



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

Newsletter Pānui



And before you know it, the senior students end another school year!

Farewell Year 13's

On Thursday 31 October the College farewelled our Year 13's with one final dedicated school assembly. A flashmob dance and cameo performance by Mrs Prendiville, the Year 13 Dean were highlights to end what has been a fantastic year for the majority of this cohort. The evening concluded with a leavers dinner with parents and a final opportunity to enjoy the company of potential life long friends made from school. I thank all of the cohort for their contribution to TGC and wish them all the very best in whatever they pursue and encourage them to continue to make a positive difference where they stand. Kia kaha Year 13.

Well Being

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the well being of students, staff and family is important to all of us. We often get busy with daily routines, skip meals, miss exercising and put in

a few extra hours, especially as we head towards the end of the year. Remember, to take the time to look after one another. Factor in some 'you' time and time for others. A kind and caring word or smile can go a long way. Listen to your body. Eating and sleeping well are important. Make sure if you are feeling down or unhappy that you take the time to speak to someone, an adult, friend, your doctor or someone you know that can help. Asking for help is what we all need to do from time to time so make sure you do when it's your turn. At school, students have access to two guidance counsellors, deans, whānau tutors, Deputy Principals or other adults such as coaches or mentors that can support your daughter. We are only too happy to help so do keep us informed if you have any concerns or have noticed changes in your daughter's behaviour. Contact details of the people who support your daughter are located on the back of this newsletter.

Celebrating the successes of our Māori and Pasifika talent

As begun last year, our celebration formats have changed from previous years. This year saw the introduction and combination of our Māori and Pasifika girls being celebrated under the new name of Te Moana nui a Kiwi. Thank you to kaumatua Tu and Pop for their opening and closing karakia but also for being a valued part of our kura. We always look forward to their enthusiasm and support of our school. It was a fabulous evening with our Pasifika fono and our whānau celebrating the achievement of our girls and culminating in the announcement of the two supreme awards Ngā Kete o Te Wānanga awarded to Olivia Summerville and Kahu Taketake Award and Korowai awarded to Taylor Campbell. This was the first year a Pasifika prefect role was added to the student leadership team so it was wonderful to celebrate the huge work undertaken by both the kaupapa Māori prefects and the Pasifika prefect. This all bodes well for a continuation in 2020.

A further change has been in the MC role for the Senior Prizegiving. Previously, this role was held by the Head Girl, but it was agreed this role was appropriate for the DHG of Learning to conduct, so, thanks to Akira McTavish-Huriwai for setting the standard this year. You are all amazing!



Pasifika Prefect Ofa Ofu giving her summary of her year at the Te Moana nui a Kiwi celebration

Welcome and farewell

Farewell Mrs Louise Fletcher. Mrs Fletcher retires at the end of this year. A passionate mathematician who has given 25 years of service to Tauranga Girls' College says it's time to leave school! We wish her all the very best in her retirement.

Congratulations and nau mai haere mai to whaea Kirimatao Ahimiro. Kiri is an alumna of TGC and returns to our kura as an Assistant Teacher of Te Reo and Tikanga. What an exciting appointment for TGC. Welcome home Kiri! We also take this opportunity to thank whaea Ahenata May-Courtney who has been in a fixed term teaching position in the Te Reo Department. We thank her for her contribution and wish her every happiness on her upcoming marriage.

Embroidery on your uniform for Year 13's (2020)

NZ Uniforms the current supplier of our school shirt has agreed to put 'Year 13' on the uniform shirt of any current Year 12 student who will be in Year 13 next year. In the past, students in Year 13 had to purchase a different shirt. Now, they can get this added for a small cost. This cost will be **reimbursed by the school upon receipt**. Only students with Year 13 on their shirts are permitted to leave school grounds during their study periods. The 'Year 13' on the uniform is key to this so please get your shirt embroidered asap.

The following is the procedure for girls who require 'Year 13' or wish to add the Discobolus logo onto their existing school shirt and are currently in Year 12:

Please get this done before or immediately after NCEA exams and well before school begins next year!

1. *Students drop blouse off to NZ Uniforms, a payment of \$5 per blouse will be required at the time. This will be reimbursed by the school upon receipt.*
2. *Students will be advised to allow 2 weeks for processing, and to then call into the store to pick up.*

Note: Blouses must be freshly laundered. NZ Uniforms is located at 94 Elizabeth Street, Tauranga.

If you wish to have discobolus added to your shirt (not polo as this is no longer uniform after 2019) this will cost an additional \$8. Adding discobolus is optional and therefore will not be reimbursed.

Measles concerns during NCEA

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the Measles outbreak is still of concern and those students not immunised put themselves and others at risk. Should a student have measles or suspected of measles during NCEA exams, they will not be allowed to sit the exam. Please ensure your daughter is not at risk and does not put others at risk. If you are unsure if she has been immunised, ring your doctor and speak to the nurse.

Keeping Safe update

You will have read in the newspaper that there has been some unwanted behaviour by a member of the public towards one of our girls. Police have followed up on this and I am impressed with how thorough they have been in supporting the student and her family, our school but also the wider community. This is another timely reminder to be vigilant. If you see any untoward behaviour please report it. If you are in any danger, call the police on 111. Take a photo if you can, be firm but respectful in your language and move away at your earliest convenience. Your safety is important to us.

New Uniform reminders - including our new shorts

Our new TGC shorts will be available in time for the start of the 2020 school year. Shorts are a summer uniform item with trousers being explored as the winter option. Our school skirt remains the summer and winter option.

Lenco are our new suppliers and the only stockists of our shorts (not NZ Uniforms). Lenco supply the TiS and TBC uniform, so we welcome them to TGC. Lenco will have a stockist of our uniform in Greerton and have plans to open a store on 22nd Avenue in a property which they have already purchased. This is fabulous news for us. Eventually Lenco will supply other uniform items along with NZ Uniforms. The shorts are in production as I type and were chosen based on student voice.

The new shirt, introduced this year, replaced the polo which is no longer a uniform item in 2020. The new production of the shirt have discobolus embroidered on them. Year 13 students in 2020 should read the note earlier in this newsletter regarding the embroidery of "Year 13" on their current Year 12 shirt which avoids having to purchase a brand new shirt, as students in previous years had to. This heavily reduces costs for everyone.

Term 4 for Year 9 and 10 students

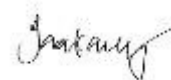
Term 4 remains a busy term for both our Year 9 and 10 students. Juniors have exams soon and should all be making time to go over their years learning in preparation. Friday 15 November is a study day for Year 9 and 10 students, there is no school on this day. Exams take place 18-22 November. The year concludes with Junior Prizegiving on 06 December and we look forward to your attendance to that event. More details will follow in subsequent newsletters.

Service is key 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.

Enjoy the intervening weeks ahead, take care, be kind and smile!



Tara Kanji
Principal

National Gymnastics Champion

Congratulations to Kelly Taylor who in October represented Bay of Plenty Gymnastics at the NZ Gymnastics National Championships in Auckland. She competed for the first time in the 17+ age group for the Double Mini Trampoline and won Gold. She is now the National Champion for NZ 17+ woman despite being only 16 years old at the time of Nationals; she was completing with woman as old as 21 years old. Well done Kelly, we are very proud of you.



Kumeu Art Awards - Rebecca Kneale

I recently submitted some artwork for the Youth Category at the Kumeu Art awards 2019. I was shortlisted and attended the awards evening. They had around 160 entries, approx 100 pieces were shortlisted in both the Open and Youth categories. I was really pleased to win joint first place in the Youth section for my realist pencil drawing. This picture contrasted well with the joint winner who produced a more conceptual piece called *Mother Nature* done in acrylic paint. My award was presented by Mandy Jakich who owns a company that teaches children and teachers about art, called *Creative Matters*. It is interesting entering competitions and attend awards evenings. I recommend students give these competitions a go as they are a good experience and you can go to some interesting places.



TGC Library Summer Reading Club

TGC Library is again running a **Summer Reading Club** which means some of our print collection goes out over the long summer break rather than gathering dust on the shelves. Students who are returning to TGC in 2020 can borrow up to 10 books over the summer break. These are chosen on Friday 29 November & Thursday 05 December. Students get a free blue bag to take their books home in & a chocolate santa. Books taken are due back early in the first term of 2020.



Artist of the Week

Tia Carden - Year 9

Whakatauki: Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei

Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain

I chose this whakatauki because what I want to portray most is courage, inner strength, and persistence. My lofty mountain is using these attributes to motivate myself to reach my goals.

The symbols I used to represent my whakatauki:

I painted a horse jumping over a log because horses don't naturally do that. It is actually really hard for them, especially when they haven't been trained to. This showed courage. I painted an ant holding up a stick because the stick is much heavier than the ant itself and I found it fascinating that an ant can pick up more than its own body weight. This shows inner strength. The painted man catching a wave reflects his goal to catch the perfect wave. This shows practice and persistence. Lastly I painted a plant breaking through the dried up landscape. Regardless of conditions, if you persevere you can do anything in life. This shows perseverance and achievement.

Techniques I used:

I used gloss to make the water look shiny and reflective. Fine lines were for outlining and defining small details. The modelling compound was used for texture, this made the key elements in the painting stand out to show their importance. Sponging and blending colours for the sky and trees to create a scene with colour.

Which technique worked best?

I think that the modelling compound was very useful, creating texture and depth on the main objects in my painting. These main objects were telling the story and needed to stand out as they were the main focus of my whakatauki.

Am I happy with my work?

I feel there is room for improvement. I tried exploring new techniques to expand myself and my knowledge of art. I am happy because I learnt a few things by doing that. By expressing main points, I feel I mostly achieved what I wanted to achieve. As this made me go deeper by not just painting a mountain but asking myself how I could express the attributes of my main points.

What worked best and what would I change and how?

I think how I incorporated all my ideas into my final painting is what worked best. If I had more time I would spend it learning more about the human body and how to draw life like features. With this improved drawing technique, I would change the surfer to look more human and less cartoonish by changing his position, face, feet and hands.



Junior Volleyball

The junior volleyball season is well underway.

We currently have four competitive teams and five social teams playing in the weekly league, and 17 beach volleyball teams ready to compete in the BOPSS Beach Volleyball Championships.

Last weekend the competitive tournaments kicked off with BOP qualifying. Congratulations to all athletes who took part and our wonderful coaches and helpers (including Head girl Maioha Haimona-Ngwharau, Deputy head girl Akuira Haimona-Ngawharau, Leader of Freyberg House Meagan Warren, and Year 12 students and NZ volleyball representatives Lucy Jensen and Mia Krueger-Reedy).

Our Junior A team came FIRST in their pool and they move into post pool play this Sunday - good luck girls! Our 9A, Junior development and 9B teams had a mixture of wins and losses and also move into post pool play this weekend - these girls are developing their skills and their resilience as volleyball is a very tough game to learn - keep working at it and you will see the results!

Upcoming events:

Saturday and Sunday November 9, 10, 16, 17 BOPSS indoor qualifying and finals all at Trustpower Arena

Thursday November 21 BOPSS Beach championships at the Mount main beach

Tuesday November 26-Friday November 29 North Island Championships at Trustpower Arena



Come down and support our rangatahi getting out there and doing their best!

Food Fare

On Tuesday 05 November three Year 9 Business Studies classes created a food market fiesta selling their products at school. This was part of their project where students selected their groups and worked together to create a business plan, survey the market, create a promotional strategy, and manufacture and sell their products, to hopefully come out with a profit. The product range was fabulous with homemade macaroons, cookies, doughnuts, real fruit ice cream, decorated strawberries and so much more.



U19 Rugby 7s

On Saturday 02 November the TGC U19 Rugby 7s team competed at the Baywide Secondary Schools 7s competition in Papamoa. The team played fantastically in very hot and windy conditions. Their sublime attack was matched by some tenacious defence, only conceding two tries in their five games. This means that they have now qualified for the National Condors Tournament in Auckland at the end of November. The team displayed great skills, even those students who were playing in their first U19 rugby tournament. Well done to the team and their coaches.



Futsal



Sport NZ has said Futsal is one of the fastest growing sports in New Zealand and at Tauranga Girls' College there are great opportunities for players in Futsal. Tauranga Girls' College was the first and is the only Bay of Plenty School to have competed at the NZ Secondary School Girls' National Futsal Championship in Wellington. In 2020 Tauranga Girls' College is looking to send two teams, a Junior and Senior Team. Following last year's season, a number of Tauranga Girls' players were successful in trialling and represented the Bay of Plenty at U16 and U19 level at the NZ Football Futsal Nationals in Wellington also. We are excited this season to have secured the services of Mario Ramos to coach in our Futsal Development Centre. Mario is an ex professional player and coach and is currently involved at National Futsal level with Bay of Plenty Men and Youth boys' teams.

A Futsal pre-season Tournament was organised and run by our Director of Football Scotty Harrison recently. Teams from Katikati College, Papamoa College, Whakatane College, Mount Maunganui College and Tauranga Girls' College competed at TGC. Mount Maunganui College were the winners with Whakatane 2nd and Tauranga Girls 3rd. A good result for TGC with a few new players to the team and TGC came together to storm home and dominate their last few games. The teams next head over to Hillcrest High School for the annual Futsal Fiesta Tournament.

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.



Self Defence

Our mixed level half year Self Defence class were lucky to have some great lessons with Scott Coburn towards the end of this course. He is a martial arts expert. The girls responded well to learning some really practical ways to defend themselves.



Throughout the second half of the year they have covered many useful topics including: Problem Solving, Sexual Harassment, Decision making around Drugs and Alcohol, Anger Management, and looking at Stress and Ways of Dealing with it.

Golf



One of the many Sports our Year 11 Physical Education students got to experience was Golf. We had a great golf expert come in to take our girls for a session. He set up a variety of courses on our back field which enabled the girls to learn chipping, driving, and putting. The girls were pleasantly surprised how much they enjoyed themselves.

TGC Film Festival 2019

The annual TGC Film Festival was immensely successful this year with the theatre completely filled with audience members. The Film Festival committee worked extremely hard to create an amazing night at the Historic Village cinema. The work showcased was the hard work from Year 11 Digital Media Arts with their innovative stop motion projects, the Year 12 Film and Media class with their nationally recognised silent films, and the Year 13 Film and Media class with their amazing conceptual video art films.

The audience enjoyed these films while enjoying fresh popcorn and we were lucky enough to have a performance from our very own fabulous musical duo, Shenazzar St. Lucia and Helena Wright.

We are so thankful to our lovely judges and Principal who decided on the best films.

A massive congratulations to all the girls who won;

Best Year 11 Film - Cindy Meier for her stop motion film "Drugs in Life"

Year 11 Highly Commended – Dianne Lemit for her film "Drugs"

Best Year 12 Film – Elena Broadfoot & Courtney Thomas for their silent film "Cut and Paste"

Year 12 Highly Commended – Rebecca Eggersglusz for her silent film "Entanglement"

Best Year 13 Film – Leka Smith for her video art film "Between Two Worlds"

Year 13 Highly Commended – Debbie Palmer for her video art film "Property of Society"

Peoples Choice Award- Rebecca Eggersglusz for her silent film "Entanglement"

Principals Choice Award - Leka Smith for her video art film "Between Two Worlds"



Year 11 Physical Education

All of our Year 11 Physical Education students got to go on a free trip to the Rock House at Mount Maunganui for an end of year treat. We all had a lot of fun attempting many different climbs. What a great way to finish off such a varied course!



Dale Carnegie Youth Programme

This year, three Year 13 students:- Lucy Paterson; Dannika Worthington and Toni Manyimo were selected and sponsored to attend the 3 day 2019 Acorn Foundation Scholarship Dale Carnegie Youth Programme alongside 11 other students from the Western Bay of Plenty. The Dale Carnegie Course is one of the most successful leadership development programmes in history having transformed over nine million graduates in 86 countries and is recognised by employers internationally. The course has proven to be extremely effective in preparing young people for transitioning from secondary school to tertiary education or the workforce.

Our three students are to be congratulated on being selected and for completing the course. They had this to say about the programme "This program has been so valuable in helping me effectively and appropriately communicate my ideas, whether that be in conversations or in a presentation. It has also increased my confidence in many different areas of my life and has given me strategies to use when encountering stress and how to cope better when under pressure."



Maths Olympiad Results

Tauranga Girls' College has been placed in the top 25% of competitors, with all but two of the team members placed in the top 50%. Judy Shin was in the top 2% of competitors, a fantastic effort. She scored 23 out of a possible 25 total marks.

International Youth Silent Film Festival 2019 – Six Tauranga Girls' College students in NZ TOP 12

Tauranga Girls College has massive presence at the upcoming International Youth Silent Film Festival New Zealand Awards with six students reaching the Top 12 films for the NZ Region.

The IYSFF is an international film competition for filmmakers aged 20 and under, from the USA, Australia, The Middle East and NZ.

Our students will be celebrated at the National Awards at Baycourt Community & Arts Centre on Friday, November 08 from 6.30pm, where they will compete for a cash prize pool of \$6500 across 9 film category awards.

Congratulations go to Year 12 students, Lea Foxcroft, Rebecca Eggersglusz, Nicey Saludez, Elena Broadfoot and Courtney Thomas, and Year 13 student, Caitlin Robb.



Young George by Lea Foxcroft - Year 12 FMP

Young George is a romance silent film set in the 1930's starring Grace Adams, Taylor Devonport and Talia Ingham directed by Lea Foxcroft. The film follows George's bored stroll which gets interrupted by two young ladies walking down the street, one of whom steals his heart.

Entanglement by Rebecca Eggersglusz - Year 12 FMP

Entanglement is a silent film starring Maggie Sandford, Alan Martinez and Isaia Tavita, directed by Rebecca Eggersglusz. Two young men fall in love at first sight with a beautiful woman, and the competition to impress her tears their friendship apart, but all is not what it seems.

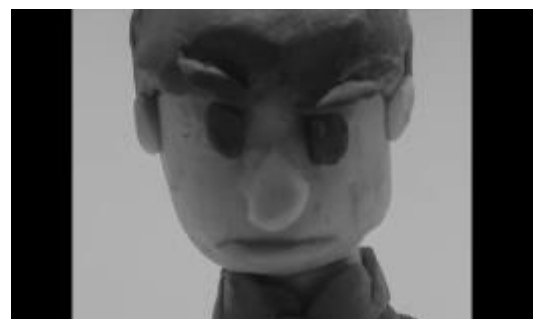


Cut and Paste by Elena Broadfoot and Courtney Thomas - Year 12

Cut and Paste is a silent film starring Rebecca Eggersglusz and Alan Martinez. A failing detective company has one last chance to find the murderer before they face bankruptcy, but with very little evidence and time, hope is running out.

The One who Killed The One I Love by Nicey Saludez - Year 12

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



Te Kura Summer School

Don't let a few NCEA credits stop you from going on to further study, training or employment in 2020. The Te Kura (The Correspondence School) accepts short-term enrolments over the summer break for students to earn additional credits or specific internal standards in NCEA.

Courses are delivered online, so with access to a computer and the internet, you can learn anywhere and anytime.

The standards and subjects offered can be viewed on the Te Kura website from 25 November, 2019. You can contact Te Kura on 0800 65 99 88 or by email at hub@tekura.school.nz.

Key Dates:

- 25 November: Enrolments open
- 16 December: Summer School starts
- 3 February: Enrolments close
- 10 February: final work to be submitted for credits to be counted towards the 2019 Record of Achievement

CALENDAR

08 November	NCEA Exams start
13 November	Gate Pa Athletics Day—9PTE
11-15 November	International Activity Week
15 November	Junior Study Day
18– 22 November	Junior Exams
25—28 November	10DNC and 10DRA Performances
28 November	Year 8 Orientation Day
6 December	Junior Prizegiving

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 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