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Principal's Message

Kia Ora koutou

This term will remain in the memory of us all for a long time to come. Never before have we seen anything quite like the events of the last few weeks. Who would have thought that at the start of the year we would all be in lock-down preparing for distance learning at home?

Before I get to the COVID-19 Pandemic, I would like to start with a review of Term 1. The Term began in a very positive way. Apart from a Food Technology teacher, we were fully staffed having welcomed back Ms New from maternity leave and Miss Macaulay, Miss McKinlay, Mrs Tuhura, Mr Gordon and Mrs Hebler as new members of staff to the Tararua College community. We also saw Mrs Sheridan move into the permanent Deputy Principal role, Ms West move into the Head of the English Department role, and Catherine Jacob as the Alternative Education Supervisor.

All of these new appointments are a really exciting development for the College and I am positive that they will all make a vital and positive contribution to the College for a long time to come.

During Term 1, we were also able to appoint a new Food Technology teacher, Mrs Baker, who will hopefully be joining us from Hamilton Girls' High School as soon as she is able.

Term 1 is always a busy term and 2020 has been no exception. We saw the Swimming Sports return to the school swimming pool which has been an excellent and welcome development.

Although there is still some work to be done to the building we are excited to see the pool back in action after 18 months of uncertainty surrounding its future.

The sporting events continued with the Athletics Prelims and Finals. Both days were extremely successful with new records being created in a number of events. Finals Day also saw the House teams provide lots of activities for the students to participate in during Finals day.

Other developments in the College saw the decanting of the SLT and Admin staff from the Admin block into the Porto cabins. The building works on the Admin block were due to last until the end of Term 2, but this will likely now be extended well into Term 3.

The other building projects also continued at pace. The Science Block re-roofing was completed as was the The Tech block roof replacement was proceeding well and by the time we went into lock-down was near completion.



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Finally, the interior modernisation of the SSC is also well underway, but again will unfortunately be delayed due to the recent lock-down.

Unfortunately, as the COVID -19 pandemic started to affect New Zealand, we began to see many of the other events which we had planned cancelled; Lip Sync, Cactus Longest Day, MISSA, Senior Ball, School Production, sports trainings etc. As time went on, it became more and more evident that we were heading towards closure. In preparation for this we, as a school, started to develop our Pandemic response. Teachers began preparing online material for distance learning and we began thinking about how we could support students through an online learning environment.

Once the lockdown was announced we were, therefore, well prepared to move into the online environment and start providing distance learning for our students. Almost 50 Chromebooks were issued to students who did not have their own device and hard copy learning material was issued to those who have no internet access.

Now, two weeks into lock-down, we all need to think how we are going to manage distance learning once Term 2 begins on the 15th April. For the past few weeks all our teachers have been working on providing online learning opportunities. Students will need to be prepared to have face to face lessons through online meetings, as a class, as well as being provided with work, which can be completed remotely at home.

All students are encouraged to keep in contact

with their teachers, either through the online platforms such as Google Classroom, or simply by email. However this is achieved, this contact will be vital to ensure the learning can be managed in a productive and effective way.

Hopefully this will be a short term position, with a return to normal lessons, as soon as possible, once the lock-down comes to an end. However, even then, the "new" normal will no doubt see a change in the way we all live and interact, at least for a while anyway.

In the meantime, we all need to heed the advice of the Government and stay home and stay safe. As they say, we are all in this together, but apart. We all need to stay in our bubbles and take care of those around us. We will, no doubt, look back on this time for years to come.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui.
Tēnā koutou katoa

Iain Anderson
*Photos of our new staff with teachers in new roles.
From left back row: Rebecca West, Joanna Sheridan,
Iain Anderson, Sam Gordon, Alex McKinlay.
Front row: Amy Macaulay, Lo'Hani Hebler.*

Absent: Catherine Jacob



Student Leaders

We are proud to introduce our student leadership team who will be ably led from the front by head students, Leah Powick and Tewaيرهu Hauraki. Grace Croasdale and Laraine Taylor are our academic leaders. Sports leaders, Abby Bailey and Sophie Oswald will be leading our sporting success. Jasmin Bills and Nick Mitchell are leading our arts and cultural scene. Our enviroschool will be cared for by our environmental leaders Jaekob Jolly and Zoie White. Our student representative on the Board of Trustees, Leeroy Harris, completes our team.

PICTURE L TO R: Laraine Taylor, Zoie White, Jaekob Jolly, Jasmin Bills, Nick Mitchell, Leah Powick, Iain Anderson, Tewaيرهu Hauraki, Grace Croasdale, Abby Bailey and Sophie Oswald.
Absent: Leeroy Harris.



Head Student Report

Kia Ora Everyone,

I hope you all are keeping well during this time

Tararua College has had a great start to the school year with students participating in a number of activities out in the community. This involved events such as Relay for Life, volunteering at Pahiatua Children's Day, and fundraising for the Heart Foundation. In school activities such as Athletics Day and Swimming Sports saw many of the students get involved, demonstrate school pride, and support their house. Interact is a new club that started up in school this year which has been very successful (see Jaekob Jolly's report).

This term the Year 13 students have been involved with a Peer Support Programme. Each Tuesday they lead a 40 minute workshop for their group of Year 9's. It provided opportunities for personal development and to build new relationships with others. The Year 13's were able to help the younger students develop skills, knowledge and confidence to get along with people around them. It teaches them that college is a safe space full of many possibilities. The senior students are able to be an older friend and give emotional and moral support to younger peers.

Myself, Tewaيرهu and Miss Sheridan also selected the Forum representatives for this year. The Forum is a collective of students who represent and provide a voice for their year group. They help to organise and fundraise for events, and are an example to those around them whether it is showing respect, leadership, involvement, excellence and kindness to others. This role hopes to assist with developing their leadership and organisation skills while working with the head students.

Hopefully daily life will return to normal quickly as there are many exciting events coming up and we can't wait to get started. For the meantime, stay safe and wash your hands!

Leah Powick, Head Girl

"He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata. He tangata. He tangata.

What is the most important thing in the world? The people. The people. The people."

Around The Board Table

Tararua College has started the year in good heart. With plenty of property improvements on the go and a new budget to work with, there is more expenditure scope than compared to the last 3 years. With the roll growing to 388 students, the lift in competitive spirit and participation at athletics and swimming sports was good to see.

Each year The Charter is reviewed. This document is the most important policy for the board and outlines strategic aims and how these will be achieved with the Annual Plan.

Our Mission

(The purpose of our organisation)

Tararua College aims to provide a safe, caring and respectful environment in which learners achieve individual excellence so they can be fully involved in all areas of the school and community.

Our Vision

(Our desired future)

To be at the centre of our community and the college of choice in our district.

Strategic Aims

(Our priorities for the next 3 years)

- To provide an education that allows our students choice, flexibility and sustainability in their future pathways
- For Tararua College to become a hub for student learning and community involvement
- To provide a safe and inclusive environment that supports the diversity of our school community in all aspects of College hauora/holistic wellbeing

The full document along with all other policies can be found on the school website.

<http://www.tararuacollege.school.nz/index.php/for-parents/policies>

The Board continues to focus on providing chromebooks to facilitate student learning. This has been timely given the need to learn from home at present. A number of chromebooks have been lent out to students needing to access online learning.

The speed at which the lockdown was implemented was rapid. For most of us, we were focused on trying to organise our households for the next 4 weeks. At the forefront of the response from Tararua College staff was the needs of students. Planning had already started in case the closure of schools became a reality.

Teachers are in touch with students via email and support learning through classroom chats. Administration staff continue to work from home to ensure the College runs smoothly. These are our essential workers. As you paint your house, tidy your section or struggle with having children at home, take a moment to be grateful for the effort of our staff who are doing their best to keep our young people educated.

Balance becomes even more important in times such as these. Take some time away from the constant news cycle and social media postings about the virus. It's important to give our minds and bodies what they need to stay healthy - good food, plenty of sleep, fun, exercise and relaxation - whatever works for you.

Till we meet again (closer than 2m)!

Louise Powick
Chairperson

New School Year starts with Pōwhiri

We welcomed our new students and staff to Tararua College with a Pōwhiri at our Tama Tū Tama Ora Marae.

The speakers on both the haukāinga (Tararua College side) and the manuhiri (new staff and students sides) acknowledged the land, local iwi and those that been lost recently, including our beloved poukuia Nanny Putiputi Tipene, Piri Sciascia, as well as the accident that Kobe Bryant, his daughter and others were involved in. They then moved on to addressing the purpose of the pōwhiri, the welcoming of our Year 9's and other new students, new staff, and our staff members stepping in to new roles.

One speaker, Matua Warren Chase, spoke on his memories of when he started at Tararua College. He was pleased to see the changes that have been made since then and how students are now welcomed formally in a way that honours local tikanga and in front of our wharenuī, Tama Tū Tama Ora.

We welcomed our new teachers, Lo'Hani Hebler as teacher of Science, Alex McKinlay and Amy Macaulay as teachers of English, Sarah Tuhura as teacher of PE and Sam Gordon as Learning Support Coordinator. Joanna Sheridan and Rebecca West were welcomed as they officially take the reins as Deputy Principal and Head of the English Department, and Catherine Jacob the supervisor of our Alternative Education programme.



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Interact Club

The Interact Club is a "junior" Rotary Club which comprises of those who are between the ages 12 and 18, who volunteer to connect with others in their community and local school/s through voluntary projects.

Annually, the Interact Club aims to achieve two service projects: One which benefits their community and the other being to encourage international understanding.

As of the start of this year, 2020, Tararua College is in the process of developing a formative and proper Interact Club which is to be recognised regionally, nationally and internationally. We have been successful in the introduction of Interact Club through the major and extremely thankful support of our local Pahiatua Rotary Club and the amazing Tararua College staff, students, student leaders and parents and all others who have supported.

The Interact Club here at Tararua College has been involved in a number of voluntary activities and events in the our local community including charity collections for a number of charities, such as the Heart Foundation and car wash fundraiser held at Fonterra here in Pahiatua. A number of members also attended to support the annual Pahiatua Children's Day held at the Bush Multisport Park which was an awesome event for all.

We are all very excited to further develop the Interact Club we have initiated here and we look forward to the contributions we as an Interact Club can compose to support our community and each other.

Jaekob Jolly

Environmental Captain and one of the Interact Leaders

Touch Rugby

Touch Rugby was a popular sport this term. We had four teams play their weekly games at Queen Elizabeth College in Palmerston North in the Transit bus which was great for the team morale and team-building. Thank you to Warrick Greaves for driving some of the weeks and to Mrs Bailey and Mrs Ngaruhe for accompanying the teams each week. All teams thoroughly enjoyed the competition and played well through the season and had a mixture of wins and losses. Sadly we missed the last two weeks due to COVID-19 but will be looking forward to next year's competition.



Friendly House Rivalry

House Results:

Swimming:

1st - Kowhai, 2nd - Totara, 3rd - Rimu 4th - Matai

Athletics:

1st - Totara, 2nd - Kowhai, 3rd - Matai, 4th - Rimu

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Tararua College Athletics Age Group Champions 2020

BOYS:

U14: 1st Taylor Hall, 2nd Reo-Dejaneiro Tahuri, 3rd Kingston Andrews

U16: 1st Zachias McKay, 2nd, Robin Jay TeWani-Cook, 3rd Luke Brown

U19: 1st Dre Wilton, 2nd Angus Wylie, 3rd Jaekob Jolly

GIRLS:

U14: 1st Sophie Hunter, 2nd Trinity McGrath, 3rd Jackie Read

U16: 1st Tiara Reiri, 2nd Jade Parker, 3rd Joy Nobathu

U19: 1st Leah Powick, 2nd Sophie Oswald, 3rd Abby Bailey

Athletics Records Broken

U14 Girls 400m - Jackie Read 1:08 (Sophie Oswald held the record from 2016 with a time of 1:14).

U14 Boys 400m - Taylor Hall 1:04 (Rico Bryant held the record from 2016 with a time of 1:05).



Photos from Athletics Finals Day



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Swimming Sports

It was great to hold this year's swimming sports in our pool. Swimming was over two afternoons with many events including fun and competitive races. There were many chances to gain House points encouraging friendly house group rivalry. It was awesome to see many staff swimming in the relays. The chanting and encouraging support was deafening!

Age Group Champions 2020

BOYS:

U14: 1st Logan Spencer, 2nd Damien Neioti, 3rd Kingston Andrews

U16: 1st Jaziah Peters, 2nd Luke Brown, 3rd Sam Anderson

U19: 1st Tewaيرهu Hauraki, 2nd Ben Schnell, 3rd: Armand VanLelyveld

GIRLS:

U14: 1st Sophie Hunter, 2nd Phoebe Monk, 3rd Maia Richards

U16: 1st Tiara Reiri, 2nd = Katie Oswald / Trudy Jenkins, 3rd Ellie Moore

U19: 1st Sophie Oswald, 2nd Leah Powick 3rd Abbie Bognuda



Kapa Haka

The Tangata Rau Regionals were held at the Regent Theatre in Palmerston North earlier in the term. Teams performed and showcased their best, including our very own Taitemaha Taiaroa. His hopes and goals of qualifying at the Te Matatini Nationals in Auckland were fulfilled. Taitemaha's rōpū, Te Tini o Rehua, were one of the three teams who qualified.

As you can see from these photos, he had an incredible stance. We wish them well at the Nationals.



CACTUS 2020

The Tararua College CACTUS programme has been running during Term One. The programme has run on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning. Students have formed up in the school gym at 5:45am and have been given the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities. Students have completed PT sessions with Tim Sorensen, Military Drill with Sgt Lana Piripi from the New Zealand Army and sessions with members of the Pahiatua Fire Brigade.

Students have enjoyed the programme and have gained a lot out of it. Sadly due to the COVID-19 outbreak the programme has been suspended. We intend to complete the programme later in the year. The school wishes to thank the large number of community members who have been involved in the programme, it would not be possible to run the programme without all of you! We are grateful for the continued financial support of the Pahiatua Rotary Club. It is this support which allows us to continue to run the programme each year and provide students with breakfast after each session.

We are looking forward to the conclusion of the programme and the Longest Day activities later in the year!

By Matt Emery, TIC of CACTUS.



Relay For Life 2020

A group of about 30 students, staff and whānau from Tararua College participated in Relay for Life on the 14th and 15th March. Relay for Life is an event where teams run or walk laps for 24 hours raising money for The Cancer Society.

This year, we were lucky enough to have Property Brokers and Rotary sponsor our T-shirts for all the students and helpers to wear for this event. Every student selected their preferred 4 hour shift, meaning we had a new group of about 5 students every 4 hours. Sophie and me (Abby) were there for the full 24 hours to make sure everything ran smoothly.

We raised an impressive \$2900 with all funds going straight to the Cancer Society. We managed this by every student collecting individual sponsors. We held a sausage sizzle that Property Brokers kindly sponsored and we held a Mufti Day at school.

Over the 24 hour time frame we ran an impressive 628 laps which is equivalent to 251km! A massive shout out goes to Jaekob Jolly who by far was an outstanding member of our group who completed 1 and half marathons all by himself! He kept running and running even without the batton!!

On behalf of your sports captains this year, I would like to thank everyone who participated in this event including staff from school and parents who supervised the shifts, to everyone who sponsored their child, family member, friend or work mate, it means a lot and once again a massive thank you to our main sponsors Property Brokers and Rotary.

Abby Bailey & Sophie Oswald (Sports Captains 2020)



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Bush Rider Success

Congratulations to the Brown boys for their great riding for the Bush Riders Round 2 Series, National and North Island X Country Series. Luke, Year 12, came second, and Liam, Year 9, competed but did not finish due to bike issues. Awesome riding in these hot conditions.



Rep Cricket

Abby Treder was selected for the Central Districts National Under 15 Girls' Cricket Team and played their tournament in Whanganui from the 7 to 10 January.

Abby successfully beat teams from Auckland, Wellington, Otago, Canterbury and Northern Districts winning the tournament!

Manawatu U15 Girls' Cricket - At a recent online Prizegiving Abby was awarded The Player of The Year and Phoebe was Most Improved Player of the Year. Well done ladies!



Left: The Girls Cricket Team started their season off well.

AWD: Athletics

On the 12th of March 2020, learners of the SSC had the opportunity to take part in the AWD Athletics day held at the Massey University Track. Many of our learners enjoy sports and this is a great day for them to compete at a suitable level, but also to have fun and display great sportsmanship.

It was great to see the willingness from the students to take part in the athletic events made available, such as shot put, softball throw, 100m sprints, 50m walk and the team relay. When there was an extra lane open, they didn't hesitate to fill in and race. Some of our students placed well in their different categories, this includes 1st and 2nd positions.

It was really good to see how the athletes supported each other by cheering for their team mates, especially in the 200m and 400m races. Also a big thanks to the parents who managed to come and spend the day with their children, this always gives a great boost of confidence to them.

The day was capped off with the usual Maccas stop, where a meal is shared and stories of the day's events are told.

Thank you to Mrs. Bailey for sorting us with the sports uniforms and Ms. Beech for accompanying us to the day.

We are looking forward to the next AWD events, Bocce and Basketball to be held in Term 2.

Johann Botha



Thomas plays with Army

Year 9 student, Thomas Inder, recently played cricket in the Army Regionals Tournament. He really enjoyed being part of the tournament and was expecting to just be rotating with players on and off the field as needed for a couple of games. Instead on day one he was asked to join the Southern Team as wicket keeper. Southern are the soldiers who represent the South Island. The other team in the tournament was the Central Team, representing the lower North Island. Unfortunately this year there was no Northern Team.

So Thomas hit the ground running, straight in to keeping for game one. He did well, taking a good catch and only one ball passed him all game. (He ended up with the best keeper performance for any one game).

For game two and three he fielded. The games were used for the selectors to watch the players perform so Thomas played positions to allow the selectors focus on everyone getting batting and bowling time.

Thomas was involved with the team for every aspect of the tournament. Trainings, games, team talks the lot. Last night, at the end of tournament function, the teams gave him a special mention and thank you. Photo is Thomas telling his brother that he will stump him when he bats - a bit of banter of course, and a photo from 2nd XI cricket too.

Thomas's good week followed a great start to 2nd XI cricket. The team played against St Peters 1st XI and although we lost the team played pretty well for their 1st game out. Thomas went in to bat on ball 3 of our batting innings and played the whole 25 overs, finishing the game 87 not out! He hit that off 85 balls and hit 18 boundaries too. So it was a very impressive session for him. Then he went in to the Army tournament like a sponge to soak up any little tips and techniques that the coaches and players shared.

Written by Raewyn Inder.



Pictured above: the 2nd XI after a successful game, and Thomas and his brother in the Army team.

Rural Games

We had a great day competing at the inaugural Clash of the Colleges at the New Zealand Rural Games recently. Students had a great time demonstrating their practical skills and it was awesome to see whānau there. Special mention to Hamish Belcher who put together a Hansen compression T-joint water fitting in the fastest time of 33 seconds. Well done to all involved.



Horse of the Year

This is Grace's recap. "It's been another busy season for me competing on 2 ponies this season. Both ponies qualified for HOY (horse of the year). Deciding only to focus on the handsome Super Saddle Hunter Pony, Tiali Super Slick. As sadly, it's my last season on him. I competed in 2 open classes amongst the best ponies/riders in Saddle Hunter 148cm and the title class 138cm not exc 148cm with amazing results placing in both classes. I couldn't believe it, I kept looking at Mum and felt like I was almost going to cry, to qualify for HOY was a great achievement but then to be placed was the best feeling."



HOY 2020 proved to be a very successful one for Year 11 student Ella Rankin, achieving goals she had set herself throughout the season. With 3 different Horses on

the go during the week of HOY it was extremely busy for her but made Pworth while with great results.

She rode her Dressage Mare Donna Hope in the Novice (Level 2) classes to come midfield with good marks in both her 2 tests, this was Ella's second time riding at this level and she was riding against the adults. She also won her Rider Class 12-15 years riding Hope, this class was one Ella wanted to win more than ever and was extremely happy to be called in for Champion. Other Results were: Runner Up Rising Star Show Pony 138cm, Runner Up Open Show Pony of the Year 138cm, 6th Open Paced & Mannered Show Pony of the Year 138cm on KS Mister Postman, 4th Open Paced & Mannered Saddle Hunter Pony of the Year 138cm and 5th Open Saddle Hunter Pony of the Year 138cm on Jym-Aud Dew Drop Mahogany. Ella would like to thank her teachers and the High Performance Academy for allowing her the time off to train and being able to manage her school work around her passion.

Written by Shannan Rankin.

Community Service



We are proud of our students who give back to the community by helping at local events. These photos are at some of the things students have been involved in. The Laskey's Ride, Raising money for Relay for Life, Children's Day and The Minor Games organised for our local primary schools.

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Japanese Exchange Student enjoys last Noho at Tama Tū

Natsuki is one of our exchange students from Japan who has been here with us for the last ten months.

During her time here she has been a strong and committed member of our kapa haka rōpū, Tama Tū Tama Ora. She performed at the 2019 Cultural Festival, helping the rōpū win the Secondary School Section at the Tamaki Nui A Rua Kapa Haka Competition in Dannevirke. She participated in many pōwhiri and local performances the group has been apart of.



On the 6th March, the group had a noho to spend their last night with her before she returned to Japan. She was presented with a few gifts including a contemporary kakahu and some pounamu taonga for her dedication and for the excellent example she has set for all of our school about showing love and support of our culture.

She will be missed by us all, but knows that she will always have a place with us here in Tama Tū Tama Ora. By Whaea Jordan.

Old Rugby Jerseys Play On In Papua New Guinea

A jubilant community happy receiving their Jersey donation.

Many Thanks to Tararua College for the Jersey donation to Masumave United of the Eastern Highlands Province, PNG. This is the first of its kind the club has received such a support. The club participates in the Masumave off-season Rugby League Competition with the aim to keep youth away from being involved in lawlessness and drug use during the festive season.

The Community League was also organised to showcase upcoming talents for professional rugby league clubs in PNG.

A special thanks to Bridget for putting the jerseys together.

Written by Benson Nobathu.



Life in Lock-down - here's a few 'Take outs' from staff.

As we are all in this together, but separately, staff have been sharing their 'Take-outs' from these first 2 weeks of Lock-down. I hope you enjoy some of them.

I hope everyone is keeping safe, my two takeaways from this week:

1) It has been awesome to see the generosity of our Tararua/ Manawatu community, I am privileged to be currently working at the Salvation Army's foodbank warehouse and have been blown away by the number of companies donating whole pallets of food for distribution to the community.

2) It has been great to keep in touch with everyone, and I am stoked with all of the new resources I am finding for my dept, it is also great to have time to finally start to do some gardening!! Take care everyone, looking forward to seeing you all again at some stage soon!

Matt Emery



Hello, hope you are all well.

2 takeaways from this week:

1. Impressed by the amount kids still completing work even though it is the holidays.

2. The amount of online stuff that is coming out as a result, that teachers can use.

Shelley Arends

My takeaways

1. Structure and routines are useful.

2. And sometimes they need to relaxed or even let go of completely for a while.

Emily Look



My takeaways from this week

1. Agree with you Shelley that it is awesome to see students still getting work completed and asking for feedback.

2. The resources that have been shared are awesome. I am learning new things all the time.

Rebecca West

