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Tena koutou katoa

Term 1 has proved to be another very busy term and I know that both our students and staff are looking forward to a break. As well as a full academic programme a wide range of extracurricular activities have been in full swing. This includes Kapa haka practices, summer and winter sports, Zenith club and the Sheila Winn Shakespeare competition are just a few of the activities on offer at the college. Pleasingly, the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award scheme is operating in the college again after a hiatus of over a year.

Unfortunately, teenage brain specialist Nathan Wallis had to postpone his evening presentation to parents and teachers last week due to delays with his flights. However, he has rescheduled his visit and will be here on Monday May 3 at Hilltop Primary at 7.30am. I would thoroughly recommend you attend his presentation. Nathan will give you a good understanding of why adolescents act the way they do – both the highs and the lows! He is an entertaining speaker who will provide you with some useful strategies when dealing with your child. Wallis says parenting was a great leveller because everyone was in the same boat. He said:

"He said the teenage years were the most creative times of a person's life - few of the world's great feats were achieved after the age of 25.

"That same brain that makes you a risk taker and more prone to anxiety, depression and suicide also makes you more creative and innovative and more likely to invent something."

During adolescence, teenagers' function with 10 per cent of a mature 'thinking' brain - the frontal cortex - and 90 per cent the 'feeling' brain they had as 4-year-olds, while the frontal cortex is developing.

In adults, the ratio is reversed - 90 per cent 'thinking' and 10 per cent 'feeling'."

"In the frontal cortex is everything that makes you clever and everything that makes you a nice person to be around.

"Ten per cent of the time they are an adult, which kind of lulls you into a false sense of security," he quipped.

Wallis also warns about underage use of drugs and alcohol and says:

"Kids' brains are actually shrinking as a result of alcohol."

But there is no one-size-fits-all.

I have always found dealing with adolescence over many years in education an incredibly rewarding experience. In stating that we are dealing with 'imperfect models' who do make mistakes. At Taupo-nui-a-Tia College we accept our young people do make mistakes, some of which carry consequences. The important aspect of a student's journey through college is that they learn from these mistakes and get it right in the future. We certainly do not hold these mistakes over them for the rest of their time through college. In cases when students do get it wrong, working with parents is essential because it sends the consistent message to the student. This teamwork approach in most cases works. Conversely, parents working against the school to defend unacceptable behaviour is counterproductive and sends the wrong message to a young person.

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Cornerstone Values

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

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College

The Principal's Message

Calendar- Term 1 – Week 11 – Term 2 Week 4

April			
Wed	14	Adventure Racing – Rotorua. 13ODE Surf Landing 1 Trip.	Week 11 (green)
Thurs	15	13ODE Surf Landing 2 Trip. Clay Target Shooting – Thames.	
Fri	16	NZSS Adventure Racing Champs – Hawkes Bay. U14 Rugby Game Vs Hastings – kick off 12.30pm. 1 st XV Rugby Game Vs Hato Paoro College – kick off 2.30pm.	
Sat/Sun	17/18	Term 1 ends – school holidays start. Senior Netball Team Dawn Grainger Tournament.	
May			
Mon	3	Term 2 Starts.	Week 1 (green)
Tues	4	Year 11 Whanau – Taupo Pathways Presentation.	
Wed	5	Reports Posted.	
Thurs	6		
Fri	7	Level 2 Gateway Health & Safety Course.	
Mon	10		Week 2 (red)
Tues	11	Level 3 Gateway Health & Safety Course.	
Wed	12	Level 3 Gateway Health & Safety Course.	
Thurs	13	Clay Target Shooting – Taupo. 13ODE/10ODE (1) Amazing Race (KSa).	
Fri	14	13ODE/10ODE (2) Amazing Race (JSm).	
Mon	17	BOPSS Mid Island Cross Country – Tauranga. BOPSS Squash Individual Champs – Div 1 & 2 – Tauranga.	Week 3 (green)
Tues	18	ACCORD DAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED.	
Wed	19	CBOP Jnr Badminton Qualifier – Tauranga. RYDA – Year 13.	
Thurs	20	RYDA – Year 12.	
Fri	21	Waikato University Open Day.	
Mon	24	SUBJECT REPORT DAY.	Week 4 (red)
Tues	25	12ODE Tramp (KSa).	
Wed	26	12ODE Tramp (KSa).	
Thurs	27	12ODE Tramp (KSa). Manu Korero – Rotorua.	
Fri	28	Youth Leadership Day – Connecting to Character. Gumboot Day.	



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Last year's review of NCEA has brought some changes that will be implemented over the next few years. Some of these changes include:

- Make NCEA more accessible – Zero fees, fewer barriers for all learners, including those with disabilities and support needs by minimising the need for Special Assessment Conditions.
- Mana orite mo te mataranga Maori – Equal status for matauranga Maori in NCEA. Develop new ways to support Maori learners and te ao Maori pathways.
- Having fewer, larger Achievement Standards – New achievement standards and resources will be developed to replace existing standards to allow more time for learning with fewer assessments (full implementation of Level 1 in 2023).
- Strengthen literacy and numeracy requirements – these Unit Standards are externally assessed and the 20 credits attached to these standards must be passed to achieve NCEA at any level (Implemented 2023).
- Show clearer pathways to further education and employment – Develop a Vocational Entrance Award to clearly signal when a student is ready to transition into higher level education and strengthen vocational pathways through NCEA.
- Simplify NCEA's structure – Credits can no longer be carried over to the next level and resubmissions will only be allowed where they take students from a Not Achieved grade to an Achieved grade. Sixty credits are required to pass each NCEA level.

Next term college staff have an "Accord Day" to learn about the changes that are being rolled out over the next few years. We look forward to updating you on these changes and the implications for your child later in the year. Most of the changes will have the greatest impact on our current Year 9 students.

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.



School Ball 2021

The Senior Ball will be held at the Great Lake Centre on **Saturday 12th June 2021– 8pm -12am.**

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.

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 *“Enchanted Garden”*, think elegant secret garden and botanica.

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 2021.

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

Attendance Requirements: Years 12 and 13 students are expected to have 90% attendance so they can attend the Senior Ball. This percentage is a Ministry of Education expectation across all their subjects. The Senior Ball is a privilege to attend and an excellent occasion, so a high standard of behaviour is expected. The absences we focus on are the “unjustified” absences as many students will have “justified” absences coded with school-based events eg: camps, Trades Academy, STPR and Gateway. Students with large numbers of “T” (Truant) on their absence record will be seen on an individual basis and a decision will be made.



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	10.30am – 3.10pm	Anamata CAFÉ Nurse
Tuesday	9.00am – 3.10pm	Anamata CAFÉ Nurse
	9.00am – 11.30am	REAL Counsellor
Wednesday	9:00am – 3:30pm	Anamata CAFÉ Nurse
	9.00am – 3.10pm	REAL Counsellor
Thursday	9.00am – 3.10pm	REAL Counsellor
	10.30am - 3.10pm	Anamata CAFÉ Nurse
Friday	9.00am - 3.10pm	REAL Counsellor

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

Students' Success

2020 NCEA Level 3 – Excellence Endorsements

Katelyn Donald	Sakshi Patil
Scott Cracknell	Georgia Reynolds
Abigail Enriquez	Ryota Shibuya
Amber Lafferty	Georgia Smith
Maxine McIvor	Ashlee Stevens
Rosie Over	Ella Watson



2020 NCEA Level 3 – Merit Endorsements

Jhuliann Abella	Ben Hancock
Loufrentz Badiana	Hanna Kilmister
Benedich Caballes	Natalie Keir
Elliot Childs	Zack Knight-Devlin
Sera Collier	Mhari Mowatt
Maia Doig	Shivani Patel
Texas Downs	Brianna Partelow
Amanda Fechney-Gooch	Raureti Ormond
Abigail Fox	Kate Smith
	Ashleigh White

2020 NCEA Level 2 – Excellence Endorsements

Amelia Adams	Kees Manders
Annelise Donald	Mano Fournier
Anton Lamprecht	Maria Hancock
Brianna Hilton	Matthew Stokes
Claudia Satchwell	Morgan Thaker
Daisiah Porteous	Nadia Peez
Grace Bilbie	Rhea Paalvast
Grace Merwyn	
Issac Mathai	
Joseph Mitchell	

2020 NCEA Level 2 – Merit Endorsements

Mila Arnold	Ben Raven
Fiona Badiana	Takurua Reweti
Keegan Delaney	Brieanna Skiffington
Abbie Gamble	Katie Sparkes
Jessica Girling	Aidan Stephenson
Brylee Gordon	Luke Steyn
Zoe Hanford	Chloe Stol
Jamie Hutchinson	Rhiannon Strang
Maddison Jensen	Samuel Thomsen
Oujirou Kurimura	Isobel Tulett
Boaz Mellor	Jacinda Vickers
Sharon Nand	Aana Watts
Shayna Nash	Ella Wisnewski
Odelia Nortje	Belle Yeoman
Kitty Prier	

2020 NCEA Level 1 – Excellence Endorsements

Kylie Bathe	Amber Liddell
Ella Brown	Aidan Jeffrey Mansell
Ariana Campbell	Juliette McIlvrde
Ashlee Collier	Baylee McLean
Anastasia Connor	Julio Messenger
Sebastian de Montalk	Kowhai Moor
Olivia Dornseiffer	Courtney Morison
Taryn Drysdale	Renata Ngata
Will Fowler	Rhed Porteous
Stella Godfrey	Margaret Putt
Meile-Rose Green	Ella Rutherford
Momoka Ishikawa	Hukarere Wall
Lewis Malcolm Jollands	Georgia Wyllie
Onera Kamo	
Amelia Knox	

2020 NCEA Level 1 – Merit Endorsements

Amy Aldridge	Douglas McIvor	Zara Watkins-Purvis
Ella Bowers	Dayna McLaren	Ruby Wood
Mia Cameron	Amber McLaren	Tyler Youle
Hamish Cameron	Lachlan McLean	
Emma Cook	Lily McQuilkin	
Shaz Corin-Goldsmith	Tahlia Meek	
Joseph Craggs	McKayla Moody	
Amelia Dale	Jack Neill	
Morgan Edgar	Coen Nicol	
Georgia Ellender	James Officer	
Thomas Ferguson	Angelina Paenga	
Talia Figgins	Ava Park	
Boston Flight	Harry Patrick	
Thomas Fox	Holly Pietersma	
Jamie French	Lily Raven	
Vincent Hall	Briana Robinson	
Tsehai Hammersley	Jamie Rosenberg	
Louis Harbidge	Blake Shepherd	
Cody Hawkes	Charlton Simmons	
Samuel Hawkes	Rebecca Simpson	
Grace Hilton	Xavier Skelton	
William Hogan	Elliot Smith	
Grace Hoyles	Coralee Thomasen	
Heath Jordan	Nyah Thompson	
Ella Knight	Casey Thorby	
Yasara Manawadu	Tobias Thurston	
	Cameron Togiatau	
	Karlene Wall	

Messages from the Office

ROLL ATTENDANCE



CALL

All students are required to attend each day when the College is open. Notification of daily absences can be made by telephoning the school on 376 1100 then press 1 to leave an absence message, emailing office@taupocollege.ac.nz or through the School Website.

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

Anyone not listed on a students file will not have access to information and/or pick up that student without prior permission from a caregiver or by arrangement.

SCHOOL START TIMES/TIMETABLE - A reminder to students/parents/caregivers of school start times

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday is 8:50am
Wednesday 9:10am

	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

JACKETS/COATS

All students are expected to wear the correct uniform. **A reminder that students should not be wearing black jackets; these are only permitted in Term 2 and 3.** Green Polar Fleece and/or Green Jersey are available online from Argyle Schoolwear. **No alternative hoodies or sweatshirts are permitted**



Important Dates to Note

School will be closed for our second **National Accord Day** on **Tuesday 18 May**. Secondary Schools around the country will be closed on Tuesday 18 May to receive the latest updated on changes being made to NCEA.

Subject Report Day will be held on **Monday 24 May** between 9am – 6pm. This is a recommended opportunity for you to gain a greater understanding of subject progression and future learning. We strongly encourage you to book a subject meeting via our website. To book a 10-minute interview with subject teachers, login to www.taupocollege.ac.nz and select 'Subject Day Interviews' icon. Please read and follow instructions on the loading screen.

Senior Students

On **Wednesday 30 June**, the College is having its first **Academic Workshop Day**. The Academic Workshop Day endeavours to help NCEA students meet their academic goals for the year. This initiative was put in place after last year lockdown and following its success will continue during 2021.

Junior Students

After feedback from our community our junior students will have the opportunity to complete outstanding work or targeted assessments from one or more subjects on **Wednesday 30 June**. Students are expected to attend in full school uniform and make the most of this opportunity to progress or accelerate their learning. Further information will be sent closer to the time.

If you have any questions regarding these events, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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Travellers Programme

Travellers is a school-based programme for young people in their first year of secondary school, that helps students face life's challenges with confidence and new skills. The Travellers Programme will be running at Taupo-nui-a-Tia College during Term 2 this year, facilitated by Hilary Graham (School Counsellor) and youth workers from REAL. In order to select the young people for this programme, all Year 9 students will take a 10 - 15 minute online questionnaire during the next few weeks. This questionnaire helps to identify young people who would benefit from the Travellers Programme. Participation in the programme is voluntary, and parents / caregivers of identified students will be contacted. Any questions, please contact Hilary.

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Sportswrap by Aniek Lenoir

In the last month of term 1 we have had many students participating in one or more sporting events at national or regional level. As a school we are proud that so many of our students are passionate about sport and getting out there and doing it. Below is an overview of all the events students have been representing Taupo-nui-a-Tia College.

Volleyball National SS senior Tournament.

Our girls' team competed for the first time in Nui history at the BOPSS Champs. In Division 1 at national Level, they finished second and came home with a silver medal. Our boys also played well in Division 3.

Unfortunately, after a strong start for the girls and winning most of the pool games, two of our players were injured and no longer able to play. The girls finished 14th out of 96 teams and the boys were 12th (44th overall) out of 80 teams in 5 divisions. This is an outstanding result and Darren Tiplady (Coach) and crew are excited to come back even stronger next year.

Thank you to all volunteers involved this season as we could not offer these experiences to our students without your passionate output.

Sailing Central North Island Champs

Our sailing team competed in the Central North Island Regional Championships at home on Lake Taupo. Six students sailed in each team, consisting of 3 double-handed boats. Two teams raced each other around a short course to see who could get their boats across the finish line first.

On the first day, they raced in split pools to decide what fleet they would be in with Taupo-nui-a-Tia College making the Gold Fleet.

After three long challenging days of racing, our team finished in sixth place. Well done to the team - Riley Knox, Shayna Hash, Nadia Peez, Cooper Beresford, Danielle McMurray and Sally Clarke. The team is looking forward to Nationals soon held at Algies Bay, Warkworth.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Kerry Nash who is the main driver behind this team.



Mountain biking North Island SS Champs

Great results in the NZ North Island SS Mountain bike Champs - James Officer showing his strong form was 1st in the U20 Boys Cross Country and 3rd in U20 Enduro race. Victoria Barrett was first in the U15 girls. Our College won 2 events in the team relay. The team of James Officer, Coen Nicol and Dan Pietersma were first in the U 20 boys and Victoria Barrett, Amber Nicol and Amelia Beavon were too strong for the other schools and won the team relay for the U/15 girls. Thank you to Dave Nicol who has helped the school coordinating!

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Athletics Midlands/BOP Champs

18 students attended the Midlands/BOP champs in March. Competing against other BOP schools with over 600 students attending, Taupo-nui-a-Tia College came back with the following placings:

Junior Girls

1. Kamaia Minhinnick 1st triple jump, 1st shot put

Intermediate Girls

2. Danielle McMurray 1st long jump

Senior Girls

Betty Fotu 3rd 100m, 2nd triple jump, 3rd shot put, 3rd javelin

Meile-Rose Green 1st high jump

Ashlee Collier 2nd high jump

Relay team – 1st Betty, Greer, Onera Beck, Danielle McMurray

Senior Boys

Casey Thorby 3rd 1500m, 3rd 3000m

Rawiri Heurea 1st triple jump, 2nd long jump, 3rd high jump

Ethan Tanatiu 2nd shot put

10 of our students also qualified for the Waikato/BOP championships but due to other school commitments were unable to attend.

- Momo Izukawa gained two 4th placings in the 1500 and 3000 meters.
- Kamaia Minhinnick won the Junior Girls Shot Put and was third in the Triple Jump.
- Daniel McMurray finished 3rd in the Intermediate Girls long jump. Both girls qualified for the Waikato team to take part in the North Island SS School champs in the first weekend of the holidays.

BOP Mixed Touch tournament:

Congratulations to our Mixed Touch Team who finished second in their division at the recent BOPSS Mixed Touch Tournament winning 3 of the 4 games! Thanks Rob and Emma for organising this for our students.



Adventure racing (Katoa Po Night and Day Rogain)

On Saturday the 13th of March, four school teams competed in the Katoa Po consisting of a three hour night Rogaine the next morning a 90 minute day Rogaine. Our team, "Get lost" with Kasper Lenoir, Josh Wigram, Izaak Manders and Marcus Brennan (Reporoa College) won the four persons juniors team. The other teams did very well but were unplaced.

NZ SS National Triathlon Champs in New Plymouth

Our Triathlon team is growing again and we had up to five students competing in the Nationals SS champs in Taranaki. Ivan Abele had a fantastic result, placing third in the very tough competition of U19 boys. Victoria Barrett and Leah Kilmister took out 1st place in the U14 teams.

Rugby 1stXV

A great start to our season for the 1st XV Rugby Boys who were undefeated with 5 wins from 5 games, notably winning and retaining the McQuilkin Cup. Contested by the top King Country schools - Tauhara College, Otorohanga High and Te Kuiti High. Also notable wins against Forest View High School (Tokoroa) and Central Hawkes Bay College.

Upcoming game against Hato Taora 1st XV from Fielding will be held on Friday 16 April and the last preseason event is a tournament at Mt Maunganui in May the last weekend of the school holidays. This will complete the pre-season programme to prepare us for competing in the 1st division BOP 1st XV Competition.



Rugby Sevens Girls King Country tournament and Condors qualifiers

Our girls Sevens teams (Junior and Seniors) played again extremely well in the King Country invitational tournament in Te Kuiti. The Seniors won the tournament and showed again their dominance in the region. Its great to see the juniors also develop well. The week after they went to the Condors qualifiers tournament and again came home with the trophie. We would like to say a massive thanks to Dominique and Rowan Arnold, who have dedicated many hours over many years, to get those girls up to the level they are now. Your energy and efforts are much appreciated, and we are looking forward to see how the girls will go in the 10th and 15th aside competition.

Rowing

Our rowing team competed in the Maadi Cup. It was a great experience, but unfortunately we didn't make any placings. Our special thanks to Nicky Stokes who spends many hours organising transport, food and coordinating the trainings for our rowing team.

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Waka Ama Secondary School National Champs

Our hard work paid off and all Waka Ama students can look back at a great season and be proud of themselves. Our J19 made the finals and earned silver in the 500m turn and bronze in the 250m Sprint Bowl while our J16 boys earned silver in the 250 Sprint Bowl. Our W12 mixed team also earned a well placed 5th in the Plate finals. Big thanks to Stephanie Richards for always being behind the teams and giving them confidence to do well.

Tennis BOP SS Senior tournament

Fantastic result for our head boy Boaz Mellor who won the BOPSS senior Tennis champs div 1. That's a fantastic result.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

We also would like to thank all the local businesses who support our sport in the school:

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Aniek Lenoir, Sports Coordinator