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Tena Koutou katoa

With term two coming to an end it is timely to reflect on all the positive activities and events that have taken place during this time. I have bullet pointed just a few of the events that come to mind:

- Academic Achievement – It is heartening to note that the majority of our students are focused in class and are committed to achieving NCEA.
- The Senior Ball – A wonderful evening that was enjoyed by all. Our students looked superb and acted equally as well. The organisers can be proud of the evening.
- Sheila Winn Shakespeare Nationals – The Taupo-nui-a-Tia College team travelled to Wellington and came away with a range of awards including: Outstanding Stage Combat Award - Tanirau Harrison and Jessie Read-Hatch. KAM Talent Actor Contract – for The Two Noble Kinsmen - Xenon Messenger. The Bit Park Player who best Supports Other Players Award - Siaosi Tiueti – Bodyguard in Antony and Cleopatra. Student Director Award – Atarua Doig, Olivia Hilton, Jarrod Lewis.
- Music – Our chamber music groups did exceptionally well at the Bay of Plenty Chamber Music competition held recently. The Glutes received a prestigious Highly Commended award along with the KBB award for their performance of Richard Paull's composition called Different

Shades of Summer. On guitar: John Gidlow, Samantha Jones, on flute: Mia Bohan and Molly Wyatt. Tutored by Jo Paull.

- Kapa Haka group (Te Awhiorangi) – This is a very young group this year (average age 14.4yrs old) but they have represented their school with pride drawing lots of praise whenever they have performed this term. They are currently practicing long hours for the regional Kapa Haka competition in Rotorua.
- School Sport - Throughout the term I have witnessed our top sports teams through to our social sports teams playing for their college with pride and determination. Worthy of mention are the equestrian team who are beating some of the best teams in the country.
- Cornerstone Values – I have been heartened to see our students model our Cornerstone values. This term the focus has been on "Consideration and Concern for Others" and their response to the Christchurch shooting was both heartfelt and genuine.
- Spirit Week – This has become an institution over the last two decades and our students are busy organising this year's event. The aim of Spirit Week is to foster school spirit, to encourage students from different year groups to work together and to bring our community together to share a good laugh!

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Cornerstone Values

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

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College



Calendar – Week 10 Term 2 – Week 4 Term 3

July			
Mon	1	<p>SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.50AM EVERY DAY THIS WEEK.</p> <p>Y9 Junior Leaders Day – Waikato.</p> <p>5pm - Board of Trustees Meeting.</p> <p>SPiRiT WEEK</p> <p>SPiRiT WEEK</p> <p>SPiRiT WEEK</p> <p>Kapa Haka Regionals – Rotorua.</p> <p>Last day of Term 2.</p>	<p>Week 10 (red)</p>
Tues	2		
Wed	3		
Thurs	4		
Fri	5		
July			
Mon	22	<p>First Day of Term 3</p> <p>11SOE 1 – Tramp and Camp.</p> <p>11SOE 1 – Tramp and Camp.</p> <p>11SOE 2 – Tramp and Camp.</p> <p>11SOE 2 – Tramp and Camp.</p>	<p>Week 1 (green)</p>
Tues	23		
Wed	24		
Thurs	25		
Fri	26		
Mon	29	<p>11SOE 3 – Tramp and Camp.</p> <p>Science Testing.</p> <p>11SOE 3 – Tramp and Camp.</p> <p>Science Testing.</p> <p>Sports Photos.</p> <p>Science Testing.</p>	<p>Week 2 (red)</p>
Tues	30		
Wed	31		
August			
Thurs	1	<p>11SOE 4 – Tramp and Camp.</p> <p>Science Testing.</p> <p>11SOE 4 – Tramp and Camp.</p> <p>Y12 Tourism Trip - Waitomo Caves.</p> <p>Science Testing.</p> <p>Assessment Week Student Timetables Published.</p>	
Fri	2		
Mon	5	<p>PEACE WEEK.</p> <p>10ODE – Group 1 – Ski.</p> <p>Y13 Engineering – Health & Safety Course.</p> <p>10ODE – Group 2 – Ski.</p> <p>Y13 Engineering – Health & Safety Course.</p> <p>10ODE – Group 3 – Ski.</p> <p>Taupo Regional Dance NZ Made – Solo.</p> <p>Clay Target – Putaruru.</p> <p>10ODER1 – Snow Survival.</p> <p>Taupo Regional Dance NZ Made – Groups.</p> <p>BOP Junior Badminton – Tauranga.</p> <p>Boys Hockey – Bethlehem.</p> <p>11th – NZSS Duathlon – Auckland.</p>	<p>Week 3 (green)</p>
Tues	6		
Wed	7		
Thurs	8		
Fri	9		
Sat			
Mon	12	<p>NZSSS Swim Champs.</p> <p>5pm - Board of Trustees Meeting.</p> <p>SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK.</p> <p>10ODER2 – Snow Survival.</p>	<p>Week 4 (red)</p>
Tues	13		
Wed	14		
Thurs	15		
Fri	16		

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Mobile phones were a topic of a recent staff meeting. Considering the fact a number of schools have banned them from school, I thought it is something worthy of discussion in our community. Staff were asked to identify the advantages and disadvantages of having phones both in class and in the playground. The advantages centered around devices being used as a learning tool along with more mundane uses such as a calculator, dictionary or calendar. The disadvantages however far outweighed the advantages with "causing distraction in class" at the top of the list. Other points raised were that they have the potential for cyberbullying, they are addictive, they cause antisocial behaviour at lunchtime and can cause health issues. I would welcome your thoughts on this issue because if we considered a ban or some sort of blocking application we would need your support. It is worth noting that schools that have banned phones have listed a number of positive consequences and have not regretted it.

Chris Marshall leaves at the end of this term to take up a journalism job. Chris has taught at the college for 14 years and as well as being an accomplished English teacher he has helped develop Volleyball in the school, tutored and supported music in the school and been the editor for the school magazine. Chris is also volunteered his services to recycling waste generated by the college. I wish him well for the future. Also leaving is April Heath. April has made a positive impact as an Outdoors Education Teacher and we will miss her expertise and passion for the outdoors that she has readily shared with students and staff alike.

I would like to thank the members of the Taupo-nui-a-Tia College Board that are stepping down from their duties having served three years. Matt Jensen has been an enthusiastic member of the board who was around the board table for the right reason – that being for the betterment of the college. Likewise, Sue Maclean brought a lot of expertise to the group and always ensured the boards systems and procedures were up to date. We are fortunate to have Lorraine Kerr re-elected back onto the board - she has a wealth of knowledge regarding school governance. We look forward to welcoming new members Karl Bishop and Richard Boyd.

Peter Moyle
Principal

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 3 is **Respect** which is defined as:

"Willingness to treat with courtesy; to hold in high regard; to honour; to care about yourself and others."

- Treat everyone you meet as if they were the most important person in the world.
- Make the most of yourself for that is all there is of you.
- Respectful behaviour is the oil that keeps a class working well.
- If you want to be respected, you must respect yourself.
- Treat others the way you would want to be treated.
- Respect the right to be listened to, learn and be safe in our classrooms.

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

Zenith

Congratulations to Brianna Partelow and Kate Smith for obtaining Level 2 and Quentin Livingstone, Ashlee Stevens and Suzy Kilmister for obtaining Level 1 in the Zenith Programme this term.

Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to Matthew Stokes who has gained a Silver award this term.

Bay Trust Centre Clinic Times

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

Road Safety Reminder

The traffic flow on Spa Road has increased significantly over the last few years. That is why we need your help in ensuring our students enter and leave the school safely.

Some potential hazards include:

- **Parents double parking on Spa Road and obscuring the view of traffic leaving the school** – we encourage you to use the drop off bay accessed through Gate 1.
- **Parents parking outside Waiora House at the start and end of the school day** – students are running across Spa Road to and from Gate 2.
- **Parents parking on Waikato Street across from the buses** – students are walking between parked buses to cross the road.



Obviously, we continually remind students and we police these areas to the best of our ability, but your cooperation with the areas identified above would eliminate these problems. Thank you.



Senior Ball 2019

Thank you to the Senior Ball Committee members, staff and students who helped make our Ball fabulous!! The behaviour was exceptionally good and you all looked wonderful. It was a glamorous and fun-filled evening. We would also like to say a huge thank you to the following sponsors who helped make the evening a wonderful success:

Skin Sanctuary, Crème Brulee, Lisa's Barber Shop, Geneive Hair Quarters, Hilltop Hair Design, Diamond Laser Medispa, Colour and Claws, The Bay Bar and Brasserie, Café Baku and Vine Eatery and Bar, Lonestar, Dixie Browns, L'Arte Café and Gallery, The Cozy Corner, Finetic, B Jammin, Albert Pointons, Ernest Kemp, GigiBell Boutique and Farmers. Special thanks to Hayley Whittaker for arrival photography, Yum Food Catering, SMK Food Truck, Sally and the team at Bloomin Flowers, Senjo Security, Tracey and her team at Taupo Hire, and the Great Lake Centre staff.

Senior Ball Awards

King – Max Lyons

Queen – Mia Bohan

Prince – Johnny Lewai

Princess – Hanna Kilmister

Bachelor – Lachlan Logan

Bachelorette – Dylan-Nicole January-Allison

Cutest Couple Y12 – Johnny Lewai and Paige Halliday

Cutest Couple Y13 – Hohua Aramoana and Samantha Jones

Best Dressed Female – Ayla Yeoman

Best Dressed Male – Hayden Fraser

Avant Garde Female – Nathalia Sherrock

Avant Garde Male – Raureti Ormond

Best Whip – Max Lyons and Hannah Howell

Best Dancer – Siaosi Tiueti

Photo Hog – Tyla Schaw

All Rounder – Fergus McClellan



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.



PAYMENT OF SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

We have a solution for you! Did you know that paying as little \$5.00 per week via Automatic Payment can reduce your child's school account by \$260.00 per year. We appreciate the hardship a lot of families are experiencing and we want to limit the financial pressure by offering this service without compromising your child's education or participation in future school activities. PLEASE give this some serious thought. We are here to help you and your child. An Automatic Payment form is available from the school office or email sarah.walker@taupocollege.ac.nz.

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 or leaving school grounds without signing out.

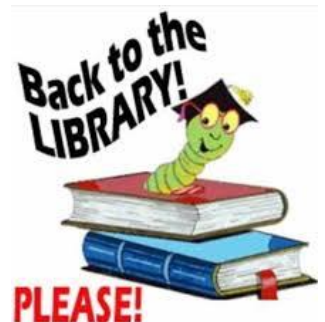
SCHOOL BELL TIMES

	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

MISSING LIBRARY AND TEXT BOOKS – The search is on!

A big plea to all parents and students. Please, please would you return overdue textbooks and library books. We have noticed, recently that paying for them seems to be an easier option than searching for them. When books are replaced this can sometimes take months as they are not always in stock at the publishers and they have to be sourced from overseas and sometimes unfortunately they are just out of print and we are not able to replace them.

Returning the books to school is the preferred option ... so search your cupboards, search under car seats, search in your laundry baskets, under the couch, under the bed, behind your bookshelves anywhere you think the books may be. Thank you



A reminder that you can now purchase uniform online using the School Shop Tab on the school website 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.

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Geography Field Trips

The 13 Geography class spent an exciting day undertaking geographic research at selected rivers along the shores of the lake. Collecting data about the river characteristics and the river mouth landforms will all go towards the internal assessment they are currently completing. Nothing beats getting out into our environment and seeing geography in action!



Year 11 Geography class Trip to Buried Village and walking the Waimangu Valley to look at impacts of Tarawera eruption.





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

Gateway Update

Girls with Hi-Vis

This month through our Gateway programme we were invited to take a group of students along to Contact Energy's Wairakei Power Station to participate in 'Girls with Hi-Vis'.

Girls with Hi-Vis® is an annual event organised through Connexis which allows young women to get a hands-on experience of the Infrastructure industry. Students are encouraged to check out how the Civil, Energy, Telco and Water industries work and be inspired to join the industry!

The students had the opportunity to tour the plant, take part in practical activities and more importantly get to talk directly to those involved in the differing job roles. It was a great chance to see the many diverse roles available in a large company of this nature, what attributes are looked for and the future pathways available. Amazing Gateway opportunities here!



Health Presentations Rotorua Hospital

We are fortunate to be taking part again in the Health presentations provided by Rotorua hospital. These days are incredibly useful to any student interested in pursuing a medical pathway. Each presentation provides students the chance to ask questions to staff both trained and in training in an informal setting.

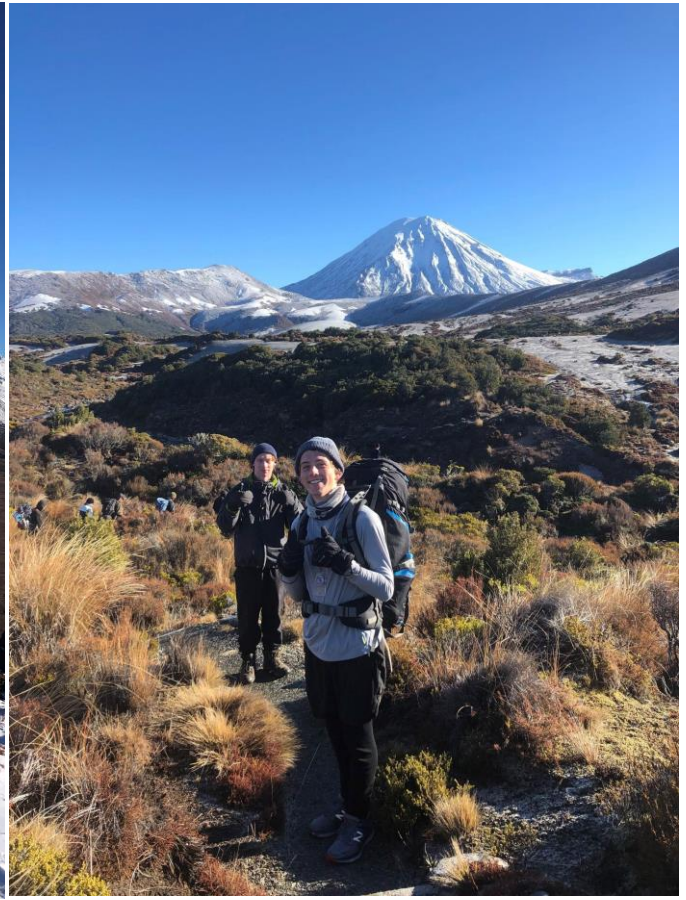
Gateway opportunities

We have many opportunities available for year 11-13 students to try out possible career paths, gain valuable employability skills and relationships with local businesses. We encourage you to make the most of this programme and if this is something you would be interested in finding out more about, please see Mrs Grant or Rachel at the Gateway office.

A sincere thank you to all our Gateway employers who consistently provide fantastic on the job learning and support to our students:

- Hayter Precision Metalworks
- Number One Shoes
- The Pet Shop Taupo
- Vetora
- CJ Fisher Ltd
- Skin Sanctuary Day Spa
- PGG Wrightson Realty
- Four Seasons Kindergarten
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- Oakleaf Café
- Mainland Engineering & Services
- Landcorp
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- Mathai Dental
- Lakefun Taupo
- Taupo Primary School
- Taupo Automotive Repairs and Servicing
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- Laser Electrical
- TransDiesel Taupo
- Wairakei Resort
- Taupo Childrens Corner
- Tech Central
- Mancraft Barbers
- Legend
- AB Equipment Taupo
- Huka Honda
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- Taupo Harbour Master
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Year 13 ODL Tramp





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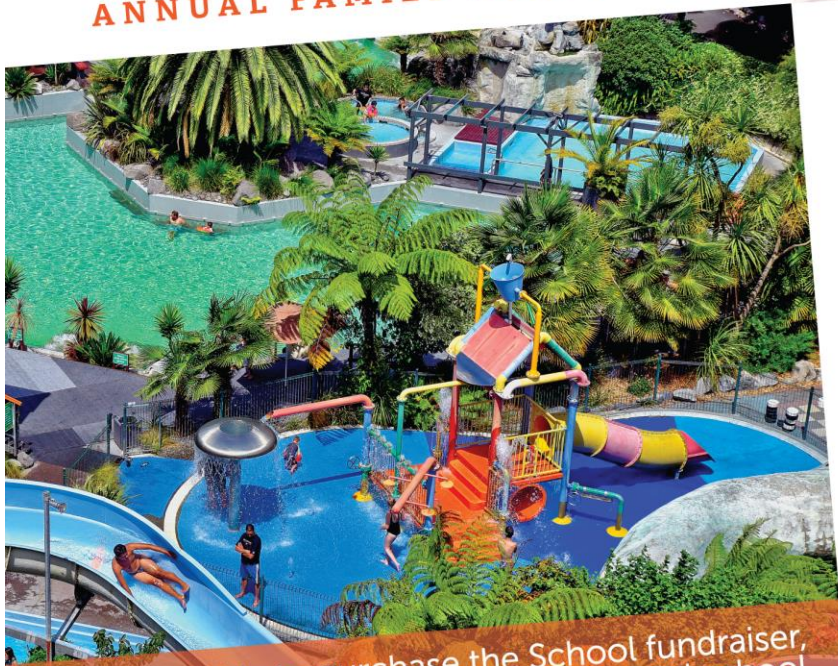
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Manu Korero – Te Arawa Regionals

Manu Korero Placings for Te Arawa Regionals held Wednesday 5 June 2019 at Toi Ohomai Rotorua.

Pei Te Hurinui Jones - Senior Maaori - 12 minutes

Skylah Peneha: Prepared Speech 3rd
Impromptu Speech 5th
Overall Placing 4th

Korimako - Senior English - 6 minutes

Katiana Ngata: Prepared Speech 2nd
Impromptu Speech 4th
Overall Placing 4th

Te Raawhiti Ihaka - Junior Maaori 12 minutes

Libby Gordon: Prepared Speech 5th

Turi Carroll - Junior English 6 minutes

Charles Baker: Prepared Speech 4th



Music Faculty Update

CHAMBER MUSIC

Five groups entered into the Bay of Plenty regional competitions of Chamber Music New Zealand held in Mt Maunganui. We were fortunate to be able to work with a tutor from Chamber Music NZ and all the groups played very well. There is a lot of potential amongst the junior players in the college and we look forward to future years.

The Glutes received a prestigious Highly Commended Award along with the KBB award for their performance of Richard Paull's composition called Different Shades of Summer. On guitar: John Gidlow, Samantha Jones, on flute: Mia Bohan and Molly Wyatt. Tutored by Jo Paull.



ROCKQUEST

Three bands from this school entered and M.O.M. (Men of Misfitz) were selected to go through to the regional finals. This is a new band of Year 12 students mentored by Ashley Pirie. Clayton Littlewood, Armstrong Turner, Clay Drysdale and Loek Johnston exploded onto the stage and did a fantastic job.



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.



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Kiwi Adventure Tours – Peter Wilkinson
Hynds Pipe Systems – Darryl Watson
Contact Energy – Roseanne Jollands

Sportswrap by Simone Stewart, Sports Coordinator

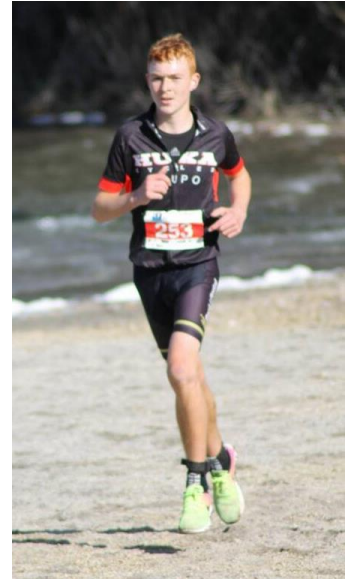
Multisport

We had some outstanding results at the recent NZSS Multisport Championships at Lake Tikitapu. Multisport is one of the fastest growing sports in the youth space combining trail running, mountain biking, and kayaking or stand-up paddle boarding. Hannah Howell returned to the event for the second year and repeated her 2018 feats taking out the girls under-19 title.

Corban Nicol, a quality mountain biker, competed in the boys under-19 race and took home the silver medal.

Six members of our junior adventure racing team made a last-minute decision to compete in the team's division with an open (under-19) division 2nd and 4th placing (both taking top honours in the under-16 mixed and female categories).

Additionally, in the 30km Enduro mountain bike event at the same festival, Coen Nicol took out the overall title ahead of 57 other competitors.



Waka Ama

Taylor Blackmore (TNT) & Mihi Pitiroi (TKK o Whakarewa ki Tuwharetoa) finishing their 10km race in 59 minutes at Lake Tarawera Regatta on Saturday 8 June.



Cross Country

Following his gold medal race at the BOPSS Cross Country, Casey Thorby competed in the Waikato BOP Champs placing 3rd overall in the under-16 boys' race.

Casey then competed in the NZSS Champs in Timaru where he placed 21st in a field of 120 competitors. Showing true grit, Casey lost a shoe in the first kilometre and completed the final three kilometres in one shoe.

Casey was the second runner in the Waikato team for the 5-man regional relays where his team collected the silver medal.

Rock Climbing

We have a competitive group of rock climbers attending our school who we only see in action in school colours once a year. I had the privilege of taking the students to the awesome Rocktopia facility at Mount Maunganui for the BOP Champs recently where these students got to put all their hours of practice to good use.

Seay Earthmovers Limited – Sports Pages

Netball

We have recently entered Round 2 of the Saturday netball league. After the first round, our Premier team were sitting middle of the table in the A Champ Division and remain in this grade for the second round of play.

The Academy team lost one game of their first seven matches so finished in 2nd position on the table in the A Reserve grade. Also placing 2nd in their division were the Year 9 Red and Development teams, with one and two losses respectively.

Our Premier girls also took part in the Hamilton secondary school league on a Monday night over six weeks. While not always getting the results they wanted, their coach noted the experience was a fantastic tool for developing individual players and team cohesion as the girls start building towards UNISS in September.

Rugby

Our 1st XV Boys have made a fantastic start Round 2 after their promotion to Division 1 in the 1st XV Competition. A first up loss has been followed up by a good win over Rotorua Boys High 3rd XV and hard-fought 2-point victory over Aquinas College.

The U15 Boys are playing Championship division and bounced back from their first-round loss to Te Puke to post a good 5-point win over Reporoa.

In the U14 Premier Division both the Taupo Combined and TNT teams logged first round wins over strong Tauranga Boys College teams. Round two was a local derby with the two sides playing each other in a close contest. The TNT team came away with the win, but watch this space come semi-finals time for potentially another match-up.

Our girls team earned their first win a few weeks ago against a physical Te Puke 1st XV, this was followed by a loss to a very strong Rotorua Girls side. The girls now look to Round 2 but have a tough draw with mostly away matches.



Football

After 6 rounds (5 games) of football, the TNT 1st XI team are sitting in third place on the WAIBOP Baywide Division 1 ladder with 3 wins, 1 loss and 1 draw against 2nd placed Trident High School. The boys have a tough match this weekend against table leaders Aquinas and will be looking for a couple of wins in their following matches as they look to finish the round near the top of the table.

Our 1st XI Girls are sitting top of the table in the WAIBOP Baywide Division 2 competition with 4 wins from 4 matches, and an impressive goal differential of +23. The commitment shown by the girls to all things football this season as they edge nearer to their Australian tour, is paying dividends in the local competition with the girls improving every game.

The TNT U16 team are currently sitting middle of the table after 5 matches, with 2 wins, 2 losses, and a draw.

In the Wednesday afternoon girls league, both our TNT1 and TNT2 teams have been posting good results often in average weather conditions. The TNT1 team is sitting at the top of the table while our TNT2 team is in the top-half, a great start to the season for a bunch of social players many of whom haven't played before.

Hockey

In the BOP Secondary School League our 1st XI Boys finished second on the table after the 1st round. They unfortunately went down by one point to a tough John Paul College Team in the semifinal last night and will play off for 3rd and 4th next week before moving into a Midlands competition in the lead up with national tournament. Corban Nicol was the top scorer in the competition with 10 goals, with Tim Greenwood and Jaydyn Puha not far behind.

The Girls 1st XI finished the first round of competition with 1 win, 2 losses, and 2 draws – all very close matches. This put them in the position to play off for 5th and 6th against Trident High School where they won 3-0 to finish the first round in 5th. Like the boys, the girls will now move into a Midlands competition to build towards their tournament in September.

Our 2nd XI Boys finished 4th in the Division 2 competition, with our 2nd XI Girls doing the equivalent in the girls' competition. In the Division 3 boys' competition, our mixed Development team finished the regular season in second place and played off against the much more experienced Western Heights 2nd XI team for the top spot in the final, going down 3-nil but happy with their 2nd place in the competition. Well done to Samuel McKay who was second place on the top scorers list for the season, with 17 goals.



Volunteers

This week is national volunteers' week. We are fortunate to have a number of staff, parents, and students who put their hand up to help with our sports programmes. It is never an easy task, and there is so much more to it than turning up for practices and games – some would liken it to herding cats at times. I want to say 'Thank you' to all our wonderful volunteers and hope that our students and parents take the time to thank those who are putting their hands up to coach, manage and officiate teams.



To our students who put their hands up to volunteer for their peers. We are so heavily reliant on our student body as a source of coaching and officiating, and these students are doing a fantastic job and are under a lot of pressure to manage their time and get the results of our more experienced volunteers. Our school-appointed student volunteers this season are:

Thomas Bishop

Rhea Paalvast

Jodie Baxter, Tyla Schaw, Lorraine Davis

Bailey Crabb

Manager 1st XV Rugby

Umpire Premier Netball

Netball Coaches

Football Umpire

We also have a few students appointed to roles by other organisations or clubs, or who are coaching or officiating for local primary schools. You guys all do a fantastic job – thank you!

Simone Stewart, Sports Coordinator