

21 FEBRUARY 2020



TGC NEWSLETTER PĀNUI



CALENDAR

Monday 24 February

Showquest Auditions - 3:30-5:30pm, Hall

Tuesday 25 February

Colleague Only Day - School Closed

Wednesday 26 February

12GEO Field Trip - Tuahu Track
Pānui Hui 5:30 - 6:30pm, Hall

Thursday 27 February

PUM - School Closing 1:30pm
International Dept Family Function -
6:00 - 8:00pm, School Pool

Tuesday 3 March

L2PENBL - Adrenalin Forest, Tect Park

Wednesday 4 March

NZ Dance Co Workshop
L2PERCH - Adrenalin Forest, Tect Park

Thursday 5 March

Swimming Sports

Friday 6 March

Te Aro Ako Online Bookings open

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Warm greetings to you all

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa and warm greetings to you all. We hope you are enjoying the new format of our pānui/newsletter. This information can also be found on our website (www.tgc.school.nz), on a link to our FB page and on the Upschool app. We also value meeting you in person, so please take up invitations to spend time with us face to face.

Te Ara Ako because learning is important

These are TGC learning conversations. This year all students (Yr 9-13) will be involved in these conversations, facilitated by their Whānau teachers. This is your opportunity to connect with your daughter's Whānau teacher and get an overview of her plan, achievement and engagement at TGC. Online bookings open 6 March, further details are in this newsletter.

TERM DATES 2020

Term 1 - 21 January - 9 April

Term 2 - 28 April - 3 July

Term 3 - 20 July - 25 September

Term 4 - 12 October - tbc

COVID-19 (CORONA VIRUS)

Be assured, we continue to be advised by the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health regarding this virus. As communicated previously, we do not have any domestic or international students (or staff) who require to be 'self isolated' and nor do we have international students who have been travelling on the British ship the Diamond Princess. It is important to keep this virus in perspective (annually approx 500,000 people die from the common flu) and the media loop about the event is not helpful. The Human Rights Commission is urging Kiwis not to let "fears turn into ignorance, rudeness or racism" amid the coronavirus scare and I would appreciate your part in remembering this.

This link may be useful for you to refer to:
<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/119283666/coronavirus-is-a-global-misinfodemic>

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

The TGC way is when we all follow the behaviour expectations. Our schools values of Respect, Participation and Pride guide us all. I want every student to be valued and that requires every student and her whānau to support us with that. Being kind, caring and friendly regardless of the situation always helps to keep things calm and stressful times and we have a large team of adults whose role it is to support this. This includes your daughters digital tattoo or footprint. Parents please help guide your daughter by ensuring you keep an eye on what she is saying or doing online, especially in Year 9 and 10 where they require a little more support to self manage.

PĀNUI HUI

Tēnā tātou e te whānau. He karanga tēnei kia koutou, kia hui kia tūtaki ai i a mātou te tari Māori me ngā tauira whakahaere o te tau ki tō mātou kura. He wā paku kōrero me te kaitahi hoki.

Whānau should have received a hui invite as we are holding our first whānau hui of the year. This hui is to introduce our tari Māori and our Māori student leaders to you the whānau. This will be a meet, greet, and kai. We are very excited to introduce new staff and student leaders.

Nau mai haere mai koutou, Wednesday 26 February 5:30-6:30pm in the School Hall.



SWEET TREATS

I am constantly in awe of my colleagues who give up so much additional time to provide opportunities beyond the classroom for your daughter. It is an expectation that every student attending TGC commits to at least one of those opportunities. So, it was nice to be able to recognise this with a sweet treat for all 130 colleagues last Friday!

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

On Tuesday 25 February, the College will be closed. No supervision will be available for students at school. All colleagues will be engaged in Professional Learning at an off-site location. Investing in the adults who endeavour to support your daughter to be the best version of herself whilst at the same time growing their own professional capacity, is critical in any successful organisation, including TGC. We thank you for your understanding as we continue our whanaungatanga journey.



YEAR 9 POOL PICNIC/WHĀNAU BBQ

Thank you to those whānau who took the time to meet their daughters' teachers last week. It was a lovely way to connect with you in person and to show off our fabulous pool - one of our hidden gems. Many of you commented on the positive transition your daughter has made to College. We thank you for your part in that too.

Tara Kanji
Tumuaki/Principal

SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

All Rural and Bay Hopper School buses are operating for Tauranga Girls' College. Please note that many of the school bus routes for the Bay Hopper have changed this year so we advise you to check their website.

ANNUAL ATHLETICS DAY

On Wednesday 19 February, Tauranga Girls' College spent the day at the Tauranga Domain for their annual Athletics Day. The four houses, Mansfield, Freyberg, Rutherford and Batten went head to head in a battle of strength, skill and stamina. The day commenced with the 'Carnival' rotations which included cool events like puzzles, pool basketball and dodgeball at the next level (some of which the TGC prefects help put together). However, sprinkled throughout the day were the competitive events, which were jam-packed full of girls getting involved, showcasing their amazing athleticism and competitive spirit. It was awesome to see some of TGC's finest in full flight whether it be in the long jump pit, in the throwing arena or out on the track.

Congratulations to those who qualified for BOP athletics and to Rutherford who won the house chant competition and Freyberg who won the overall award for the day. Overall, Athletics Day was a success for all students and staff alike.



ACORN FOUNDATION WALTERS FAMILY OVERSEAS TRAVEL AWARD

Tauranga Girls' College and the Acorn Foundation invite applications from students to apply for an Overseas Travel Award, from a fund of up to \$2,000.

The intention of this award is to provide a financial contribution to a worthy student(s) to pursue international travel as part of their personal growth and to enrich their life experiences.

Ideally, the scholarship will be awarded to a Year 11-12 student(s) who has demonstrated commitment to the school's values (manaakitanga, mahi tahi and mana motuhake), can demonstrate financial need and a commitment to funding a proportion of the trip themselves. They must have had limited overseas travel experience, and upon return will 'give back' to the College by way of service and leadership.

For further details, an Application Form may be collected from the Student Office.



TERM ONE - TE ARA AKO THURSDAY 12 MARCH 8:00AM - 5:00 PM

Te Ara Ako are the Tauranga Girls' College learning conversations. This is an opportunity to connect with your daughter's Whānau teacher.

Whānau are invited to spend 15 mins with their daughter and her Whānau Teacher as they discuss the following at each year level:

Y9 - Connecting/KAMAR

Y10 - Connecting/KAMAR

Y11 - NCEA/Pathways

Y12 - Vocational/Pathways

Y13 - Graduate Profile

If your employer requires a letter in order to request time off work please contact the school office at info@tgc.school.nz or on 07 578 8114.

Bookings open online Friday 6 March at <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>
Code: 7ff66



WELCOME TO OUR NEW COLLEAGUES



Sophie Enefer
Food Technology and
Hospitality Teacher

Kia ora, my name is Sophie Enefer and I have joined the Technology team at TGC. I am originally from London but have been living in New Zealand with my family for 12 years. I have a passion and background in food product development, fine dining and event catering around the world.

Some of the work I have done has included cooking for former British Prime Minister's, Tony Blair and Margaret Thatcher, film premier's including Lord of the Rings and exclusive celebrity weddings including footballer John Terry. Food Technology and Hospitality offers so many exciting future career opportunities and I am looking forward to teaching and empowering our students in this innovative and fast paced subject area.



Nicky Harte
Earth and Space Science
Teacher

Kia Ora. My name is Nicky Harte. I am a passionate Earth and Space Science teacher with a degree in Environmental Science and Physics. I am very excited to be joining Tauranga Girls' in a full-time role having been part time at the College during 2017 and 2019.

My family and I moved from Auckland to Tauranga three years ago. I have two children aged 12 and 10 and my husband and I enjoy outings and holidays together with the family. I love the outdoors and in particular, I enjoy skiing, biking, being in the water, travelling and generally keeping fit (yoga and pilates). We also have three cats who are very important members of our family.



Kiely Cummings
Inclusive Learning
Assistant

Kia ora, my name is Kiely Cummings and I am fortunate to be working in the Learning Hub alongside some amazing colleagues. I joined Tauranga Girls' College in 2019.

I have been a teacher in NZ and London for over 20 years and have spent the bulk of my time working with students with learning differences. My interests include my family and friends, adventures in the outdoors, travel, food, music and reading.

He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW COLLEAGUES



**Our Learning Support team has been joined by four new Inclusive Learning Assistants (ILAs) this year
from left: Rima Behere, Ruth Moore, Kiki Tahere & Sarah MacDuff**

Rima Behere

I love meeting and being around people. I believe that every day is very special whether at home with my family or with my TGC family. Every day I see, learn and find something positive and memorable to take home with me. I feel privileged and very blessed to be involved in TGC.

Ruth Moore

Kia ora! My name is Ruth Moore and I am delighted to be a part of the amazing team of ILAs in the Learning Hub. I am married with two beautiful children, a 13 year old son, and a daughter who is 11. My family is my world. We moved to beautiful Tauranga two and a half years ago and love it here!

Kiki Tahere

Kia ora, My name is Kiki and I am 19 years old. I play rugby and have been playing since I was four. Outside of being an ILA, I am a lifeguard down at the Otumoetai Pools.

Sarah MacDuff

Kia ora, I'm Sarah MacDuff and I'm excited to join the Learner Support team this year. Previously I worked in the Science Department before I left to have my two wonderful girls. You can find me enjoying time with my family or coaching a team of high flying brave trampolinists.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW DEPUTY HEAD GIRLS



Shenazzar Sta. Lucia
Deputy Head Girl
Arts

Kia Ora tatou. Ko Mauao te maunga, ko tauranga moana te awa. No tauranga moana ahau, ko Sta. Lucia toku whanau, ko Shenazzar toku ingoa.

My name is Shenazzar Sta. Lucia and I'm honoured to be TGC's Deputy Head Girl of Arts for 2020. I'm blessed to not only have this role but work with some amazing young women alongside me. The Performing Arts Prefects: Morgan Barrimore, Avril Mathers and Jessica Zhang, the Visual Arts Prefects: Jessica James and Piper McConnell, and the Audio Visual Prefects: Isys Wesche and Georgina Wooller.

Being involved with a number of performing arts and music groups over my past three years at TGC, I've witnessed first-hand the responsibilities that came with being a leader in the Arts.

I admired the passion that these past leaders had and am excited to bring that same passion to TGC in 2020. This year I hope to bring my vision of strength in unity by working alongside our kura and improving friendships and relationships with both teachers and students to create a strong, united kura. If you see me around, whether it be walking around school or at rehearsal - or even at a competition, feel free to say hi and have a chat! Friendships start with the simplest exchange of kind words. Nō reira tēnā rā koutou katoa.

Talofa Lava, Bula Vinaka, Malo Ielei, Faakalofa lahi atu.

Ko Shanay Talopau toku ingoa. Ko moutere o Samoa raua ko moutere o Niue oku iwi. It is my honour and privilege to serve as the Deputy Head girl of Cultural Diversity for 2020 at Tauranga Girls' College.

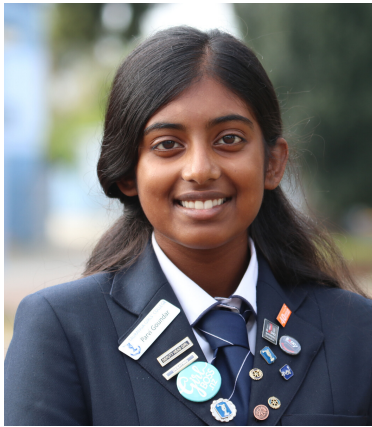
For 2020, there are great things planned and I am so excited to see the cultural diversity grow yet again within Tauranga Girls' College. Our kura are lucky to have an amazing team of wahine as the cultural diversity prefects for 2020. This awesome team consists of the Kaupapa Māori Prefects; Kaiwhiri Pita-Grey and Shayla Kiwi, the Pasifika Perspective Prefects; Beerite Jason and Julie Nielson, and the International Prefects; Ri Yoo and Heesong Kim.

One of my biggest passions is cultural diversity, and it is my vision this year to see our kura embracing and respecting all the unique differences of each individual to encourage unity and inclusion. This year we intend to highlight the different culture and diversity expressed at Tauranga Girls' College, this way the wahine at our kura can have a sense of belonging. I encourage everyone at our kura to get involved this year. Whether you audition for Kapa Haka or be a member in Pasifika, take those opportunities offered to you, meet new people and learn new things. This way we can understand each other's differences and come together as one. Whiria Te Tangta; Weave the people together.
No reira, Faafetai Lava

Shanay Talopau
Deputy Head Girl
Cultural Diversity



WELCOME TO OUR NEW DEPUTY HEAD GIRLS



Parvi Goundar
Deputy Head Girl
Communications and
Publicity

Tēnā koutou katoa, ko Parvi Goundar tōku ingoa. It is my absolute privilege to be your Deputy Head of Communications and Publicity for 2020.

He aha te kai ō te rangatira? He Kōrero, he kōrero, he kōrero. What is the food of the leader? It is knowledge. It is communication.

I personally resonate with this whakatauki as it speaks to not only myself but to the vision I see for Tauranga Girls' College. I see students nourished in the rich culture and opportunities that TGC has to offer. I see students being informed about school events effectively. And lastly and most importantly, I see student voices being heard and put first. The Communications Committee aims to give everyone the potential to be a future leader.

However, this wouldn't be able to be accomplished without my amazing prefects. The Communications and Publicity Prefects are Taylor Graham, Katrina Opie, Tarandeep Kaur, Faria Khan and Courtney Thomas; whilst our Media and Publications Prefects are Olivia Hyde and Maia Youard. We also have the Board of Trustees Representative Teia Kahura on our team.

I have been involved and am passionate about all aspects of school life. From the academic activities like Chemistry and Speech comps, Biology Olympiad and Mooting, to Sports like Netball and Coaching, Squash, Volleyball and Tennis to Extra-Curricular events like Debating, Shakespeare, Environmental, Ball and International Committees to even Outside School Programmes like SADD, Summerhill and Duke Of Edinburgh.

I am a big believer in the fact that anyone can do anything if they just give it a go. So now I've been given the chance to give back to the school by advertising these events to students so that they can experience the incredible opportunities that TGC has to offer. My loud laugh can be heard from a mile away, so if you hear it when out and about, please feel free to say hi! I'm friendly I promise.

Nō reira tēnā rā koutou katoa



ARTIST OF THE WEEK

SCULPTURE 'MYTHICAL CREATURE'

When I heard we would be sculpture making, I almost instantly knew what I had wanted to do. My piece is heavily inspired by the Brahman cow breed. I fell in love with its creamy white colour and its floppy skin and ears, so I tried to exadurate those features that I liked while making it. I also liked this particular breed because of the lazy and tranquil look about it, so I interpreted that into the piece as well as I could.

Raine Piddington, Year 11



Once I had finished the final sketches and decided on what I was going to be doing, I began the paper mache process, scrunching up newspaper into a rough shape and gluing paper towels over it to create more detail. Once that was done, I then used glue soaked toilet paper to make everything smoother, and make finer details such as the eyes and nostrils. I made the ears using card I had curled into a cone like shape, and used the same process of gluing paper over it. After that was complete, I added some colour here and there and a crown of flowers to top it all off. After all of this, my sculpture was finished.

TUAKANA-TEINA PROGRAMME



At TGC we have been working on different ways to make our Year 9's feel well adjusted to their new school. Through our Tuakana-Teina program, we hope to create a special bond between our oldest and our youngest students. Trying to create a memorable bond, 13GLL hosted a Valentines themed kai for their Year 9 buddy class. With groovy music and cute snacks, it was truly a special atmosphere that the girls from 13GLL created. One that left the Year 9 girls with a smile and a Year 13 face they could call a friend.



2020 FOOTBALL MUSTER

Thursday 27 February 2020, 1:45 - 3:20pm

All players wanting to play football at any level at TGC in 2020 to attend.

Year 9 footballers, this is your chance to meet other footballers.

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND PLEASE EMAIL scottynz@gmail.com with your apologies.

Please wear football gear, boots and shin pads as we will be playing fun, small sided games and also talking with all players.

2020 FOOTBALL TRIALS

Sunday 8 March 9:00 - 10:30am

Tuesday 10 March 3:45 - 5:30pm

Thursday 12 March 3:45 - 5:30pm

These trials are for all players wishing to play DEVELOPMENT or PREMIER team football in 2020.

Any questions please contact Director of Football Scotty on 020 413 94327 or see Teacher in Charge of Football Mr Wallis at school. All apologies to be emailed to scottynz@gmail.com



TGC Football Registrations Open Now - see school website for information

<https://www.tgc.school.nz/football>

or go to

<https://mycomet-oceania.analyticom.de/en/login>



TGC students attending Level 3 Police Studies Pathway Programme

The New Zealand Police have developed an innovative and creative initiative to support the transition of Year 13 students into a career in New Zealand Police. Jasmine Young and Venus Duffy from our kura are attending the 2020 course being delivered for the first time in Tauranga.

Pictured from left to right are: Rob Everitt (Youth Aid Officer), Aiden Butterworth (Physical Trainer), Jasmine, Venus and Sheryl Fitzgerald (NZ Police)



COURSE AIM

To provide students with a foundation level of understanding of the knowledge, skills, attributes and attitudes associated with the Police and Policing in Aotearoa New Zealand. At the completion of this course, students will be endorsed with the distance learning course within the recruitment process.

COURSE OBJECTIVES FOR POLICE STUDIES

- Understand the roles and responsibilities of a Constable of New Zealand Police
- Understand the different career opportunities within New Zealand Police
- Demonstrate knowledge of initial scene investigation
- Apply appropriate law and legislation to various policing tasks in the community
- Understand and demonstrate the six core values of New Zealand Police: PRIMED
- Understand basic investigative interview skills, and apply these to situations which are common as a Constable of New Zealand Police
- Understand knowledge of New Zealand Court procedures and processes
- Demonstrate the physical attributes required for a Recruit of New Zealand Police
- Explore the leadership requirements of a police officer

Visit <https://www.newcops.co.nz> for excellent information on police careers.

CAREERS DIARY

2020 Dates First Round Liaison Visits, Info Days and Open Days (as at Feb 11)

February

- University of Auckland - Thursday 27 February at 1.30pm, in the TGC Hall

March

- Queenstown Resort College, Tuesday 3 March, 1.30 in the Library
- Toi Ohomai - Tuesday 10 March at 1.30pm, in the TGC Hall
- Waikato University - Wednesday 11 March at 1.30pm, in the TGC Hall
- University of Canterbury - Friday 13 March at 1.30pm, in the TGC Hall
- AUT - Tuesday 17 March at 1.30pm, in the TGC Hall
- Victoria University - Wednesday 18 March at 1.30pm, in the TGC Hall
- University of Otago - Tuesday 24 March at 1.30pm, in the TGC Hall
- Massey University- Thursday 26 March at 1.30pm, in the TGC Hall
- WINTEC - Friday 27 March at 10.40am, in the school Library
- Your Education (Exchanges) - Friday 6 March at 1.30pm in the TGC hall

May

- WINTEC - Monday 11 May at 1.30pm, in the school Library
- Defence Careers - Army, Navy, Air Force, Wednesday 13 May at 1.30, in the TGC Hall

Information Evenings

Otago

- Thursday 26 March starting at 5.30pm, in the TGC Hall

Massey

- Thursday 21 May starting at 6pm in the TGC Hall

Canterbury

- Wednesday 10 June starting at 6pm, at Trustpower Arena. Must register online

Open Days

- Auckland University Courses and Careers Day, Saturday 29 August 2020. A link for the free bus will be provided
- Otago University, Sunday 3 May and Monday 4 May 2020
- Massey: Manawātū campus, Wednesday 5 August, Wellington campus, Friday 21 August, Auckland campus, Saturday 22 August
- University of Canterbury, Thursday 9 July 2020. Registrations open late February
- AUT, Saturday 29 August 2020
- Victoria University, Friday 21 August 2020

YEAR 9 SCHOOL PICNIC

The Year 9 School Picnic was held to help make the new Year 9's at our school feel more at home. Students alongside their families got to escape the hot summer afternoon with a nice dip into our cool school pool. Our TGC Prefects and Whānau Teachers also got the opportunity to mix and mingle with the different families and to learn more about each other. With the delicious sausage sizzle (with vegan and gluten-free options) and refreshing ice-blocks on offer, it's safe to say, the Picnic was a fun event for all.



FREE CULTURAL EVENT IN TAURANGA

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SAT 29th FEB

Memorial Park 12-4pm

FREE ENTRY

Live Love Laugh

East and South Asian fusion music
Live Bharatanatyam dance
Delicious vegetarian food
Free Indian face paint
Henna body art

One Love Charity

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Contacting the College | ph 578 8114

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

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Dean: Melanie Lane ext 768	Dean: Anna Leach ext 770	Dean: Robyn Mankelow ext 767	Dean: Fiona Lochhead ext 766	Dean: Kaye Barnett ext 769
Senior Leader: Ms Rowlands	Senior Leader: Mrs Cade	Senior Leader: Caroline Bird	Senior Leader: Kylie Valentine	Senior Leader: Philippa Ferguson

International Students	International Home Stay	Guidance Counsellors			Inclusive Learning Leader
Mrs Linda Clifford ext 729	Mrs Toni Bielecki ext 808	Mrs Judy Burr ext 728	Ms Chantal Stopford ext 724	Mrs Sue Ferguson ext 820	Ms Karen Gilby ext 763

TGC bank account details:

Name of Account: Tauranga Girls' College Board of Trustees

Name of Bank: ANZ, Tauranga

Account Number: 01-0475-0055400-00

VALUES NGA TIKANGA



Encouraging individual responsibility, integrity and respect for the rights of others

Mana Motuhake Pride

- ▶ 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

Mahi Tahī Participation

- ▶ Aim high and get involved
- ▶ Contribute to learning
- ▶ Meet every challenge
- ▶ Seize every opportunity

Manaakitanga Respect

- ▶ Be positive, caring and encouraging
- ▶ Be accepting of difference
- ▶ Collaborate with others
- ▶ Have good manners and act with integrity