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"Gateway to Your Future"

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I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the members of the Taupo-nui-a-Tia College community for the start of the 2009 academic year. As usual the College got off to a flying start with most students settling down to school work during the afternoon of their first day.

Last week we had the pleasure of welcoming the Year 9 students and other students new to the College onto the College Marae to acknowledge the beginning of their school careers at Taupo-nui-a-Tia College. It is always a very enjoyable occasion, made even more so by the large number of parents and caregivers who chose to be welcomed along with their children.

Our Year 13 students have just spent three days at the Lake Taupo Christian Camp in Mission Bay on a leadership camp. This year we have a reasonably large group of Year 13's and the way they worked together and supported one another despite being sleep deprived, is a real credit to them. House Leader elections were keenly contested and we also have over 20 students who have put their names forward for Head student. The fact that so many students want to give service to their school and indeed have the potential to do the job is extremely positive.

Our Athletics Sports qualifying day this week was an excellent opportunity for you to witness the level of involvement and House Spirit at Taupo-nui-a-Tia College.

If you were able to view the "trooping of the colours" on Thursday morning I'm sure you would have been impressed.

We have started the first of our major building projects for the year, with part of the ground floor of the Nelson Block demolished and rebuilt, and another part gutted and renovated. By Term II we will have a new Health Centre, two new classrooms, mathematics and social science resource areas and a superloo.

Our NCEA results for 2008 have continued to exceed both the national averages at every year level and that of schools in our decile range. We have also had some outstanding individual results with Jed Armstrong and Richard Malcolm achieving the NCEA Level 3 with an Excellence endorsement.

The College looks forward to your continued support during the year and would like to acknowledge the importance of your input into your child's education. Indeed a national survey conducted last year indicates that Taupo-nui-a-Tia College parents do have a greater involvement in their child's education than the national average.

Please feel free to contact the College should you have any queries regarding your child's progress.

Peter Moyle  
Principal

## Cornerstone Values

Cornerstone Values are at the heart of daily school life at the College -

- Honesty and Truthfulness
- Obedience
- Duty
- Respect
- Kindness
- Compassion
- Responsibility
- Consideration & Concern for Others

The Principal's Message



**TERM ONE CALENDAR****FEB**

Wed	11	Prospective Head Students speak at assembly.	}	Week 2 (red)
Thurs	12	Athletics Day - Prelims		

Mon	16	Information session on Cervical Cancer Vaccination, girls Years 9 – 13, Hall 10.30am	}	Week 3 (green)
Tues	17	Postponement day for Athletics Prelims. Business Enterprise, Rotorua		
Wed	18	Class, Family, ID photos		
Thurs	19	RNZAF Band 10.00 am – 12.00 pm		

Tues	24	Athletics Finals Day Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.00 pm	}	Week 4 (red)
Wed	25	Equestrian - BOP Show jumping, Edgecumbe YEAR 9 Barbecue – Wharekai, 6.00 pm		

**MARCH**

Sun	1	Waka Ama Regionals (Rotorua)	}	Week 5 (green)
Wed	4	Equestrian – BOP One Day Event, Te Teko		

Tues	10	Cervical cancer vaccination day – CCV. BOP Mid Island Athletics, Rotorua	}	Week 6 (red)
Wed	11	CCV day.		
Thurs	12	Sports enrolment day		
Sat	14	Taupo-nui-a-Tia Hoe Waka Regatta – Wharewaka Reserve		

Wed	18	Year 12 Geo/Bio field trip	}	Week 7 (green)
Thurs	19	Year 12 Geo/Bio field trip		
Fri	20	AAA Reports posted Ngaruawahia Regatta (Nationals)		
Sat	21	Waikato Athletics, Hamilton		
Mon	23	Young Leaders Day – Head students, Wellington		

Tues	24	Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.00 pm	}	Week 8 (red)
Thurs	26	AAA REPORT EVENING (1), A – L, 6.30 – 8.00 pm		

Mon	30	BOP Golf Pennants – Baywide finals, Rotorua	}	Week 9 (green)
Tues	31	Jeppe High School (South Africa) Boys Rugby, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV's Jeppe High School (South Africa) Boys Rugby, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV's - games AAA REPORT EVENING (2), M – Z, 6.30 – 8.00 pm		

**APRIL**

Wed	1	Swimming Sports	}	Week 10 (red)
Fri	3	St Anne's School (South Africa), Girls Hockey. Equestrian, North Island Dressage, Cambridge.		
Sat	4	NISS Track & Field Championships, Wellington		

Mon	6	BOP Intercollegiate Golf Championships, Tauranga	}	Week 10 (red)
Wed	8	BOP Swimming Championships, Rotorua		
Thurs	9	Last day Term I		
Fri	10	GOOD FRIDAY		

**TERM II**

Mon	27	APRIL - First day TERM II	Week 1 (green)
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TERM ONE CALENDAR

**YEAR 9 BARBECUE - Wednesday 25 February**

We welcome all Year 9 students and their families to the Wharekai at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 25 February for an informal get-together/barbecue.



## WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

Gillian Crawley (Chemistry/Science)  
Maria Heaslip (English/Social Studies/ICT)  
Andrea Kjestrup (Art)  
Bevan Thompson (Physical Education)

and to returning staff (from overseas travel)

Neil Baxter (HOF English)  
Iggy Gloy (English/Social Studies)  
Roger Gregory (History/Social Studies)

Congratulations – to our staff Lesley Craggs, Maria Hoko and Lesley Nickelsen who have recently married. Their married names are -  
Mrs Lesley Park (nee Craggs), Mrs Maria Heaslip (nee Hoko) and Mrs Lesley Purdon (nee Nickelsen).

## WELCOME TO ALL STUDENTS, NEW AND RETURNING

We welcome all students to Taupo-nui-a-Tia College especially those who are commencing their secondary schooling. We also welcome international students, Thais Marlin and Victor Meneghel both from Brazil and Raissa Reichart and Frau Giacomina from Italy.

## STUDENT INFORMATION

It is extremely important we have the correct personal details on our students' files. Please inform the staff in the Student Office of any changes to your child's address, home/emergency telephone numbers, since the time of their enrolment.

We also require our medical records to be absolutely correct. If any student is not to be given panadol, or has any allergies, etc, please tell us immediately, so that this vital information can be updated on your child's file.

## MEET THE TEACHERS EVENINGS - College Hall

Thursday 26 March	A to L	6.30 pm to 8.00 pm
Tuesday 31 March	M to Z	6.30 pm to 8.00 pm

AAA Reports will be issued to all students (posted home) on **Friday 20 March**. The purpose of this report is to give parents and caregivers an early indication of how their students have settled in to the new school year. Although it is too early to comment in detail, we hope that this statement will identify any potential problem areas so that they can be addressed before they become too serious.

To ensure you get adequate time with each teacher, we will divide the Meet the Teacher Evening and invite those parents whose surnames begin A – L to attend on Thursday 26 March, and those with surnames beginning M – Z on Tuesday 31 March.

Where there are a number of areas of concern, parents/caregivers are alerted to this by letter, and are urged to take this opportunity to discuss these concerns with the teacher(s) involved.

We welcome students' attendance at these meetings, along with their parents/caregivers.

## LIFE SKILLS - CAFÉ SESSIONS

During the year sessions taken by the Contraception and Family Planning Education (CAFÉ) team will take place across all levels. Year 12 Term I, Year 10 Term II, Year 11 Term III and Year 9 in Term IV. The Tutor in charge for these sessions will be Ms Shelley Robinson. The main focus of the programme is on personal relationships, sexuality education and strategies in dealing with pressures from others in relationships.

## STUDENT SUCCESSES

Congratulations to the following senior students on being elected to positions of responsibility in the College in 2009 –

### HEAD STUDENTS 2009

Head Boy	<b>JOHN GLANVILLE</b>	Deputy Boy	<b>CHRIS SWNEY</b>
Head Girl	<b>BETHANY GOULD</b>	Deputy Girl	<b>JOANNE BOOCOCK</b>

### HOUSE LEADERS

Ngauruhoe	<b>Thomas McCartney, Kelsey Allen</b>	Deputies	<b>Miles Herbert, Whakapona Nepata</b>
Ruapehu	<b>Michael Gibb, Bex Cederwall</b>		<b>Gaetano Dedual, Sarah McLeod</b>
Tauhara	<b>Ryland Martin, Giovanna Haines</b>		<b>Jack Delves, Leigh Foai</b>
Tongariro	<b>Karis Collins, Eden Pirie</b>		<b>Ryan Yerex, Sophie Mildon</b>

Congratulations to the following students on their individual successes (but not acknowledged in the last 2008 newsletter –

- ❖ The Board of Trustees Award 2008 on the achievement of 15 or more merit vouchers, was awarded to **Ryan Hunt, Natalia Kengike, Hararan Aujla, Tui Greer, Denholm Orr and Shawnee Westerman.**
- ❖ The Principal's Award on the achievement of 10 merit vouchers to **Ellie Heenan, Heather Hood, Victoria How, Mikayla Reed and Dyalla Swain.**

## CORNERSTONE VALUE - Responsibility

Parents who are new to the College might not be too familiar with our Cornerstone Values. Taupo-nui-a-Tia College is an accredited Cornerstone Values school and was the first secondary school in the country to gain this accreditation. Over the last few years there has been an increasing interest in Cornerstone Values at TNT from a range of schools throughout the country. This has prompted The New Zealand Foundation for Character Education to sponsor us in the writing of a booklet on the topic as part of their resources.

There are eight Cornerstone Values in total and every term we focus on one of these values.

The Cornerstone Value for this term is 'responsibility'. This value ties in with "managing self" which is one of the "key competencies" in the revised curriculum. Responsibility is defined as "Willingness to be answerable, to be trustworthy and accountable for one's conduct and behaviour".

Below is a code of responsibility taken from a NZ Foundation for Character Education publication that would be well suited for the fridge door at home, the classroom wall or indeed the staff room!

### A Code of Responsibility

If I open it I'll close it, if I turn it on I'll turn it off,  
 If I make a mess I'll tidy it, if I did it I'll own up to it,  
 If I borrow it I'll bring it back, if I use it I'll put it away,  
 If I start it I'll finish it, if I make a mistake I'll learn from it,  
 If I hurt someone I'll apologise, if I want a friend I'll be a friend,  
 If I don't understand I'll ask for help, if I want to improve  
 I'll ask where to next?  
 If I manage my own behaviour and learning I'll know  
 what being responsible really means.

## ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Congratulations to these students on their academic success in the 2008 national assessments. We are extremely pleased with the overall results which demonstrate clearly that our drive towards improved academic performance is continuing to take effect. The top performing students were –

### 2008 YEAR 13

	Excellence	Merit
Richard Malcolm	74	27
Jed Armstrong	67	44
Matthew Edhouse	49	33
Chelsea Grimshaw	41	51
Danielle Klue	41	31
Nicola Bryan	41	26
Kristyn Aldridge	37	26
Sebastian Bucher	35	31
Kate Bevin	29	33
Kristy Nesbitt	27	40
Joel Woods	27	13
Bradley Setters	24	33
Jessica Robertson	21	37
Emma Bevin	19	30
Amanda Bierre	18	16
Megan Fraser	17	35
Ella Hutchings	16	44
Hayley Knight	16	30

	Excellence	Merit
Katherine Hill	16	17
Sarrah Hill	13	10
Lennon Wiltshire	12	37
Thomas Kremmer	12	21
Nicole Jensen	11	34
Lauren Martin	11	15
Cleo Cargill	10	19
Callie Arnold	10	19
Sarah August	10	15
Karis Anderson	9	21
Genevieve Taylor	9	11
Isaac Rasmussen	8	25
Keriana Clarke	8	22
Jonathon Beadle	8	28
Travis Merkel	7	24
Michelle Bierre	7	49
Hannah Orchard	7	6

### 2008 YEAR 12

	Excellence	Merit
Gaetano Dedual	46	47
Joanne Boocock	42	64
Stefan Mroczek	41	38
Rebecca Cederwall	40	49
Bethany Gould	39	63
Theresa Parker	39	30
Ashleigh Stephens	38	50
Dylan Toms	35	33
Morgan Ranston	34	42
Rebecca Crawford	30	21
Bryce Hartell	28	39
Miles Herbert	28	35
David Blackburn	23	47
Bridie Witton	23	27
Kelsey Allen	22	33
Jessica Williams	22	14
Cara McMurray	21	53
Ryan Yerex	21	48
Thomas McDougal	21	3
Erin Bocker	20	35
Marcus Boomen	20	15
Sean Burtton	19	29
Cameron Hollamby	18	12

	Excellence	Merit
Dianelle Guinto	17	36
Sarah Thiele	16	4
John Glanville	15	24
Jamie Carson	12	51
Abby Simons	11	45
Christopher Swney	11	26
Rebekah Bradley	11	23
Benjamin Sandbrook	11	13
Samuel Jensen	10	43
Mitchell Wood	10	26
James Allen	10	24
Hannah Barlow	10	18
Darren Inglis	9	40
Kate Florence	9	31
Jemma Richardson	9	21
Christopher Baxter	8	24
Natasha Pountney	8	4
Sarah Congdon	7	36
Hannah Seay	7	24
Michael Gibb	7	4
Daniel Webster	6	44
Lee Woolacott	6	43

### 2008 YEAR 11

	Excellence	Merit
Tracy Poole	69	65
Amy Lockwood	68	55
Shawnee Westerman	67	47
Kirsten Bierre	65	34
Amy Simpson	63	51
Jessica Stewart	56	64
Brock Dale	53	58

	Excellence	Merit
Sarah Fraser	24	50
Deni Glanville	24	42
Logan Speedy	22	43
Hanae Dawson	21	91
Alexandra McDougal	21	75
Libby Owen	20	55
Cameron Todd	18	51

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2008 YEAR 11	Excellence	Merit		Excellence	Merit
Alexander Nixon	44	68	Lauren Stewart	25	85
Phoebe Currie	44	51	Rory Quinn	25	50
Skylar Ensor	44	32	Alister Forsyth	24	60
Kimberley Setters	40	73	Hayley Forrest	15	76
Cruz Karauti-Fox	39	34	Charlotte Clapperton	15	45
Abbie Treloar	37	37	Tess Logie	14	44
Siobhan Belling	36	55	Sophie Fenton	14	34
Sarah Forrest	32	58	Megan Jeurissen	12	29
Olivia Turner	32	37	Kieran Dalton	12	24
Courtney Watkins	29	67	Cory Hodges	12	10
Scott Groombridge	29	45	Charles Whitby	11	14
Amelia Robson	27	60	Olivia Wakeling	10	53
Patricia Ramlose	27	42	Bradley Smith	10	35
Echo Herewini	27	30	Chloe Wallace	10	8
Courtney Haywood	26	39			

## LEARNING ALL THE TIME

What did you learn last year?

Some of the new things we all learned from the newspaper included the following facts: octopuses need mental stimulation; carrots used to be purple; every year, the world's deserts produce 1,700 million tones of dust; whales catnap; men eat more broccoli than women do; a petaflop is a measurement of computing speed equivalent to one thousand trillion calculations a second; pears sink while apples float; email addresses beginning with "A", "M" or "S" get more spam than those starting with "Q" or "Z"; Henry V invented passports; the Sydney Opera House was inspired by a peeled orange; the United Arab Emirates, along with the US, has the largest ecological footprint per person; the world's longest insect is 56cm long.

All learning is interesting and we never know where new learning will lead us. One of the ways we learn is through criticism and how we take criticism can determine how well we learn.

The man who completed the Panama Canal handled criticism very well. During the construction he had terrible problems with geography, climate, accidents and disease-carrying mosquitoes. As with all mammoth projects, he had his critics back home who constantly disparaged what he was doing and predicted that he would never complete the project. However, he stuck to the task and said nothing. One day a friend asked him - "Aren't you going to answer the critics?"

"Yes," he responded.

"How?" he was asked.

"With the completed Canal," he replied.

Doing well is always the most effective way of proving your critics wrong. It is also worth asking yourself, "What interest does this critic have in me?"

A parent, teacher, employer or coach has a vested interest in your performance. They want you to do your best and achieve your potential. Unfortunately, sometimes they don't know how to give suggestions that can help you improve your performance. Mary Kay, a successful businesswoman, said, "Sandwich every bit of criticism between two layers of praise."

The key is to criticise the performance and not the performer. One successful man's mother once criticised his performance by saying, "For most boys this would be all right. But you're not most boys – you're my son and my son can do better than that." She had "criticised the performance," because it needed improvement, but she had praised the performer because he needed the praise.

You are your best critic. You know when you are falling short of what you are capable of. You know when what may be all right for someone else isn't good enough for you.

(Acknowledgement: Zig Ziglar, Principals' Digests.)

# ATTENDANCE

As a parent you will know the importance of regular attendance, knowing that it enhances learning and is essential for the attainment of academic, cultural and social goals. We would ask you to assist your child in taking responsibility in being punctual to school at the start of each day and understanding the need to develop sound habits towards future employment.

Please ring the school by 9am to explain any unexpected absence. Phone 376 1100 and leave a message explaining who is absent, for how long they are expected to be away from school and the reason for the absence. If you do not manage to ring the school, then a note explaining the absence must be handed to the tutor teacher on the day of the student's return to school. Obtain permission for any known short periods of leave by prior application in writing to the principal.

Congratulations to the following students who either had perfect attendance or all their absences were explained and **justified**, according to Ministry of Education requirements, for Term IV 2008. Well done.

## YEAR 9

Brierly Allen	~ Awhimai Fraser	* Gemma Sangster
* Elyse Bowyer	✓ Andrew Gould	✓ Jordan Savage
✓ Isaac Bradley	~ Luke Griffin	* Joseph Smith
Oli Brazier	* Ellie Heenan	~ Waimarie Stone
Mason Bryant	✓ Regan Higgins	✓ Kayla Strawbridge
✓ Kristopher Bucher	* Michaela Hollart-Holden	~ Frank Sutton
✓ Dylan Caldwell	* Jessica Johns	✓ Dyalla Swain
✓ Lori Calkin	~ Anna Maisey	~ Stevie Tane
Samantha Capper	✓ Georgia McCartney	* Steven Taylor
✓ Jesse Courtney	✓ Ashlin McHale	✓ Vanessa Thompson
* Zac Dale	~ Joshua Monro	~ Kiana Turanga
* Brittany Dick	~ Beth Nixon	✓ Jesse Waho-Healey
~ Kurt Dingle	~ Aleesha Price	✓ Deiryn Wallace
* Victoria Dyer	✓ Taylor Ranston	~ Georgina Lowe
✓ Emma Edhouse	✓ Lucy Reihana	~ Jadene Wright
✓ Dylan Ellis	~ Georgia Richardson	* Mareli Zorgman
Leisha Falp	✓ Emma Robinson	
~ Samuel Fletcher	~ Daniel Rohriach	

## YEAR 10

~ Harkaran Aujla	✓ Liam Gulliver	* Jesse Parker
~ Jessie Baucke	Dean Harland-Croft	* Danielle Poupard-Rupapera
✓ Connor Brown	✓ Jamie-Lee Hearfield	* Kirsten Skudder
~ Karrie-Anne Bulig	Poona Hunter	✓ Claire Taylor
✓ Christopher Burtton	~ Jade Maisey	~ Dean Toms
✓ Samantha Crawford	~ Hayley Martin	* Amanda Wade
✓ Joel Draper	* Joel McDowell	* Emily Wakeling
~ Tyler Duncan	✓ Ella Mroczek	
Phillip Gillette	* Amanda Palmer	

## YEAR 11

Denisse Aranas	* Tania Green	~ Sam Rademakers
✓ Alyssa Baynham	Scott Groombridge	~ Schyla Retter
Tyler Beange	Jack Hagen	Melissa Roberts
Shannen Berliner	* Courtney Haywood	✓ Janelle Russell
Kirstin Bierre	~ Brooke Hill	✓ Joshua Schroder
~ Jamie Bonnet	✓ Jennifer Hussey	✓ Kimberley Setters
✓ Anita Cash	✓ Adam Jordan	* Amy Simpson
~ Charlotte Clapperton	Richard Josey	* Bradley Smith
✓ Sean Clark	Robert Kanawa	✓ Logan Speedy
~ Sarah Congdon	✓ Megan Lafferty	~ Anthony Steadman
~ Phoebe Currie	~ Gail Lelievre	* Jessica Stewart
* Brock Dale	✓ Amy Lockwood	* Lauren Stewart
~ Hanae Dawson	~ Samantha Mayhill	Katee Stokman

~ Scott Dingle  
 ✓ Emma Dryden  
 ✓ Tony Dryden  
 ✓ Thomas Dyer  
 \* Skylar Ensor  
 ✓ Hayley Forrest  
 \* Sarah Forrest  
 ✓ Alister Forsyth  
 Sarah Fraser  
 \* Brittlyn Frith  
 ~ Chrystal Gatonyi-Hepi-Tehuia  
 ✓ Deni Glanville  
 ✓ Tyrone Gray  
 ~ Keegan Gray

**YEAR 12**

✓ James Allen  
 ✓ James M Allen  
 \* Christopher Baxter  
 ~ David Blackburne  
 ~ Erin Bocker  
 ✓ Rebekah Bradley  
 Morgan Burrows  
 \* Sean Burtton  
 Nesil Buyukkok  
 ~ Jamie Carson  
 \* Rebecca Cashman  
 Gaetano Dedual  
 ~ Tamehana Dixon  
 ✓ Claire Dunstan  
 ✓ Lance Gilchrist  
 ✓ John Glanville  
 ✓ Bethany Gould

**YEAR 13**

Jed Armstrong  
 Matt Edhouse  
 Sarah Fournier  
 ~ Stephanie Hill

~ Alex McDougal  
 ✓ Connor McLachlan  
 \* Tara Mercer  
 ~ Daniel Messenger  
 ~ Jacinta Mohi  
 Berit Mohr  
 ✓ Duncan Muller  
 Elly Nooyen  
 ✓ Cameron Orr  
 Libby Owen  
 ~ Wilson Parker  
 ✓ Sheena Pene  
 ~ Tracy Poole  
 \* Rory Quinn

Bryce Hartell  
 ~ Miles Herbert  
 ~ Anthony How  
 ~ Sam Jensen  
 ~ Tamati Kainuku  
 ~ Brigitte Liddall  
 ~ Callum MacKay  
 ~ Ryland Martin  
 ~ Thomas McCartney  
 ✓ Thomas McDougal  
 ~ Chloe McGrath  
 \* Stefan Mroczek  
 \* Cameron Newton  
 ~ Ruby Patterson  
 ~ Jade Peters  
 ✓ Liam Pettengell  
 ~ Eden Pirie

Thomas Kremmer  
 ✓ Richard Malcolm  
 ~ Evan Seay

\* Connor Strange  
 Jordan Thurston  
 ~ Cameron Todd  
 \* Olivia Wakeling  
 Rebecca Wall  
 ✓ Courtney Watkins  
 ✓ Nicole Way  
 ✓ Shawnee Westerman  
 ✓ Jared Weston  
 ~ Conor Whale  
 ~ Logan Wheaton  
 Charles Whitby  
 ✓ Nicholas Withington

~ Morgan Ranston  
 Huia Rehua  
 Anitelea Sakaria  
 \* Benjamin Sandbrook  
 ~ Daniel Southall  
 ✓ Daniel Speers  
 ~ Amber Swain  
 Christopher Swney  
 Tyson Taikato  
 ✓ Kathryn Twentyman  
 ~ Ryan van der Kaay  
 Cameron van der Pas  
 Josh Williams  
 ~ Mitchell Wood  
 ✓ Lee Woolacott  
 \* Ryan Yerex

~ These students are of note as they had perfect attendance or all their absences were explained and justified for 2 out of 4 terms, 2008. Wow!

✓ These students are of special note as they had perfect attendance or all their absences were explained and justified for 3 out of 4 terms, 2008. Tremendous!!

\* These students managed perfect attendance or all their absences were explained and justified for all 4 terms, 2008. Sensational!!! A special gold award certificate has been presented to these students.

## INTERNET - Acceptable Use Policy

The College is using Internet monitoring software. The Internet Policy states –

- The College subscribes to a monitoring service which blocks inappropriate sites and in most situations student use of the internet is supervised. Therefore students are given the right to use the Internet on College computers and premises unless
  - (a) a parent or caregiver requests the College remove that right, or
  - (b) a student's inappropriate use of the internet leads the College to remove that right.
- Monitoring rights – Be aware that the College reserves the right to monitor student use of the internet sites and email within the College.

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Information for new students who are or will be taking music as a class subject.

### TUITION AVAILABLE -

- |               |              |             |           |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| ♫ bass guitar | ♫ flute      | ♫ piano     | ♫ trumpet |
| ♫ cello       | ♫ guitar     | ♫ recorder  | ♫ viola   |
| ♫ clarinet    | ♫ key board  | ♫ saxophone | ♫ violin  |
| ♫ double bass | ♫ percussion | ♫ trombone  | ♫ vocals  |



### FEES

Full year tuition is \$80.00 for each instrument/class, or pay \$20.00 per term. (Students may be required to purchase book.) In return for tuition, students will be expected to show some measure of practical support for music and music within the school, ie concert band, string orchestra, rockquest, chamber music group and/or Kapa Haka.

The instrumental music brochure with full information is available through the TNT website Arts noticeboard.

## DISCO INFERNO

Get ready to shake your 'groove thang' in Term II with *Disco Inferno* about 'soul' this year... fitted t-shirts... flared pants ... and disco moves!

This year's TNT musical production is the foot tapping, booty-shuffling, sing-a-long-able *Disco Inferno*.

Get ready to buy your tickets for 5 nights of 'boogie fever' – in Term II, from 8 to 12 June. See Jack 'play that funky dice with the devil (instead of Simon Cowell) when he puts his soul on the line in return for fame and fortune as sing

The songs will bring it all back for parents, and educate students as to why we all cringe at the thought of flares com

So, if you know the moves to 'YMCA', can't sit still when you hear 'Boogie Wonderland' and thought Bowie was just 'creative' with all that make-up when he released 'Starman', then make sure you get your tickets early this year and 'burn baby, burn' with *Disco Inferno*.

Students – audition dates and times are being published in daily notices.

DISCO INFERNO

## YOUNG NEW ZEALANDERS' CHALLENGE

This is a voluntary, non-comp for all young people aged 14 to 2 able activities in their free time and develop new skills while having fun and meeting new people. It also looks very good on a CV.

The school helps students with some of the aspects of this challenge, helping them find opportunities for the service well as helping with the expeditions. Parent help with the expedition section will also be much appreciated and if an are interested, they can just contact the school.

Congratulations to the following students who completed their Silver awards last year – **Joanne Boocock, Phoebe Hayley Forrest, Sarah Forrest, Courtney Haywood, Alex McDougal, Amelia Robson, and Siobhan Belling, Ka Cameron Brown, Liam Gulliver, Lauren Stewart** who completed Bronze.

The first Gold qualifying expedition will be on 19 – 22 February. The programme for other expeditions will be availa students on the web site.

## CAREERS

These Coca-Cola Career Expos are an excellent way to gather a wide variety of careers information.

6 – 8 August	Auckland	10 – 12 May	Christchurch
16 – 18 August	Wellington	17 – 19 May	Dunedin

More information re venues from Mrs Grant, as it arrives.

## ZENITH

Every year a small group of students meet fortnightly in the early morning to get International Training in Communication (ITC) qualifications.

Students are identified in English classes and are then invited to join this elite group. Although it takes considerable self-motivation to be at school at 7.15am, everyone really enjoys the exciting activities set by the students themselves. We would like to encourage all students who are lucky enough to qualify for this training, to make every effort to attend these meetings regularly.

## STUDENT ACCOUNTS

**School Donations** - of \$120 per student (\$95 second child, \$70 third child) are requested at the beginning of the school year. These are donations to the College which help pay for extra student facilities and equipment, such as the new Learning Resource Centre and the Astro Turf, etc. If you pay the school donation, discounts and exemptions are applied to other charges.

**School charges** - are made dependent upon which subjects your child chooses. For example all Year 9 students take: Art; Graphics; Technology (Soft Materials/Hard Materials); Music; and Food and Nutrition. The charges made for these subjects are solely to cover the cost of the materials used by your child that can be taken home (gone are the days of bringing your own egg and flour to school for cooking class). The Schedule of Charges for all levels is sent to you as part of the package when you and your child decide what subjects they will take in Years 10 to 13. These charges are not voluntary school donations and therefore are compulsory if the student is taking the subject.

**Activity charges** – these relate to any extra curricular activities your child chooses to carry out. This includes all sporting teams/events, drama activities, Zenith club, and optional school trips, etc. Again the charges relate directly to the costs involved in the activities and therefore are compulsory if the student takes part in the activity.

*Accounts will be sent out with the newsletters. These statements show what has been paid as well as what is still owing. Those people who have paid money in advance may have a credit balance which shows in the body of the statement.*

The College is funded by the Government to cover staffing, buildings, basic equipment, running costs and maintenance. There is not sufficient funding to cover material charges and optional choices by students. We understand that for a variety of reasons people can go through very difficult financial times and if you are unable to meet the compulsory charges please arrange to meet with Mrs Henare or myself to see what can be arranged. One relatively simple way of meeting the costs is by setting up an automatic payment and spreading the costs over the full year (many keep their payments running over the Christmas holidays and so are set up for the next year's charges). If you have any queries at any time concerning your child's account please do not hesitate to phone me during school hours.

Mrs Louise Andrews – Executive Officer

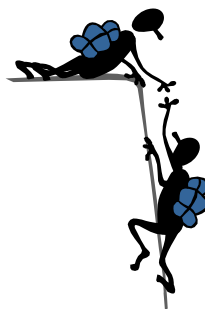
## 2<sup>ND</sup> HAND UNIFORMS

A limited amount of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform is now available from the student office. We will sell uniform on your behalf, but it must be of good quality and of the new styles. There is no interest in the old style uniform anymore.

## Rugby - Billets required

The 1st XV are hosting Jeppe High School from South Africa this term (2 teams). They will be billeted on the 30th and 31st of March. If you can help with this, please contact Mr Richard Thompson at school. Thank you.

## SPORTS PAGES



Some results from November and December 2008, and early this year.

### ➤ATHLETICS

**Ashleigh Sando**, NZ College Games, 3<sup>rd</sup> High Jump, 6<sup>th</sup> 80m Hurdles. Winner Junior Sportswoman of the Year Award – Youthtown Taupo District Sports Awards.

**Ella Dick**, NZ College Games, 4<sup>th</sup> 800m and 1500m..

### ➤BADMINTON

The TNT Badminton team qualified for the BOP/Waikato Championships again in 2008 and performed very well, then went on to retain the Hardisty Trophy first competed for in 2007, winning 30 of 34 games. Teams were - Girls, **Grace Senior, Jade Peters, Jessica Williams, Melanie Cooper, Chantal Lesene**, and Boys, **Jamie Carson, Jack Delves, Mitchell Kane, Tama Merriman and Potiki Te Rangitia**.

### ➤BMX

NZ College Games, **Jesse Lange 7<sup>th</sup>, Cole Smith 9<sup>th</sup>, Brett Wilkie 11<sup>th</sup>**.

### ➤MOTOCROSS

**Alex Dillon**, 3<sup>rd</sup> NZ Senior Women National Motocross Championships, Auckland, November 2008.

### ➤MOUNTAIN BIKING

**Cameron Hollamby**, NZ College Games, 5<sup>th</sup> male.

### ➤SWIMMING

**Mitchell Nairn**, 1<sup>st</sup> U16 National Open Water Swim, Wellington (January 2009)  
NZ College Games, December 2008, 1<sup>st</sup> 200m backstroke, 50m backstroke; 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m backstroke, 200m freestyle, 100m freestyle.

**Sarah Fraser** NZ College Games, December 2008, 2<sup>nd</sup> 400m freestyle, 50m butterfly, 100m butterfly, 200m butterfly.

**TNT Team, Mitchell, Sarah and Patrick McCarty** came 5<sup>th</sup> school overall at the NZ College Games.

**Sarah Fraser, John Glanville, Mitch Nairn** – 1<sup>st</sup> New Zealand Ocean Swim series Harbour Crossing, Taupo-nui-a-Tia College Team.

**Nicole Van der Kaay**, Bike Vegas Blue Lake Multisport Festival (Rotorua), 2nd Junior Female Overall winning the Hinemoa Trophy.

### ➤TRIATHLON

**Cameron Todd**, winner Junior Sportsman of the Year Award – Youthtown Taupo District Sports Awards, and 5<sup>th</sup> World Triathlon 16 – 19 years Championships, held in Vancouver, June 2008., 1<sup>st</sup> U16 Triathlon, NZ College Games

Contact TRI Series, Rotorua – U19 Male, 4<sup>th</sup> Cameron Todd, 10<sup>th</sup> John Glanville, 15<sup>th</sup> Josh Kenyon, U19 Female, 8<sup>th</sup> Shea Reardon.

### ➤TENNIS

Fleming Family Parent/Child Challenge Trophy Tennis Tournament, Taupo Tennis Club, Saturday 28 February, 9.00 am. Entry fee \$5.00. Entry forms available at the club or contact Moira Peters, 378 2929.

### ➤WAIPAHIHI SCHOOL IRONKIDZ

- Lakefront Reserve
- Sunday 1 March 2009
- Enter online – [www.ironkidz.com](http://www.ironkidz.com)
- Ages 8 – 15 years

## ➤SPORTS DIRECTOR'S ROUND-UP

Welcome back to the school for 2009. Like many I am wondering where 2008 went but when I get time to look back that 2008 was extremely successful and eventful for sport at the school. Once again the school produced some outstanding team results and for some individuals their results led to regional, national and international selections. Congratulations to all. Sport at the school however is about everyone getting active and the number of sports available to keep interest continues to increase. In 2008 we managed to put together a very successful gymnastics team, as well as start a soccer polo team. Please feel free to discuss any other opportunities with me.

### Helpers

All results would not have been possible without the support of local businesses, teachers, coaches, managers and volunteers. Of course this is always an area of concern as less and less free time is available to people but if you can spare any time at all it would be gratefully accepted.

### Uniform

The school now has a new PE uniform that can also be used when representing the school at events. This looks extremely smart and will make our teams stand out!

### Subscriptions / Payments

Sports fees vary as some sports are more expensive than others to run, but we will endeavour to keep them as low as possible. Fees however must be paid before a child can partake in the sport of their choice. Also any events that they decide to attend must be paid in advance and if they then decide they do not want to go after the cancellation cut off date, for whatever reason the fee will be non-refundable. If you have any concerns about this matter, please contact me before the event to discuss.

### Coming events

On our school website you will find the sports calendar for 2009, it is currently up to date but as you can understand it has changed and we will endeavour to update the details as they come to hand. Also, under the noticeboard section of the website you will find permission slips for events, for you to sign and return with the entry fee, to the student office. Copies will also be available at the student office. The website link is: <http://www.taupocollege.ac.nz/SportsEvents.htm>

If there are any questions regarding sport at Taupo-nui-a-Tia College please contact me – 376 1100 x 7854 (College) or 376 9418 (Home)

**Janet McKay – Director of Sport**



## JUNIOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Swimming

Swimming is compulsory for Year 9 and Year 10

This term Year 10 students will be working towards Surf Survival Level 1, 2 and 3 certificates. Year 9s will have a taster during Term 1 at the pools and continue working towards Swim Fantastic Bronze, Silver and Gold awards during Term 2.

### UNIFORM for Physical Education classes

- All Year 9 students must wear the red and green TNT PE shorts and T-shirt/singlet
- Year 10 students must wear the white TNT T-shirt and black or green shorts.

## HOE WAKA - Saturday 14 March

- WHAREWAKA RESERVE
- 7.00 am START  
(approx 4.00 pm finish)

Managers, hangi, sausage sizzle, drinks etc. Please note we cannot host this regatta without your assistance.

Practices are held at the lake front on Lake Terrace, Mondays and Wednesdays, 4.00 – 5.30 pm. Attendance is required.

Ngaruawahia Regatta (nationals) – Friday 20 March.

## LETTER TO THE PRINCIPAL

12 December 2008

Dear Mr Moyle

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, my friend Rebecca and I walked the Queen Charlotte Track in the Marlborough Sounds. When we arrived at Punga Cove we realized the small groups of young boys and girls that had passed us on the track were part of a larger group from your college.

As you might imagine, after a hard 7 hour tramp in the rain, our hearts sank at the thought of sharing the pool, spa and general facilities with several over-enthusiastic 14 – 15 year olds!

I am delighted to be able to tell you that our somewhat negative assumptions about your students' behaviour were completely incorrect. Each child we met or passed by greeted us politely, we did not hear one use of bad language (and Punga Cove by definition offers a natural amphitheatre) and by 9.30 pm there was not a sound to be heard from anyone.

The next day we played "tag" along the track as the bikers (and indeed most of the walkers!) took turns to pass us and to wait as they caught up with their buddies. Again, the behaviour we witnessed from your students was impeccable, and by late afternoon as we all descended on the Portage, Rebecca and I found ourselves actively looking out for your students to ask how their day had been. The young boys and girls we (briefly) spoke with happily engaged with us their experiences of the day.

Over a much needed latte at the end of the day, we spoke with one of your teachers and told him how impressed we had been by the polite self assuredness of the students and I promised him I would write this letter.

These students and their teachers are of tremendous credit to you and your college. The core values you promote at Taupo-nui-a-Tia College are very obviously at work amongst the boys and girls and the teachers that we met.

Rebecca and I would be very grateful if you would pass this letter in whole or in part, on to those who walked and rode the track with us this week. Positive affirmation can only serve to enhance the already mature attitude of tomorrow's leaders.

Merry Christmas and kind regards,

(signed) Diane Giurioli and Rebecca Clouston

