

Tauranga Boys' College Newsletter

Friday 19th April 2013



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

As Term 1 draws to an end we reflect on what has been a very busy, successful term both in and outside the classroom, as well as two weeks longer than normal.

We are delighted to have achieved our best ever NCEA results across all three levels, continuing the steady improvement we have been making in recent years. This improvement is reassuring that the strategies we are undertaking are having an effect on improving our academic results, not only for our top academic students but also those who we have placed a specific focus on; our middle and our Maori boys.

Previously there has been an impression that we have placed too much emphasis on the top academics within the college. So we are now using strategies to ensure there is definite focus on the academic achievement across all ability levels, without

any less focus on our top achievers.

The programme outside the classroom has also been very busy, adding to the fabric that makes up Tauranga Boys' College. Year 9 classes have enjoyed their camps at Bowentown, whilst a number of curriculum and outdoor education camps have benefited from the outstanding summer weather.

In sport we have completed an extremely successful summer season, culminating in Summer Tournament Week. Most notable were the Volleyball Senior A Team winning the National Title, Beach Volleyball senior boys winning the NZ Championships, the Kayaking Team taking out the Top School Trophy, and two Gold Medals and a Bronze in Rowing at the Maadi Cup, whilst a number of individuals have made provincial and national representative teams. Also of note are the New Zealand Super Eight Schools

Championship titles of which we have won three of the four championships contested, winning Tennis, Volleyball, and Golf. Full details of these achievements and the many more are outlined in our Titans Sport Term Quarterly newsletter available online.

In the Arts our Big Band has completed a successful tour of local schools as they prepared for the National Jazz Festival Big Band Competition, where they gained a Silver Award and won the Combo Section with a combined Tauranga Boys' / Tauranga Girls' College Combo, as well as three individuals gaining "Best of Festival" titles. Full details of the Arts successes and Term 1 programme are available in the Term One Arts Newsletter which is also available online on our website.

I wish all our boys a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and hope they return refreshed and ready for a productive Term 2.

Scholarship Assembly Friday 19th April 2013



Principal's Sabbatical Leave

At the end of this term I have completed five years as Principal at Tauranga Boys' College. I have been granted a Ministry of Education funded sabbatical which means I will be on leave for Term 2.

The purpose of the sabbatical leave is to provide a sustained period of time away from school for professional learning activities, reflection and rejuvenation.

I am travelling overseas, visiting a number of boys' and coeducational schools in the United Kingdom and attending an International Boys' Schools' Conference in Richmond Virginia.

During Term 2 Mr Ian Stuart will be Acting Principal, Mr Leyton Watson Acting Deputy Principal and Mr Damien Galvan Acting Assistant Principal in charge of Student Management.

Any email communication that needs the attention of the principal should be addressed to principal@tbc.school.nz

I am very confident Term 2 will be as productive and successful as Term 1 has been, and look forward to hearing of the successes throughout the term.

Robert Mangan

Congratulations

Year 13 - Nick Mason

Nick's teachers say Nick is self-motivated, focused, attentive with a positive attitude, and has an outstanding work ethic. He is an excellent role model for students at the College. He demonstrates the traits of positivity, motivation and responsibility. Nick is a student whom teachers enjoy teaching!

Year 12 - Peter Jackson

Peter's teachers say he consistently impresses them with his desire to learn. Peter seeks advice about his work and makes the changes needed to get the best grade possible. He demonstrates drive and persistence in all activities. He is reliable and willing to help others. His attitude, demeanour and continual striving for excellence exemplify the qualities of a good man.

Year 11 - Dylan McKinlay

Dylan's teachers say he is conscientious, diligent and respectful. Dylan is keen to succeed and perseveres until he masters a concept. He is committed to doing well and completes all of his work to a high standard.

Year 10 - Cale Borell

Cale's teachers say he has made a great start to his studies in 2013. They commend him for his dedication and focus and putting 100% into everything he does. This has resulted in excellent achievement in assessment tasks to date. Cale interacts with his teachers and classmates in a polite and respectful manner and as a result can always be relied upon.

Year 9 - Bryn Fredheim

Bryn's teachers describe him as an outstanding young man. He is courteous, respectful and has an excellent work ethic, willing to go above and beyond what is expected of him. Bryn is also emerging as a committed and dedicated sportsman and leader.

to our Students of the Term



Nick Mason



Peter Jackson



Dylan McKinlay



Bryn Fredheim



Cale Borell

Congratulations to our four new Prefects, pictured below from left: Jack Andrews, Cameron Hayes, Ben Musgrave and Max Schroder



Scholarship Assembly

This morning we acknowledged boys who gained University Scholarships in 2012, welcoming back those who have left as well as those who are in Year 13. We recognised their achievement by presenting them with a Scholarship Tie and a framed certificate to acknowledge their success in the pinnacle academic qualification of secondary school. It was also a real pleasure to welcome Dr Sam Toner Old Boy of the College, as guest speaker, to share in our celebrations of our third-best-ever scholarship result of 37. A complete list of Scholarships achieved (including Outstanding) were listed in my newsletter of 15th February.

Students who received Scholarship in 2012 were: *Year 12:* Todd Harris (3), Ben Mountain (2), Connor Silvester (2), Jack Andrews, Liam Dallas, Andrew Ede, Berrick Fitzsimons, Paul Harrison, Denver Hayward, Philip Kim, Daniel Kulasingham, Robbie O'Hara, Kento Stewart, Jacob Williamson

Year 13: Daniel De Mel (5, including an Outstanding), James Gilbert (3, including an Outstanding), Liam Kampshof (3, including an Outstanding), Matthew Helem (1 Outstanding), James Tidswell (2), Makarini Andrews, Gavin Johnson, Thomas Lock, Alex Oakley, Alex Stewart

Service Awards

Thanks to the following boys for their service to the College, supporting us with the very successful Year 9 Maori Parents Evening:

Jayden Tane	James Mikaere
Dylan Donne	Caleb Aperahama
Tipene Ririnui	Javahn Kennedy
Vishal Toitoti	Grayson Kite
Pita Dunn	Leighton Hika
Tipene Allan	Israel Turner
Kaha Wihape	Te Purihi Moana
Kane Bidois	Ford Raivaru
Rowdy Walker	Blair Jackson

These boys were recognised for their service at a recent assembly.

Sporting Congratulations

To Sam Barnett, who has been selected to represent New Zealand in the 420 Youth Worlds to be held later this year.

To Ollie Ranby winning the Senior Boys 200m and Daniel Hintz winning the Intermediate Boys 1500m at the North Island Secondary Schools Championships.

To Perry Farrell Gold in the Open Men's Taplin Relay and Haydn Reardon Gold in the U19 2km Run at the Surf Lifesaving Nationals held recently.

Manu Korero

Our annual Manu Korero was held recently which was a great success. Thank you to our Aronui staff, Messrs Durie and Mitchell in judging the English speeches and our Aronui Senior boys, James Mikaere, Maia Ririnui, Tyrone Hay and Jordan Ngatai for their leadership. Results as follows:

Senior English:

1st	Te Puruhi Moana (Year 12)
2nd	James Mikaere (Year 12)
3rd	Devon Peters (Year 11)

Junior English:

1st	Manaia Harawira (Year 10)
2nd	Jordan Eria-Taylor (Year 9)
3rd	Howard Paki (Year 10)

Senior Maori:

1st	Taawera Black (Year 13)
2nd	James Mikaere (Year 12)
3rd=	Devon Peters (Year 11)
	Jordan Ngatai (Year 12)

Junior Maori:

1st	Manaia Harawira (Year 10)
2nd	Peter Nicholas (Year 9)
3rd	Reimana Rameka (Year 9)

Commitment Award

As part of our school-wide focus on 'Respect for Self, Respect for Others. Respect for our School' we have focused specifically on respect for self by displaying 'commitment during Term 1.

One student from each of our Year 9 and Year 10 classes has been identified by their Mathematics teacher as showing 'commitment' throughout the term.

The vast majority of our boys have shown commitment so we have identified one boy from each class in order to focus on the value of their lives. These boys have been recognised at a Junior Assembly with a certificate and iceblock to acknowledge their achievement.

Congratulations to the following boys:

Year 9: Cameron Austin, Caleb Bryan Jackson Currie, Andre Dorofaeff, Bryn Fredheim, Cole Forbes, Byron Houia, Connor Lyttle, Reimana Mihaka-Rameka, Jared Ngatai, Jake Rankin, Matthew Rea, Callum Reed, Troy Tutty.

Year 10: Mitchell Abraham, Sam Bodnar, Shane Hepi, Reagan Kennedy, Griffin McPherson, Jacob Morrissey, Angus Murray, Matthew Newman, Joachim Nielsen, George Payne, Dhruv Phadnis, Maninder Sandher, Piririka Te Huia, Ben Warburton, Giovanni Woods, Todd Yaxley

Tauranga Opera Forum - Scholarships

Each year Tauranga Opera Forum provides two Scholarships for secondary school students in Tauranga, Katikati or Te Puke to either:-

1. Attend school as a regular student in China for one New Zealand school semester and to receive tuition in their specialist area of fine art, or
2. Receive one year's private singing tuition in Tauranga

Each month Tauranga Opera Forum screens films, generally but not always, on opera. For the audience there is always a complimentary glass of wine, juice or the like, some delectable finger food, a lucky ticket draw for several ticket holders, all in the comfortable ambience of the Tauranga Club

To maintain these scholarships, Tauranga Opera Forum relies on the support of the Western Bay Community. If on average each month just four members from each of the eight local secondary school communities buy tickets to attend, Tauranga Opera Forum can easily fund these two scholarships. Tickets can be bought at Creative Tauranga, Buretta Pharmacy and Kwang Chow Restaurant. At the end of Term 3 Tauranga Opera Forum will invite expressions of interest from local secondary students for these two scholarships. Tauranga Opera Forum is supported by Creative Tauranga, The Tauranga Club, Sun Media and the New Zealand China Friendship Society. For further information please contact John Hodgson, 577 0583 johnhodgson@xtra.co.nz



New ERO Parent Booklet

This booklet is available on the Education Review Office's website:

www.ero.govt.nz

This booklet is part of ERO's ongoing commitment to provide support for parents wanting to know how their child is progressing. The booklet includes questions parents can ask teachers about their child's learning and wellbeing at school, as well as other useful information.

Term 2 Diary - Some Important Dates

May

- Mon 6 START OF TERM 2
- Thurs 9 TBC Cross Country at Waipuna Park
- Wed 15 Football Special Olympics
- Thurs 16 BOP/Midlands Cross Country Clay Target at Taupo
- Fri 17 WORKDAY
- Sat 18 Rugby 1st XV vs Hamilton Boys' High
- Fri 24 Super 8 Cultural Festival in Rotorua
- Sat 25 Rugby 1st XV vs St Pauls
- Mon 27 Super 8 Cross Country Palmerston North
- Tue 28 BOPSS Squash individual championships
- Wed 29 BOPSS Badminton Junior Team
- Thurs 30 BOPSS Squash Individual Div 1
- Fri 31 TEACHER ONLY DAY (NZQA Workshops)

June

- Sat 1 Rugby 1st XV (Chiefs Cup)
- Sun 2 NZSS Multi Sport at Rotorua
- Mon 3 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
- Thurs 6 Rotorua Boys' High Sports Exchange
- Fri 7 Super 8 Badminton at TBC Super 8 Clay Target at Hamilton
- Sat 8 Super 89 Rugby at Rotorua Boys' High
- Mon 10 SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK
- Thurs 13 BOPSS Indoor Bowls Clay Target at Matamata
- Fri 14 BOPSS Badminton Seniors
- Sat 15 Super 8 Rugby at New Plymouth Boys
- Sun 16 NZSS Cross Country at Christchurch
- Wed 19 St Pauls Exchange BOPSS Squash Teams Championships
- Fri 21 BOPSS Indoor Rock Climbing Juniors
- Sat 22 Super 8 Rugby vs Napier Boys' High
- Mon 24 Football Tournament at Tauranga Boys' BOP Indoor Rock Climbing Seniors
- Wed 26 Special Olympics Regionals at Pukekohe
- Fri 28 BOPSS Badminton Juniors at TBC
- Sat 29 Super 8 Rugby vs Palmerston North Boys

July

- Mon 1 SCHOOL PRODUCTION " to "Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat"
- Sat 6 Hamilton Boys' High Winter Exchange
- Wed 3 BOPSS Badminton Senior Finals
- Fri 5 Super 8 Rugby vs Westlake Exchange
- Sat 6 OPTION EVENING
- Tue 9 Clay Target at Hamilton
- Wed 10 END OF TERM 2
- Thurs 11 NISS Cycling at Cambridge
- Fri 12 NISS Cycling at Cambridge
- Sat 13 NISS Indoor Bowls at QEYC
- Sun 14 NISS Indoor Bowls at QEYC
- Mon 22 Kelston Boys' Winter Sports Exchange
- Tue 23
- Sat 27

Mon 29 TERM 3 BEGINS



The School Trustee Elections are being held this year, and we need you to get involved.

Our school is governed by a democratically elected group of people called the Board of Trustees. These trustees make important decisions about our school's strategic direction, student achievement outcomes, resources, staffing and much more.

Being a trustee is an important and rewarding role. Parents, families, whānau and people from the wider community can all be trustees. We're looking for a range of people with a variety of skills, experiences, and attributes who believe in making a positive difference to our children's learning.

If you're interested in standing for election or nominating someone you know, please contact the school office.

National Election Day is 30 May. Make sure your vote counts. All parents of full-time students who are on the school voting roll can and should vote in the elections. Look for your voting papers in your letterbox and make sure your vote is received by noon 30 May.

Botanical Road Kindergarten

(Formerly Tauranga Kindergarten)

50th Birthday Celebration

Friday 14th June -1.30pm all welcome

Cutting Ceremony & Luncheon at 12pm (Rsvp 5784481)