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RUGBY

Rugby is going well at Tauranga Boys' College in 2016. This year we have 12 teams playing rugby by at the school. It has been great to see up to 8 games on Nicholson Field every Saturday. The boys are all playing with plenty of pride and passion for the Tauranga Boys' College Jersey, and this is pleasing to see. Overall, there has been a lot of success across a number of teams and competitions.

2016 has seen a new Rugby Executive formed and they have been working extremely hard behind the scenes to make sure that we have resources and systems in place to keep the 'Rugby Machine' at TBC moving in the right direction. The Rugby Executive is made up of Peter Williams, Dean Waddell, Darrell Boyd (Principal's Proxy) and Rodger McBrydie (Master in Charge).

All teams have finished their grading rounds, and are now into the second round of their competitions that culminate next Term with Semifinals and Finals. The goal for all of our teams is to try and get themselves into the Semifinals of their various Divisions and then take out the Final.

The 1st XV began the 2016 season with a new management team: Daniel Goodwin (Head Coach), Richard Apanui (Assistant Coach), Steve Kelly (Assistant Coach) and Darrell Boyd (Manager). They have had some good performances during their season so far and they are now into their business end of the season which is the Super 8 Competition. They have managed to notch up wins against New Plymouth Boys' High School and Palmerston North Boys' High School with a couple of close losses to Rotorua Boys' High School and Napier Boys' High School which sees them mid table half way through the Super 8 Competition. The major task for the season is to keep improving and beat Rotorua Boys' High School to qualify for the National Top 4 following the Super 8 Competition.



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The 2nd XV have also had some good performances and are improving with each game they play. They have begun the Super 8 Competition with 2 losses and 2 wins against New Plymouth, Palmerston North. They have been through some challenging times this season and shown a lot of 'ticker.' Hopefully they continue to improve for the rest of the Super 8.

The 3rd XV have made a solid start to their season doing very well competing against other 1st XV's from across the Bay of Plenty in the BOPSS Division 3 Competition. They finished third in this competition and continue to impress as a well organised and committed team. They have been playing well in Round 2 with some hard fought wins and hopefully they will continue into the Semi finals next Term.

The 4th XV team has been performing well in the 2nd XV Division of the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Competition. They have won the majority of their games through an open brand of running rugby. There are some good young players in this squad and hopefully they can maintain their success rate to make their way into the semifinals.

The U16 team is our Year 11 and 12 Social team and they have participated well in the 2nd XV grade of the Baywide competition. They have played a good brand of running rugby and are fronting up every week against 2nd XV teams from Schools across the Bay of Plenty. It is fantastic to see their 'never say die' attitude and we look forward to the players continuing to develop as the season progresses.

The 5th XV is our Year 13 Social team and it has been fantastic to see them fronting up every week and playing some good rugby. As a group they are displaying superb leadership and social skills by getting themselves organised and on the paddock each week. They have also been playing in the 2nd XV grade of the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Competition and have performed admirably. They are representing the School extremely well each week and they too are eyeing a spot in the semi finals in Term 3.

The U15A team has had some great results so far, winning the first round of the U15 Premiership grade of the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Competition. A result of note is the win against traditional foes New Plymouth Boys' High School (win 43-10). They are currently unbeaten in the BOPSS Premiership grade and are on track to secure a home semifinal. This team is

The U15B team has had an up and down season so far this year. They are competing well in the U15 Premiership grade of the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Competition. There are a number of players who are putting pressure on members of the U15A squad and will put their hand up for selection if they maintain their level of performance. The missions now are to maintain their standards as a team and challenge themselves to win their way into the semifinals of their competition.

The U15C team has performed well with mixed results so far this season. They have played a number of games which have been close at half time but they have 'run out of petrol' in the second half to allow the score to blow out. This needs to be addressed if they are going to have more results go their way during the rest of the year. They are currently 3rd in their division of the BOPSS U15 competition.

Our U14 Blue team has had a number of mixed results so far this season. They have performed well and are currently 3rd on the points table of the U14 Premiership grade of the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Competition. This team have been showing a great deal of pride in the jersey each week against some bigger opposition teams especially in the traditional exchanges and so long as the team can maintain some consistency they are building nicely for their tournament at the end of Term 3.

The U14 White team has performed well, and a number of players have put their hand up for selection in the U14A tournament team. They are competing well in the U14 Premiership Division of the BOPSS Competition and have been improving each week. They have unfortunately been on the wrong side of a number of close 'Test matches' which has been character building for both the player and coaches. Hopefully this can be turned around over the coming weeks.

The U14 C team has competed well so far with a good attitude towards the jersey and the game. They have managed to hold their heads up and demonstrated resilience and determination even when they have been down on the scoreboard. A highlight of the season has been when they had their first win against Whakatane High School. They have a large squad and it is great to see the boys continuing to have good numbers at trainings and games where they are competing for playing positions. Keep up the good work!

A big thank you needs go out to the large number of parents and teachers who are involved in coaching and managing our 12 teams every week. Without the support of these volunteers our rugby programme would not be able to operate.



building towards their National Tournament next term and has the potential to do well if they can maintain consistency.

BASKETBALL

Senior A

With a condensed selection period at the end of Term 1, coach Mr Murray Clarke was able to name a talented squad of 14. Nine of these were selected for the weekly Tauranga Interschools league and the team was also entered in the TCBA Premier Men's League.

The first part of the season has focused on the weekly local league. Led by Captain James Green, the team has been able to maintain its unbeaten record in the Tauranga Secondary School League. Playing in the Men's Premier league has provided

tougher competition for the boys to challenge themselves against.



In interschool matches, the team comfortably defeated Rotorua Boys' High School and St Paul's Collegiate. The game against Hamilton Boys' High School was an impressive display where the boys never let up through out the game. With the term nearly over, the focus turns to preparing for the tough Super 8 tournament in Week 3 of Term 3.

Interschool Results

Rotorua Boys' High School: 92-62
 St Paul's Collegiate: 114-24
 Hamilton Boys' High School: 66-57
 Westlake BHS: 88-84

Senior B

With a large number of younger players, Coach Stephen Clement had some difficult decisions to make when selecting the Senior B team. This year's team has a number of players who also train in the Senior A squad and take part in the traditional interschool fixtures.

The team plays B1 grade of the interschool league, which gives the team plenty of opportunity to prove themselves against bigger and tougher opposition. The results have been mixed so far this season as the team builds combinations and buys into Coach Clement's offensive and defensive systems.

Senior C

The large number of senior players contributed to 12 players being selected for the TBC Senior C team. Coached by Senior A players James Green and Baleigh McDonnell, the team has some experienced players for the B and C teams from last season. Playing in the B2 grade of the local Tauranga league, the team has already notched up a few wins and looks to be in the running to make the top four of this competition.

TCBA C Grade

With the WBOP Senior Social league not taking place this season, there were still a number of boys need to play basketball in a less competitive environment.

This led to two teams being entered in the TCBA C Grade - the TBC Nets and the TBC Wizards. Managed by Mr Carl Wright, both teams enjoy some fun competition on a Wednesday afternoon playing in the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre.

FOOTBALL

The 1st XI narrowly missed out on automatic qualification for the Top-16 of the NZSS Tournament when they lost 2-1 to Hamilton Boys' last Wednesday. Needing only a draw to secure a place the team lead 1-0 at halftime but a forced change due to injury allowed Hamilton to come back and snatch a 2-1 victory. In the seven game qualification process it was the only defeat suffered by Boys' College, following on from good early-season form where they beat Auckland Grammar 3-2 in Auckland for the very first time and also beat King's College 5-2 late in April.



Wilson Fisher (1st XI)

A strong showing at the Super 8 Tournament (July 4th - 6th) will hopefully secure a wildcard entry to the NZSS event which will be hosted locally for the first time in late August at Gordon Spratt Reserve.

The 2nd XI is currently top of the local 1st XI league, three points ahead of Trident High School.



Ben Whitaker (2nd XI)

The 3rd XI is in the next league down from the 2nd XI, it's also an U19 competition and they are holding second place behind the Katikati College 1st XI on goal difference.

The Junior A (Austria) team recently moved up into the same league as the 3rd XI to gain some tougher competition after dominating the local opposition in the top division of the 14th/15th grade. In the Hillsdene Trophy - an Invitational Tournament hosted by Boys' College and featuring all the Super 8 schools plus Westlake Boys', St. Paul's, Bethlehem College and Western Heights, the team finished third after missing out on the final in a penalty shootout with Hamilton Boys' which they lost 8-7. They then recovered to beat Palmerston North Boys' 2-0 in the third/fourth play-off.

PSG Senior Social Team



The Junior B (Brazil) team also played in the Hillsdene Trophy and finished a very creditable 7th. They currently lead their local 14th/15th grade competition from Bethlehem College's Junior A team.

This season, the school is running its own Senior Social League on a Friday and Saturday afternoon. Featuring eight teams, it has been keenly contested with Denmark currently on top from Arsenal. The talking point has been the introduction of replica playing shirts with the boys' names on the back – just like the professionals have. Each team selected a club or country and each player had a matching shirt ordered. Although the quality of football isn't always as good as the EPL or Euro 2016, the boys look the part and are having a great time.

Scott Furness
Teacher in Charge of Football

HOCKEY

Term 2 with Tauranga Boys' College hockey has been most successful in a number of different ways with unprecedented numbers playing our sport and growing success with several of our teams. There are around 120 boys playing in 2016 in eight different teams with a feature being that only 25 of these students are Year 12 or 13. The last two years has seen around 75 juniors sign up for hockey so team numbers are certainly on the rise.

The 1st XI has begun their season well which may partly be down to the fact that they are playing in the Men's Thursday night competition rather than the 1st XI grade and they are getting regular tougher matches. They were beaten semi-finalists in the first round of the season winning the vast majority of their matches despite injury to captain James Puchner who is our only Midlands representative. In traditional fixtures the team has beaten Kings College (3-0), Rotorua BHS (5-0) and St Paul's (3-1), while yesterday they were beaten 1-0 by the strong Hamilton BHS side. They have now begun playing in the Midlands Secondary School league and last night beat Hillcrest HS 6-2.

The 2nd XI is a very young group this year, including five Year 10 students, and are developing nicely under the tutelage of Wade and Neal Bennett - Wade was 1st XI keeper last year. They held Hamilton BHS to a 3-all draw in a game where we conceded a goal early, and were ahead 3-2 for all of the last quarter apart from the last minute!!

The Colts and White teams play in Division 2 and both sides are stronger than last year. After beating the Colts convincingly in Pool play the result was much closer in the end of round playoff for 3rd place with the White team prevailing 3-2.

We now have four teams playing in the 3rd Division on Monday nights which includes 2nd XIs from a number of the other Colleges which makes it very difficult for two of our teams in particular which are mostly Year 9 players. Our Gold team were unbeaten in Pool Play however in the final of the 1st Round

were beaten 1-0 by Aquinas College 2nd XI. The Blue team includes several players quite new to the sport and has been competitive in all of their matches although lack of goals scored has limited their success. Our Juniors and Stripes teams played off for 7th and 8th place in this grade with the Juniors winning 2-1 for their first win of the season.

Term 3 will be busy as the 1sts, 2nds and Under 15 White sides gear up for tournament week which begins the week of August 29th. The 1sts will be contesting the Rankin Cup in Wellington, the 2nds the Galletly Cup in Taupo and the Under 15 White team travel to Hamilton to play in the Tanner Cup.

GOLF

In May the TBC Golf team won the Manihera Trophy at a sun-drenched Kawerau Golf Club. The winning team consisted of Ben Pomare, Mitchell Kale and Minsu Se. (Picture attached)

The Hamilton Boys Exchange at Matamata G.C. in June did not go so well, as a heavily depleted TBC team fought hard to a 6 1/2 - 2 1/2 defeat.



CLAY TARGET

On Thursday 12th May the teams travelled to Taupo to compete in the Murray Lake Memorial shoot. Conditions were poor with wind and gusty rain making it difficult for all shooters to break the targets.

Competition was strong with 45 squads attending and our boys were unable to emulate the winning performance of the previous two competitions this season.

In mid June we competed in the Matamata College event. In true Waikato fashion visibility was poor for most of the day. Our B team was leading the A team after round one by several points. The point score discipline was nail biting to watch with the top 4 teams only 3 points apart. In the end we were beaten by Waiuku College by only one point.

Hunter Eagle had a brilliant day. This is his first shooting season and he was called into the A team, a feat not often repeated at our college. Devin Holland again shot outstandingly well. He ended up in a shoot off for third place but unfortunately was knocked out.

The boys are excited to travel to the Hamilton Boys College event on Friday the 8th July with the North Island Championship being held the following day.



Clay Target A Team

CROSS COUNTRY

The National Cross Country Champs were held in late June in Rotorua. The main highlight was Oliver Puchner's performance in the Year 9 boy's race. Having won the BOP Champs and placed in the top three at both Super 8 and Waikato Champs, he had been running consistently throughout the season. A gutsy effort in the second half and especially the closing stages of the 3000m event saw him move up through the field finishing in eighth position, only five seconds off the bronze medalist. This was a superb effort in a very high quality field.

Russell Green had also been running well all season winning Super 8 and placing in both the BOP and Waikato Champs in the junior boys grade. Unfortunately though illness leading up to the event proved too much of a barrier and it was difficult to see athletes he had beaten previously finishing in the top ten in the country.

An exciting new regional relay event was held the following day. Four athletes from TBC were selected to represent the Waikato/BOP region. Russell Green and Josh Tisch both ran well and helped their team to finish in third place. TBC runners Oliver Puchner and Baxter Kirk were selected for the Year 9 race and were disappointed to see the hard work that they had put to get their team into second place, be followed by the team dropping to finish in fourth.

BADMINTON

The Senior Boys Badminton team battled hard at the BOP Qualifier. Both teams rolled over most of the competition, however found Bethlehem College to be the biggest challenge.

Congratulations to Quinn Porteous, Campbell Smith, Sam Henderson, William Huang and Flynn Alexander on winning the Division 1 qualifier and reclaiming the top position in the Bay of Plenty.

Congratulations to Joshua Badshah, Dylan Smethurst, Oliver Harrop and Caleb Knight-Polamalu for placing 2nd in the Division 2 competition and showcasing some fantastic skills in their first competition this year.

Well done boys!

CHESS

The Super 8 Chess team consisted of Matthew Ashton on board 1, Tyler Creighton on board 2, Joel Bezuidenhout on board 3 and Reuben Magee on board 4. The team placed 3rd. It was their best finish in the past 4 years. Each player played 4 games on Friday and 3 on Saturday. On Friday night the team enjoyed a formal dinner put on by Hamilton Boys' High School. The players had a chance to socialise with other teams in the tournament and represented our school well. Special mention to Tyler Creighton who was voted by the tournament organisers as MVP for our team. Additionally Rueben Magee was the top player on board 4.

ISA WORLD CHAMPS

2016 NZ SUP and Prone Paddleboarding Team Selection

Congratulations to Declan Dempster who has been selected to represent New Zealand at the ISA World Stand Up Paddle and Paddleboarding Championships in Fiji from 12th to 20th November 2016 in the Prone Distance Race.

New Zealand Representative selection 2016 to date

Daniel Kilpatrick	NZ U19 Beach Volleyball Team
	NZ Junior Volleyball Team
Josh Dumper	NZ Junior Volleyball Team
Kyle Hamilton	NZ Youth Volleyball Team
Shi Jie Yong	NZ U17 Beach Volleyball Team
Callum Philpot	NZ U17 Beach Volleyball Team
Callum Aitken	NZ U18 Canoe Slalom Team
Josh Bell	NZ U18 Canoe Slalom Team
Cody Tanner	NZ U-15's Softball team
Shontaynne Toi Toi	NZ U-14's Softball team
Jack Wilson	NZ U19 Mountain Biking Team
Ethan Holman	NZ U20 Athletics
Guy Roberts	NZ U18 Underwater Hockey
Kael Johnson	NZSS Wrestling
Declan Dempster	NZ Open Prone Board Team

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