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



Tena Koutou Katoa

I hope all of you were able to find plenty of positives to life in Alert Level 4 of the pandemic. Certainly for me, the chance to exercise and enjoy Taupo’s stunning scenery outweighed the inconvenience of no recycling or takeaways.

Now that we have moved into Alert Level 3 it is timely that I keep you all up to date with how the school is functioning. Online learning is operating in earnest across all year levels and the reports I have received regarding our students’ level of engagement has been very positive. I would like to thank you all for supporting our staff by ensuring your child is sticking to learning routines while under lock-down. We have had feedback that some students have been a little overwhelmed by the volume of work they have been tasked with, and we have made adjustments accordingly. Under Alert Level 3 those students that can stay home are encouraged to do so, and this appears to be the case for the majority of the Taupo-nui-a-Tia College community. For those students of parents who must be at work, they will be catered for at school in what is currently a small bubble. All necessary precautions are in place to ensure these students are safe.

I received reports today that groups of our students were spotted together around town.

Could I ask you to ensure that your child is aware of the possible consequences of ignoring the conditions put in place under this Alert level. Enlarging your bubble encompasses family members living outside your home or your co-workers but under strict workplace protocols. You cannot extend your bubble for social reasons. I realise that for 90% of you I am talking to the converted, but if we all work together there is a much greater chance of getting back to something close to normality. Below is a quote in the NZ Herald from epidemiologist Michael Baker endorsing these comments. He says one of the reasons we are seeing new cases is due to the high number of asymptomatic cases – people who carry the virus but do not have symptoms. He states;

“For example, someone who is young, and fit could be asymptomatic for 10 days before passing it on to someone else in their bubble, who could also have no symptoms, and so on until someone catches the virus who does show symptoms.”

Baker continues by saying;

“We are entering the most dangerous phase yet as asymptomatic people are potentially coming into contact with more people.”

I am aware that many of you are business owners and I would imagine that the lock-down would have been a particularly stressful time for you. Particularly if you are employing staff.

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Cornerstone Values

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

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The Principal’s Message

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I would encourage everybody in the Taupo-nui-a-Tia College community to support local and give your patronage to as many businesses as possible. Enterprise Great Lake Taupo have launched a new campaign called 'Love this Place' which is developed to support businesses across the Taupo District. I have included a link that provides you with a range of different businesses, many with online ordering details:

<https://www.lovetapu.com/en/discover/love-local/local-businesses/?fbclid=IwAR37GQnGA1n7DnfSMWNWatou8tAq9Ac2ZuK9dVT3uAOvEgvW-xEqpqvDarA>

As a way of showing our support we would like to offer all our parents who are business owners free advertising in the college newsletter for the next two months. This newsletter covers a large cross-section of the community and, while I appreciate this gesture is not a "game-breaker", every little bit helps. If you would like to advertise please email: julie.satherley@taupocollege.ac.nz

I would like to remind parents of key contacts in the college should you have any concerns;

- Personal concerns about progress or achievement → contact your whanau teacher or subject teacher via email
- Concerned about your wellbeing → contact your Dean via the College website/Contacts
- If you are already working with a guidance counsellor please continue to do so remotely via email: hilary.graham@taupocollege.ac.nz
- Concerned about your Health contact Healthline:
 - Coronavirus related 0800 358 5453
 - General Health related 0800 611 116

Please continue to check the school website for updates
www.taupocollege.ac.nz

Our English faculty haven't kept all their ZOOM meetings to strictly business and have channeled their creativity to enter a lip-sync competition. I'm sure you will agree many of them are wasted in teaching and should be on the stage!

<https://www.facebook.com/Tauponuiatia/videos/525266094816214/>

Our Year 13 students have also taken time to put together a morale boosting video for our students:

<https://www.facebook.com/Tauponuiatia/videos/859724504526592/>

I am looking forward to the day when we have all our wonderful students back at school and are able to be involved in the many and varied activities of school life. In the meantime, take care and stay safe.



Peter Moyle
Principal

Below is useful information for parents/caregivers and students about Careers at TNT.



STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

Any student can make an appointment with Mrs. Grant, at any stage of their college life from Year 9 to Year 13. Just pick up an appointment request slip from the box on the student centre desk, complete and hand into the student office or leave on my desk.



BULLS-EYE ONLINE CAREER PLANNING TOOL

This is an excellent tool for Year 11 – Year 13 students to use involving well-designed questionnaires. These were created to inform students about future pathways which would suit their interests, skills and abilities.

Steps:

- (a) <http://app.careercentral.school.nz>
- (b) Select school from drop down box.
- (c) Use your school student login and password to access Career Central.
- (d) Select Bulls-Eye from the dashboard.
- (e) Click START to take the Future Pathways Assessment Quiz.
- (f) After completing the Quiz each student receives a pdf of their Bulls-Eye Report.

There are many features to assist students on this site so please invest time in exploring these.

FEATURES OF BULLS-EYE ONLINE CAREER PLANNING TOOL:

Students can:

1. Identify personal qualities, interests, career values and skills.
2. Browse, research and store jobs that they think will suit them.
3. Indicate intentions for the following year, including subjects they are considering or tertiary education.
4. Indicate interest in other programs (e.g Gateway, taster courses, and trade academies).
5. Create a CV.

MONEYHUB

University Scholarships for Year 13 Students

MoneyHub, a consumer finance website, has published a guide to hundreds of scholarships for any student planning to start university in 2021. The comprehensive list includes scholarships offered by every university as well as those specifically available to local students. A list of privately-funded, Maori, Pacific and International University scholarships completes the list.

Applications close throughout the year, with tens of millions of dollars available. MoneyHub has also published a list of tips for scholarship success.

For more details and to find suitable scholarships, visit the MoneyHub Scholarship page or use this link <https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/scholarships-nz.html>

GATEWAY PROGRAMME

Work based placement and learning programme for Years 11 – 13

Gateway is a fantastic programme, linking the world of work to student experience.

Students can be out in the workplace during the school day, after school, weekends or school holidays. We have a wide-ranging group of excellent employers who are keen to pass on their vocational knowledge to students. Placements can lead to employment, apprenticeships and other opportunities.

Any Year 11, 12 or 13 student can opt to join the Gateway programme by having an interview with Mrs. Grant. Students may opt into the programme anytime during Terms 2 or 3.

Mrs Kay Grant kay.grant@taupocollege.ac.nz
Careers Advisor

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 1 is **Kindness** which is defined as:

“Willingness to help, show concern for and be friendly to others.”

- Make sure your words are seeds, not bullets.
- Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and blind can read.
- The best portion of a good person's life is their little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness.
- Let no one come to you without leaving better and happier – show kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes and kindness in your smile.
- It's hard to give away kindness because it keeps on coming back to you.
- Be random with an act of kindness every day.



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.

PROUDLY SUPPORTING EDUCATION IN TAUPO

MITRE 10
MEGA

TAUPO

Messages from the Office

CONTACTLESS PICKUP

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College has recently couriered over a hundred devices to students to support their access to learning. In addition to this, hundreds of hard copy resource packs have been ordered and the Ministry of Education will be posting these to students' lockdown addresses soon. The remaining devices we have left at college will be used to support these students on site.

The college will make most of the reduced travel restrictions by opening the foyer between 1-3pm daily for contactless collection of hard copy resources when needed. We recommend students organize this directly with their teachers via email. To further protect our staff, the administration office will only communicate with whanau via phone or email.

If students need any items from their locker, please email: mail@taupocollege.ac.nz by 12 noon. You will be able to collect your items from the foyer between 1-3 pm.

For further queries, please don't hesitate to contact our office on 376 1100 or email: mail@taupocollege.ac.nz

CONTACT INFORMATION

Any changes in addresses, emails, caregivers and/or phone numbers please email: enrolments@taupocollege.ac.nz

LIBRARY BOOKS

During Alert Level 3, the school library will remain closed to all students. However, we have worked out a way for you to access our books.

When you log into the college website, you will find a Library link on the dashboard which will take you to the school library catalogue. All titles, authors and subjects are listed for your perusal. If you find something that you wish to borrow, please contact the Librarian (details below). We will locate the books for you, then process and package them for you to collect from the Office foyer between 1-3pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Contact details are: alyson.murray@taupocollege.ac.nz

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 these great opportunities to assist them in today's technological and competitive society.



Tenon Limited – Ross Johanson and Darryl Robinson
Mike Prior Saw Milling Limited – Mike Prior
Bunnings – Keith Walsh
Vistalite Taupo – Bronek Szpetnar
A & T Glass – Andrew McCullough
Roofing Industries Limited – Ivan and Caroline Cribb
Kiwi Adventure Tours – Peter Wilkinson
Hynds Pipe Systems – Darryl Watson
Contact Energy – Roseanne Jollands

Students recently helping in the Community



Prior to lockdown we have had the pleasure of hosting four lovely students from Taupo-nui-a-Tia College as our student helpers. These students took part in the elective course titled 'Downtime' where they were learning about how to be active contributors to the community through volunteering their time. The key concepts were about improving Hauora/wellbeing, through being active, connecting and giving. The students came to us for about an hour and a half, two times a week and helped with the tasks of the kindergarten. Our tamariki really enjoyed the time with these students, talking, sharing, working and learning together.

Juliet and Lisette really enjoyed helping Kieren in whatever work he was doing. Here they are, helping dehydrate apples for the scroggin we take on our 'Bush Kindy' adventures. Ariaah also enjoyed helping Kieren, asking him many questions and for him to, "watch me" as she climbed, ran, and jumped.

Emily is pictured here helping Ella hang out the washing. It was lovely to listen in on their conversation. I noticed Malika on another morning, enjoying her time hanging out the washing with Cobes. Ella also did some knitting which the tamariki were interested to see.

Toby T and Leon are seen here helping Piata clean and sanitise some of our wooden toys. Piata is fluent in Maori, and our tamariki loved listening to her reading our te reo Maori books.

Written by Fenella. March 2020