

14 MAY 2020



TGC NEWSLETTER PĀNUI



CALENDAR

Friday 14 May

Colleague Only Day

Monday 18 May

School Open - whānau time until 9:15am

Thursday 21 May

12DRA - Red Leap workshop

Thursday 28 May

Otago University Law Seminar

Friday 29 May

Footnote Dance Co. Workshop

Monday 1 June

Queens Birthday, school closed

Wednesday 3 June

Showquest Competition

Friday 5 June

Toi Ohomai Open Day

TERM DATES 2020

Term 2 - 15 April - 3 July

Term 3 - 20 July - 25 September

Term 4 - 12 October - 10 December

WE HAVE MISSED YOU AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU BACK TO TGC ON MONDAY 18 MAY

Tēnā koe whānau

What an incredible start to Term 2. We have all been a part of history making. Who would have thought the new school term would have begun by staying at home! However, we know that in doing so, we have made a difference by saving lives and reducing the potential pressure hospitals could have been under, as we have now been shown from other parts of the world where restrictions were relaxed.

CONFIDENCE TO OPEN UNDER ALERT LEVEL 2

It is safe to return to school and I know that both students and parents are looking forward to school reopening safely. About 10 staff have already been at school during Alert Level 3 and many have used this time to plan for Monday. You can all be confident that TGC has a robust plan for school to reopen on Monday 18 May. The plan, if you missed receiving it earlier this week, is also on our [website](#).

Here are the main overarching points to assure you:

THE OVERARCHING AIM OF ALERT LEVEL 2 IS TO HAVE YOU SAFELY BACK AT SCHOOL WITH A FEW 'NEW NORMAL' REQUIREMENTS.

We will do this by ensuring that TGC;

- Reduces the risk of someone getting infected in the first place
- Is confident in its ability to identify and contact anyone who becomes infected by following the pandemic plan and MoH guidelines
- Be safe and sensible in our approach as Level 2 is not business as usual
- Meet the Government's expectation of having everyone return back to school

Parents/whānau/staff/students who feel vulnerable have the opportunity to discuss additional measures that they feel may be necessary in order to have the confidence to return (parents talk to the Year Level Dean, Support Colleagues to the Business Manager, Teaching Colleagues to the Principal).

Thank you to those parents who have emailed us and know how important it is to reconnect your daughter with school again. Don't worry, we too are looking forward to seeing everyone back.

THE FIRST WEEK BACK ONSITE AT TGC

The first week back begins with whānau time. Students head to their whānau room by 9am to go over the Alert Level 2 plan and answer any questions BUT it's also a chance to WELCOME your daughter back as we have missed her!! It's time, of course, to be back in uniform (winter uniform), to allow your daughter and teachers to check in with each other and to revise, adapt or review courses and learning plans to ensure everyone's needs are being met. Being able to speak with you and to talk through any concerns you may have in person is key. We know that social interaction with others is necessary to support on-going well being, and whilst remote learning can work under exceptional circumstances as it did during lockdown, it simply isn't the same and as effective as learning with others, being a part of conversations, collaborating and getting involved in the wider school curriculum such as the arts, sports and culture.

WE CAN FEEL PROUD OF OUR SHARING

Soon after Alert Level 3 began, we issued over 200 devices and 300 packages of printed materials. I am extremely grateful to my team who worked tirelessly to get work or tools (such as devices, keyboards and sewing machines) out to students. Opening over 300 emails, and photocopying resources (tens of reams of paper), printing, collating and sending these was a huge mission. Deliveries were made to most suburbs in Tauranga and to Omokoroa and Matakana Island. Unfortunately, we weren't able to help everyone, especially those wanting internet connections but we endeavoured to support learners where we could. From the feedback we have received, it was indeed appreciated.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OF ESSENTIAL WORKERS

Under Alert Level 3 (Wednesday 29 April - Wednesday 13 May) school was open to students of essential workers whose daughters could not stay at home. Thank you to those families that worked with us and had the confidence to send their daughters to school knowing that they would be safe, well looked after and given the opportunity to learn remotely from school. We had a fabulous bubble of nine students (at its height) who were supervised by two colleagues along with the DP's and Principal during this time. They followed the strict Level 3 Alert plan and became well rehearsed in washing their hands, using sanitizer, self managing by bringing all that they need for learning and ensuring that they engaged with their class using the google classroom and meet platform. **You were amazing girls! Thank you to all who helped during Alert Level 3.**

THANK YOU!

Finally, thank you TGC community. I want to assure you that TGC is a safe school to return to. I want you to have the confidence, as I do, knowing that this is a safe, managed environment. We know who is at school, we all have a known plan to follow and we know how important it is to be back and to restart our new normal again. Thanks also to the new families wanting to enrol, this is fantastic. I can't wait for Monday!

Kia kaha, arohanui



Tara Kanji
Tumuaki/Principal

STAFF SUCCESSES

It's not just our students succeeding in virtual competitions. Congratulations to...

TOP 10 FINALIST



Mr Rowan Oswald who made the top 10 finalists in the Deuce Sneakers Custom Kicks design contest!

The winning design will be made into a limited canvas sneaker collection within the Deuce Spring Summer 20 range.

Mrs Gardner won her age group in the first ever New Zealand National Virtual 5K Champs with an impressive time of 18:24.



BOARD MESSAGES

"I want to thank you all for doing the hard work you are doing. As a parent, I am so appreciative of all the work the teachers and staff have put in so that my family can work from home while the world heals. It's not easy though, we have had our production cancelled, we have said goodbye to our friends from Germany, we are making do with what we have got when we might not have everything we need yet, and we are missing being together. We will be back together, but we won't be doing it until it is safe for all of us. The safety of our children, staff and community will always be at the centre of any decisions we make as a Board"

**Yvonne Handley - Board
Chair and Parent Rep**



"This teaching from home thing is a steep learning curve, but I'm grateful to have my daughter home who teaches at Kaikoura High school. She has been sharing heaps about online teaching. It was good to see the other board members at our online meeting last night. I am so appreciative of all the behind the scenes mahi that Tara and many others have done to support our students learning during this time"

**Carolyn Nemeth - Staff
Representative**



"Covid19 has certainly presented us all with unique challenges and a way of life we were not accustomed to. Personally, I have been required to work through the period which has been an amazing experience. I have been able to witness daily the kiwi spirit rising to the occasion and watch amazing acts of kindness unfold. These are certainly uncharted waters for us all but as a country and a community we are blessed to have strength in our unity. I have no doubt we will look back on this in years to come and be proud of who we were, what we stood for and how we treated each other. As a parent I am deeply grateful to Tara and the TGC team for the work they have done. The effort that has gone in to ensure every student has the opportunity to learn has been nothing short of inspirational. Oh and of course my personal thanks to NETFLIX, ZOOM and home baking"

Mark Pakes - Parent Rep



"Unprecedented times in our world calls for an unprecedented response and I have been so proud to see how effectively TGC have risen to this challenge; both staff and students. From the distribution of devices and hard copy resources to students in need and ensuring the availability of guidance, career and teaching support via email and google meets. I've watched awesome lockdown art and dance features alongside teacher and student musical parodies - so positive and uplifting! From my working from home, netflix and baking bubble to yours - kia kaha and keep up the positivity, we've got this!"

Lisa MacKinnon - Parent Rep



"THE ADDAMS FAMILY" PRODUCTION

Wednesday 6 May would have been the opening night of our combined Tauranga Girls' and Tauranga Boys' College production of 'The Addams Family'. Despite not being able to hit the stage the leads of the show have created a transformation from their bedrooms. Welcome to the bizarre world of 'The Addams Family'!

Check out the video

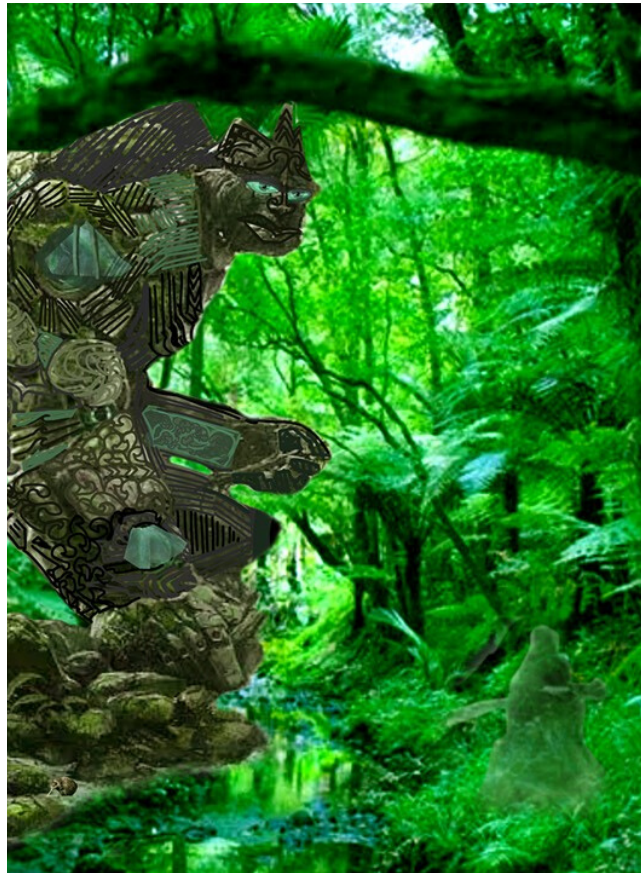
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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

EARTH GUARDIAN COMPETITION

Year 9 student Anamaya Taylor was one of six winners in the junior section of the national competition to design an Earth Guardian run by Massey University's College of Creative Arts.

Meet Zanoth... Zanoth is the guardian of NZ's creeks and rocky rapid filled areas. He protects the area, granting permission for only pure souls to cross. Harnessing the power of greenstone scattered across his rocky body type, he can connect with the earth and waters. Zanoth is covered in a thick layer of moss as he lives near a river bed. The greenstone also gives him the ability to speak with the deceased Māori chiefs who tell him how to look after the land. He is a gentle but brave guardian, willing to give his life to protect his sanctuary. He is covered with fierce Māori engravings, each telling a story across his body. He is one of the last of his kind which is what makes him such an important asset in protecting the native land.



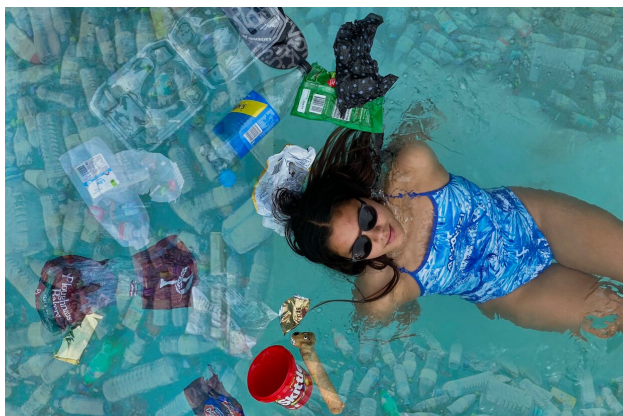
ETHIQUE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The winners of the Ethique photography competition run by our Kaitiakitanga Committee are in!

Congratulations to the junior winner Bree McTavish-Huriwai and the senior winner Nikita Borrie.

Thank you to our judges from Envirohub Bay of Plenty.

Bree McTavish-Huriwai



Nikita Borrie



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Ngariki Tamainu was featured in the Weekend Sun ahead of the national semi-finals of the Race Unity speech competition on 13 May.

Click [here](#) to read the article.

Ngariki deservedly won a place in the national finals on Sunday 17 May where she will compete against 6 other orators from around New Zealand.

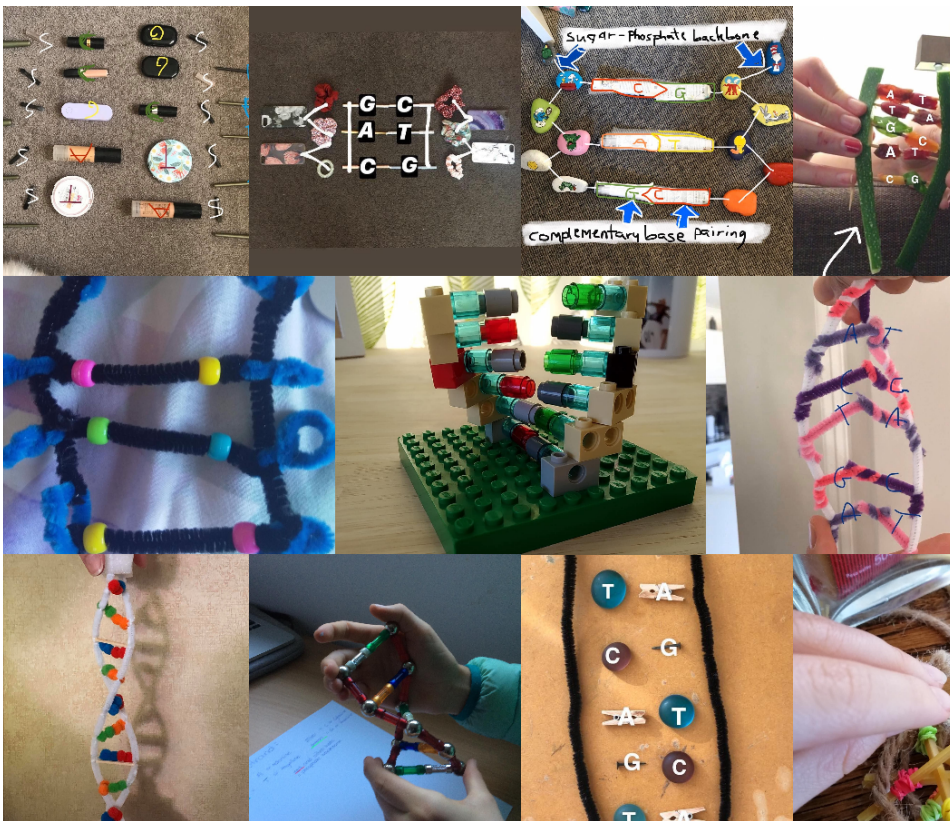
Good Luck Ngariki!

Sunlive published the article 'Tauranga teens triumphant during lockdown' which interviewed Kelly Brown, Ngariki Tamainu and Anamaya Taylor who clearly haven't been idle during lockdown. <https://www.sunlive.co.nz/news>

REMOTE LEARNING STORIES

Innovative learning has continued throughout remote learning at Level 3 of COVID-19. Here is the next installment of learning stories...

SCIENCE



The Science Department were inspired by the PE Department's skeletons and decided to challenge their Year 10s to create DNA molecules using items from within their bubble.

Check out these creations from 10HDS!

ENGLISH

Year 9 English students have been creating visual summaries of the story 'Miss Brill' by Katherine Manfield. Students created a summary of the story by picking out some of the key elements of the story to allow the viewer to see how lonely Miss Brill is at the end, when she realises no one really cares about her at all (initially she thinks she belongs) Shefaa Swailam (9PTT) [produced this video](#).

REMOTE LEARNING STORIES

ART

Year 9 Art students have been busy reworking some famous Art History Selfies in Lockdown.

Stunning work Brooke, Hannah, Iona, Grace, and Charlie!



Without paint supplies some students got creative with coffee!

Here is a piece of coffee Art by Zoe Samson and some pretty impressive tattooing on a banana by Mikaylee Barclay.



Lockdown led Charlotte Rose to create the board game 'ISO-AGE' from a recycled box.

It is a three player game based on the real life scenarios of COVID-19, the object being to be the first to the finish line. Along the game board are Chances and COVID cards,

If you land on one of these tiles you may have to go backwards, forwards or miss a turn depending on the card.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



As you will be aware the government have announced that from Thursday 14 May we will move to Alert Level 2. For NZ Uniforms, that means we can open our doors and welcome your school's community back into our stores before your students return to school on Monday 18th May. Below is the information we are sending to your parents (those whose email addresses we have in our system) so that they are aware of what our stores are like at Alert Level 2. This information will also be added to our website's Covid-19 Update page.

What will be the same:

- We can still process your online, phone or email orders.
- Click & Collect and Call & Collect from our stores will still be available.
- Courier deliveries will remain contactless.

What will be different:

- Contact register - we will ask you to provide your name, phone number and email address for our contact register on arrival into our store.
- If you, or any accompanying family members, are feeling unwell please choose to order online, or use our Click & Collect or Call & Collect options rather than coming into our store.
- Whilst instore, please maintain a safe distance of at least 1m between yourself and other customers or staff. Please ensure that all family members with you also maintain the 1m rule.

Health and Safety:

- We will comply with all Health and Safety requirements including regular cleaning and disinfecting of commonly used surfaces.

Our Temporary Store Hours under Alert Level 2:

- Some stores will not be back to normal opening hours at Alert Level 2. Please link through to our Covid-19 update web page from Thursday 14 May for your nearest store's hours <https://www.nzuniforms.com/pages/Covid-19>.
- Please note that any temporary store hours are being reviewed weekly.

Any other questions?

Please call your nearest store for assistance. Contact details can be found here <https://www.nzuniforms.com/pages/contact-us.htm>
or contact our Customer Service team by phoning 04 282 1199,
emailing customerservice@nzuniforms.com, or chat with them on our website <https://www.nzuniforms.com/>

Thank you for your support over the last few weeks as we have navigated our way both up and down the alert levels.

We can't wait to welcome you back into our stores again. Thank you for shopping at NZ Uniforms.

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: Glenda Rowlands	Senior Leader: Alice 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