



Tauranga Boys' College Newsletter

Wednesday 26 March 2014

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

Academic Coaching Programme

Over the last two years we have undertaken an Academic Coaching Programme with all our Year 11 boys. Last year we extended it to our Year 12 boys with the goal of raising the level of achievement in NCEA at both Level 1 and Level 2. This year we will focus on Years 11 and 12 again.

The programme occurs during Form Time with the Form or Deputy Form Teacher having a one-on-one interview with boys. An Educational Plan is developed focusing on subject strengths and weaknesses, career aspirations, NCEA requirements, academic goals and steps needed to achieve these goals and any barriers to achievement identified. This programme is viewed as valuable and motivating by the boys and teachers, with students survey responses supporting its value. Most Form Classes now have two teachers allocated to them to enable this process to occur. This includes all teachers at the College including members of the Senior Leadership Team.

As part of this programme all Year 11 boys have undertaken the Career Quest profile developed by Careers NZ, so I would encourage you to discuss the results with your son.

On Wednesday 9th April from 1.30pm through until 7.30pm all parents of Year 11 and Year 12 boys are invited to attend an interview where you can meet your son's Form Teacher and Deputy Form Teacher. **To enable these interviews to occur all students will be released for the day from lunchtime, 1.00pm on Wednesday 9th April.**

Parents will be able to book interview times online and the intention is for your Year 11 or Year 12 son to attend the interview with you.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
Code XC7ND

The focus of the meeting will be a discussion about the requirements to achieve NCEA, your son's academic goals in NCEA and his education plan for 2014. Please ensure you

mark this date in your diary as it is important you attend.

Following up from these interviews the boys will receive regular updates on their progress during the year. They will know how many internal credits they have gained and what they are required to achieve through Internal Achievement Standards and External Achievement Standards. The boys have indicated this update was of significant help last year in motivating them to do the work required to achieve their goals.

These regular updates also enable us to identify individuals at risk of not achieving NCEA and put a programme of additional intervention in place. Those boys identified in this category may not be granted Study Leave as has previously occurred during the College's internal examination periods or the end-of-year NCEA exams. They will remain at school studying to assist them to gain the Credits needed to gain the qualification they are seeking.

Early Release from School - 1PM WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL 2014

All students at the College will be released for the day from lunchtime, 1.00pm.

This is to enable parents of Year 11 and Year 12 boys to attend interviews with the boys' Form Teachers and Deputy Form Teachers.

Arrangements will be made for bus students who are unable to get home at this time of 1.00pm.

Tauranga Boys' College Assessment Policies & Procedures

All NCEA students were sent a copy of the College's Policies and Procedures. This document is important and should be kept and referred to. The rules are in place to ensure fairness, and I draw your attention particularly to the rules on absence, for any reason. These rules are reviewed annually and were subject to an audit in 2013 by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority. They found these to be fair and robust. Copies can be found on the College website; www.tbc.school.nz academic → NCEA policy document

Interim Reports

Interim Reports have been posted home to parents. These reports are not an indicator of academic achievement, but rather how the student has settled into the academic year.

Each indicator gives the student feedback to date. Academic Reports will follow once the main assessments for the first half of the year have been completed.

Parents are able to get copies of all reports using their parent log-in and password details. These were supplied on the reports and do not change from year to year. Parents with any issues should contact the office.

2013 Tauranga Boys' College NCEA Results - Roll Based Comparisons

The results show we have continued to achieve at a consistent level, building on the improvement shown in our results over the last few years. Note our average results since 2006 are - Level 1, 62.39%; Level 2, 67.9% and Level 3, 56.8%, so these results are showing a steady improvement. These results are roll-based, meaning they give the most accurate measure of the achievement of all students at each of the year levels. This is unlike participation-based figures which show only the achievement of those students eligible for NCEA due to them being enrolled in a full course of study. These participation figures are affected by the number of student entries, students being withdrawn from courses and therefore not being included in the data, or those leaving prior to September. **This is an important distinction and needs to be noted when comparing NCEA Results.** As can be seen from the figures at each of the levels, we are ahead of the national comparisons of direct relevance. Of particular note is the achievement of our boys in comparison with boys in co-ed schools

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | UE |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|------|
| Tauranga Boys' College | 73.9 | 73.2 | 65.1 | 58.8 |
| NZ Average | 69.5 | 71.7 | 57.6 | 51.3 |
| NZ Boys | 64.8 | 67.8 | 51.1 | 45.1 |
| NZ Boys in Co-Ed Schools | 61.9 | 65 | 47.3 | 41.3 |
| NZ Boys in Boys' Schools | 72.4 | 74.7 | 61 | 66.4 |
| NZ Boys - Decile 6 | 69.6 | 69.5 | 50.2 | 43.1 |
| NZ Girls | 74.5 | 75.7 | 63.7 | 57.1 |
| NZ Girls in Girls' Schools | 85.3 | 85 | 77.9 | 73 |

Photos from Year 9 Maori Parents Evening held Wednesday 12th March - see page 3





Year 9 Maori Parents Evening

On Wednesday 12th March we hosted a very successful Maori Parents Evening at the College. Over 160 people were in attendance with strong support from parents and whanau. A number of our young Maori Leaders talked about their journey through the College and aspirations for the future, while sharing food, before a question and answer session was held.

One of the items raised for discussion was the suggestion that all Year 9 Maori boys should be

obligated to take Te Reo as an option in their first year at the College.

This is a suggestion that has been made to the Board of Trustees who would like feedback on this proposal. Please email me at principal@tbc.school.nz with your response so I can communicate this to the Board to aid our planning for 2015. My thanks to the following boys for their leadership and service to the College at this evening:

Kane Bidois, Khan Dobbs, Malik Edwards, Connor Fifita, Hamish Hahunga, Braxton Hetet, Leighton Hika, Hemi Jones, Javahn Kennedy, Grayson Kite, Preston Kuka, James Mikaere, Te Puruhi Moana, Josiah Muraahi, Jordan Ngatai, Afa Papalii, Robbie Parekowhai-Gudex, Harawira Paul, Devon Peters, Spadie Ringi, Hakopa Ririnui, Maia Ririnui, Eryn Tamou, Takiari Tukaki, Israel Turner, Jordan Urwin, Rowdy Walker, Curtis Whakaari, Te Manea Wihapi, Whare Wikeepa, Kereru Willison-Tumoana,

This service will be recognized next week in Assembly.

Aronui Manu Korero 2014

Our Manu Korero Wananga are facilitated every year by the Aronui Department, the purpose of which is not only to select four speakers to represent our school at regional level, but to also sustain Te Reo Maori, Tikanga Maori and the art of oratory or speech making. Other activities arranged for students over three days included local history studies, traditional food gathering, historical site visits and marae guest speakers. However the main objective of the marae stay was **Manu Korero** and **Whakawhanaungatanga**. We are slowly but surely visiting marae throughout Tauranga Moana. Hairini marae was the chosen venue to hold our Manu Korero wananga this year. Placings for the Aronui TBC speech competitions were as follows:

Pei te Huirnui (Senior Maori)

- 1st – Tiare Dickson
- 2nd – Devon Peters
- 3rd – Nikora Nicholas

Te Rawhiti Ihaka (Junior Maori)

- 1st – Kees Pohatu
- 2nd – Peter Nicholas
- 3rd – Neitana Tapiata-Smith

Korimako (Senior English)

- 1st – Te Puruhi Moana
- 2nd – Josiah Muraahi
- 3rd – Kane Bidois

Sir Turi Carroll (Junior English)

- 1st – Kees Pohatu
- 2nd – Cody Tanner
- 3rd – Isaiah Hay

Ka nui te mihi ki te komiti whakahaere o te marae o Hairini mo te whakawatea i te marae ma matou.
He mihi hoki ki nga hapai o ki muri, otira ki nga whaea i tae mai ki te tautoko.

“He oranga reo, he oranga tikanga, he pikinga wairua, he mana tangata”

“Where the language and customs are alive and well, the spirit ascends and there is human dignity”

Summer Sports Tournament Week

This week we have over 200 boys representing the College in a wide range of sports, across the country. These tournaments are the culmination of a long season of training and competition and the highlight for the teams involved. They get the opportunity to compete against the best teams from the other regions of New Zealand. These boys were farewelled at last Friday's assembly. I am not aware of a College in the country that has this level or breadth of involvement across such a range of sports. I am very appreciative of our many teachers who give up their time with their families to support the huge range of co-curricular activities boys at the College have the opportunity to be involved in.

Sports involved are:

Canoe Slalom New Zealand Secondary Schools (NZSS) Champs at Duncairgen on the Waiau River, Lake Manapouri, Captain Alex Hawthorne
Cricket 1st XI - Gillette Cup Qualifier at Hamilton, Captain Gareth Wallace
Cricket Year 10 - NZCT Cup at Palmerston North, Captain Mikaere Leaf
Extreme Whitewater Freestyle Kayaking NZSS Champs Hawea River Wanaka, Captain Jack Dangan
Mountain Biking - North Island Secondary Schools (NISS) Champs at Hunua Ranges Auckland, Captain Hemi Jones
Rowing - NZSS Rowing (Maadi Cup) at Twizel, Captains Nathan Oakley and Isaac Crockett-Powell

Rugby Sevens - U15 NZSS Tournament at Blake Park Mt Maunganui, Captain Flynn Kelly
Sailing - NZTRSA Central North Island Teams Regatta at Lake Taupo

Softball - NISS Champs Divison 2 at Carlton Reserve Tauranga

Touch - Zone 3 qualification at Mt Maunganui

Volleyball - NZSS Champs at Palmerston North, Captain Caleb Apirahama

Waka Ama - NZSS Champs at Lake Tikitapu Rotorua, Captain Te Puruhi Moana

Water Polo - NISS Champs at Auckland, Captain Robert Parekowhai-Gudex

Sporting Highlights - Congratulations!

Athletics - Waikato/BOP SS Championships - **Junior Boys** - **Peni Lasaqa** 1st 100m, 1st 200m, 1st LJ: **Shi Jie Yong** 2nd 200m, 2nd LJ, 3rd Discus, 1st TripleJ: **Maka Ahio** 1st Discus, 1st HJ: **Dion Keogh** 2nd ShotPut: **Callum Philpot** 3rd Hurdles, 3rd HJ: **Lachlan Haycock** 1st Hurdles: Jnr 4x100m Relay=1st (**Peni Lasaqa, Maka Ahio, Shi Jie Yong, Jack Broadley-Ryan**):
Intermediate Boys - **Ethan Holman** 1st 100m & 200m: **Dylan Sperling** 2nd 200m, 3rd 100m: **Andrew Robinson** 3rd 800m:
Luke Oxford 3rd 1500m: **Finn Russell** 3rd TripleJ: **Senior Boys** - **Ryan Carroll** 1st 100m & 200m, 3rd TripleJ:
Johnny O'Donnell 2nd 100m, 3rd 200m: **Connor Fifita** 1st LJ, 2nd 200m: **Daniel Hintz** 1st 800m, 2nd 1500m:
 Snr 4x100m Relay Team = 1st (**Christian Kelly, Ryan Carroll, Johnny O'Donnell, Connor Fifita**).

Motocross - results from the 2014 MX Challenge hosted by Rotorua Motorcycle Club. Twenty-one riders competed in over six classes with the team, captained by **Leo Van Lierop**, winning the event for the first time.

Mountain Biking - Cross Country - U15's **Jack Wilson** 1st: U20's **Harrison Mudgway** 2nd: TieBreaker U15'2 **Jack Wilson** 3rd: U17's **Tristan Haycock** 3rd: Down Hill - U15's **George McCarroll** 2nd: U17's **Hamish McCarroll** 2nd : Overall Team 2nd Place

Yachting - **Sam Barnett** has won selection for the NZ Sailing Youth Team to compete at the ISAF Youth Worlds in Portugal, after securing 3rd place at the 420 Nationals and winning the NZ Youth Trials.

Surf Life Saving - **Kane Sefton** has been selected for the NZ Youth Surf Life Saving Development Squad.

Outward Bound Scholarships

We are very fortunate as a school to be able to offer scholarship funding to support senior students who are keen to attend the 23 day Outward Bound course. The problem is the lack of interest amongst the students – maybe they feel it is too hard or that it takes up one of their school holiday breaks. Whatever the reasons there is no doubt that for most people who have been part of the Outward Bound experience it has been one of the most powerful experiences in their life, if not life changing. The chance to develop leadership, self confidence and interpersonal skills in such an incredible outdoor setting as the Marlborough Sounds should be something that more of our students are keen to be part of. As parents you are probably more familiar with the Outward Bound philosophy of personal growth through challenge. If you feel your son (Years 12 or 13) would benefit from such an experience, check out their website -

www.outwardbound.co.nz

The expectation is that the student does make a financial contribution to be considered for a grant / scholarship but please don't let that be the reason for not following this up as there are ways we can help to make this happen. Feel free to contact Mr Meys at the