

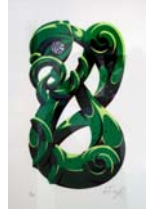
Maori @TBC 2014

- 'TE AMORANGI KI MUA, TE HAPAI O KI MURI'

- 'The leader at the front and the workers behind the scenes'

Spring is traditionally a time of preparation. For all of our senior students it is a time for making significant preparations. Year 13 students are nearing the end of their time here at the College and are making preparations to begin tertiary study or employment in 2015. Year 12 students are also ensuring NCEA requirements are met and some are also facing the added responsibilities of pending student leadership roles that will come with being Year 13 students. This panui is an overview of what some of our senior Maori students have been doing over the winter and the various preparations they are making individually. In Term 4 there will be a designated evening recognizing the leadership endeavors of many of our Maori students.

MAORI LEADERSHIP AWARDS



WHERE: TBC YOUTH THEATER

WHEN: 5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

29TH OCTOBER

HAERENGA KI TE WHARE WANANGA O OTAKOU



Eryn Tamou (Nga Ruahine), Grayson Kite (Ngati Maniapoto, Ngati Porou) and Connor Fifita (Ngati Kahungunu)

Then we went to see one of the heads of Otago rugby development at the Unipol which is the gym located under the Forsyth Barr stadium and just down the road from the University campus. Everyone seemed to be very active there which we all thought was good and a positive attitude. The weather wasn't too cold while we were down there as apparently we had been fortunate enough to visit Dunedin on two of the warmest days of their winter. The winter will be something that us TBC boys definitely have to get used to. The thing I liked the most about Otago University was the proximity of all of the facilities and necessities. There was a New World across the Road, a gym about 300 hundred meters down the road and town was very close also. The student life and community in Otago was also something that made me want to go there as everyone seemed very supportive and motivated. Motivation will be one of the most important things for our boys as temptations will be quite high down there. We'll have to make sure we study hard and train hard so that the workload and the fresher flu doesn't hit us too severely. **Na Eryn Tamou, Year 13, Nga Ruahine**

In August a small group of Year 13 students made arrangements to go to Dunedin, Otago to check out University life. The first day we explored the campus and got a feel of what the set up of the dorms was like. Te Rangi Hiroa, Cumberland, Arana, Unicol and Studholme were the ones that stood out to our group the most.

In my opinion Unicol had the best location as it was directly on campus and Te Rangi Hiroa had the best and newest facilities although it was the furthest away from the lecture theaters of all the dorms we inspected. We had a tour of the library and studying facilities. In my opinion they were the best I have ever seen and were right on campus. Having all those facilities near by would make it easier to get high grades!

NGA MAHI HAKINAKINA: CHIEFS UNDER 18 RUGBY CAMP

Sunday 6th of July saw myself and six other TBC 1st XV players head off to Chiefs camp. Upon arrival it was very exciting as we got kitted out with Chiefs training and playing gear. It was also intimidating as we realized we were about to be put through our paces alongside 40 other top rugby players from the Chiefs region (Bay Of Plenty, Waikato, Counties-Manukau). The camp was located at St Peters College in Cambridge and we stayed there for four nights in the boarding houses. We were put in rooms with five other players, who would all be placed into the same teams.

On the first night we got a program for the week that outlined our training schedule. We would be up at 6:30am, training by 8:00am and finishing at 10:00pm. Training consisted of fitness, skills, team, mental and knowledge around the game. On the first day we did fitness testing which was carried out by the Chiefs strength and conditioning coaches. When it came to the skills we were split up into groups to go through different aspects of the game, (catch & pass, tackling and running lines). The coaches we got for skills training were the likes of Dave Rennie and Wayne Smith. Before the camp we were split into two teams and on a daily basis would do three hour team runs in preparation for a game on the Wednesday.

Also throughout the camp we had a lot of mental based lectures from Dave Galbraith who is used to assist the Chiefs and the All Blacks, everybody learnt a lot through these sessions. We also sat tests made by the NZRU regarding knowledge of the game where we sat at computers, watched a scenario and chose the best option. This was an eye opener as some boys at

Overall the camp was a real insight into what a professional rugby player does for a job. The expertise and facilities we had access to were second to none and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Hopefully one day some of us get the opportunity to experience life as a professional rugby player for real.



TBC Chiefs Connor Fifita (Ngati Kahungunu), Caleb Aperahama (Nga Puhi) and Grayson Kite (Ngati Maniapoto, Ngati Porou)

Na Connor Fifita, Ngati Kahungunu, 1st XV Captain

TAMA TU: BATTLE OF CRETE ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON

On August 19th, four of the senior Tama Tu student leaders visited the Mount RSA to be a part of the annual meeting of the NZ battle of Crete Association. Each of the four students presented to the Association about the 2015 Tour which will see the Tama Tu students follow in the footsteps of the 28th Maori Battalion. The members of the association included military historians, ex-military staff, descendants and family of soldiers who fought in Crete. Also there were a small number of veterans who were engaged in the battle for Crete itself.

While our student presentations were matter of fact it was very moving to listen to first-hand recollections from Crete from veterans and also those who lost family members in that battle. The guest speaker was Doctor Michael Bendon who is an archeologist. He presented a small slideshow about his efforts re-discovering a rare type of boat that carried soldiers across to and from Crete during WWII. This was especially interesting as we will be exploring many of the same places.

We made many connections with the veterans and association members including TBC old boy, former NZ Defense Chief of staff and patron of the association, Sir Bruce Fergusson. **Na Jordan Urwin, Ngati Ranginui/Ngati Kahungunu**



Tama Tu Students Te Manea Wihapi (Ngati Ranginui, Ngati Porou), Kane Bidois (Te Arawa), Jordan Urwin (Ngati Ranginui, Ngati Kahungunu) and Hamish Hahunga (Te Arawa) with members and veterans of the Crete Association.