



**Tauranga
Girls' College**
The School of Choice for Girls

Newsletter Pānui



Nau mai haere mai and kia kaha te Reo Māori and Māori Language Week.

House Spirit with a Waiata Competition

Congratulations to our kura for the inaugural House Waiata competition. This was a huge success and marked a real change in our House Spirit for our College. What better way to lift one's spirits than to sing. To acknowledge iwi and of course support Māori language week, it was the waiata Tauranga Moana that was chosen.

Winter Tournament Week

Congratulations to all of our coaches, managers and parents/whanau who supported our girls at Tournament Week last week. I had the pleasure of watching Basketball and Football and all of our girls are a credit to TGC displaying our schools values of respect, pride and participation. Tournaments like these are more than 'just playing sport'. The comradery, working together, building new friendships and supporting each other through the highs and lows of sport are invaluable. Thank you to all those girls who

represented us. You continue to be amazing!

Shortlistings for Leadership

Thank you to all those girls who have applied for formal leadership roles for 2020. Student and staff voting has taken place and a shortlisted group of girls will now be speaking to the students and then to teachers. The qualities of a good leader are many and each role has key attributes necessary for that position. This includes the uniform expectation of wearing the college blazer. A full job description and philosophy of leadership at TGC was provided to all students. All have a service component to them. That is, thinking beyond yourself and your co-hort and more about what you can do to leave this school and community in a better place than you found it whilst at the same time, ensuring you take others with you on that journey of 'making a difference'.

The upgrade of the shirt and the new shorts

Thank you to students and parents who wrote and gave feedback on the 2019 shirt. The

new shirt (2019 version amended in response to feedback) has been embroidered and is of a thicker material but not too thick for summer. Year 13 students will have reduced costs for 2020 as those who bought the new shirt this year will only pay for embroidery costs (approx \$7) whereas in the past, they bought a totally different shirt at a cost of over \$35. Details of the embroidery will be advertised soon. Remember, the polo is **no** longer school uniform in 2020. The shorts have now been chosen and a contract is being negotiated with LENCO. These will be available for 2020. Thank you to Hannah Rose and Lily Alton for their work in seeking student voice and engaging with the BoT on uniform.

Benchmark Examinations

Benchmark examinations commence next week. This is an important time for students undertaking NCEA later in November. It is an opportunity to assess where your learning needs are. A copy of the timetable was posted on FB. If your daughter is in Year 9 or 10 and not in an NCEA course, we

ask that she is quiet and respectful around our examination venues.

Student Rep on the BoT

I had the pleasure of listening to 5 enthusiastic young women in Years 10-12 who have put themselves forward as the potential student rep on the BoT. Voting opens this week so please ask your daughter to take the time to vote in the next student representative on the

Board of Trustees. Thank you Hannah Rose for the fabulous job you have done this year.

Sports review is underway

As mentioned in an earlier email, the school is taking the opportunity to review its systems and processes associated with school sport. Sport is a growing area and BOP Sport offers schools the opportunity to conduct a free and independent review. As a

parent or student, you will have been invited to have your say. We thank you for taking the time to provide feedback.



Tara Kanji
Principal

Sports Awards - Nominations for our Supreme Awards.

We have 4 junior awards, 5 senior awards and 1 team award.

Supreme Junior Sports Awards

- **The best all round Year 9 sports performer** - The West Bay Credit Union Performers Trophy
- **For outstanding Achievement at Junior Level** - Active Outdoor Clothing Award
- **A Junior who represents TGC in a variety of sports and demonstrates leadership qualities** - The House of Travel Trophy
- **Hynds Trophy for Junior Sportsgirl of the Year** - The winner must be involved in a wide range of school sports to a high level and must show commitment and sportsmanship.

Supreme Senior Sports Awards

- **The Christine Hammond Trophy** - Is awarded to a student who has participated in a College team and consistently demonstrated outstanding sporting commitment, fair play and assistance to others involved in sport. The assistance to sport is an important component of this award.
- **The Chica Gilmer Trophy for Outstanding Sports Achievement for a Year 11 or 12 student.**
- **The Eves Realty Trophy outstanding All-round Excellence in Sports.**
- **The Rowlands Trophy for excellence in an individual sport**
- **The Aneta Reweti Cup for Sportsgirl of the year** - Is awarded to student who has shown outstanding performance and achievement in College Sport.

Team Award

- **ANZ Bank Trophy for team of the Year** - The team with the most outstanding performance or record over the year.

If you would like to nominate a student for any of these awards please click on the link below and fill out the form. This needs to be done by Tuesday 17 September.

[2019 Nomination for TGC's Supreme Sporting Awards](#)

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Grace Tak Year 10

My work is meant to reflect me using various techniques, colours and other details. My work mainly shows my Korean side rather than my New Zealand side which is often the only side most people see of me. It also displays loss of different things such as friendship. It is greatly influenced by personal choice too, which is a way of showing what I like to do in art.

In my artwork it displays my use of various techniques, use of colours and other details. Also for every piece I used layers and as Shrek once said "onions have layers" and Shrek being one of my favourite movies this is the way I decided to include it.

The techniques I used were stencil layering, using the frisket, transfer of print, ink, and spray paint. I used techniques that could easily be layered multiple times. I used these techniques to show layers that are present in a person. I found that using these techniques were the easiest way to show this.

I chose to mainly use the colour purple which is red and blue. On the Korean flag the centre circle (known as Taegeuk) is half blue and the other half is red and these two combined is purple. As half Korean, I wanted a way to show my Korean ethnicity through colours but didn't want to make it too obvious to the viewer so that is why I decided to mainly use purple. Also, in the New Zealand flag, the background is blue so that is another reason to use this colour. Throughout the pieces, there is still obvious sections of blue and red which again reflects the Korean flag and also shows the use of contrast.

My artwork also has white lines which some are broken and never completed and some are reconnected. This can mean lost friendships. The ones that are never completed means I lost the friendship and the ones that reconnect are lost friendships that I later made again.

Throughout the artwork, you'll see hexagons and broken ones. Six is often called a 'lucky number' or a 'balanced number'. In my work, some of the hexagons are broken up and incomplete. This is to show that it cannot be evenly balanced sometimes and luck can sometimes fail. Sometimes the broken hexagons connect to other lines which can mean it turned out fine while others don't which means the opposite. I also prefer even numbers over odd numbers which was a big factor.



Manu Rere Accounting Trip to Auckland

On Friday 06 September, a group of Senior Māori Accounting students from Tauranga Girls' and Tauranga Boys' College travelled to Auckland to visit Price Waterhouse Coopers and Forsyth Barr. Manu Rere was set up by ex-student Tina Kilmister who has been extremely successful in Finance, and as a Māori woman, she wanted to give back to her school by encouraging Māori students to be more aware of the opportunities that exist in Finance. This program has generated a lot of interest in the corporate world and Tina is looking at taking the scheme nationwide to promote more students being educated in the financial sector and to encourage students to pursue these opportunities. We are very fortunate that Tauranga Girls' College has been the pilot school to pursue this program. The students were very informed in all of the opportunities available to them and many of them have decided to pursue a career in Finance. Tina is setting up a contact sheet so our students can help to promote this to others in the future. We are very grateful for this amazing opportunity that Tina has given to our students and look forward to many successes in the future.



Winter Tournament Week—Underwater Hockey

The Underwater Hockey Secondary Schools' Championships was held in Wellington this year with our senior team competing in the Senior Girls' grade. Ten teams, made up from Northern, Mid-Northern, Central and Top of the South Island schools competed in two groups before quarter final games. It was at this point that TGC were knocked out of contention for medals, by 0.032 points on goal differential. We did however win four of the six games played over the weekend with our final game for 7th and 8th place going to sudden death. TGC were determined that 7th place was ours with Skye Schlebusch taking the puck on strike all the way to the goal bin, for a win for TGC and 7th place. Highlights from the weekend were, Eloise Sharpe being named in the tournament team and as our team MVP, and the whole team nomination for the Fair Play award.



Netball

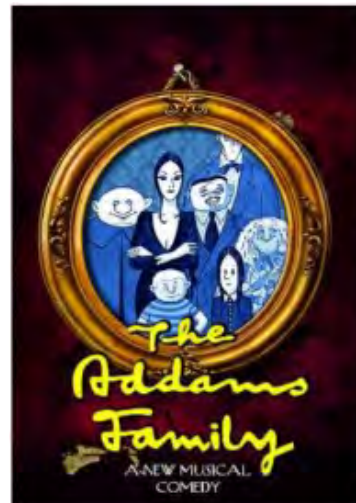
The Netball Premier Team competed at the Upper North Island Secondary Schools' Netball Tournament held at North Harbour during Winter Tournament Week. The girls had a pretty successful week with 5 wins against Hillcrest HS, St Dominics, Cambridge High School, Mt Maunganui College and Pukekohe High School. The girls had a great team culture and will miss the Year 13 students next year but the remaining students are excited about 2020.



TGC/TBC Production 2020 The Addams Family

Watch this space for more details as the machine that is the production team swings into motion. Soon there will be audition, production team and sponsorship information coming your way.

Get excited people; this is going to be great!



Winter Tournament Week - Hockey

The Hockey 1st XI attended the New Zealand Secondary Schools Premier Tournament in Auckland for Winter Tournament week. It was a tough week with some amazing hockey being played by all students. Our team showed great spirit and belief in themselves and their coach throughout the week. The girls had two hard fought wins by penalty shoot outs after being a 0 - 0 draw at the end of full time. These were against Otumoetai College and Kings College. Due to these two wins, Tauranga Girls' College will attend this tournament again next year.



Premier Football team - 4th

Sixteen team members led by captains Taylor Graham, Paris Allum, Premier team caps Ellie Richardson and Rachel Collins and long serving football senior players Natasha Barnett and Morgan Anderson went all out for the team last week. They completed their pool games without conceding a game and finished top of their pool to go into the top half group playoff. There were a



number of super tense penalty shootouts managed superbly by keeper Rii Yu. The team managed to put away our local rivals Trident College to end up playing for 3rd-4th place against Sacred Heart, Hamilton. It was a superb game and we were 3 players down with injury so did well to complete in 4th position. Congratulations to the team. Top finishing team in the Bay by rank and top rank at a Football national tournament achieved in the last 8 years for TGC. Many thanks to Senior Coach Scott Harrison, Coach Amy Harrison, and Team Manager Kiri McKenzie.

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1GIL10QgNaLWvzkJP5NsNWb_cCE0ISht

Isla Russell achieves her black belt

Isla Russell, 9THA, has followed up her Bronze at the Oceania Cup last year (after competing with a fractured arm) to be selected to represent NZ at 2019 Goju Ryu World Championships in Malaysia this month. Despite a shoulder injury which forced her out of this competition she graded for her Shodan (1st dan) on 23-24 August and was successful in achieving her black belt.

Over the next 12-18 months there are several goals Isla has set for herself:

1. Make selection for National Squad 2020
 2. Oceania 2020
 3. Australian Open
 4. NZ Open
 5. NZ Nationals and NZ National Secondary Schools
 6. Represent NZ at the Japan Karate-do Federation National Championships in Osaka Japan
- With no exaggeration according to her instructor Isla Russell is the BEST fighter in her age group in New Zealand. We look forward to following your achievements Isla.

My 10 Day Spirit of New Zealand Voyage

In April this year I was lucky enough to complete a 10 day voyage on the Spirit of NZ . I was in a group of 40 students – 20 boys, 20 girls, plus 14 crew. The trip is well designed so that no students are from the same school, and students travel from Invercargill to the far North for the trip. It's a great way to make new friends from all over NZ. Through the activities we learnt a lot about effective communication, team building, self-esteem, goal setting, and problem solving. There were many activities I enjoyed. On our first day we were kitted up with gear and made to climb up the rigging which is 31m high. We did this in the harbour before we left, so the parents all got to watch. They were more scared than the students! It was terrifying for everyone, but a great way to overcome any phobia of heights and everyone managed to complete it. We did a lot of land-based activities on Great Barrier Island including hiking up Mount Hobson which is 627m above sea level. It was a tough walk but had amazing views over the Hauraki Gulf. We also did a beach clean-up, and it was nice to see that there wasn't much rubbish on the beach. We had a beach bonfire and BBQ at Smokehouse Bay which is a beautiful secluded bay. We all took turns in small groups doing "night watch". This involved staying awake on deck between 2-5am ensuring that the boat wasn't moving, and there was no fire – which is one of the biggest dangers on the boat. One of the main rules with the trip is that no cell phones are permitted. Although this seemed really harsh, it was a fantastic rule as everyone remained focused and there was lots of talking and laughing. Another rule was jumping off the side of the boat into the water at 6am. This was really challenging because some mornings were really cold. However it's awesome doing something that you normally wouldn't do every morning. I made lots of friends from all over NZ that I still keep in touch with. I would certainly recommend this trip to any student.



Tazmin March

Fe'unu Koula Academy Global Tau'olunga Competition

Congratulations to Mele (Evalani) Langilangi who was representing Miss Sia Ko Kafoa at the Fe'unu Koula Academy Global - Tau'olunga competition last week in Auckland.

Those performing are beautiful young Tongan Maidens demonstrating how proud they are of their culture. We are very proud of how graceful Evalani was in her performance and for placing 2nd in the competition.



Calendar

16-23 September	Senior Assessment Week
18 September	Y12/13DRA—Theatre visit
20 September	Y10—Speedmeet Career
22-24 September	Duke of Edinburgh—Rotorua
23 September	“Seniors Only Day”. Y9 & 10 do not attend
23-27 September	Mental Health Awareness Week
24 September	11DRA—class production
25-26 September	13DRA—class production
26 September	Bo Fie Fie Festival
27 September	Mardi Gras—Marvel
	Climate Change Strike
	End of Term 3
14 October	Beginning Term 4
17 October	Sports Celebration
24 October	Arts Celebration
01 November	Māori/Pasifika Prizegiving
04 November	Senior Prizegiving

Edventure Teens- School Holiday Camp.

This is our exciting new camp for teenagers 13-16yrs. Come and join our intensive outdoors based activities. This will include bush sleep out, survival skills, rock climbing, challenging tramps and lots more. Planned and run by teachers to give the best and safest experience!

Monday 30 September - Friday 04 October 2019 \$545

Drop off and pick up points in Auckland, Hamilton and BOP.

More info and book in www.edventure.co.nz, Phone 021 022 41576

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Senior Timetable – Benchmark Exams 2019
16 – 20 September

Monday 16 September		Tuesday 17 September		Wednesday 18 September		Thursday 19 September		Friday 20 September		Monday 23 September
AM										
11MAE Pt 1		11ENG		11FNU		11MAE Pt 2 & 3		11DNC	} Staff preparation for feedback to senior students	
11MAP		11ENL		12CHE		12ACC		12DNC		
11MAT		11ENP		12ECO		12CHI		11GEO		
12FNU		12HIS		13ENG		12FRE		11MUS/11CMS		
12PHY		12HTH		13ENL		12GER		12BST		
13FNU		13BST				12JAP		13BIO		
13HIS		13MAC				12SPA		13GER		
						12TRR		13JAP		
						13ACC		13FRE		
						13HTH				
						13TRR				
PM										
11ACC		11BSC		11SCI		11ECO		11BST		
11CPS		11HIS		12BYA		11CHI		11DRA		
11TRR		12MAE		12BYB		11FRE		12CLS		
12ENG		12MAT		13MAS		11GER		12MUS/12CMS		
12ENL		13GEO				11SPA		13DNC		
13CHE		13CLS				12DRA		13DRA		
						12GEO		13MUS		
						13ECO				
						13PHY				
						11DTS				
						11HTH				

Information regarding the Benchmark Exams

All Year 11, 12 and 13 students, are on exam leave from Monday 16 September – Monday 23 September to sit the Tauranga Girls' College Benchmark examinations. These examinations are a practice for the NZQA External examinations starting on 08 November and, are sometimes referred to as the derived grade examinations. A derived grade is used to support a student who, for reasons beyond her control such as illness or trauma, either cannot sit an NCEA exam or, has their performance impaired during the NCEA examinations. For this reason it is important that students prepare themselves thoroughly for the Benchmark examinations. These examination results will also give students valuable feedback on any gaps in their learning as they prepare for the final examinations in November.

If a student is legitimately unable to attend an assessment (eg due to illness or family bereavement), then please notify Mrs Umlers through the School Office 578-8114, on or before the day of the exam, to organise for the exam to be re-scheduled. Please follow this in writing with a Medical Certificate or a letter from home.

The school follows NZQA examination regulations for the Benchmark examinations and assessment is not rescheduled for any circumstances other than illness or a family crisis.

This is a week that is focussed on learning and the school does not organise co-curricular activity for senior students during this week.

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:	Mrs Anna Leach	ext 770	Senior Leader:	Mrs Cade
Year 10	Dean:	Ms Robyn Mankelow	ext 767	Senior Leader:	Mrs Bird
Year 11	Dean:	Mrs Fiona Lochhead	ext 766	Senior Leader:	Ms Valentine
Year 12	Dean:	Mrs Kaye 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

"empowering tomorrow's women"



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 Tahī)

- 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"



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Positive Behaviour for Learning

Learning Competencies

Managing Self

(Mana Motuhake)

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