

Tauranga Boys' College Newsletter

Thursday 26th September 2013



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

Overseas Tours

During the holidays our 1st XV Rugby Team, Squash Team and Tennis Team will travel overseas.

The Tauranga Boys College Racquets (Tennis and Squash) tour takes place in California from the 27th September to the 11th of October. The goal is to introduce the players to a higher standard of play than they are used to and to broaden their life experiences.

Our first matches are based in San Francisco over the first weekend. The Squash Team will be playing in the Latitude 38 Open which includes the top 30 players in the world. They will play at various venues throughout the city. Tennis matches will be played against the Bay Club on the first Saturday.

The teams then play Bay Club Santa Clara. The boys will visit Stanford University which has one of the best Athletic programs in California. Having the opportunity to play them allows our students to see possible future pathways they could have through Tennis and Squash. The junior racquets programme at the Bay Club Santa Clara is one of the best around and will provide some very close and intriguing matches.

The teams will then be heading down the coast to play Santa Barbara Athletics Club and San Marcos High School, in our only inter-school exchange.

The teams then head to Los Angeles to play the University of Southern California in our final matches. USC have a strong tennis programme (top 4 NCAA) whilst squash is in its infancy.

In between matches the tour will be taking in the sights of the cities and universities as well as visiting attractions like Alcatraz, San Francisco Giants, LA Lakers, Rincon and Disney's California Adventure Park.

Our 1st XV will tour England, Wales and Hong Kong to give boys the experience of travelling overseas and playing rugby in foreign countries, against quality opposition.

The squad includes 28 players and bolsters 21 of this year's 1st XV. There are 7 other players, who have been part of the larger 1st XV training group included to meet the demands of 5 games within two weeks.

The opposition first in line is London side, Cranbrook School, a school Tauranga Boys' College has a special relationship with, being the school of our GAP Tutors.

The other London side is Hampton School, one of the stronger rugby schools in the greater London area.

The boys then travel to Wales to take on Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg School and Bridgend College, that played the 2009 tour team from Tauranga Boys' College.

The final game is against a Hong Kong Under 18 developmental side on the way back to New Zealand.

Cheque from Old Boys' Association



Pictured above - Mr Bill Holland (right) presenting a cheque for \$ 1,000 from the Old Boys' Association, to Mr Darrell Boyd, Sports Director Titans Sport to go towards purchasing gear for the new Tauranga Boys' College Fitness Centre located between the Dame Susan Devoy Squash Centre and Sport Bay of Plenty, on the College's Hostel Block Devonport Road.

The itinerary is jam-packed and includes many exciting opportunities for our boys. Some of the highlights will be London sightseeing, Twickenham Stadium, Stonehenge, Bath's Roman Village, a Welsh Cultural Festival and Hong Kong city.



Ranking Students for the Purpose of Identifying Top Achievers and Awarding Excellence

It is timely to remind boys of the criteria by which we rank students in this school. This ranking is necessary for the purpose of recognising excellence and making decisions on who receives awards at the Academic Prizegiving. At this prizegiving, three types of awards will be made:

(i) SUBJECT AWARDS - 1st overall in subject. With multi-level study, the award shall go to the top student. In the case of where the recipient is a Year 10 student, such presentations shall be made at the Junior Prizegiving. No mention shall be made at the Senior Prizegiving but the student will be named in the programme.

Subject award shall be decided by a *Grade Point Average*, calculated by the KAMAR database, on the calculation of:

- End-of-year Examination/ Assessment
- Mid-year Examination/ Assessment
- Internal Achievement Standards –

If there is a tie, then most Excellences, then most Merits.

Where there is still a tie, the same process shall be used for results in any Internal Achievement Standards; if it is still tied, results of initial submissions of assessments will be considered.

(ii) AGGREGATE AWARDS - awarded to the first 3 students in Years 11 and 12 ranked on the best four subjects

Aggregate awards shall be decided by the aggregate total of Grade Point Averages of best 4 subjects with 18 or more credits available in the subject. If there is a tie, the fifth subject with 18 or more credits will be considered.

If still tied, then the award is decided as follows;

- most excellences, then
- most merits, then
- most achieved grades.

Where there is still a tie, the same process shall be used except that the results of initial submissions of assessments will be considered, followed by results in any Internal Achievement Standards.

(iii) DILIGENCE AWARDS - 10 per form level. A subject or aggregate winner cannot be awarded a diligence award.

SPECIAL, YEAR 13 AWARDS

For Year 13 students there are five major awards in addition to first in each subject:

(i) Dux of the School – The Dux is the highest achieving academic student in the school and is awarded the Norman Clark Trophy, which is 1st in the best 4-subject aggregate. The same rules apply as for Aggregate Awards detailed above.

(ii) Proxime Accessit - The PTA prize, which is the 2nd in the best 4-subject aggregate. The same rules apply as for Aggregate Awards

(iii) Top Arts Scholar - highest aggregate in any three of the listed Arts subjects, with at least two subjects from the list of Core Arts Subjects.

Core Arts Subjects:

Classical Studies, English, Geography, History, History of Art, Japanese, Maori, Music, Painting OR Photography OR Sculpture, Spanish

Applied Arts Subjects:

Design, Graphics, Media Studies, Painting OR Photography OR Sculpture, University Philosophy

(iv) Top Science Scholar - highest aggregate in any three of the listed Science subjects, with at least two subjects from the list of Core Science Subjects

Core Science Subjects:

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Calculus, Statistics

Applied Science Subjects:

Health and Physical Education, Product Technology, Home Economics

(v) Top Commerce Scholar - highest aggregate in Accounting and Economics.

Nominations for the above awards will be accepted and forwarded to an Academic Awards Committee (convened by the Principal) for discussion and consideration. The Principal shall make a final decision on awards based on these discussions.

I draw your attention to this criteria as seniors have only 17 days of school until our Senior Academic Prizegiving on Thursday 7th November, and their subsequent release on Study Leave.

It is important the boys reflect on their results from the recent assessment week and ensure they use the upcoming two week holiday break to revise for the external examinations ahead.

I wish all our boys and staff a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 14th October, refreshed and ready for a busy and productive Term 4.

**Robert Mangan
Principal**

Congratulations

To: **Josh Oakley** chosen in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Senior Squash Team that recently competed against the Australian Secondary Schools' Team in Palmerston North. Josh was undefeated in all of his games. Josh is pictured (right) with his New Zealand Representative Tie.

To: **Jamie Oakley** and **Alex Revington** chosen in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Junior Squash Team. Both Jamie and Alex were also undefeated in their games against their Australian counterparts.

To: **Mungo Mason** and **Dan Hollingshead**, chosen in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Barbarians Rugby Team to play an Auckland Schools' Selection in October, a significant achievement for both boys.

To: **Theo Wright**, selected to join the New Zealand Under 17 Road Cycling Development Squad.



WELCOME!

Our new GAP Tutors have started at the College. Harry Dan and Rufus finished their last year of secondary schooling at Cranbrook School in Surrey, England in July this year and have flown to New Zealand to spend a year at Tauranga Boys' College as GAP Tutors.

Pictured from left: Harry Rugg, Daniel Sinclair and Rufus Biggs



Tauranga Golf Club
Sunday 3rd November 2013

Tauranga Boys' College PTA Annual Golf Tournament

Complimentary BBQ and liquid refreshments on the course. Complimentary nibbles in the Club House afterwards. Prizes for best dressed, longest drive, closest to the pin, sport prizes, raffles. The PTA is once again helping raise funds for the Tauranga Boys' College Rowing. The aim is to help purchase a new double rowing boat and your participation in this event will help towards this goal. Numbers are limited. \$50 pp. Put your team of 4 together and email gordino@xtra.co.nz



TERM 4 DIARY

October	
Monday 14	Start of Term 4
Wednesday 23	Arts Awards Evening 6.30pm Graham Young Youth Theatre
Monday 28	Labour Day
November	
Friday 1	Sports Awards Evening 6.00pm
Saturday 3	PTA Golf Tournament at Tauranga Golf Club
Tuesday 5	Leavers' Assembly and Luncheon for Year 13s
Thursday 7	Last day for Years 11 and 12
	Senior Prizegiving at Holy Trinity 7.00pm
Friday 8	Study Leave for Senior Students begins
Monday 11	NZQA Exams Start
Thursday 21	Junior Exams Begin
Monday 25	Teacher Only Day
Wednesday 27	Junior Tennis at Palmerston North (to Friday 29)
Thursday 28	Year 8 Orientation Day
December	
Monday 2	Year 9 Alternative Week
	Year 10 Camps begin (all week)
Friday 6	NZQA Exams Finish
	Junior Prizegiving Midday Outdoor Theatre
Saturday 7	NZSS Athletics (to 13th)
Friday 13	NZSS Touch Rugby (and 14th)

A big THANK YOU!**RPM TUTORING**

To all of our Academic Prefects and Senior Leaders who tutored and supported this school-wide initiative.

In particular I would like to acknowledge the leadership and organisation of Andrew Ede, our Head Academic Prefect, for seeing this worthwhile initiative delivered in our school.

The tutoring was held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays before school and was well attended by many boys seeking extra academic guidance, challenge and success.

Our senior boys now need to focus on their own academic endeavour and study, leading up to the External Examinations.

This will mean an end to the RPM Tutoring Programme for the rest of the year.

House Calendar of Events 2013

Competition to date (note at time of print, Talent Quest points not yet decided)

House Event	FREYBERG	HALBERG	HILLARY	NGARIMU	NGATA	RUTHERFORD
TERM ONE						
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	5th	1st	4th	3rd	2nd	6th
Touch Rugby	4	6	1	5	3	2
SUB-TOTAL	8.5	18	6	13	11.5	6
Placing	4th	1st	5th	2nd	3rd	5th
TERM TWO						
Cross Country	4.5	4.5	6	3	2	1
SUB-TOTAL	13	22.5	12	16	13.5	7
Placing	4th	1st	5th	2nd	3rd	6th
Charity/Work Day	4	5	1	3	6	2
Haka	3	4.5	2	1	6	4.5
SUB-TOTAL	20	32	15	20	25.5	13.5
Placing	3rd	1st	5th	3rd	2nd	6th
TERM THREE						
Rowing	2	5	6	1	4	3
Charity/Food Bank	4	6	1	5	3	2
SUB-TOTAL	26	43	22	26	32.5	18.5
Placing	3rd	1st	5th	3rd	2nd	6th
Talent Quest						
SUB-TOTAL						