

Maori @TBC 2016

“He Manako I Te Koura I kore Ai”

- “Never promise a crayfish before it is caught”

This Ngati Porou whakatauki has the same meaning as “don't count your chickens before they hatch!” Term III is very much a time for students to consider these words. For Senior students most internal standards are completed and preparation for external exams is ramping up a gear. Encourage your child to share their study plans to ensure they can achieve the best result possible in these external exams. A focused program of study will help all students and is recommended.

YEAR NINE INTER-HOUSE HAKA COMPETITION

The annual inter-house haka competition took on a new format. This year it was decided to be a Year 9 event, with twenty seniors from each house volunteering to assist in preparation and perform from the back row on the day. The new format was driven by the student house leaders and volunteers with the leader of each haka coming from Year 9.



Denton Kuka (Ngati Ranginui) receives the award for best haka leader from Principal Mangan above. Ngata house (left) perform their winning haka.

The standard from every house was high. Not a lot would have separated a Year9 group from their senior counterparts. There can only be one winner and Ngata were the champions this year. The award for the best Kaea on the day went to Denton Kuka of Hillary house.

MANU KORERO

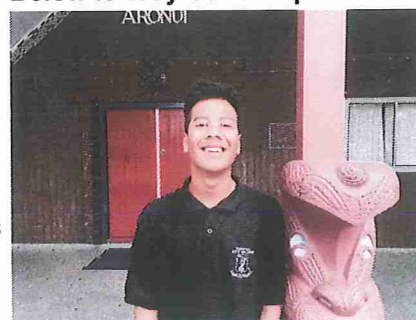
The annual Manu Korero competitions were held earlier this year at Hairini marae. Te Whanau A Aronui hosted a noho marae prior to this to determine who would go on to represent the College at the regional Mataatua level.

From here the winners would go on to compete against the best orators in Maori and English in the country. After some strong competition at all levels the best speakers from TBC were discovered. Troy Stills-Nepe (Ngati Ranginui) won the junior Maori section. This was a strong field of speakers with most of the Year 9 Aronui students standing out.

Kirwan Te Hiini (Te Arawa) won the junior English section. Again there were good speakers here. Kirwan's ability to perform under pressure gave him a narrow lead. Anaru Palmer (Ngati Ranginui) narrowly edged out Hunter Eagle (Tuwharetoa) to win the Senior English division. At the regional event both Troy and Kirwan students placed sixth in their categories. Anaru narrowly missed out on first place. As a Year 11 student he will have more opportunities to contest that again, as will the junior students and other prospective speakers.



Pictured above is Kirwan Te Hiini (Left) and Anaru Palmer. Below is Troy Stills-Nepe



KORONEIHANA 2016 - TURANGAWAEWAE



Earlier this term Matua Taitoko took twelve students to Ngaruawahia to support and celebrate the coronation of the Maori King. We left school at about 5:30am to make it there on time.

Our purpose was to support the Maori King celebration and do the haka of Rangiriri because on this day the land of Rangiriri was handed back to the Maori King. The coronation is for King Tuheitia to celebrate his reign, this being his tenth year as our Maori King.

People came from all around the motu. It was a great experience being there because me and the boys got to see and experience what goes on at the commemoration of the Maori King. I would like to say thank you to Matua Taitoko for taking us. **Na Te Angitu-Putiki Purnell (Tuhoē)**



TBC Kapa Haka roopu at the Koroneihana in Waikato.

NGARIMU CHALLENGE 2016

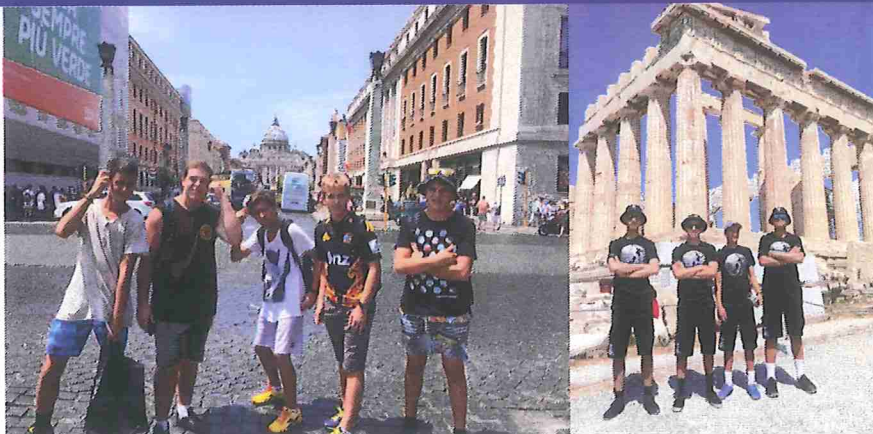


Year 11 students Anaru Palmer (Ngati Ranginui) and Tahuriwakanui Durie (Ngati Porou), pictured here, entered the annual Ngarimu VC challenge competition. The competition required students to analyse the legacy of the 28th Maori Battalion after the Battle for Crete. Both boys were on the Tama Tu tour of 2015. Tahuriwakanui cut and edited footage from the tour and Anaru provided a narration. Their film looked at TBC old boy Patu Andy Williams who lost his life in Crete and is buried there. The boys were awarded 1st place in the Senior division (Y11-Y13) and will share the prize money of one thousand dollars. Both boys were part of a group that won the junior division of this competition in 2014.

TAMA TU 2018: 28TH MAORI BATTALION OVERSEAS TOUR

In 2018 the College is looking at the opportunity to embark on a second Tama Tu overseas experience, based around the exploits of the 28th Maori Battalion. This time there may also be an exploration of the Pioneer Maori Battalion from the first World War as well. The first tour in 2015 was hugely successful and we are hoping to offer this to an even greater number of students again.

If you are interested in your son being a part of such an experience please e-mail Pere Durie at: p.durie@tbc.school.nz to register your interest. Full details will be presented later in the year.



Pictured above are students from the 2015 Tama Tu journey. Boys are enjoying the cities of Rome and Athens.

TAMA TAWHITO - STAN URWIN



Stan Urwin (Ngati Ranginui) was a student at the College from 1985 to 1989. While here he represented the school in sports including Athletics, Volleyball and rugby. In 1988 he enjoyed a 1st XV tour to Argentina with Principal Robert Mangan as his coach. After school he did an OE and travelled before returning to Massey University to study. He is now an accountant with Staples Rodway and has recently been elected to the College Board of Trustees.

He is married to Raina and has three sons who have all been at the College. Jordan who finished in 2015, Paris who is in Year 11 and Te Otene in Year 9. He has been widely involved in the College. As well as being on the board he has coached Rugby and Volleyball teams and in 2015 travelled with the Tama Tu contingent to Italy and Greece.