



# Taupo-nui-a-Tia College



**TERM 2  
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*"Gateway to Your Future"*



Greetings to all of our parents and caregivers, and in particular all of our parents who are new to the school this term – we have had a lot of new enrolments this term – I hope your association with the college is a long and positive one.

At the start of this term the college had an opportunity to commemorate the centenary of the ANZAC landings on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey. We were well represented by staff and students at both the dawn service and the 10:30am service held at the cenotaph outside the Great Lake Centre. At the college we had a field of remembrance situated in the centre of the school and 100 poppies were laser printed and painted by our students and placed under our school sign. Our guest speaker at assembly during the week of ANZAC Day was Michael Drake. Michael's address looked at the Gallipoli landing from a range of perspectives and it was well received by our students. We have included his speech in this newsletter.

By now you should have received either an electronic or hard copy of your child's report. If not please contact the school and we will quickly get one to you. Following the distribution of reports is a Whanau Day on Wednesday, 20 May. Classes will not be running on this day as we are dedicating this time to meet with you and your child during 20 minute interviews. This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet the learning advisor for your child and discuss their progress in class and the academic goals they have set.

Research has shown that your involvement with your child's education can have a significant positive impact on their progress in school. We strongly urge you to attend.

I have had the opportunity to watch many of our students compete in a wide range of sports over the last few months. A common denominator with all the teams I have watched is that they are supported by a wonderful group of caring and dedicated parents. I am aware that for many of these parents they have been offering this support ever since their children became involved in sport. It is this often unseen voluntary involvement that is the backbone of school sport and it is very much appreciated. You will note in the sports section in the newsletter how well our students achieve at local, regional and national level. I would like to acknowledge the work of the college's Sports Coordinator, Andrew Maisiey. Andrew is relatively new to the job but has 'hit the ground running' in terms of supporting and promoting sport in the school.

I have been granted a Secondary Principal's Sabbatical, to be taken later this term. This is 10 weeks leave that will enable me to look at educational trends overseas and in schools around New Zealand. During this time Wayne Frewen will be Acting Principal, ably supported by Deputy Principals Brenda Ronke and Bruce Forsyth. I look forward to reporting back to you after my sabbatical.

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## Cornerstone Values

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

## The Principal's Message

## Term 2 Calendar – Week 4 to Week 11

May				
Mon	11	1 <sup>st</sup> XV Rugby Fundraiser – Quiz Night/Auction, hall. Doors open 6:30pm, quiz starts 7pm.	Week 4 (green)	
Tues	12			
Wed	13			
Thurs	14			
Fri	15			
Mon	18	School Cross Country. <b>Whanau Day 9:00am to 6:00pm.</b>  Waikato University Open Day.	Week 5 (red)	
Tues	19			
Wed	20			
Thurs	21			
Fri	22			
Mon	25	5:00pm Board of Trustees meeting, college boardroom.  Year 11 Triathlon. Wintec Big Day Out.	Week 6 (green)	
Tues	26			
Wed	27			
Thurs	28			
Fri	29			
June				
Mon	1	<b>Public Holiday – Queen’s Birthday</b> Defensive Driving Course 5:00pm to 7:00pm AUT visit, school boardroom 1:30pm. Defensive Driving Course 5:00pm to 7:00pm 1 <sup>st</sup> XV Rugby Fundraiser.	Week 7 (red)	
Tues	2			
Wed	3			
Thurs	4			
Fri	5			
Mon	8	Stage Challenge, Rotorua Convention Centre.  Triple A Day. Senior Ball.	Week 8 (green)	
Tues	9			
Wed	10			
Thurs	11			
Fri	12			
Sat	13			
Mon	15	Study Skills Seminars – Senior students during the day / Parents at 6:30pm.  Kapa Haka fundraiser – Matariki Celebrations.	Week 9 (red)	
Tues	16			
Wed	17			
Thurs	18			
Fri	19			
Mon	22	CACTUS Longest Day.  Kapa Haka Regionals, Rotorua.	Week 10 (green)	
Tues	23			
Wed	24			
Thurs	25			
Fri	26			
Mon	29	<b>SPIRIT WEEK</b>	Week 11 (red)	
Tues	30			
July				
Wed	1			
Thurs	2			
Fri	3	<b>Last Day of Term 2 : Term 3 begins Monday 20 July</b>		



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Taupo-nui-a-Tia College has opted into a community of schools that will be supported by the Ministry of Education's Investing in Educational Success (IES) initiative. The other schools involved are Taupo Primary, Waipahihi, Rangitaiki, Marotiri and Mountview. The aim of the community of schools is to identify common achievement goals that will be of benefit to the young people in the Taupo community. By drawing on the collective expertise within the six schools it is expected that there will be a positive impact for a significant number of young people. This initiative is well resourced and aimed at students throughout their primary school years through to when they reach senior secondary school. It is hoped other schools come on board in the near future.

I look forward to seeing you on Whanau Day on Wednesday 20 May.

  
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:

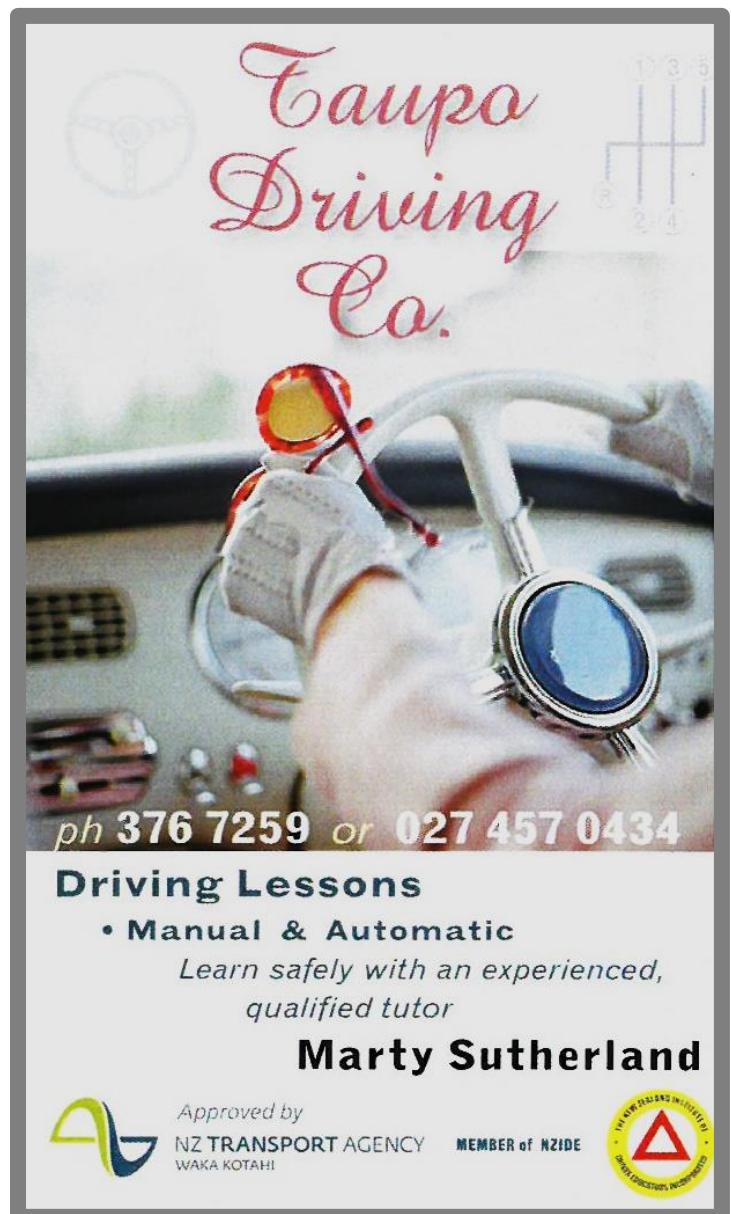
*"Willingness to be kind, thoughtful and consider the interests of others before self."*

- 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.

## DOE Hillary Awards

Congratulations to Aidan Winmill for attaining the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award.

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## Road Safety Reminders



- When transporting your child to and from school **please use the drop off zone that is accessed through Gate 1.** This reduces congestion and possible road hazards on Spa Road.
- Please do not doublepark in front of empty carparks on Spa Road, especially during peak times before and after school. Use the drop off zone wherever possible.
- Students are expected to use the pedestrian crossing at all times.

## Please Return Text Books

It is very important that textbooks are returned. Some students may think "Oh it's just one book, it doesn't matter." It DOES matter! If one or two students from each class do not return their books, that's one or two books per class set that have to be replaced. Not only does this cost us valuable time and money sourcing new copies, but other students miss out until new replacement copies are received. Please think of others. Parents – please – if you see school books lying around at home (in cupboards, under beds, in the lounge etc), return them to the office. There are no fines to be paid for late books, but we really do need them back! Thank you.

Alyson Murray  
School Librarian

## Unicef Letter of Thanks

The money raised from last term's mufti day was donated to the emergency fund for Vanuatu. We received the following letter of appreciation from Unicef. Thank you all very much for your contribution!

Dear Taupo Nui a Tia College,

I am writing to thank you for your extremely kind donation to support our emergency response to help children and families in the wake of Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu. Your donation helps us to reach affected children, their families and communities with emergency supplies.

Super Cyclone Pam, the biggest cyclone to ever hit Vanuatu, ripped through communities causing widespread devastation; at least 82,000 children have been affected. Thousands of children have lost their homes, their belongings, their schools; access to clean water and food is also scarce. We are working hard to provide supplies to help children in the wake of this disaster.

Your donation will help us to provide; clean water kits, hygiene kits, medical supplies, temporary shelter, temporary schools and education supplies.

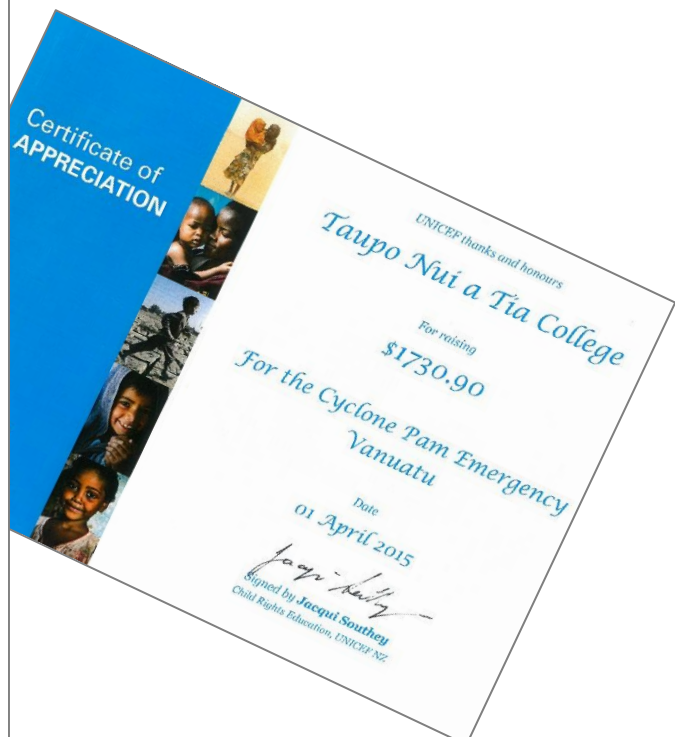
It will take months, even years for Vanuatu to recover. UNICEF will be there supporting the people of Vanuatu and working hard to help rebuild the lives of children and their families. Your support is crucial in enabling us to continue our work.

Together we are saving children's lives.

With heartfelt thanks,

Jacqui Southey  
Child Rights Education

UNICEF New Zealand  
Unite for children - Whakakotahi mō te Tamariki



## THETA Sexwise Programme

This week we are pleased to have THETA presenting their Sexwise programme to all Year 10 students. THETA has been funded by the Ministry of Health to deliver Sexwise to secondary schools nationwide in 2015. Sexwise is a sexual and reproductive health promotion programme consisting of a theatre presentation and an interactive workshop.

## Bay Trust Centre Clinics

<b>Monday to Friday</b>	8:15am – 3:30pm	Fiona Primrose, Administrator
<b>Monday</b>	10:00am – 11:45am	Dr Debbie Hughes
	12:30pm – 3:20pm	Psychologist, Riona Baldwin
	12:30pm – 3:20pm	TUMT Drug and Alcohol Counselling
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00am – 3:20pm	Nurse, Claire Swindlehurst
	9:00am – 1:00pm	Physio, Jeff Fox
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00am – 2:30pm	Mana Whakatipu Mentoring, TeWhetu Dewes
	12:30pm – 3:20pm	Nurse, Claire Swindlehurst
	2:20pm – 3:20pm	TUMT Drug and Alcohol Counselling (Group)
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00am – 1:00pm	Physio, Jeff Fox
	10:00am – 3:20pm	Mana Whakatipu Mentoring, TeWhetu Dewes
<b>Friday</b>	12:30pm – 3:20pm	Nurse, Claire Swindlehurst

### SLINGSHOT 'BETTER SCHOOLS' PROGRAMME

We are now part of this wonderful programme whereby Slingshot customers can choose to have a percentage of their monthly bill donated to the school. Each month, Slingshot will send us the money to use as we see fit. How big that donation is depends on you! If you'd like this easy and pain free way to contribute please call 0800 89 7733 and speak to one of their friendly customer helpers.



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A huge **THANK YOU** for the generous support that the following Taupo businesses have given our Technology Department for quite a number of years. Without the generosity of our local businesses we may not be able to offer the students the great opportunities that the college has, to assist them in today's technological and competitive society.



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## Stage Challenge 2015

# TNT presents: Salute



This year's Stage Challenge production commemorates the centennial anniversary of ANZAC. Our piece depicts a conglomeration of emotions as we journey from the enthusiasm of signing up for war, the trauma and realities of war and finally the aching tribute to those who will not be forgotten.

We have 98 students performing on stage and a backstage and support crew of 38. A huge thank you goes out to all the students involved and their incredibly supportive parents. A special thank you goes to the seven student choreographers (Brooke Parkinson, Chloe Jaques, Madi Pierce, Lauren Hughes, Aleisha Merwyn, Skylar Orr and Brittany Buckton) who are creating vivid and emotional scenes, capturing the essence of our piece. Special mention also goes to Mitch Hoyles who is building our entire set! To the staff helping out (Eden Pirie, Tiffany Allen, Liz Davis, Amanda Fox, Bruce Forsyth, Brendan O'Sullivan, Lynette Brown, Aletta Lamprecht and Iggy Gloy), Stage Challenge couldn't happen without you! Our lovely office ladies are dealing with chocolate sales and all the receipts, and as always, are doing a fantastic job. Finally, a big thank you, to Mike Ranston from Brandfuel for the t-shirts. Mike has been involved in TNT in Stage Challenge since 2005!

Stage Challenge is costly, but again students and parents are assisting in the fundraising opportunities (Ironman and chocolate sales). Thank you for your help.

We will be performing our piece on **Tuesday 9 June at the Rotorua Convention Centre**. Tickets can now be purchased through Ticketmaster.

If you would like to assist, or have any queries, please contact Mrs Gloy at school – ph 3761100 or email [igggy.gloy@taupocollege.ac.nz](mailto:igggy.gloy@taupocollege.ac.nz).

## ANZAC Tribute by Mr Michael Drake

ANZAC Day falls on 25 April every year. All non-essential work stops and there are ceremonies at every town's war memorial. These range from Taupo's simple cenotaph outside the Great Lake Centre, to Auckland's magnificent war memorial museum that overlooks the whole central city and the harbour. If you go to the top floor of that museum you come to the Hall of Memories, where thousands of names are carved in stone. Each of these represents a young man – they were almost always young men – who came from the Auckland province and who died fighting for New Zealand in a war.

In the twentieth century there were two enormous wars, each of which lasted four years or more. We were involved in both because the people and government believed it was right. We have been involved in many smaller wars since, right up to opposing Islamic State in Iraq in 2015.

Every war is a tragedy. International differences should be, and mostly are, sorted out by discussion and negotiation between governments. But sometimes negotiation fails and war follows.

On ANZAC Day we remember the tens of thousands of young New Zealanders, mostly young men but some women, who went to war. They found endless training, lots of boredom, some adventure, occasional terror, often injury, sometimes death. We especially remember the 30,000 killed in the last 120 years whose graves lie in places like Turkey, North Africa, France, Belgium, Italy and Great Britain, and the more than 60,000 who were wounded, many of whom came back to New Zealand and never completely recovered in body or in mind.

We also remember the suffering of those who didn't go away to fight. My mother was typical of those who stayed behind. I was born in October 1944, one year before the end of World War II. Shortly afterwards my father was sent overseas to take part in the war against Germany and Japan. Imagine how she must have felt, looking after her little baby and seeing her beloved husband not only go overseas without her, but go to a place where highly skilled men – the Japanese army – would do their best to blow his head off. And there were thousands of other women in New Zealand, and millions worldwide, in exactly the same situation.



Some years ago my cousin's mother-in-law told me how she fell in love with a wonderful young man in 1939. World War II started, they got engaged, he gave her a diamond ring. He joined the air force and was sent overseas. A few months later she was on holiday here in Taupo. She used to go for a swim with friends most days on the lakefront, about where the coffee cart is now. One day, as usual, she carefully took off her diamond engagement ring and put it on her towel on the beach for safety before she entered the water. But when she came back she forgot it was there and flicked up the towel to dry herself. Half an hour later, she realised her mistake. She searched that beach for a week, but found nothing. Eventually she got enough courage to write to her fiancé to tell him that she had accidentally thrown his ring away. Kindly, he sent her money to buy a replacement ring, which she did. Six months later he was killed. She was heartbroken.

The innocent suffer terribly in wars. One of my sisters-in-law tells of her oldest brother playing in a city park with his best mate when he was a little boy aged six. The year was 1945. Suddenly there was the howl of aircraft engines, very close. They both ran and dived for the shelter of a fallen log. My sister-in-law's brother was slightly faster and was safe. But in the roar of machinegun fire his mate was cut to pieces. The really interesting thing is that the city was Tokyo, as my sister-in-law is Japanese, and the fighter plane was American. We in New Zealand probably thought it was a good thing that American planes were over Tokyo that day. But for that little lad it was a terrible thing. No little lad deserves to die such a death. And it wasn't only people who suffer in war. During World War I, 10,000 of our best horses went overseas and went into battle with our soldiers. Only four came back. Of the rest, 4,000 were killed in battle and the other 6,000 were shot because the difficulties of bringing them home at the war's end were judged to be too great. Often men could not bring themselves to shoot their own horse with whom they had risked their lives. Instead they got their mate to shoot their horse, and they shot his.

Many injured men suffered for a lifetime after they returned from war. That is why we buy little poppies, which were chosen because red poppies were the first thing to grow on soldiers' new graves in Belgium and France 100 years ago. We buy poppies to show that we remember, and the money goes to help injured ex-soldiers, sailors and airmen and their families, like those who fought in Vietnam who are suffering the after effects of chemical warfare, and others home from Afghanistan who have had limbs blown off.

But ANZAC Day isn't just for thinking back about the sacrifice of others in war. It is also about thinking forward. The causes of war tend to be about greed, wanting others' resources; about wanting more power; about feeling culturally superior, and despising others; and about resenting the ill-treatment of one culture by another.



- Never look down on other people or not be friendly just because they are different (so what if their favourite food is seaweed?)
- Never mock others for their looks or different language (so what if their eyes look funny to us?)
- Always respect different beliefs. My and your way of looking at the world are not the only valid ways of looking at reality.
- Always be generous and share what we have with others.
- Always try to be represented by a government that acts fairly, and that means making the effort to vote in elections. If you choose not to vote, you are saying you don't care who makes the important decisions in our country, and that way leads disaster.
- Always be kind to others. Try to do an unexpected act of kindness every day. The spirits of the dead soldiers will respect you for it.
- Be prepared to forgive those who have wronged you. It amazes me that the Turkish people have forgiven us for invading their country 100 years ago, and being part of an army that killed 87,000 of their young men before we went away again eight months later. If they can forgive us, we can forgive anyone!

Michael Drake  
School Assembly Address, 23 April 2015





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- > Learn how to transform violent behaviour.
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## Study Skills Seminars

**When:** Tuesday 16 June (during the day)  
**Where:** At school  
**Who:** Senior Students

International author, speaker and trainer, Patrick Sherratt will be visiting Taupo-nui-a-Tia College again in June to present his interactive and entertaining exam-preparation seminar to our seniors. In this two-hour presentation, Patrick will offer a five-step approach to prepare for exams while building in solutions to many of the common challenges students face in the lead up to exams. If you have problems getting motivated to study, procrastinate, get distracted easily, have a poor memory or suffer from exam nerves, this will be a "must-attend" seminar for you. Past students have highly recommended this presentation:

*"Amazing Seminar. This has completely changed my outlook on school exams and the preparation process associated with it." Year 12 Student, Taupo-nui-a-Tia College.*

Held in-school, the seminar will cost \$15 per person. Please register your interest and pay at the office. For more information, please visit: [www.passingexams.co.nz](http://www.passingexams.co.nz) or [www.howtopassexams.com](http://www.howtopassexams.com)

**When:** 6:30pm, Tuesday 16 June  
**Where:** School Library  
**Who:** Parents/Caregivers

6:30pm – Meet and greet Senior Management and other parents (nibbles and mulled wine).

7:00pm – NCEA talk.

7:30pm – Study Skills Seminar for parents.

## Whanau Day

On **Wednesday 20 May from 9:00am to 6:00pm** we will be holding a whanau day. The purpose of this day is for parents and caregivers to meet with their child's Learning Advisor. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's academic goals they have set. To book a 20 minute interview with the Learning Advisor go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz). For further information please contact the college office, ph 376 1100.

## Pause Prompt Praise

'Pause Prompt Praise' is a reading programme with a difference.

As teachers, we are constantly encouraging our students to read more. It can be anything – from newspaper articles to poetry, from online blogs to novels. The more our students read, the more skills they will learn in the process – such as extending their vocabulary and promoting higher thinking, obviously leading to higher achievement.

As parents, we often worry whether our children are reading enough. It has been proven that parents are the greatest influence on their children's love of reading. If you feel that your child may need support or encouragement to read, then 'Pause Prompt Praise' could be for you. 'Pause Prompt Praise' is a 10 week reading programme for Year 9 and 10 students, where your child is encouraged to read alongside a member of their whanau, five times a week for 15 minutes a session. The whanau member encourages the child with their reading through a series of reading tutoring strategies – to pause, to prompt and then to praise when they achieve success. They will also receive support in school, three times a week, with staff and voluntary members of the community.

We are about to start a 'trial' group for 'Pause Prompt Praise' in our school, with 10 stunning children and their whanau. We plan to start the next round of this programme in Term 3. If anybody is interested in being a tutor for this programme and encouraging our readers during school time, please let the school know. It is a very rewarding experience. If you think this could be of benefit to you and your family, or would like to know more, please contact [maria.heaslip@taupo.college.ac.nz](mailto:maria.heaslip@taupo.college.ac.nz) for more information.

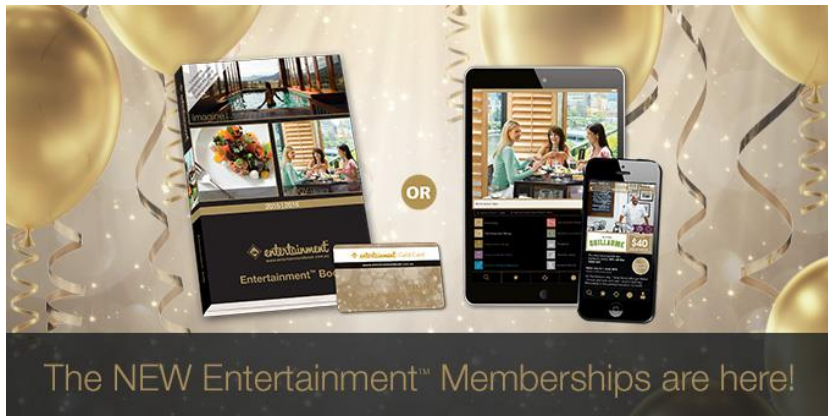


## Fundraising for Snow Sports Teams

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### OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND IMPROVE THEIR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In late June/early July, NZ Student Exchange will be receiving exchange students from Australia, Bolivia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Sweden and the USA. The new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for three, five or 10 months.

We are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.

Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life! All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local.





## Engineering Honours for Ex TNT Student

The 2014 cohort of the Canterbury University Mechanical Engineering Honours programme recently attended their graduation ceremony. Last year as part of the final year programme, they completed cutting-edge research and development projects, sponsored by some of New Zealand's most interesting companies. Among the Class of 2014 was Alister Forsyth, a previous student of Taupo-nui-a-Tia College.

For his research and development project, Alister helped to develop a device for testing the strength of a type of welding joint used in high temperature and high pressure processing facilities. The research team was challenged to create a testing device that was robust, quick, and easy to operate.

The University of Canterbury wishes to congratulate Alister for his outstanding research contributions, as well as for his hard work during the challenging four-year Mechanical Engineering Honours programme.



## Uni: Is it Different to High School?

Excerpt from blog by Mikayla Dempsey, first year BA/LLB. Originally from Auckland Girls' Grammar School.

I'm finding university quite different to high school. Not a bad different - just different. For any of you reading who are trying to work out whether university is for you, I thought I'd write a little bit about the differences between uni and school that I have picked up on so far.

The first thing is: there are no teachers. You have lecturers - but they are responsible for hundreds (or even thousands) of students. All of my lecturers are amazing and encourage us to send them any questions - but at the same time you can't rely on them as much as you could with your

teachers. You just have to be a bit more independent. If you don't fully understand a topic - do some additional readings or ask someone. Your education is your own responsibility! And while that can be scary, I think there's an element of freedom in that.

Also: an hour of lecture is a completely different experience to an hour of class at high school. Whereas in high school, you'd do independent exercises in class - extra work to consolidate the new information you've just learnt - in a lecture you just learn new information. The whole hour is content packed. You never feel like you've wasted time in a lecture. I remember last year at school I would sit in a class and think 'We haven't covered anything new. There is no point in me being here.' Lectures are the opposite - you always feel productive and like you really needed to be there. I enjoy this new aspect of Uni life; I know whenever I go onto campus my time is being well spent!

At high school you spend at least six hours (probably more) at school a day. At Uni I have about three hours worth of lectures and tutorials a day (but obviously it depends on your degree). A side effect of this is that you have a lot more free time. I was so excited by this when I started uni. But while it gives you a lot more control over the structure of your day, it isn't really free time. For every hour of lecture you have, you're expected to do two hours of independent work - be that readings, assignments, or revision.

Read the full blog and more from Mikayla and other first-year Uni students at The Inside Word

[www.auckland.ac.nz/theinsideword](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/theinsideword)



## Careers Update

Upcoming liaison visits which parents/caregivers are also welcome to attend:

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| • Friday    | 15 May  | Massey University, school boardroom 1:30pm |
| • Friday    | 22 May  | Waikato University Open Day, school trip   |
| • Friday    | 29 May  | Wintec Big Day Out                         |
| • Wednesday | 3 June  | AUT, school boardroom 1:30pm               |
| • Friday    | 12 June | Waiariki Institute of Technology Open Day  |
| • Tuesday   | 16 June | Otago Polytechnic.                         |

### Breakout Scholarships, Grants and Allowances in New Zealand

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College has the licence to use this site and it is networked throughout all the computer rooms also.

### Great News for Careers at Nui!

'Bullseye' is a new online Career Planning tool we will be implementing for Years 12 and 13. This tool provides basic psychometric testing, subject matching, interests and values knowledge and then develops a Career Action Plan (CAP) for each student. All students at Year 12 and 13 will have access to their Bullseye Career Profile for three years and can use it as an online career profile. The Bullseye tool was created by Kate McBeath and will be implemented through Learning Advisory Groups. Visit their website [www.bullseye.co.nz](http://www.bullseye.co.nz) as they have helpful information and newsletters for all students and parents/caregivers. Happy career planning!!

Mrs Kay Grant  
Careers Advisor

## SOE and ODL Updates



Wow, Taupo-nui-a-Tia students have been getting out on some fantastic adventures. 11SOE has been adventuring in the Kaimai's, 12SOE has been kayaking and mountain biking around the Taupo area and 13ODL has been sea kayaking on our fantastic lake exploring the Western Bays.



### 12SOE (Sport & Outdoor Education) – Sea Kayak Trip

12SOE showed diligence and perseverance for their sea kayak assessment. It was a story with two endings with Mr Wilson's class having near glass-like conditions and hot weather, and Mr Dearlove's class having 25km winds and the waves to match. Both classes started at Acacia Bay and headed around to the carvings. At the carvings all students had to show their skills rescuing each other and themselves. They showed the Cornerstone Values of care and consideration and respect for themselves and others. Jamie needs some practice catching fish rather than the girls! Maisy's trip was cut short by a fish hook needing to be removed from her thumb near Whakamoenga Point.

The high and low ropes assessment went off with all students challenging themselves and showing support to those that needed it. It's very scary trusting in rope the size of your little finger and everyone should be proud of their accomplishments. Great start to the year, keep up the good work.



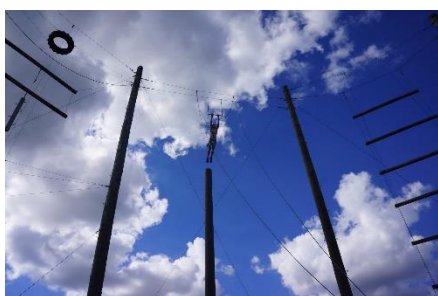


## 13ODL (Outdoor Leadership) – Surf Day Trip

Both classes managed to have good 2-3ft surf to show off their skills carving down the faces of waves on Papamoa Beach. Some (most) students managed to get pounded by the surf, by at least one wave. A lot of fun times were had and everyone came away from the challenge buzzing.



We followed the surf day with an overnight paddle on Lake Taupo starting at the boat harbour. Both classes worked well as a team, encouraging each other along the way. Leadership was a large component of the trip and it was very pleasing to see some strong leaders coming through from both classes. There were also some hearty students that showed us the quality of their 'manu' at various locations along the way. All students came away from the trip with ripped guns and tired bodies. Bring on rafting in Term 2!



## DOE Trips (Duke of Edinburgh Hilary Awards)

### Bronze Tramp –

There have been two qualifying tramps this year for Bronze DOE students. We had intended to have two different destinations, one to Waihaha Pureora and one to Whakapapaiti Mt Ruapehu. However, due to poor weather on the mountain the second tramp also went into Waihaha. Students were all well prepared, having completed tramp training and first aid. They were helpful and happy and worked together taking turns to lead the group.

### Bronze Sea Kayak –

The Bronze DOE sea kayak expedition started at Kinloch. We paddled to Whakaipo Bay where we stayed the night at the end of the bay. The weather was perfect for paddling and students were very efficient at setting up camp and cooking meals. Independently, groups had all decided on pasta for dinner. Lights out came after a number of games involving torches in strong moonlight. We had a fairly strong south westerly paddling out of Whakaipo but this meant it blew us along towards Little Acacia Bay where we were embarking. We stopped at the rock carvings on the way in beautiful sunshine.

### Silver Qualifier/Gold Practice Tramp –

Whirinaki Forest was our destination for a tramp from River Road end to Central Whirinaki to Mangamate and then looping out to River Road again. Heavy rain had caused us some concern the day before as there were a number of river crossings to be made on days 2 and 3, but the water subsided quickly. Students arrived back at the van on day 3, wet, tired and muddy but satisfied with their efforts. Hot chips and icecream at Murupara finished off the day.



## Seay Earthmovers Limited – Sports Pages

### School Sports Wrap

Diving straight back into sports in Term 2 and another great term of sport ahead of us, just time for a quick tumble turn and then away we go! Remember – always play fair, give it your best and thank the opposition, coaches, referees, parents and all involved. Andrew Maisey, Sports Coordinator.

### Swimming

Some of our swimmers attended the Waikato/BOP Secondary Schools swim meet at Whakatane on 24 April and some great results were achieved. A lot of fun was had as well. What a great group of students and all performed very well. I was happy to see such commitment and healthy group support from these young adults. For top results visit our school facebook page.



### Sailing

Our fine team of sailor's have been tacking along extremely well this season and proved they can lift their sail when it counts with some good results and sailing above the wind at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Sailing Champs held on Lake Taupo in the holidays. Our school team finished with 8 wins on the last day of the competition and ended up with a very creditable 4<sup>th</sup> placing in the Silver Division. Again, many more very cool photos can be found on our facebook page.



### Motocross

Maximus Purvis has won the New Zealand Junior Motocross Champion title in the 13-16yr 85cc class. A fantastic effort and having raced motocross for many years myself I can assure you that this is a tough and demanding sport!



### Wakeboarding

During Easter weekend Georgia Collard won the 2015 New Zealand Wake Board National Champs. She did well not only to take the NZ1 title, but to endure the added pressure of competing in the over 18yrs womens' division amongst older and more experienced competitors. Georgia's win guarantees her a spot on the New Zealand Wake Board Development Squad to compete at the World Champs later this year.

### Ocean Water Swim Series

Tahlia Pook placed 2nd in her age group.

Keegan Pook placed 5th in the senior age group.

Well done as these swims are often in the ocean and over long distances which require both strength and endurance.

### Triathlon

Kyle Smith has been selected for New Zealand's Elite U19 World Championship Triathlon Team. Kyle will train with Triathlon NZ's High Performance squad which will include two weeks in Japan, competition in Canada and then on to Chicago for the World Champs. This is massive and such a great achievement.





## Waka Ama

Our students did very well at the Waka Ama Nationals. Here are their final results:

- U19 Boys 3<sup>rd</sup> – 250m Bowl Final
- U19 Girls 1<sup>st</sup> – 500m Plate Semi Final
- U19 Girls 2<sup>nd</sup> – 500m Bowl Final
- U19 Girls 7<sup>th</sup> – 250m Bowl Final
- Shianne Meredith 6<sup>th</sup> in 250m Plate Final (ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in NZ).



Whaea Steph, Matua Snow and Mr Thiele have been doing a great job with our Waka Ama crews and the many hours of early training on the lake are paying off with some encouraging results. The U16 mixed crew came 5<sup>th</sup> in the Te Weke Challenge on 18<sup>th</sup> April and the other crews also gaining much experience. Keep up the awesome work team!

## Rugby

The season is now well under way and both our boys & girls teams are having early success with some great results and our first 15 boys have posted some big scores already so we are looking good for the season. Keep up the training guys as fitness plays a big part and also helps in reducing injuries.

## Equestrian

We entered two teams in the North Island Secondary Schools Horse Trials Event, held in Taupo 2-3 May. At the conclusion of the event when points were added up, one of our teams placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the dressage phase and went on to be placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in their class. Congratulations to the "AB" team members Beth Owen, Daisy Morgan, Aimee Janssen and Chloe Janssen.

"B" team members are: Baelei London, Natalie Dawson, Bobbie-Jo Hewson and Jemma Isaacs.

Thanks to the parents for giving up their whole weekend for this event. Also big thanks to Kay Andrews for harnessing the riders together and getting them organised for some very cool events.



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### Shooting

Some of our clay target shooters at the local gun club on their first practice shoot.



### Mountain Biking

On 29 April some of our students participated in a Waikato/BOP Secondary Schools Mountain Biking Champs at Te Miro. It was a challenging and slippery course with some very demanding sections which required much skill and endurance. Jacob Thomasen finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the U15 boys. Hannah Howell finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the U15 girls and came back to finish strongly after a nasty fall.



### Triathlon

The Taupo-nui-a-Tia College U16 Girls' Triathlon Team (Tahlia Pook, Jessica Clark and Julia Davis) placed an impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Triathlon Champ. Well done girls!

### Tri Sport Taupo Awards

Some standout performances from TNT students were acknowledged at the Tri Sport Taupo Annual Awards recently.

**Jakob Larsen** – picking up a bag of medals for his determination and commitment to triathlon this year. Jacob won The Rising Star Award, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Duathlon U13 and 1<sup>st</sup> Place Triathlon U13.

**Kyle Smith** – Winner of the Best Overall Athlete Award.



### School Swimming Sports

What a great day at our school swimming sports recently with a real fun and buzzy atmosphere about the place. The students were encouraging each other on and there were some great novelty races thrown in as well. There were 10 new school records on the day which was outstanding and I just have to mention that the parent/teacher team won the relay event against the Houses! Several longstanding records were broken, as follows:

Name	Event	New Record	Previous Record
Johnson Bishop	Year 10 Boys 50m Breaststroke	32.92s	35.51s (2011)
	Year 10 Boys 25m Breaststroke	15.46s	16.66s (2010)
	Year 10 Boys 100m Freestyle	58.00s	58.28s (2008)
	Year 10 Boys 100m Medley	1.06.47	1.07.35 (2012)
Julia Onishi	Year 9 Girls 25m Backstroke	16.65s	16.74s (2010)
	Year 9 Girls 50m Backstroke	35.16s	35.79s (2006)
Caitlin Taylor	Year 12/13 Girls 25m Butterfly	14.31s	14.69s (2012)
	Year 12/13 Girls 100m Medley	1.14.16	1.18.62 (2004)
Elizabeth Gretton	Year 10 Girls 50m Backstroke	33.21s	35.04s (2007)
Tahlia Pook	Year 10 Girls 100m Freestyle	1.03.38s	1.03.39s (2007)



## TNT Swimming Champions 2015

### Junior Girls

- 1<sup>st</sup> Julia Onishi  
2<sup>nd</sup> Loughlin McGrath  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jordyn Farries

### Intermediate Girls

- 1<sup>st</sup> Caitlin Taylor  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tahlia Pook  
3<sup>rd</sup> Elizabeth Gretton

### Senior Girls

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tania Thomson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Kenyon  
3<sup>rd</sup> Isabella Sherwood-Clark

### Junior Boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> Thomas Bishop  
2<sup>nd</sup> Seffie Figgins  
3<sup>rd</sup> Matthew Connon

### Intermediate Boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> Johnson Bishop  
2<sup>nd</sup> Liam Sanson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jeremy Stokes

### Senior Boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> Keegan Pook  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kyle Smith  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jake Connon



## BOP Secondary Schools Swimming Champs 2015

Sarah Kenyon	1 <sup>st</sup>	16-18y 50m Breaststroke	Kirsten Robinson	2 <sup>nd</sup>	16-18y 4 x 50m Senior Relay
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	16-18y 4x50m Senior Relay	Julia Onishi	2 <sup>nd</sup>	14-15y 4x50m Intermediate Relay
Keegan Pook	1 <sup>st</sup>	16-18y 50m Backstroke		2 <sup>nd</sup>	14-15y 4x50m Intermediate Relay
	1 <sup>st</sup>	16-18y 50m Butterfly	Mathew Connon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10-13y 100m Freestyle
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	16-18y 100m Individual Medley	Thomas Bishop	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10-13y 50m Backstroke
Caitlin Taylor	1 <sup>st</sup>	14-15y 50m Butterfly		3 <sup>rd</sup>	10-13y 50m Breaststroke
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	16-18y 4 x 50m Senior Relay			
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	14-15y 4x50m Intermediate Relay			
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	14-15y 50m Freestyle			
Johnson Bishop	2 <sup>nd</sup>	14-15y 100m Individual Medley			
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	14-15y Boys 50m Breaststroke			
Tahlia Pook	2 <sup>nd</sup>	200m Freestyle			
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	16-18y 4 x 50m Senior Relay			
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	14-15y 4x50m Intermediate Relay			

## Girls' Rugby Sevens

This year our girls' rugby sevens team traveled to Otorohanga to defend their King Country Sevens title. The girls played four games against Otorohanga College 40-0, Taumarunui High School 31-7, Tauhara College 41-0, and Te Kuiti College 43-0. With these outstanding performances, the girls retained the King Country Girls Rugby Sevens Trophy.



The girls are now preparing for the Bay of Plenty fifteens competition starting 13 May.



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### Hockey

This year Taupo-nui-a-Tia College is well represented in the Bay of Plenty Hockey Representative Squad 2015. All players currently play in the school's 1<sup>st</sup> XI hockey team.

Pictured –

Megan Smith, Gus Murray, Beth Hoyles, Daniel Wilks, Xanthe Sando, Nathan Brake, Tash Donald, Kynan Harrison, Kelsey Comer.

Absent – Matt Ranston.



### Netball

The season is now underway and we have 10 teams representing the college. Thanks to all those teachers, parents and students who are coaching and managing the teams. Please make sure your daughters are present at every training and game and that their fees for netball are paid. Also, we need parent umpires for our junior teams. If you are able to umpire please contact Mrs Clarke or Mrs Perry at school or approach us on a Saturday at the courts.

Congratulations to these girls for making the Taupo Centre U15 team:

Deli Taylor, Hannah Howell, Kavarna Smith, Kiana Tane, Manaia Rapana-Feather, Te Ana Gear, Te Rina Wineera.

### Football – Proudly Sponsored by Bayleys

The football season is underway and this year sees a number of exciting new developments.

The major news off the field being that a sponsorship arrangement with Bayleys Real Estate Taupo has been entered into. This has seen Yvonne Westerman and Ross Turnbull from Bayleys generously “give back” to the college. For them this is about supporting the community and also it is a way for them to show their appreciation after their son Callum enjoyed many years playing in TNT teams. The school and players are extremely fortunate and appreciate the generosity shown. This has enabled us to invest in new playing strips and jackets, as well as gear bags for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI boys' team.



After winning Division 1 last year, the 1<sup>st</sup> XI boys have taken the step up and are now competing in the Premier Division of the Baywide Youth League. Already the increase in pace from last year is noticeable and no doubt fitness will play a big part for the boys – see over page for team report. In addition, the boys 2<sup>nd</sup> XI are again competing in Division 2 and they got their campaign underway with a convincing win at the weekend.





Junior football at TNT has grown again this year and we now have two under 15 teams competing in the Rotorua Juniors U15 mixed league. This provides football of a good standard for our boys and stronger girls and will help us build a broader player-base for the future. The first round of matches saw the Green Team being much too strong for their opponents from Jean Paul College, whilst the Red Team came up against a strong and well-drilled team also from Jean Paul College, and a loss resulted.

Girl's football has also started with two teams again playing in the Rotorua/Taupo competition. This season will represent something of a rebuilding phase, with a number of girls leaving last year. Matches in the first week saw teams play in the usual good spirits with both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams playing their opposites from Tauhara College. Each college's 1<sup>st</sup> teams came out on top as expected, however our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI did themselves proud in this their first outing.

### 1<sup>st</sup> XI Football Team Report

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI Football Team have been training hard twice a week since late February, getting in plenty of preseason games by attending the Rotorua Geyser Tournament in March and travelling to Hamilton to play Hillcrest College in April.

The team kicked off their 2015 season on 2 May with a 3-2 win against Otumoetai College. It was a fast-paced game and proved to be a 90 minute nail biter for the spectators. The boys ran out onto the Number 1 pitch at Crown Park, sporting a brand new playing strip very generously sponsored by Bayleys.

A special ceremony was held before the game on Saturday morning, which saw Yvonne Westerman and Ross Turnbull from Bayleys individually present to each player their new kit, including a gear bag and drink bottle.

Saturday 9 May saw the team travel to Tauranga to play Bethlehem College (winners of last year's Premier Division). Down 3-nil at half time, the boys showed grit and determination to score four goals, winning the second half. Final score 6-4 to Bethlehem College, however the lads proved they have the skills and strength of character to foot it in the Premier Division.







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