

**Term Three 2013**

## Music - Barbershop

### Barbershop Nationals

Once again the barbershop boys qualified to compete at Nationals. We had two groups involved: The quartet: 'Cookies and Cream' and the chorus 'Testostertones'. It was held at Founders Theatre in Hamilton. Facing tough competition from Wellington Schools, the 28 strong 'Testostertones' performed with energy and pride. Their first song, Heart of My Heart, was a traditional barbershop song and the second song, Africa, by Toto, was chosen for its crowd appeal and up-beat energy. As usual the boys were fantastic ambassadors of the school and we look forward to continuing on the barbershop tradition with a strong student base in to 2014.



**Testostertones**



**Cookies and Cream**

## Music - Tour

August 19 brought about the annual big band tour. 20 young men from year 7 – 13 loaded up the bus with instruments, sound gear, and suitcases and departed on a round trip via Auckland and Hamilton for a week. The trip included performance to primary and high schools 2 festivals and a lot of fun. New members to the band tour were inducted into the band via a full on five days of pack-ins perform and pack outs. The highlight was the school where Elijah Taula (Vocals) sang Jar of Hearts and got a rapturous applause from the audience as well as many passed notes with numbers on them...I think Elijah was a bit overwhelmed by the response 😊.

The festivals that the group performed in were the KBB Music festival and is exclusively from Auckland schools. We were lucky to be an invitation group and the day was great. The band played well and had a blast.

On the Wednesday we traveled down country to Hamilton to again perform at several schools and then compete in the Waikato Music Festival. Both the number one band as well as the number two band attended the festival. I am proud to say that the 2<sup>nd</sup> band gained a silver award for the festival and was placed higher than a lot of other school's 1<sup>st</sup> bands! The Number One band performed in a very professional and polished manner and came away with a 100% mark and the Goal Medal as well as a judges recommendation. Congratulations to the young men on a fantastic effort.

Special mention must be made of the year 13 students who are departing in a few short months:

Daniel Kulasingham (Bass),  
Daniel Wessels (Baritone),  
Adam Staples (Tenor Sax and piano)

and Eddie Linton (Trumpet and Guitar) All have been valuable members of the band and Music department and will be missed...Good luck to them in their Arts endeavors for the future.



**Elijah Taula**

## Debating

This year has witnessed some very strong debating, along with multiple successes for our school debating teams.

The pinnacle of this success was our senior's recent victory over Tauranga Girls' College in the annual Sunrise Lions' debate. The moot was "that the price of science is too high" with our team successfully negating. This battle of cunning and wit saw many fantastic speeches and the use of slightly irrelevant props, but overall providing an insightful and entertaining evening for the crowd. We now proudly hold the coveted Lion's Trophy for the second year in a row, as well as having received a small monetary reward towards further developing debating within the school. This will hopefully lead to us being better than before in next year's debate.

Our junior and senior school teams also had a successful weekend debating in the newly revived Inter College debate competition between Girls, College, Mount college ourselves. We came second overall and a special mention to the TBC team B for some excellent debating throughout the competition.

Our successful debate against St Paul's ended with a small but convincing victory, successfully arguing that policemen deserve the right to be armed. This victory was one of the most rewarding wins of the exchange.

This stands as solid evidence that the best sport our school has to offer is debating, which provides many fantastic opportunities for any students who get involved. Albeit it's a little late in the year now for competitions, but for any students interested feel free to turn up and take part in this awesome group.

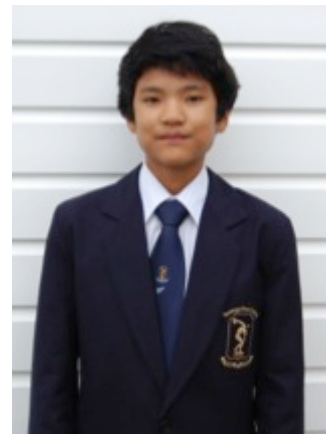
Matthew Tomlinson.



## Daniel Jeong

Daniel Jeong, a year 11 student at Tauranga Boys' College, has recently been accepted to be part of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Brass Band. Daniel is a very diverse musician who plays Baritone for the local Tauranga City Silver Brass Band and is first trombone for Tauranga Boys' College premier Big Band. He has just recently returned from a one week trip with the Big Band where they traveled to the Auckland KKB Music Festival and then on to the Waikato Music Festival, in Hamilton, where the band was awarded the Gold Award and received 100% grade from the judges.

His Music teachers mention that Daniel is a very talented young man with a fantastic future in Music. Congratulations Daniel on an outstanding achievement.



## Annual Speaking Competition.

Tauranga Boys' recently celebrated their public speakers when they held their annual Speech Competition on the 12th September in the Graham Young Youth Theatre.

The audience was treated to eleven speakers who conveyed their thoughts and idea on a diverse range of topics. Issues presented ranged from 'stepping outside your comfort zone', to considering 'being normal'. Junior speakers' ideas included music's impact on the young people, mediocrity, 'NZ in colour', and solutions to unemployment.

The 3 judges had an unenviable decision coming up with the top 3 in the junior and senior category, but they eventually awarded the prizes to the following.

Junior:

1<sup>st</sup> Elijah Taula

2<sup>nd</sup> Dylan Morris

3<sup>rd</sup> Grahame Woods

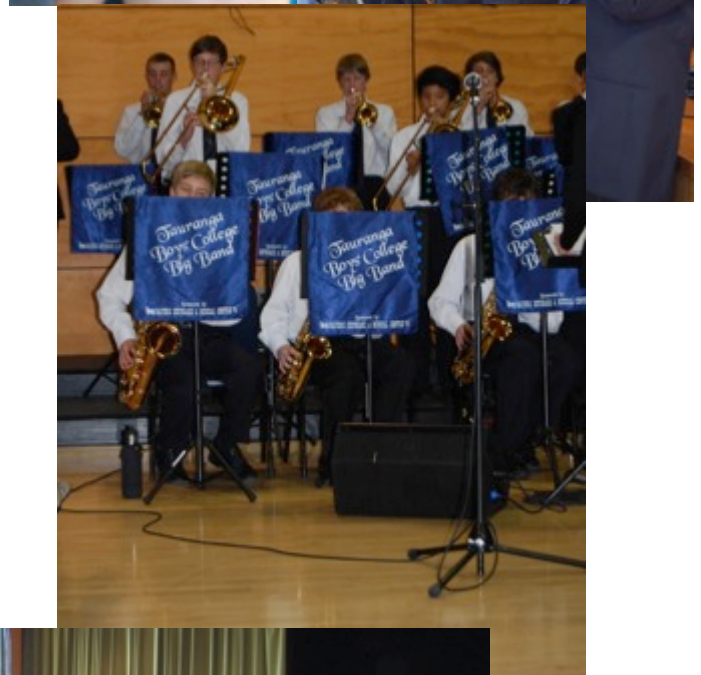
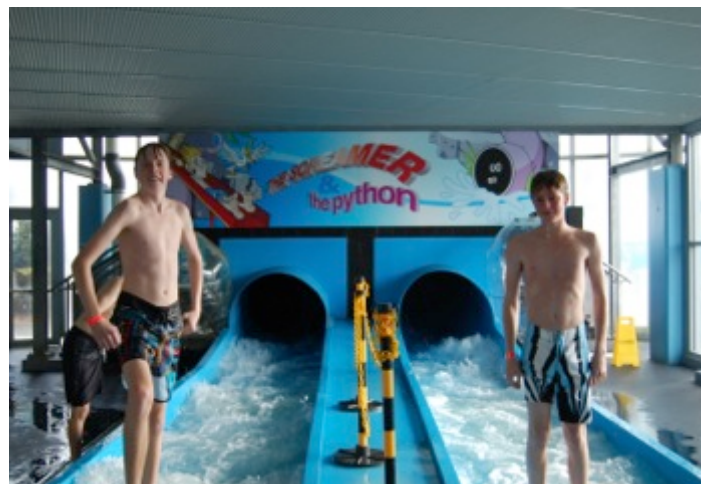
Senior.

1<sup>st</sup> Brad Hemingway

2<sup>nd</sup> Craig Barr- Smith

3<sup>rd</sup> Taawera Black

Thanks go to Bay Radiology for sponsoring this event.



## Arts Awards

It is that time of year when we recognize all the hard work and successes that have been achieved in 2013. The annual Arts Awards is held in the Graham Young Youth Theatre on **Wednesday 23rd October**. 6.30 pm there will be drinks and nibbles and at 7.15 pm the event starts. If you wish to attend please RSVP to [j.page@tbc.school.nz](mailto:j.page@tbc.school.nz) by Monday 21st October. Invitations will be sent out to families of boys receiving recognition in the awards ceremony.

## Pictures from Band tour



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