



# Tauranga Boys' College Newsletter

Thursday 17th April 2014

## *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 and successful term, both in and outside the classroom, whilst also tinged by tragedy.

We are delighted to have achieved outstanding results in the Scholarship Exams, with 42 Scholarships achieved by our boys. Our NCEA results have continued to show a consistent improvement and are above all national comparative figures.

We have held a number of successful meetings with parents to ensure we engage with family and whanau in the process of educating your sons; these include a Year 9 'Meet the Teacher Evening', a 'Year 9 Maori Parents Evening', PTA Meeting, 'Pasifika Evening', 'Year 11 and Year 12 Form Tacher/Parent/Son Evening', 'Aronui Whanau Hui.

I thank you for your attendance at these meetings and hope they have given you an understanding of how you can support your son in partnership with the College in achieving his academic goals for the year.

The programme outside the classroom has also been very busy, adding to the fabric that makes up life at Tauranga Boys' College. The highlight for the Year 9 boys will have been the Year 9 Camps, held at Bowentown.

These camps were extremely successful with the boys enjoying great weather and some exciting outdoor activities, including Surf Kayaking, Snorkeling, Fishing, Boogie Boarding, Tallyhoo, to name a few, and the challenge of cooking their own meals and camping out with classmates.

A large number of both curriculum and Outdoor Education Camps have also taken place again adding value to the experiences and education of the boys who attend the College.

In sport we have completed a very successful Summer Season culminating in Summer Tournament Week. Most notable were the Senior A Volleyball Team, taking out the NZSS Title and the Super 8 Title, Beach Volleyball Senior Boys winning the NZ Title, and the Kayaking Team taking out the Top School Trophy for the 15th time and the Top Boys' School Trophy.

Full details of these sporting achievements and the many others are outlined in our Titans' Sports Quarterly Newsletter, available online.

In the Arts our Big Band has completed a successful tour of local schools as they prepare for the National Jazz Festival Big Band Competition and the Combo Competition.

This is being held at Baycourt tomorrow - Good Friday and Easter Saturday, and I would encourage you to support our musicians and enjoy some outstanding musical performances.

In closing, I thank all who have contributed to a very successful and productive term at the College.

I wish all our boys, parents and staff a very enjoyable Easter Break, and holiday, with family and friends. I look forward to welcoming the boys back safely on Monday 5th May, refreshed and ready for the challenges that Term 2 will hold.

*Robert Mangan*  
Principal



## Teenage Guidance - Drugs & Alcohol

I take the opportunity to provide you with a very useful link, giving guidance in responding to the many challenges faced by parents raising sons through their adolescent years.

<http://www.kingscollege.school.nz/pastoral-care/care-guidance/parents-guide>

This link takes you to an excellent resource prepared initially by Professor Carr-Gregg and Mr Rick Tudor, Headmaster of the Trinity Grammar School in Melbourne, who prepared the material on which this booklet is based.

My thanks to Mr Bradley Fenner, Headmaster of King's College, for his willingness to share this document with all New Zealand schools and the work undertaken by the Deputy Headmaster, Mr Robin Fleming, in updating the material so it reflects current New Zealand legislation.

I would encourage you to download and read the booklet as it is an excellent resource containing valuable guidance to enable you to support your son during his journey from boyhood to manhood and the many decisions he will have to make.

## TrustPower MASHUP 2014

The Equinox Team from Tauranga Boys' College has won the 2014 TrustPower MashUp Competition, with their project about saving power. Team members, William Clelland, Duncan de Wet and Dominic Pattiere created a Power Save interface where homeowners could work out how much power various devices in their houses were using. Their clever use of an algorithm meant that people could track energy use over time and see what effect making certain changes would have. Their website would also be useful to prospective homeowners who could make comparisons between homes to see what the energy use was in each building. Ten teams from secondary schools in the Bay of Plenty took part in the weekend competition, where students used IT, marketing and business planning skills to address real life business scenarios. All teams worked very hard over the weekend and were well supported by mentors from the business community.



Trustpower's Tony McGready with William Clelland, Dominic Pattiere and Duncan de Wet.



## Congratulations

### MOTOCROSS Competition

This was hosted recently by St Paul's Collegiate School and Huntly Motorcross Club.

More than 170 riders from 21 schools took to the course for the inaugural event, with about 400 spectators watching action. Tauranga Boys' College were the Top School during competition, led by Trent Haywood taking out the Top Competitive 250cc competition.

## STUDENTS OF THE TERM, TERM 1 2014

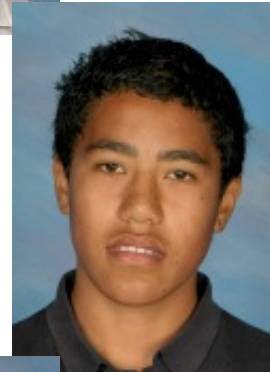
### Year 13 - Samuel Wong

Samuel has quietly got on with business during his years at Tauranga Boys' College. He has not missed a single credit. His teachers proudly say how studious and hard working he is in class. He is always polite and diligent, and he leads his classes in homework completion. Samuel is always near the front of class focusing on his teachers and completing assignments on time. He is always friendly and liked by his peers. He ably demonstrates the qualities of a model student and good young man.



### Year 12 - Te Puruhi Moana

Te Puruhi Moana is a hard working young man and a great role model for younger students. He has developed an outstanding work ethic and strives to achieve as best he can in all of his subject areas. His teachers describe him as a model student and a pleasure to teach. Te Puruhi has great time management where he balances his school work and sporting endeavours well. A fine young man who is committed to achieving at his best.



### Year 11 - Angus Murray

Angus has made a great start to his academic studies in 2014. His teachers comment that he is motivated to learn, focussed and will always complete set work to a high standard. He manages himself extremely well as he is heavily involved in co-curricular sport outside of the classroom. This academic and sporting balance is providing a great balance and is helping to build a well rounded individual. Angus is polite and respectful and an overall great asset to the school.



### Year 10 - Reef Cooper

Reef has been excellent in class. He has just been selected for the top U15 rugby team and is one of the best trainers in the squad. He has a great attitude to all aspects. He is also a leader in Hillary – and captained the Hillary Junior touch team to victory in the house competition two weeks back. Reef was a buddy for a recent short term international group that visited our school. He was a great ambassador for our school and did a good job of looking after the student we assigned him. He is a motivated, friendly and hardworking student.



### Year 9 - Jordan Proctor

Jordan's teachers describe him as being an excellent, conscientious student who is always polite. In class he displays a great work ethic and is willing to help others. He has made a positive start to college life with a set of marks that reflect his hard work and attitude.





## Are you interested in hosting an International Student?

We are seeking caring families who are interested in providing a safe homestay environment for our fee paying International Students.

We would be interested to hear from anyone who can assist with hosting long term students (2 terms to a full year), in particular families who are sporting eg: kite surfing, rugby, hockey, soccer etc, or who live in Mount Maunganui.

You will receive a homestay payment of \$240 per week.

Call Lisa Adams on 5784029 Ext 271 or email [l.adams@taurangaboyscollege.school.nz](mailto:l.adams@taurangaboyscollege.school.nz)

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and leave your name, address and phone number to register your interest and to obtain an information pack about hosting.

### YEAR 10 CENTURIONS 2013 Further Year 10 Centurions from 2013 ...

Samuel Abbiss  
Benjamin Campbell  
Isaac Dickson  
Noah Forman  
John Hunt  
Ryan Kindell  
Jake Malbon  
Angus Murray  
Levi Offner  
Michael Pasquali  
Carlos Price  
Finn Riordan  
Codie Simmons  
Davis Simanu  
Taylor Thomson  
Hayden Van Beeck

## Some Important Dates Term 2, 2014

### May

**Monday 5th** **First Day of Term 2**  
Friday 8th BOP Badminton Team Championships  
Saturday 10th 1st XV Chiefs Cup vs St Peters at Cambridge  
Monday 12th Business Studies Dragon Den (pm)  
Wednesday 14th Special Olympics Football  
**Accelerate Parents Evening 7.00pm GYYT**  
Thursday 15th Clay Target at Taupo  
Super 8 Surfing at Gisborne

### June

**Friday 16th** **WORK DAY**  
Super 8 Surfing at Gisborne  
Saturday 17th 1st XV Chiefs Cup vs St Pauls at TBC  
Basketball Quad Tournament at TBC  
Super 8 Surfing at Gisborne  
Rockfest Heats  
Sunday 18th Golf - Manihera Trophy at Tauranga  
Tuesday 20th TBC Cross Country  
Wednesday 21st Super 8 Cultural Festival at Napier Boys' High  
Friday 23rd 1st XV Chiefs Cup vs Wesley at Wesley  
Saturday 24th NISS Swimming at Palmerston North  
BOPSS Junior Badminton at Tauranga  
Monday 26th **Aronui Whanau Hui 6.00pm**  
Wednesday 28th BOPSS Cross Country at Tauranga  
1st XV Chiefs Final  
Saturday 31st

**Monday 2nd** **Queen's Birthday Holiday**  
Tuesday 3rd BOPSS Squash Individual Champs @ Rotorua  
Thursday 5th Year 11 Anti-Drink-Driving Seminar  
Rotorua Boys' High School - Junior Exchange  
Manu Korero Speeches  
Friday 6th Super 8 Clay Target Postal Shoot  
Super 8 Rugby vs Rotorua BHS at TBC  
Saturday 7th **Senior Assessment Week** (all week)  
**Monday 9th** Super 8 Cross Country at Palmerston North  
Clay Target at Matamata  
Thursday 12th BOPSS Jnr Indoor Rock Climbing @ Rotorua  
Friday 13th Super 8 Rugby vs New Plymouth BHS @ TBC  
Saturday 14th Hillsdene Junior Football Tournament at TBC  
Sunday 15th Barbershop Regionals at Hamilton  
Monday 16th Stage Challenge at Baycourt  
Tuesday 17th St Pauls Winter Exchange  
Wednesday 18th Special Olympics Football  
BOPSS Indoor Rock Climbing Snr @ Rotorua  
BOPSS Indoor Bowls  
Friday 20th Super 8 Badminton at Hamilton  
Saturday 21st Super 8 Rugby vs Napier BHS @ Napier  
NZSS Cross Country at Palmerston North  
Sunday 22nd Rockfest Finals  
Tuesday 24th Special Olympics Swimming  
Wednesday 25th Hamilton Boys' HS Junior Exchange  
**Thursday 26th** **Parent/Teacher Evening Senior Students**  
BOPSS Squash Team Championships  
Saturday 28th Super 8 Rugby at Palmerston North Boys'  
Monday 30th Westlake BHS Winter Exchange  
July  
Tuesday 1st Westlake BHS Winter Exchange  
**Wednesday 2nd** **Option Evening**  
Special Olympics Ten Pin Bowling