



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

Newsletter Pānui



It's down to the last few weeks of another fabulous year at TGC!

Senior Prizegiving successes

Congratulations to all our prize winners at our schools Senior Prizegiving event held two weeks ago. There is such an enormous pool of gifted and talented young women that even our community scholarship awardees struggled to finalise their winners. With over \$300,000 in scholarships also being awarded to our girls, I hope that you get a sense of the standard and expectation we have of your daughter also. This value is up on last year and reflects the depth of talent being rewarded by people both in and outside of the school. None of this comes without sacrifice and determination, failure and learning but what it does replicate is what occurs in life beyond school. Outside of school there will be further sacrifices, determination, failure and learning, and this College endeavours to provide those opportunities and experiences so that they can continue to succeed when they complete their time at TGC.

House Rivalry continues

With senior students having left school, our junior house leaders have taken up the reins to ensure the next house event gets underway. During activities week, both Year 9 and 10 students will earn house points in a tik tok competition. These points will carry over into the 2020 year and be tallied to determine the 2020 house champions.

A healthy interest in Social Media

Tik Tok, like other Apps need to be used appropriately and we ask that if your daughter is using this app, she does so sensibly and not in a way that harms others. Tik Tok has come out of China and there have been reports of misuse of this app. Parents/whanau, we encourage you to take a healthy interest in your daughter's Social Media footprint. Be aware of the use so that if there is misuse, you are acting on this promptly. The Harmful Digital Communications Act (2015) came into law as a reminder to all of us to take responsibility for our digital footprint.

TGC Shorts are here!

And they look fabulous! Details of where they can be purchased as part of our College's summer uniform will be made available on our website and see page three for where to order. The skirt remains both our summer AND winter uniform option. Short are only a summer option. Our school uniform shorts are **not** available at NZ Uniforms.



TGC Magazine 2019

Our College's magazine is at the printers. Thanks to Sam Bridge in the Library for taking up the challenge to produce our Magazine this year. Special thanks to Lily, Hannah and others in the magazine committee for ensuring our magazine celebrates our diversity in the arts, sports, culture and academics.

Minister of Education

announces a number of changes

Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education announced a number of changes to the way schools will be operated in the future. These changes are a result of the Tomorrows Schools Review which was conducted through a series of consultation meetings around the country in 2018. Whilst there were deemed some rather radical changes, overwhelming feedback has resulted in more moderate responses and are reflected in three key areas:

1. Improving educational equity
2. Rebuilding trust across the education system
3. Deliberate connections and supports across the system

The changes announced include the following

- More frontline support through a new education agency
- More support for Principals and school boards
- New independent disputes panels for parents and students
- Management of school property to be simplified and or transferred to the Ministry
- Enrolment zones to be managed locally not by each school
- A donation scheme that allows state and state integrated decile 1-7 schools to not seek voluntary donations

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/information-about-what-the-changes-mean-for-you/information-for-parents-and-whanau/>

Opting into the Donation Scheme

Tauranga Girls' College will be opting in to the Ministry of Education's School Donations Scheme for the 2020 year.

This decision has been made in line with the school's first emergent strategic intent of Flexible Student-centred Learning. Learning is designed to include opportunities where every student is encouraged to explore, challenge and innovate so that they may thrive now and move forward with confidence. The Board considers the reduction in costs to parents a likely contributor to increased student participation in the rich learning opportunities the school offers.

While the \$150 per student offered under the Ministry's scheme will not cover fully the cost of the opportunities provided to our students, the scheme gives the Board the opportunity to review our community funding sources and reduce the burden on families. It is the Board's expectation that we will maintain the current learning offering to our students.

The Board acknowledges the scheme is likely to incur a financial cost to the school. Although it is impossible to quantify exactly the cost of this scheme the Board is committed to underwriting this financial cost to enable the school to trial the scheme for the first year without impacting on the rich learning opportunities afforded to our students.

The actual cost of the scheme will be able to be quantified before the decision for the 2021 year needs to be made.

Yvonne Handley
Chair - Tauranga Girls' College Board of Trustees

Some costs remain

Despite TGC opting into the donation scheme, there are still some costs parents will be expected to cover. Camps are an example of this, as are some other costs such as accommodation and transport costs when attending overnight field trips. There will be more information about this in 2020.

Ground staff thanks!

A big thanks to our ground and property staff of Larry, Trevor, Naresh and Samson who continue to take pride in the way our College looks. The roses, a beautiful splash of colour in our school, are looking their best. Thank you to this team for their #prideintgc

Junior Prizegiving is in sight

The year concludes with Junior Prizegiving on 06 December and we look forward to your attendance to that event. All Year 9 and 10 students will attend Prizegiving as this is a school day. The day will end the school year for all students at the conclusion of this celebration at approx 12noon.

Service is key in Years 9 and 10 but also for any formal roles at TGC

Service is key to being a student at TGC. When we support others to be the best that they can be, we ensure we are doing the same. A focus on others and not self is a way of valuing others, being community minded and realising that together we make the biggest positive difference both in and out of school. All students interested in applying for formal roles of Head, Deputy Head Girl or Prefect roles must demonstrate 'giving back'. Service comes in many forms. Sometimes, many of us give service without realising that is what we are doing. Helping your coach at the end of a game by packing up team gear, helping at your marae, volunteering at the foodbank, surf club, a neighbour, tutoring a less able student or noticing a student in need and helping them during break times are just a small selection of service types. None of which are paid.

2020 will be the second year in which students applying for formal leadership roles must have demonstrated service if they are wanting to earn a place in the head students team.

So, regardless of whether you are interested in a formal role or not, take pride, participate and respect others by giving service to others today.

Modelling life long learning

Congratulations to Mrs L Summerville, Mrs M Hill and Mrs S O'Sullivan who have all been successful in their application for a 2020 Secondary Teachers Support Grant which enables them to have four hours to contribute towards further study.

Teacher Only Day and Junior Study Day

Last Friday 15 November while Year 9 and 10 students had the day to study, teachers were being upskilled about the new digital technology curriculum.

Two facilitators set the scene with an overview and then the TGC Digital Technology team engaged us in a series of workshops to help us to better understand the changes that TGC is already putting in place but also how we need to develop further changes to the curriculum (and which includes an upgrade of computer hardware in J135).



Shown here are some staff at the computational thinking workshop!

Tara Kanji
Principal

New Uniform Shorts now available

Shorts now available to order at Stitch by Stitch.

Go to <http://www.stitchbystitch.co.nz/> for address, telephone and opening hours.

A set of sizes will be available to try on and you will be able to pay and order. Your order should arrive in two to three weeks.

Cricket Success

Congratulations to Amelia Harvey 9TYL, Sarah-Jane Stone 11BMY and Nensi Patel for their selection in the Women's Domestic NPL cricket team 'The Velocity'. This competition is at the highest level of the New Zealand women's domestic competition. We look forward to following their process throughout the summer season.

International Youth Silent Film Festival NZ 2019

Winner of International Youth Silent Film Festival NZ 2019 Is our very own, Nicey (Daryn) Saludez, for her 3 minute stop motion silent film "The One who Killed The One I Love"

A detective tries to find the killer of his girlfriend. Will he be able to find the culprit?

Nicey wins \$2000 and, along with those placed 2nd and 3rd in NZ, is now in the IYSFF International Awards Final held in Portland, Oregon, US in June 2020. They will join the top three films from each regional from America, Australia, and the United Arab Emirates.

In addition, the dynamic duo of Courtney Thomas & Elena Broadfoot won IYSFF NZ BEST EDITING for their film "Cut and Paste".

Our girls had massive presence as top three finalists for the following awards:

Finalist - Best Director Lea Foxcroft for "Young George"

Finalist - Best Actor Grace Adams in "Young George"

Finalists - Best Cinematography Caitlin Robb for "Courage", Lea Foxcroft for "Young George" **Finalists - Best Production Design** Caitlin Robb for "Courage", Nicey (Daryn) Saludez for "The One who Killed The One I Love"

Finalists - Best Editing Nicey (Daryn) Saludez for "The One who Killed The One I Love", Elena Broadfoot & Courtney Thomas "Cut and Paste"



Host Families Required for International Students

Tauranga Girls' College International Department are URGENTLY looking for families to host International Students in 2020. Student stays range from 3 weeks - 1 year.

If you meet this criteria:

- be prepared for anyone living in the home 18+ to have a police check
- can provide a student with their own room
- are not primarily doing it for the money involved
- have a genuine interest in finding out more about other cultures
- are tolerant, have a sense of humour and interact well together
- have an empathy with and understanding of teenagers
- are able to set fair but firm negotiated boundaries
- can provide transport to after school activities
- will provide three meals a day including snacks . This includes any takeaways or meals out with the host family
- to offer regular outings/day trips to points of interest to specifically show your student and to encourage her to participate in the family's activities and routines e.g. chores, sports, family holidays and outings
- To set reasonable rules

THE INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Contact:

Toni Bielecki - Homestay Manager

Phn: 578 8144 ext 808

email: tbielecki@tgc.school.nz

Artist of the Week

Tarryn Boyd, Year 10 "Drypoint Print"

I really wanted my print to reflect what I love and feel connected with. So for my scape I chose Papamoa Beach, because I have lots of great memories with my family there and It's a very relaxing and calming place for me. For my person, object or animal, I decided on an animal more specifically a bear because they're my favourite wild animal and I think they're both amazing and terrifying. After those were chosen I began the actual printing process. There was lots of planning to do including drawing sketches and working out potential layouts, sizes etc. But after it was sorted out and I was happy with it, I did a final sketch and then began scribing, which took awhile for me. However, once I was finally done, I added the ink on to it, (while following various techniques to ensure it looked good) and pressed it. Which afterwards my final print was complete.



Importance of Hydration in Summer

Just a reminder that the students should be encouraged to take a drink bottle to school every day.

Keeping students hydrated is not only essential for their health it also facilitates their performance in the classroom. For students who are struggling at school with fatigue, irritability, confusion, headaches, lack of concentration or even nausea, the solution may be as simple as drinking more fluids.

Tip: Try half filling a drink bottle in the freezer overnight then complete filling up with water in the morning before school.



Black Ferns Rugby Development Squad

It is with much pleasure that we report our very own Angel Mulu - a past pupil of Tauranga Girls' College, has been selected for the Black Ferns Rugby Development Squad. Angel is currently on tour in Fiji, where she is set to debut for New Zealand in their series against Fiji.

Angel played for the Tauranga Girls' College 1st XV, was a part of the Rugby Academy when she left school and has been playing with the Women's BOP Volcanix Rugby Team for the past two years.

She is an amazing example of how discipline, belief and long term planning can help you achieve your dreams.

We would like to wish Angel all the best on her career playing Rugby at the highest level, for our Country, we look forward to seeing you achieve great things on the international stage!

Angel is pictured in Fiji with fellow Volcanix players: left to right Luka Connor, Kelsie Wills and Kendra Reynolds.



Important Notice from Tauranga City Council

Reopening of Welcome Bay Lane

On Sunday 24 November, Tauranga City Council is reopening Welcome Bay Lane after improving safety at the entry and exit points of this road. If you and your child/ren travel along this section of Welcome Bay Road, please take note of the following.

How to use the new road lay-out: Welcome Bay Lane entry

- If you're driving in a car and turning into Welcome Bay Lane please indicate, slow down and look over your left shoulder for people on bikes.
- If you're travelling on your bike, there are two options. We advise you to divert left off Welcome Bay Road and use a new, off-road shared path and safe crossing point located along Welcome Bay Lane which will bring you back to Welcome Bay Road. The other option, if you are a confident cyclist, is to remain on Welcome Bay Road. Please be aware of cars turning left into Welcome Bay Lane if choosing this option.
- People on foot should continue to use the existing footpath facilities provided.

How to use the new road lay-out: Welcome Bay Lane exit

All road users will need to stop and look for oncoming traffic when exiting Welcome Bay Lane.

More information

Tauranga City Council contact centre
07 577 7000.

9PTE giving community service to Gate Pa Primary School

On Wednesday 13 November, students from 9PTE spent half a day at Gate Pa Primary School supporting Year 5 and Year 6 students compete in their annual Gate Pa Athletics day.

It was a fantastic opportunity for 9PTE to demonstrate our school values, particularly in the way they proudly represented TGC at this event.



Gate Pa teachers gave the girls lots of praise for their positive attitudes, support of their students and assistance in both track and field events. 9PTE behaved responsibly and respectfully and were fantastic ambassadors for TGC.



They hope to be asked back again in 2020 to take part in another Tuakana/Teina experience.



Junior BOP Volleyball Championships

The Junior BOP Volleyball championships were held over the past three weekends and Tauranga Girls' College had 4 teams representing the school. All teams did extremely well securing good placings for the upcoming North Island Secondary School Competition to be held in Tauranga next week. The Junior A team placed third overall gaining a bronze medal, the 9A team placed 12th, the Development team placed 15th and the 9B placed 28th. Congratulations to all of the students involved, we are very proud of you. And a huge thank you to all of our coaches including our student coaches who helped.

Photo of Junior A team



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Tennis



On Friday 08 August 30 TGC students headed out to Papamoa for the Junior secondary schools BOP tennis champs. We had the highest representation of any school!

Our girls practically cleaned up with the placings and awards. Sophie Karl can be congratulated for gaining gold in division one singles. Her tennis is outstanding and she is superb to watch. In division two singles Bianca Enright gained gold, Lily Knight silver and Maia Turner bronze. There were two competitions in division two doubles. Our girls battled it out to get all winning placings.

The results are as follows:

Girls Doubles Division 2A 1st Chloe Marlow-McSweeney/Hine Lankshear
 2nd Ireland Bourne/Aimee Unwin
 3rd Georgia Chrisp /Sarah Esterman
 Girls Doubles Division 2B 1st Bree McTavish-Huriwai/Michelle Clarke
 2nd Ella Ryan/Jasmine Watchorn
 3rd Grace Kahle/Anika Hyland Aquinas College.

It was great to see so many of our girls challenging themselves by playing in this competition, especially as tennis is a very new sport for many of them.



Calendar

25—28 November	10DNC and 10DRA Performances
28 November	Year 8 Orientation Day
03 December	Year 9 Activity Day
04 December	Year 10 Activity Day
06 December	Junior Prizegiving End of Term 4

NZQA Examinations 2019

The NZQA examinations for 2019 will commence on Friday 08 November and finish on Tuesday 03 December. While the NZQA examinations are held at the Tauranga Girls' College examination centre, they are managed by NZQA and all students must follow the NZQA rules and instructions. All examinations must be sat on the timetabled day and time. If a student misses an examination there is no further opportunity for a re-sit until the NZQA examinations in the following year.

Rules for Candidates:

- Follow all instructions of the NZQA supervisor

- All work that you submit for marking must be your own

- You may only take approved calculators (see your Mathematics teacher for the list of approved calculators) into the examination room which have had their memories cleared and have been checked.

- You are not allowed to bring the following into the examination room:

 - Any electronic device (e.g. cell phones and smart watches) unless it is switched off and inside the sealed emergency evacuation pack.

 - Any paper, except for your admission slip

 - Any notes in any form

 - Any watch of any type (digital or analogue).

Admission Slips

You will receive your admission slips:

- At the NCEA assembly if you are in Year 11

- At the Senior Prize Giving on Monday 04 November if you are in Year 12 or Year 13.

You must take your admission slip to every examination. Do not write on it in any way, at any time. Check that the details on your admission slip are correct. If there is an error in your personal details you must go to the office to get this corrected. If there is an error in your entries you must see the Principal Nominee, Ms Rowlands. It is important to note that a withdrawal from an examination could not occur after 01 September.

Derived Grade

You may apply for a derived grade if:

- You were not able to sit the examination because you were sick, you had an accident or there was an unexpected emergency beyond your control.

- You think you did not do as well as you could have in the examination for the above reasons.

If you believe that you are eligible for derived grade you must pick the forms (including form to be completed by a medical practitioner).

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
International Students:			Mrs Linda Clifford	ext 729	
International Home Stay:			Mrs Toni Bielecki	ext 808	
Guidance Counsellors			Ms Judy Burr	ext 728	Ms Sue Ferguson ext 724
Inclusive Learning Leader			Ms Karen Gilby	ext 763	

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