

Tauranga Boys' College Newsletter

Friday 7th February 2014



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

On behalf of the Staff and Board of Trustees I extend a warm welcome to you all for the 2014 year. A special welcome to those parents who have boys new to the College. We are very proud of our College and we look forward to working with you to ensure your son achieves to his potential. All our newsletters are mailed electronically and posted on our website. We would appreciate having your son update your email details at the School Office. If you do not have access to electronic mail, hard copies of newsletters will still be available for your son to collect at school.

The College continues to grow in popularity with large numbers returning and new students arriving to take advantage of the wide range of educational opportunities available at the College. This demand reinforces the reputation the College is held in by the community and supports our vision of being "best for boys". It is clearly evident from our numbers in the senior

school that senior boys are choosing to return to the College to better their educational qualifications; to ensure they can pursue tertiary study of their choice or improve their prospects of employment once they leave school. Our numbers at Year 9 are the second largest intake to the College with 427 in attendance this week.

The week began on Monday, with a combined Year 13 and Teaching Staff breakfast at the Citizens Club. Three hundred boys and teachers enjoyed a hearty breakfast, with the Year 13 boys challenged to make the most of opportunities available to them in their fifth year at the College: to role model the appropriate behaviour to the rest of the boys in the school and to show leadership around the College, within their vertical form class and within their individual Houses. Only a limited number of boys can be given leadership positions but all can show leadership across the different areas and activities of the College.

In the afternoon staff were fortunate to be addressed by Justice Joe Williams from Ngati Pukenga and Te Arawa Iwi. Justice Williams shared the story of his journey through education and his career to be a significant leader in Maoridom. Justice Williams was appointed Chief Judge of the Maori Land Court in 1999, Chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal in 2004 and Judge of the High Court in 2008.

In his engaging address he focused on the importance of the school he attended, Lindisfarne College, in expecting him to succeed, then discovering Te Reo and his culture once he went to Victoria University. He gave a powerful message to our teachers about expecting all students to achieve, not to make assumptions about individuals, and the value of growing the cultural identity of Maori boys to engage them in school and improve their level of academic achievement.



Pictured above are our Prefects for 2014 (absent Hamish McGeorge, who is representing New Zealand in the NZU18 Hockey team playing Australia U18's. For a full list of names please see the last page of this newsletter. Our Student Leaders are: Head Prefect Hamish McGeorge; Deputy Head Prefect Robbie Parekowhai-Gudex; Academic Captain Adam Scott; Arts Captain Rhett Cotter; Sports Captain Connor Fifita

On Tuesday our incoming Year 9s spent the day with the Year 13s in attendance to support them in their orientation and help ease their transition into the College. A powhiri was held to welcome the new boys to the College at Te Whanau o Aronui. The focus was on the College becoming a Turangawaewae for them, a place where they feel they belong, engage in and achieve success.

On Wednesday the whole school returned settling quickly into the routines of the College and beginning their classes for the academic year. Today all year levels returned to school with the day beginning with returning students welcoming and challenging the new boys with a rousing haka, to make the most of the extensive range of opportunities available to them. Then the first assembly of the year followed, acknowledging the student leaders for 2014.

Robbie Parekowhai-Gudex (Deputy Head Prefect)

Speech to the School, Friday 7th February
"Good morning school. Robert Daniel Tu Mokonui I Te Rangi Parekowhai-Gudex is my name, although I am commonly known as Robbie, a somewhat shorter title. I have the privilege to be Deputy Head Boy of TBC in 2014.

So if you are wondering still, no, I'm not the topdog! I am addressing you today to speak

about what this school means to me personally. As I am sure you boys know, prefects are role models for the younger year groups. If you were to ask a teacher who taught me in Year 9 however I don't believe role model would be the first phrase projected from their mouth. In fact, long haired, chubby faced, cheeky little jungle boy may be a more apt description of Year 9 Robbie. I am not just saying this to help draw you a picture of a 12 year old me, I am attempting to illustrate the point that even the most Tarzan looking students can grow and mature.

Tauranga Boys' College is just the place for that growth to occur. We enter our college as young Year 9 boys, ready to be moulded academically, physically and culturally, through the process of learning we undergo in school. We leave as Year 13's, young men, who have been sculptured and shaped by the school and its community to be a (in the sense of the word) good young man. This is a personal journey which once completed makes you the benefactor of the results from overcoming the challenges. You claim the rewards from the hard work and effort you put in. But we are truly naive to think we can handle this journey on our own.

We have teachers to guide us, to mentor and teach us. We have family to support us, to back us when things get hard and to congratulate us when we achieve, and we

have our friends, our peers, who are present every school day, to push us, to help us, to be there. This is the culture and spirit of Tauranga Boys' College. This is the community.

We must show our appreciation to these people, thank our teachers, family and even that annoying friend next to you, for helping us be the best we can and achieve excellence. This is a community you learn to live in, to work in and as our teachers and family hope, a community to excel in. There are sporting, cultural and artistic, academic and even social opportunities available. You make the final decision on which opportunities you wish to exploit and I challenge you to find it within yourself to seize them and claim them as your own. As previous prefects have done before me,

I shall finish with a quote. This is a quote that is not from the most famous person, he is not Ghandi, nor is he Mungo's Batman, but the words he spoke to me speak in a simple way that convey so much truth. A prefect of 2013, Dan Hollinshead said to me "No excuses, just results". Four words that struck true - I will let you take them how you want. I wish you luck with your endeavours this year boys; claim your rewards, achieve your results. Thank you".



Ms Marilyn Hadley

It is with much sadness we acknowledge the passing of Marilyn Hadley on the 18th December last. Marilyn gave 31 years of service in the College Office, beginning her time with us in 1982. A very large number of staff from the College celebrated Marilyn's life and recognised her lengthy service to the College at her funeral on Saturday 21st December. This level of support showed the impact Marilyn had on the lives of many of us at Tauranga Boys' College. She will be dearly missed by us all.



Athletics Day 2014

Afternoon of Wednesday 12th & all day Thursday 20th February, Tauranga Domain

The first session of the Tauranga Boys' College Athletics Championships will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday 12th February at the College. All boys will attend class in the morning before Years 9 and 10 students compete in a variety of events. Then a full day of athletics will be held at the Tauranga Domain on Thursday 20th February, from 8.40am to 3.15pm. **Further important information and details of buses etc on Athletics Day will be included in the next newsletter.**

Meet the Teacher Evening for Parents of Year 9 Boys - Thursday 13th February at 7.00pm *Graham Young Youth Theatre*

On Thursday 13th of February all parents of Year 9's are invited to a 'Meet the Teacher Evening'. This is an opportunity for you to meet the various teachers who will lead your son's learning this year. The evening will begin at 7.00pm in the *Graham Young Youth Theatre* and will finish with light refreshments at 8.00pm. I would encourage you all to attend as it is a real chance to support your son's learning in partnership with his teachers. Any questions should be referred to the school office.

Tātai whetu ki te rangi

Ko Tauranga Moana ki te whenua

Tihei Mauriora!

**An Invitation to all parents and caregivers of Year 9 Maori boys to attend our
"Maori Parents Evening"**

**Wednesday 12th
March
6.30pm to 7.30pm -
*Graham Young Youth
Theatre***



The purpose of the meeting is to consult you on what we can do to meet the needs of your son, support and advance his achievement academically, socially and in sporting and cultural pursuits. A short presentation about Maori Achievement at Tauranga Boys' College will be made and you will have the opportunity to ask questions and find out more about the school! As well, you will have the opportunity to meet our young Maori leaders. Your attendance would be appreciated. Kai will be provided

Welcome to our New Teachers

Miss Kelly Edwards

Miss Edwards teaches Visual Arts. Before spending time overseas she previously taught for three years at Hasting Boys' High School in the Art Department. She is keen to contribute to the success of our boys in the Visual Arts area.



Miss Kelly Edwards



Mr Eddie Finch



Mr Eddie Hare

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Mr Finch teaches Geography and Social Studies. Mr Finch has previously taught for three years at Shirley Boys' High School in Christchurch. He will also undertake the role of Pasifika Tutor. He is keen to be involved in helping coach Surfing and Rugby during the year.



Mr Damon Ingoe



Mr Aaron Leech



Mr Brett Ronowicz

Mr Eddie Hare

Mr Hare returns to the College after spending time overseas in 2013. He previously taught Music and English at the College and has now joined the English Department. He is a talented musician, keen to contribute in this area.

Mr Damon Ingoe

Mr Ingoe will work in the International Department as an ESOL Tutor. He previously taught at Taita College, Lower Hutt, where he taught the Alternative English Programme.

Mr Aaron Leech

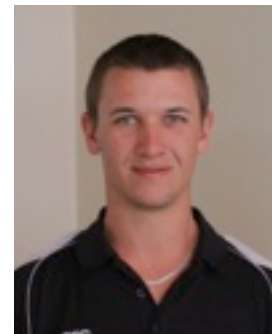
Mr Leech teaches Commerce. He comes with a background in hospitality and his co-curricular interests are Football and Rowing.



Mr Rob Warner



Miss Danielle Wilson



Mr Tim Clarke

Mr Brett Ronowicz

Mr Ronowicz teaches Technology. He was a relief teacher at TBC last year in a range of curriculum areas as well as coaching the Rugby 3rd XV.

Mr Rob Warner

Mr Warner teaches History and Social Studies. He previously taught at Rotorua Boys' High School for the last fourteen years, also coaching the Football 1st XI. Mr Warner looks forward to experiencing life at TBC.

Miss Danielle Wilson

Miss Wilson teaches Spanish and Social Studies. She has come to us from the Wairarapa where she has been teaching Spanish. She is looking forward to experiencing a large school.

Mr Tim Clarke

Mr Clarke teaches PE and Social Studies. Mr Clarke is an old boy of the College, and a keen cricketer who has represented Northern Districts.

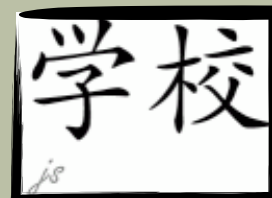
Chinese Community School 2014

All classes are held in **B Block at Tauranga Girls' College, 930 Cameron Road**. For more information email Vivien (vtng@tgc.school.nz) or Nena (nrovekamp@tgc.school.nz) or ring the Tauranga Girls' College Office 5788114 extension 763 during the school term.

Fees - The Saturday Children's Class will cost \$50 per term. The Mandarin Business course costs \$200 (10 week course). All other classes cost \$90 per term. To enrol, print out an enrolment form from <http://www.tgc.school.nz/CCS>. Instructions for paying are on the enrolment form.

Starting Date 2014 Classes will start the week beginning 10th February.

Beginners Class (2 levels)	Mondays and Wednesdays	4.00pm to 5.30pm
NCEA Level Preparation Class (3 levels)	Mondays and Wednesdays	6.00pm to 8.00pm
Intermediate Class (equivalent to Year 10 level)	Tuesdays and Thursdays	4.00pm to 5.30pm
Adult Class (2 levels)	Tuesdays only	6.30pm to 8.30pm
NCEA Level 2 and 3 (shortened course Terms 2 and 3 only)	Thursdays only	6.00pm to 8.00pm
Mandarin Business Course (10 week course)	Thursdays only	6.00pm to 8.00pm
Children's Class (Primary and Intermediate age students)	Saturdays only	1.00pm to 2.30pm



Canteen Menu

Breakfast: 8.00am to 8.40am

Toast (jam, peanut butter, marmite)	.50c
Hash-Brown	1.00
Bacon & Egg Muffin	2.50
Chicken & Bacon Roll	3.00
BLT Roll	3.00
Bacon & Egg Roll	3.00
Hot Chocolate	1.50
Hot Chocolate & Cookie	2.00

Snack Foods

Slices & Cakes	2.00
Homemade Muffins	2.00
Homemade Cookies	1.00
Iced Donuts	1.50
Ice Blocks from	1.00
Waffles	2.00

Daily Menu

Wrap	3.50
Filled Roll	3.00
Sandwich	2.50
Assorted Salad	3.50
Mini Toastie	.50c
Sausage Roll	2.00
Pizza Slice	2.00
Calzone Pizza	3.00
Hot Dog	2.80
Cheese Burger	3.00
Noodles	2.50
Wedges	3.50
Raymons Pies	3.50
Lunchtime Special	3.50
Fresh Fruit	1.00

Beverages

Waiwera Water	2.50
Golden Circle	2.00
H2GO Pure Water	2.50
H2GO Flavoured Water	3.00
H2GO Sparkling Water	3.00
Fresh Up 1ltr	3.50
Just Juice 1 ltr	3.50
Mizone Water	3.00
Up & Go	2.50
Calci Yum	1.80
Primo small	2.50
Primo large	3.50
Mammoth Iced Coffee	4.00
Gaterade	3.50
Small Milk	1.50

Daily Specials \$4.00

Monday - Pork Rib / Flat Bread Sub
Thursday - Sushi \$4.50: Double Happy \$3.50

Tuesday - Italian Meatballs with Spaghetti
Friday - Gourmet Chicken Burger

Wednesday - Cajun Chicken / Tortilla Stack

Co-Curricular at Tauranga Boys' College

Recently you should have received the TBC Co-Curricular Directory in the mail. This directory gives you directions on how to access our websites for Sport and Arts. This details all the co-curricular opportunities available to your son. The aim of the early posting of this directory was to encourage your son to participate in co-curricular activities.

I would encourage you to talk with your son to ensure he makes the most of the opportunities that are provided at the College. We constantly strive to cater for all levels of ability and participation level, and with parental support can provide an enhanced programme to meet the needs of your son.

I believe participation in some form of co-curricular activity is of great value to boys and would encourage your son to get involved.

The Arts Council and Titans Council have been put in place in order to support all boys who want to participate in co-curricular activities at Tauranga Boys' College, both to develop to an elite level or to enjoy participation for social interaction.

On Tuesday Year 9 students were given the opportunity to register their interests in co-curricular activities. Their Physical Education teacher will continue to get all boys registered in some form of co-curricular activity either a sport or a cultural activity.

On Wednesday Form Teachers of Years 10-13 asked for boys to register interest so a database can be created for Teachers-in-Charge of the various activities.

All boys who are involved in co-curricular activities for the College are expected to demonstrate the qualities of good men and follow the code of conduct as listed in the co-curricular websites.

Providing a co-curricular programme of this level requires considerable resources over and above that which is provided by government funding. The need for this resource is both in the form of financial support and in the form of human resource - coaches, managers, directors, producers, to assist with activities.

In order to assist with the financial cost of providing the co-curricular programme, boys have been asked to pay a Titans Sports fee and an Arts fee, above the cost of general registration fees. This fee will be used to assist with some of the significant financial costs incurred through the programmes offered: This fee goes directly to fund coaching directors, and initiatives supporting the organisation and administration of Sport and Cultural activities.

I appreciate payment at this time of the year may be difficult for a number of people with significant costs of uniform and stationery. It would be appreciated however if this fee could be paid by Friday 14th March, as

your son makes a commitment to participate in co-curricular activities at Tauranga Boys' College.

Often the catalyst for continued commitment is when a financial commitment is made. Parents may wish to set up an Automatic Payment for payment of this fee, or through an online portal accessible through the websites.

As well as the opportunity to pay online, your son can bring his fees to the office. You will receive a receipt for payment.

As well as the financial resource needed to provide the programmes on offer, we also need a human resource. Our teaching staff are very involved in a huge range of co-curricular activities as shown in the directory, and make a significant contribution in this area. However as we grow in size the need for parental / community support has increased.

We need your help to ensure we can provide the level of programmes we would like for your son.

If you are keen to volunteer you can email teachers direct, as listed for each activity on the websites. Or, you can contact Mr Darrell Boyd, Assistant Principal & Director of Titans Sport d.boyd@tbc.school.nz or Mr John Page Director of Arts j.page@tbc.school.nz or phone the College if you have any queries.

Instrumental Music Lessons at TBC

Wanting to learn an instrument this year? All students wishing to apply for instrumental music lessons for 2014 need to complete the online registration form on the "Instrumental Lessons" page of the TBC Arts website - arts.tbc.school.nz. This is for both new and returning students.

Brenda Oakley
HOD Music
Tauranga Boys' College
(07) 5784029
www.tbc.school.nz



Tauranga Boys' College Prefects 2014

Caleb Aperahama, Matthew Barnett, Luke Bradshaw, Callum Burrell, Justin Chen, Rhett Cotter, Connor Fifita, Louis Gordon, Toby Gower, Leighton Hika, Josh Honey, Eason Huang, Connor Johnston, Hemi Jones, Christian Kelly, Grayson Kite, Cory Lipinski, Burton McAdam, Jonty McCool, Hamish McGeorge, James Mikaere, Robbie Parekowhai-Gudex, Reece Ratcliffe, Thomas Reid, Maia Ririnui, Adam Scott, Henry Smith, Sam Verschaffelt

How NCEA Works /

PTA AGM

Wednesday 5th March

**from 7.00pm in the Tauranga Boys'
College Staffroom. All welcome**

Contacting the College

Matters involving college policy should go to the Principal, Mr Mangan or in his absence, Associate Principal, Mr Stuart or Deputy Principals, Mr Hall or Mr Davis.

Matters of a social nature such as the settling-in process of getting involved in school activities can be referred to your son's Vertical Form Teacher.

Matters involving academic questions and class placements should be referred to the Tutors. They are:

Year 13 Mr Gernhoefer: Year 12 Mr Hyett: Year 11 Mr Smith: Year 10 Miss Rensch: Year 9 Miss Elmes and Mr Fredrickson.

Questions involving **careers or work experience** should be addressed to Mr Meys

Personal matters or issues of health which are affecting learning should be referred to our Guidance Counsellors, Mr Ebbett or Mrs Jo Wallace-Boyd or to the Student Liaison Office

Matters involving discipline Matters such as unexplained absences, loss of equipment, bullying, detentions, classroom behaviour, should be referred to the Associate Principal in charge of Pastoral Care, Mr Stuart, or Assistant Principal Mr Watson in charge of Student Management, or one of the Deans, Mr Akkerman (Year 13), Mr Baker (Year 12), Mr Gemming (Year 11), Mr Newlands (Year 10), Mr Crawford (Year 9).

Late lunches, forgotten appointments etc need to be notified to the Student Office before 8.00am to catch the Daily Information Sheet (D.I.S.). The office can deal with a range of information such as opening and closing times, illnesses, uniform shop times and so on.

To make contact with any of these people please ring the College Office. If the person you want is teaching at that time, please leave a message or have them call you back. Return calls are usually made during intervals and lunchtimes, when the teacher has a non-teaching period or after the teaching day ends at 3.15pm. If uncertain as to who to talk to please ask the office staff.

Email Contacts

We presently have a number of email contacts for parents/caregivers on our database and want to grow this means of communication. If your email address has changed or has never been communicated to the College, please email it to s.sowman@taurangaboyscollege.school.nz so we can update your details. Our newsletters will then be sent to you electronically.

XTRA emails: There may be issues with Xtra email addresses and emails from the College, including the electronic link to the newsletters being blocked. For those who have XTRA as a provider you need to visit our website <http://www.tbc.school.nz/q=email> if you have a problem.