

# TARARUA COLLEGE BULLETIN Term 2-July 2019



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## **Principal's Pen July 2019**

*As I write this, I am reflecting on my past three years at TC. This will be my last official notification before handing over the leadership of the College to Iain Anderson as Acting Principal for Terms 3 and 4. The Board will then be appointing a permanent Principal to start at the beginning of 2020.*

*Obviously I have a large degree of sadness moving on from this school. Since the start of 2017 we have been following a continual pathway of improvement. With the support of our community, the professional staff at TC and our students we are heading in a highly positive direction to ensure we offer an education second to none in our region and beyond.*

*Is everything perfect? I doubt there is any establishment in the world that could make that claim, but by following our pathway of continuous improvement I am confident in saying that today the school is in a stronger position than it was when I arrived and will continue to be after I leave and others drive the developments for our tamariki.*

*I have always said that a school is far more than bricks and mortar. It is a social organisation that develops through human interactions and discourse. All the signs point to our school being in a very positive space, with a growing roll, strong academic results and increasingly positive sporting accolades coming to the College. This has been built on the hard work of members of our community, employed directly and volunteering to support the school, working to deliver the best outcomes for our students. I am proud to have been associated with these efforts and pleased that this support continues to grow.*

*I wish to thank our community with entrusting me with the development of the College. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at TC and whilst I have taken an opportunity that arose, I still feel that in many ways that I am leaving too soon and with much more that we could develop together. I trust that this development will continue without me and I will look on from my new base in Rotorua to see the changes happening.*

*I would be remiss not to take this opportunity to thank the staff at the College, both teaching and support, who deliver such strong results day in, day out. Their continual efforts ensure that we have great opportunities for all our students.*

*Finally I want to acknowledge our students. On a daily basis the students go about College life, learning, interacting, following their own pathways. Sometimes they make mistakes and have to accept the consequences. Sometimes they achieve fantastic results, receiving prizes and accolades. Whatever they do, good, bad, right, wrong, they continue to grow in a safe, supportive environment that allows them to flourish as individuals. I want to thank all our students for keeping it real for me and keeping me grounded. You are what education is about and why I entered this profession.*

*I wish you all a positive remainder to 2019.  
Ka kite a noa,*

*Jon Ward  
For the last time, Principal  
Tararua College*



## **AROUND THE BOARD TABLE -**

### **Louise Powick - Chairperson**

The board has held its first meeting since the June elections and it is business as usual. Jason Rankin and Reihana Tipene joined incumbent trustees Louise Powick, Katie Harris and Andrew Wylie as parent representatives. Shelley Arends is the new staff representative and Iain Anderson joins the team as Acting Principal. So what is the role of the Board of Trustees?

The Board is entrusted to work on behalf of all the stakeholders and is accountable for the school's performance. It emphasises strategic leadership, sets the vision for the school and ensures that it complies with legal and policy requirements set by the Ministry of Education.

At the top of the list of responsibilities is student achievement and wellbeing. Improving outcomes for all students is the main focus. The Board works with the Principal and staff to determine how to distribute funds received from the Ministry of Education and sets a 10 year property plan for building and grounds maintenance.

Arguably the most important responsibility for a school board is to appoint the Principal. With the departure of Jon Ward at the start of term 3, Iain Anderson will take on the position of Acting Principal for terms 3 and 4. An interview process for a permanent appointment will take place in term 3.

The board wishes Jon all the best in his new adventure at Rotorua Lakes High School and would like to acknowledge the significant part he has played in working towards achieving the vision for Tararua College over the last couple of years.

## **TC CHAT - JOIN THE CONVERSATION**

Consultation is a key part of growing meaningful relationships between the board and community with the goal of achieving educational success for each student.

With a change of leadership at TC, now is a good time to get community feedback to help chart the course ahead.

Please click on the link below to complete the survey or comment on our Facebook posts.

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### **Question 1**

***Does Tararua College offer an education for young people that meets the changing needs of our community? How could this be improved?***

### **Question 2**

***Does Tararua College provide a safe and supportive environment that engages students in learning? How could the wellbeing of our school community be improved?***

### **Question 3**

***How could community engagement and participation be increased at Tararua College?***

### **Question 4**

***What should our priorities be for the next 2 years?  
E.g. Teaching and Learning, property, student wellbeing, community engagement, sports and cultural activities.***

## Business Manager's Report - Phil Marsh.



My first full term as the new Business Manager here at Tararua College has been all go.

The College is in great heart and has plenty of projects on the go through to the end of 2019 and into the new year. First up has been our LED lighting project - all the lights throughout the school have been changed out to LED. This will result in a greatly reduced energy bill by 40% across the College allowing allocated funding to be put to good use elsewhere within the College.

Our thanks must go to our local Electrical firm Managh Electrical, who have completed this job in record time with minimal disturbance to both Staff and Students while completing the work.

Over the term two break the project is the Admin block being reroofed, this has been scheduled for some time now and has been evident by the constant leak in the front corridor where our two buckets have taken up permanent residency.

Other building projects on the go through to the end of the year are:

**Student Support Centre** - The modernisation and upgrading of the Special Needs unit - currently with the Architect and seeking tenders for the building work.

**Alternative Education unit** - Plans now being formalised to bring this unit back on site as a standalone building offering a new purpose built building for these Students and staff.

**A Block demolition** - Before the demolition of A Block the Ministry will be building 6 new classrooms as well as an Ablution block. The old A block is now not fit for purpose and again the new classrooms will offer a fantastic environment for Students and the College as a whole.

**School Pool** - it is our aim to have the School pool back up and running for the new Season. The building structure requires some Repairs and Maintenance before we can start the cleaning of the pool itself and resurrecting the filtration system.

**Enviroschools** - this program is back up and running. The AG/Hort shed is about to be cleaned out enabling the students to use this space as a learning environment. Their first project is to bring the Tunnel houses and garden beds across to the Orchard and re-establish them fit for purpose.

**Farm** - The farm has had a great season, although a bit short of feed at present, but come the early spring there will be some pasture renovation happening. Our Ewes are all being scanned on the 4th July and numerous other learning experiences for the students planned for the rest of the year.

As you can see there are plenty of really positive things happening on the property front at the College, roll on Term 3 & 4 as we move into Spring and Summer.



## Ngā Manu Kōrero Manawatū 2019

On Friday June 7th, Tararua College students, along with kaiako Jordan Bennett, Richard Daymond, Harriette Barker and Joanna Sheridan travelled to Hato Pāora College for the Regional Ngā Manu Kōrero Speech Competition.



Tararua College had one speaker competing this year, Year 11 student, Keshaan Te Waaka. Keshaan spoke in the Korimako Senior English Section. Keshaan's chosen topic for her prepared speech was 'My culture is more than a performance.' Keshaan spoke about Māori culture being more than just kapa haka and that we as a people have so much more to offer than just performing pōwhiri and singing for visitors. She touched on the many stories, legends, myths, whakapapa and lessons that our songs tell and how this is how we keep them alive. This included how our stories and legends keep our culture with other pasifika cultures connected. Keshaan reiterated how Te Whare Tapa Whā - our physical, mental, spiritual and social wellbeing connects to our customs and protocols and how whanaungatanga is one of our main values. Keshaan's position on the need to focus on the meaning behind the stories was felt strongly by all in attendance. The Tama Tū Kapa Haka Rōpū chanted in support of Keshaan at the end of her speech, with a fitting mōteatea.

Speakers in the Korimako section must also present an impromptu speech where competitors are given a few topics to choose from and 5 minutes to prepare a speech of up to 3 minutes. Keshaan chose, 'When I am Prime Minister...' Keshaan spoke about her dream of raising the profile of Māoritanga, including the Ngā Manu Kōrero competition across Aotearoa. Keshaan spoke about valuing things Māori in mainstream schooling, in our community and for our future. Keshaan spoke with confidence and flair, where the entire audience would have felt her passion bounce off the walls and into their hearts.

Keshaan was one of the youngest competitors in the Korimako section this year. We wish her well as she continues with her speechmaking and as she prepares for a future as a passionate Māori lawyer.



## TC Girls' Football Team

*By Holly Christensen (edited by Team Manager)*

*The girls football team has been improving consistently throughout the season, which is very encouraging as half the squad are year nine players. For lots of the girls it is the first time to play in an all-girls team, which we are enjoying.*

*Our coach is Paul Cleghorn from the Woodville Junior Football Club. He has also coached at Manawatu junior representative level. Paul has already helped us improve majorly since our first practice. We used to just hoof the ball down field sometimes to the opposition. Now we take touches and look up to see who is free.*

*Emma Teulon (a home-schooled student) and has joined our team this season. She is a good asset to the team with her experience as a Manawatu football representative. Although younger members of the team Victoria Te Waaka and Holly Christensen also have Manawatu football rep experience.*

*The leadership team within the squad is Emma Teulon, Emma Brunton and Holly Christensen. These girls make on field decisions and guide the team.*

*When we have home matches, the team appreciate the support we get from Rob Webb who has refereed most of our home matches, our teachers and staff such as Mr Bickerstaff, Mr Emery, Mr Ward and Mrs Bailey. The team are enjoying the new football strip and it is an improvement from the last uniform. We would like to thank Mrs Bailey and Mrs Powick for their work in organising the new strip.*

*Season results to date:  
4 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses.*





## Interhouse Competitions

Interhouse sport competitions started off with volleyball during the middle of the term. All houses played well with some close games and some clear wins. In the finals we had Matai and Kōwhai playing off for 1st and 2nd, and Rimu and Totara playing for 3rd and 4th. Matai had a clear win over Kōwhai 40-29 taking out 1st place. Totara beat Rimu 31-17. The final results were Matai in 1st place gaining 100 house points, Kōwhai in 2nd getting 75 points, Totara in 3rd getting 50 points and Rimu in 4th place getting 25 house points.

The following week interhouse netball began. All games went well again and some other strengths were displayed within the houses. Rimu came back firing, making it into the final against Kōwhai for 1st and 2nd. Matai and Totara played for 3rd and 4th. The final between Rimu and Kōwhai was a great game, ending with a really close score with Rimu scraping away with the win 9-8 taking out 1st place. A clear win for Totara beating Matai 12-3. The final results were Rimu in 1st place gaining 100 house points, Kōwhai in 2nd getting 75 points, Totara in 3rd getting 50 points and Matai in 4th place getting 25 house points.

Marika Braddick  
Sports' Captain



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## Kuranui Sports Exchange 2019

A fantastic day was held on Tuesday 2nd July down at Kuranui College in Greytown for our annual sports exchange. The weather was amazing with sunshine all day and there was great sportsmanship on and off the field, even a Mexican wave was started by the TC rugby boys on the side line while watching and supporting the girl's football game!

There was some close fought battles throughout the day with it ending up a draw for both schools overall! This fixture has now been going since 2014 and is always a great day!

The official results were:

Tararua College Wins:

Basketball boys - TC 47 - KC 39

Basketball girls - TC 56 - KC 8

Hockey girls - TC 4 - KC 3

Rugby: Won TC 31 - KC 5

Kuranui College Wins:

Hockey boys: KC 4 - TC 1

Football boys: KC 14 - TC 0

Football girls: KC 8 - TC 0

Netball: KC 41 - TC 34

A very big thank you to Kuranui College for hosting the day, all the game umpires, staff at Tararua College that attended and all the fantastic parents for offering their support with transport for the day - this couldn't have been held without you all so thank you!

*Bridget Bailey (Sports' Coordinator)*





## Premier Girls' Basketball Report

2019 is shaping up to be a big year for the Premier Girls' Basketball team. With the ultimate goal of playing in the national final of the Secondary Schools Schick A Championship in October, the season looks to be on track for some exciting basketball.

Under a new coach last year, Chris Vaughan continues to build on the success of winning the Schick Cup in Whanganui last season. Playing in the Women's league in Palmerston North midweek along with Secondary School basketball on Fridays is a big commitment for the girls but the benefits are easy to see.

Season to date, the results from 12 games are 8 wins and 4 losses, with the biggest losing margin just 15 points against Massey University. One of the highlights was the 18 point win over long-time rivals Palmerston North Girls' High School. But the biggest scalp has been the recent 10 point win over Manukura who were the 2018 winners of the Secondary Schools Schick A Championships - the same event the TC girls are entering this year.

Playing in an extra competition this year along with 2 tournaments is an expensive exercise. A big thank you to David Powick who has chopped and sold firewood to fundraise the bulk of the money required and subsidise the costs for the team.

*Louise Powick, manager.*

***Manawatu Representatives: Katie will play in the U15 National Tournament in Tauranga while Leah and Holly will head up to Auckland to play in the U17 National Tournament.***

***We wish them all the best.***

***Go TC!***



*Pictured above: TC Girls with Kuranui College at our recent sports exchange.*

## Premier Boys' Basketball Report

Our 2019 season is half way through and it has been full of exciting and close games. For the first year, the boys team participated in the Masterton League on a Monday night. These games were particularly enjoyable with a great atmosphere and support shown by the administrators at the Masterton YMCA. We went through the rounds unbeaten. With many of the games being within 4 points. The close competition was beneficial to the team and certainly made for an intense Monday night. The Finals night saw Tararua play Wairarapa College A. We had a fantastic group of supporters head down to watch our boys. We started off slow, with the score at the end of the first half having Tararua 15-29 down. The team came back after half time and really dug deep. At the end of the 3rd quarter we were only down by 3, the score 31-34. Unfortunately we couldn't keep up the momentum in the last quarter and we lost by 7.

As always I am so proud of the boys, their attitude and team spirit are fantastic and they are a pleasure to be around. They will be welcomed back to the Masterton League next year with open arms.'

Special thanks to all that travelled down to watch the game and support the team. It really felt the entire Tararua community was behind them every step of the way.

The Palmerston North League continues through next term. And while the competition in this league is much stronger, the boys still maintain a positive attitude and play with the grit and determination that is the character of the team. We look ahead to Tournament in September and look forward to the opportunity to be part of this National event.

*Katie Harris, manager.*



*Pictured above: Premier Boys' Basketball with Kuranui College.*



## Boys' Hockey

We are 6 weeks into the season and the team has really stepped up - with 3 wins, 2 very close losses and a draw with the last year's division winners. The boys are creating some exciting sideline watching! Our new players Logan Rankin, Daniel Mabey and Lucas Belcher have quickly learnt the game and are proving to be a vital part of the team. The returning players have shown awesome growth a year on and are playing some great hockey. Watch this space!



## Girls' Hockey

The 1st XI girls' hockey team have had an amazing season so far - there were 3 pool games played at the start of the season where points didn't count. The girls won all of these games - since then, Division 2 games started and with 4 games currently played for competition points they have won 3 and lost 1 game to Awatapu College.

This team is quite a young team with several new players but with a core set of original girls and the wonderful coaching of Janelle Toheriri the girls are improving and bonding together with every game. We look forward to reporting how the rest of the season pans out!

The team is currently busy fundraising to attend hockey tournament in the first week of September so please support these when you can. There is a quiz night planned for the Friday 26th July (joint fundraiser with the boys hockey team) - Please contact Kami at the college for more information and tickets.

*Bridget Bailey (Girls' hockey team manager)*





# FUNDRAISER QUIZ NIGHT

What's going on?

On FRIDAY 26th  
JULY We are  
holding a Quiz  
night Fundraiser  
for our Hockey  
tournament Teams!

Enter a team of  
up to 4 for \$40

Prizes and  
auctions  
to win!



Where is it?

TC College Hall  
Starting @ 7pm  
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## Junior Girls Basketball

The team has grown in confidence and skill as the season has progressed and we've had our first win. I am sure there will be a big difference in scores as we start to play the teams a second time. This is a group of fabulous girls who work really well together as a team, and most importantly, have fun! It's a pleasure to be involved with such great teenagers and I really enjoy their company. We've had some players out for various reasons including long term injuries but hopefully will get them back into the team soon.

Jayda continues to be our top scorer and has the ability to get the ball into the hoop from lots of places and from a great distance.

Hazel is excellent in defence and is right up in the faces of her opponents. She doesn't let the ball get through easily, having a number of bruises to show for it - interestingly with basketball being a non contact sport!

Courtney is also a star shooter and is fast up and down the court, on the go the whole time she is on. Lorina is fast and able to get the ball quickly down the court. She has excellent ball skills and the other team don't find it easy to get it off her. Natsuki (Natty) is everywhere and a great support in all areas of play.

Unfortunately we have said goodbye to Chihiro who has gone back to Japan. We loved having Hiro in the team, she may be small but she is a pocket rocket, being really annoying to her opponents. Hopefully Hiro will continue playing basketball when she gets home.

Thank you Mr Laing for coaching, Miss Madigan and Mrs Bailey for all the organising. Sorry if we stress you out, but we couldn't do it without you!

Tracey Lett, manager

## Junior Netball C Team

Our team went up a grade in the last round, which has proved challenging for the team. We are yet to have a win in this grade. The girls are a very committed team that are always striving hard. They never give up! As their manager I am very proud of this great team. We have fantastic supporters too from Parents and other TC netball players supporting each other games has been awesome. Shout out to Maia Richards for umpiring our games. She has been outstanding. All the players in this team play with a lot of heart and give it their absolute best and they all have great netball talents.

Michelle Christie, manager.



**Ball 2019**  
Just a few pics from the Ball.

## Tararua College Rugby Development Team

This year, our Tararua College Rugby Development team won 2 out of 3 grading games which put them into the Prem 3B grade. After a few changes to competition format they moved us to Prem 3A.

Our first game in this grade was against FAHS and we managed to secure a win against them.

We played Freyberg and PN Boys High and we had two in a row

narrow losses to both these teams. Following these two losses we played FAHS at home and won!

We played Marton/Rangitikei which is a combined team and won 21/20 scoring most of our points in the second half to just win the game. We then faced Hato Paroa at home and won 33-12. The boys had probably their most impressive game that day and didn't let HP score any points in the second half of the game. This seems to be a playing pattern with this team. We are excited to see how the rest of the games go for our season.

Scott and Michelle Rankin



*Pictured below:*

Tama Tū in action at the recent Kapa Haka Festival in Pahiatua.







# CACTUS 2019



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## CACTUS 2019

The CACTUS programme concluded on Friday 28th June, with the traditional pulling of the Tanker down Arthur Street. For many of the students it was an emotional time as they concluded the eight weeks being both physically and emotionally drained. This is the third year that CACTUS has been run within the College supported by Bush Blue Light and many organisations within the community.

The format stayed the same as previous years with students on parade at 5:45am in uniform at the College gym. Monday they were taken through a military drill regime and undertook tasks supported by the Ambulance, Fire Service and Search & Rescue. Guest speakers would provide their encouragement and inspired the students on the way to completing the programme. On Wednesday and Friday the students marched/jogged to the gym - many of you may have heard them working out? Here they were again supported by members of the public as they were put through some gruelling exercises designed to test the students to push them to their limits.

The final day also known as the Longest Day started at 3am and was designed to pull together the various physical and service skills learnt and developed throughout. From tramping at 3:30am in the dark and cold at the back of Mangatainoka, to completing a gorge walk and a search and rescue around the reserve before transporting weights (350kg) up Hall Block Road.

So you can appreciate that by the time the students hauled the tanker they deserved the graduation dinner and ceremony that completed the night on Friday. Many thanks to the Mayor Tracey Collis and Sarah Stewart - Manawatu Area Commander for attending and celebrating with the parents and the students.

Thank you once again to the supporters of CACTUS, to name a few Tararua District Council, Rotary and Lions who provided significant financial support.

By Clive Bickerstaff.



<b>Calendar Term 3 2019</b>	
Monday 22 July	first day of Term 3
Friday 26 July	QUIZ NIGHT
Thursday 1 August	BOT Meeting
Tuesday 6 August	Sports & Cultural Photos
<b>FRIDAY 16 AUG</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - STAFF ONLY DAY</b>
Tuesday 24 Sept	Learning Conversations
Thursday 26 Sept	Learning Conversations
Friday 27 Sept	end of term

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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 me for a confidential discussion if we can help.

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