



Taupo-nui-a-Tia College



**TERM 3
September 2015**

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Taupo-nui-a-Tia College
"Gateway to Your Future"



Greetings to all our parents, caregivers and friends of the college community.

At the time of writing this newsletter I have been back in the college for just over a week after returning from my sabbatical. I made a point at assembly of thanking our students and staff regarding the way I was greeted on my return. I must confess I was slightly apprehensive about getting back into the swing of things, but the warmth and friendliness of the college community allayed any such concerns.

The time I had to attend conferences and visit schools both here and overseas has been invaluable and I would hope be of direct benefit for our students.

The focus of my sabbatical was on the skills our students will need for the 21st Century and in turn the type of curriculum needed to develop these skills. I also looked at the place of digital learning in a future oriented curriculum. I will be sharing some of my findings with you once I have completed my sabbatical report.

I would like to thank Wayne Frewen for taking on the role of Acting Principal during my absence, along with staff members Bruce Forsyth, Brenda Ronke, Cath Mackintosh, Bevan Thompson and Richard Murphy for taking on extra duties. I would also like to thank the Taupo-nui-a-Tia College Board of Trustees for allowing me this worthwhile opportunity.

Winter sport has come to an end for the season at the college but we still have a large number of students representing their province in their respective code. I would like to thank all the coaches and managers of the teams for the time and effort you have put into supporting our young people. We simply could not operate without you. The benefits of participating in a team sport go well beyond just the time on the pitch during the game. We hope to see many of you at the School Sports Awards evening on 24 September.

If the opportunity arises there are a couple of events coming up before the end of the term that are well worth attending. The first is an evening of dance at the TNT Dance Extravaganza this Thursday. This event showcases the work our dancers have done towards their NCEA assessments and is well worth attending. The second event is The Big Music Day Concert. I have attended this event for a number of years and have always thoroughly enjoyed it.

In light of the recent amendments to the law regarding cyberbullying, it is timely that I mention it in this newsletter. The Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015 states that *"A person commits an offence if the person posts a digital communication with the intention that it cause harm to a victim"*. At assembly last week I talked about this law and urged any students that had been a victim of cyberbullying to tell someone, be it their parents, a teacher, Dean or Guidance Counsellor.

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Cornerstone Values

- Honesty & Truthfulness
- Kindness
- Duty
- Compassion
- Responsibility
- Consideration and Concern for Others
- Respect
- Obedience

School Calendar

September			
Mon	14	North Island Ski Champs 13 th – 16 th	Week 9 (green)
Tues	15	Defensive Driving Course 5pm – 7pm	
Wed	16	PTA Meeting in the college boardroom 5:15pm	
Thurs	17	Ngāti Tūwharetoa Schools Kapa Haka Festival	
“	“	TNT Dance Extravaganza, 6pm – 8pm, Great Lake Centre	
“	“	Defensive Driving Course 5pm – 7pm	
Fri	18	Ngāti Tūwharetoa Schools Kapa Haka Festival	
Mon	21	Reports posted to KAMAR Portal	Week 10 (red)
“	“	North Island Snow Board Champs 20 th – 23 rd	
Tues	22	Defensive Driving Course 5pm – 7pm	
“	“	Board of Trustees Meeting, in the college boardroom 5pm	
Wed	23	Badminton, Hardisty Trophy, Turangi	
Thurs	24	School Sports Awards in the college hall, doors open 6:30pm, start 7:00pm	
Fri	25	Last day of Term 3	
October			Term 4 begins
Mon	12	Minimoto GP, Manfeild 12 th – 14 th	Week 1 (green)
Tues	13		
Wed	14	PTA Meeting in the college boardroom 5:15pm	
Thurs	15		
Fri	16	Equestrian, North Island Secondary Schools & Int Games Champs	
Mon	19		Week 2 (red)
Tues	20		
Wed	21		
Thurs	22	PTA fundraising event – Cooking Demonstration, D&I Block 6pm	
Sat	23		
Mon	26	Labour Day	Week 3 (green)
Tues	27	Board of Trustees Meeting, in the college boardroom 5pm	
Wed	28		
Thurs	29		
Fri	30		
November			
Mon	2		Week 4 (red)
Tues	3	Senior Prizegiving in the college hall, doors open 6:30pm, start 7:00pm	
Wed	4		
Thurs	5		
Fri	6	NCEA Exams start	
Mon	9		Week 5 (green)
Tues	10		
Wed	11		
Thurs	12		
Fri	13		
Mon	16		Week 6 (red)
Tues	17	Board of Trustees Meeting, in the college boardroom 5pm	
Wed	18		
Thurs	19		
Fri	20		
Mon	23	Senior Reports issued	Week 7 (green)
Tues	24		
Wed	25		
Thurs	26		
Fri	27		
Mon	30		Week 8 (red)
December			
Tues	1		
Wed	2		
Thurs	3		
Fri	4	NCEA Exams finish	
Mon	7	Year 13 Graduation	Week 9 (green)
Tues	8	Board of Trustees Meeting in the college boardroom 5pm	
Wed	9		
Thurs	10		
Fri	11	LAST DAY OF TERM 4. Junior Prizegiving 11am – 1pm, Junior Reports issued.	

Year 9
Activities Week
(4 days)

Year 10
Expeditions

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The message was also given that students who had engaged in cyberbullying need to understand that cyberbullying taking place behind their bedroom door can lead to a policeman knocking on their front door. We would obviously like to promote the Cornerstone Values approach and prevent cyberbullying from happening in the first place, but it is important for our young people to know that there is a consequence for their action. I appreciate it can be difficult at times but I would urge you to create a "no secrets" approach to what your child is putting online. If you have concerns about your child being a victim of cyberbullying, please do not hesitate to contact us for support. I have no hesitation in supporting a prosecution should the need arise.

On a final note, having travelled for some time abroad and seen many sights it is still blindingly obvious to me that we live in paradise! Despite spring being a little reluctant to surface, the environment we live in and the people in this community are very special indeed.

Peter Moyle
Principal

Principal's Award

Congratulations to the following students who gained a Principal's Award for achieving 10 Merit vouchers in Term 3:

- ★ Hannah Golebiowski
- ★ Lucy Mason
- ★ Samantha Jones
- ★ Caitlin Head
- ★ Emily Hart
- ★ Olivia Pitiroi-Gowling
- ★ Hayley Whittaker
- ★ Loea Feuillade
- ★ Isabella Brinsdon
- ★ Steven Rosenberg
- ★ Grace Elliott
- ★ Airin Kurimura

Lost and Found

Thank you to those families that kindly lent items such as pillows, sleeping bags etc while Magenta College were visiting. Many of these items are at the Bay Trust Centre office and it would be appreciated if they can be collected as soon as possible please.

Cornerstone Values

The Cornerstone Value for next term is

Obedience

which is defined as:

"Willingness to obey rightful authority."

- Following rules keeps you safe.
- Learn to trust, then obey.
- Do what you know to be right – obey yourself.
- When you are obedient also be responsible, honest and kind.
- You win or lose by what you choose.
- You must first learn how to obey, whom to obey and when to obey.
- The ship that will not obey the helm will have to obey the rocks.
- The opposite of obedience is disobedience.



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Students' Success

Zenith Programme

Congratulations to Skylar Orr and Gus Murray who achieved Level 3 accreditation in the 2015 Zenith Programme, and to Tamara Peez who gained Level 1 accreditation. Well done!

National Monetary Policy Challenge 2015

Daniel Wilks, Sydney Mallon-Piper and Scott Inglis achieved an outstanding 3rd place in the Reserve Bank 2015 Monetary Policy Challenge (MPC). The MPC is designed to expand senior secondary school economics students' understanding of monetary policy, and it links to NCEA achievement standards. Just like economists working in the Reserve Bank, each team analyses the economic conditions facing New Zealand and the outlook for inflation. On the basis of that analysis, they decide on an appropriate setting for the Official Cash Rate (the Reserve Bank's interest rate). Each team provides the reasons for their decision in a written submission and, if selected as a regional or national finalist, delivers an oral presentation. Judges commented that the standard was considerably higher this year as teams had obviously watched the winners from last year (Taupo-nui-a-Tia College), which raised the overall standard of presentations. So a big congratulations to this year's team for their impressive effort and excellent results.

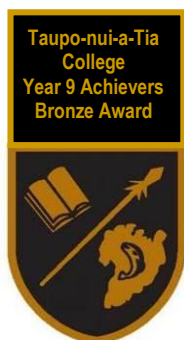
Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Awards

Congratulations to Hetal Patel who recently received a Silver Award. Also Christopher Chilvers and Ravi Sharma have worked very hard to gain the Gold Award. This award recognises their achievements in the categories of Service, Adventurous Journey, Skill, Physical Recreation and Residential Project. The Gold Award is presented to recipients in a special ceremony held at Government House in Wellington.

Participation in the Award Programme helps young adults to develop personal qualities of commitment, self awareness, initiative, self confidence, determination and motivation. Students also develop essential skills of leadership, teamwork, decision making, risk management, communication and organisation and planning.

Year 9 Achievers Awards

Congratulations to the following students who gained their Year 9 Bronze and Silver Achievement Awards:



Bronze Award

Seffie Figgins
Jake Elmiger
Skylah Peneha
Lucy Hawkes
Ben Merwyn
Te Ana Gear
Mikaya Hurunui
Ben Insley
Isabella Brinsdon

Rawiri Tonga
Tatiana Gray
Jack Cunningham
Grant Walters
Beaden Overington
Olivia Haines
Te Kapua Wall
Megan Lockett
Olivia Neill

Hannah Howell
Lucy Golebiowski
Rosa Esson
Grace Vanner
Hannah Golebiowski
Leila Yardley
Harrison Paalvast
Bennett Owen



Silver Award

Mia Bohan
Maia Hura
Lucy Hawkes
Hayley Whittaker
Caitlin Head
Tina Stokes
Olivia Pitiroi-Gowling

Eleanor Adams
Grace Vanner
Hannah Golebiowski
Harrison Paalvast
Stephen Rosenberg
KJay Morehu

PTA Fundraiser

*Hosted by Taupo-nui-a-Tia College PTA
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*Thursday 22nd October
6pm - 9pm*

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Thank You Taupo Businesses

A huge **THANK YOU** for the generous support that the following Taupo businesses have given our Technology Department for quite a number of years. Without the generosity of our local businesses we may not be able to offer the students the great opportunities that the college has, to assist them in today's technological and competitive society.



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Driver Education

The most recent Defensive Driving Course was well supported with 18 students participating, with most from Taupo nui-a-Tia College plus a number from Tauhara College.

A number of students have asked if there will be any more courses this year and there is an opportunity for one more if there is enough support. The probable dates would be 10, 11, 17 and 19 November followed by the practical drive. If your son/daughter has an interest in taking the final course for the year please contact Mr Ball jeremy.ball@taupocollege.ac.nz or phone 376 1100, or alternatively your child can see Mr Ball at school to put their name on the list.

Once again the free Driver Direction course takes place at Ricoh Taupo Motorsport Park on two days – 29 and 30 September. To sign up please contact the Taupo District Council. The last course for the year will be on 8 December.

If you would like any further information about driver education please contact Mr Ball at college.

Student Reports

On 21 September a second report for your child for this term, showing updated assessment results and key indicators progress, will be available through the KAMAR portal – <http://moodle.taupocollege.ac.nz/parents/student/index.php>

Some assessments on reports will state 'Not Yet Assessed' as the assessment is either being done later in the year or still in the process of being marked and moderated. As soon as those results are available you can view them on the KAMAR portal under 'All Results' (every result available since starting secondary school) and 'Current Year Results' (this year's results only, by subject).

If you have any difficulties accessing this information please contact the school office, ph 376 1100.

Student Exchange - Host Families Wanted

In January 2016 new exchange students arrive from Bolivia, Austria, Germany, Italy and the USA. They will live with a host family and attend a local school for 3, 5 or 10 months. Student Exchange is keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.

Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. For further information please contact Student Exchange – phone 0800 44 00 79.



Our EPD students will be showcasing their NCEA Dance work on **Thursday 17 September, 6:00pm at the Great Lake Centre**. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the college office or at the door on the night. It will be a fabulous night with lots of entertainment, a range of dance genres (contemporary, lyrical, jazz, etc), solos, duets, trios and groups AND a special guest performer for the finale with the whole EPD crew.

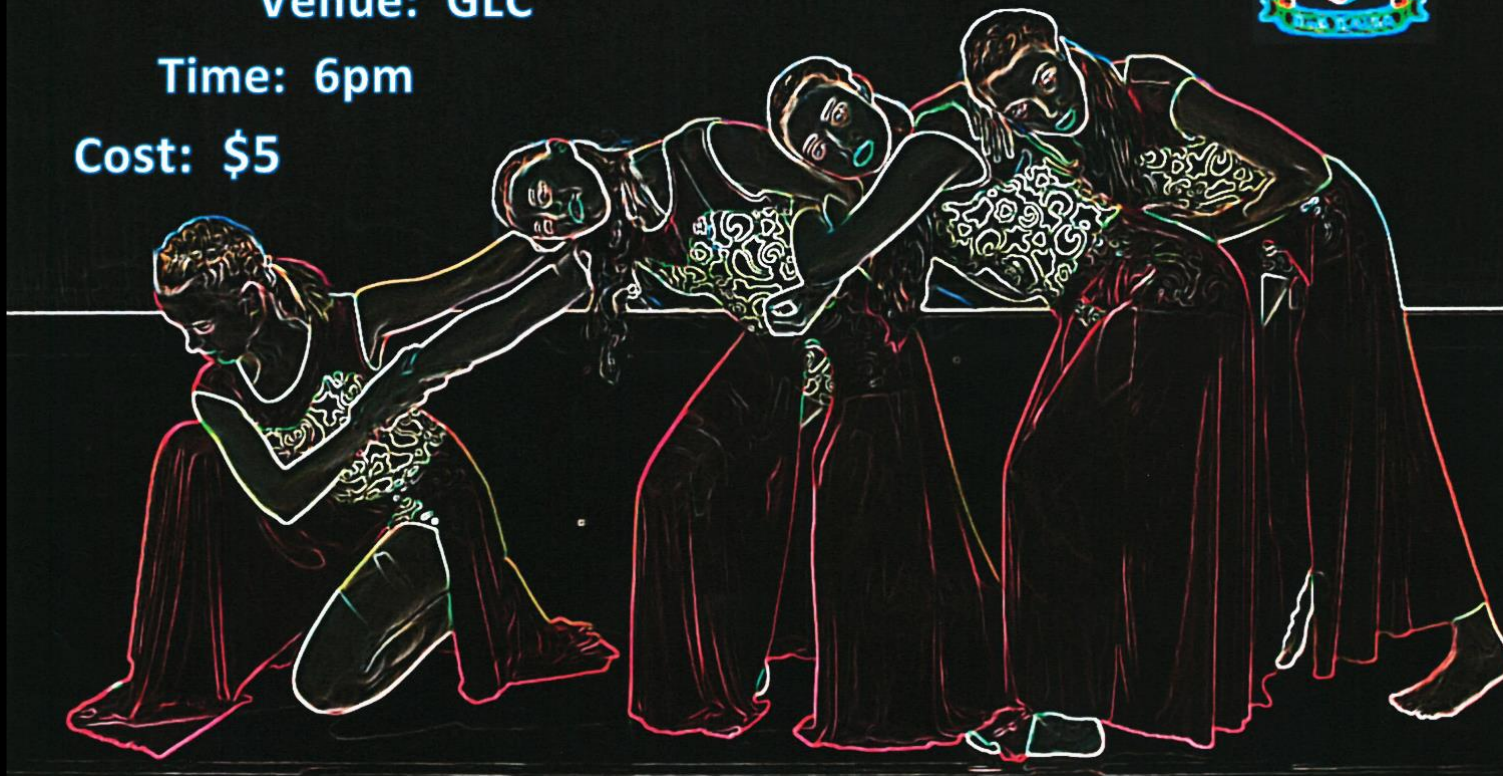
TNT Dance Extravaganza

Thursday 17 September

Venue: GLC

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Cost: \$5





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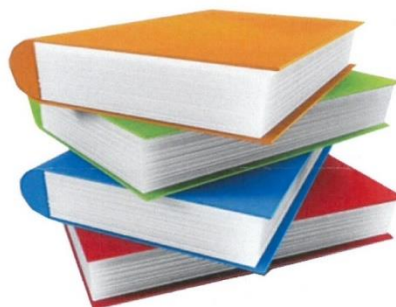
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**NCEA Grants for 2015 available from
1 September**

**Closing date
5pm, Wednesday September 30, 2015**

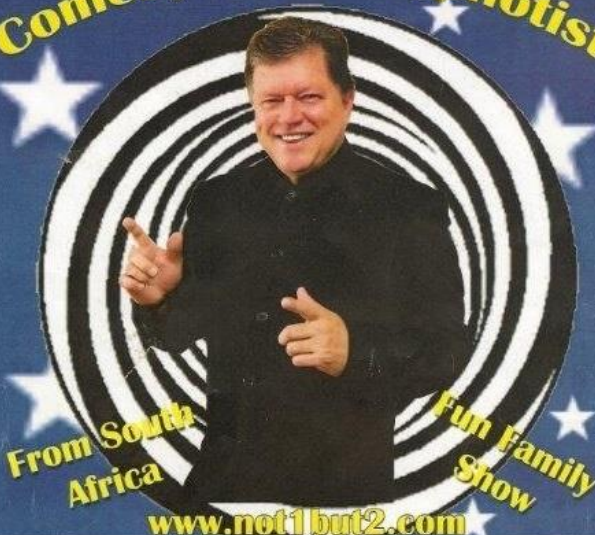
This year the Trust will provide reimbursement of fees paid for NCEA exams.

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Between 28 July and 6 August 2015, we had great pleasure in welcoming 25 French students and 3 teachers from Magenta Collège, Nouméa, New Caledonia. It was a memorable experience for our TNTC students as deep and meaningful friendships were forged. Magenta students were billeted for one week by our students. Their departure was packed with emotions and sadness but we look forward to welcoming them again in 2017.

Our Noumean friends found our weather very cold but there was warmth in their hearts! Highlights of this visit was an awesome assembly performance, Magenta students following their billets in class and spending a day skiing at Mount Ruapehu.

A high number of students are now looking forward to travelling to Noumea in October/September 2016! Fundraising for this trip will start in term 4, 2015.



TNTC - MAGENTA COLLEGE - 2015

By Ms Richard - European Languages Department



Year 10 Expedition Camps

Year 10 Expedition Camps will be held 30 November to 4 December. **Please note that all compulsory fees and sports fees must be paid before camp departure.** The second payment of \$50 is due on Wednesday 16 September and the third payment of \$50 is due on Monday 12 October.

Year 9 Activities Week

From 1 to 4 December all Year 9 students will participate in an action-packed, fun-filled four days of activities. The activities are yet to be confirmed and the cost will depend on what activities they are. It is anticipated the cost will range from approximately \$20 minimum to \$100 maximum. This is excellent value for the activities offered and we do try to find ways to reduce this where possible. We recommend an automatic payment arrangement of \$5 per week. Please feel free to talk to college office staff who will be happy to help you set up payments. **Important – To be eligible to take part in Activities Week all compulsory school fees must be paid.**

Friendly Reminders

- ✓ Remember to return sports uniforms.
- ✓ All compulsory fees should be paid before the end of Term 4. Contact the school office if you're having difficulty paying.
- ✓ Please return any text books and/or library books. If they aren't returned, we have to replace them, and this is charged to your school account.



Bay Trust Clinic Times – Term 3

Monday to Friday	8:15am – 3:30pm	Administrator, Fiona Primrose
Monday	10:00am – 11:45am 9:30am – 12:30pm 12:30pm – 2:20pm 12:30pm – 3:20pm	Dr Debbie Hughes Physio / Triage, Janie Grant Student Counsellor, Ali Coles TUMT Drug & Alcohol Counselling, Marilyn Butler
Tuesday	9:00am – 3:20pm 9:00am – 3:20pm	Nurse, Claire Swindlehurst Physio, Jeff Fox and Janie Grant
Wednesday	9:00am – 2:30pm 12:30pm – 3:20pm	Mana Whakatipu Mentoring, TeWhetu Dewes Nurse, Claire Swindlehurst
Thursday	9:00am – 12:30pm 10:00am – 3:20pm 12:30pm – 2:20pm	Physio, Jeff Fox Mana Whakatipu Mentoring, TeWhetu Dewes Student Counsellor, Ali Coles
Friday	9:00am – 12:00pm 12:30pm – 3:20pm 12:30pm – 3:20pm	Psychologist, Riona Baldwin TUMT Drug & Alcohol Counselling, Marilyn Butler Nurse, Claire Swindlehurst

Sports Buzz by Andrew Maisey, Sports Coordinator



Consistency, focus, concentration and hard work is what it's all about people, just ask Steve Hansen as he prepares our mighty All Blacks for the Rugby World Cup. It requires concentration and commitment in every game because if you are not 100% there, someone like France will sneak up and kick your butt! And that is what I personally try to install in any fitness lesson I teach.

I recently attended an excellent three-hour workshop put on by Sport Bay of Plenty and hosted at our school called "Managing The Mind". I have to say it was one of the most enlightening and interesting talks I have ever attended. It was mostly about how to focus and concentrate on one thing and do it to the very best of your ability, shutting out all distractions. It can best be described as being in the zone! Most of you will have watched a sport where a sports player has just played a magnificent game – for example John Kirwin side-stepping 12 Argentinean rugby players to score a fantastic try; Tiger Woods on his day not missing a single shot; Irene Van Dyke shooting at 100%; a rowing 8 absolutely in sync with each other and powering to a gold medal – you get the picture – when someone is 100% focussed on the task at hand. This is all about managing the mind and getting into the zone, and can be applied to anything you do in life and it can be learnt and coached.

Shooting Team

A big thank you to Tim Birdsall for coaching and taking our shooting team away each month to attend SSC shoot competitions around the Central North Island. They have been steadily improving under Mr Birdsall's expert guidance and the results are coming in. Mathison Treloar recently qualified for the high gun finals and just missed out winning by a single point.

Corby Treloar, Ashton Towers, Zac Cunningham, Connor Drysdale, Daniel Martin, Rhys Wallace, Zac Pigott and Rhys Valentine are just a few who are improving with each shoot. Last week in Tauranga Bethany Hoyles and Monique Doig placed 3rd in the female team division at the Regional Secondary Schools Shooting competition, clay bird shooting. Great work team.



Swimming

Outstanding results at the NZ Short Course Swimming Champs which were held in Auckland on 14 August:

- ★ Johnson Bishop – Bronze, 400m Individual Medley.
- ★ Thomas Bishop – Silver, 1500m Freestyle.

Both Thomas and Johnson have been selected for the New Zealand age group programme.



Look out for our swim team as they head away soon to the NZ Secondary School Swimming Champs in Hamilton. With some fantastic recent results from the Bishop brothers, we are sure to have more from this meeting. We wish our team of Keegan Pook, Thomas Bishop, Caitlin Taylor, Tahlia Pook, Julia Onishi, Johnson Bishop, Jordyn Fairies, Sarah Kenyon, Seffie Figgins and Loughlin McGrath all the best.

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School Sports Awards

Book this date on your calendar – **Thursday, 24 September** is the date for our annual school sports awards, 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the college hall. Tickets are available from the front office. Help celebrate in our students individual and team successes.

Yes we are certainly well catered for when it comes to sport at our college and it is very pleasing to see so many students trying out new sports, as well as using sport as a vehicle to improve their general life skills and utilising such a great team building environment to assist them in their future endeavours. Remember people, play hard but play fair and always respect your opposition.

Duathlon

Kyle Smith a few weeks back added another national title to his cabinet winning the NZ Secondary Schools Duathlon Champs in Auckland. A great effort as Kyle keeps improving and shows that hard work pays dividends. Also, Kyle finished 12th out of 60 in an American Cup triathlon event in Canada as he prepares for the World U19 Elites competition.

Cycling

Lewis Eccles has just returned from the World Track Cycle Champs held in Astania where he competed in the Elite U19s and finished an outstanding 6th overall in the 1km time trial. This is a fantastic result and Lewis improved on his PB quite considerably. Well done Lewy!



Rugby

Congratulations to the following boys who have done very well to be selected into this year's King Country Rugby Representative Teams:



KC U14 Reps

Corey Rivers
Aiden Rihari

KC U18 Reps

Jayde Hema-Allan
Corey Price
Kaleb Bishop

KC U16 Reps

Jamie Harrison
Te Rautau Rameka
Joshua Rainford
Samuel Robinson
Bronson Singh
Matthew Whittaker
Darnell Williams

Badminton

Some very good results from our squash teams at the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Junior Badminton Champs:

Junior Girls – 2nd Place Girls Division 2

Thunpatsa Pearyoo
Aimee Marchbank
Natalie Dawson
Chloe Janssen
Rylee Mexted

Junior Boys – 3rd Place Boys Division 2

Liam Macdonald
Ketan Patil
Benjamin McConnon
Cameron Ingram-Clark
Akira Peterson
Jack Logan

Senior Boys – 3rd Place Boys Division 2

Matthew Duffy
Erick Batuto
Mark Gabay
Ketan Patil
Liam Macdonald
Cameron Ingram-Clark

Basketball

Congratulations to the Taupo-nui-a-Tia Red Senior Boys Basketball Team, winners of the Lake Taupo Basketball Competition 2015!



Tournament Week

What an amazing week of NZ Secondary Schools sport spread across the country and some great games, good sportsmanship and fun times had by all. I have heard many positive comments and have had great feedback from many people about how well we played and also about how our teams displayed such good sportsmanship, so well done to all of you involved.

A big thank you to our coaches, managers, parents and supporters.



Here is how our teams ended up with some outstanding performances put in throughout the week:

- ★ Boys Hockey 6th out of 17
- ★ Girls Netball 22nd in B Grade
- ★ Girls Hockey 5th out of 16
- ★ Boys Football 12th out of 24.

Hockey

It's been a really great year for our hockey boys winning their winter league (BOP A Grade) as well as winning the Bethlehem Festival of Hockey and putting on some scintillating displays of quality hockey along the way. The guys posted some big scores this year against quality opposition and were tireless in defence, not allowing many goals to get past.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected into Bay of Plenty Hockey Representative Teams:



U15 Girls

Julia Davis
Kataraina Fredrickson
Sarah Cook
Simone Maclean

U15 Boys

Bailey Harrison
Benjamin Hall
Campbell Maclean
Joep Lenoir
Sam Whitinui
Ethan Lingrell

U18 Girls

Bethany Hoyles
Kelsey Comer
Megan Smith
Natasha Donald
Xanthe Sando

U18 Boys

Daniel Wilks
Gus Murray
Kynan Harrison
Mathew Forsyth
Nathan Brake

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Netball



Our netball girls heading away to Tournament Week.

The Premiers travelled to Hamilton for Tournament Week, competing in B Grade which consists of 32 teams. They played 10 games in five days. The weather was challenging but to the team's credit they played well in the rain. They lost their first two games against Howick and St Mary's which put them in the bottom half of B grade. These two teams went on to be 1st and 5th in B Grade. After that the team won four games and lost two by 1 point and two by 7 points. With four Year 10s in the team and only one Year 13, the girls performed well throughout the week improving as the week progressed. The team played some great netball defensively throughout the week gaining many turnovers and intercepts from the pressure they applied.

A huge thank you to Mrs Mason for all her hard work as manager and to the girls for the way they represented the school. Thanks to Beth and Shanaya for the way they led the team both on and off the court. We would also like to thank Hollie McGrath for umpiring at tournament.

Another season has come to an end. Thank you to the coaches and managers who gave up their time to support college netball, it is very much appreciated because without you we could not have so many teams. Thank you to all those girls who committed for the entire season to their teams in both games and practices. Thank you to all those girls who umpired for the college on a regular basis.

Congratulations to the Junior B Team who were runners up in B Champ Grade. Well done girls and to Aly and Emily who coached the team. Also congratulations to Ora Williams who was named most improved and promising young player for the centre.

Sailing

With spring upon us and summer just around the corner, our sailors are already holding meetings and checking their gear out. With a few of our seniors moving on they are already on the lookout for keen new recruits to jump on deck and join them. This is a great group of keen outdoor adventurers so why not check it out, lean into the wind and have some fun on the water!



Equestrian

The Equestrian Team had some great results this year and were in very good hands with Kay Andrews looking after them so well. Several riders have shown good improvements throughout the year. Some of their results were –

- ★ BOP Show jumping 1st overall
 - ★ Central Plateau Gymkana 2nd overall
 - ★ NZSSC Horse trials 2nd in dressage, 2nd overall
 - ★ BOP Gamblers Day 2nd, 3rd and 9th in one class, and 6th and 7th in another.
- Very good results as there were approximately 50 riders in each class.



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After a successful first year in the Baywide Youth Premier League the boys' 1st XI travelled to Papamoa to pit their wits against teams from further afield. It is always a test to see how far a team has come when you are up against teams from the larger centres.



The weather forecast was dodgy to say the least and on Monday there were certainly four seasons, with rain being the most dominant of those. Nui started by thumping 11-0 a slightly average Edgecombe side. Having said that, the level of football played by the boys was exceptional. It's good to see that the incessant pass and move coaching was beginning to come to the fore.



In the afternoon the boys took on Strathallan, who would end up in the top 10 and they got a credible draw. If the linesman hadn't made an incorrect call then William Ridd's winner would have counted. Fair play though, 4 points from 6 was a good start.

Day 2 never came as all games were cancelled, meaning three games crammed into Wednesday was always going to be tough. First up was Rathkeale who we held until the dying minutes and they snatched an underserved 3-2 win. Second up was Lynfield who again won in the dying minutes 1-0. Then on to what had become a bit of a grudge match against Inglewood which Nui took in a 2-1 win, meaning 7 points in five matches, exceeding the whole of last year's tournament points tally.

Thursday saw the most thrilling day as TNT took on Pukekohe College. The opposition took the lead and then following a quick substitution, Jordan Kelly rounded the keeper to level the scores. Then we were on to the dreaded penalty shootout. Sean Jackman, who had only conceded a handful of goals, saved the second penalty and with our boys scoring everyone, this took TNT into a semi final against one of our local rivals, Bethlehem College. Again, that was a close match and following a goalless game it went to penalties. Unfortunately the boys lost 5-3 which meant a playoff for 11th/12th place with Lindisfarne College on the final day. Friday came and at that point all that can be said is the hugely successful week was topped off by a bit of a thumping.

Putting perspective on the week, the boys have come from 21st in 2014 to 12th in 2015 – no mean feat with the level of competition. The school should be proud with the representation, the way the boys conducted themselves on and off the pitch, and the result. We see some stalwarts leave us next year, including our captain Keegan Pook, Harrison Griffin, Elliot Whittleton, Ben McKay and Matthew Lewis. They have been part of and have left behind a squad that can now compete nationally and we will be looking at filling those gaps in the new school year, to continue the success of football at Taupo-nui-a-Tia College.

Finally, a big thank you to Super Steve Lynch, Camp Mum Jan Pook (may I never see mince again!), Ray Griffin for his coaching skills and humour, our supporters Jason and Julie White and our sponsors Bayleys Real Estate.

- ★ 5th – Baywide Premier League 2015
- ★ 12th – Rex Dawkins Satellite Tournament 2015.

Overall throughout the season the boys played some very solid games, displayed loads of talent and three players were selected into the 2015 Ricky Herbert Football Academy Squad for Barcelona/London (Liam Craddock, Ryan White and Aiden Lynch).

