



# Taupo-nui-a-Tia College



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*"Gateway to Your Future"*



This week is assessment week and all students have timetabled assessment slots throughout the week. These might be in the form of a written test, a practical in a science lab, updating portfolio work or practical work in the Design and Innovation Centre. Students have been reminded that their attendance at these specified times is compulsory as it is a very important time in their academic year. There are only nine weeks left before students sitting external examinations leave school, so good time management is essential. For students who are not sitting external examinations and have not met all their NCEA requirements, they will be required to stay at school. They will be fortunate to receive individualised support to ensure they reach their academic goals.

On 5 September the Education Review Office (ERO) are visiting for their cyclic review of the college. While these visits generate a reasonable amount of work in preparing the required documentation for their perusal, we welcome having our strategic direction critiqued and our procedures and policies reviewed by an outside agency.

Parents have an opportunity to meet with the ERO team on Tuesday 6 September at 3:30pm. Please contact the college if you wish to attend this meeting.

Two weeks ago we had two drug dogs visit the school. These visits are requested by us and students are not alerted to the fact they are coming into the college. The dogs did a thorough search of the school including lockers and thankfully came up with nothing. As with all schools when there are drugs in the community the chances that there are drugs in the school will be high – we would be naïve to think otherwise. What is heartening is that our students respond very positively to the visit from the drug dogs and appreciate having them in the school. There will be another similar visit later in the term.

Winter sport is coming to an end in most codes and I would like to thank those parents who have supported our teams throughout the season. We are exceptionally lucky to have members of the Taupo-nui-a-Tia College community that are prepared to act as either a coach, manager, caterer or driver for the many teams we have in the college. We have had some good results this year and most of our teams are playing in the premium grades where the level of competition is high.

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## Cornerstone Values

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

## The Principal's Message

## Calendar: Weeks 4 – 9, Term 3

August			
Mon	15	BOP Secondary Schools Skiing Champs.	Week 4 (green)
Tues	16	ICAS Maths.	
Wed	17	Assessment / Exam Week 17 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> August. ACC SportSmart workshop, 6:00pm in the school library.	
Thurs	18		
Fri	19		
Sat/Sun		Kapa Haka – Kingitanga Celebrations, Ngaruawahia.	
Mon	22		Week 5 (red)
Tues	23	Assessment / Exam Week ends.	
Wed	24		
Thurs	25		
Fri	26	Daffodil Day. Tough Guy / Tough Girl Challenge.	
Mon	29	Winter Tournament Week. Years 10-12 online course selection, KAMAR Portal	Week 6 (green)
Tues	30	Defensive Driving Course 5pm – 7pm.	
Wed	31		
September			
Thurs	1	Defensive Driving Course 5pm – 7pm.	
Fri	2	AAA Day. 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> – Senior boys/girls basketball, Havelock North.	
Mon	5	ERO Visit. SADD Week Activities.	Week 7 (red)
Tues	6	ERO, parents 3:30pm. Course Information Evening 6:30pm – 8:00pm, Design & Innovation Building.	
Wed	7	NZ Secondary Schools Swim Champs.	
Thurs	8	Defensive Driving Course 5pm – 7pm. Shooting Team, Tauranga.	
Fri	9		
Sat/Sun		11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> North Island Secondary Schools Ski Champs.	
Mon	12		Week 8 (green)
Tues	13	Whanau Day 2. Board of Trustees Meeting, 5:30pm college boardroom.	
Wed	14		
Thurs	15		
Fri	16	Tuwharetoa Kapa Haka Festival. Staff PD, school finishes for the day at 1:00pm.	
Sat/Sun		17 <sup>th</sup> – DanceNZMade Nationals. 18 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> North Island Secondary Schools Snowboard Champs.	
Mon	19		Week 9 (red)
Tues	20	Noumea Trip 20 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> September.	
Wed	21		
Thurs	22	Biology Trip to Sydney	
Fri	23	<b>Last day of Term 3 : Term 4 starts Monday 10 October</b>	

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Probably the most satisfying aspect of sport in the college is the pride our students take in representing their school. I would also like to thank all the teaching staff for the time and commitment they put into managing or coaching sport. Hopefully all those concerned will get a well-deserved Saturday morning sleep in during the next few weeks. In two weeks' time a number of our teams will travel to various locations around the North Island for Tournament Week. The boys' hockey team must go into their tournament with a good chance of taking the title after some strong performances this year.

I have had a number of parents ask me about the proposed uniform changes. The designs published in a previous newsletter were not the finished product by any means, but are draft designs to show you some possibilities. The company we are working with are now developing some more designs based on initial feedback from students. All of the college community will have the opportunity to add their thoughts and ideas to this process. It should be noted that if the community is happy with the current uniform then no changes will be made.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support of the college and being testament to the African proverb "It takes a whole village to raise a child".



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 3 is **Kindness** which is defined as:

***"Willingness to help, show concern for and be friendly to others."***

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

As a parent you can be proud that your child is part of a Cornerstone Values school and we appreciate the support you give from home in emphasising these values.

If you are new to the school you will notice that the college is proud of its Cornerstone Values accreditation and displays the Cornerstone Values logo prominently.



## Students' Success

### Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award

Congratulations Natasha Donald on gaining her Silver DOE Award.



### Zenith Programme

Level One Accreditation – Joel Peez.

Level Three Accreditation – Phoebe Slee, Ben Simmons, Tamara Peez, Hetal Patel.

### Principal's Award

The following students earned a Principal's Award for gaining 10 achievement vouchers:

Nerys Hall	Abigail Fox	Jhuliann Abella
Jorgia James	Jessie Read-Hatch	Victoria Moffat.
Scott Edwards	Ayla Yeoman	

## Host Families Wanted

Department of International students is looking for more home stay families to host our international students coming in February next year. They will stay one or two terms with you and your family and want to learn about New Zealand and all the outdoor opportunities.

So if you are an active family that is:

- ✓ Happy to share our culture
- ✓ Interested in other cultures
- ✓ Able to provide a room and three meals
- ✓ Wanting to earn some extra pocket money (\$200 per week)

Then please sign up as a home stay family! Contact Aniek Lenoir on mobile 021 827 642, or by email [aniek.lenoir@taupocollege.ac.nz](mailto:aniek.lenoir@taupocollege.ac.nz)

## Driver Education

### Defensive Driving Course

The next Defensive Driving Course at the college starts 30 August and application forms are available from the student centre. Please note the closing date for applications is 17 August.

### Driver Directions

Driver Directions is a free programme to support safe driving behaviours and practices for young drivers in the Taupo and Rotorua Districts. The next Driver Directions course will be held on 27 and 28 September at the Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park. For more information or to register, please go to the Taupo District Council website: [www.taupodc.govt.nz/drivedirections](http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/drivedirections)



## Assessment / Exam Week

Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 will have practice exams and/or internal assessments. They have been given a personalised timetable.

Attendance is compulsory for all exams. Students will have study leave at home when they do not have a timetabled exam.

Students are required to wear full school uniform to exams.

## Reports

Please note that a paper/hard copy of your child's student report can be requested from the college office – ph 376 1100, or email us: [mail@taupocollege.ac.nz](mailto:mail@taupocollege.ac.nz)

## Curriculum Review and 'Future Focus' Education

Later this term the school will be starting a curriculum review. We expect this process to take about a year.

### Why do we need to do this?

1. Review and redesign of programmes and practices is essential to student development and progress.
2. Over the past few years there has been a great deal of research and discussion around '21<sup>st</sup> Century skills' and 'future focussed education'. It is widely agreed that the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century demand some rethinking of our existing systems and structures.

### So what is a future focussed curriculum?

It is a curriculum that empowers students and enables them to meet the complex challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century confidently, positively and successfully.

Key future focus concepts have been identified as: globalisation, sustainability, enterprise and citizenship. Key skills include:

- Critical thinking and problem solving.
- Creativity and innovation.
- Communication and collaboration.
- Information literacy.
- Media literacy.
- ICT literacy.
- Flexibility and adaptability.
- Initiative and self-direction.
- Social and cross-cultural skills.
- Leadership and responsibility.
- Productivity and accountability.

Over the past two to three years a number of staff and faculties have been trialling some new ways of teaching and learning with future focus principles driving initiatives and changes. We are now looking at how our whole curriculum can be aligned with a clear future focus at the centre.

Our own New Zealand curriculum is quite a visionary document and will be the starting point for our review. It states – *"The values, competencies, knowledge and skills that students will need for addressing real-life situations are rarely confined to one part of the curriculum...schools should aim to design their curriculum so that learning crosses apparent boundaries."*

Once the review is underway we will be seeking input from students, teachers, parents, caregivers and the wider community.



## Careers Update

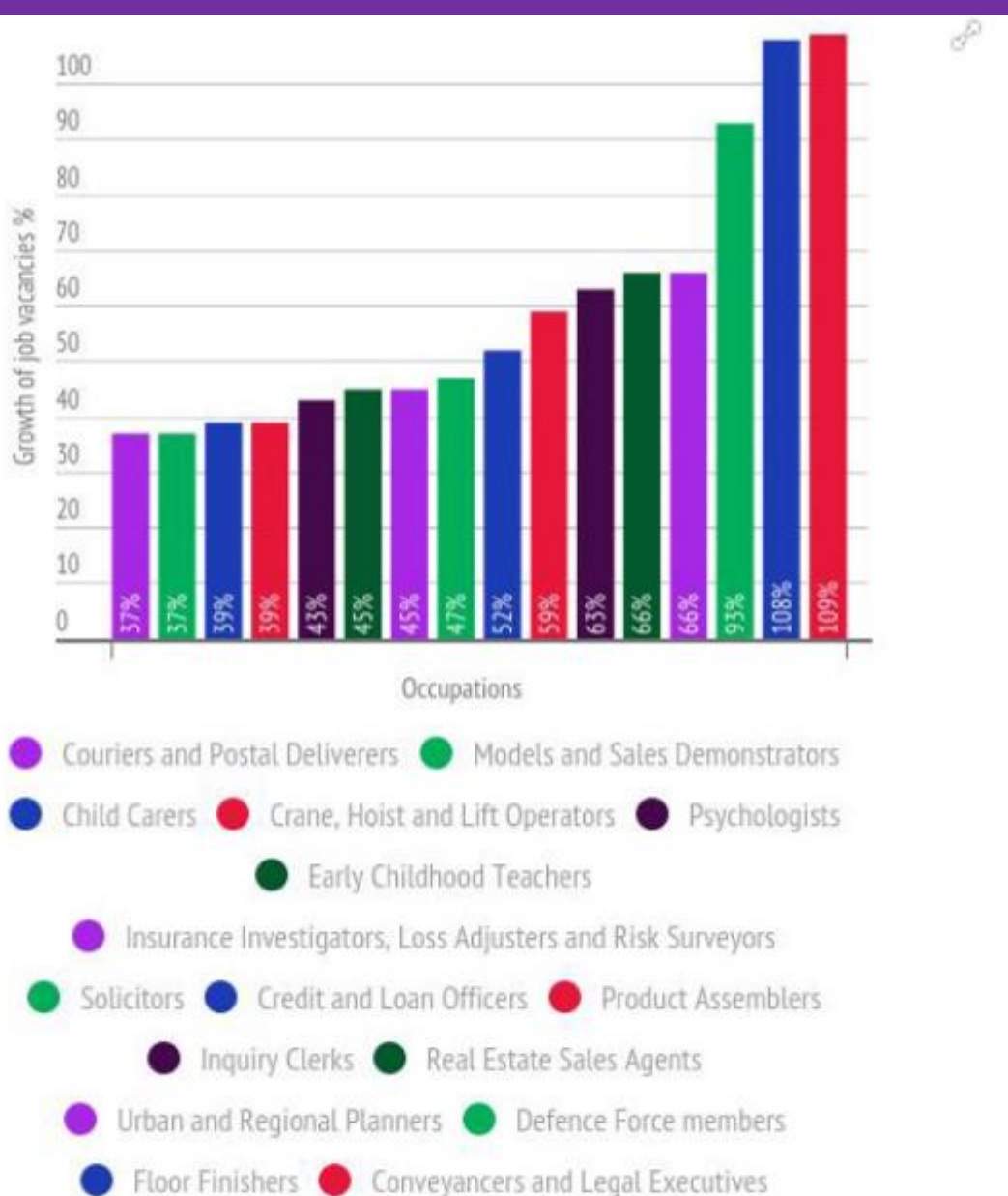
[www.schoolleaver.nz](http://www.schoolleaver.nz)

I recommend this site to all students and parents. It is free, there is no log on and the information is up to date. On this site you will find information about scholarships, study, earning and learning, apprenticeships, gap years, accommodation, latest news and career myths.

### NCEA Credsta

This is a new app developed by Massey University to help high school students keep track of their NCEA credits. It is fun and uses cartoon characters to turn recording NCEA credits into a game. You can check out the NCEA Credsta app on YouTube and it is free.

### Fastest Growing Occupations in New Zealand (November 2014 to November 2015)



Source: Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, 'Jobs Online Monthly Report – November 2015', November 2015, ([www.mbie.govt.nz](http://www.mbie.govt.nz)).

## School Leavers – Years 13 and 12

Remember to:

- a) Prepare and update your CV.
- b) Set up a StudyLink account.
- c) Organise RealMe ID.
- d) Apply for Halls of Residence (universities).
- e) Enroll for course/degree.

These are all open now.

Please see me for help if you get stuck.

Happy careering!

Kay Grant

Careers Advisory

[kay.grant@taupocollege.ac.nz](mailto:kay.grant@taupocollege.ac.nz)

## Student Loans and Allowances

StudyLink Information:

Students thinking about further study after they leave school have a lot of decisions to make. StudyLink's website is a great place to visit to get you thinking about what it will cost to live and study. StudyLink can help you work out if study is right for you and how you'll support yourself. How much money you may need to support yourself could surprise you.

Once you've made the decision to study it's a good idea to sign up to receive emails from StudyLink. This way you won't miss out on important information, like when to apply and documents you need to send.

We encourage students and families to check out the website – [www.studylink.govt.nz](http://www.studylink.govt.nz)



**What can I study?**

**How do you train for that?**

**How should I start looking for a job?**

**How am I going to pay for my courses?**

**Can I get a scholarship or grant to help?**



The most comprehensive, relevant and useful website in New Zealand for students thinking about their choices and options when school is over. Free and open to use, no log-ins, no personal data required – just information and advice to get you underway



**SchoolLeaver.nz**



# SPIRIT WEEK 2016





## BayTrust Clinic Times

<b>Monday to Friday</b>	8:15am – 3:30pm	Administrator, Fiona Primrose
<b>Monday</b>	9:00am – 3:20pm	Nurse Claire Swindlehurst
	10:00am – 11:45am	Dr Debbie Hughes
	9:00am – 12:30pm	REAL Youth Worker, Leighton Faulkner
	9:00am – 12:30pm	REAL Psychologist, Michelle Woodfield
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00am – 3:20pm	Physio, Jeff Fox
	11:30am – 1:30pm	Youth Worker, Barry Simeona
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00am – 3:20pm	Nurse Claire Swindlehurst
	9:00am – 3:20pm	Mana Whakatipu Mentoring, TeWhetu Dewes
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00am – 3:20pm	Physio, Jeff Fox
	9:00am – 3:20pm	TUMT Drug & Alcohol Counselling, Marilyn Butler
	11:30am – 1:30pm	Youth Worker, Barry Simeona
<b>Friday</b>	9:00am – 3:20pm	Nurse Claire Swindlehurst
	9:00am – 2:30pm	Mana Whakatipu Mentoring, TeWhetu Dewes
	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Strapping Clinic, Jeff Fox

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

## Thanks Taupo Businesses!

A huge thank you to the following Taupo businesses for their ongoing generous support towards our Technology Department. Without the generosity of local businesses we may not be able to offer 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  
**The Bolt Shop** (formerly Trade Supplies) – John Storr  
**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  
**Terrys Tyres** – Brett Morrow  
**The Laminex Group Taupo** – Rhesa Goldsbury



**Taupo DeBretts**  
 STAY - SOAK - SOOTHE - SAVOUR

Special thank you to Taupo DeBretts Spa Resort for providing a fundraising programme for local schools, from which Taupo-nui-a-Tia College has benefitted over the past few years. Also a huge thanks to the families who participated in supporting this programme!!



# ACC SportSmart WARM UP



**ENHANCING PERFORMANCE THROUGH PREVENTION**

What do Sonny Bill Williams, Portia Woodman, Sam Sinclair & Erin Naylor all have in common?  
They all warm up to; play strong, to never give up and to make every game count!

... BECAUSE The ACC SportSmart warm up programme has direct performance benefits for your athletes: Fitter, faster, stronger & more agile players · 30% reduction in ALL injuries · 50% reduction in severe & debilitating injuries · 37% fewer training injuries · 29% fewer game injuries

**BECOME ACC SPORTSMART CERTIFIED**  
**REGISTER NOW FOR THE COACH & PLAYER WORKSHOPS AROUND NZ**

## TRAIN SMART PLAY SMART

DATE: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August

TIME: 6:00pm-7:00pm

VENUE: Taupo College – School Library

COST: Free – No Charge

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TO REGISTER**

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## Sports Wrap – by Simone Stewart, Sports Coordinator

It's been a busy August for our athletes and things won't be easing up any time soon with many of our teams playing in semi-finals and finals over the next couple of weeks; as well as Tournament Week for our netball, football, hockey and swimming teams coming up in a couple of weeks.

In addition to competing for our school, we also have had a large number of our students represent Taupo, King Country, Bay of Plenty, and Midlands this year. Congratulations to all of our students selected for higher honours in their respective codes.

### Netball

Our Premier and Academy Netball Teams finished the second round of the Taupo competition on the top of their respective tables. The teams are looking to dominate the end of their season, with many of these girls travelling to Papakura for the Upper North Island Secondary School Tournament at the end of the month. A massive thank you to all of our coaches and umpires for their work this season.

### Hockey

Once again, both our girls' and boys' hockey teams have been performing well in the local Rotorua competition. Our girls had a great win over John Paul College in their semi-final last Tuesday, and despite finishing top-of-the-table, are having to travel to Rotorua Hockey Centre on Tuesday to play Western Heights High School in their final match of the season. The girls are looking like a strong and cohesive unit and we look forward to watching them play their final.

Our boys' hockey team finished their pool play with a dominant 5-0 win over Western Heights and will play their semi-final match against John Paul College on Thursday night.

The team also travelled to Tauranga recently to take part in the Bethlehem College Invitational tournament. Our boys beat some nationally higher-ranked teams on their way to winning the tournament, which bodes well leading into their Tournament Week trip to Levin.



Congratulations to the 19 students (below) who have been playing for the Bay of Plenty representative hockey teams this season, and Xanthe Sando who is playing for Midlands Hockey –

#### BOP U15

Spencer Allen  
Kataraina Fredricksen  
Timothy Greenwood  
Jorgia James  
Amber Lafferty  
Joep Lenoir

Corban Nicol  
Liam Prisk  
Abigail Fox (U15 dev)  
Shanice Hall (U15 dev)  
Jordyn Harrison (U15 dev).

#### BOP U18

Kelsey Comer  
Natasha Donald  
Mathew Forsyth  
Benjamin Hall  
Bailey Harrison

Kynan Harrison  
Campbell Maclean  
Jordan Milne  
Xanthe Sando (Midlands).





## Seay Earthmovers Limited – Sports Pages

### Basketball

Our basketball teams are taking a different approach to tournament this year, travelling to Havelock North a week after the other sports have done their thing. There was some serious skill on display at the Events Centre last week which was a real pleasure to watch. These girls and guys do it tough, playing a small local competition, mostly against each other; but they play with passion and enthusiasm.



### Badminton

Our school badminton teams have been training hard of late which paid off earlier this term with both our junior boys' and girls' teams winning the Bay of Plenty Division 2 Championships. Team members are:

**Junior Boys** – Ben McConnon, Harrison Paalvast, Jordan Bowles, Liam Hastie and James Chamberlain.

**Junior Girls** – Jessie Read-Hatch, Sakshi Patil, Jodie Baxter, Caitlin Simpson, Nerys Hall.

Badminton is a growing sport at secondary school level and it is pleasing to see the large number of students training and playing every Wednesday afternoon in the school gym. Thank you to Mr Ball for all his hard work.

### Rugby

The rugby season has come to an end for our U14 and U15 teams in 2016. Both teams braved the horrendous conditions last weekend in Taupo, with the U14's only narrowly missing out on the Top 4 in their grade. Our 1<sup>st</sup> XV boys make the trip to Rotorua Boys this weekend for their semi-final, hoping for a positive finish to their 2016 campaign. Also congratulations must go to the following boys who were selected for the King Country Rugby U16 Rep Team: Chey Jacobs, Sam Robinson, Matthew Whittaker, Reeve Satherley, Hopa Haika, Dylan Manu-Pym, Matty Stratford and Riley Hurihanganui.

Our girls' rugby team were also unlucky to miss out on a spot in the final in their Bay of Plenty competition. Having dominated the first half of the season, a draw against Rotorua Girls' early in the second round proved the deciding factor for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> spot on the ladder at the end of the season. A young team who will hopefully go further in 2017. Congratulations to Ora Williams, Tiana Foua, Ilisapeci Lolaka and Hinearo Wall who were selected for the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Girls' Rugby Wider Training Squad for 2016.

Here is a fundraiser for Taupo-nui-a-Tia College U15 7s team that are heading to an international 7s tournament in Brisbane in September. It is a signed All Blacks jersey which can be professionally framed at an extra cost to the purchaser. Visit the Trademe link below for details. This fundraiser is supporting a great team of boys on their rugby trip! <http://www.trademe.co.nz/Browse/Listing.aspx?id=1142496774>



*All Blacks jersey signed last week by the 2016 All Black team.*

*David Steele collecting the All Blacks jersey from Steve Hansen*

## Squash

Late last week our senior squash teams travelled to Palmerston North for their national tournament which can be a high-pressure couple of days for all involved. Our teams both performed admirably against some strong squash schools. Our girls finished the tournament with 2 wins from 5 matches, and the boys achieved 3 wins from 6 matches.

The nature of this tournament means that one loss or one win can dramatically change your seeding going into the next game. Both of our teams did well to finish the tournament with the same (or very similar) seeding to where they began – this is more difficult than you would think.

## Football

Football continues for another few weeks with our 1st XI having a tough run in the Baywide premier competition against some strong competition. Our boys will be much better for it as they head into their NZSS satellite tournament on home ground.



Our girls 1st XI team picked up a good result a couple of weeks ago against John Paul College. Our girls were 2-0 down in the first few minutes, but showed great character to come back and finished in a 4-4 draw. They will head to Napier for Tournament Week.

## Coming Up

As our athletes complete their final couple of weeks of winter sport, before heading away to their national tournaments, I will share with you this message:

***“You don’t win tournaments by playing well and thinking poorly.”***

If you draw upon the efforts you have put in this season, prepare well, and maintain a positive attitude towards the event, your team, your opposition, and your management – the results will come. I wish each of our teams the best of luck as they play their final matches, and head away to represent our school.

There will be lots of opportunities coming up for our students as we transition from the winter season into summer sports. Rowing pre-season conditioning will start up soon, our sailing team will be looking to regroup shortly, we’ve had a great response to our croquet sign-ups, as well as the continuation of some winter sports codes.

One event worth mentioning is being run by the Taupo Mountain Bike Club on 18 September. ‘The Gambler’ is an event designed for all riders – from learners to the competitive, with a real focus on school-aged riders. You can enter a school team, compete with family, or as a solo rider. If you’re interested, call into the sports office at school for more information.

Coming up this Wednesday 17 August at 6:00pm, we are hosting an ACC SportSmart workshop here in the college library. This is a great opportunity for our coaches and athletes to learn some great warmup techniques that have proven to reduce injuries and suitable for all sporting codes. You can register for this by emailing [sportscoordinator@taupocollege.ac.nz](mailto:sportscoordinator@taupocollege.ac.nz)

Finally, thank you to everyone who has been involved in our winter season. The long hours have hopefully been worth it when you look at the successes of our athletes this year. Coaching, managing, and helping out with laundry or transport is often a thankless task. But those seemingly ‘little things’ have all contributed to our students’ success and enjoyment. Thank you!