



empowering tomorrow's women

Dear Parents / Caregivers

The final newsletter for 2011 provides an opportunity for me to thank all our school community for another successful and productive year, as we have worked together to support the positive learning environment here for all our students. From the NCEA results in March through to the Mathematics Olympiad and University of New South Wales competition outcomes in November this has been a year of success, achievement and maintaining out leading edge against all other schools in the Bay.

The above assertion is one I can verify with academic evidence, from National and Australasian wide comparisons and I am happy to add to it in the sporting field that at the recent Bay of Plenty Polytechnic 2011 Bay of Plenty Sports Awards we swept the board for all the awards possible for a single sex girls' school to get:

Eves Realty Junior Sportswoman of the Year: **Kara Timmer**
SPARC Best Student Contribution to Sport: **Zoe Wieringa**

Codeblue Secondary School Coach of the Year: **Tamara Patete** and **Allen Satiu**
Wairiki Institute of Technology Secondary School Sportswoman: **Olivia Chance**
Rotorua Trust Secondary School Girls' Team of the year: **Tauranga Girls' Senior A Girls' Volleyball team.**

Congratulations to all those involved in such outstanding success, and an acknowledgement that we also had the majority of finalists in all categories, including all the team finalists.

So on behalf of Tauranga Girls' College - well done and thank you to all who make up our learning community, staff, students and families. Have a well-earned, safe restorative time over the upcoming holiday break and we look forward to working with you again in 2012 on the journey to "empowering tomorrow's women".

Pauline Cowens
Principal



International and National Achievements

➔ **Surf Lifesaving:** at the *New Zealand Pool Championships* which were held 28-30 October in Hamilton the following Tauranga Girls' College students (members of the Mount Maunganui Lifeguard Service) gained the National placings below:

2 nd	U16 4 x 50 obstacle relay	- Julia Conway
3 rd	U19 4 x 50 obstacle relay	- Vivien Conway, Amber Hyde
3 rd	Open Women 4 x 50 obstacle relay	- Te Rangi Kipa
3 rd	U16 medley relay	- Julia Conway
2 nd	U19 medley relay	- Vivien Conway
3 rd	U16 Line Throw	- Julia Conway, Te Rangi Kipa
1 st	U19 Line Throw	- Vivien Conway, Shamay King
1 st	U16 4 x 25 manikin relay	- Te Rangi Kipa

➔ **Taekwondo:** **Jamie Carpenter** has been selected in the *Taekwondo New Zealand* team to compete at the Junior World Championships 2012. The event will be held in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt in April.

North Island / Bay of Plenty / Local Achievements

Equestrian: At the *North Island Secondary Schools' Showjumping* at St Peters the Tauranga Girls' College team placed 1st. The team consisted of **Emma Doran, Georgina Wratten-Lowe, Megan O'Grady** and **Kari Wratten-Lowe**.

Snow Boarding: At the *North Island Secondary Schools' Snowboarding* event in September **Sonya Anderson** was placed 5th in the Boardercross, 11th in the Dual Slalom and 10th in the Slope Style.

Touch: **Keisha Marshall** and **Jamie-Lee Prier** have been selected in the *Bay of Plenty under 19 Touch team*. **Ngarata Delamere-Ririnui, Jamie-Lee Prier** and **Keisha Marshall** have been selected in the Under 21 Maori's Tauranga Moana team.

Bay of Plenty Sports Awards: The *Bay of Plenty Sports Awards* were held on 18th November. **Tauranga Girls' College** won the following :

Students Contribution to Sport: **Zoe Wieringa**

Secondary School Girls' Team of the Year: **Senior A Volleyball Team**

Secondary Schools' Coach of the Year: **Tamara Patete** and **Allen Satiu**

Secondary Schools' Sportswoman of the Year : **Olivia Chance**

Open Section Junior Sportswoman of the Year: **Kara Timmer**

Tennis: **Year 9 Singles:** *Championship* - **Alexia Scholes**, *Runner Up* – **Aimee Muir**

Plate: **Chloe Baxter**

Doubles: *Championship* - **Brydie Mangos** and **Emma Rea**, *Runners Up* – **Ashalyn Payne** and **Alexia Scholes**, *Plate* – **Chloe Baxter** and **Sarah Lindsay**

Year 10 Singles: *Championship* – **Stella Simpson**, *Runner Up* – **Jenna Curtis**

Plate – **Christine Sutton**

Doubles: *Championship* – **Jenna Curtis** and **Stella Simpson**, *Runners Up* – **Nicola Baker** and **Hannah Rose**, *Plate* – **Kristal Tihi** and **Lanasha Panui**

Cricket: **Katie Mountain** has been selected in the Bay of Plenty Secondary School Girls' Cricket team.

Volleyball: At the *North Island Junior Secondary Schools' Volleyball Championships* Tauranga Girls' College Junior A were placed 2nd in Division 1. The team consisted of **Frances Davies, Emma Bain, Rebecca Barnard, Kerryn Schroder, Alexandra Lawrence, Caitlin Tuagalu, Amanda Somerfield, Casey Tapsell** and **Eden Turner-Paki**. *Coaches* **Di Govind** and **Simone Head**.

Academic Prizegiving

Congratulations to our Dux for 2011 : **Nicola Gillies**
 (on the right of the picture)
 and Proxime Accessit: **Emily Wilson**
 (on the left of the picture).



Student Leaders for 2012

			
Head Girl: Isabella Morris	Deputy Head Girl: Brittany Ivil	Arts Director: Claire Esterman	Sports Director: Vivien Conway

English Department

English Department news is that we are very pleased with the Year 13 gift of the art work for the foyer of the new B Block. The idea of this initially came from Mrs Fran Carter - one of the Year 13 Deans.

Tania Lewis- Rickard - one of our teachers at school and her husband Tawhai, who are known local artists, agreed to create this contemporary Maori artwork for us. The work is three dimensional and uses a range of materials. The concepts behind the images are complex and all link to overriding concepts of the importance of Education, English learning and Maori culture. The waka represents

the journey forward through life and learning. A central image is the sail like perspex feather which links both the English writing quill and the huia feather suggesting chieftainship. Behind the feather are the steps of the poutama which symbolise moral development, spiritual advancement and educational achievement. These images are under the sheltering where wananga at the top which indicate the place of learning.

The idea for the whole piece was to try and convey ideas that we are all one community, linked to the land, traditions and the future and that through language links we learn and grow as community and as

individuals.

Through our studies in English we strive to establish for our students a sense of who they are, where they fit in the world; we want them to develop a sense of their humanity and to establish their values. The art work seems to have encapsulated these ideas very clearly.

The title of the work is *Toku Reo, Toku Ohooho* – My language, my awakening.

There is also a quote from the writings of Joseph Conrad on the tekoteko book feature at the top which reads “Give me the right word... and I will move the world”.

Parent Teacher Association

On behalf of the PTA at Tauranga Girls’ College I would like to thank you all very much for the time and effort that you have all put into our PTA events this year. Without the commitment from the fantastic PTA team alongside all parents and caregivers at our school none of the achievements

this year would have been possible. Time is so valuable and I’m truly grateful for the time you have given. The PTA would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all together with

new parents next year at our monthly meetings held in the staff room at Tauranga Girls’ College on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.
 Kind Regards
 Rachelle Fraser-Brown
 Chairperson

MATHS OLYMPIAD TEAM 2011

Tauranga Girls' College Tops Outstanding Achievement in the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematics Olympiad (APSMO).

After three years effort Tauranga Girls' College has finally achieved the elusive "Outstanding schools Achievement Award" in the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematics Olympiad. This Award is issued to the top 10% of Schools. Tauranga Girls' College was in fact the top New Zealand School for 2012.

This year 8000 students from across Australasia entered the Australian Problem Solving Mathematics Olympiad (APSMO), which involves competing in five Olympiads over a ten month period. Each Olympiad involves solving 5 different problem solving questions in a set period of time. Team members get one mark for each correct response and over the year they have the opportunity to earn points as individuals and for the team.

Recognition pins are awarded to the top 10% of individual team members and recognition patches are awarded to the top 25% of individual team members. Nineteen students from the twenty five strong team, achieved recognition pins and or patches for their achievement.



Back Row: Tessa Whale, Yuefeng Lin, Courtney Wright, Grace Esterman, Leilani Taula, Stella Simpson, Adriana Bird, Jenna Curtis, Miranda Smith

Middle Row: Jessica Crockett; Cherry Hayward, Felicity Tomkins, Hannah Jellyman, Lucy Happe, Christine Sutton, Georgina Hunt, Janaya Worthington

Front Row: Emma Dalton, Sehajpreet Kaur, Tessa Adams, Melanie Duff, Minjeong Shin, Emily McCarthy

Absent: Baileigh Kupa

Health



TOOLS FOR TEENAGER YEARS:

www.teentools.co.nz, is a useful site that gives parents tools, guidelines and local contacts to assist in your children having a safe and happy journey through their teenage years. This website is proudly bought to you by Tauranga Safe City.

Another very useful website is – www.kidshealth.org. This website is great for both parents and teenagers. It covers topics on school & jobs, healthy eating, body image, friendships, staying safe etc.

Our school has a great team of health professionals your daughter can access should she require some assistance or information on health related topics.

We have a first aider who deals with the daily illness and injuries of the students. Mrs Hardy is

available daily between the hours of 8.45-3pm in the health centre. Ange Daysh is the Student Health Coordinator, a registered nurse who is employed for 25 hours per week. She is available to assist students with any health related issue. She carries out various health assessments which includes eyesight and hearing screening. She can assist with referrals to other health providers and works closely with the school doctor. Her role allows her to assist teachers with the health curriculum and she facilitates some of the health lessons. She coordinates the health expos and assists the students with their health committees and health activities within the school. We have a free Doctor's clinic every Thursday for 2 hours. Parental consent is required for your daughter to access this service. These clinics are very

popular with the students as they are convenient, confidential and safe. We also have a physio clinic which is run by Bay Physiotherapy Centre. This clinic is available two days a week. We have a mobile dental unit which is run by Te Manu Toroa. This unit has been based in the school during Terms 3 & 4. This initiative has been very successful. Oral hygiene is a very important area teenagers should be managing. Dental care is available from contracting dentists, free up to 18 years of age. We also have 2 wonderful, experienced guidance counsellors available for students should they require some extra assistance during the day. Please ensure your daughter is aware of these services and accesses them should she need too.



Summer holidays are on our doorstep... have you sorted out care for your kids yet?

At the YMCA your children will have the opportunity to be mentored and have fun in the sun by the best team in Tauranga. They will come home content, exhausted and feeling like they are part of a family rather than a holiday programme!

YMCA Summer Holiday Programme

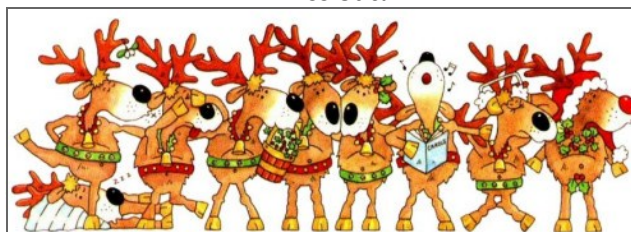
Monday 19 December to Friday 23 December 2011
Wednesday 04 January to Friday 27 January 2012

On our holiday fun agenda we have: Adventures at Action World, Mini Putt, Stream tubing at Roydon Downs Farm, Kayaking at Omokoroa and so much more!

But something even more exciting is that this Summer the YMCA Tauranga will be holding two awesome camps: A Basketball Camp and an Outdoors Camp at the TECT All Terrain Park.

So for more information go to our new website www.ymcatauranga.org.nz or you can also call us on (07) 578 9272 ext 700.

Come on in now and join the fun, you don't want to miss out!



Calendar

Day	Date	Event
Thursday	08 December	Year 9 Awards - commencing 10am, Year 9 Reports Issued
Friday	09 December	Year 10 Awards - commencing 10am, Year 10 Reports Issued
Monday	19 December	Office closes
Monday	23 January 2012	Office reopens, 8am

Term Dates for 2012

Term 1:

Wednesday 01 February - Thursday 05 April

Easter: Good Friday 06 April, Easter Monday
09 April

Term 2:

Monday 23 April - Friday 29 June

ANZAC Day :Monday 25 April
Queen's Birthday: Monday 04 June

Term 3:

Monday 16 July - Friday 28 September

Term 4:

Monday 15 October - Friday 14 December

Labour Day: Monday 22 October

Starting Dates for 2012

Monday	30 January:	Anniversary Day:
Tuesday	31 January:	Teacher Only Day
Wednesday	01 February:	Year 13
Thursday	02 February:	Year 9
Friday	03 February:	Whole School

Office Hours

Tauranga Girls' Reception and Office will close on **Monday 19 December** and will reopen on **Monday 23 January 2012**.



Contacting the College for 2012

We encourage parents to contact the College (578 8114) at any time during the year if there are matters they would like to discuss. There is a senior leader available as well as the deans at each year level. Next year's teams are as follows:

Year Nine	Senior Leader: Mrs Ferguson	Deans: Miss Jodie Moore & Mr Don Wallis Ext 768
Year Ten	Senior Leader: Ms Egan	Deans: Mrs Carolyn Nemeth & Mrs Judith Somerville Ext 766
Year Eleven	Senior Leader: Mrs Summerville	Deans: Mrs Marj Wilkinson & Mrs Karen Scott Ext 769
Year Twelve	Senior Leader: Ms Rowlands	Deans: Mrs Caroline Bird & Mrs Suzanne Todd- McKeown Ext 770
Year Thirteen	Senior Leader: Ms Rowlands	Deans: Mrs Sheryl Walker & Mrs Liz Coster Ext 767

If any matter remains unresolved, or is taking too long, please contact the Principal, Mrs Cowens.

Student Code of Conduct

Students of Tauranga Girls' College are expected to be supportive of each other in achieving their educational goals. No student has the right to impede the educational progress of any other student.

Set high educational goals each year.

Set daily, weekly, term and annual goals.
Plan time so that deadlines can be met.
Attend class ready to learn and to support the learning of others.
Arrive at school and in class on time.
Work consistently in class.

Treat others with respect.

Show respect towards students, staff and visitors.

Make the most of the educational opportunities offered by Tauranga Girls' College in and out of the classroom.

Participate in sport and cultural activities.
Offer service to the school and community.

Protect the school environment as a healthy and safe place.

Keep classrooms and grounds clean, tidy and free from vandalism.
Never bring cigarettes, drugs or alcohol to school.

Preserve the good name of the College.

Always act in a manner which brings credit to yourself and to Tauranga Girls' College.
Wear the school uniform correctly in and out of school.
Show pride in being a member of our school community.

The Code of Conduct for Tauranga Girls' College for the year 2011 applies to all students.

All students are expected **to achieve the standard** set in the Code of Conduct to ensure that teaching and learning can be effective, individual students can access a safe and secure learning environment and your daughter can present herself with the pride that comes from belonging to a highly respected College.

Copies of the code are printed in the prospectus and the year level booklets issued at the beginning of the year, and are displayed in every classroom.

On enrolment, parents, guardians or caregivers and students sign an enrolment agreement to abide by the code and the rules supporting it.



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Electronic copy of Newsletter

The monthly and mid-monthly newsletters are available electronically for download from our website www.tgc.school.nz together with archived copies for the current year.

Sponsors

We are very grateful and our thanks go to our sponsors, *Tauranga House of Travel*, *ANZ Bank* and *Eves Realty*. Their generosity has enabled us to lease a new school van.



HOUSE OF TRAVEL

TAURANGA

ANZ Bank is a Banking Partner with Tauranga Girls' College.

Since 16 March, ANZ has 'On-Site Banking' at G Block, every Wednesday between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. during school term. ANZ Staff on-site have access to full bank facilities. E.g. To open accounts, accept deposits, order ATM Cards and PIX Cards; order cheque books/statements; personal loans; credit cards; Home Loans, Savings Accounts; Internet Banking; Text Banking; Mobile Phone Banking; Kiwisaver, even Business Accounts, and all enquiries. *(everything except cash withdrawals...!)*



This is for **all** who are connected to the College. Students, Parents, and Staff.

So if you have difficulty 'getting to the bank', the ANZ Bank is here for you.

Home Loans earn \$\$\$\$\$\$\$s for the College – an Easy way to fundraise:

Under the ANZ Banking Partnership Programme, the College can earn 'ANZ Partner Points' that are redeemed for a range of items.

Anyone (Staff or parents) who takes out a new Home or Business Loan with ANZ will earn 800 ANZ Partner Points for the College – this is a value of currently **\$400** to Tauranga Girls' College.

For example:

- 1) If you are in the market for a new Home or Business Loan, and take it out with ANZ, then you will earn 800 Points for the College.
- 2) If you have a Home or Business Loan already with another bank, and choose to switch to ANZ, you will earn 800 Points for the College.

What sort of items can Partner Points buy? Sporting equipment, Petrol Vouchers, Computer items, travel and accommodation options, to name just a few.

Current interest Rates for a Home Loan with a Variable rate of interest start at 5.74%p.a. and Fixed interest rates start at 5.95% p.a. (Subject to Change)

For more information, or to discuss the ANZ Partner Points Programme, please contact ANZ
Annette Dixon – Branch Manager – 07 5577068 Annette.Dixon@anz.com
Trish Stevens – Personal Manager – 07 5577083 – Trish.Stevens@anz.com
Or call into any ANZ Branch.

Credit and Lending Criteria, and Full Terms and Conditions apply, March 2011
For further details please contact above ANZ staff or call at any ANZ Branch.



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