

# Newsletter Pānui



E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā karangatanga maha. Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

The July break is in sight and Tuesdays full school assembly led by our head students was a wonderful celebration of the opportunities that this school provides for all girls. As Maioha reiterated, it is all about 'seizing the day', taking the opportunities and making the most of them. There are certainly a lot of staff and students providing these opportunities and I thank them for their commitment and service to others. Speaking of which, the College farewells Mrs Nena Rovekamp this week. Mrs Rovekamp has given 39 years of service to the College as a language teacher and leader of learning. The College will be celebrating her time at school and we look forward to sharing more about Mrs Rovekamp next term as although she is resigning, she is helping the school next term for another language teacher who is away!

#### **Head Students for 2020**

Our current student leaders have been providing opportunities for

potential incoming student leaders to attend their weekly leadership meetings. These meetings provide insight into the decision making process and how the team collaborates and engages in discussions about ideas, events and challenges that they face. So far, approximately 40 Year 12 students have attended these meetings. I am sure there are another 40 that need to attend!

# 2020 Enrolments open next term

With the largest Year 9 intake in years, TGC is keen to build on the confidence of the community towards realising its own vision of making this school, 'The School of Choice for Girls' in the Bay. All leadership positions, opportunities for learning, growing in confidence and for being 'the best version of yourself' under the values of Pride, Participation and Respect are held by girls. This is what makes our school unique to others. We know what works for girls and continue to raise the bar when it comes to improving our learning and teaching programmes, our pastoral plans and our cocurricular opportunities.

## Fundraising and work day money

As we mop up the last of the fundraising work day money, students will be asked to provide ideas of how they would like the money to be spent. Last year, new water fountains which allowed water bottles to be filled were installed. In previous years, furniture, cooling systems and recreational materials were all purchased as a result of student voice. Thank you for your contribution to our fundraiser.

### J Block update

The majority of you will be aware that the Minister of Education allocated \$6m to TGC to address weather tightness issues in J Block. Since that announcement, a group of teachers have been exploring our learning and teaching philosophy to ensure that the physical space (J Block) enables our emergent intentions to be realised. We want flexible spaces, smaller break outs, multi -purpose that are culturally responsive, community minded, and which celebrate learning. An education brief will be given to the MoE next week and from that the architects role will put those words into a design/

concept plan. It's all rather EX-CITING!

### Let's talk about bathrooms!

Over the holiday break, additional receptacle units will be placed in toilets, soap dispensers added and an inspection of all doors and their locks will be undertaken. A review of our bathroom spaces has been considered with J Block improvements too. The school does have over 20 extra toilet spaces (according to the MoE) but the challenge is also in maintaining them to a good standard. Thank you to our caretaking team who will be having a thorough look at these places during the holidays.

### Being well for learning

If your daughter is feeling particularly unwell, please keep her at home (but make sure you let us know) and get her well again. It's hard to be at your best with learning when you are feeling unwell.

### Walking the talk of our values

Pride, Participation and Respect are our key values. At the recent parent teacher interviews (and again on Thursday this week) parents and students were asked to comment on a potential new set of values. If you haven't already had your say at the senior parent teacher evening four weeks ago, then make sure you have say this week at the Year 9 and 10 parent teacher meetings.

### Shorts in time for summer?

On the uniform front, the committee is now asking for input into the two short options so

that a decision can be made and the uniform ready for those wanting to wear shorts in Term 4. Thank you to those girls who have been sharing their ideas with this committee. Hannah and Lily have been working with Lenco and NZ Uniforms to negotiate the best deal. This has taken longer than we had hoped as at the time of discussions, we did not know that Activewear one of two major TGC uniform suppliers was closing. Based on student voice, a thicker blouse fabric has also been approved for the second run of the new blouse that came into effect this year.

### Have a chat with the Principal

Next term I will be holding 'chat' meetings/huis around school. This is an opportunity for you to share directly with me your aspirations and ideas for our school. Already we have implemented or are in the process of implementing change based on student voice. While most of this occurs via surveys or being a part of a prefects committee, this is another way in which you can speak directly with me. Thank you to those students who take the time to share their ideas as they see me out and about in the school. Tune into the notices next term for when these huis will take place. I am keen to empower our wahine to bring about change that benefits us all, so have the courage and have your say!

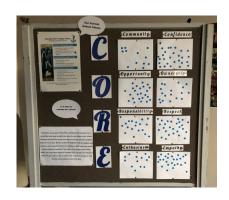
### Time for a brain break

As the second term comes to an end, make sure you have a brain

break from the normal structures and routines of school but keep in mind that learning occurs both in and outside of school, so keep a growth mindset. Be curious, caring and kind these holidays. I look forward to seeing everyone back safe, well and rested for a busy and exciting Term 3.



Tara Kanji Principal







## **BYOC - Checkpoint - June 2019**

Firstly, a thank you from our kura for your support of our shift to a 'Bring Your Own Device' kura. This was a deliberate shift so we can work towards enhancing learning through the use of technology. Half way through the year, it's important to share with you some important points of clarification, expectations and some ongoing support for you as a partner in your daughter's learning.

### **BRINGING DEVICES TO SCHOOL -**

We would like to remind you of the importance of your daughter bringing her device to school daily. Her device is a key tool for her learning. We expect that all students are managing themselves in this way in order to be ready for learning in all of their classes. While there are some school devices available for student use, those who have their own are expected to have these charged and ready to use.

#### **USE OF DEVICE FOR LEARNING -**

Our decision to have the Chromebook as our device of choice was deliberate. The management of applications and programmes that are not necessary for learning can occur easily through the use of the Google Education Licence and this is working well.

Other devices considered appropriate for learning must have these specifications:

- 1. A keyboard
- 2. A screen that is at least 11" in size.

A phone **does not** constitute a device for learning.

### **SUPPORT TO PURCHASE DEVICES -**

We understand that purchasing a device is not always easy financially. If you require a letter of support for an agency outside of the kura please contact the school office.

There are a number of commercial retailers who provide BYOC/D's for students on very good hire purchase terms. We are aware that the Noel Leeming group and PB Tech both cater for this.

Again, we are grateful for your ongoing support with your daughters' learning.

## Rat Traps in the Gully

Recently Tauranga Girls' College hosted the Mayoral Candidates and upon entry, they gave a small koha. With this money, the student leadership team wanted to give back to the community in some way. To exercise kaitiakitanga, we decided to use this money to purchase four Predator Free NZ rat traps and some bait to set up in the gully. As apart of the Year 9 Science programme they have been using tracking tunnels to investigate the rat and mouse activity in this bush area. They found that there are a shocking number of pests living down there and suspect that we will be catching rats daily! Setting up these traps is a great start towards reducing the pest population in our gully and will hopefully lead to greater traction of the predator free movement within our community.



## ARTIST OF THE WEEK

### Maggie Hines 9BTE Year 9



Kia Ora, my name is Maggie Hines.

As part of our Printmaking unit we needed to choose a season to focus our idea on.

I chose winter as my season because my birthday is in June.

I decided to use cool colours, such as different shades of purples, blues and in some parts silver, I also put some white colourings to lighten my art. I wanted to use these colours because they match well with the season. The shapes I used were snowflakes, mountain ranges and raindrops because they are very cold and bleak. The type of printmaking is called Gelli printing, because what we used to print on is like a strong jelly surface. The texture of the prints are smooth and are built up with many layers in order to form the final print on top.

## **Clarity Around External Appointments During School Time**

We acknowledge that sometimes there is a need for students to attend appointments during school time. The following information clarifies for you the process that should be followed when this is the case.

When a student has an appointment outside of school but within school hours the following needs to occur:

- 1. She is to bring a note or appointment card from home that signals the external appointment.
- 2. This note or appointment card is stamped and signed at Student Reception at prior to Period 1 beginning. Her attendance record will be changed on this basis.
- 3. The stamped note or appointment card is handed back to the student. This is shown to the teacher of her class as an exit card. She will keep this and show it at Student Reception before she is collected.
- 4. She will leave the school via the Student Reception.
- 5. Your daughter must be signed back into the school at Main Reception on her return.

It is very important that your daughter is collected from and returned to school via the Main Reception. This allows the correct recording of her attendance and ensures her safety.



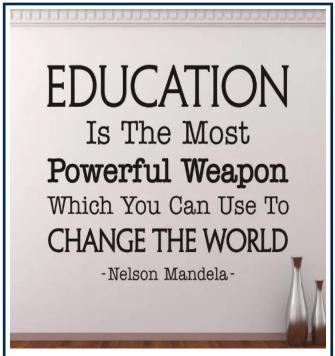
# Akira McTavish-Huriwai Te Ara a Kupe Beaton Scholarship

McTavish-Huriwai, our Deputy Head Girl of Learning, has recently received one of five Te Ara a Kupe Beaton scholarships. Recipients of the Te Ara a Kupe Beaton scholarship (worth \$20,000) will receive tailored tutoring and mentoring support that helps them to apply to and secure admission to top-ranked universities in New Zealand and abroad. This scholarship was the first of its kind in New Zealand, paying homage to the company's birthplace from which Māori culture plays a central part in the story.



## **Coming Up**

22 July	First Day of Term 3 Junior Half Year Option Change Over
30 - 31 July	12 TRM - Rotorua Canopy Tours
2 August	12 TRM - Rotorua Canopy Tours
2 - 4 August	NZSS Squash
4 August	Create The Bay Dance Comp



## **Special Assessment Conditions (SAC) for NCEA Qualifications**

Parents and whānau are warmly invited to a presentation on Special Assessment Conditions (SAC) for NCEA qualifications, which will be held at 5:30pm in the school staffroom, as part of the Options Evening on Wednesday 7th August 2019.

Special Assessment Conditions (SAC) enable eligible students with specific learning needs to access additional support (such as a reader, writer or access to a computer, or extra time) for NCEA internal assessments and external examinations. The presentation will cover eligibility criteria and the application process, along with any questions that students or parents/whānau may have.

See: <a href="https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/assessment-and-moderation-of-standards/managing-national-assessment-in-schools/special-assessment-conditions/">https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/assessment-and-moderation-of-standards/managing-national-assessment-in-schools/special-assessment-conditions/</a> for further information.

Mrs. Karen Gilby Leader of Inclusive Learning kgilby@tgc.school.nz

## **UN Speech Competition**

Parvi Goundar (12FLT) won the Bay of Plenty regional heat of the United Nations speech competition on the topic of 'Our concerns about security are a threat to the peace.' Parvi's speech addressed the threat to our security presented by irrational fears about immigrants and refugees and outlined the many benefits that come from taking people in from other countries. Her message was a powerful one: it is not greater security, but greater unity that will create a more peaceful world. To prepare for the national final to be held in Wellington, Parvi attended the Senior Model United Nations day held at the Tauranga Council Chambers and delivered her speech there, receiving great praise from a previous competition winner and UNA officials. With this experience under her belt, Parvi flew to Wellington and was taken by the UN competition organisers on a tour of the Beehive. The competition itself followed at Victoria University and Parvi delivered her speech with great confidence and emotional force. After the judges' deliberations, it was announced that the Wellington candidate had won with the Palmerston North candidate coming in second place (shown in the photo with the other speakers). Parvi was an extremely worthy runner-up who represented Tauranga Girls' College admirably. Before flying home, Parvi also attended the UN conference and had the opportunity to listen to presentations from distinguished speakers including: Colin Keating, Hon James Shaw MP (Green), Stuart Smith MP (National), Brig (rtd) Kevin Riordan, Dr. Kennedy Graham, Dr. Mere Skerrett, Dr. Cathy Downes and more. It was a great weekend and we can take immense pride in our exceptional student.



### **Badminton**



On Friday 28th June, 16 girls headed to the QE11 to a Badminton tournament to try to qualify for the Senior secondary schools BOP champs in August. Our 4 teams all played exceptionally well. We came up against some tough competition, but we managed to hold our own. Our top team are heading to the BOP champs in Division One. Two of our other teams have made it through in Division



sion Three. The girls are pleased to have time to work on their skills ready for the final tournament.

## **Blue Light Need Volunteers**

Kia ora koutou

As the Tauranga Co-Ordinator for this amazing programme it is always a pleasure to hear from people who are prepared to support our youth.

Our mantra at Blue Light is 'Empowering Youth' and what better way to empower them than to get them to learn how to drive in a safe environment such as the Blue Light Youth Driver Navigator Programme. In the Western Bay of Plenty, Blue Light Youth Driver Programme captures students from Tauranga Girls' College as well as students from Katikati College to Te Puke High School.

Blue Light, are urgently looking for adult driver volunteers who would be prepared to help the students from Tauranga Girls' College learning to drive with our programme. On the 10<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30 - 6pm, Blue Light are holding an information evening at the office at 'The Kollective" in 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Tauranga, sharing more details on the Programme for potential volunteers or 'Navigators'. If you or anyone in your wider group are interested, please email the Careers Adviser Ann Marie Wilson <a href="mailto:awilson@tgc.school.nz">awilson@tgc.school.nz</a> for a copy of the Blue Light Youth Driver Navigator Application forms which you will need to complete.

If you have made it that far and are still interested, please bring your completed forms with you to the evening as well as two forms of ID (NZ Drivers Licence & Passport). If you would like more information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Ngā mihi Elliot Hira Youth Driver Co-Ordinator

Contact details 027 616 2585 Office 0800 BLUE LIGHT (258 354) Email elliot@bluelight.co.nz



## Kaupapa Māori Committee Visits Green Park School

On Wednesday, 26 June, girls from a range of year levels from Tauranga Girls' College Kaupapa Māori committee went to Green Park Primary. At Green Park the girls taught the kids the story of Mauao (Mount Maunganui) with the purpose of enlightening them with the Māori history of our home. They used props to help teach the kids as well as getting some children to re-enact the story as a presentation to the rest of their class. In the end the children at Green Park Primary got to learn the story of Mauao along with a bunch of Māori words. The main purpose of the day was to normalise speaking Te Reo Māori within the school by teaching the kids Pakiwaitara (Māori Stories). So overall it was an eventful exciting day for both the girls of Tauranga Girls' College and the children at Green Park Primary.







## Spirit of New Zealand Year 10 Trophy Challenge Voyage

On Friday 21 June, 10 very excited Year 10 Students (and Dean) made their way to join the Spirit of New Zealand crew and 30 students from other schools on their 5 Day Trophy Challenge Voyage. The girls were; Kayah Cowan, Bella Cook, Kennedy de Bono, Elloise Cleghorn, Shanaye Hine, Jazmine Schulz, Eliza Fellows, Rosie Kneale, Ruby Walford and Snowdeep Kaur. They spent the next 5 days sailing around the Hauraki Gulf learning all aspects of what it takes to run a tall ship. They hauled sails, tied knots, scrubbed the deck and helped out in the galley (kitchen), all the while competing in a range of challenges against the 3 other schools: Marlborough Boys College, Mercury Bay Area School and Wairarapa College. There was a raft race, quizzes, knot tying competitions, team relays and all kinds of fun. It was great to see the girls working together to problem solve and support each other throughout the voyage.

They really enjoyed getting the chance to meet and interact with other students and form new friendships. All of the girls also relished every opportunity to challenge themselves in situations that were completely foreign to them. I was impressed by the girls' determination to try everything, even if it scared them, like climbing up the rigging or just jumping off the side of the boat on the rope swing. The 6.30am morning swims were definitely a challenge but an invigorating way to start the day!

Though we didn't win the trophy this year, despite our best efforts, I know all the girls gained a lot from the experience, in confidence, skills and friendships and hopefully will continue to develop these in years to come. They all represented our school well and should be very proud of themselves and each other. Thank you girls for making it a great experience for all.

## **Year 9 Social Studies Inquiry**

TGC Social Science Department is leading the way.

In recent months we have seen media reports questioning why 'climate change' is not been taught in our secondary schools. But here at Tauranga Girls' College we are! All our Year 9 classes have been engaging (or will engage next term) in a term long study on climate change and will complete their personal Inquiry on 'Climate Migration' this week. The students have discovered the effects climate change is having on our world and looked closely at Islands in the Pacific who are directly affected by rising sea levels, is the Pacific really the Paradise we think it is? Our students



have looked at what is responsible for climate change and how we can all make small changes in our daily lives to reduce its seemingly irreversible effects. Recently Bree McTavish-Huriwai (9TYL) spoke at a junior seminar on Climate Migration. She delivered a speech on 'How should we respond?' and 'How can we



make a difference on these critical issues of today?' The key element was about awareness and social responsibility. The Social Science Department is passionate about making a difference and engaging our students in current social issues. We are also proud of the work our environmental committee is doing on our school. During this term recycling bins have returned to our classrooms, a great step in the right direction! The girls' have learned that climate change is not a 'Science problem', it is a 'Social Science problem' – we all need to act, we all have a part to play to ensure the future of the world is secure for generations to come.

## **Waikato Young Leaders Day**

On Tuesday 2nd of July, eleven Year 9 students accompanied by our Dean Mrs Leach travelled to Kirikiriroa to attend the Waikato Young Leaders Day hosted by WILLS. Around 370 students were present that day from 28 schools. We were split into groups amongst all of the pupils there and went off to different lectures with helpers from WILLS. There were 5 influential guest speakers such as Police Constable Niwha Jones, Maiora Barton an MS sufferer, who has successfully competed internationally in wheelchair basketball, body-building and regionally in wheelchair rugby and Josh Cesan the director of the Identity dance crew, which has won national and world titles.

Every student in the auditorium was inspired by every speaker, as they told us their journeys of persistence and leadership. After the speeches, we were split into schools and did leadership activities in classrooms. We were paired with St John's College and explored many leadership qualities through set activities and tasks. WYLD was so much fun and informative, every one of us who went on the trip was inspired by the numerous speakers we all brought back new knowledge and confidence to be leaders in our own classes and communities.



# Annual Tauranga Girls' College and Hamilton Girls' High School Sports Exchange 2019



## **Business Market Days**

Many students have recently participated in Business Studies Market days at school.

Year 11 girls sold products that they manufactured, researched and planned for as part of an internal assessment, and our Year 9 Business girls worked hard on their food fair, including planning and creating business plans.

Year 11 students sold many products on their market day, with bargains galore, including dyed socks, bracelets, poi, scrunchies, chalkboards, and a wide variety of different toiletries and beauty products. It was a fabulous event, and a great learning opportunity for the girls.

The Year 9 Business students had a fabulous turnout at their food fair with over 90 girls selling products, including celebration boxes, sushi, fudge, sundaes, churros, cupcakes and more. The girls learned lots of valuable lessons around teamwork, pricing, selling, planning and making profits. Many came out with a healthy profit to share and donate.

















Last Friday the Year 13 Science and Year 12 Physics classes went on their annual trip to Rainbow's End. The purpose of the trip was to look at the mechanics of each ride in the park. Students looked at energy changes and calculated accelerations, velocities and heights throughout the day as they had fun on all the rides. As always, the stratosphere was the most popular ride of the day and is a great example of circular and rotational motion.





## **Underwater Hockey - Regional Tournaments**

Tauranga Girls' College Junior Underwater Hockey Team played in their first tournament together a few weeks ago in Auckland at the Secondary Schools Regional Junior Competition. The girls knew it would be a tough tournament going in but they continued to play hard and grew hugely as a team and individual players. The team lost three games and tied 1-1 against Glendowie in their third game, won their fourth against Diocesean 7-0, and won their final game against Glendowie B team, 9-1. Hannah Gray was awarded Most Valuable Player for the team. In the end, they came away with ninth place which is an awesome outcome as most of the girls first started learning how to play this year. They are still enthusiastic about their future and are keeping up with fitness and training.

Tauranga Girls' College Senior Underwater Hockey Team really brought their A game to the tournament two weekends ago at the Secondary Schools Regional Senior Competition at Baywave. The girls went into the tournament with the goal to qualify for Nationals and they achieved it! On Saturday the girls came away with two solid wins and one loss against three different Auckland teams. On Sunday, they played Otumoetai in the semi finals which was a super tight game but unfortunately lost 0-1. In the final, for the third and fourth placings, Diocesan A team took out the win 3-4 and Tauranga Girls' had a final placing of fourth. Charlotte Webb was awarded Most Valuable Player for the team. Overall, the girls are happy with how they stepped up for the tournament. Their coach Letitia Sheehan and the girls are excited to continue their training for Nationals in September down in Wellington.

### **Year 11 Production**

Well done to the Year 11 production of "Living with Lady Macbeth." Students in Year 11 Drama put on their annual production on the 11th of June; performing back to back performances to an audience of family and friends. Students were required to audition, then rehearse their role for the duration of the term. They successfully put together the play in 7 weeks under the direction of their teacher for their assessment. Well done to all involved, including those helping out with costumes and lighting. A special thank you to Holly Stephens for her hard work and expertise with the lighting of the production. Congratulations to the company! What a wonderful talented group of actresses!

### Quotes from the students:

"I really enjoyed seeing the drama class come together as a family. I also think that the production experience helped the students recognise how we work together as a class and as a whanau!" - Jamie-Lee Ganderton 11RMY

"The Production was amazing! I liked acting as a boy, it really challenged me. I learnt how to use voice techniques differently. " - Kahurangi Ngatai 11RMY

"It was so much fun working with such wonderful people to create an entertaining and exciting production. I can't wait for next year's one!" - Samantha Eaton 11GSL



## **National Cross Country**

Following a multitude of local events including School Cross Country, Bays, Waikatos and Tauranga Open, a team of 5 Tauranga Girls' students of a range of year levels and Sports Assistant Julie Marriner travelled to Timaru to compete at Secondary Schools Cross Country Nationals. The students were Olivia Hala, Bianca Enright (both in Year 9), Maia Flint (Year 11), Angel Lai and Abbie Mortimer who are both in Year 13.

Leading up to this event, a number of fundraisers were held including a raffle, the selling of headbands and a sugar free bake sale which was held at Gate Pa Primary. These were a huge success and greatly contributed towards our funds for the competition. A huge thanks goes out to all who helped with these fundraisers and especially to Gate Pa Primary for accommodating our bake sale.





After weeks of preparation, the team left Tauranga on Thursday 13th June and flew to Christchurch before driving to the final destination. As the race was not until Saturday, the first few days were full of being tourists, course recognition and acclimatising to the chilly Timaru weather. However, as race day came around the nerves started to kick in. Unfortunately due to sickness, one of our most promising runners, Olivia Hala was unable to race which was a huge disappointment for her after so much hard work and preparation however we wish her all the best for future events. Our

other Year 9, Bianca pulled through with an amazing performance after weeks of saying that she's "not a runner" and should be proud of her efforts and achievements this season.

Our remaining three runners competed in the senior girls 4km race and special mention goes out to Maia Flint who finished in 9th place earning herself a well deserved spot in the New Zealand Team to represent the country in Australia. Also worth recognition is Angel who discovered she had a passion for running whilst back home in Hong Kong and continued to pursue this



passion in New Zealand. She consistently showed resilience and tenacity throughout the entire cross country season and was an amazing role model to all of those around her. On Sunday, both Maia and Abbie represented the Waikato Region in a 5x 2000m relay in which Maia's team came 3rd concluding a fierce weekend of racing.



The trip was a huge learning opportunity for all those involved and the best of luck goes out to these girls for their future in the sport of cross country. Also a massive thank you goes out to Julie Marriner for supporting the cross country team throughout the entire season and putting in tireless hours to ensure that their trip to nationals was a success.

### **Junior Health Work**

During Term 3 Year 9 and 10 students will cover work in Sexuality Education as a part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum. The course will be taught during health lessons by the class Health and Physical Education teacher.

The lessons will cover issues relating to:

- hormonal changes during puberty and mid teens
- structure and function of the female reproductive system
- issues around contraception
- STI's and the consequences of early sexual involvement
- assertiveness and dealing with peer pressure
- postponing sexual activity

Families who **do not** wish their daughter to take part in the sexuality programme are able to withdraw the student from this unit of work. An alternative arrangement can be made for her during these lessons. Please make contact with your daughter's Health and Physical Education teacher if this is the case.

## Matariki 'Yarn Bombing'

In light of Matariki (the Māori new year), a keen group of knitters at TGC decided to celebrate by knit bombing a tree outside j-block with the seven stars of matariki. This group has been working super hard, spinning yarns (literally and physically) twice a week for the past two terms and some of last year. Their efforts have produced a fantastic display which certainly brightens up the school and connects the school with the star cluster which is so dearly treasured here in Aotearoa.



### **Oliver Production**

The 2019 combined Tauranga Boys' College/Tauranga Girls' College production of 'Oliver' was a huge success, with the cast and crew putting on 8 jaw-dropping shows. Despite sickness spreading around the cast, resulting in last-minute changes in characters, and some technical difficulties, everyone gave their all into the performance and it certainly paid off with the show being fabulous.



The entire process of putting on a drama production has been a great learning experience for everyone in-



volved and the anticipation for next years show is already building. Congratulations to our Deputy Head Girls of Arts, Emily Newberry, who did an amazing job of playing the leading female role of Nancy, as well as all of the other girls involved in the show. A huge thank you goes out to the teachers at Tauranga Boys' College for organising the show, your efforts are much appreciated.

## **Tauranga Dance Inc Championship Weekend**

On June 23rd we had a number of students competing as soloists and groups in the Tauranga Dance Inc Championship weekend competition at Otumoetai College.

Our student-led Junior and Senior Contemporary dance troupes did us proud again competing against studio dance schools who are teacher led and have high standards. The girls certainly held their own.



The senior troupe received a Highly commended award and the adjudicator commented on the girls ability to work well as a team, use of stage and effective opening and ending sections.

The junior troupe received a commended award and the adjudicator commented on the girls commitment to the emotion of the piece.

Congratulations girls and thanks once again to our student leaders and families and friends for their support.

## **Tauranga Dance Inc Solo Success**



Ajah Cameron (10BBE) and Alysha Gill (11SML) both competed in the TDI competition on 23 June. Ajah (pictured to the left with the adjudicator) took out the Intermediate Modern Championship with her Jazz solo. Alysha (pictured right with the adjudicator) took out the Senior Modern Championship award with her Contemporary Solo. Alysha was also awarded a special adjudicators award gifted by the adjudicator, Brylee



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Brylee runs an empowerment project called 'The Warrior Project' a series based on strength and power and is all about empowering young women to realise their 'inner warrior'. Alysha was awarded a full photoshoot with Brylee who said "I selected Alysha along as I was impressed with her strength and talent as a young dancer and wanted to capture this". Congratulations girls!

## **Integrated Dance Opportunity**

Wanika Rahiri (11RMY) competed in the new integrated dance section of the competition. This class was open to anyone living with a disability and may not have the opportunity to compete in a traditional dance competition. The class was an opportunity to promote an inclusive dance community. The adjudicator for the weekend, Brylee Mills is an amputee dancer and choreographer and an advocate for inclusive dance. This class was the highlight of the weekend for her and she commented that "I can't wait to see what this has started for the Integrated dance community and I hope to see this introduced at dance competitions throughout the country. Creating a platform for diversity and enabling everyone to be involved is so important!"

Wanika said "It was quite an experience and I felt so proud of myself for dancing a solo on stage and doing something I love to do". Wanika is pictured here with the adjudicator and the other two competitors in the class. We are very proud of you Wanika!

## **Hip Hop Success**

Congratulations to Ashlee Morgan (11FEC) and Acacia Batt (10HVY) on their success at the Hip Hop Unite New Zealand National Championship in Wellington on 23-24th June.

Ashley and Acacia's crew earned a well deserved gold medal in the Junior Future Champions division.

The girls are pictured here with the rest of their crew.

The girls were asked "Why do you love to dance?"

Ashley said "when I dance I feel free and all my stress or problems just fade away. I don't compete to win but for the joy I get out of doing my best every time"



Acacia said "When I'm dancing nothing else matters. I know I'm in an environment where I won't be judged and everyone else shares the love of dance like me. The adrenaline rush I have when I go on stage is a nice feeling".

## **More Hip Hop Success**

Emily Wiese (11BLL) is off to Phoenix, Arizona in August to compete in the World Hip Hop dance championships as part of her dance crew 'Identity'. HHI (Hip Hop International) is the world's most celebrated dance event. Over four thousand of the world's best dancers with crews from over 50 countries will come together for the event to capture the world title and international bragging rights.

Emily's crew will compete against approximately 70 other crews in the two divisions she will be dancing in. Good luck to Emily and her crew!

## **Gymnastics results**

On Monday 24th June a team of seven girls represented Tauranga Girls' College at the Bay of Plenty Gymnastics Competition in Rotorua. The girls all performed beautifully and the following girls were placed:

Kelly Taylor 1st in Elite Trampoline
Ella McOnie 1st A Grade Trampoline
Gemma Gilmore 1st and Ashleigh Tanner 2nd in
C Grade Trampoline
Ella McOnie 1st A Grade Tumbling
Gemma Gilmore 1st and Ashleigh Tanner 2nd in Junior Grade Tumbling

Congratulations to these girls for these outstanding results.



## **Contacting the College 2019**

We encourage parents to contact the College (578 8114) for support at any time during the year. The Pastoral Team includes:

Year 9 Dean: Senior Leader: Mrs Anna Leach ext 770 Mrs Cade Year 10 Senior Leader: Mrs Bird Dean: Ms Robyn Mankelow: ext 767 Year 11 Dean: Mrs Fiona Lochhead ext 766 Senior Leader: Ms Valentine Year 12 Dean: **Mrs Kave Barnett** ext 768 Senior Leader: **Mrs Ferguson** Year 13 Deans Mrs Bridget Prendiville ext 769 Senior Leader: Ms Rowlands

Guidance Counsellors Ms Judy Burr ext 728 Ms Sue Ferguson ext 724

Inclusive Learning Leader Ms Karen Gilby ext 740

College bank account details:

Name of Account Tauranga Girls' College Board of Trustees

Name of Bank ANZ, Tauranga Account Number 01-0475-0055400-00

## Tauranga Girls' College Values







### RESPECT (Manaakitanga)

- · Be positive, caring and encouraging
- Be accepting of difference
- Respect other people's right to learn
- Have good manners and act with integrity

### PARTICIPATION (Mahi Tahi)

- · Aim high and get involved
- Show leadership
- · Meet deadlines and commitments
- Be on time and prepared to learn

### PRIDE (Mana Motuhake)

- Be the best we can be
- Be proud of ourselves and of our achievements
- Be proud to be problem solvers and innovators
- Be proud to be a member of our diverse school community

"By encouraging individual responsibility, integrity and respect for the rights of others"





(Mana Motuhake)

## **Positive Behaviour for Learning**

**Learning Competencies** 

### **Managing Self**

I am organised for learning

This includes:

- Being punctual
- Bringing gear to class
- Completing homework
- Meeting deadlines

### Relating to Others

(Manaakitanga)

I show respect for the learning environment

This includes:

- · Respecting the teacher
- Respecting my classmates
- · Respecting the learning environment

### Participating & Contributing (Mahi tahi)

I take part in learning

This includes:

- Working on set tasks
- Contributing positively to learning