



**TERM 3
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Tena koutou katoa

Without burdening you with extra messages, I wanted to reach out to you all, mainly to let you know that we are all here to help you if you need it. Alert Level Four is designed to minimise people being out and about. To ensure this occurs, the advice is that all education sites are closed to everyone, until further notice. For this reason, we have spoken to most whanau and delivered learning resources directly to those that need them. For any further information, I encourage you to regularly check the school website and Facebook page and for students to check their google classrooms and Gmail daily. Our online learning timetable starts on Monday 23 August. For those who cannot remember, it is a Green Week.

Being in Alert Level Four is not new to us; we have been here before and we managed very well. We looked out for each other, and we took special care of those that we considered were more vulnerable than others. Students have now received a learning timetable that simply encourages them to engage with remote learning and we will support that learning and their wellbeing via zoom three times a day.

Throughout both Alert levels 3 and 4, our students will follow their normal timetable. Work will be posted on google classroom by 9:30am. Teachers will be available on zoom to support or extend learning at 10am for Period 1, 11am for Period 2, and noon for Period 3. Exactly the same as last year.

On Monday and Friday, students will have an opportunity to zoom with their whanau teachers and peers. Further detailed information can be found on our website or Facebook pages. However, our main priority is that our students remain connected and engaged in learning.

While each of your contexts are different, the compassion, aroha, alofa, and care that we demonstrate for each other remains the same. With an announcement due on Monday 23 August, I'd encourage you all to plan and prepare for change. I acknowledge that “working from home” takes a little adjustment. Please be aware that our staff are available to support you whilst settling into their own routines. We have delivered laptops – safely and without contact - to all students that have indicated that they require one. Hard copies will only go to those students without any internet access at this stage.

The key messages stay the same, please encourage our students to follow the rules. Stay inside to protect our community so that we can get back to normality as quickly as possible. If you must venture outside, wear a mask. Also, if you are concerned about your health, contact your GP or get a Covid test.

It is with regret, that I must inform you that a number of key events have already been cancelled and more are likely to be postponed. Tournament Week has already been cancelled and no other sporting events will be conducted under both Alert Levels 3 or 4.

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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

Cornerstone Values

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This will be particularly tough on those senior students who missed out last year and I am mindful that our decisions over the next few days will impact on them greatly. Further information about postponed events will be added to the calendar during the coming weeks.

On non-Covid related news, it is my privilege as Acting Principal to wish Peter Moyle all the best for his well-earned sabbatical and welcome Maria Heaslip onto the leadership team for Term 3. The term began with its usual vigour and will continue to be productive despite the additional distraction of the Delta variant. While on site for the first few weeks, sports photos have taken place, course selection preparation, and academic assessments have been completed by our students. We will continue to support student progression remotely for as long as is required.

Like most schools in New Zealand, we are currently in the process of disseminating information from the NCEA review. The third of ten Ministry agreed Accord Days took place on 11 August. During the Accord Days to date, we have focused on three of seven big ideas—which can be found at conversation.education.govt.nz—making NCEA more accessible, strengthening numeracy and literacy requirements, and incorporating Te Reo Māori into planning and assessment. Our current Year 9's, will be the first cohort to experience the new NCEA framework in 2023 and these Level 1 standards were the focus of the day. During 2022, we will be piloting the new numeracy and literacy standards to ensure that our students have every opportunity to pass prior to entering Year 11.

Before having to deal with the current Delta variant outbreak, Dr Ashleigh Bloomfield spoke to principals at a national conference and outlined the importance of student wellbeing. With anxiety on the rise and principals agreeing that the vaping issue had spread across the nation, it is essential for our staff and students to understand and improve their own wellbeing. Vaping was originally introduced as a safer means to give up the harmful habit of smoking. However, research into vaping is in its infancy. It is apparent that current findings indicate there are serious harmful effects to health associated with vaping—especially for our young people. He highlighted how the cigarette manufactures are buying up vape companies and flooding the market with cheap and child friendly promotion of this product. Notably, I would like to remind our community that it is prohibited to supply vapes directly or indirectly to those under 18.

With the challenges that are ahead of us, I encourage you to keep up to date with the latest news and calendared events on the school website or Facebook page. As always, please let us know if there is anything you need to support you and your tamariki during this time.

Stay safe and be kind to one another.

Kind regards

Alistair Froggett
Acting 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

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 and Silver Awards:



Year 9 Bronze

Amelia Beavon
Caitlyn Bennett
Beau Condon
Ethan Comber
Emily Cotter
Lilly Craggs
Tawahi Donaldson
Shayley Drysdale
George Green
Oran Hammersley
Kellie Haycock
Vanya Heaslip
Daisy Hoe
Grace Hura
Thomas Kearins
Ariana Khan
Abbey Mansfield
Makayla McHardy
Alex Milne
Adam O'Leary

Year 9 Bronze

Keagan Palmer
Renata Pazzelli
Jasneen Rayait
Ruby Rogers
Leon Rushton
Abby Russell
Alysha Singh
Cade Staniland
Amber Stephenson
Milly Walker

Year 10 Bronze

Jesse Barlow
Morgan Corble
Noah Flight
Tiare James
Hannah Raikes
Ella Rhind
Jamie Robinson
Cuan Rose
Lilliah Wade
Paora Williams
Hunter Winmill

Year 10 Silver

Phoenix Barnett
Olivia Keir
Te Paea Maniapoto
Jamie Robinson

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2022 Online Course Selection

2022 Online Course Selection (Y9-12)

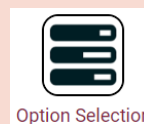
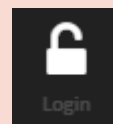
This year all students will make 2022 course selection online, at home or at school. You will still have a course selection interview with a senior member of staff as well to confirm your course. Course selection opens on 3 September for a week.

Instructions: Before you begin this process, make sure you have reviewed ALL your options for next year. All course information is online this year.

| 2022 | 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 |
| Backup Subjects | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Log on

- Go to the college website 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 Option selection/Courses for Me
- Y11&12 If you intend to Leave school next year select LEAVE and complete the questions
- Otherwise select the appropriate courses, read course requirements and assessments carefully
- Click "select as one of my courses" and/or return to "courses for me" to continue selecting further subjects
- NB Compulsory courses MUST be selected first, then prioritise other options (including backups)

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 10 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
- Within My Selected Courses select Course Priority Order and adjust option priority order if required (Save)
- 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 3 through to 12 Noon on Friday 10 September.

Guideline for Students Going Remote

General Expectations

1. Put your health and your family first.
2. You are expected to login to your google classrooms each day as per your timetable.
3. Check your college emails at least once a day and reply if necessary.
4. We will use one consistent platform (Google Classrooms) for sharing learning activities
5. We will use one consistent platform for scheduled meetings (Google Zoom see Appendix1).
6. Continue with your assessment work as much as possible. Please don't stress about NCEA - we will be responsive to your needs as a learner.
7. Remember teachers will be with their families as well so know they will respond to your emails and give feedback as they can.

Specialist Subjects

- Teachers will upload tasks/lessons for the day by 9.30am. Make sure that you check the classes that you would have that day.
- Teachers will be providing good learning opportunities, engaging activities, and work of value so please try and complete all learning activities provided.
- Following the sequence of your regular timetable, subject teachers will be available for 30 minutes on Zoom for support; P1 = 10.00am, P2 = 11.00am and P3 = 12.00pm.

Whanau

- There will be a scheduled meeting twice per week via Zoom. Your whanau teacher will be inviting small groups to check in at these times. Please monitor your emails and take these opportunities.
- This will occur between 1.00-2.00pm on Monday and Friday.

Contact Information

- First point of call → contact your whanau teacher via scheduled Zoom times.
- Concerned about your specialist subject → contact your subject teacher via scheduled Zoom times.
- 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

Appendix1: Download [GoogleZoom](#)

Appendix 2: Online Timetable – Normal timetable adjusted times

| | Monday G | Tuesday G | Wednesday G | Thursday G | Friday G |
|--------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|----------|
| P1- 10:00- 10:30 | Period 1 | Period 1 | Period 1 | Period 1 | Period 1 |
| P2 - 11:00 - 11:30 | Period 2 | Period 2 | Period 2 | Period 2 | Period 2 |
| P3 - 12:00 - 12:30 | Period 3 | Period 3 | Period 3 | Period 3 | Period 3 |
| Meetings 1-2pm | Whanau | | | | Whanau |

| | Monday R | Tuesday R | Wednesday R | Thursday R | Friday R |
|--------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|----------|
| P1- 10:00- 10:30 | Period 1 | Period 1 | Period 1 | Period 1 | Period 1 |
| P2 - 11:00 - 11:30 | Period 2 | Period 2 | Period 2 | Period 2 | Period 2 |
| P3 - 12:00 - 12:30 | Period 3 | Period 3 | Period 3 | Period 3 | Period 3 |
| Meetings 1-2pm | Whanau | | | | Whanau |

Year 13 Seminars

Please contact Kay Grant kay.grant@taupocollege.ac.nz if you require remote support with any of the following:

- RealMe ID's www.realme.govt.nz
- Enrolment Process
- Halls of Residence Applications
- Studylink Loans and Allowances www.studylink.govt.nz
- Scholarship Applications
- References
- CV's
- And anything else you may need

The Ultimate Checklist For School Leavers

www.moneyhub.co.nz



A fantastic site for all school leavers with a plethora of information. This checklist is a good reminder for the basic things a school leaver needs to know.

All school leavers should have:

- A well put together CV.
- Scholarships.
- Community Services Card if they qualify.
- Part-time job.
- Studylink account and RealMe ID (electronic ID).
- Choose a qualification that suits them.
- Learn basic recipes and how to do laundry.
- Open a student bank account.
- Try to have a \$ nest egg of savings.
- Join Kiwisaver.
- Learn to Drive.

Important Dates

- a) Halls of Residence Application – complete by **30th September 2021**.
- b) Enrol in University and Polytechnic courses **by December 2021**. Check the dates on their websites.



0800 874 438



Oliver!

November 2021

Friday 12th, 6.30pm

Saturday 13th, 1pm & 6.30pm

Great Lake Centre, Taupo

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Ticket Sales www.trybooking.co.nz/HQD

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Bay Trust Health Centre Clinic Times

BayTrust Services available **Monday to Friday at Alert Level 2.**

- REAL Counsellors
- FOX Physio services
- School Nurses from Anamata

See Della at BayTrust Health Centre for clinic times and to make an appointment.

The school nurses offer a drop-in service at interval and lunch only. You will need to make an appointment outside of these times.

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

Messages from the Office

UNIFORM

All students are expected to wear the correct uniform. Students should not be wearing hoodies or sweatshirts that are not school uniform only the **Green Polar Fleece and/or Green Jersey** as shown overleaf and which are available online from Argyle Schoolwear.



The School continues to stock SOCKS, HATS and SCARVES which are available at the School Office.



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Messages from the Office

YEAR 10 CAMPS

It is that time of year again when All Year 10 students are issued an Expedition booklet outlining choices for camps in November 2021. The schedule for choice and payment is outlined below. Camps will take place week beginning 28 November to 3 December 2021.



Timeline for payments

TERM 3

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|-------------------|---|
| 13 August 2021 | Camp chosen, non-refundable deposit of \$50 paid with signed permission slip returned |
| 27 August 2021 | Payment No 2 – another \$50 minimum paid |
| 10 September 2021 | Payment No 3 – another \$50 minimum paid |
| 24 September 2021 | Payment No 4 – another \$50 minimum paid |

TERM 4

| | |
|------------------|---|
| 15 October 2021 | Payment No 5 – another \$50 minimum paid |
| 29 October 2021 | Payment No 6 – another \$50 minimum paid |
| 12 November 2021 | Final payment must be paid in full |

Alternatively, regular weekly payments can be made until camp is paid for, **OR** you may wish to pay **in full at any time**, prior to 12 November 2021. If a camp becomes oversubscribed, a ballot will be held for those that have paid their deposit by the due date of 13 August 2021.

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.

A reminder that all outstanding fees for the year, sports and full camp fees must be paid before camp departure.

SCHOOL FEES

Statements are posted or emailed twice a term. Recommended course contributions are for take home components and requirements for subjects your child is studying. Any field trips away from school (which include sporting trips) must be paid for once the permission slip is returned and before your child goes on the trip. It is recommended that students bring a note from home if credit on a student account needs to be used.

Caregivers are encouraged to set up regular automatic payments. As little as \$5.00 per week can reduce your child's account by \$260 a year. Please give this some thought. An AP form is available from the school office or email Debbie-lee.lidderd@taupocollege.ac.nz.

A reminder that charges for participating in any sport must be paid in full before your child can take part. The school is charged registration fees for entry into the season, so it is essential fees are paid promptly.

PAYING SCHOOL FEES

Online banking is a secure method of payment. We have been notified by our bank that the daily settlement time for all E-Commerce transactions will change from 10.30pm to 6.00pm. Therefore if you need payments to be available/visible the following day these need to be made **BEFORE** 6.00pm the evening before.

Our bank details are:

ASB 12-3162-0154524-00

Please use your child's name as a reference



Messages from the Office



LIBRARY BOOKS

Please can all overdue textbooks and library books be returned when we return to onsite learning. We have noticed, recently that paying for them seems to be the easier option than searching for them. There are no fines for overdue books, but we really do appreciate them being returned on time.

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 | Assembly 10:20 - 10:50am | Period 1 9:10 - 10.40am | Whanau 10:20 - 10:50am | Period 1 9:10 - 10.40am |
| 10:20am | | | | | |
| 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 |

ATTENDANCE

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

Notification of daily absences can be made by telephoning the school on 376 1100 then press 1 to leave an absence message or by logging onto the school website and selecting CONTACT and then change "Email Recipient" to Attendance or email: office@taupocollege.ac.nz



If a student arrives late to school a note or phone call from home is required. Students must sign in at the office.

Should students need to leave the school during school hours they must have written permission from home which will be checked by a Dean.

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

DanceNZMade



The dancers in the Enhanced Performance Dance programme have done it again. For a phenomenal 12th year in a row, TNT Dancers will be representing the college at DanceNZMade Nationals in Palmerston North. For the last 3 years, TNT has been crowned the Taupo Regional Champions. This year we will be taking both the Year 9-10 Team (It's a Kind of Magic) who won the Year 9-10 Category and the Open Team (El Tango de Roxanne) who not only won the Open Team Category but was awarded overall Regional Champions. Both these groups were choreographed by Grace Bilbie (Y13) who also received two choreography awards, one for each of these groups. The adjudicators only award this if both adjudicators give the choreography 10/10. Our MJ Y9-10 group came 3rd in the Year 9-10 Category and our Y11-13 team (Invicta) came 2nd in the Y11-13 Category. NZMADE also saw many of our dancers represent the college in Solos.

- Cara Collins Y9 – 2nd place
- Ruby Watts Y10 – 1st place
- Taylor Weston Y10 – 2nd place
- Onera Beck Y12 – 1st place
- Grace Bilbie Y13 – 2nd place

Ruby Watts, Onera Beck and Grace Bilbie received nominations to represent TNT at DanceNZMade Nationals in the Solo competition.

The following dancers also received a Golden Ticket. This is a new award at DanceNZMade where dancers are selected from the workshops held during the day by the adjudicators. These dancers will compete at a DanceNZMade Golden Ticket competition in November later this year:

- Shaz Corin-Goldsmith (Y12)
- Onera Beck (Y12)
- Taryn Drysdale (Y12)
- Aimee Barber (Y10)
- Lexie Stock (Y10)

It was also incredible to see how many of the TNT dancers offered to help other dancers from various Intermediate and Primary schools with their solos, duets, and groups. We certainly have created a culture of passing on our passion of dance and sharing our skills with others.

Further dance news is that our Y9-10 Team from 2020 will be representing the college at PACANZ (a National performing arts competition) in October this year. These dancers received a PACANZ nomination at a studio dance competition in October last year. It is very rare for a school to be in this position as most teams at PACANZ are studio teams.

Ruby Watts (Y10) will be representing her studio at PACANZ in the Modern Solo division. Ruby has been part of the EPD programme since Year 9 and in the Y9-10 and Open teams that represented the school at NZMADE Regionals and Nationals in 2020 and will do so again this year. She is also in the Y9-10 team who will compete at PACANZ this year.





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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

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Vistalite Taupo – Ross Harvey

A & T Glass – Andrew McCullough

Roofing Industries Limited – Adan Cribb

Hynds Pipe Systems – Darryl Watson

Sportswrap by Sports Coordinator Aniek Lenoir

Our winter sports programme continues with gusto—and looking back at the school holidays—we celebrate the successes our sporting students have had. Continuing with a very busy beginning to Term 3 where there were Bay of Plenty, Waikato, and National events keeping everyone busy we are thrilled to provide you with a snapshot below.

Girls Rugby

Our rugby girls started out playing in a 10 aside competition as Juniors and Seniors. The results were outstanding; our Junior team finished 2nd and our Seniors won their competition.

This term they have come together as one team to compete in the U18 XV's competition, where they have made the semi-finals. We wish them an exciting end of their season.

King Country Rugby Union U18 Girls XV aside rugby team was named with nine of our students: Ella Wisnewski (also named as team Captain), Mila Arnold, Lilli-Lee Tupe, Uleah Foua, Ashlee Partelow, Manu Anderson, Teuwira Rameka-Keremete, Hana Kapua, and Annika Nortje.

The girls played a tri tournament in New Plymouth in the first week of the holidays against Taranaki and Wanganui. They moved through to the final and won against Taranaki with a close 10-7. A great result for our girls against tough competition creating history.

In the second week of the school holidays, Bay of Plenty Rugby held a tournament called Toi Ohomai Youth Development Cup in which many of our girls took part in. There were U18 and U16 Central BoP teams and the following girls were selected:

Central U18 Girls reps: Ella Wisnewski (Captain), Mila Arnold, Lilli-Lee Tupe, Uleah Foua, Hayley Church, Hinekura Gardiner.

Central U16 Girls reps: Ashlee Partelow, Teuwira Rameka Keremete, Manu Anderson, Hana Kapua, Annika Nortje.

Both the U18 and U16 Central BOP teams came 2nd. A massive effort from the Taupo-Nui-a-Tia rugby girls so far this season.

Lastly, congratulations to Lilli-Lee Tupe and Hayley Church who made the New Zealand U18 Māori Development Squad.



Seay Earthmovers Limited – Sports Pages

REPRESENTATIVE HOCKEY BOYS

The following students have been playing in the National U18 Tournament in Hamilton as Bay of Plenty representatives:

- Sam Brassell
- Hamish Cameron
- Thomas Fox
- Samuel Mckay

Also thank you to Aniek Lenoir, our TIC of Hockey for managing the team over the week away. Congratulations to the team for finishing 9th out of 20 teams taking part in the competition.

REPRESENTATIVE HOCKEY GIRLS

The girls U18 Bay of Plenty representative team went to Wellington to play in the National tournament. The following Taupo-nui-a-Tia girls were selected for the team:

- Esme Morgan
- Emma England

A special mention was made to Esme by Hockey New Zealand for her outstanding goal keeping skills. Congratulations to all of you.



ADVENTURE RACING – NZ Secondary Schools Orienteering Championships

In the School Holidays, Taupo nui-a-Tia College students attended for the first time, The New Zealand Secondary School Orienteering Champs. This year the event was run by Hawkes Bay Orienteering Club and had over 350 Year 7-13 students racing for three days, in a Sprint, Long, and Relay format.

The sprint was very challenging with a large amount of detail to decipher in a short period of time with a number of fences, gates, water features, and small buildings. Our team found it challenging to find a good route to follow. However, Samuel made light work of this and achieved a fantastic result on this course.

This was a new experience for the four students who predominantly Adventure Race and, required them to develop new skills in map reading and orientation. I am pleased to say that all students stepped up and gave it a go, with some promising results and achievements.

A huge congratulations to Samuel Mackay, Julia Leusink, Ethan Staddon, and Finn Wigram.



ADVENTURE RACING – Hillary Outdoors Get2Go Regional Challenge

The following students recently attended the Get2Go Regional Challenge for year 9 and 10 held in Cambridge, comprising two teams, 1 x girls and 1 x boys.

Georgia Fox, Oran Hammersley, Indie Baker, Amber Nicol, Isabella McGeough, Emma Staples, Julia Leusink and, Rory Mackintosh.

Noah Kemp, Angus Putt, James McIntyre, George Simipson, Ethan Staddon, Finn Wigram, George Canning, and Austin Gibston.

The event consisted of fun, outdoor adventure activities like orienteering, stand-up paddle boarding, mountain biking, and a little bit of problem solving, into an action-packed event for students of all fitness levels and experience.

The scores were very close and our students did really well across all the disciplines finishing 8th of 19 entrants in the Waikato region.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL – BAY CHAMPS

Our Junior Premier and Development Boys teams recently took part in the Bay Championships.

The Premier team had a rusty start but came into their own with the in-game highlight of Hozay tito-Haitana throwing down a 1 hand dunk. Their second game, we pulled away in the last 90 seconds thanks to a John Chanas corner 3. Last game of the day, we took on a tired Papamoa and ended up running away comfortably against them.

The Junior Development had a tough day against some seasoned teams. We were sluggish in our first game against a slick finishing Te Koutu team. In the second game vs Otumoetai, they pressured us early with some mistakes. The third game, the boys came out positive and managed to put up their most points scored in a game.

A great day of experience and exposure for our boys where we can take heaps away and learn from when we return back to play in the Taupo college league. Massive thank you to Coach Walton and our student referee Renata for helping along the day. Congratulations to the Junior Premier team taking out their grade 🏆



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SQUASH – NZ Team Championships – 6-8 August

The College recently sent a Squash team to the National Secondary Schools Championships. Congratulations to Luke Steyn, Kyle Steyn, Rhys Broadmore, Louis Wyatt, Sam Green, and George Green.

Starting as 11th seeds, they had a must win round on Friday morning to secure the top half of the draw playoffs. With the way the team was structured, having players at very different grades, it meant needing one of the lower graded players to often beat a higher graded player.

In the first round, it was Rhys who lifted to win the vital third game and Luke stepped up and beat the A2 in a really good game of squash. In our third round, there were some easy wins for Luke and Kyle but some really challenging games for Louis, Rhys, and George.

During Round 4 on Saturday afternoon, Louis was able to take the needed third win to take us into the final round on Sunday morning. We decided to rest Luke for this round as he was a definite win against a much lower opponent, but in the interest of close competition, we put our trust in our lower graded players to bring us home. That is exactly how it played out with all the boys taking some really good solid wins on the final day.

Huge congratulations to Luke Steyn, as he was selected for the prestigious New Zealand Secondary School team of 6. The team will represent NZ later in the year in a tournament played in Australia. Fingers crossed it can go ahead.

Absolutely proud of all the guys' efforts both leading up to and during the tournament; they were a great group of kids to take away on a school trip and represented Taupo-nui-a-Tia College admirably.



CYCLING

There have been quite a few races for our Cyclists recently.

The Cycling NZ Schools North Island Cycle Cross (CX) was held in Upper Hutt, Wellington with Coen Nicol and Victoria Barrett making the trip down.

The track was very muddy with several fun obstacles to ride/negotiate and became muddier as the race went on. All the riders across all school grades were on the course at the same time which made for interesting racing.

Victoria did well and finished 5th in the U15 girls.

Coen slipped at the last turn to be 2nd in the U17 boys, only by mere seconds!



The Cycling NZ North Island Schools Road Championship was also held a week before in Karapiro with three riders from the College attending.

In the U20 race, three riders took a commanding lead early, but both Ivan Abele and James Officer held onto the peloton and finished a very respectable 25th (Ivan) and 26th (James) out of 66. They were very close to the front in a large peloton, so great results.

In the U17, race Coen Nicol was doing well before a course error which saw him finish in 36th out of 52.

Five students also went to the Nduro Winter Forest Festival held in Rotorua over the weekend. James Officer, Mia Cameron, Coen Nicol, Dan Pietersma and Amber Nicol all raced in large fields (some over 200) consisting of all ages.

All the students did exceptionally well in very cold conditions with everyone making the podium including three 1sts in their respective grades.

Well done to all the students for great results in all the races across the three disciplines.

**HOT OFF THE PRESS - U16 King Country Rugby Rep Team Named**

Well done to the following players from Taupo-nui-a-Tia College who have being selected:

Joey Keehan, Hunter Arnold, Sam Corney, Whakaraupo Brown, Jacob Hume, Renata Ngata, Tai Mildon, Thomas Swailes, Jack- Dallas Johnson, CJ Mienie, David Lewai, Isaac Rewi-Samuelu, Jed Walker, Tyler Wilks, and Eski Rickus.

Aniek Lenoir, Sports Coordinator