



**TERM 3  
August 2019**

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*Taupo-nui-a-Tia College*  
*“Gateway to Your Future”*



Tena Koutou katoa

This term we have been gathering feedback on the impact that the change to 90-minute periods has had in the classroom. While there is still more data to be collected the initial results indicate students prefer three 90-minute periods over five one-hour periods and cite the fact that they feel they can get a lot more work done and cover topics in more depth. In particular, the students like the break between each lesson.

We would appreciate your feedback on 90-minute periods and have included an on-line survey with this newsletter. We have also added a question about mobile phones and a question connected to the ‘Wellbeing’ strand of our strategic plan.

Next week is ‘Derived Grade’ week and we have stressed the importance of these assessments to students. Senior students will either be sitting practice examinations for external examinations later in the year or gaining credits towards their NCEA qualification. Should your child succumb to injury, illness or there is an emergency such as an earthquake during their NCEA externals, the grades earned during next week will be counted as their actual results. At this stage of the year “time” is potentially our senior students biggest enemy. There is less than eleven school weeks before NCEA external examinations start.

The music room is 99% finished and we look forward to having our students in this facility as soon as possible.

Complementing this project will be the original music room which will be upgraded and refurbished to cater for the growing numbers in this subject. I would like to thank our music staff for managing to provide a stimulating music programme in challenging conditions while the new rooms have been built. Longer term building projects include a new block of classrooms that will be designed to cater for our future curriculum needs. These rooms will replace the very tired prefabs visible from Spa Road – many of which are long past their use-by date.

Over the last year and a half, I have had the privilege of being Lead Principal for the Taupo Kahui Ako. The Taupo Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) has been in existence for just under four years and has grown from a handful of schools to all fourteen mainstream schools in the community (secondary, primary and Intermediate) and fifteen Early Childhood Centres. There is also valuable involvement from Tuwharetoa and more recently Toi Ohomai Technical Institute. The aim of the Community of Learning (CoL) is to have all education providers working together to provide positive outcomes for the young people in this community – from early childhood through to leaving secondary school. The CoL has a number of initiatives underway based on identified areas of need in this district. This includes an oral language project targeting preschool and Years 1-3 students, a “Write that Essay” initiative aimed at improving students writing skills from Year 4

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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 3 – Week 6 Term 3

August			
Mon	12	NCEA Music Group Performance in Hall– 6.30pm.	Week 4 (red)
Tues	13	Board of Trustees Meeting.	
Wed	14	<b>Assessment Week.</b> 10EDER Snow Survival Trip.	
Thur	15	<b>Assessment Week.</b>	
Fri	16	<b>Assessment Week.</b>	
Sat/ Sun	17 & 18	Netball Tournament – Hamilton.	
Mon	19	<b>Assessment Week.</b>	Week 5 (green)
Tues	20	<b>Assessment Week.</b>	
Wed	21	Chess Competition – Tauhara College. Cross Country - Lunch + Pd 3.	
Thurs	22	Got a Trade – Got it Made (Earn & Learn) – 5.30 – 7.30pm – D & I Block.	
Fri	23	Maths Mind Competition Y9 & Y10. Y13 – Tough Guy/Gal Challenge. Pathways Connect Trip – Y11. BOP Badminton – Tauranga. NZZZ Orienteering – Auckland.	
Mon	26	Y12 SOE – Ski Trip (KSa).	Week 6 (red)
Tues	27	Y12 SOE – Ski Trip (KSa). Youth Parliament.;	
Wed	28	Y12 SOE – Ski Trip (DWO).	
Thurs	29	<b>Course Information Evening – 4.30pm – 6.30pm.</b> Y12 SOE – Ski Trip (DWO) Young Enterprise Trip – Night Market Rotorua.	
Fri	30	Daffodil Day.   Music Trip to Napier – Y10, Y12 and Y13. Course Selection Opens online 3.30pm.	
September			
Mon	2	<b>ENROLMENT WEEK</b> <b>Winter Tournament Week</b> 	Week 7 (green)
Tues	3	12SOE1 – MTB (KSa).	
Wed	4	<b>Open Evening – 6pm in Hall.</b> 12SOE2 – MTB (DWO).	
Thurs	5	12SOE3 – MTB (KSa).	
Fri	6	Callback Day 2. Singer/Songwriter Workshop.	

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through to Year 13 and a culturally responsive teaching programme aimed at improving outcomes for all students but in particular our Maori students. Learning support is another key focus for the CoL. A learning support register has been established across the community to ensure every child in the district needing extra support with their learning is identified, supported and monitored throughout their school life. The strength of the CoL is having the ability to identify key areas of need for our young people and source both internal and external expertise to support schools. Having early childhood centers and schools working together to support our young people is very powerful and over time will pay dividends for the future wellbeing of the Taupo Community.

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.

## Advertising Opportunity

Local business are invited to advertise in the 2019 Taupo-nui-a-Tia College yearbook, which reaches 600 families.

Quarter page	\$50
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Full page	\$200



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## Students' Success

### Zenith

Congratulations to Stella Godfrey for obtaining Level 1 in the Zenith Programme this term.

### Year 9 and 10 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 Awards:

#### Year 9 Bronze

Eloise Allerton  
Emma Angland  
Shawna Baula  
Cooper Beresford  
Dakota Berg  
Stephanie Brown  
Ben Chapman  
Aimee Coleman  
Sophie Fagan  
Lucy Fechney Gooch  
Libby Gordon  
Sam Green  
Tomas Green  
Camargo  
Evelyn Hancock  
Amelia Hamilton  
Billie Hawke  
Jacob Hume  
Winter Knight  
Kasper Lenoir

#### Year 9 Bronze

Jayla MacGregor  
Samuel McKay  
Izaak Manders  
Esme Morgan  
Blake Nichol  
Annika Nortje  
Tatiana Peachey  
Ben Percival Moore  
Haruka Petersen  
Zoe Ruthe  
Jeanne Shaw  
Faith Smith  
Kiara Thomasen  
Taine Tukua-Grant  
Brayton Waitai  
Jed Walker  
Josh Wigram

#### Year 10 Bronze

Amy Aldridge  
Onera Beck  
Mia Cameron  
Tanisha Chand  
Jaydah Dempsey  
Logi  
Gunnlaugsson  
Tsehai  
Hammersley  
Levi Higgins  
Horo Karaitiana  
Dayna Kloet  
Amber Liddell  
Will Oakley  
Sean Onishi  
Alexandra  
McGeough  
Lilly McQuilkin  
Julio Messenger  
Kowhai Moor

#### Year 10 Silver

Courtney Morison  
Benny Parsons  
Rhed Porteous  
Georgia Wyllie

## Bay Trust Centre Clinic Times

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

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

## 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:

*Aniek Lenoir, Ph 021 827 642*

[TaupoS@taupocollege.ac.nz](mailto:TaupoS@taupocollege.ac.nz)



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## 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 [debbie-lee.lidderd@taupocollege.ac.nz](mailto:debbie-lee.lidderd@taupocollege.ac.nz).

### 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.

### 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.



## Enrolment Week

In Term 3 Taupo-nui-a-Tia College will be conducting enrolment taster visits for 2020. The following opportunities are available for you to find out more about our college.

**Monday 2 September** Taupo Intermediate  
**Tuesday 3 September** Taupo Intermediate  
**Wednesday 4 September** Hilltop, St Patricks, Mountivew, Marotiri, Whakamaru, Tirohanga, Rangitaiki, Upper Atiamuri and any other school.

**Open Evening** Wednesday 4 September 6.00pm – School Hall.

Enrolment packs will be distributed by post or via your child at school. Please contact our office if you have not received a pack by 23 August.

If you have any questions or would like further information about our college and your child's future education, please phone or email us.

## Year 10 Camps

All Year 10 students have been issued an Expedition booklet outlining choices for camps in November 2019. The schedule for choice and payment is outlined below.



### Timeline for payments

#### TERM 3

26 July 2019	Year 10 books given out
Thursday 15 August	Camp chosen and <b>non-refundable deposit of \$50</b> paid and <b>signed permission slip</b> returned.
6 September 2019	<b>Payment No. 2</b> Another \$50 minimum paid
27 September 2019	<b>Payment No. 3</b> Another \$50 minimum to be paid.

#### TERM 4

18 October 2019	<b>Payment No. 4</b> Another \$50 minimum to be paid.
1 November 2019	<b>Payment No. 5</b> Another \$50 minimum to be paid.
15 November 2019	<b><u>Final payment due</u></b>

Alternatively, regular weekly payments can be made until camp is paid for, **OR** you may wish to pay **in full at anytime**, prior to 15 November 2019. If a camp becomes oversubscribed, a ballot will be held for those that have paid their deposit by the due date of 15 August 2019.

Eftpos and credit card facilities are available at the school office. Direct debits can be made via Internet Banking to Taupo-nui-a-Tia College Bank Account number:

**123162 0154524 00** - Please state child's name and camp name for reference

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.

**All compulsory, sports and full camp fees must be paid before camp departure**

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## Online Course Selection for current Y9 – Y12

### 2020 Online Course Selection (Y9-12)

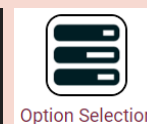
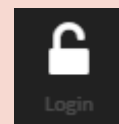
This year all students will make 2020 course selection online, at home or at school. You will still have a course selection interview with a senior member of staff as well to confirm your course.

**Instructions:** Before you begin this process, make sure you have reviewed ALL your options for next year.

2020	Year 9 into 10	Year 10 into 11	Year 11 into 12	Year 12 into 13
Compulsory subjects	5	3	1	0
Optional Subjects	5 (Languages counts as 2 choices)	3	5	5

#### Log on

- Go to the college website [www.taupocollege.ac.nz](http://www.taupocollege.ac.nz)
- At the top left of the homepage, click on the Login icon (lock symbol).
- Use your college network login username and password.
- From the dashboard select the Option selection icon



#### Course information

- From the left hand side of the screen select Courses/Courses for me.
- If you intend to Leave school next year select LEAVE and complete the questions
- Otherwise select the appropriate course, read course requirements and assessments carefully.
- Click "select as one of my courses" and return to "courses for me" to continue selecting further subjects.
- NB Compulsory courses must be selected first.**

#### Compulsory courses

- There are some compulsory subjects. You must choose these subjects first and an appropriate level class for each subject, eg. 11EN1 or 11EN2
- Compulsory subjects: Year 10: English, Mathematics, Health and PE, Science, Social Studies. Year 11: English, Mathematics, Science. Year 12: English.
- Make sure you pick the appropriate number of subjects (courses see above)

#### Information

- Your selections will be saved automatically and you can return and edit them at any stage up to **6 September**
- View your course selection from the website dashboard: Option selection/Courses/My courses
- Please check you meet pre-requisites, course pathways meet your needs and assessments lead to your future pathways
- All Course selections are pending an interview with a Dean or member of Senior management

**This facility will only be available from 3:30pm, Friday 30 August through to 12 Noon on Friday 6 September.**



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**Roofing Industries Limited** – Ivan and Caroline Cribb  
**Kiwi Adventure Tours** – Peter Wilkinson  
**Hynds Pipe Systems** – Darryl Watson  
**Contact Energy** – Roseanne Jollands

## TNT Careers - Year 13 Checklist

**Gateway Term 3 or School holidays** – great way to pick up an apprenticeship or employment. See Mrs Grant or Rachel.



- Set up **RealMe ID** – Kiwi Bank Taupo will do a free photo for you.  
[www.realme.govt.nz](http://www.realme.govt.nz)
- **Scholarships – apply now!**
  - ✓ Some close **Thursday 15 August** so get on to this as soon as you can.
  - ✓ Use your Institution website e.g. Otago University
  - ✓ Use [schoolconnect.co.nz/scholarship](http://schoolconnect.co.nz/scholarship).
  - ✓ Use [moneyhub.co.nz/scholarship](http://moneyhub.co.nz/scholarship) and the Ultimate NZ Scholarship Guide 2019-2020
- **Liaison visits Term 3**
  - ✓ Poster regarding these in your Whanau room and on my door. These are invaluable for planning your degree and enrolling.
- **Halls of Residences applications** – **apply after 1 August**. Do as soon as you can.
- **Studylink** – Loans and Allowances. Set up your Studylink account on line at [www.studylink.govt.nz](http://www.studylink.govt.nz). You will need a RealMe ID for this.
- **Lost? Unsure? Need help** – see Mrs Grant for a careers appointment and assistance.
- Don't forget to complete and use the **bulls-eye on line career planning** site. Great information, ideas, pointers, careers and vocational pathways guidance.

## Liaison Visits

### As at 8 August 2019

Canterbury University	Wednesday 11 September	12.50pm	Reading Room
AUT	Thursday 12 September	<u>10.40am</u>	Reading Room
Victoria University	Wednesday 18 September	12.50pm	Reading Room
Waikato University	Thursday 19 September	12.50pm	Reading Room
Otago University	Tuesday 24 September	12.50pm	Reading Room
Massey University	Wednesday 25 September	12.50pm	Reading Room

- **Diary these dates now, as enrolment process and course planning is covered in these sessions.**

**Trades Academy is for senior students at school and provides the opportunity to combine school learning experience with tertiary learning. Students engage in vocational based programmes that also assist with gaining level 2 and level 3.**

## Construction & Infrastructure

Are you... practical, detailed, analytical, hands on, like the outdoors, adventurous, creative? This exciting and varied sector is for you if you like to learn by doing. There's a huge amount of construction and infrastructure work to be done in New Zealand over the next decade including broadband roll-outs, national road building, energy, water/wastewater and house building. Be a part of building New Zealand from the ground up!



## Manufacturing & Technology

Are you... practical, inventive, logical, a problem solver, analytical, hands-on, tech savvy, like detail? There's an amazing mix of jobs across this sector to suit everyone. From hands-on production and assembly to cutting-edge research; from massive machines and busy production lines to individual crafts or computer design and more! This sector covers a range of working styles and options; with skill shortages across the sector. Begin your NZ certification or apprenticeship while still at school.

## Primary Industries

Are you... an animal lover, like the outdoors, green fingered, environmentally aware, adventurous, sustainable, practical, driven? Does the thought of being stuck in an office scare the life out of you? Do you like the thought of helping our planet or working on the land? There's a broad range of jobs in this sector, from hands-on farm work to environmental science. You could work in some of the most stunning landscapes in the world, planting, growing, or tending animals, trees and crops.



## Service Industries

Are you... fun, personable, entrepreneurial, sporty, adventurous, health conscious, independent, a foodie? Services industries makes up two thirds of New Zealand's workforce including transport, tourism, communications, trade, hospitality to name a few. If you like working with people, then you'll be pleased to know there are growing demands for more educated and skilled young people just like you, in jobs as diverse as hairdressing, culinary arts and personal training.

## Creative Industries Courses

Are you... artistic, innovative, and creative and interested in helping others to see the world a bit differently by using art, images and technologies in new and exciting ways? Rapid changes in technology, art and communication are increasing in need for high quality, innovative, designers. Our proposed programme has a good combination of skills, techniques and practical learning. Students will learn to design and create digital images, generate concepts of their own (drawings, mock-ups & animations) to meet client briefs. The course content utilises different software applications that are mainly used in: graphic design, film making, game art, animation, 3D modelling.

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**THURSDAY 22 AUGUST**

**5:30-7:30PM**

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"NZ needs smart and talented young people to address skill shortages"

### Sportswrap by Simone Stewart, Sports Coordinator

Just a few weeks remain of the winter sports season for most teams, with some having already finished. Plenty of opportunities are still available this term for those interested in skiing and snowboarding, swimming, our school cross country, and the upcoming national winter tournament week for our basketball, netball, football, and hockey teams.

#### Adventure Racing

Our Junior Adventure racing team recently competed in the Bay of Plenty Get-2-Go regional event. This is always a sell-out event with teams vying for top-spot and qualification to the final on Great Barrier Island.

After a day of kayaking, paddle-boarding, orienteering, mountain biking, and rock-climbing, our team finished an impressive 8<sup>th</sup> overall of the 24 teams in just their first and second year competing.

No final for us this year, but a truly awesome opportunity for our students to challenge themselves physically and mentally. I look forward to the sport continuing to grow and sending teams to both the senior and junior events in 2020.



#### Hockey

Congratulations to Tim Greenwood and Corban Nicol who played for the Bay of Plenty in the National under-18 tournament and ended 7<sup>th</sup>. The girls, including our international student Sophia Hofmann placed 5<sup>th</sup>.

We have also had several of our students selected for younger Bay of Plenty teams. Congratulations also go to Elliott Smith, Thomas Fox, Samuel Mckay, Hamish Cameron, Ella Rutherford, Lucy Carlson, and Esme Morgan selected for the under-15 team who will compete at nationals later this year.



#### Basketball

Basketball continues to go from strength to strength here with player numbers increasing every year. We are extremely lucky to have some outstanding coaches on board who have been providing our teams with plenty of opportunities to develop.

Recently some of our boys' team have hosted Hamilton Boys High School and travelled to the Hawkes Bay to take on some of New Zealand's top basketball schools. While results haven't always gone the way of our teams against more drilled opposition, our teams have been competitive and taken every opportunity to develop as individual players and as a collective basketball school team.

A huge thank you to our coaches who are giving up a lot of their own time for our students.

## Seay Earthmovers Limited – Sports Pages

### Cycling

During the last school holidays, the North Island Secondary Schools Cycling event was held in Cambridge. This is always a popular event particularly with school teams from larger schools in the Waikato and Auckland. In the under-16 division, Sean Onishi placed 20<sup>th</sup> of 63 finishers. In the under-17 division Ivan Abele finished in 17<sup>th</sup> with Ben Raven close behind in 24<sup>th</sup> of 47 finishers.

### Netball

We lead our sports wrap with a congratulations to Quantelle Hira-Kapua. Quantelle, a Year 13 student has been selected into the national Pathway to Podium programme which supports New Zealand's top young athletes in making the transition to professional sport. Quantelle is a member of our school premier netball team.

### Mountain Biking

Several our students competed in the Nduro winter fest mountain bike competition last weekend with excellent results. Congratulations to Corban Nicol who won the 30km event in field of 196 riders, with brother Coen Nicol placing 4<sup>th</sup>, Sean Onishi 5<sup>th</sup>, and James Officer 6<sup>th</sup>. Mia Cameron was further down the overall field but won her age-group and was 3<sup>rd</sup> female overall.

### Rugby

It has been a successful season for our 3.5 rugby teams in 2019. We approached the planning for the season with an eye to building a sustainably successful rugby programme across all age-groups and genders.

With one more pool game to play, the combined under-14 Taupo team is sitting mid-table and the Taupo-nui-a-Tia team is sitting in second position and hoping to secure a home semi-final with a win this coming weekend.

Our under-15 team has already secured their semi-final spot and will play Rotorua Boys next weekend for a place in the final of the championship division.

After a big game against Tauhara to win the inaugural Standen Cup, our 1<sup>st</sup> XV lost a close match to TWOM last weekend which sees them end the season just outside of the Top 4 in the 1<sup>st</sup> division 1<sup>st</sup> XV competition.



## Volleyball

Preseason training is well under way for our juniors now with good numbers of both new students and returning players.

After another successful and enjoyable senior season we had several individuals also make notable achievements.

George Cook and Renae Poupard-Rupapera both made Bay of Plenty regional teams to travel to Wellington to compete. Unfortunately George broke his arm playing rugby and so couldn't take part. Renae had a great tournament as the preferred starting setter. Testament to her hard work.

Meile Rose-Green and Grace Tiplady competed in their first ever Nationals Beach Volleyball tournament and were approached by selectors to trial for NZ under 17. The trial was run over a weekend at The Mount and our girls both performed outstandingly and were picked for the NZ under 17 squad to travel to the US for a 14 day tour.

Unfortunately both had to decline the offer due to prior commitments but this was an incredible achievement. Grace also trialed for the NZ age group indoor team as the youngest player. She was selected as a non travelling reserve for that team.

So Nui Volleyball is really making its mark on the volleyball scene now. It's never too late to get involved at any level. If you want more information please see Ms Birchenough or email on [lisa.birchenough@taupocollege.ac.nz](mailto:lisa.birchenough@taupocollege.ac.nz) or join TNT Volleyball on Facebook to keep up with news.

## Coming Up

Best of luck to our teams with semi-finals and finals still to play this season. Later this month our 1<sup>st</sup> XI girls football teams are travelling to the Gold Coast to play a series of matches; we wish them and our teams travelling within New Zealand the best for their upcoming national tournaments.

**Simone Stewart, Sports Coordinator**

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## HOT OFF THE PRESS

Congratulations to our Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey team who had three great wins at Bethlehem College to bring back the annual Bethlehem Cup!

A big win for our U14 rugby team who beat Mount Maunganui College 31-25 to secure a home semi-final next Saturday in the BOP Premier Division. The boys would love some support 10.30am at school, Saturday 17 August.

Well done to Hannah Howell for her silver medal and Ivan Abele for his bronze at the NZSS Duathlon Champs this past weekend.

