

Maori @TBC 2013

"Ina aro atu ana te oranga ki nga mea pai, ka rere te wairua, ka taea nga mea katoa"

"When our lives and heart are attuned to good things, life is clear, the spirit flows freely. Everything is possible."

- Doctor Maharaia Winiata



The above whakatauki is from Doctor Maharaia Winiata, an old boy of the College. He was the Head Prefect in 1931, School and Bay Of Plenty Senior Athletics Champion and a member of the 1st XV. He went on to have a distinguished career as an academic scholar; being the first Maori academic to gain a PhD overseas. His words serve as not only a reminder of the legacy of Maori excellence that the College has, but also as a challenge to all students to be focused in their own pursuit of excellence.

2013 has been a year of growth for Tauranga Boys' College. The Maori student roll has continued to grow and we are now the third largest Maori boys' school in the country. It is no small surprise that the accomplishments and endeavors of our rangatahi are as varied in their scope as they are in the level that they have achieved. This newsletter is an opportunity to look at some of these accomplishments and also serve as inspiration for the future.

HE MAHI RANGATIRA: LEADERSHIP AND EXCELLENCE

One of the premier awards given out at Senior Prize-giving is the Monte Ohia trophy. This award recognizes the senior Maori student who has made a significant contribution to the College across a wide range of fields. This year's recipient is Dylan Donne (Ngati Porou). Dylan, a Year 13 student, has been a Prefect and House Leader of Hillary house, 1st XV loose forward, Super 8 musician and excelled academically. He has provided leadership at the Year 9 Maori parents evening and this year helped mentor Junior students in a Reggae band. His outstanding attitude and work ethic have also been recognized nationally. He is the recipient of the William Wallace Award which will contribute towards his tertiary education costs in 2014. Dylan is hoping to study Health Science in his first year before going on to specialize in Physiotherapy.



Twelve Year 12 students have been selected as Prefects for 2014. The major student leadership positions for the College will be selected from this group. Among this group are five young Maori men who have demonstrated strong leadership potential and endeavor in a range of fields. These are (from left): Robert Parekowhai-Gudex (Nga Ariki), Connor Fifita (Ngati Kahungunu), Leighton Hika (Ngati Ranginui), Grayson Kite (Ngati Maniapoto) and Maia Ririnui (Ngati Ranginui).



NGAI TE RANGI YOUTH LEADERSHIP WANANGA

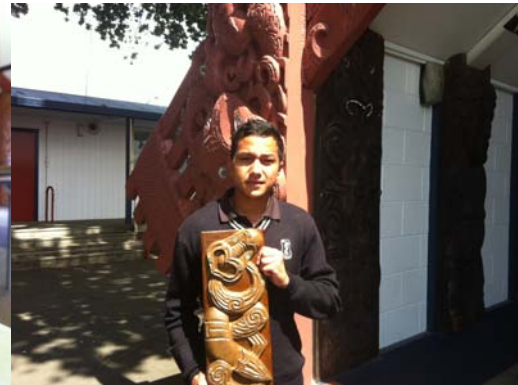
Year 11 student Rowdy Walker (Nga Puhī) spent part of his Term 3 holidays as a student at the first Ngai Te Rangi Youth leadership wananga held at the Hungahungatoroa marae, in Matapihi. Rowdy says that it was an awesome experience and exposed him to a range of different challenges and activities. He was one of a select group of twelve students from throughout the Tauranga Moana region from a range of schools, ranging in age from Year 8 student through to Year 13. Topics covered included study skills, leadership styles, the opportunity to develop these in a range of team-building and confidence activities. Everyone worked in groups to cook their own meals and while there was great team cohesion, Rowdy thought there was room for some more culinary flair. Games of Touch overlooking the harbour and an evening spent relaxing at the Mount Hot Pools meant there was room to chill out and enjoy time together away from study and exam revision.



HE MAHI WHAKAIRO



Tauranga Boys' College offers a wide range of subjects that students can pursue from a Junior level all the way through to NCEA level 1, 2 and 3 and Scholarship. While there are a wide range of subjects that involve digital technologies and contemporary innovations there is also several traditional fields of study. Among these is the art of whakairo (carving) taught by resident expert Matua Pete Smith. 2013 has seen some exemplary pieces of work created by senior students. The pieces shown here are a selection of the completed work and the young men who made them. From left they are: Maia Ririnui (Ngati Ranginui), Tyrone Prior (Tainui), Wetere Scrimshaw (Te Arawa), Tipene Ririnui (Ngati Ranginui) and Canaan Wallace (Ngati Ranginui).



NGA TAMA TAWHITO: TBC OLD BOYS

Two Old Boys' have spent the end of the 2013 rugby season wearing the Black jersey for the New Zealand Maori All Blacks rugby team.

Jarrad Hocata (Ngati Kahungunu) has played for the team since 2010. Luke Braid (Ngati Tumutumu) made his debut for the Maori team on this tour. Hocata finished school as a rangy lock/loose forward in 2001 while Braid was the 1st XV Captain in his last year in 2006.

Although the tour was short with only two games both TBC Old Boys' featured strongly in the 40-15 win over Canada and the 29-19 win over the USA. Hocata described the match as one of the best he has been involved in thanks in no small part to a strong performance from the USA team and the spirited Philadelphia crowd. Both players can now look to enjoy the off-season before embarking on the 2014 campaigns for their respective Super sides. Braid will carry the extra burden of Captaining the Blues while Hocata will continue to play in the Highlanders forward pack.

