



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

Newsletter Pānui



Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa/ warm greetings to you all and let me begin by paying my respects to you if you identify as Muslim, have friends or family who do or have connections to Christchurch.

Strength is in Diversity

There is no doubting that in a college that has a strategic intent to be inclusive, to support one another and to ensure that we can all be the best that we can be (because we value that strength comes from diversity), that there are some in this world and in Aotearoa who work against us. Let us not forget that they make up a very very small minority. It is unfortunate then, that we saw this play out on Friday and our thoughts and prayers go out to all of those impacted by the attack on two Mosques in Christchurch.

I want to particularly acknowledge those who identify as Muslim, and/or have family and friends who do, and of course, if you have family in Christchurch. As if Christchurch residents haven't been through enough already. Let us remember that we are here for one another as it is in unity through

our love, compassion and kindness for one another, that we will continue to make wherever it is that we stand, a better place for ourselves and for each other. As you may have read in the newspaper or seen on our Facebook page, we held an organised vigil remembrance on Monday morning which several hundred students attended. All flowers were then taken by our Head Students to the Mosque. The College will also be participating in the 2 minute nationwide at 1.32-1.34pm silence today. #kiakahachristchurch #TGCvaluesall #ourmuslimsisters #TGCunites

Netsafe and Ministry of Education circular to schools

Netsafe has received a number of reports of online content relating to the attacks in Christchurch. Footage of the attacks has been deemed objectionable under New Zealand law which means that possessing or distributing the footage is an offence. Anyone who finds footage of the attacks online should report it to Netsafe at netsafe.org.nz/report but they should not keep copies or share it. Netsafe encourages

schools to speak with students about what to do if they come across the footage and about the fact that sharing the footage with this classification is against the law.

The footage of the Christchurch attacks is disturbing and will be harmful for people to see. If students have viewed the video and are struggling with what they have seen, it's likely they will require additional support. Agencies which can provide free support include Youthline, Need to Talk and Kidsline.

While the content is online there is some risk that children or young people may come across it. Netsafe encourages schools and parents to proactively discuss with young people what they should do if they come across distressing content online. Further information is available at netsafe.org.nz/upsetting-content

If parents or schools have questions relating to this incident or other distressing online content they can contact Netsafe for free and confidential advice at netsafe.org.nz or call 0508 NETSAFE.

Talking about Learning

It was wonderful to hear student focussed and the co-sharing of conversations about learning on Thursday. Our successful Te Ara Ako conversations were extended to Year 11 this year. This is our school's third year of engaging with parents about the progress in learning during the first 2 months of this term. These conversations are facilitated by the tutor teacher but the information is gathered from a range of sources and allows the student to be at the centre of discussion. While Years 9-11 were in Te Ara Ako time, Year 12 and 13 had the opportunity to attend a range of tutorials offered by each learning area.

Collaborating with Campion College

Five staff including myself paid a visit to Campion College in Te Tai Raiwhiti/Gisborne last week. Campion College, has undergone several changes to its curriculum offerings and it was an opportunity to meet with both staff and students from this school and to hear of their journey. TGC has a strategic emergent intention to ensure it provides flexible student centred opportunities to learn, so sharing in ideas and innovations is an important part of our journey.

Behaviour Expectations including those of bystanders

Recent events in school have highlighted the role of bystanders (and those who do not

support others to be the best that they can be) by intervening to prevent poor behaviours being played out. Where self discipline is missing, increasing levels of frustration or negative communication on social media occurs, having positive friends to help you to make better choices is what 'good friends' do. It is unfortunate then, that some students encourage their 'friends' to behave poorly. Those that are on the fringes of such behaviour are reminded of our values of respect, pride and participation which allow everyone in the College to be their best. Parents/whanau please encourage your daughter to support the College by asking her to do her part in ensuring everyone at TGC makes a positive contribution and that this begins with her first. Remember the Harmful Digital Communications Act (2015) reminds us that no one is beyond the law when it comes to social media, so it is timely then, to remind your daughter that she has a responsibility to use her social media account responsibly as outlined by the law. This is not just during school time, but also during her non school time. Many employers check potential employees social media accounts, so remind your daughter of this. Generally, if you aren't prepared to say it to someone (in person), then you probably shouldn't say it online. If your daughter needs additional pastoral support, please email

her tutor teacher, dean or one of our guidance counsellors listed on the back of this newsletter.

Summer Tournament

I wish all of our summer tournament teams, an enjoyable time away. Every group, including sports teams represent us through their participation, the pride they show and through their respect for each other and their opposition/officials. It is a privilege to represent the College. An assembly was held for all students representing the College on Wednesday and this was also followed up with a circular about expectations from our Sports Co-ordinator. Special thanks to staff, parents and coaches for supporting each team. We look forward to hearing of your progress. Photos and a brief explanation of your event can be emailed to our comms team and will be posted on our FB page so please keep in touch with us.

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There are only a few weeks to go before the first term comes to and end. Make the most of every opportunity as they don't always come again!



Tara Kanji
Principal

Head Student Profiles

This year we have seven Head Students. Three Head Students were introduced in the last newsletter. Here are the profiles of the other four who complete our Student Leadership team.

Akuira Haimona- Ngawharau Deputy Head Girl Cultural Diversity



E ngā kaipānui, tēna koutou katoa. Ko Akuira Haimona-Ngawharau tōku ingoa, he uri tēnei nō ngā iwi Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Awa me Te Arawa.

It is with great honour to introduce myself as the Deputy Head Girl of Cultural Diversity for 2019 at Tauranga Girls' College.

My heart is full and excited for the coming year and to be able to help build on the Cultural Diversity within Tauranga Girls' College. This year I have an amazing team of wahine to work alongside; such as our Kaupapa Maori Prefects, Sela Tupou and Kiri-Lee Delamere-Ririnui; International Prefects, Jessie Huang and Christine Kim, and brand new Pasifika Prefect, Ofa Afu.

It is my dream to build cultural awareness through our Kura. I plan to do this by providing events and opportunities for our girls to express who they are, and allowing them to share it with all the students at TGC; building whakawhanaungatanga or a sense of belonging within our school community. With the help of my committees and student's voice, I also intend to make necessary changes at our school that will enable ubiquitous cultures, such as the Māori culture, to blossom.

Culture is so important, and so is diversity. Over the years at Tauranga Girls' College, I have learnt that being different is key. Especially during high school, standing out and being different can seem like a difficult and daunting thing to do. At Tauranga Girls' College, I want to encourage and nourish our girls' abilities to be creative, courageous and to do something different! Everyone has something to offer, and everyone can do that in different ways. Heoi, e ai ki te whakatauki: Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou, Ka ora ai te iwi, With your basket, and my basket, the tribe will succeed.

Tihei Mauri Ora!

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Emily Newbury Deputy Head Girl Performing Arts

Tēnā koutou katoa, ko Emily Newbury tōku ingoa.

My name is Emily Newbury and I'm lucky enough to be serving as the Deputy Head Girl of Arts. This year I have the pleasure of working alongside a team including the Performing Arts prefects; Chris Bae, Leka Smith and Jessie White, the Visual Arts prefects; Rebecca Kneale and Piper Van Rinsvelt, and the Written Arts prefects; Kasey Bennett and Olivia Summerville.

Whether it be for an upcoming singing competition or the school production, you're most likely to always find me in one rehearsal or another. The arts has allowed me to grow into the person I am today, and I hope that this year I can help other girls at TGC to find

their passions, wherever they might lie.

After having looked up to the student leaders from previous years, I feel incredibly privileged to be able to give service back to Tauranga Girls' College, and our community, in a role that encompasses what I am so passionate about. With some exciting plans and a wonderful team of girls alongside me, I can't wait to see what the rest of 2019 has in store.

If you see me around, whether it be at a rehearsal or just walking through school, please feel free to come and have a chat!

Nō reira tēnā rā koutou katoa



Rachel Weston Deputy Head Girl House Spirit

Tēnā koutou katoa, ko Rachel Weston tōku ingoa.

Kia Ora everyone, My name is Rachel Weston and I have the privilege of being the Deputy Head Girl of House Spirit at Tauranga Girls' College for 2019. I will be working alongside the House Leaders of our 4 houses, who in fact, have already done an amazing job at encouraging our school at Athletics day and Swimming sports. The house leaders are; Zoe Lankshear and Kaitlyn Morrell (Mansfield), Zoe Bates and Caitlin Nalder (Rutherford), Meagan Warren and Courtney Ryan (Freyburg), Megan Howard and Keilani Worthen (Batten).

Since coming to Tauranga Girls' College in Year 9, I was always amazed by all the diverse opportunities that our school offers and I

want everyone to be able to give anything a go, wherever their passions lie.

For me, my passions lie in hockey and participating in anything possible. It is amazing to give back to the community and the school that has helped grow and shape me into the person I am today.

I know 2019 will be a fantastic year and I'm so excited to share it with all of you! So if you see me around school, or on the hockey turf, don't be afraid to say hi or ask me any questions!

Nō reira tēnā rā koutou katoa

Abbie Mortimer Deputy Head Girl Sport



Tēnā koutou katoa, ko Abbie Mortimer tōku ingoa

Kia Ora everyone, my name is Abbie Mortimer and I have the privilege of serving as the Deputy Head Girl of Sports at Tauranga Girls' College for 2019. I have the pleasure of working with the Sports prefects Eloise Sharpe, Holly Topp, and Minardi Daniel as well as with my support teacher Kaye Barnett. It is an absolute honour to be working beside these incredible women as well as the Head Girl and other Deputy Head Girls, and I am beyond excited for the year ahead.

Ever since I set foot inside this school I was struck by the abundant opportunities that it provided. So now, in my final year here, I with the help of the rest of the leadership team, would like to ensure

that girls are equipped with the chances to seize opportunities to maximise their potential.

With so many ideas already being put into play and an awesome team of girls, I have no doubt that 2019 will be a year to remember.

Noho ora mai



2019 Triennial Board of Trustees Elections

Every three years state and state integrated school communities elect their parent and staff trustees to help govern their schools. The next election is due this year and the Tauranga Girls' College election date has been set as **Friday 07 June 2019**

NZSTA would like to encourage parent and whānau participation on school boards and will be rolling out the Korari Programme for anyone interested in finding out about standing for the school board elections. More details can be downloaded from our website under Board of Trustees and the NZSTA website.

World Vision Committee



On Tuesday 19 March, a group of Year 12 students from our World Vision Committee attended a conference in Auckland. The day was run by World Vision and there were hundreds of students from across the North Island. We had the awesome opportunity to listen to guest speakers who were very inspiring and motivating talking about the change we can all make together for the people in South Sudan. In the afternoon we then came together as a group to discuss ideas for our own 40 Hour Famine (which will take place later in the year) and how we can raise money as a school.

Tongariro Crossing

Our Year 13 Geography girls on the 13th of March headed down to the National Park to do the Tongariro Alpine Crossing. During the three day trip, the girls managed to do the crossing, have an interview with local iwi Te Ngaehe Wanikau and DOC, and collect the data they need for their internal standard.

We started our 8 hour hike bright and early in the morning and expected to finish it early afternoon. Unfortunately, as we started the hike we typical alpine weather conditions, with it being rainy and overcast. However, luckily for us, as we made it to Mount Ngauruhoe and the Emerald Lakes it cleared so we were able to get a glance of the beauty of the environment. The Crossing definitely isn't for the faint hearted and challenged us girls, but I'm sure we'd all agree that it was an amazing opportunity and experience. Doing the Crossing has hugely helped us gain the data we needed for internal standard and gives us real insight into the Tongariro Alpine Crossing.

Biology Trip:

The Year 12 Biology classes went down to Maketu to observe the rocky shore. This is in preparation for their internal on the information and relationships between the plants and animals living at the rocky shore. Girls have the chance to get up and close with these creatures and observe their habits whilst enjoying the good view, good company and good food from the neighboring cafe.

Debating

On Saturday the 5th March 2019, Tauranga Girls' College had the privilege of entering three teams into the Russell McVeagh Regional Selection Tournament against the Bay of Plenty region. There were 25 teams competing for a top place and the chance to be selected in the regional team to face off against the other top regional teams around New Zealand. The day consisted of 4 rounds of debates. The



first round was a prepared debate and the other 3 rounds were impromptu rounds with a 30 min prep time. All of our teams did an amazing job with our year 10 and year 11 teams having to face not only their year group but also year 13. Congratulations to our Year 10 team - Ella Mitchell, Inaya Sinclair and Maia Huttan Wells, winning two debates for the day. Our Year 11 team - Deanna Kerei-Osborn and Mahnoor Quadri winning 3 debates for the day and ranking 7th out of the 25 teams and our Senior team - Kasey Bennett, Parvi Gourndar and Courtney Thomas also winning 3 debates and placing 5th for the day. All of the girls had a really fun, exciting and challenging day where skills were developed and smiles were gained.



Ocean Athletes

From the 7th to the 11th of March, four Tauranga Girls' College pupils competed in an epic Surf Lifesaving National Competition held at Mount Maunganui Main Beach: Oceans '19. Olivia Marshall, Lily Pearce, Maya Carr-Manoit and Kyra Addison were part of the Mount Maunganui team. In the morning, our team would go for a warm up run, stretch, and do the traditional 'penguin race' to get pumped up. We would go for a paddle, do some board and swim starts then racing would kickoff. The action packed four days of racing consisted of swimming races, beach sprinting and board paddling as well as many relays, with the athletes having to qualify through the heats, quarters, semi's and finals. There were over 850 competitors from clubs all over New Zealand, from a Dunedin club in the far south, to a Ruakaka (Whangarei) club way up north, making it a pinnacle event. The exciting, competitive and fun atmosphere giving athletes aged from 10 to 14 years old a true test of top racing in New Zealand Surf lifesaving.

The rain and wind for 2/4 days meant that everyone was freezing with their damp towels, but on the final day the weather turned around and the sun was shining, making the conditions perfect for finals day. Fortunately for the Mount Maunganui athletes, there was a fantastic shorebreak, which resulted in an interesting sprint finish for many races. After training in those conditions for six months, we were at an advantage being at our home beach. Our club came 2nd overall, which was a great achievement out of all the junior clubs in New Zealand. A highlight, aside from the racing, was definitely having world champion surf lifesaving athletes from Australia flown in to support the event and the competitors.

Maya:

8th Under 14 Girls Beach Sprint Finals
1st Mixed Under 14 Beach Relay

Kyra:

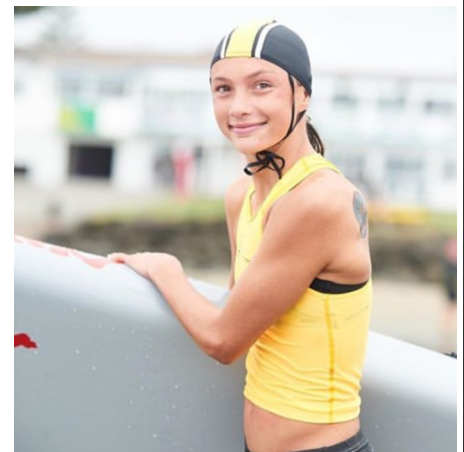
13th Under 14 Girls Board Quarterfinal
4th Under 14 Mixed Beach Relay (MMLS B) Semifinal

Olivia:

13th Under 13 Girls Board Semifinal (26th to 20th best board paddler in NZ)
Tube rescue
Board rescue
Didn't make any finals.

Lily:

-2nd Under 14 Girls Board Race
-2nd Under 14 Mixed Grand Cameron Relay
-2nd Under 14 Two Person Tube Rescue
-3rd Under 14 Girls Four Person Board Relay
4th Under 14 Mixed Beach Relay (MMLS B) Semifinal
Made Finals in all water events.



Venetta Miles Trust Sponsors the 'Most Improved International Student' at Tauranga Girls' College.



Tauranga Girls' College International Department has been fortunate to be the recipient of a \$3000 scholarship from the Venetta Miles Trust for 2018-19.

Venetta Miles and her husband farmed for many years on the edge of the Wairoa River on Cambridge Road with Miles Lane being named after them. Sadly, Venetta Miles' husband and her children all died earlier than herself so she set up a Trust Fund for special sponsorship for the Arts and other fields. This is managed by trustees who were appointed to oversee her wishes before she died in 1992. As this was the first time that Tauranga Girls' College (TGC) International Department had been offered the scholarship for the

'Most Improved International Student', the staff in the International Department had to design the criteria for suitable applicants. This was:

- A fee paying student
- Studying for a minimum of two years at a senior level
- NCEA candidate
- Achieve at least Level 1 Literacy credits and Merit in two other subjects of own choice
- Contribute to TGC in fields of either, Leadership, Arts, Sports, Music or volunteer work

Students who fitted this criteria were able to apply in writing addressing the above points.

A short listing was made over the summer holidays and four Y13 International students were selected to be interviewed by the Principal, Tara Kanji, Deputy Head Girl of Cultural Diversity, Akuira Haimona-Ngawharau and the Director of International Students, Linda Clifford. The interview process elicited some quite astonishing revelations of how the chosen candidates had overcome challenging situations in their lives since arriving in New Zealand and to attend Tauranga Girls' College. Candidates described overcoming intense loneliness because of their immediate family remaining in their home country; coping with knowing little or no English, or being of an extremely shy nature and challenged to deliver a speech in English, a huge mountain to conquer. Such responses made the final decision by the interviewing panel a very difficult one but it was finally decided to award the Venetta Miles Scholarship to Saki Kawamura. All candidates were a great credit to themselves, their parents and Tauranga Girls' College.

Tauranga Girls' College is very grateful for this scholarship opportunity and we wish to remember Venetta Miles for her foresight and her generosity to our school.

Linda Clifford- Director of International Students.

My start to TGC as a Year 9:



Our 2019 Year 9 dean, Mrs Leach, is 'inspired by the inclusiveness and adaptability of the Year 9 cohort', this same thought is reflected in the feeling of our Year 9 students. For some girls, coming from a small school of 200-300 students where you knew everyone's name, to TGC, where you don't know anyone in your tutor class is a 'scary but exciting' experience. With the help of their inclusive peers, students in this position had no trouble whatsoever making new friends and adjusting to the new school. Not only have they been able to fit right

in, they have also embraced the TGC culture by immersing themselves in the school community through the 'surprising amount' of sports events, committees and arts groups. So far this year, the Swimming Sports and athletics days have been clear highlights, with the students enjoying the 'fun activities' and house spirit. This proves Mrs Leach's observation on their embracement and engagement in the concept of whanaungatanga, to become something so much bigger than themselves. Ryza Flett, a Year 9 student from Omokoroa Point School sums up the TGC experience pretty well saying, 'It's been awesome'.

TGC Dance Troupes 2019



Congratulations to the students who successfully auditioned for our Tauranga Girls' College Dance Troupes for 2019. This year we were overwhelmed by the calibre of students and numbers keen to participate in that we have 3 Dance Troupes:

Senior Contemporary Troupe

This troupe is led by Chris Bae and is made up of the following students: Sophie Brown, Ajah Cameron, Alysha Gill, Grace Gill, Hazel Hodder, Ayva McOnie, Olive Pearce, Taylah Pratt, Emma Scown, Josie Stent, Kirsten Tanner, Brooke Watkins

Junior Contemporary Troupe

This troupe is led by Aliyah Le'Mon and is made up of the following students: Rosa Atkins, Sunny Davis, Jemma dos Santos, Taylah Hall, Taylor-Jade Kernahan, Ella Logan, Dillyn Shine (Captain), Lucca Toomey

Hip Hop Troupe

This troupe is co-led by Ashlee Morgan and Emily Wiese and is made up of the following students: Puarito Atutahi, Acacia Batt, Natalie Coburn, Maia De Bruin, Janiah Mihaere, Izla Morris, Marama Tapsell, Pounamu Williams, Jazlyn Winders.

All of these troupes are currently working towards their repertoire for the Tauranga Dance Inc Competition in May at Baycourt Theatre and the Tauranga Performing Arts Festival in July. Congratulations girls and we look forward to seeing your passion and energy for Dance shine.

'Sailability' Tauranga – a sailing experience for students with physical, learning or sensory disabilities

Students from the Inclusive Learning Centre had the opportunity to participate in a "Sailability" sailing experience on 7 March 2019 at the Tauranga Yacht and Powerboat Club, Sulphur Point. 'Sailability' enables people with disabilities to sail safely, experience freedom & adventure, and gain self-confidence. Students sailed with experienced sailors in specially adapted 'Hansa 303' sailing dinghies, accompanied by patrol boats to ensure safety. Senior students from the college sailing team, Ella Waterreus & Courtney Smith, also provided land-based support and encouragement on the day. Here are some thoughts from Petra and MacKenzie about their experience:

Sailing was awesome.

At first it was scary, but then later I grew comfortable.

We got to steer the boat by pulling the rope, which changes the direction of the sail.

I got wet a bit and the water was really, really cold.

We learnt how to be safe in the water (use lifejackets).

While sailing, the wind almost blew my hat off.

Sometimes it was really bumpy like a jet boat.

The people were nice and it was fun.



Horse of the Year

The annual Horse of the Year took place over a week from the 12th until the 17th of March, with the event covering all disciplines. This is a national event that the girls can compete in, if they have qualified. This year Minnie Davies and Libby Coster qualified and competed in the Cat C show hunter class. They both came out with amazing results. Minnie Davies placed in two of her classes, gaining a 4th in the rider class (equitation) and a 5th in the Pony of the Year. Libby Coster placed 9th in the Pony of the Year. It was a successful weekend for the two girls, so this was a great way for the girls to finish their show hunter season.



Textiles Students visit School of Fine Arts

Year 12 and 13 Textiles students were given the opportunity to visit Whitecliffe College (School of Fine Arts). This included a tour of not only the Whitecliffe fashion and textiles department but also a small tour of the graphic design and photography rooms. This was followed by research of designs, fabrics and fashion from designer brands in Ponsonby. Afterwards we had time to look for fabric, samples and components unavailable in Tauranga at Otara Fabric Warehouse. The students were given a chance to consider career pathways and get a peek at what it would be like to study and work in these creative industries.

"looking at past students' work at Whitecliff inspired our current projects at school and encouraged us to look into the creative industries as a career path" say Hanna

"It was cool to see the environment these students were working in" commented Flora

"Overall, a very informative day" Danika added

Overall it was a trip full of useful information and maybe a laugh or two. It truly gave us a great view of what a future in the creative industries could hold for TGC's textiles students.

Piper Van Rinsvelt Year 13.



Cultural Dance

The 11/12 Dance class celebrated the success of their first NCEA assessment for the year 'Perform an Ethnic Dance - Bollywood' with a Bollywood Party filled with Curry, Bollywood music, Costumes, and Dance. What a great opportunity to explore culture alongside dance!



Volleyball

This term we have 15 teams representing Tauranga Girls' College in Volleyball, all of which are competing in the local Tauranga Competition. This term the focus is mainly on the Senior teams as they prepare for the NZSS competition in Palmerston North later on this month, however our Junior teams are well under-way with weekly drills and skills that will take them through to the end of the year, where the focus shifts to the Junior North Island competition in Term 4.

We have four Senior and Development teams competing in the BOP champs which involves 6 days of competition to cement Senior A and B teams playing Trident, Long Bay and St Andrews College over the holidays. rankings for the NZSS.



Senior A and B teams playing Trident, Long Bay and St Andrews College over the holidays.



Senior A team playing St Margaret's College over the holidays

BOP Champs: Senior B Volleyball Team

The Senior B Volleyball team has had a few hard but fun weekends playing at ASB arena for the BOP Champs Volleyball tournament and are pleased with the effort and improvement which has been noticeable each game. The tournament, which is played out over 4 weekends of two day pool play, was challenging for the senior B and resulted in them coming away with not as many wins as they'd originally hoped for. However, the girls all played exceptionally well and put an increasing amount of effort into each game which meant there were a few very close and exciting games, which were nearly successful. In spite of this, the Senior B are extremely pleased with the placing they received and are looking forward to doing even better at the NZSS Volleyball tournament which is being played out over the next week in Palmerston North. Wish them

Senior A Volleyball Team at Bay Champs

In the first 2 weekends of the tournament (4 games), we were still getting to know each other and how each other played. We won 3 out of the four games. The weekend just gone on Saturday we played Otumoetai senior A team and were able to take a set off them, something no other team in the tournament managed to do, but unfortunately we let the game slip away on us. Later that day we won our quarter final against Trident B team, putting us through to the semis. Our semi was on Sunday against Whakatane A, unfortunately we lost in 5 sets, but that was one of the best games that we have played so we weren't too unhappy about the loss. This meant we had to play Otumoetai A again for 3th and 4th. We went into the game with positive attitudes but tired bodies as we had just played 3 intense games. Despite our exhaustion we all managed to play another 5 setter and finally win! In the end we ended up placing 3rd overall putting us in a good position for nationals.

Danceography



Move over Selfies...we have a new instagram craze!

Check out the incredibly talented photos some of our Year 10 Dance students have captured in our school environment all through the lens of their phones!!! They perfectly capture style and grace in motion and are a visual treat freezing a moment in time.

International Students meet the Mayor



On March 12th the International students from schools at all levels; (primary, intermediate and college) were invited to the annual welcome event at the Holy Trinity Church. Tauranga Girls' College had 22 international girls from countries ranging from Germany, Korea, Japan, Mauritius, and Thailand. They enjoyed lots of performances including the Tauranga intermediate Schools Kapa Haka, an Indian dance, Chinese fan dance, and a Korean Drum performance. The new International students were provided with a morning tea, and a photo with the Mayor Greg Brownless after the performances and Mayor's speech. Overall the event was a friendly introduction to the beautiful Tauranga region and an insight to the student life in New Zealand.

Google EduTour



Ealier this week the kura welcomed Google onsite as they "shipped in." The Google EduTour team offered important learning opportunities for teaching and leadership staff from schools across the Bay of Plenty; primary, secondary and tertiary. As we continue our own TGC journey of integrating technology into our teaching and learning, we hugely value opportunities like this to share our knowledge and learn what benefits our students can gain from the exciting ideas of others.

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Cheyann O'Brien-Ririnui Year 12

Contemporary Maori Art



"Te Haerenga"

The theme of my artwork is 'Te Haerenga o Te Heke Tohora Tolaga Bay, Aotearoa' or also known as 'The Journey of the Whale Migrating to Tolaga Bay, New Zealand'.

The reason behind what inspired me to use this specific theme or story of migrating whales was because I've always had a wide interest in sea life and how beautiful it is. In a way of my journey the

whale is represented as a figure which symbolises or compares to a significant person and their journey. Throughout life's journey, many experience challenging tasks and adventures which is how they've got to where they are now, this is where the whales journey relates to real life events.

Within my hoe mural and my paintings I used a few different techniques to give multiple layers and textures. A few examples of techniques I used are scraping back, self made stencils to create my own personal unique patterns and dabbing with a sponge to get water effects.

Reina Cottier is my main artist model I choose to base my artwork around. I created an image board with all my research on Cottier as a reference. I got inspired by her work as it was very symbolic to New Zealand. I also liked the painting techniques she used.

During the process of my artwork we worked in the studio to take our own photographs, which had to reflect our theme of Te Haerenga. With my photographs I used a map of New Zealand, but more specifically the East Coast, making Tolaga Bay stand out which lightly covered over my models face. Along with this I used a moko kauae (traditional Maori tattoo on the chin) and the mana we hold. Overall I enjoyed the journey of completing my journey of my art work 'Te He Haerenga o Te Heke Tohora Tolaga Bay, Aotearoa', The Journey of the Migrating Whale To Tolaga Bay, New Zealand.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards



Congratulations to the following girls who, with sponsorship from Blue Light gained their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. The certificates were presented by representatives of Blue Light at assembly:

Maia Flint
Teia Kahura
Emily Trask
Stephanie Austin
Lola Vahey Bourne
Brooke Poutawera
Shinae Stewart
Parvi Goundar
Teagan Meyer
Minardi Daniel.

Speech Winner



Congratulations to Parvi Goundar who has won the United Nations Regional Speech Competition. She now completes in the National United Nations Speech Competition.

Textiles Technology New Room



With an ever increasing number of students taking the creative and innovative option of Textiles Technology, a second specialist practical room has been opened to accommodate them. This year Mrs Fiona Lochhead, who has a passion for Textiles Technology, is looking forward to working with the students in this new space.

SADD Trip:

A small group of students (part of the SADD (Students Against Dangerous Driving) Committee at TGC) attended the Bay Of Plenty Workshop last Thursday. Parvi Goundar, Rebecca Eggersglusz, Ashlen Kaur, Ojasvini Saily, Mahnoor Qadri, Kiefer Davies, Elena Broadfoot, Jessie Chang and Avery Moore went to the day long workshop with other schools from the Bay of Plenty to discuss road safety, safe driving and spreading awareness.

The SADD Committee has big plans for the school year to make sure that the roads are safe for everyone, but especially students.

HEEADSS assessments

Adolescence is a time of growth and development and can be challenging for some.

Our School nurse Paula Ngatai will be conducting health checks on yr 9 students over the next 3 terms using the Ministry of Health's "HEEADSS" assessment tool. This includes a range of questions relating to home, school, eating, drug/oh, depression, sexuality and safety. Any health risks identified will have the appropriate support offered to student and family. If you wish to opt out from having the check done please contact the nurse on 5788114 Ext 774

Coming Up

25 - 29 March	Summer Tournament Week
28 March	Board of Trustees Meeting
5 April	Mufti Day
8 April	Teddy Bears' Picnic
12 April	End of Term 1
13 April	Tauranga Girls' College Ball
29 April	Start of Term 2 (Teacher Only Day)
1 May	Scholarship Evening

**Teacher Only Day
29 April 2019**

Term Dates 2019

Term 1: ends 12 April
 Term 2: 29 April - 05 July
 Term 3: 22 July - 27 September
 Term 4: 14 October - 9 December

The School of Choice for Girls

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: Ms Caroline Gill	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		
Brand and Communications Leader			Kaydi O'Connor, koconnor@tgc.school.nz	

College bank account details:

Name of Account	Tauranga Girls' College Board of Trustees		
Name of Bank	ANZ	Branch	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 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"



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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