

*Term Three 2014*

## Stage Challenge

The Tauranga Boys' College 2014 Stage Challenge was choreographed, designed and coordinated by two student leaders in Adam Scott and Reece Ratcliffe. This year's theme was the loss of innocence and followed the story of a young boy (Reece) whose journey in childhood involved his three favourite toys: circus toys, army soldiers and puppets. A constant influence in the young boy's life were the adults surrounding him and along with that the pressure to grow up. Eventually the young boy does grow up and leaves behind his childhood, but the toys give him a reminder of them that he will always carry with him in life.

A large contingent of students represented the college at Baycourt on Tuesday 17th June, and produced an outstanding performance which they can all be very proud of. Tauranga Boys' College took away excellence awards in performance skill, visual enhancement, costuming character (Hakopa Ririnui, Zion Bluegum-Kiriona) and Lighting design (Adam Herbert, Luke Oxford, Fletcher Oxford). Very special thanks to Reece and Adam for their outstanding leadership and organisation.

## 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.

## Up-Coming Arts Events

This year has been an exciting one for the Arts indeed! From our many successes at the Super 8 Arts Competition in Napier to the boys' excellent job in the Sheila Winn Shakespeare Competition, to the huge success of the school production, Tauranga Boys' College has much to be proud of in the arts sector of the school. I would like to focus, however, on what lies ahead for us in the remainder of the year. The next event is "The Night Is Young" on Wednesday, August 13th at Baycourt. This night will showcase performances from several schools in the area, including Tauranga Boys' College. Support from students and family members is always appreciated, so come along to see some of the fantastic talent the youth of our community has to offer! An annual school favorite, Inter-house Talent Quest is also returning to Tauranga Boys' College this term. This year Talent Quest has seen a revamping, instead of being held at the end of the day in the gymnasium, the event will occupy the Graham Young Youth Theatre over two lunchtimes. Each house will be represented by a single act and a group act, with both the participants and the audience having the potential to win some great prizes. Not long after Talent Quest the Big Band heads out on its annual tour. Starting August 25th, the tour will include performances in both Rotorua and Hamilton. The band has been practicing hard all year and is keen to showcase some new songs for the tour. Other events approaching are the Tauranga Boys' College and Tauranga Girls' College Talent Wars, an event of fierce competition on September 12th to settle for this year who can amaze and impress the audience more. We've all got a busy few months ahead of us, but excitement for upcoming events is high and it's bound to be a fantastic experience for everyone involved in the Arts.

By Rhett Cotter



## Oratory

After Brad Hemingway (Senior) and Cameron Brown (Junior) gained first places in the Super 8 Arts Oratory Contests in Napier last term, we certainly are excited about the very high calibre of our current TBC Orators. The school's Speech Finals are taking place on the 11th September and if last years finals are anything to go by, we can expect a number of very high quality, entertaining speeches. The Junior school are currently presenting speeches in their English classes and teachers are on the look out for boys who have what it takes to compete in the finals. We already have some most competent seniors who have expressed a keenness to be selected for the finals. So mark Thursday evening, 11th Sept in your calendars and join us for what is certain to be another stunning Oratory Final.

## Rockquest

In May, the band 'Elusive' competed in both the heats and the regional finals of the annual Smokefree Rockquest. Held at Baycourt Theatre, this is a competition which gives young musicians a chance to get on stage to experience live performance, and also a chance for them to present their own original music. The regional finals require each band to perform two original songs, and give them a taste of what it is like to be on stage with lighting and sound rigged for a rock concert.

Our boys - Fletcher Oxford, Josiah Dixon, Finlay Burke, Liam Moffatt and Matthew Brittain - performed a great set to a very receptive audience.

While they didn't come away with a prize at the end of the night, they really did the college proud for their first time entering this competition.



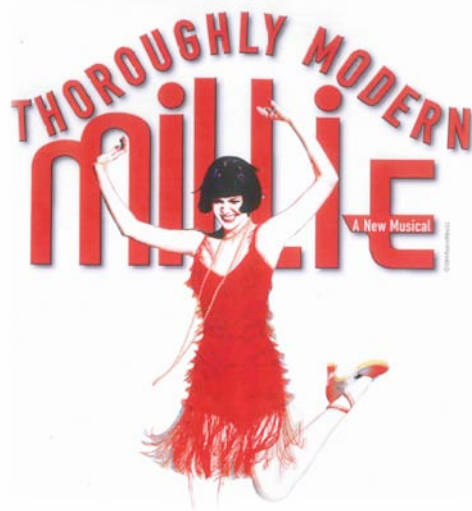
## Daniel Jeong

I would like to take the time to use this newsletter to highlight students that are achieving to the highest standard in the Arts. Daniel Jeong is just one of those students. In 2012 Daniel moved from Rangitoto College, Auckland to Tauranga Boys'. He immediately joined the Big Band #2, brass group and local brass band and fully immersed himself in the music life of the community. In 2012 he also entered the regional brass competitions and gained first place in the novice/youth section. In 2013 Daniel joined the Big Band #1 and was focused on improving his playing as much as possible. He regularly practices an hour a day and this work ethic gained him a place in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Brass Band. 2014 brought more maturity to Daniels playing and a new goal: New Zealand Jazz Youth Orchestra. This goal was realized just recently in him gaining the 2<sup>nd</sup> trombone chair for the orchestra. A fantastic achievement and including last year a national representative in multiple areas.

## Big Band Tour

Once every year the Tauranga Boys' College Big Band travels to different parts of the North Island in the 'big' event known as 'Band Tour.' This year we are planning to tour the Hamilton and Rotorua areas, performing at various schools, and finally competing in the Waikato Music Festival. Once again the band intends to promote the Jazz genre to youth, as well as aim for a gold award in the Waikato Music Festival. A personal highlight of my Band Tour experiences is always the welcoming of new students to the Big Band. I think that the Big Band as a whole look forward to this event as it is our biggest tour of the year. The experiences I have taken away from these tours enable me to continue to look forward to going on tour with the Big Band again for the fourth time.

By Blair Morrow.



This year combined production was: Thoroughly Modern Millie. The combined Tauranga Girls' and Boys' College production of Thoroughly Modern Millie was hugely successful and was performed for several sell out audiences throughout the season. The review gave overwhelming positive feedback to the cast and several of the production team. The school would like to personally thank the students involved - cast, crew, and band and congratulate them on their successes. Many of them have taken away experiences and opportunities that you would not get elsewhere and made new friends. They should all have a huge sense of personal pride and accomplishment in what they have achieved. The school is incredibly proud of them all for your commitment and energy.

running home. She intends to be chic and modern, though she's not quite there yet.

**Aine Blackman** as Miss Dorothy – A young woman from the 'right' side of the tracks trying to see how the other half lives.

**Ana Morris** as Mrs Meers – The owner of a dingy hotel that kidnaps young women to sell to the Far East.

**David Zhang** as Ching Ho – A Chinese immigrant who is part of the kidnapping ring but falls in love with one of the girls kidnapped and helps stop Mrs Meers evil plans.

**Adam Herbert** as Mr Graydon - Millie's wealthy boss who is a bachelor and key to Millie's marriage plans.

Featuring a cast and crew of over 100 students involved on-stage, back stage, hair, make-up, front of house and technical the show was slick and the set looked amazing. A huge congratulations to the staff, parents and students that were involved in this wonderfully successful production.



The cast featured:

**Craig Barr-Smith** as Jimmy Smith - a brash city slicker with an irrepressible, buoyant personality. Craig is an old boy and was invited back to play this specialist role that incorporated his extensive ability in tap and drama.

**Pip Artus** as Milly – A girl who has guts, pluck, charisma, and moxie. She's got big dreams and she's in New York to make those dreams come true and nothing can deter her or send her



# Some Pictures from Super 8 and Stage Challenge

