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Principal's Pen Easter 2019

This first term of 2019 has almost ended. It seems like only yesterday that we were welcoming our new students to the College. So far it has been a very busy start to the year.

Our Junior Collaborative programme is well under way with mostly positive feedback from the students involved. There have been the odd teething problems as we develop this programme with staff and students reviewing how we are delivering and refining the courses.

Our courses no longer outline subject specific content but are based around investigations that encompass subject learning areas.

Examples are:

- Myth Busters, a course that combines Science and Technology and has students trialling different scenarios to find whether they are based in fact or fiction.
- Survivor, a course that links PE and English where students are set a series of challenges to test them physically, mentally and socially
- Innov8t IT, where students use English and IT to develop 'branching' stories with characters that support the development of an online game.

The key has been to engage our students in courses, whilst ensuring we

cover the same knowledge based content across all the courses. Each course lasts a third of the year or trimester before students will move onto the next course. At any one time students are studying three collaborative courses as part of their learning programme.

The reason to develop this approach is not simply to 'change it up'. The work environment that our students now enter is vastly different from that which we experienced as parents and caregivers. Knowledge is no longer enough to equip our students for a secure future. The interpersonal skills are now core to most prerequisites for employment. Being able to collaborate, communicate strongly, manage themselves and problem solve are crucial. The pathways we are developing have these skill sets at their core. We still teach knowledge. We still develop skills. Now we are increasingly focusing on what have previously been perceived as peripheral attributes to ensure our students' future success.

I wish to reassure our community that these courses are designed to drive every student to their maximum learning potential whilst maintaining the core teaching content that every student needs.

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Learning at the College is continuing to develop excellent results. In 2018 our NCEA outcomes were better than many other schools in the country with pass rates at nearly 90% for NCEA Level 2. More important than pass rates alone is that all our students have found meaningful pathways forwards, either within College or moving on to their next challenge in education or employment. Our 'Meaningful Pathways' approach continues to ensure that our students develop success.

The last area for me to touch upon is both sad and positive at the same time. After over thirty years of service to the College, Bronny Lea our Executive Officer, is about to hang up her calculator and spreadsheets, and move on to the next chapter in her already busy life. Her support for the College, unwavering positivity and acting as a well reasoned sounding board have been an invaluable asset to the school. She will be sorely missed but hopefully will not be a stranger.



Bronny Lea

Now as I mentioned, with the sadness also comes some positive aspects. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Phil Marsh into the College as our newly appointed Business Manager. He brings a wealth of experience from a commercial background and has community roots at his heart, currently being a member of the Manawatu District

Council.



Phil Marsh

Also new to our school is Morag Carter. She joins our teaching staff in a role to support and develop collaborative practice in the Junior School and also take some Drama classes along the way. Her work with staff will support the sharing of best practice and ensure that all areas of the curriculum are effectively covered throughout Years 9 and 10.



Morag Carter

As we head towards the end of term holiday I would like to wish everyone a restful break, and if not restful, enjoyable, as you have time to catch up as a family.

Ngā mihi nui, Jon.

Saying farewell to the school I love...

At the end of this term, I bid farewell to Tararua College. It has been my absolute priviledge to work at this school for 30 plus years.

The staff at TC are dedicated hardworking people who go the extra mile for our students.

I will miss the staff and the awesome students too. I wish the school every success as it moves forward.

E noho rā.

Bronny Lea. Executive Officer.

TRUSTEE ELECTIONS - USE YOUR SKILLS FOR TARARUA COLLEGE

The election countdown has begun. All schools across New Zealand will be electing new boards of trustees in June. It is important the local community gets involved and steps forward for our schools.

Being a member of the Tararua College board of trustees is an opportunity to gain governance experience and shape the future of our students. Meeting twice a term, it is very rewarding to see the lift in student achievement and increased community focus over the last 3 years.

With a growing roll and exciting property developments we are looking for 5 community representatives to be part of the team to lead Tararua College for the next 3 years. You do not need to be a parent to stand for election.

Do you want to be part of the growing success of Tararua College? Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school trustee.

For further information please contact:

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GUMBOOT DAY









I AM HOPE - GUMBOOT DAY

Gumboots were worn to support Mike Kings charity, I AM HOPE.

The following is part of a speech delivered to the school assembly by Abby Bailey Gumboot Friday is happening at TC. Gumboot Friday is a day created by this year's New Zealander of the year Mike King. All the money raised will go towards being able to provide free counselling for kids who need it.

For many, having depression and any other mental illness is like walking through mud everyday. Walk in their shoes for a day, wear your gumboots to school on Friday, donate a gold coin and help raise money to have free counselling throughout New Zealand. The student forum ran events at interval and lunch. We are all one! Let's support those who need help.



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High Performance Academy Profile:-Sophie Oswald

I have been given an opportunity to attend the National Basketball U19 Selection Camp for 2019 as well as the international exposure camp.

I am one of 24 girls from New Zealand who will be attending the camp in April in Auckland. I look forward to gaining more experience and meeting new people at the camp. This is a massive opportunity because I get to work with some of the best coaches in New Zealand and experience what that level of basketball is like.



Being in the High Performance Academy at Tararua College helps me to achieve my goals to the best of my ability. I can go to competitions/events and still be able to do well academically. My HPA teachers support my learning give me a flexible timetable so I can work around my other commitments.





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Cross Country Results

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| 1 | Junior Girls | | | Juni | Junior Boys | | |
| | 1st | Holly Christiansen | 19.49 | 1st | Kienz Salanzo | 19.40 | |
| N | 2nd | Lily McLeod | 20.27 | 2nd | Oliver Connelly | 19.45 | |
| | 3rd | Phoebe Monk | 21.47 | 3rd | Kingston Andrews | 20.09 | |
| 1 | 4th | Katie Oswald | 22.21 | 4th | James Beales | 20.21 | |
| ١ | 5th | Sophie Hunter | 22.28 | 5th | Thomas Mead | 21.04 | |
| ı | 6th | Michelle Medland | 22.54 | 6th | Zac Ball | 21.12 | |
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| , | Inte | Intermediate Girls | | | Intermediate Boys | | |
| | 1st | Leah Powick | 19.34 | 1st | Dre Wilton | 16.16 | |
| | 2nd | Kaia Carter-Flitten | 24.36 | 2nd | Logan Rankin | 16.18 | |
| ١ | 3rd | Trudy Jenkins | 25.05 | 3rd | Armand VanLelyveld | 18.10 | |
| J | 4th | Abby Bailey | 25.43 | 4th | Slade Hamahona | 18.29 | |
| | 5th | Hazel Ross | 27.19 | 5th | Caleb Mitchell | 18.30 | |
|) | 6th | Aimee Aitken | 28.22 | 6th | Ben Schnell | 19.30 | |
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| ۱ | Seni | Senior Girls | | | Senior Boys | | |
| ı | 1st | Sophie Oswald | 21.10 | 1st | Taitemaha Taiaroa | 17.07 | |
| 4 | 2nd | Marika Braddick | 22.27 | 2nd | Maverick Beasley | 18.13 | |
| | 3rd | Grace Croasdale | 22.45 | 3rd | Paul Waters | 18.15 | |
| 1 | 4th | Nikita Steer | 22.52 | 4th | Jonathan Cannon | 22.38 | |
| ١ | 5th | Jessica Schnell | 23.59 | 5th | Tangihaere Kerapa | 24.36 | |
| • | 6th | Poppy Wilkins | 25.55 | 6th | Freedom Ward | 25.17 | |
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House Points: 1st - Totara

2nd - Rimu

3rd - Matai

4th - Kowhai



STUDENTS TO REPRESENT TC AT NORTH ISLAND ATHLETICS CHAMPS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who represented TC and at the North Island

Athletics in Tauranga recently.

Well done everyone, you are all winners in our eyes. Brooklyn Bassett, Leah Powick, Dre Wilton & Jamie Davidson.

Brooklyn came 3rd in the junior boys high Jump.

Tararua Sports Awards

The Downer Tararua Sport Award Event Team is extremely proud to announce the finalists for the Awards on the 3rd May.

Do you want to have a night out at Eketahuna Community Centre and support a finalist? Tickets can be purchased online via

https://www.sportmanawatu.org.nz/event/downer-tararua-sports-awards/ – feeling proud.

We are proud to announce that all of our entries into the Tararua Sports Awards are finalists.

We wish them all the best!

Junior Sportswoman

Leah Powick - Basketball Sophie Oswald - Basketball Ella Rankin - Equestrian

Team of the Year

Prem Girls Basketball Equestrian Team

Coach of the Year

Chris Vaughan







PicturedClockwise from left: Prem Basketball team, Ella Rankin and Jess Schnell.



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AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS 2019:

BOYS:

U14: 1ST= Hami-Ora Karipa 2nd Zachary Ball 3rd Brooklyn Bassett U16: 1ST Armand VanLelyveld

2nd Dre Wilton
3rd Caleb Mitchell

U19: 1ST Tewairehu Hauraki

2nd Jack Wylie 3rd Jarvis Batt

GIRLS:

1ST U14: Tiara Reiri 2nd Danika Tyler 3rd=Lily McLeod Phoebe Monk 3rd =U16: 1ST Leah Powick 2nd Trudy Jenkins Tayla Andrews 3rd Sophie Oswald U19: 1ST

2nd Poppy Wilkins 3rd Marika Braddick

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Mud Run 2019

Another highly successful Mud Run event was held last week by the Tararua College Parents Association. The weather played its part and everyone managed to enjoy the day, despite the lack of mud around – who would have thought we'd need to make mud in April in this area?! This event was the most successful so far, and the committee are looking forward to being able to contribute towards those 'extras' for the students.

The school and committee would like to acknowledge the huge amount of support given by local businesses in the way of sponsorship. It is truly appreciated and we couldn't run these events without their support, please show these businesses your support when the need arises!

Phil & Judy Brown Mills Bros. Innes Dean Tararua Law MCI & Associates Bisset Honda Jones Motors InTouch Decorators Managh Electrical Pahiatua Upholstery

Property Brokers Pahiatua Westpac Bank FoodFlo Pahiatua

Fonterra

Tonic Coffee & Brews Dove Cottage Property Services Black Stump Café & Bar Laskey's Auto Services Motorcycle HQ Alisa Brown Massage Mike Todd Paul Gleeson

Beale Trucking Carters Tyres

NZCU

Pahiatua On Track











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Golf success

Four of our students represented Tararua College at the Secondary School Golf Tournament last month at the Marton Golf Course. It has been a long time since we have had a golf team here

at TC so well done!

Results were:

Team Gross - 4th with total points of 324 with the 3 best scores.

Individual -

Abby Treder 2nd - 83 points (girls net) Armand Vanlelyvand 1st - 68 points (boys net) Jacob Smith 1st - 61 points (boys net local handicap)

Pictured: Max Ashwell, Armand Vanlelyvand Jacob Smith & Abby Treder.



Manawatu U13 Rep Girls Cricket Rep

Not only talented at golf but also cricket. CONGRATULATIONS to Abby Treder who has been awarded the Player of the year for the Manawatu under 13 Rep Girls Cricket Team.





Mau Rākau Wananga

At the end of last month the first Te Ikaroa Mau Rākau wānanga of the year was held and hosted by us, here at Te Kōhanga Whakawhāiti o Te Iwi.

This sees peka (mau rākau groups) from around the lower part of the North Island come together to train and progress their skills across the many levels or pou within Te Whare Wānanga Tū Taua and gives us the opportunity to prepare for our gradings taking place at the end of the year. It is also an awesome chance to connect while upholding our tikanga and traditions.

It was an outstanding weekend and we look forward the next one! We would also like to mihi to the ringawera, Miss Sheridan and the Survivor Samoa whānau who helped sustain us with all of the beautiful kai over the weekend. Kātahi ko ngā rangatira o te manaaki ko koutou!

CRICKET HIT BRISBANE FOR A SIX!









This year our Cricket 1st XI are on a trip of their lifetime in Brisbane.

Our 1st XI has finished this round undefeated and top of the table. Well done boys!!!! Another proud day, with another compliment from another teacher. PNBHS sports co-ordinator made comment of what a great team spirit the boys had and that "you could tell they had been spending time together outside of cricket working towards their trip fundraising".

Lovely to continue to be noticed by other schools for the great team that they are.

They continued to train to prepare for their "international games". The team is currently away in Brisbane, playing 3 cricket games, watched a Broncos game, sightseeing and lots of other fun stuff in Brisbane. All the hard work fundraising has certainly paid off. A huge thanks to Katie Harris for organising their itinerary and making the trip the success that it is.

Looks like they are being treated like absolute stars!

Please like facebook-Tararua College Cricket Trip-Brisbane 2019 for regular updates and more great photos.



Relay for Life

TC represented the College well again this term at the Cancer Society's major fundraiser, Relay for Life. Our students ran and walked for 24 hours supporting this great cause. Relay for Life is a fun overnight but emotional fundraisng event that brings communities together to celebrate and remember the lifes of those who have been affected by cancer.

Welcome to our new staff member Tim Laing

We welcomed Tim at the beginning of the school year with a Pōwhiri. Tim is our new hard materials technology teacher (which used to be called woodwork).

Pictured right: Staff - Rachel Ireland, Tā Daymond, Tim Laing, Carl Pester & Joanna Sheridan



TUIA LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Congratulations to Whaea Jordan on her selection as Tuia for Mayor Tracey Collis' Leadership Programme. This is a fantastic opportunity not only for Jordan but for our whole community.

Tuia is an intentional, long-term, intergenerational approach to develop and enhance the way in which rangatahi Māori contribute to communities throughout New Zealand. We look to build a network of support for rangatahi to help them contribute to their communities. This is done through developing relationships between a diverse range of rangatahi throughout the country that recognises, accepts and celebrates diversity.

The name 'Tuia' is derived from a tauparapara (Māori proverbial saying) that is hundreds of years old. This saying recognises and explains the potential that lies within meaningful connections to: the past, present and future; to

self; and to people, place and environment. The word 'Tuia' means to weave and when people are woven together well, their collective contribution has a greater positive impact on community. We as a rangatahi (youth) leadership programme look to embody this by connecting young Māori from

across Aotearoa/New Zealand - connecting passions, aspirations and dreams of rangatahi to serve our communities well.

At a local level, a mayor will select a rangatahi Māori from their district who they will develop a mutually beneficial mentoring relationship with, in order to enhance their ability to contribute well to community.



Pōwhiri 2019















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Confidential Financial Assistance for families in need.

We are a caring community of teachers, support staff and counsellors at TC who often support struggling families and college students by providing financial support and assistance to remove any barriers.

This work is done quietly and in a confidential way that does not create embarrassment or identify students and families being supported in this way.

Please contact us for a confidential discussion if we can help.

Kind Regards, Jon Ward & Mandy Brown - 06 376 8344 jward@tararuacollege.school.nz or mbrown@tararuacollege.school.nz