

Tauranga Boys' College Newsletter

Friday 15th February 2013



Dear Parents, Caregivers, Old Boys and Friends of the College

At our first assembly for the year, Friday 1st February, Head Prefect, Mungo Mason, introduced himself and addressed our students. The following is his speech: ...

"Good Morning Mr Mangan, Teachers and Boys
My name is Mungo Mason, I stand before you today humbled by the huge honour and opportunity I have been granted: both mindful and excited for the barriers and difficulties that come with this responsibility. My being here would not be possible without the web of support that functions around me, so may I first express my gratitude towards my parents, friends, peers, teachers and senior staff.

It was November of 2012, whilst the year 13s were being farewelled from the gym by a haka, that I had the realization of what this school truly means to me. Looking from side to side, I felt the passion and pride of the school projected through the faces and voices of the boys who surrounded me. Such pride that can only be shown for something truly special. Pride for school and pride for the boys in it.

As a school Tauranga Boys' is unparalleled. We excel in such wide-spanning way, in all fields of endeavour. Academically, Culturally, Sporting and Socially. We have excellent facilities and furthermore I believe we facilitate excellence. There is an excellence that lies within all of us, a spark or flare deep down.

In 2013 I challenge you to ignite that flare. Find your passion, follow, seek out what inspires and excites you. I think I have done that through my involvement in rugby, water polo and the accelerant class and I hope to become a better man for it. That action will not only go towards making you a better man but will also further heighten TBCs quality as a school. The first step though boys is action. Command every word you speak: Stride in every step you take: Cast light into every day you live.

To the Year 9s entering the school, you're the new fish. Ask questions, get involved, become part of what we have here. Year 10s, the last year before NCEA - work hard and enjoy being the older juniors. To all Year 11s, this is the start of your formal academic pathway; act decisively and follow through with your commitments. *Pergo et Perago*, take up the work and carry it through. You're almost there Year 12s, one more year and you'll be the big dogs; stick it out. Year 13s, lead the college, support your peers: this is our year, the first steps to becoming men.



Head Boy, Mungo Mason, speaking at assembly

And teachers, without you, there would be no us, we are forever indebted to you. These are the people who contribute to form our school.

He tangata he tangata he tangata. It is people, It is people, It is people.

As previous head prefects have done, I'd like to finish with a quote, "it's not who you are underneath, it's what you do that defines you". Bruce Wayne or Batman actually said that, however I think it rings true.

2013 is the year of action. Take hold of your destiny, whether it be academics, the arts, sports or anything else. Dictate your future. Be better than before. You and you alone define your path.

Command every word: Stride every step: Cast light into everyday lived. Thank you".



Congratulations

Scholarship Winners (Year 12's in 2012): Back Row: Denver Hayward, Paul Harrison, Liam Dallas, Kento Stewart

Middle Row: Robbie O'Hara, Berrick Fitzsimons, Jacob Williamson, Jack Andrews, Daniel Kulasingham

Front Row: Philip Kim, Todd Harris, Andrew Ede, Connor Silvester, Ben Mountain and Mr Mangan



Scholarship Results

We were very pleased to receive results from the New Zealand Scholarship Examinations held in November and December of last year. In total the boys from Tauranga Boys' College have gained 37 Scholarships with four being Outstanding Scholarships.

The achievement of University Scholarship is the pinnacle of academic achievement at secondary school level and the result of academic ability combined with hard work by the student and support and guidance from the subject teachers.

In total twenty-four boys gained Scholarships across twelve different subject areas. This shows the College has strength across a wide range of curriculum subjects with very capable teachers to guide boys to success in Scholarship. Especially pleasing was that fourteen Year 12 boys gained eighteen Scholarships. This bodes well for the results in 2013.

The top performer, gaining five Scholarships, was Daniel De Mel gaining 5 Scholarships, with Liam Kampshof gaining 3, James Gilbert gaining 3 and Todd Harris (Year 12) gaining 3. Two Year 12 boys gained 2 Scholarships each - Connor Silvester and Ben Mountain.

The full list of Scholarship winners for 2012 is as follows:

Year 13s:-

Matthew Helem (Accounting): Makarini Andrews (Accounting): Alexander Stewart (Accounting): James Gilbert (Chemistry, Physics, Statistics & Modelling): Daniel De Mel (Chemistry, Economics, Mathematics with Calculus, Physics, Statistics & Modelling): Gavin Johnson (Classical Studies): Thomas Lock (Design): Liam Kampshof (Mathematics with Calculus, Physics, Statistics & Modelling): Alexander Oakley (Physical Education): James Tidswell (Physics, Statistics & Modelling)

Scholarship Winners Year 12s:-

Paul Harrison (Biology): Connor Silvester (Biology, Physical Education): Todd Harris (Chemistry, Economics, Statistics & Modelling): Daniel Kulasingham (Chemistry): Jack Andrews (Economics): Ben Mountain (Economics, Statistics & Modelling): Berrick Fitzsimons (Geography): Philip Kim (History): Denver Hayward (Statistics & Modelling): Andrew Ede (Statistics & Modelling): Robbie O'Hara (Statistics & Modelling): Liam Dallas (Statistics & Modelling): Jacob Williamson (Statistics & Modelling): Kento Stewart (Statistics & Modelling):

NCEA Endorsement of Excellence Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who gained NCEA with an Endorsement of Excellence in the 2012 calendar year:

Level 3 Endorsed with Excellence -

Denver Hayward and Todd Harris (both Year 12 in 2012)
David Driessen, James Tidswell, Benjamin Alexander, Matthew Helem, James Gilbert, Liam Kampshof and Daniel De Mel (Year 13, 2012)

Level 2 Endorsed with Excellence -

Adam Scott, Minchang Kim and James Taylor (Year 11 in 2012)
Devin Church, Mungo Mason, Po-en Tsai, Ben Mountain, Daniel Kulasingham, Daniel Wessels, Andre Lee, Dylan Donne, Kelly Ballard, Dylan Bell, Isaac Buckley, Mac Christie, Andrew Ede, Todd Harris, Kavin Li, Joe Roberts, Keaton Taylor, Samuel Andrews, Jun Kim, Daniel Bridgwater, Ji Yun Kim (Year 12, 2012)

Level 1 Endorsed with Excellence -

James Thwaite, Devon Whitmore, Liam Ransley and Tyler White (Year 10 in 2012)
Henry Smith, Robert Parekowhai-Gudex, Samuel Verschaffelt, Wilson Longhurst, Burton McAdam, Manawaroa Nicholas, Wade O'Brien, Justin Chen, Luke Bradshaw, Toby Bell, Minchang Kim, James Taylor (Year 11, 2012)

Athletics

Our Junior Athletes have completed a successful afternoon of preliminaries on Wednesday 13th as a lead-up to the Championships to be held on Tuesday 19th. The College 3000m Championships were held at the Tauranga Domain yesterday, lunchtime, with the following boys gaining places:

Seniors: 1st Luke Bradshaw (Freyberg): 2nd Hamish McGeorge (Ngarimu): 3rd Hayden Reardon (Halberg)

Intermediate: 1st Daniel Hintz (Ngarimu): 2nd Luke Oxford (Rutherford): 3rd Andrew Robinson (Rutherford)

Juniors: 1st Bryn Fredheim (Freyberg): 2nd Marshall Wells (Hillary): 3rd Korban Eades (Hillary)

Athletics Day 2013 Tuesday 19th February, Tauranga Domain

Athletics Day will be held at the Tauranga Domain on Tuesday 19th February, from 8.40am to 3.15pm.

Students are expected to be at the Domain at 8.40am and the day will conclude at 3.15pm. Bus students will be dropped at the College and then ferried to the Domain by charter bus. At the end of the day, bus boys will be delivered back to the College in time to catch their normal bus.

A secured bike enclosure will be provided for students with bikes however we encourage all bike students to bring a lock for security.

The College is mindful of traffic congestion at the Domain and would encourage all caregivers to caution their son regarding road safety.

If you are dropping your son off or picking up by motor vehicle it may be easier to use Hamilton St beside Wharepai Domain.

Students who normally bring a motor vehicle to school will need to be mindful of parking. No parking is available inside the grounds. The boys will be seated in the covered grandstand at the Domain although it is essential that sun-smart precautions be taken. Boys must come with a hat and sunscreen.

Boys are expected to arrive and depart from the Domain in full school uniform. Changing rooms are available to change into PE gear.

Canteen facilities will be available at the ground. Boys should bring a packed lunch along with a drink or water bottle. Boys will be allowed to use the canteen facilities throughout the day however it is important that large sums of money are NOT brought to the ground.

Boys will NOT be allowed to leave the Domain during the day.

Boys should leave any items of value at home including cellphones.

The Athletics Day is part of the school's programme and therefore attendance is compulsory. All boys are expected to participate and support their House.

A roll will be taken at the beginning and end of the day. Normal school rules apply and your son's high standard of behaviour is expected.

Should weather be unsuitable to run the Athletics Day it will be announced on Radio BOP and More FM at 7.30am on Tuesday. If the weather postpones the programme boys must attend a normal school day.

We would extend an invitation to all caregivers and family to attend our Athletics Day. The support of your son is always appreciated.

Personal Training

Tauranga Boys' College athletes are utilizing the conditioning skills of Rob Binns (Gym 101) and his staff. We have a purpose built room to meet the needs of this particular style of conditioning. The boys and staff have enjoyed the programme and the benefits of it so much we would like to offer it to the wider community. The venue is the conditioning room attached to the school gymnasium. Training days would be a Monday, Wednesday and a Friday, 4:30pm to 5:30pm and 5:30pm to 6:30pm, run over an 8 week period during term times.

We will base the training around the following disciplines;

- Kettlebells
- Crosscore 180 suspension rotational training
- Circuits with sand bags, ropes, boxes
- Boxing if people require

The cost of the training programme will be as follows:

3 times per week @ \$25 = \$8.30 per session (total for the 8 weeks - \$200)

2 times per week @ \$20 = \$10 per session (total for the 8 weeks - \$160)

Our classes are run on small personal training basis (absolute maximum of 20 people) which in turn works well to deliver incredible results. All injuries and body types are taken into account and worked into the individuals workout in order to reach their health and fitness goals. We can offer diet and nutritional advice and are available for one on one personal training if people would like. Please see website for more information www.gym101.co.nz

Contact Robb Binns 0274534452 or robbinns@yahoo.com if you wish to enroll.

First Session Free

Free first session on Wednesday 20th February 5.30-7.00.
Come in chat, try some of the exercises see how we do things



Mr Gordon Hall

It is with much sadness we acknowledge the passing of Gordon Hall on Friday 8th February. Gordon served the College as our Maintenance Officer for 20 years from 1992 until his retirement due to illness in May 2012. He will be fondly remembered by staff, students and past pupils for his cheerful smile, obliging manner, his ability to 'turn his hand' to anything that was put in front of him and his willingness to help out on all occasions. Rest in peace Gordon, you will be sadly missed by us all.

Accelerated Students - Parents Evening Tuesday 19th February 7.00pm

Parents of boys who are in our Accelerated Learning Programme are invited to attend an address by our Deputy Principal, Mr Richard Hall, on academic writing. We are launching a new interactive tool to improve the standard and quality of boys' writing. This evening will help parents help their boys. The evening will begin at 7.00pm in the *Graham Young Youth Theatre*. The College is working closely with "academic guru" Dr Ian Hunter and Mr Hall 's presentation will outline the programme your boy will be engaged in this year.

Short Term Host Families Required!!

Calling all families who would like to experience hosting Japanese Students visiting our area this February/July / August: We have three groups visiting

- Hitachi* - Arriving 27th February - Leaving 11th March
- Labo* - Arriving July 29th - Leaving August 23rd
- Meiji* - Arriving Mid July dates still to be confirmed

- ✓ *It is a fantastic opportunity for you to introduce your family to the Japanese culture*
- ✓ *Enjoy being part of a hosting network*

During the programmes, Japanese students will attend Tauranga Boys' College. The students will spend the week days at school and have some pre-arranged activities in the weekends. All families interested in hosting a Japanese student and for questions regarding the programmes please contact: Lisa Adams 5784029 ext 271, or email L.adams@taurangaboyscollege.school.nz A homestay payment will be made.

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YES I am interested in hosting Japanese students.

Name: Address:

Phone:

Son's name: Son's class: