Tickets will be issued the week of the Ball but students can pay now at the school office.

### **NOTE:**

- **Minimum attendance should be 80%.**
- **Unexplained absences below 80% need to be discussed with your Dean.**
- **Please be aware that previous years fees and current compulsory fees need to be paid prior to purchasing a ball ticket.**

### **Dress Code**

Formal please. For boys this means a suit and tie. For girls, evening dress which is suitable for a school event. Please check with Mrs Grant if you are unsure. (All Year 12 & 13 are eligible, but no outside partners).

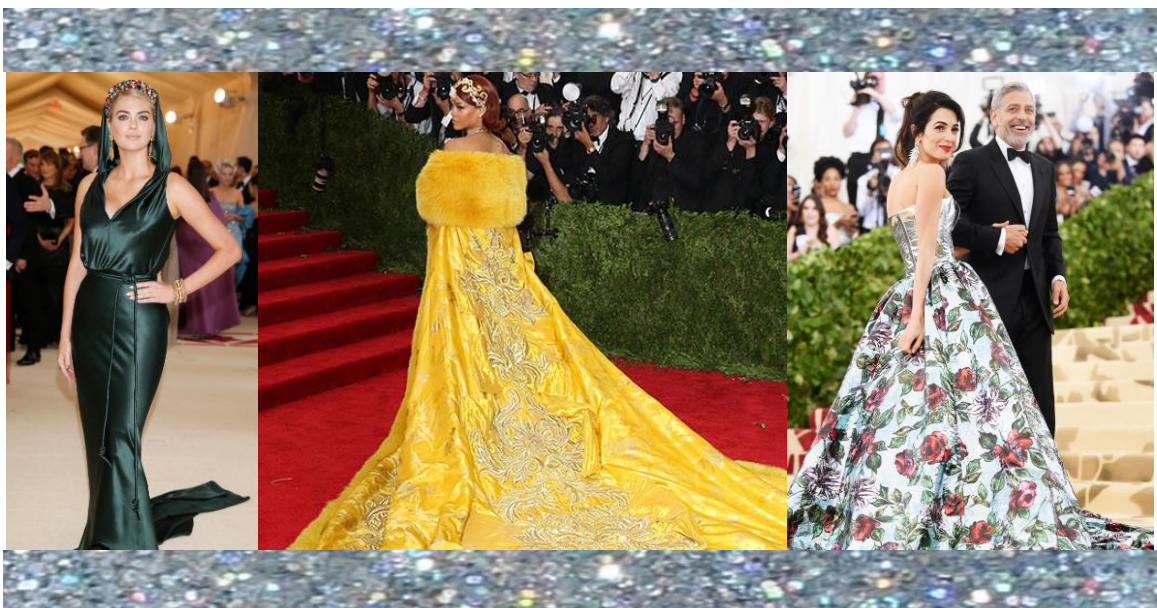
### **Theme**

The Theme of this years Ball is “*Met Gala*”, based on the New York Metropolitan Museum of Arts Gala Ball held every year. It is a very glamorous occasion featuring the famous faces of Music, Fashion, Theatre and Art. Students can be celebrities for the night, walk the red carpet and enjoy the theatre and glamour of a formal, fun evening.

You do not need to dress to the theme but it does influence our decoration of the Ballroom, the ticket design and photo booth outlines.

We look forward to hosting another special event for the seniors again in 2019!

Any queries regarding the Senior Ball can be directed to Mrs Kay Grant  
[kay.grant@taupocollege.ac.nz](mailto:kay.grant@taupocollege.ac.nz) 07 376 1100 ext 7846.



## Messages from the Office

### USE OF MOBILE PHONES

A reminder to students that mobile phones are not to be used during class unless authorized by the teacher.

First time – confiscated for the day – student to collect from the office at the end of the day

Second time – confiscated for the day – student to collect from the Dean.

Third time – confiscated for the day – parent/caregiver rung to collect at the end of the day

Please remind your child about the rules around mobile phone use, thank you.



### ATTENDANCE

All students are required to attend each day when the college is open. If students are to be away from school for short periods of leave or holiday, permission **must be obtained** by written application to the Principal at least two weeks prior.

Notification of daily absences can be made by telephoning the school on 376 1100 then press 1 to leave an absence message or emailed to: [attendance@taupocollege.ac.nz](mailto:attendance@taupocollege.ac.nz)



If a student arrives late to school a note or phone call from home is required. Students must sign in at the office. Should students need to leave the school during school hours they must have written permission from home which will be checked by a Dean.

Person(s) who are not listed on a student's file will not have access to information and/or pick up that student without prior permission from a caregiver or by arrangement.

### SCHOOL BELL TIMES

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:50am	Whanau Time	Period 1 8:50 - 10:20am		Period 1 8:50 - 10:20am	Whanau Time
9:10am	Period 1 9:10 - 10:40am		Period 1 9:10 - 10:40am		Period 1 9:10 - 10:40am
10:20am		Assembly 10:20 - 10:50am		Whanau 10:20 - 10:50am	
10:40am	Interval		Interval		Interval
10:50am		Interval		Interval	
11:20 - 12:50pm	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
12:50 - 1:40pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:40 - 3:10pm	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3

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## NCEA Announcement

On 13 May, the Minister of Education made a significant announcement around NCEA. The Minister's announcement had three major parts:

### What this means for students at Taupo-nui-a-Tia College

#### Fees

- NZQA will no longer be requiring fees from domestic students
- Students who have already paid NZQA fees in 2019 will have their school accounts credited.
- If you require further transfer of the funds please contact the school office (ph 376 1100).
- Fees paid prior to 2019 will not be refunded

#### NCEA Online

- NZQA has been progressively offering more opportunities for digital assessment as the impact of technology in learning and our everyday lives increases.
- 14 NCEA subjects will offer digital external assessments in 2019.
- If a student's teacher feels the subject has been taught in a manner where the student will benefit from a digital assessment, the student will be offered the choice of digital or paper assessments (if the subject is 1 of the 14).

#### NCEA Review

- The final changes will not be announced until November and at present details are not clear.
- The proposed timeline of changes is:

2020	Draft Level 1 Achievement Standards and Assessments
2021	Trialing and Revision of Level 1 Draft Level 2 Achievement Standards and Assessments
2022	Transition using old and new at Level 1 Trialing and Revision of Level 2 Draft Level 3 Achievement Standards and Assessments
2023	Level 1 Fully implemented Transition using old and new at Level 2 Trialing and Revision of Level 3
2024	Level 2 Fully implemented Transition using old and new at Level 3
2025	Level 3 Fully implemented

## Uniform

A reminder that you can now purchase uniform online using the School Shop Tab on the school website [www.taupocollege.ac.nz](http://www.taupocollege.ac.nz). When ordered the uniform can be collected from the Student Office.

The school has recently undergone a Uniform Review. From Term 4 uniform can be purchased online direct from our supplier Argyle Schoolwear via our website. Currently we have limited stock available at the Student Office to buy but we encourage families to make use of the online ordering service in the future.

Watch this space for more updates on the changes that are ahead for buying uniform.

### SCHOOL SHOES

A reminder that the school regulations for shoes are as follows:

- Black lace-up school style shoes that can be polished.
- This excludes sneaker/skater/sports/canvas/ ballet/leisure/casual/converse style shoes.
- Black roman sandals with heel strap in place, black 'Rugged Shark' or 'Lynx' sandals with heel strap in place. **No** jandals.
- Boys can wear slip-on business style shoes.
- Girls can wear 'Mary-Jane' style shoes.
- **NO EXCEPTIONS.**



### JACKETS/COATS

During terms 2 and 3 only, a plain black weather proof, puffer or rain jacket is permissible as an additional layer to the polar fleece or woolen jersey, not instead of school uniform. It should not have stripes, markings, emblems or logos. The jacket cannot be worn in class.



Pathways Connect is a Programme organised by Taupo Pathways which is designed to connect young people, educators and employers.

**Year 11 students will be visiting workplaces on one of the following days. Parents of Year 11 students will receive a letter with details.**

**Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th June 1:00-3:00pm**

#### WHAT CAN THEY EXPECT TO LEARN?

- Have a greater understanding of employer expectations, workplace culture and career pathways in the sector they visit.
- See how what they learn at school is used in the workplace.
- Be better equipped to make informed decisions about their future career paths.
- Learn about the skills and qualifications they need to get their dream job.



**Inspiring our young people**



## Online Course Information and Option Selection

Increasingly, the school website is becoming the central hub for all college information. We are continually working towards improving its functionality. Most whānau would have used the website to book whānau interviews and to recently review reports. As we move into the latter half of Term Two, we will be publishing another set of reports as well as moving our course booklet and course selection online. The benefit of moving away from paper is the dynamic nature of an online presence. As a school, we frequently review and update our school and classroom curriculum and we require a platform that can reflect these changes throughout the year.

Online course selection via the website will enable students to view all courses available within the college, giving access to:

- career pathways and links to work ready links
- review subject prerequisites and corequisites
- identify assessment requirements and dates for each course.

Having this information available for a longer period of time, will enable students to make informed decisions and discuss their future pathways with whānau, who will also have access to the online information. We are working towards course information and online selection being available in the latter half of this term.

Once students have made decisions on their future pathways, and relevant subjects that will lead to academic success, students can make and alter their choices as many times as they would like up to the middle of September. To access course information, whānau and students can log in via the lock symbol on the left of the website landing page, which will lead to your dashboard. The 'option selection' button will open a new tab on your screen giving you numerous options to view.

- **Courses/Faculties:** will open all available options filtered by faculty. Subjects within the faculty's tabs are split in two. At the top of the screen, are year group relevant options and the course below show all subjects within that faculty. Once course selection is open, students and whānau will be able to select relevant subjects from this area.
- **Courses/My Course:** once subjects have been selected, a timetable will build up in this area. Students will be able to edit course selections up to the middle of September.
- **Courses/Course for me:** shows all year and level relevant course in a large grid.
- Whilst in this area of the website, you could also investigate 'my learning pathway' to set personal termly goals and track your progress. 'My assessments' is a work in progress for 2020. This area will show students approximate assessment dates for current timetabled courses.

## Homestay Families Needed

With our increasing number of International students, we are looking to grow our database of host families to ensure we have a selection to best match a student with a family.

We are looking for welcoming homes and families that would love to host a student and experience a different culture.

The homestay family allowance is \$230.00 per week.

For more information please get in touch with us:

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# 2019 TAUPO SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

ANNUAL FAMILY PASS SPECIAL



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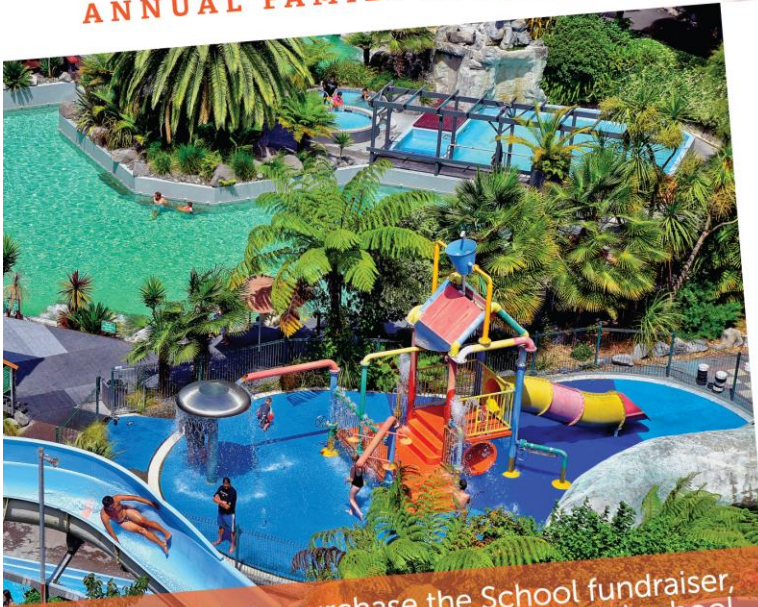
is offering your family a 12 month family pass for ONLY \$215. Not only do you save \$105 off the normal \$320 price, but \$10 will be donated to your child's school when you present this flyer at Taupo DeBretts Pool Reception.

Access includes Main Pools, Private pools, Cold Pools and Spa Pools (valid for 2 Adults and up to 4 Children under the age of 18).

Hydro slides are additional.

Offer Valid 1st of May - 31st of July 2019

**NO EXTENSIONS**



To be eligible to purchase the School fundraiser, you must have children attending a local school

Nominate your SCHOOL >>>



Peter Moyle, Principal, Head Students and Student Leaders from our college attended the recent Anzac Day service and presented a wreath on behalf of our college.

Hanna Kilmister delivered the speech shared below with the theme of “relevance of the RSA today”. Well done Hanna.

### ***The Relevance of the RSA in today's society***

*New Zealand's armed forces have contributed to many conflicts and peace-keeping efforts around the world. Men and women have left our shores to do their duty in New Zealand's military operations. Many didn't and don't return. The New Zealand Returned and Services Association was formed in 1916 by returning soldiers from the Gallipoli campaign, recognising a need to welcome and provide care for returning soldiers and honour those who were lost. New Zealand currently has 182 local RSA's, with a significantly large figure of 102,000 current members, making it still relevant in today's society.*

*RSA's are essential, they provide services and support to the men, women and their families who have contributed towards resolving New Zealand's conflicts. As a small country, on a per capita basis, we have lost many overseas. These losses are marked by crosses in war memorials across New Zealand and in other countries. However, we must not forget the overwhelming majority who returned home from war and operational deployments.*

*The RSA organisation plays a significant part in our history. In 1922 the RSA introduced Poppy day. The poppy is our national symbol for remembrance, and volunteers sell millions in exchange for donations which will be used to contribute towards the welfare needs of our soldiers. These traditions still continue today as well as our own ANZAC day which occurs once a year on this day the 25th of April. It's a time when we commemorate the fallen, those who have served, and those who have made a sacrifice to make our world a better, more peaceful and tolerant place.*

*Without the RSA, who would support our service personnel and their families in need? In our own history, the government and the public haven't always been supportive of the returned. So it's up to New Zealanders to determine the future of the RSA and its place in society. How do **we** want to support those men and women who have served their nation? How do **we** want to remember those who did not return? And ultimately, how do **we** want to shape the future of our country and the role the RSA plays?*

*The Great War was seen as the beginning of New Zealand's identity as a nation. We must remember those who came home but for many it's a struggle to leave the wars and conflicts behind. RSAs take care of wounded men and women and those who suffer physically and psychologically. Their relevance is as important today as it has ever been.*

*We must continue to remember the fallen comrades and the conflicts in which our service men and women have partaken and which, tragically, we have lost so many valuable lives. 'No greater love has any man than he lay down his life for his country'*

***We will remember them.***



**Hanna Kilmister, Year 12**

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# Shakespeare Festival

## Our Will is Strong TNT makes the Shakespeare Festival Nationals again

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College hosted the South Waikato Regionals of the SGCNZ UOSW Shakespeare Festival for the fifth year in a row on Sunday 7 April.

It was an amazing afternoon where college talent from around Taupo and across the region fretted “their hour upon the stage” in style.

Awhimai Fraser of *Shortland Street* and *Ahikaaroa* fame, along with Modern Maori Quartet founder and member, James Tito (who is also a Toi Whakaari trained actor who has performed on the Globe stage in London), took time off between filming and performing to come down to adjudicate.

Our college entered two 15 minute extracts and two 5 minute entries and took home a stack of awards. The full results are as follows:

PRIZE	PLAY	STUDENT	SCHOOL
Best Slapstick	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Max Lyons	Taupo-nui-a-Tia
Best Costume	<i>Two Noble Kinsmen</i>		Taupo-nui-a-Tia
Most Energetic Performance	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Loek Johnston	Taupo-nui-a-Tia
Best Fight Scene	<i>Antony &amp; Cleopatra</i>	Jessie Read-Hatch	Taupo-nui-a-Tia
Best Cross-Dresser	<i>Much Ado About Nothing</i>	Clayton Littlewood	Taupo-nui-a-Tia
Best Comedy	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>		Taupo-nui-a-Tia
Best Tragedy	<i>Hamlet</i>		Tauhara
Most Original Play-choice	<i>The Winter's Tale</i>		Matamata
Most Original Interpretation	<i>Much Ado About Nothing</i>		Taupo-nui-a-Tia
TNT Award for practicing Cornerstone Values			Matamata
<b>2nd place 15 minute scene</b>	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>		Taupo-nui-a-Tia
<b>2nd place 5 minute scene</b>	<i>Much Ado About Nothing</i>		Taupo-nui-a-Tia
<b>Going to SGCNZ UOSW National Shakespeare Festival - to represent South Waikato in Wellington at Queen's Birthday Weekend</b>			
<b>Best 15 Minute scene</b>	<i>Two Noble Kinsmen</i>		Taupo-nui-a-Tia
<b>Best 5 Minute scene</b>	<i>Antony &amp; Cleopatra</i>		Taupo-nui-a-Tia
<b>Direct Entry to Nssp</b>	<i>Hamlet</i>	Patrick Steadman-Harper	Tauhara

# Shakespeare Festival



## Seay Earthmovers Limited – Sports Pages

### Sportswrap by Simone Stewart, Sports Coordinator

#### Summer Tournament Week

We had many students travel away during the national summer tournament week. This was successful week with our students representing the school well, and once again we had students achieving highly. We had our usual high performers, but it is also exciting to see several students taking the opportunity to consolidate their learnings and training at their first ever national event.

We had students competing in volleyball, sailing, waka ama, rowing, triathlon, athletics and mountain biking. Highlights from the week were:

#### NZSS Triathlon Champs

Ivan Abele 2<sup>nd</sup> u16 Boys Individual Triathlon  
 Ben Raven 4<sup>th</sup> u16 Boys Individual Triathlon  
 Ivan Abele, Hannah Howell, Sophie Howell, Ben Raven  
 3<sup>rd</sup> u19 Mixed Team Tag Triathlon

#### NISS Mountain Bike Champs

Coen Nicol 2<sup>nd</sup> u15 Boys XC  
 Sean Onishi 3<sup>rd</sup> u16 Boys XC  
 James Officer 4<sup>th</sup> u16 Boys XC  
 Corban Nicol 4<sup>th</sup> u20 Boys XC  
 Coen Nicol, James Officer, Sean Onishi  
 1<sup>st</sup> u16 Boys XC Relay  
 Joep Lenoir, Corban Nicol, Sammie Maxwell (Tauhara)  
 1<sup>st</sup> u20 Mixed XC Relay



#### NISS Athletics Champs

Mia Robinson 2<sup>nd</sup> Intermediate Girls Javelin  
 Jonathan Lewai 2<sup>nd</sup> = Senior Boys Long Jump  
 4<sup>th</sup> Senior Boys Triple Jump  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior Boys 4x100m relay (Waikato Team)

#### Swimming Sports

Our annual school swimming sports day was held at AC Baths recently, and while we lacked the big participation numbers of previous years this was well-and-truly made up for with enthusiasm and spirit on the day. We had plenty on offer for our not-so-serious swimmers from the standard bomb, salmon dive, and belly-flop competitions to smallest splash, longest dive, and fun relays – there was plenty going on for everyone to get involved.

Our more competitive swimmers demonstrated their skills in the longer distance races, and we even have a new school record set by Nathan Rowland in the 50m Breaststroke for Year 11 Boys.

Congratulations to everyone who took part and made the day a fun experience for all. A big 'thank you' to the parents and volunteers who gave up a day to come and help with running the event.

#### Swimming

Our more serious swimmers recently competed in the Bay of Plenty Secondary School Champs in Tauranga. We achieved some solid results at the event with individual placings for Hannah Howell and Cuda Tawhai, as well as placings for our teams in relay events.

Cuda was our only swimmer to travel to Manawatu for the North island Secondary School Swim Champs where he achieved some good times. Hopefully we have more numbers attending the national champs later this year in Hamilton where we have traditionally done well.

### Mountain Biking

Our Mountain Bikers continued their form from the North Island Champs into the Waikato / BOP Secondary Schools Champs at the Te Miro Mountain Bike park. In rather large fields of competitors our riders stood out once again.

Coen Nicol	1 <sup>st</sup> u15 Boys XC
Mia Cameron	1 <sup>st</sup> u16 Girls XC
Sean Onishi	1 <sup>st</sup> u17 Boys XC
Corban Nicol	1 <sup>st</sup> u19 Boys XC
James Officer	2 <sup>nd</sup> u17 Boys XC
Josh Wigram	8 <sup>th</sup> u15 Boys XC



### Cross Country

Congratulations to Cullern and Casey Thorby who recently raced in the BOP Secondary Schools Cross Country event in Tauranga. Casey came away with 1<sup>st</sup> place in the U16 Boys race. All the best for the upcoming Waikato Champs.



## WINTER CODES UPDATE

### Rugby

The rugby season is well and truly underway with a combined team and a Girls team competing in the Bay of Plenty competition. Our 1<sup>st</sup> XV have started their season strongly with two wins from three matches, and the high standards set within the team have created a cohesive unit with a huge amount of potential.

Our u15 team have had a slower start to the season against some tough opposition but have shown some good signs of what they can achieve. The Taupo-nui-a-Tia u14 team have one win from their two opening grading games, the Taupo Combined team have started their season with a couple of large wins.

Our Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XV have had two losses, but for a young team have shown some impressive skills and resilience against two well-drilled teams, Tauranga Girls and Litton High School. The girls have been training hard, so I'm certain the wins are coming.

Thank you to Ali Haulage for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV T-shirts, and Hard As Rocks for the u14 Jackets. The boys are looking smart.

### Netball

We are five games into the netball season, and our teams are performing well to date. Our young Premiers team have had three wins from their five matches, and both our Academy and Development team are sitting on four wins to date. Impressively our Year 9 Red team have had five good wins from five games.

Our Premier team, in addition to their 2 trainings per week and Saturday games, also travel to Hamilton every Monday night for matches in their secondary school competition. This is a great opportunity for our girls to play more high school teams in preparation for their tournament in September. A huge thank you to our coaches and umpires for time they donate to our girls; and a special mention to Year 11 student Rhea Paalvast who not only plays in our Academy team but also umpires our Premier Girls every Saturday – you are doing an awesome job!

Thank you to Jess Gordine of Property Brokers for the Premier warm-up tops.

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### Hockey

Hockey kicked off for all our teams this term in the BOP secondary school competition. Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI Boys team are off to a great start with two wins from two matches, while the girls have one win, one draw, and one loss. Mixed results from our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Girls and Boys teams, and our Boys Development team have had three big wins from their three games.

### Football

Our u14 and u16 boys have begun their seasons strongly with both teams on 100%-win records to date. Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI Boys playing in the Baywide Youth league have two wins from three games, and the Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XI one win in their only game to date. Both our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Girls teams are playing in the Wednesday Rotorua/Taupo league, with the TNT 1 team sitting pretty with three wins from three matches, and the TNT 2 teams winning one from two to date.



### Rural Interschools Sports Day

Late last term, Sport Bay of Plenty held a one-off sports day for rural schools from our region. 20 students from each school took part in Ki-o-rahi, lawn bowls, ultimate frisbee, lacrosse and several other growing sports. The day was awesome and gave our junior students the opportunity to mix and mingle with Year 13's and vice-versa, particularly students who are not currently heavily involved in sport.

The focus of the day is most definitely having fun, with some healthy competition and banter thrown in. Te Kura o Hirangi took the inaugural title with Taupo-nui-a-Tia College a close second. The day was a fantastic success and all the schools are already excited for next year.



### Coming Up

Coming up later in the term we will be running our annual school cross country event.

While our winter team sports are continuing, there are also plenty of opportunities for students to get involved in individual events – badminton, squash, cycling, gym-sports, and snow-sports. Call past the sports office if you're interested in any of these codes and want to get involved.

We are also hosting a sports leadership workshop for Year 9 and 10 students on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. This is targeted at students who wish to take a leadership role in their teams or get involved in sports volunteer roles like coaching and officiating. This workshop will be facilitated by the Waikato Institute of Sport and Leisure. If you're interested, register your details with the sports coordinator.

**Simone Stewart, Sports Coordinator**



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