



PERFORMING & VISUAL Tauranga Boys' College

Super 8 Cultural Festival 2008

The Super 8 cultural festival was held at TBC this year and in my opinion was the best festival to date. The new Graham Young Youth Theatre played a huge part in the staging of the event and allowed us to run several major activities at the same time. For the first time in the history of the competition the event had all eight schools in attendance. This provided a great opportunity for the students and staff of all the schools to meet and talk to like minded people. A huge thanks you has to go to the team that assisted in the running of the events and especially to Philippa Gentle for the logistical efforts of organizing the schools and judges that made the event so successful. Below is a summary of the results which were well distributed amongst the schools.

Winners List

Kapa Haka	- Hamilton Boys' High School
Jnr Theatre Sports	- Hamilton Boys' High School
Snr Theatre Sports	- Napier Boys' High School
Junior Oratory	- Napier Boys' High School
Senior Oratory	- Tauranga Boys' College
Music Solo	- Rotorua Boys' High School
Junior Debating	- Gisborne Boys' High School
Senior Debating	- Tauranga Boys' College
Drama	- Rotorua Boys' High School
Music Group	- Tauranga Boys' College

Music

Term 2 has lead to a raft of interesting events.... We have had Barbershop regional competitions, The combined school production, West Side Story, The Big Band Tour, Chamber Music NZ competitions, Performing for Waipuna Hospice and rotary and much more.

Barbershop: The regional barbershop competitions were held last Monday in Hamilton with TBC receiving a mixed bag of results. We entered 3 groups: 2 quartets and a chorus. All groups performed extremely well with on quartet taking out first place honours. Congratulations to the group 'Since Sliced Bread' who's members are Daniel Ness, Yarden Elyashiv, Callum Inglis and Samuel Walker. Congratulations must go to Pene Mallon who was the vocal coach for the quartet and our other groups and also 2 other groups that made it to nations.

Congratulations to Brynmor Davies who gained grade 7 piano last week. He is a very skilled young musician. He has just decided to enter for grade 8 Tenor sax! Look for his name in the future.

The Big band are away on their annual tour I two weeks and this year are on their way to Wellington and Manawatu. They will be performing local schools and promoting the Arts as best they can.

The Graham Young youth Theatre is now up and going and there is considerable interest in outside hire of the venue. Up coming events for the facility are: Rotary, Chamber Music New Zealand regional competitions, Suzuki conference, and much more. For more information regarding events and booking please feel free to contact the school



Interior 1 by Josh Orrell, Photography Level 2

Super 8 Debating

Six teams from boys' schools around the central North Island entered the Senior Debating section of the recent Super 8 Cultural Festival. Each team presented a prepared debate on the moot: 'That a night time curfew should be imposed on NZ teens as a way of controlling youth violence.' Some strong arguments were put forward, both in favour of it and against, but the eventual winners of this first round were a team from Napier Boys' High School and one from TBC. The second round was a Limited Preparation debate on the topic: 'That the use of performance-enhancing drugs should be allowed in all sports'. The Tauranga Boys' team of Tim Conder, Sam Bonney and Niall Killian convinced the adjudicator that this was not, in fact, the case, and they were the eventual winners of the Senior Debating competition.

The TBC Junior team, made up of Scott Matushka, Ben Conder and Josh Burrell were not so lucky. They came up against a strong team from Gisborne Boys High School who defended the idea 'That New Zealand is Godzone'. The finalists in the Junior competition were Gisborne Boys and a team from Rotorua Boys' High School who presented a Limited preparation debate on the moot: 'That the Internet is great'. Gisborne were the eventual winners.

It was a long day of debating, but a worthwhile one. Teams learn a great deal from each debate they are involved with, and this competition was no exception.

Super 8 Oratory

The Super 8 oratory competition saw TBC once again scoop the Senior oratory trophy for the fifth year in a row. Congratulations go to: Cody Baggenstos, Year 11, who literally 'let the dogs out' with his winning speech 'In my brother's bedroom'; Ben Alexander, Year 9, who came a commendable second in the Junior oratory section with his thought provoking speech on 'Gangs'.

National Shakespeare Comp

This year the representing group for B.O.P was Tauranga Boys' College who won the right at the regional competition at the end of term one. They travelled to Wellington to perform and compete for award in specific theatre categories. The boys did an excellent job returning to school with the award for the most accurate Elizabethan performance. The 17 members of the group represented a wide range of the student population at TBC. Congratulations to Mr Davis and the students on an outstanding result.

PERAGO ART EXHIBITION

The inaugural Tauranga Boys' College fine art exhibition 'Perago' was held on Wednesday the 4th of July. The evening was a huge success. The students that participated experienced first hand the planning, pressure and enjoyment of exhibiting artwork. The exhibition showcased the wide range of young talents developing within the Visual Arts. We would like to thank and the Tauranga community for getting behind the Arts.

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