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Taupo-nui-a-Tia College "Gateway to Your Future"

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He notes when talking about student achievement that –

"Parents have major effects in terms of their encouragement and expectations that they transmit to their children."

He says that these parental expectations are far more powerful than many of the structural factors of the home (eg. single or two-parent families). He also states that –

"Parents should be educated in the language of schooling so that the home and school can share in the expectations and the child does not have to live in two worlds – with little understanding between the home and school."

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all members of the Taupo-nui-a-Tia community and in particular those parents and whanau who are new to the college.

As is always the case, the school has hit the ground running! I have had the opportunity to get around most of the classes in the school and have been impressed with the productive and settled atmosphere in these classes. Parents are encouraged to keep in regular contact with the school either through our parent portal or by making contact directly. It was wonderful to meet so many of our Year 9 parents at the powhiri on the first day at school and then later at the Year 9 barbeque.

With the above statement in mind, the college PTA will be running evenings for parents about various aspects of school life. One that has proven successful in the past is an evening devoted to explain the intricacies of NCEA. The PTA is open to ideas on topics that could be covered and also welcome new members. Please contact the college if you wish to be part of this very positive group.

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In the next few weeks your child's Whanau Group advisor will be getting in touch with you either to introduce themselves or to get reacquainted. Taupo-nui-a-Tia College really values any contact we can have with parents and we recognise the vital role you play in your child's education. Educational researcher John Hattie in his book 'Visible Learning' devotes a chapter to the contribution from the home on student learning.

Cornerstone Values

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

The Principal's Message

Calendar – Week 5 to Week 11, Term 1

February		
Mon	29	
March		
Tues	1	Week 5 (green)
Wed	2	
Thurs	3	
Fri	4	
Mon	7	Week 6 (red)
Tues	8	
Wed	9	
Thurs	10	
Fri	11	
Mon	14	Week 7 (green)
Tues	15	
Wed	16	
Thurs	17	
Fri	18	Week 8 (red)
Mon	21	
Tues	22	
Wed	23	
Thurs	24	
Fri	25	
Mon	28	Week 9 (green)
Tues	29	
Wed	30	
Thurs	31	
April		
Fri	1	
Mon	4	Week 10 (red)
Tues	5	
Wed	6	
Thurs	7	
Fri	8	
Mon	11	Week 11 (green)
Tues	12	
Wed	13	
Thurs	14	
Fri	15	

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This week we had our annual Athletics/Colours Day followed by our athletic finals. Our Year 13 students are to be congratulated for the outstanding work they put in to make this day a success. Many hours were spent by our House Leaders and their teams preparing banners, screen printing shirts and rallying their troops with House chants. Colours Day is a very good showcase for the strength of our House system in the school – the level of involvement and cooperation by students is outstanding and a real credit to them. I would encourage you to visit our Facebook page to see some of the action captured throughout the day.

Many of the college sports are in full swing. Our cricket teams are proving competitive this year as are our waka ama teams. We also have teams preparing for Summer Tournament including volleyball, rugby 7s and waka ama, while other teams are getting ready for winter sports.

The cultural life of the college is also very active with auditions for High School Musical 2 being completed and rehearsals about to start. We look forward to seeing this show in May.

As the year progresses I look forward to meeting many of you at various school events.



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 1 is **Honesty and Truthfulness** which is defined as:

“Willingness not to steal, cheat, lie or be unfair.”

- Honesty is the best policy.
- Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.
- If you want to be trusted, don't cover up the truth.
- If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember what you said.
- Say “No” if that's what you mean, not just “Yes” to please someone.
- Telling one lie spoils your reputation for telling the truth.
- If you add the truth you subtract from it.
- When someone lies, someone else loses.
- The truth needs no rehearsal!

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.





Nau mai, haere mai
A very warm welcome to all new students and staff

Senior Managers

Principal	Peter Moyle
Deputy Principal	Wayne Frewen
Deputy Principal	Brenda Ronke
Deputy Principal	Alistair Froggett
Senior Manager	Liz Davis

Heads of Faculty

Arts	Liz Davis
Languages	Neil Baxter
Mathematics	Richard Thompson
Health & PE	Maree MacLachlan
Science	Stephen Ross
Social Sciences	Jan Grey
Technology	Stephen Fowler

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Deans

Year 13	Roger Gregory / Kay Grant
Year 12	Heulwen Simm
Year 11	Leeanne Mason
Year 10	Lesley Purdon
Year 9	Richard Murphy

College Office

Louise Berney, Executive Officer
 Huia Maniapoto, Executive Secretary/Principal's PA
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 Janice Collier, Attendance Officer
 Debbie Flight, Administration
 Nellie Paenga, Admin Assistant
 Judith Ridd, Administration
 Dee Whale, Administration/Accounts

Careers Advisor

Kay Grant

Gateway

Gaeleen Wilkie

Guidance Counsellor

Hilary Graham

Bay Trust Centre

Fiona Primrose, Administration
 Claire Swindlehurst, Nurse

Sports Coordinator

Andrew Maisey

HEAD STUDENTS 2016

Photo from left to right –
 Mathew Forsyth, Deputy Head Boy; Kynan Harrison, Head Boy
 Fipe Foai, Head Girl; Chloe Travers, Deputy Head Girl



House Leaders 2016



Ruapehu

House Leaders:

Tash Donald
Reuben Connon

Deputies:

Alexandra McConnon
Curtis Painter



Tongariro

House Leaders:

Olivia Dark
Keegan Sangster

Deputies:

Abbey Eccles
Sam Carter-Green



Tauhara

House Leaders:

Shania Castle
Corey Price

Deputies:

Tayla Ming
Reilly Beaumont-Orr



Ngauruhoe

House Leaders:

Mikayla Duffy
Kia Toa Bowden

Deputies:

Azaria Craig-Bigwood
Matthew Duffy





Colours Day 2016 Colours Day 2016 Colours Day

Student Information

We welcome all students to Taupo-nui-a-Tia College, especially those who are commencing their secondary schooling with us. It is extremely important that we have the correct personal details on our students' files.

- Please keep us updated with any changes to your child's address and telephone numbers.
- Most parents now receive an electronic copy of the school newsletter rather than hard copy. If you would like to be included on our electronic mailing list, please send an email to Sharon in the office: sharon.shanks@taupocollege.ac.nz.
- Other important academic information is sent out via txt message. Contact the office if we do not have your mobile number.
- Sharing in your child's learning makes a huge difference. Parents are encouraged to access their child's school information through the college website. This enables you and your child to view online live attendance data, timetable, reports, assessment results, daily notices, calendar events and information on fees. Visit the school website: <http://www.taupocollege.ac.nz>. Click 'KAMAR Parent Login' link (bottom righthand side of the home page). Then use your child's school username and password to log in and view information together. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance – ph 376 1100.

Course Fees

Some courses have a compulsory fee to cover the take-home component of the course or field trips. The fees are in the course booklet and are listed on the student's school account which is emailed or posted twice a term. Compulsory fees must be paid before students can attend optional co-curricular activities.

Caregivers are encouraged to set up regular automatic payments, or fees can be paid online ASB 12-3162-0154524-00. The compulsory subject fees are discounted if the school donation is paid. The school donation (which qualifies for a tax rebate) is \$120 for the first child, \$215 for two children and \$285 for three children or more enrolled.

Attendance

The higher the percentage of attendance in class, the better the learning that occurs. Students' attainment of academic, cultural, social goals and also their development of sound habits towards future employment are greatly enhanced. Thank you for supporting your child to attend school regularly and on time, making a huge difference to their education.

Please ring the school by 9:00am to explain any unexpected absence. Phone 376 1100 and leave a message explaining who is absent, how long they are expected to be away from school and the reason for the absence. If you do not manage to ring the school, then a note explaining the absence must be handed to the Attendance Officer, Mrs Collier, at the office on the day of the student's return to school.

For any known short periods of leave, please obtain permission by prior application in writing to the Principal.

A reminder that the school day starts at 8:40am and all students are expected to be here at that time. We encourage parents to have their children develop routines to ensure they are at school on time.

Leaving School

If your child needs to leave school during the day for an appointment or a pre-arranged event, please give your child a written note to show the class teacher on the day. They will then get permission to leave the class and go to the school office. A Dean will sign the note and your child can then sign the leaving book. It is very time consuming for the administration staff to take phone messages and send for the child when a note could have been written. Thank you, we appreciate your help!

All students are expected to wear their uniforms correctly. Please read the following guidelines.

→ SKIRTS

The college has introduced a new girls' skirt. It has two pleats in the back and front of the skirt and students report that it is very comfortable to wear. The old style skirt is still available to purchase while stocks last.

Skirts are to be worn on the waist – the top of the skirt is not to be rolled. The bottom of the skirt is to be no more than 10cm off the ground when a student is kneeling. A good guide is the width of the student's hand – the skirt hem is not to sit higher than hand width. The back of the skirt is to fall freely, it is not to hug the bottom, and the side pocket zip should open with ease.

→ SHORTS

The legs on shorts are not to be rolled.

No piece of uniform is to be defaced with writing. Students who wear their skirts/shorts incorrectly or have writing on their uniform may be required to purchase new uniform items.

→ JEWELLERY

Students can wear a watch, plain studs and ONE other piece of jewellery. Stretcher earrings and ear rings with spikes at the back are NOT allowed. Facial piercings are also not allowed.

→ SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

A limited amount of secondhand uniform is available from the student office. We will sell clean uniform on your behalf, but it must be of good quality, of the current style, and please ensure it is newly washed before it is brought into the school office. We are unable to sell any old style or damaged/marked uniform.

→ PE UNIFORM

All students in Years 9 and 10 who are taking PE are required to wear the Taupo-nui-a-Tia College green PE shorts and top to all practical classes. This will allow your child to gain the most out of these subjects and also decrease the wear and tear of their own clothes. If they are not able to bring their PE uniform for some reason they need to provide a note from a parent/caregiver explaining why. The PE uniform is available for purchase at the school office.



All uniform items are on sale at the school office – for prices go to:

<http://www.taupocollege.ac.nz/pricelist>

Please contact your child's Whanau Group Learning Advisor or Deputy Principal, Brenda Ronke, if you require clarification regarding uniform expectations.

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who ensure their child comes to school in correct uniform each day, and to students who choose to wear their uniform with pride.

Meet the Teachers Evenings

- **Wednesday 23 March** Surnames **A to L** **4:00pm to 6:00pm**
- **Thursday 31 March** Surnames **M to Z** **4:00pm to 6:00pm**

'Triple A' reports will be posted to the KAMAR Parent Portal on Friday 18 March. The purpose of this report is to give parents and caregivers an early indication of how their students have settled in to the new school year. Although it is too early to comment in detail, we hope that this statement will identify any potential problem areas so that they can be addressed before they become too serious.

To ensure you get adequate time with each teacher we will divide the parent evenings and invite those parents whose surnames begin **A to L to attend on Wednesday 23 March** and those with surnames beginning **M to Z to attend the following week, on Thursday 31 March**. Where there are a number of areas of concern, parents/caregivers are alerted to this by email and are urged to take this opportunity to discuss these concerns with the teacher(s) involved. Students are welcome to attend these meetings along with their parents/caregivers.

Road Safety Reminder



- 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.

Bay Trust Centre Clinics

Monday to Friday	8:15am – 3:30pm	Administrator, Fiona Primrose
Monday	9:00am – 3:30pm	Nurse Claire Swindlehurst
	9:00am – 11:30am	TUMT Drug & Alcohol Counselling, Marilyn Butler
	10:00am – 11:45am	Dr Debbie Hughes
	11:30am – 3:20pm	Psychologist, Riona Baldwin
Tuesday	9:00am – 3:20pm	Physio, Jeff Fox
Wednesday	9:00am – 3:20pm	Nurse Claire Swindlehurst
	9:00am – 3:20pm	Mana Whakatipu Mentoring, TeWhetu Dewes
Thursday	9:00am – 3:20pm	Physio, Jeff Fox
Friday	9:00am – 3:20pm	Nurse Claire Swindlehurst
	9:00am – 2:30pm	Mana Whakatipu Mentoring, TeWhetu Dewes
	2:20pm – 3:20pm	TUMT Drug & Alcohol Counselling, Marilyn Butler

Note – BayTrust main doors are closed for 10 minutes at 8:40am and after interval bells.

Family Works Taupo is offering group or individual programmes for teenagers who have witnessed or experienced family violence. The courses run for 8 sessions and there is no charge for them. Any parent, caregiver or youth who would like to know more should contact Rachael on 027 210 8610 or (07) 378 6480.



Congratulations to all 2015 Scholarship Recipients:

- ★ Harrison Griffin – Drama
- ★ Sydney Mallon-Piper – Economics.

**2015 NCEA Level 3 – Excellence Endorsements**

Andrew Heaslip	Ridge Nairn
Scott Inglis	Tessa Ralfe
Sydney Mallon-Piper	Joanna Thorburn

2015 NCEA Level 3 – Merit Endorsements

Megan Brown	Jessica Jaques	Keegan Pook
Jake Connon	Carla Johns	Kyle Smith
Claire Cowley	Sophie Livingston	Connor Stanfield
Harrison Griffin	Ashleigh Martin	Alice Webb
Ashley Hargreaves	Allison Montgomerie	Kade Wichman
Mathew Harty	Olivia Murray	Daniel Wilks

2015 NCEA Level 2 – Excellence Endorsements

Jack Clunie	Alexandra McConnon	Phoebe Slee
Natasha Donald	Thomas Rosenberg	Dusky-Rose Tawhai
Nicola Gebauer	Ben Simmons	Chloe Travers
		Abigail Wigram

2015 NCEA Level 2 – Merit Endorsements

Lyge Bascon	Abbey Eccles	Liam McLeod
Isabella Battell	Madison Edwards	Josh McNally
Tayla Bilbie	Mathew Forsyth	Tiana McNaughton
Benedict Brondial	Emma-Louise Fraser	Gus Murray
Shania Castle	Allayson Hansen	Lily Nichols
Sarah Chilvers	Kynan Harrison	Curtis Painter
Reuben Connon	Aimee Hutchinson	Valentina Papa
Lily Cooper	Jemma Isaacs	Hetal Patel
Keziah Cowley	Sean Jackman	Tamara Peez
Olivia Dark	Sinead Macdonald	Breahn Renwick
Shanaya Dempsey	Nicole Maisey	Becky Sumpter
Jivyde Despojo	Elaine Mauricio	Huy Tim
Abbey Draper	Emma McDonald	Sian Vondervoort
Laura Drummond	Lilli McDonald	Robyn Wiki
Mikayla Duffy	Hannah McLean	Connor Winmill

2015 NCEA Level 1 – Excellence Endorsements

Hannah Coulter	Aly Guillemot	Camryn Nel
Sophie Dong	Annahlise Hall	Aimee Nicol
Mason Elliott	Claudia Hall	Brooke Parkinson
Liah Feuillade	Chloe Jaques	Madilane Pierce
Charlotte Forsyth	Nina Lawson	Patrick Robinson
Chloe French	Hannah Lightfoot	Zabrina Schuurman
Tshienne Gabay	Caitlyn MacRae	Hannah Wilks
Aimee Golebiowski	Islay Mowat	Arnalise Wyllie

Students' Success

2015 NCEA Level 1 – Merit Endorsements

Mackenzie Barclay	Samantha Fechny	Michael Mellar
Sean Bowden	Cameron Fenton	Natasha Moody
Laura Branco Mendes	Sophie Fisher	Daisy Morgan
Jazmin Brown	Josie Fletcher	Kyla Owen
Aimee Calkin	Keita Hakiwai	Harrison Painter
Sarah Cameron	Connor Harrison	Gandharvika Perez
Georgia Crabb	Steele Hema-Allan	Tom Prier
Frances Creighton	Bethany Hoyles	Alexandru Radu
Xavier Dalziel	Lauren Hughes	Abby Reynolds
Kenitia Davis	Ruby Hura	William Ridd
Matthew Dean	Hamish Insley	Kirsten Robinson
Monique Doig	Connor Jones	Xanthe Sando
Angelica Doria	Nirvana Karaha	Louis Scrivener
Brittany Dowd	Rajdeep Kaur	Megan Smith
Emily Edwards	Matthew Lockett	Nathan Te Kani-Wallace
Blake Elliott	Bradley Martin	Nerng Tim
Sovan Eng	Mitchell McClellan	Tom Voss
	Tegan McKenna	Ryan White

Thanks Taupo Businesses

A very special thanks to Terry's Tyres for the kind help and donations of wheels, tyres and wheel studs for our waka ama trailer during the Christmas holidays – greatly appreciated!

Many thanks to Bunnings Taupo for providing a barbecue for the Year 9 barbecue last week!



And of course a huge thank you to the following Taupo businesses for their generous support they 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.



Bunnings – Keith Walsh
Mike Prior Saw Milling Limited – Mike Prior
Total Trade Supplies – Kevin Watts
Tenon Limited – Ross Johanson
Hire Pool – Stan De Thierry
Vistalite Taupo – Bronek Szpetnar
A & T Glass – Andrew McCullough
Lake Steel – Shane Nairn
Roofing Industries Limited – Ivan and Caroline Cribb
Urbanform Architectural – Clint Bramley
Kiwi Outback Adventures – Peter Wilkinson
Contact Energy – Roseanne Jollands
Hynds Pipe Systems – Darryl Watson

Languages Faculty Notice

Any Year 9 or 10 students wishing to learn Mandarin as an enhancement subject, as an extra to other curriculum subjects, please see Whaea Steph.

Music Department

Who's Who in Music?

- Mrs Davis – Head of Faculty
- Ms Wensley – Teacher in Charge
- Mr Cowley – Year 11/12 Music Works; Orchestral ensemble.
- Ms Ward – Junior music performance; group keyboard; music pass piano lessons (for 'music as a subject' students).

If you want to learn more about the instrumental teachers who come into the school please contact the office for a music department brochure. Students are also encouraged to use the music department noticeboard for information. Enquiries are welcome by email to liz.davis@taupocollege.ac.nz.

What's new and exciting?

Starting this week is a specialist drum tutor, Ashley Pirie. As well as teaching with some students during music classes, Ashley is also looking at private tuition. His information flyer is on the music department noticeboard.

Past Students' Success

Denholm Orr completed summer research with Auckland University and was awarded the Anne Bellam Scholarship for Honours in Music. Louisa Williamson was placed on the Dean's list for highest academic achiever in first year of BMus jazz performance. Richard Paull successfully auditioned for Auckland Youth Symphony Orchestra on violin for his second year in a row. Matt Paull completed his BMus Honours in jazz performance and is currently looking overseas for post graduate study. Rachel Carson received a Marion Rayward Memorial Scholarship from Victoria University for studies with the Kodály Music Education Institute of Australia.

What's coming up?

On Friday 4 March at 12 noon there will be a lunchtime concert at the Anglican Church in which some of our current students and tutors will perform. Also in March, Ms Ward will be taking a group to Monte Vista Retirement Village to perform to the residents. Details will be out next week and in the meantime please see Ms Ward for further information.

Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award

Congratulations to Hannah Coulter on gaining the DOE Silver Award recently, as well as Jack Logan and Poppy Thurston who recently gained the Bronze Award.

Value

This award is internationally recognised and is another qualification to add to a CV. Many students find they are doing many of the requirements already and this challenges, organises and motivates them to formalise their efforts. Students need to be 14 years old to start Bronze although it is sometimes possible to include students close to their 14th birthday so they can attend training and expeditions with their fellow students.

Requirements

Gaining the award requires the student to complete four sections in their booklet. They need to be involved in a sport, in developing a skill, providing voluntary service in some form in the community and undertaking an expedition (which is preceded by a practice expedition complete with training). The Bronze Award usually takes about six months to complete. Silver is about a year and so by the end of Year 12/13 it is quite feasible to have achieved Gold. However, young people do have until the age of 25 to complete the award to Gold level. Gold has an added dimension in that a residential project is also required. This could be Outward Bound, Spirit of Adventure, CUE Haven, or other approved projects. Students can be direct-entrant silver or gold as long as they meet the age requirement.

Costs and How to Sign Up

The cost to sign up and receive a booklet is \$37.50 per award. There are other costs associated with travel for expeditions. We do generally try to stay in our locality so costs are not exorbitant. The school has equipment students can use, such as packs, cookers, tents and kayaks for expeditions. Students are required to fill in a registration form and a health and safety form which are to be returned to the student office with payment. The point of contact for students at school is Ms Megan Marshall located in N3.

Seay Earthmovers Limited – Sports Pages

Welcome to 2016 and the world of sport at Nui! What a great start to the year and the weather has mostly been very kind to us with the odd exception of last week.

Great things are happening already and there is so much in the pipeline that I am left juggling folders of many up and coming sporting events such as motocross, mountain biking, triathlon, equestrian, athletics, clay target shooting and swimming sports, to name just a few. Our wonderful TIC's of sport are busily organising many sporting codes which will be starting in the next few weeks. At Nui we offer a vast range of sporting codes so there is something available for everyone. Be sure to remind your child to listen closely to the daily notices and keep a keen eye on our sports notice boards outside the canteen and beside the PE and Sport Coordinators offices at the gym.

Swimming



Thomas Bishop won the 3.3km Huka extreme river swim a couple of weeks ago. A fantastic effort from a junior to win outright!

Amber Lafferty was 11th in the open female category and with over 140 entries it was the biggest field to date, so a great effort from our amazing swimmers.

Tahlia Pook continues to impress swimming all around New Zealand in the NZ Ocean Swim Series and gaining 3rd place in the women's U19 open water swim in Christchurch. Tahlia is pictured here with the men's winner Nathan Capp who is an Aqua Black and a member of the BOP swim squad.



Johnson Bishop also is showing great gains and recently was picked for the zonal squad to swim in the teams competition, and in doing so, has set another PB – great work!

Pictured left: A few members of our awesome swim team, Thomas Bishop, Tahlia Pook, Julia Onishi and Johnson Bishop.

School Swimming Sports

The date for a school swim sports day has been set for Friday 6 May. This is a hugely fun day and again the House colours are well represented. As well as swimming for records there is a non-competitive grade so all students are encouraged to have a go, earn points for their Houses and enjoy the very vibrant atmosphere. Keep an eye on the school Facebook page and the next issue of the school newsletter.

Football

Although winter seems a long way off, it's already time to start planning the 2016 football season. Some meetings for boys interested in playing for the 1st and 2nd XI's have been held with sign-ups for our girls and U15 teams to be held shortly. The season will commence as usual in Term 2, however now is the time to be working on fitness as well as brushing up on ball skills. For those new to the college, we usually have teams as follows:

- 1st and 2nd XI boys teams playing in the Baywide Youth league (Saturdays, home and away).
- U15 mixed team/s playing in a Rotorua league (Saturdays, home and away).
- 1st and 2nd XI girls teams playing in a midweek Rotorua/Taupo league (Wednesdays, home and away).

We are always on the lookout for coaches and managers so any parents who are keen to help out or find out more can email me: sean.robinson@taupocollege.ac.nz

Sean Robinson
TIC Football

We have been busy gearing up with summer sports and already training is well under way with our rowing group training hard most mornings on the lake from 6:00am, under the well-groomed eye of our awesome coach Brenda Lawson.



The sailing crew are well into preparations for their big week-long adventure from 23 – 30 April at Algies Bay. A huge thank you to Susanna Buckton for managing this team.

Triathlon

A group of very talented triathletes are off to compete in Queenstown 6 – 9 April in the NZ Secondary Schools Championships in open water swim and Aquathlon. Once again we have a very strong team that will give it their all amongst the country's best.

A big thanks to Janet Bishop, Kellie Howell and Jan Pook for helping organise this trip and of course the other parents who are accompanying their children – what an outstanding support network we have!



Kinloch Triathlon

Some of our students competed at the annual Kinloch Triathlon recently. The event was certainly a very good training run before NZSSC champs in April, with some great results:

- Amber Lafferty 12th, 11-15yr female
- Lucy Mason DNF (bike mechanical failure)
- Joep Lenoir 14th, 11-15yr male
- Jakob Larsen 19th, 11-15yr male
- Hannah Howell 2nd, 13-15yr female and 8th U19 female.

Water Ski Racing

Max Duckworth competed in the North Island Water Ski Racing Champs at Mangakino last weekend. He won the categories of U16 boys, 16-19 boys, 2up, Mens F2 and Mens MOC. He took out every class he entered, coming away with five North Island titles.

Max was also selected to ski for New Zealand in the Trans Tasman Challenge which will be held in Taupo on 2-3 April. Sam Dunstall was also selected to ski for New Zealand in the Trans Tasman Challenge. (Unfortunately Sam had boat issues at the North Island Champs).



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Sailing

Congratulations to Hannah Wilks who won the East Coast Starling Match Racing Trials. Hannah then went on to compete in the New Zealand Starling Match National Champs where she placed 10th overall. A top 10 placing is an excellent result, with the event involving 12 regions – Northland, North Harbour, Auckland, North Island Wild Card, Bay of Plenty, East Coast, Taranaki, Wellington, Nelson, Marlborough, Canterbury and Otago and also includes Cook Islands.

Equestrian

Briar Burnett-Grant represented New Zealand at the China Junior Youth Festival in January and won as an individual competitor – an outstanding international achievement. Next week she will compete at the Horse of the Year Nationals in Hastings and throughout the winter will participate in a qualifier event for selection into a team to go to Korea – good luck Briar.

Choose a Sport

Hockey, shooting, waka ama, equestrian, football, rugby, badminton, mountain biking, cricket, motocross, basketball, tennis, squash, netball, cycling, golf and more! Yes at Nui we offer a sport to suit almost everyone. We actively encourage participation at all levels as we believe it is healthy in many ways, as well as being a great way to meet new friends, build strong team environments and release stress. We have a nominated teacher in charge of each sporting code along with significant help from parents and support staff from within the community. We are happy to be able to offer so many sports to the students. I wish you all another fantastic year in sports and urge you to please remember fair play, respect and honesty – play hard but play fair and most of all enjoy it.

Andrew Maisey
Sports Coordinator

