



Tauranga Boys' College Newsletter

Tuesday 20th May 2014

Dear Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the College

Work Day

I would like to thank you all for your contribution to Work Day this year. Firstly, thank you to our boys who have shown a willingness to support this concept and contribute their time to grow resources within the College. This year's Work Day is being targeted towards a number of projects including the purchase of a new school mini van, additional bleachers in the gym and lunchtime sports gear. Secondly, thank you to parents and the school community for providing the opportunities for boys to work and earn money to contribute to material assets to benefit all at the College. These assets are in addition to what we are able to provide through operational funding. There are fine examples of this including the Outdoor Stage/ Amphitheatre, LapTop Computers, Library Facilities, Bus Shelter, Crabbe Cottage, Mayfield House, the Wharenui, the Picnic area in the Hexagon, development of Recreation Facilities on 14th Avenue, the Youth Theatre and the purchase of new mini vans, Basketball Hoops and an Assembly Projector and Bleachers.

Super 8 Cultural Festival

I extend to all of our sixty Performing Arts Students, best wishes as they participate and compete in the NZ Super 8 Schools' Cultural Festival this Friday and Saturday in Napier. This Festival is the highlight of the NZ Super 8 Schools' Cultural Calendar and is seen as very important in growing cultural appreciation and participation in Performing Arts in boys' schools. Competition occurs in Kapahaka, Music, Theatre Sports, Debating, Oratory, Drama and Visual Arts.

Congratulations!

To our Musicians on their success at the National Youth Jazz Competition held on Easter Weekend at BayCourt. The Big Band gained a Gold Award, while the TBC Combo gained a Silver Award. The Combined TBC/TGC Combo gained a Gold Award and the award for the 'Best Secondary School'.

Pictured - Tauranga Boys' College Big Band at the National Youth Jazz Competition.



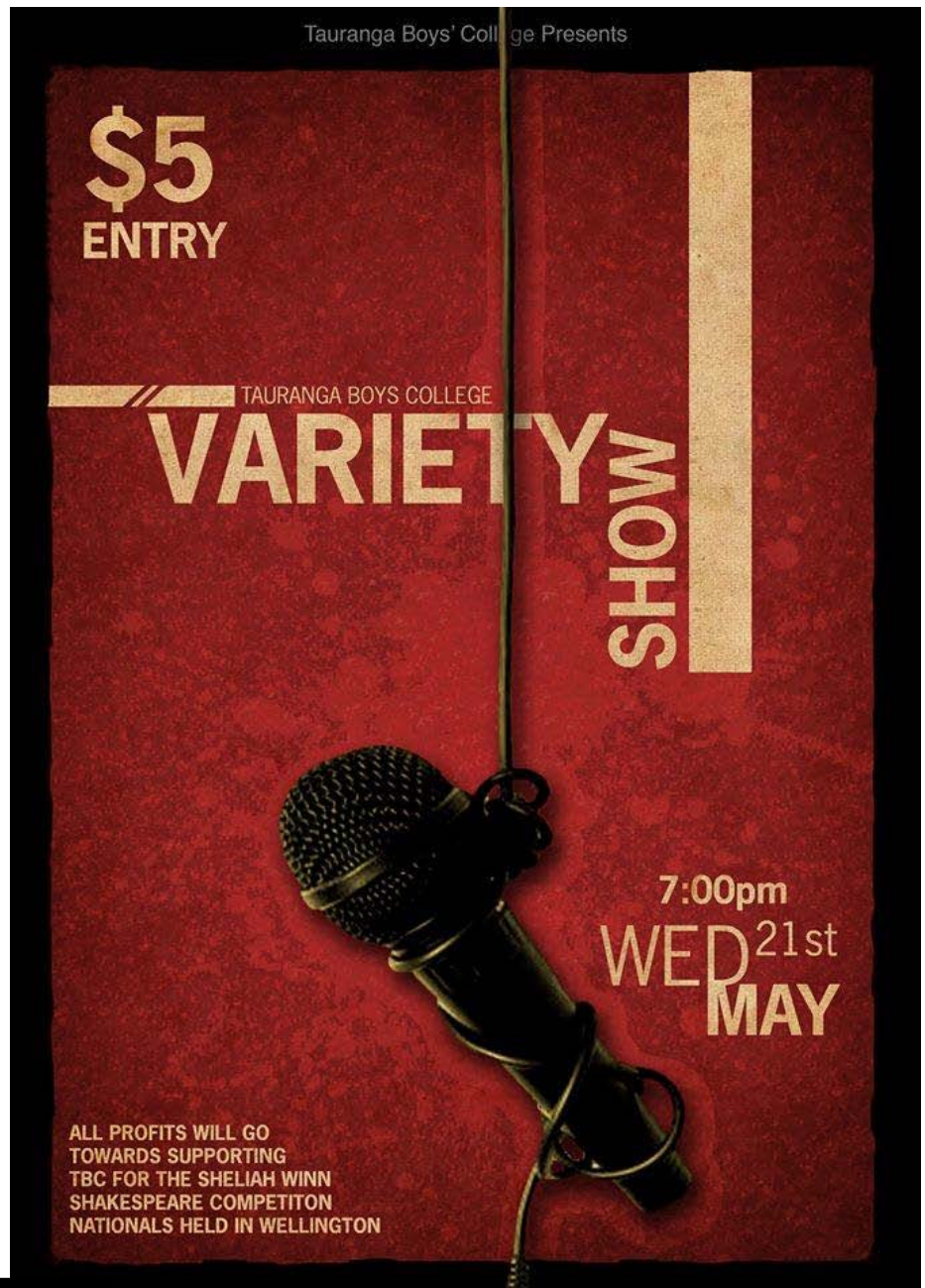
Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival

On Wednesday 9 April, twelve boys presented an excerpt from Shakespeare, "The Tempest", at Mount Maunganui College, as part of the Sheilah Winn Regional Shakespeare Festival. The Festival is part of a series running the course of New Zealand, culminating in the National Shakespeare Festival held in Wellington over Queen's Birthday. Tauranga Boys' College's entry was fortunate enough to be selected as the (15-minute division) scene to represent the Bay of Plenty at that occasion.

The boys involved were:

Cameron Buchanan (Prospero)
 Brad Hemingway (Ariel)
 Rafael Ortiz (Caliban)
 Peter Burman (Miranda)
 Shayden Taylor (Alonso, King of Naples)
 Lachlan Crane (Sebastian)
 Jake Seeley (Antonio, Duke of Milan)
 Liam Hansen (Ferdinand)
 Adam Scott (Gonzalo)
 Eden Smith (Captain)
 Talen Davidson (Mariner)
 Severn Gore-MacLeod (Mariner)

They are currently fundraising for the Wellington trip, and will be holding a **variety show** (including a performance of their winning scene) in the GYYT on **Wednesday 21 May** Entry is \$5.00 and the show begins at 7pm.



Rockquest

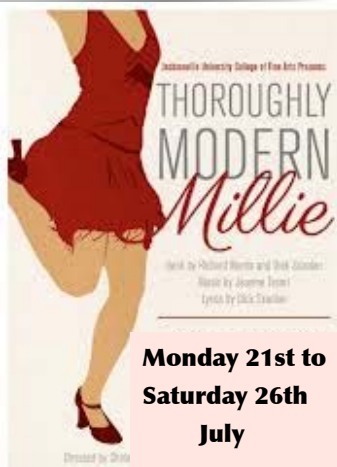
On Saturday, the Rockquest Heats were held at Baycourt.

Our school entry - "**Elusive**" are now through to the regionals to be held at Baycourt on June 20th.

Well done to the boys involved - Matthew Brittain, Finlay Burke, Josiah Dixon, Liam Moffatt and Fletcher Oxford.

Inter College Debating Competition

On Saturday 17th May at Tauranga Girls' College, the Inter College Debating Competition occurred. Schools involved were Tauranga Girls' College, Tauranga Boys' College, Mount Maunganui College, Otumoetai College, Papamoa College, Katikati College and Bethlehem College. Mr Cass and Mrs Almey accompanied - 1 Senior Team and 2 Junior Teams, a Year 9 development team and a Year 10 development team to the competition. The Year 10 Team unfortunately misread a moot in opening rounds so missed out on the semis. The Seniors got through to semis but were beaten by a strong Bethlehem College team. The Year 9 juniors got through to final negating the moot that "This house believes that organ donations should be compulsory" but missed out narrowly to a strong Otumoetai College team. Mrs Almey said that it was a great day for the boys, they learnt a lot, and it provided valuable training for the upcoming Super 8 Tournament. Boys involved were Hugo Thompson, Louis Gordon, Rhett Cotter, Grahame Woods, Jackson Currie, Adam Hitchiner, James Hitchiner, Nick Freeman and George Creighton - Syme



Pictured - some of the cast, busily rehearsing for the annual Tauranga Boys' Tauranga Girls' Colleges Production. This year our students will be performing "Thoroughly Modern Millie".



Graham Young Youth Theatre

NZQA Fees

Parents are reminded that NZQA fees are now due. The fee is \$76.70. This fee includes all NZQF standards and up to 3 scholarship entries. The College is the collection agency for this fee and does not have any control over the amount.

Some families are eligible for assistance if they;

- Have two or more children involved in NCEA, even at different schools and your combined fee is greater than \$200.
- They have a community services card.
- You receive a Work and Income or Study Link benefit.

Any queries and application forms can be collected from the office. This application must be completed by 1st September 2014.

The College must send all collected NZQA fees on the 12th of September 2014. After this date families need to contact NZQA directly. A late fee of \$50 is added to all fees not paid by 1st December 2014.

RPM TUTORING ...

By Academic Committee 2014
Finding it too hard or struggling? Missed a Class? Been away on a Camp or Sports Trip?

Want that Merit or Excellence?

Room 52

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays -
7.45am to 8.30am

YEARS 9 & 10

Sciences,

YEARS 11, 12 & 13 - NCEA Level 1 & 2 Subjects -
Mathematics, English, Science, Chemistry, Biology,
Physics, History, Geography, Accounting,
Economics, Physical Education

Mathematics, English,
Social Studies

SOMETHING TO EAT AND DRINK

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

Our local bankers are keen to support the development of our community and its kids.

If you're a parent of a child or staff member at Tauranga Boys' College, simply present this voucher when you draw down a Westpac home loan and we'll donate \$250 to Tauranga Boys' College and you'll also receive \$250!

Thanks for helping us to support Tauranga Boys' College.

Steve Boocock
Phone: 07 571 2613
Email: steve_boocock@westpac.co.nz
or pop into Westpac Eleventh Ave, Tauranga today.

Some Important Dates Term 2, 2014

May

Wednesday 21st TBC Cross Country
Friday 23rd Super 8 Cultural Festival at Napier Boys' High
Saturday 24th 1st XV Chiefs Cup vs Wesley at Wesley
NISS Swimming at Palmerston North
Monday 26th BOPSS Junior Badminton at Tauranga
Wednesday 28th **Aronui Whanau Hui 6.00pm**
BOPSS Cross Country at Tauranga
Saturday 31st 1st XV Chiefs Final

June

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
Friday 6th Manu Korero Speeches
Super 8 Clay Target Postal Shoot
Saturday 7th Super 8 Rugby vs Rotorua BHS at TBC
Monday 9th Senior Assessment Week (all week)
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
Friday 20th BOPSS Indoor Bowls
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
Friday 4th Term 2 Ends

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