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RUGBY

2016 has been another successful season for a number of our teams playing rugby for Tauranga Boys' College with Bay of Plenty Titles and top 4 finishes across many divisions.

Rugby at Tauranga Boys College has undergone a massive upheaval this year with a completely new Rugby Executive and new 1st XV coaching group. This resulted in a few initial challenges but once the foundations were in place, the season as a whole has been one of the more successful for a number of years with 5 of our teams winning Bay of Plenty Divisions this year. The Rugby Executive has worked extremely hard to provide a rugby experience that is second to none and a big thank you must go Peter Williams, Dean Waddell and Darrell Boyd for their passion and efforts throughout the season. Special mention also needs to go to our 1st XV coaches Daniel Goodwin, Richie Apanui and Steve Kelly who have led a number of initiatives in our new "Coach Force" group of coaches. Finally, the unsung hero of our Rugby programme at TBC is the man who sets up our fields every Saturday. Gary Patterson, who has been ably assisted by Phil Braithwaite, sets up the fields every Saturday morning at 8.00am rain, hail, or shine. Thanks Gazza!

The Rugby Executive have some big plans to move TBC Rugby to another level so that we can compete more consistently at Super 8 and Top 4 level on a regular basis in the future. This is an exciting time to be involved in Rugby at Tauranga Boys' College so watch this space!!!

Summary of Team Performances:

The 1st XV have had some good performances mixed with disappointing results to finish 4th in the Super 8. A highlight for the team this season was definitely beating Gisborne Boys' High School with a last minute try at Gisborne. Once again, a number of young players were introduced to the Super 8 1st XV Competition this year and it is an exciting prospect looking forward to 2017.

The 2nd XV played some good hard rugby throughout the year, and produced some good results. They won Division 2 of the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Competition at the start of the season and secured a place in Division 1 for 2017. This was a great result which means next year's programme will be more robust as they compete against the best 1st XV's in the Bay in preparation for the Super 8. This year's Super 8 results didn't go our way and the team finished 6th overall.

The 3rd XV played extremely well throughout the year, ultimately winning Division 3 of the Baywide competition with a superb performance in the final, beating Tauhara College 56-3. Other highlights for the 3rd XV this year were definitely hosting and playing against a touring French club team and travelling to Hamilton Boys' High School for the annual interschool fixture. This team was superbly coached by Mr Going and Mr Zanstra and



performed well both on and off the field. A number of young players from this year's team will definitely be ones to watch as the Super 8 squads get announced in 2017.



3rd XV BOP Champs

The 4th XV lost their way a little in the 2nd XV Division of the Baywide competition as the year progressed. During round 1 they were competitive but they ended the competition round at the second half of the season in 7th place on the points table .

The 5th XV has had another superb season this year, and it has been great to see a number of players either new to the game or returning from a few seasons out of the game. For a so-called 'social' team these boys played 'out of their skins' on a weekly basis, fronting up to 2nd XV teams from across the Bay of Plenty. They



finished up winning the BOPSS 2nd XV Division. This was a tremendous effort and their attitude has been superb throughout the entire season. Well done!

The U16 team was another team that played some exciting rugby for the duration of the season. They played in the 2nd XV Division of the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Competition. They played some very close games, and finished 8th on the points table at the end of the season.

The U15A team had a great season in the U15 Premiership Grade of the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Competition and won the final after going through the regular season unbeaten. This is a fabulous result as TBC has not won this trophy for a couple of years.

They finished their season with the annual U15 National Tournament where they performed well and finished 8th. A narrow loss to eventual finalists Hamilton BHS suggested that they were not far off the pace at the Tournament.

Once again, there are a number of boys in this team to watch out for next year moving forward into the Super 8 squads.

The U15B team competed extremely well in the Under 15 Premiership Division of the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Competition. They finished 5th on the table after the Round Robin games, just missing out on the semi finals. This team played well for the entire season and it is an exciting prospect to see where these players end up playing next season.

The U15C team played in the U15 Development Division of the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Competition. This team fronted every week and played with a lot of pride but unfortunately lacked the consistency to notch up many points on the table. They finished 3rd in their division on the points table.

Our U14A side qualified for the U14 Premiership Division of the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Competition, and played extremely well against some much bigger



opposition on a weekly basis. They ended up winning the competition by beating a strong Rotorua Boys' High School team in the final. The U14A team finished off their season by competing in the annual U14 Colquhoun Tournament in Palmerston North. Unfortunately the team did not play up to the standard required on a consistent basis and finished 6th overall.

The U14B team has had a mixed season where they played in the Premiership Division of the Bay of Plenty U14 Secondary Schools Competition. At times they played an outstanding brand of running rugby, but inconsistent performances on a weekly basis meant that unfortunately this team failed to reach their true potential. There is a lot of talent in this team and prospects are good for next year as they progress into the U15 Grade with some of these players no doubt pushing for selection in the U15A team. They finished 8th in their grade.

The U14C team qualified for the U14 Development Division of the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Competition. They performed admirably every week, but unfortunately on a number of occasions they came out on the wrong side of a close result. A highlight of the season was the match against our U14B team and also a resounding victory over Whakatane High School 83-7.

A big thank you needs go out to the large number of parents and teachers who are involved in coaching and managing our 13 teams every week. Without the support of these volunteers our rugby programme would not be able to operate.

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FOOTBALL

Hosted at Gordon Spratt Reserve in Papamoa for the first time, the 1st XI finished 13th in the NZSS Premier Tournament. A final-game victory over Mount Albert Grammar (3-0) being one highlight. They were in a tough first pool with Mt Roskill Grammar (who would go on to finish 7th), Wellington College (8th) and Palmerston North Boys' High School. Alex Elliott was named as the team's MVP for the week.

In the highly competitive and very physical Waikato/Bay of Plenty Men's Premiership, the team finished tenth and won four times.

During the qualifying matches for the NZSS Premier Tournament, Boys' College had five wins, a draw and a loss. The other schoolboy highlight was a 3-2 win in Auckland against Auckland Boys' Grammar. The Grammar team would go on to finish 3rd at the NZSS event.

The 2nd XI finished third in the local U19 league, playing all season against 1st XI teams from other schools.



Ben Whitaker - 2nd XI

The 3rd XI won their U19 competition, going unbeaten all season (16 games). Top goal scorers were Matthew Manners (12), Caleb Eustace (11) and Matt Hampton (8).

For the first time the school ran its own Senior Social League. It was a great success with eight teams playing after school on a Friday or lunchtime on a Saturday. Each team chose a country or international club side they wanted to be and they got a matching replica shirt with their name and favourite number printed on the back. Denmark won the league, winning each of their fourteen matches. Arsenal were second, losing only twice - to Denmark.

The Junior A (Austria) team started the year in the local U15 league, but after winning every game, moved to the second tier of the U19 competition half way through the season to be challenged. The boys only lost twice in that league - where they mainly played 2nd XI teams from other local high schools. They finished 3rd in the Hillsdene Trophy hosted at school. It featured all of the Super 8 schools as well as Westlake and St. Paul's.

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The Brazil side also played in the Hillsdene Trophy and finished a very creditable 7th. They were third in their Saturday league - the top U15 division for local schools and clubs.

Junior Croatia finished second in their final round of games in the U15 second division.

The best performing junior side was Team Djibouti. They won the second round of their competition with five victories from six matches.

France and England finished one and two in Division 4 and Germany were 6th in Division 5.

In all, eighteen teams played for Boys' College in 2016, keeping football as the number one winter sport. The teachers, parents and outside helpers again did a magnificent job with coaching and managing the teams. The boys owe them a huge debt of gratitude, as without these people freely giving up their time, there wouldn't be a football program at Boys' College.

HOCKEY

The business end of the hockey year is almost completed, one in which the school has fielded a record eight teams. With a vast majority of these players (around 75%) in the junior school, the base of the sport is very strong which augers well for success in the coming years.

It was a very busy term for the 1st XI with three major competitions to participate in.

The first weekend of the term was our annual quadrangular tournament with two of the top 4 teams from last year's Rankin Cup competing – King's and Westlake. Our first game was against King's College and the team began very well with a 2-1 victory. Later that evening this win was followed up by a 4-2 win over Palmerston North BHS which meant the game next day against Westlake BHS was to decide the tournament winner. A number of injuries occurred so we were not at full strength for the match but battled valiantly before losing 2-4.

The Super 8 competition held in Napier saw our side runners-up to Hamilton BHS after good wins against Hastings BHS (3-1), New Plymouth BHS (1-0) and Palmerston North BHS (0-0 then 2-1 golden goal penalty shoot out) in pool play. Hamilton BHS have been one of the benchmarks in hockey in recent years and in a close contest TBC ended up losing 0-2.

Rankin Cup competition just seems to get harder and harder and this was certainly the case again in 2016 with a young 1st XI side. There were two good wins in pool play against Pakuranga College (6-0) and PNBHS (3-0) but the 2-3 loss to 3rd place getters Rangitoto College meant that we were 2nd in our pool. Unfortunately that pitted us against eventual winners St Paul's Collegiate in the cross over and we were outplayed 0-4 to miss the top 8. Wins against Westlake BHS (1-0) and Pukekohe HS (5-1) balanced by a 0-3 loss to Christ's College meant that we placed 11th in the country with schools such as King's College, Westlake BHS and Auckland

Left and below: 1st XI



Grammar School all behind us.

The season record for the team was 34 games played, 24 games won and 10 games lost.

The main focus for the young 2nd XI this term was the Galletly Cup played in Taupo. The busiest day was the first where the team began with a 1-3 loss to defending champions Westlake BHS before a 3-0 win against Timaru BHS. The results that followed were a 2-3 loss to



Hamilton BHS, a 1-4 loss to Whangarei BHS, 0-1 to Wellington College with a last day win against Whangarei BHS meaning that the team ended up 7th.

Our other six teams playing in either Monday or Tuesday night competitions enjoyed their matches against a wider range of teams than in years past. The White team showed the progress they have made through the season by beating Te Puke HS 1st XI who made the final of that competition while the Colts will play the Gold team to decide 5th and 6th places in the 8 team competition. The Gold team was promoted half way through the season and has thrived on the stronger competition.

Monday night competition this term saw all three of our teams in Division 2 where the Blue team dominated. Our Stripes and Juniors teams both found the going tough as they were almost solely made up of Year 9 boys which is not the case in any other teams. In the final analysis the Juniors' team had the wood on the Stripes but both have improved well through the season and will find the going easier in their hockey in 2017.



Old Boys game (9 September)

TBC Hockey is running the Charity Golf event on November 13th this year and so the sport will get a significant funding boost as a result. Our Turf surface at school is to be replaced over the summer break and with numbers at an all time high, 2017 should be a very exciting year.

Rob Leslie
Teacher in Charge

BASKETBALL

Senior A

The TBC Senior A basketball team travelled to Palmerston North for the Super 8 tournament in the third week of term. After winning all three pool games the team lost to a determined Napier Boys' High School in the semi-final game. This meant again facing Hamilton Boys' High School in the play off for 3rd and 4th on the last day. In a close game, TBC were too strong and we secured 3rd place. Although the team did not win, the tournament provided an opportunity to develop against high quality opposition with 6 of the 8 schools having played in the National Tournament last year.

In between Super 8 and tournament week the team continued to dominate the local school boy competition. At the Baywide tournament TBC convincingly beat John Paul College in the final to retain the trophy they had first won in 2012.

During Tournament week the team participated in the Zone 2 AA premiership. This was a qualifying tournament for the national finals in October. The first two days of the tournament was preliminary pool play. The team won the first three then lost against Fraser High School and Hamilton Boys' High School (eventual winners). This meant the team had to win the next two games to qualify for Nationals. This was not to be with a narrow loss to Hillcrest High School meaning the team played St Peter's for 7th and 8th. TBC managed to just squeak home coming 7th in the region.

Interschool fixtures

Westlake Boys' High School: 78-76

Super 8 Tournament - 3rd

Rotorua Boys' High School: 81-46

New Plymouth Boys' High School: 74-61

Palmerston North Boys' High School: 73-58

Semi final vs Napier Boys' High School: 68-73

3rd/4th playoff versus Hamilton Boys' High School: 84-91: 84-76

Bay of Plenty Secondary School Championships Champions

Zone 2 Regional Premiership - 7th

Campion College: 128-24

John Paul College: 96-60

Western Heights High School: 80-37

Fraser High School: 87-91

Quarter final vs Hamilton Boys' High School: 62-81

5-8 vs Hillcrest High School: 95-106

7th/8th St Peter's College: 76-74



we couldn't quite get the win over them. The game against Mt Maunganui was a cracker, drawing a big crowd, who saw us win in the final seconds of the game with a great play finished off by Jeremy McIntosh to put us ahead by 1.

Once making the Top 8 we let ourselves down a bit losing to Rangitoto by a large margin in the quarter final. From here the aim was 5th place, and we achieved this after winning in over-time against RBHS and coming from behind to beat Westlake in the final game. Fifth place is a great result for this team.

Senior B

On Friday 12th August the Senior B played in the BOP Secondary School Tournament. They were entered in the Division I grade which normally contains other Senior B sides and the occasional A side from smaller schools.

The team won their first game against Te Puke A then played Otumoetai Senior A, who normally play in the Elite division, and lost. This meant they played off for 3rd/4th against Aquinas A which they won narrowly by 4 points. This was a tremendous performance against three Senior A teams and is a credit to the preparation of this young team by coach Stephen Clement.



Senior C

The Senior C continued to have tough games in the B grade of the Tauranga

School weekly league. With the addition of some of the better social league players, meant a more consistent line up was able to be fielded which in turn lead to better performances. The team had regular wins against mostly Senior B sides and this was deserved results from the efforts put in by coach James Green and Baleigh McDonnell.

Junior

The Junior A Basketball team has had a successful season in 2016.

Their first accomplishment was winning the BOP Champs and bringing the trophy back from Mt Maunganui. The team got past John Paul College and TKK in the pool games and beat RBHS in a tight final.

After good preparation we then went to the Junior Premiership Tournament in Rotorua. This is the main focus of the year and all the top schools from Auckland are there. We had a very tough pool and had to go through top two to qualify for the quarter finals. To do this we needed to beat Mt Maunganui and St John's because even though we pushed the top team, Liston,

The **Junior B and Junior C** teams both won their respective grades in the BOP Champs as well to make it a clean sweep for TBC.

Junior A

TBC finished their successful season by taking out the TCBA Junior A competition with an 84 - 79 win over Mt Maunganui. In a game where we were down by 10 points at the half, TBC worked extremely well as a team to claw it back and made the most of their opportunities in the 4th quarter. Jack McManaway and Jeremy McIntosh both made the tournament team.



CLAY TARGET

The Clay Target season's final inter school shoot was held at TECT Park on Thursday 8th September. There were 27 squads, with a total of 135 shooters attended our event.

Shot in marginal conditions, all three of our teams represented the college extremely well. The First Team took 2nd place with an 8th and 13th place for the second and third team respectively.



Hamish Williamson

Hamish Williamson has been shooting extremely well this year and gained an overall 3rd place after a shoot off with four other competitors.

Mr Gilbert attended prize giving - the team and parents would like to extend their thanks to him for giving up his time.

On the 11th August, our team came 3rd overall at the Putaruru ISS. Hamish, true to his form was top shot of the day with Shaun Gwillim 2nd and Brady Anderson 4th in the junior category.

The team participated in the Kilwell postal shoot. Results of this competition will be announced at the NZ National Competition in Christchurch at the end of Term 3 (24-26 September). After winning the Super 8 trophy earlier this year, the boys are looking forward to competing in this prestigious Nationals competition.



"A" Team on the mark

GOLF

There were two competitions for our Golf Team this term.

The Eagles Tournament, open to all BOP schools was held at Te Puke Golf Club on 6th August. TBC's Minsu Se with an outstanding score of 72 won the best golfer on the day.

The NZSS Championships were held in tournament week at the Nelson Golf Club. Our young team of: Byron Willis (Captain), Minsu Se, Matthew Fairweather and Ben Pomare finished in 10th place.

Byron then finished a very respectable 25th in the individual NZ U19 competition that followed.

UNDERWATER HOCKEY

On a very chilly Friday evening (10 June) the TBC Underwater hockey senior team donned half of their gear and launched themselves into the pool at Baywave. This was not to go into battle but to help set up the venue for the following two days of fierce competition below the surface. Although they were a team with numerous new players and short on subs, this team was not to be outcompeted and fought their way to a well earned third placing to receive a bronze medal and a place in the national competition.

Just a week later the TBC junior team embarked on the journey to Auckland to compete in the junior regional competition. Again this was a new experience for many of the team. Over the two days of the event they conquered first their nerves and then comprehensively swept aside all challengers. They came first in the competition to take the gold medal and claim their right to compete in the National Championships.

The 2016 New Zealand Secondary Schools Underwater Hockey National Championships were held in Wellington from the 1st-4th September.

Following on from their success at UWH Regionals in Auckland in June, Tauranga Boys College Junior Team dominated their grade at Nationals, culminating in a Gold medal victory. Their outstanding clinical teamwork again resulted in winning all of their games convincingly with great skill and precision, and they only conceded 2 goals during the entire competition. Captain Jack Tortoiseshell was deservedly awarded MVP for their team.

The TBC Senior Team brought back the Bronze medal. After mixed results on the first day of competition and despite being down 3-0 early on in their final game, they never gave up and clawed back to be 4-4 at the end of game time. Showing true TBC spirit, grit and determination they endured players sin binned for accidental fouls and prevailed after more than 9 minutes of sudden death play to eventually score first and win their nail biting game against Glendowie to secure 3rd place. Keegan Witney's 'never say die' persistence and clearance skills earned him the MVP award for the team. He also received a special award for his uniquely decorated glove.

As a result of these amazing results TBC shared the coveted Top School of the Tournament award.

A further indication of the boys' success was having five TBC players being named in the Tournament Teams.



'Underwater Hockey is more than a sport – it's a Community' (TBC underwater hockey player)



Senior Tournament Team:

- Guy Roberts - Senior Captain

Junior Tournament Team:

- Jack Tortoiseshell - Junior Captain
- James Robinson - Co Vice Captain
- Zac Howe
- Levi Watts

A special mention has to go to Guy Roberts, who was awarded the accolade of Top Male Player of the Tournament. Guy also recently Vice Captained the NZ U18 Mens to Gold in the 2016 Trans Tasman Championships held in Hobart.

Gareth Ward-Allen, Ryan Carter, Jack Tortoiseshell and James Robinson were also selected to train along with Guy Roberts in the NZ U18 Mens wider training squad for 2017.

TBC Underwater Hockey is incredibly fortunate to have outstanding coaches who have supported the boys tirelessly and without whom none of these achievements would have been possible.

- Juniors - Anton Williams [NZ Representative], Old Boy Dean van Niekerk and Shan McGuinness.
- Seniors - Kenrick Knowlson, Tauranga UWH Club Captain.

A huge round of thanks also needs to go to the team managers (Seniors – Lynette Oxford; Juniors – Katherine Bolus) for their tireless efforts and also to all of the parents for their amazing support and encouragement from home, during the long hours of training, and at the regional and national events themselves.

The 2017 NZSS UWH Championships are to be hosted by Tauranga Underwater Hockey Club at Baywave on the 7-10th September. This is a great positive endorsement of the growth of Underwater Hockey in the Bay of Plenty / Mid Northern Region.

The teams:

Senior team:

- Guy Roberts (C)
- Ryan Carter (VC)
- Fletcher Oxford
- Keegan Witney
- Gareth Ward-Allen
- Isaac Coggan
- Hamish Cooper
- Jacob Heyblom

Junior team:

- Jack Tortoiseshell (C)
- James Robinson (VC)
- Storm Roberts (VC)
- Aidan Heath
- Zachary Howe
- Levi Watts
- Thomas Holdom
- Christopher Maine
- Daniel Maine
- Thomas Bolus
- Ben Williams

TABLE TENNIS

This term we were very fortunate to have Paul Henderson from the Bay of Plenty Table Association help with the coaching of our players.

The talent and enthusiasm of Year 9 student, Max Henderson, gave a huge lift to our Junior team and they were successful in winning the Junior A Division at the Bay of Plenty Secondary School Championships. Our Senior team put up a good fight in their division coming in at third place.

This year, for the first time, we sent a team to the National Secondary Schools Championships in Palmerston North. We had a very young team in Max Henderson, Caelan Potts, Anthony Ouellet and Kenny Cheung but they all performed extremely well and gained a huge amount of experience to take into future tournaments.

In the teams' event, they were competing against boys of all year levels and came a very creditable third place in the B grade behind Auckland Grammar and Westlake Boys'.

In the U15 singles, Max got through to the quarter finals and Caelan placed second in the plate.

SNOWSPORT - Ski

2016 North Island Secondary School Snow Ski Champs

The two TBC Ski Teams headed down 5am Sunday morning to Turoa Ski Field for the annual North Island Secondary School Snow Ski Champs. This year had 551 competitors in four divisions: Senior Men, Junior Men, Senior Women, Junior Women. Even though the traffic up the mountain road was jammed for a few hours, the team managed at least half a day training in bluebird conditions which was great. The teams were also well supported by family members who also skied on the Sunday.

Giant Slalom

The first day of the competition was Monday with the Giant Slalom (GS) again in bluebird conditions. We had six juniors - Geordie Domett, Cory McConnell, James Power, Jack Ryan, Ryan Schneepli, and Eddie Shallard competing against 169 Junior Men. We had 2 seniors - Clay Dixon and Matt Hampton competing against 115 Senior Men. For the juniors, Ryan Schneepli was our fastest skier with a time of 32.91 14sec finishing 39th out of 169. Cory McConnell was our second fastest skier coming 60th out of the 169 with a time of 34.34 12 seconds. Jack Ryan unfortunately fell hard onto his shoulder



Above: Geordie Domett
Left: Cory McConnell
Bottom Left: Eddie Shallard
Below: Near white out conditions
Right: James Powell (blue)



practicing in the Terrain Park prior to the race, so had to withdraw from the races after his shoulder was immobilised in a sling. For the Seniors, Clay Dixon was our fastest coming in at 24th out of 115 skiers with a time of 41.31 14 on a course with three more gates on it than the junior course. Matt Hampton came 57th which is an excellent result after falling in one of the earlier gates, and still made his way up into the first half of the results.

The conditions were tough on the Senior Course, with slick ice for most of the gates - one of the worst courses the team had skied on in comparison to other years.

Dual Slalom

Dual Slalom was held on Tuesday, day two of the competition. The weather was whiteout conditions and made it very difficult to see upcoming gates for the competitors. In the dual slalom, the entire cohort of skiers in each division were paired up to race against each other based on their GS race times from Day One of races. A win = 4 points, a tie = 3 points, a loss = 2 points. James Power managed to gain 3 points in a tie finish.

Slope Style

Slope Style based on line, fluidity, speed, control, execution, degree of difficulty, and variety and was held on Day Two. There were 40 junior boys and 36 senior boys competing. This event was also held in whiteout conditions and consisted of one box trick and one kicker trick, due to the poor visibility. Cory McConnell was placed 6th overall bringing in 90 points for the team after nailing a back flip off the kicker jump. Ryan Schneepli with 50 points was placed 11th, and Geordie Domett 18th with 20 points and Clay Dixon was placed 19th.

Day Three was a non-competitive day with students braving the persistent rain and whiteout conditions to make the most of a day with 'no queues for the lifts' and to enjoy the fresh powder conditions at the top of the high noon run. Clay Dixon broke his collarbone on one of the final runs of the day.

Overall

Team A came 57th and Team B came 61st out of 129 Teams competing. We would like to thank Aaron Power and Darryl McConnell for their contribution as course assistants and parents for the four day event. Team B also won a spot prize of a Smith Cap each for a new team entry this year.

SURF LIFESAVING

Daniel Barron was called in to the NZ Junior Blackfins Surf Lifesaving squad competing 1-18 September in the towns of Eindhoven and Noordwijk, The Netherlands, after fellow Mount Maunganui Lifeguard Service and TBC student Kane Sefton was ruled out through injury.

Daniel acquitted himself extremely well and helped his team to a second place overall.

Daniel Barron on the left



Daniel had a very successful carnival with a gold medal in the Tube Rescue, and silver medals in the Beach Relay and the Board Rescue, which is a testament to the efforts he has put in since his call up.

He also had top 10 finishes in the Beach Sprint (6th), the Oceanman (7th) and the 50m Obstacle Relay in the pool component of the Championships.

INDOOR BOWLS



Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Indoor Bowls. Organised by SportBOP and held at Club Mount Maunganui on Friday 16th September.

Anthony Ouellet won in the Singles title by one point (58-57) and Mario Karena was placed third. Mario was the top placed non-rep player.

Rhys Bixley and Mario Karena were placed second in the Pairs and Ethan Couper and Rohan Sinclair were placed third.

SNOWSPORT - Snowboard

The North Island Secondary School Snowboard competition wrapped up this week (19-21 September). We made a strong start to the competition with two of our senior riders making the final in the Slopestyle event. Toby McConnell putting together a run with a big invert that left him in 13th position and Kirk Ross in his final year at TBC looked very tidy in his last run of the finals and finished 9th overall.



Toby McConnell competing in the Slopestyle

In day two we competed in the Boardercross and had six of the eight riders make it through the heats. The challenging course finished off with three large rollers that got the better of many riders including Ari Nilson who was injured in round three. Kirk Ross making it the furthest from TBC, making it as far as the semifinals.

Thanks to all team members and parent support in what was a great event.

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