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TGC NEWSLETTER



CALENDAR

Mon 20 Jan	Office Open
Thurs 23 Jan	Course Confirmation
Fri 24 Jan	Yr 12 and Yr 13
Mon 27 Jan	Auckland Anniversary
Wed 29 Jan	Powhiri
Thurs 30 Jan	Year 13 Camp
Fri 31 Jan	Year 13 Camp
Mon 3 Feb	Full School Assembly
Thurs 6 Feb	Waitangi Day
Thurs 13 Feb	Year 9 BBQ
Wed 19 Feb	Athletics Day
Fri 21 Feb	Teacher Only Day - School Closed

679 DAYS AND COUNTING

As I come to the end of my second year as Principal, I have much to be proud of. The talent that sits within TGC is simply amazing. The leadership, service, contribution and connectedness to TGC grows by the term and so to does the expectation, standards of behaviour and vision to be the School of Choice in the Bay. My thanks to all who are connected to our kura/school but special thanks to my colleagues, who day in and day out, give well beyond the subject knowledge in the classroom and instead contribute to the well being of the school by being involved in pastoral care, administrative support, sport, cultural activities, the arts and much more and too many to list here. The rich diversity of what TGC has to offer is certainly second to none and we do this because we believe in providing opportunities for all. Thank you for 2019, there is much to look forward to in 2020.

TGC'S NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the new look TGC newsletter. We hope you like its new colour palette and style that we will be using when sharing important news and celebrations with you..

NEW SHORTS

Wow they look good! Go to <http://www.stitchbystitch.co.nz> for address, telephone and opening hours.

THE PASTORAL TEAM IS MOVING

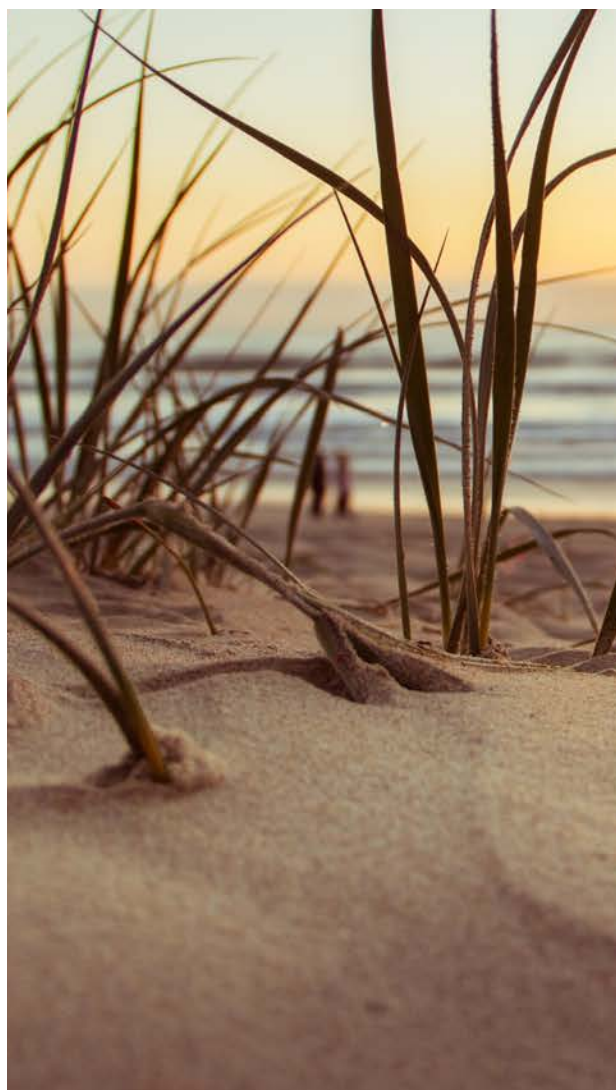
Year 9's and 10's will have noticed that the Guidance team of Ms Burr, Ms Stopford and Mrs Ferguson have moved and are now located in the former Deans Suite! So, where are the deans? They have joined forces and are now situated in C1, the former Careers Room. All five deans can be found there, but if you need to have a private chat, they can talk to you in one of the 'bookable' spaces next door. Mrs Wilson our Careers Advisor is now located in the Library as part of the information centre. The library is already used by the Health School and IWI reps. And finally Gateway. Mrs Wright is opposite the accounts office, where she used to be and will be sharing a space with Sarah Rees. C Block is due for a significant upgrade and modernisation so plans for collaborating, shared spaces, bookable interview rooms, quiet spaces, study carousels and more are all being discussed in the design phase.

A HEALTHY BALANCE OF SOCIAL MEDIA OVER SUMMER

Remember that the summer break is almost upon us and it's time to focus on friends and whānau. If you usually do this via social media, see if you can do this face to face and consider how often you are on a 'screen'. Remember to look up and around you and make sure you notice people and things around you which looking down at a screen can lose sight of.



The advertisement features a hand holding a smartphone displaying the TGC app interface. The app screen shows the TGC logo, the tagline 'The School of Choice for Girls', and a grid of icons for 'Calendar', 'Library', 'Alerts', 'School Shop', and 'Links'. To the left of the phone, the text reads 'TGC The School of Choice for Girls' and 'DOWNLOAD OUR SCHOOL APP'. Below this, there are logos for 'Google play' and 'Available on the App Store'. At the bottom, two URLs are provided: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/upschool/id1441022855> and <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=nz.co.upschool.upschoolapp>. The 'upschool' logo is also present in the bottom right corner.



OPTING INTO THE DONATION SCHEME

Another reminder that 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.



SERVICE IS KEY IN YEARS 9 AND 10 BUT ALSO FOR ANY FORMAL ROLE 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.

NAU MAI HAERE MAI TO OUR JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING - ALL WELCOME

The year concludes with Junior Prizegiving at 10am in the Sports Hall on 6th December and we look forward to your attendance at this 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. The school office will be closed from 12:30pm on this day and will re-open on Monday 20 January 2020.

WELCOME OUR NEW YEAR 9'S

We had the pleasure of welcoming our new incoming Year 9 students last week. It was great to see so many students, including those yet to enrol! We look forward to their contribution and what the school can offer to grow their capabilities over the next 5 years.

TIME TO BE WITH PEOPLE

Summer holidays and Christmas are almost upon us. For many families this is a stressful time. Regardless of how you spend your school break, make sure you take care, look out for those less fortunate and take the time to put down your device and spend time WITH people.

Be safe, be kind always and most of all, see you back at TGC in 2020.

Mere Kirimete/Merry Christmas to all who celebrate this event and Happy New Year to you all!

Tara Kanji
Principal



IF YOU NEED A HELPLINE FOR OVER THE HOLIDAY BREAK

Reports of Concern

Police 111

Oranga Tamariki

Ministry for Children 0508 326 459

Need to talk?

Free call or text 1737 any time to talk to a trained counsellor.

Depression helpline

0800 111 757.

Healthline

0800 611 116 - To get help from a registered nurse 24/7

Youthline

0800 376 633, free text 234 or email talk@youthline.co.nz or online chat.

What's Up

0800 942 8787, (for 5-18 year olds).
Phone counselling is available Monday to Friday, 1pm-10pm and weekends, 3pm-10pm - online chat is available 7pm-10pm daily.

Alcohol drug helpline

0800 787 797

Gambling helpline

0800 654 655

Lifeline

0800 543 354

LGBTQ

10800 688 5463

People's Project-Homelessness

0800 198 010

Tauranga Women's Refuge

0508 326 459

Sexual Assault Services

0800 227 233



Get ready for the Tauranga Pride Picnic

PRICE **WHEN**

WHERE

Free

Sun 08 March, 12-3.30

Eddewater Fan, The Strand.

YEAR 10 JUNIOR PRODUCTION - AOTEAROA, OUR PLACE

During Week 7 our Year 10 Dance and Drama Arts students presented a showcase of New Zealand stories that explore what it means to be Kiwi to over 1,300 primary school children from across Tauranga Moana. The show celebrated Aotearoa's culture, diversity, and inclusiveness. Our audience were treated to dramas from the children's books *Kiwi Moon*, *The Trolley*, and Mere McKaskill's *Boil up*. Dancers provided transitions in a number of genres as Rugby Players, Aliens, and Creatures of the Bush. Our young wahine enjoyed the opportunity to connect with our community and showcase their talents.



TAURANGA PRIMARY SCHOOL DANCE VISIT

Our Year 10 Dance students visited Tauranga Primary School to perform dances they had choreographed collaboratively in response to a Tauranga Moana Pūrākau of their choice as a stimulus. Our girls shared the story of Taurikura with the children - a greedy girl who was always given what she wanted.

One day she behaved very badly and knew she could not live at her house no longer. She swam out into the estuary of Waikareao, out into Tauranga Moana, past Mauao into the open ocean. There is now a carved portrait of Taurikura, the cheeky girl who is the ancestress of the tuatara of Karewa.

The story teaches us to be kind to one another and to respect each other. To not be selfish and put others first. Alongside their original choreography our girls also designed costuming, props, and music to help realise their story and enjoyed learning about and responding to local Pūrākau.



SENIOR DANCE TROUP

How wonderful to see these professional images of our Senior Dance Troupe in action on the National Stage in Palmerston North earlier this term.

Thank you once again to Pub Charity and Legacy Trust for their support.



BOPSS JUNIOR BEACH VOLLEYBALL

38 Year 9 and 10 students entered the BOPSS Junior Beach Volleyball Champs on Thursday 21 November. TGC had students entered in Year 9 and 10 Division 1 and 2. Our students played with much enthusiasm and soon found out how tiring beach volleyball is, with only two students to cover the whole court, as well as running through sand and contending with sun and wind.

Well done to all of the girls for their efforts!

Some results to note were:

Bree McTavish-Huriwai/Chloe Marlow-McSweeney playing Kyra Addison/Hine Lankshear for the bronze medal in Division 1 Year 9, with Kyra and Hine prevailing in a very close fought match.

Emily van Breda/Jemma dos Santos playing off for the gold medal in Division 2 Year 10, again a close fought match with Jemma and Emily winning the silver medal.

Laura Thompson/Kennedy de Bono narrowly lost the bronze medal playoff in Division 2 Year 10 and Serenity Thomas/Maia Blackburn also narrowly lost the bronze medal playoff in Division 1 Year 10.



Jemma dos Santos and Emily van Breda



Neva Mua and Oakley Wallace



The courts



Year 10's relaxing



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ACTIVITY WEEK

Activity weeks take place during the NCEA examinations for those international students who do not take exams. Finding out about the beautiful New Zealand environment, challenging oneself and gaining confidence in conversational English and of course having fun, is all part of the learning outcomes for the activities. Students experienced, kayaking and the beautiful Cathedral Cove in the Coromandel, black water rafting and glow-worms at the Waitomo caves, Hobbiton and the Blue Springs, Surfing, Go-karting and laser tag to name but a few. Even the International staff learnt a few new skills as well. Students were commended on their exemplary behaviour by 'Learning Journeys', the company who organised a lot of the activities for the girls. Well done girls, we are proud of you.



TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Friday 22 November Ms Thomason ran both the Year 9 and Year 10 TGC tennis champs. For the Year 9 doubles and Year 10 singles, the girls played a normal tennis draw to go through to either the championship, plate or consolation plate. For the Year 9 singles and Year 10 doubles the girls played a round robin. The weather could not have been more perfect. A great deal of sunblock was applied! The whole day ran really smoothly owing to the fabulous behaviour and efforts of our girls. A lot of tennis was played and there was plenty of fun along the way.

All of the participants need to be congratulated for being great sports and for listening to and following instructions.

The Junior 2019 results are as follows:

Year 9 Singles

First - Bianca Enright
Second - Ashley Paterson
Third - Moui Veikoso

Doubles Championship

First - Sophie Karl and Lily Knight
Second - Ella Ryan and Jasmine Watchorn
Third - Lily Pearce and Maya Reynal-O'Connor

Year 10 Singles

Winner - Sophie Karl
Runner Up - Jasmine Watchorn
Plate Winner - Ella Ryan

Year 9 Doubles Championship

Champions - Honey Cooney and Maia Turner
Runners Up - Hine Lankshear and Chloe Marlow-McSweeney
Plate Winners: Maia Kahura and Cassie Ririnui

Consolation Plate

First - Ireland Bourne and Kaylee Sutherland
Second - Bree McTavish-Huriwai and Michelle Clarke
Third - Ryza Flett and Isla Russell

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

On 3rd and 4th December our Junior students were involved in a number of activities. One day was dedicated to activities outside of school. We had trips to the Luge, Adrenalin Forest, Hamilton Zoo and Canopy Tours in Rotorua. A little closer to home we have groups attending the Escape room, Flummox and the Cinema in town as well as Fernland Spa, the Quarry, Drift cars and Laser Tag. We also had a group with the support of the council, completing an enviro challenge and cleaning our local neighbourhood. There was also a Year 10 group beginning work on a sensory garden. This was a great opportunity for the girls to learn outside of the classroom and to socialise with others from the same cohort that she may not have yet met. It was great to see students supporting each other and have some fun both in and out of school.

We would like to say Thank you to Burger King Fraser Cove and the Green Grocer, Gate Pa for their sponsorship of activities during this time. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

The in school activity day was dedicated to TGC House Spirit. Students dressed in their house colours and got involved in three separate competitions throughout the day. The first activity involved watching the Tik Toks that have been made at school prior to this day. We had our head girl Maioha and two deputy head girls helping to judge the top three and then there were delicious donuts from "The Whipped Bakery" for morning tea. After morning tea the girls went into battle in the first ever TGC Wahine Warrior Race where the girls were in teams and had to follow "Blues Clues" around an eight station course. They were racing against the clock and trying to gain as many points as they could at each station in three minutes. This involved weetbix eating right through to water sliding! The afternoon activity was the Christmas themed Lip Sync Mashup and each tutor group presented their amazing lip sync's to our guest judges. This was another opportunity for the girls to learn outside of the classroom and collaborate with one another.



ADRENALIN FOREST

A group of both Year 9 and 10 students were involved in a field trip to Adrenalin Forest. Challenged by choice and wow the girls were wonderful with their positivity and determination. The multi-level aerial obstacle course is a great confidence builder and a wicked adrenalin rush. The aerial course is up to 20metres high with 6 pathways of progressive difficulty.



CONDOR RUGBY 7'S

After winning the Bay-wide tournament we were off to 33rd Youthtown Condor Tournament. We had three games on day 1. We started the tournament off really well with a good first win against Long Bay 38-7. Then we had another really good battle against Aorere College 33-12. After two games in the sun we had a lot of tired bodies. Unfortunately, we went down to Christchurch Girls in our last game of the day. Because we lost to Christchurch by quite a lot, our points differential had dropped so we couldn't make top 8. Saturday night we had a whānau BBQ to spend time with our families and to regroup as a team. We were in the running for the Bowl trophy which was our new team goal. Day 2 started with the quarter-finals against Avondale.

We were up against it with a physically tough side and the size of our girls. However, we got the job done 41-7 and were now through to the Bowl Cup Semi-final against Westlake Girls. With some good attack, we took the dub (W) 22-5 and were through into the Bowl Final against Lytton High. This was a very tough game as it was our 6th game of the tournament after two days in the blistering sun. We opened the scoring of the game within the first minute and were able to hold on during the 2nd half to take out the Bowl final 26-5. This is the first time TGC 7s has gained a trophy at the Condors tournament. Well done girls. Thank you to the school, our whānau and management team for all your support during this time.



ARTIST OF THE WEEK

My name is Katie Hills
Year 10 Art

This is a dry point print of a frog in a tree. I did this for my assignment which was called animals and birds in trees.

I first had to do two developmental drawings with details of what my print could possibly look like. I then chose the best one and enlarged it with final changes.

After that I made several prints in black ink. I chose my best print and then I used water colours to colour in my dry point print.



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Mural2019_Pare



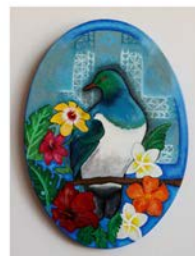
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Mural2019_Promyse



Mural2019_Faith



Mural2019_Luisa



Mural2019_Kyaria



Mural2019_Alahze



Mural2019_Karena

HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARD FOR YEAR 11 CONTEMPORARY MAORI ART COLLABORATIVE MURAL

More great news from the Art Department with the Year 11 Contemporary Māori Art Te Harenga ō te Manu - The Journey of the Bird collaborative mural receiving a Highly Commended Award at the Resene Mural Masterpieces 2019 for Best Senior School Mural.

Entries were judged on a range of factors including creativity, composition, colour use, team involvement, uniqueness and fit with the location and theme.

Completing a mural is a major achievement and one all students should be proud of. Congratulations goes to our muralists; Maaia Whatarau, Pare Waaka, Kiana Edwards, Promyse Kaponga, Faith Kaponga, Luisa Togotogorua, Kyaria Warbrick, Alahze Kahotea and Karena Roberts.

This mural will be installed in our kura in 2020.

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: Mrs Anna Leach ext 770	Dean: Ms Robyn Mankelow ext 767	Dean: Mrs Fiona Lochhead ext 766	Dean: Mrs Kaye Barnett ext 768	Dean: Mrs Bridget Prendiville ext 769
Senior Leader: Mrs Cade	Senior Leader: Mrs Bird	Senior Leader: Ms Valentine	Senior Leader: Mrs Ferguson	Senior Leader: Ms Rowlands

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	Mrs 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 Tahiki 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