

Tauranga Boys' College Newsletter

Friday 2nd August 2013



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

After a term away on Sabbatical Leave, I return to find the College in great shape. I take the opportunity to thank Mr Ian Stuart, Acting Principal during Term 2, and the Senior Leadership Team, for the continued leadership they showed over the term and additional responsibilities they took on during my time away.

The term's sabbatical allowed me time to reflect on the quality of education at Tauranga Boys' College and affirmed my belief that we are an excellent school, providing high quality education.

We have very capable teachers and non-teaching staff who work extremely hard to engage your sons in learning, providing a supportive and stimulating

environment, where there are many opportunities for him to experience success both inside the classroom and in co-curricular activities.

The topic of my sabbatical research is "rites of passage, rituals and traditions that engage boys in their schools". I am very interested in what other schools are doing in this area to engage boys and how we can further engage our boys here at Tauranga Boys' College.

In order to research this topic I visited a number of schools in the United Kingdom and attended an International Boys' Schools' Coalition Conference which focused on best practice in educating boys.

Some of the common themes to engage boys found in the schools I visited relate to ceremonies, uniform, shared challenges and experiences, cultural activities including collective singing, sports, a House structure, parental engagement, leadership and mentoring, and clear and high expectations of achievement and behaviour.

I extend an invitation to parents to attend a PTA Meeting on Wednesday 11th September at 7.00pm in the Staffroom, where I will give a report back on the schools I visited and discuss my findings in relation to Tauranga Boys' College.



International Students - pictured above with Mr Robert Mangan,(Principal) and Mrs Annette Roff (Director of International Students). Welcome to all our new students for Term 3. We hope you enjoy your stay in New Zealand.



Sir Apirana Ngata

House Haka Competition

Friday 12th July

Our House Haka Competition was held on the last day of Term 2. The event opened with a rousing haka by staff, setting the platform for the individual House performances. The standard of performance was very high, drawing praise from the three judges, Messrs Wiparata Ngatoko, Josh Te Kani and Pirini Edwards. MC was Mr Andrew Turner

The results of the Interhouse Competition were:

- 1st Ngata
- 2nd= Halberg & Rutherford
- 4th Freyberg
- 5th Hillary
- 6th Ngarimu



SPORTS RESULTS -

Super 8 Tournaments held in the Hawkes Bay

Basketball	2nd Place	losing to Hastings Boys' High School 66-88 in the final
Hockey	3rd Place	Defeating Napier Boys' High School in playoff for 3rd/4th place
Football	5th place	Defeating Gisborne Boys' High School in playoff for 5th/6th place

Attendance Initiative

Held 10th JUNE To 5th JULY

Tauranga Boys' College - Winners of "The Big Day In" Concert, which was held at the College during lunchtime on Thursday 11th July.

Other schools involved were Otumoetai College, Tauranga Girls' College, Te Puke High School and Mount Maunganui College.

"THE BIG DAY IN"

WINNERS!!



AMIA FLAVIA PRESENTS
DJ SIR VERE



Congratulations -

Mungo Mason selected for the Chiefs U18 Training Camp during the holidays, as well as being selected as Youth Parliament Representative for MP Simon Bridges at the Beehive.

Other boys named in the Chief's Training Squad included **Connor Silvester, Connor Fifita, Dan Hollinshead, Aidan Ross, Christian Kelly, Sonny Anderson, Kemble Frost** and **Ben Webby**.

Sam Barnett, competing in Cyprus at the World Youth Yachting Championships was placed 5th in the 420 event out of 31 crews.

Daniel Munro and **Luke Robinson** have won Bronze in the Kayaking C2 Junior World Cup Competition in Slovakia.

Hamish McGeorge and **Joseph Lyons** represented the U18 Midlands Hockey Team which won the tournament by beating Canterbury 5-2 in the final (Hamish and Joseph scored

2 goals each in the final). Joseph was top goal scorer at the Tournament. Hamish was named in the NZ U18 National Squad.

William Bark (Yr 11) competed in the World BMX Champs in Auckland during the holidays.

Connor Johnson made the National Under 17 Basketball Team, ranking him in the top 10 basketballers for his age in the country.

HOUSE POINTS TO DATE

House Event	Freyberg	Halberg	Hillary	Ngarimu	Ngata	Rutherford
Term One						
Car Jam	0	0	0	0	0	0
Athletics	3.5	6	1	5	3.5	2
Swimming	1	6	4	3	5	2
Sub- total	4.5	12	5	8	8.5	4
Placing	5	1	4	3	2	6
Touch Rugby – (Junior & senior)	4	6	1	5	3	2
Sub-total	8.5	18	6	13	11.5	6
Placing	4	1	5	2	3	5
Term Two						
Cross Country	4.5	4.5	6	3	2	1
Sub-total	13	22.5	12	16	13.5	7
Placing	4	1	5	2	3	6
Charity / Work Day	4	5	1	3	6	2
Haka – (last Friday of Term 2)	3	4.5	2	1	6	4.5
Sub- total	20	32	15	20	25.5	13.5
Placing	3	1	5	3	2	6

Excellent Reports - Congratulations

To the following senior boys who will be recognised with an "Excellent Report Certificate" and treated to a special morning tea next week:

Year 11

Charlie Baldwin, Jake Brett Kelly, Ben Donald, Mitchell Ferguson, Corey Galbraith, Edwin Heerschap, Daniel Hintz, Duncan Keith, John Lulu, Quin Matenga, Jaydin Matoe, Te Puruhi Moana, Allan Moorhouse, James Opie, Andrew Park, Hemi Pearce, Max Porteous, Campbell Porter, Liam Ransley, Michael Sims, Benjamin Stewart, Jared Taylor, Rowan Thom, Reece Thompson, James Thwaite, Mark Twomey, Ben Warren

Year 12

Kruz Adams-Noda, Fawwaz Ali, Samuel Barnett, Toby Bell, Isaac Berben, Luke Bradshaw, James Brogan, Callum Burrell, Ethan Cassidy, Justin Chen, Ben Day, Josh Dawber, Brendon Drury, Connor Fifita, Ipu Hapi, Peter Jackson, Tyler Jones, Minchang Kim, Miller Macleod Gore, Shinead Mayor, Blair Morrow, James Nakhle, Ethan Pilgrim, Trent Rippey, Gurkiert Singh, Henry Smith, Sam Verschaffelt, Devon Wright, Ben Zhou

Year 13

Jack Andrews, Corbyn Barclay, Craig Barr-Smith, Daniel Bridgwater, Daniel Earwaker, Elijah Griffiths, Todd Harris, Junsik Kim, Philip Kim, Daniel Kulasingham, Joshua Laan, Adam Miller, Ben Mountain, Robbie O'Hara, Liam Parker, Scott Parkin, Charles Rogerson, Samuel Smith, Keaton Taylor, Kaha Wihapi

IMPORTANT DATES for Term 3

AUGUST

Monday 5th	Old Boys' Association AGM 7pm
Tuesday 6th	BOPSS Table Tennis Senior Champs at Tauranga
Wednesday 7th	JUNIOR REPORT Evening 4.00pm to 7.00pm
Friday 9th	Careers Expo Day for Seniors
Saturday 10th	Super 8 Rugby vs Gisborne at TBC
Tuesday 13th	Open Evening for Parents & Yr 8's
Saturday 24th	School Ball for Year 13s
Monday 26th to Friday 30th	FOOD BANK Appeal Week

SEPTEMBER

Monday 2nd to Sunday 8th	Winter Tournament Week
Friday 6th	MID TERM BREAK
Thursday 12th	Clay Target at TECT Park
Friday 13th	Old Boys' Sports Day & Dinner
Wednesday 18th to Tuesday 24th Friday 27th	SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK Talent Quest Last Day of Term 3



Ben Richards, pictured, delivering his speech at the Sir Peter Blake Youth Environmental Leaders' Conference held last term in Christchurch. Over 50 secondary school students attended the week-long gathering, discussing environmental issues in New Zealand, water management and the Christchurch re-build. Ben found the experience inspiring.

Dr Ian Hunter

Dr. Ian Hunter continues to work in the College developing the academic writing of our students. On the 27th he will visit us for the last time this year and be working for the day with our scholarship candidates.

Every student in the College though has access to his help through his website; www.writethatessay.org

Students and their parents are encouraged to use this site as much as possible in the lead up to assessments. A recent survey of NCEA assessment found that the majority of standards require a high quality of written techniques to pass well. This is not a skill that comes naturally to boys. This site will work in conjunction with the skills being provided by teaching staff in class. By working at this skill boys develop confidence and success.