# The Principal's Message

# KIA KAHA

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Taupo-nui-a-Tia College "Gateway to Your Future"

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Head Boy 2015 Gabriel Wharehinga



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I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Taupo-nui-a-Tia College community for the start of the school year. A very special welcome is extended to those students and their parents who are new to the school this year. I hope your association with the college is a very long and positive one.

The college has been bustling with activity during the first few weeks of this term. It is heartening to see how quickly our students have settled into good routines in the classroom. This is especially so of the Year 9 students who seem to transitioned well from primary/intermediate to secondary school.

The annual Colours Day was held recently and was an outstanding success. Much of the credit for the level of involvement and positive House spirit must go to our House Leaders and senior students. They have worked tremendously hard to ensure our juniors are included and involved in supporting their respective houses. Judging by what I saw on the day the competition for the House Shield will be keenly contested this year.

One of the many highlights for me on the day was during the house chants seeing a burly Year 13 student step out of a free standing door, dressed immaculately as the Queen of Hearts (complete with makeup!). You possibly had to be there but it was very funny!

Our 2014 NCEA results were very pleasing and clearly indicate that we are performing national comfortably above averages in the areas targeted by the government. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our teaching staff who more often than not made themselves available to give our students extra support outside of teaching hours at critical times throughout the year.

This year we have introduced Learning Advisory Groups to the college. This means that every student in the school has a staff member assigned to them to offer advice and guidance with their learning. This staff member will also act as the interface between school and home. By now the learning advisor assigned to your child would have made contact with you to outline their role. You will have an opportunity to meet learning advisors in Term 2 when your child shares their learning goals with you. We strongly believe that this initiative will give you a greater opportunity to share in your child's academic journey through school and in turn ensure they reach their potential.

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#### Cornerstone Values

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



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Cal	enda	ar – Week 5 to Week 9, Term 1	
March			
Mon	2	School finishes at 1:30pm	Meak F
Tues	3		Week 5
Wed	4		(green)
Thurs	5		
Fri	6	North Island Secondary Schools Rowing Champs, Karapiro.	
Mon	9		Week 6
Tues	10		
Wed	11	Year 9 Health Assessments.	(red)
Thurs	12		
Fri	13	Triple A Reports posted to KAMAR Parent Portal.	
Mon	16	School finishes at 1:30pm	\\\\.7
Tues	17	5:00pm Board of Trustees meeting, school boardroom.	Week 7
Wed	18	Otago University Junior Maths Competition.	(green)
		Kapa Haka, Polyfest.	
		5:00pm PTA monthly meeting, followed by PTA AGM at 6:00pm, school library.	
Thurs	19	Meet the Teachers Evening 4:00pm to 6:00pm (surnames A – L)	
Fri	20		
Mon	23	Summer Tournament Week.	
		NZ Secondary Schools Rowing Champs.	
Tues	24	Waka Ama, NZ Secondary Schools Champs.	Week 8
		Meet the Teachers Evening 4:00pm to 6:00pm (surnames M – Z)	(red)
Wed	25	National 7s Rugby.	
Thurs	26		
Fri	27		
Mon	30		
Tues	31		
April			Week 9
Wed	1		(green)
Thurs	2	LAST DAY OF TERM 1 Term 2 begins Monday 20 April 2015	
Fri	3	Easter – Good Friday	





Shelter.

Do you love animals and want to help the Taupo SPCA care for unwanted and abandoned animals until they find their new home? Come and join our team of volunteers. Application forms are available at the Taupo SPCA, 131 Centennial Drive or email <a href="mailto:info@spcataupo.org.nz">info@spcataupo.org.nz</a> or phone 378 4396.

Hours are generally between 8:30am to 10:30am and 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Children are welcome to play in our covered courtyard, education room or outside grassy area during the afternoon shift. Teenagers are welcome to help!



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This year the college is trialling a range of new courses at Year 9. These courses are designed to have students work on cross curricular themes within real world contexts. The aim of these courses is to encourage our students to think critically and to make connections across a range of subject areas. We also have a blended learning class (sometimes known as BYOD). This class will be using devices when and where appropriate, as opposed to 100% of the time. The focus will still be on positive teacher-student interactions to enhance the learning.

During the holidays stage two of our landscaping project was undertaken. This included new hard surfaces and garden areas around the library. In autumn more seating will be provided along with shade trees. Stage three of the landscaping will incorporate the area in front of E Block along with resurfacing the netball courts. The next big building project is a performing arts facility. A Project Manager is soon to be appointed and we hope to complete planning for stage one of this programme during this year.

To our new parents — thank you for choosing Taupo-nui-a-Tia College. While never professing to be perfect, we do work hard to ensure we give the very best for your child. When we don't get it right, please come in and discuss your concerns. I am a great believer in developing productive homeschool relationships in order to find solutions to any issues. In the same breath, when we do get it right you are more than welcome to tell us! I look forward to meeting you at some stage during the year.

Peter Moyle Principal

#### **Learning Advisory Groups**

Learning Advisory Groups (LAGs) are managed by two teachers and have replaced the traditional tutor group. Students meet in their groups three times a week. The Learning Advisor performs a number of important functions, both pastoral and administrative. A key role is creating a feeling of security and friendship within the group which develops as part of the school culture. Our aim is to make the experience of being at college as rewarding as possible.

#### **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. There are eight Cornerstone Values in total and every term we focus on one of these values. The eight values are: Honesty and Truthfulness, Kindness, Duty, Compassion, Responsibility, Consideration and Concern for Others, Respect and Obedience.

The Cornerstone Value for Term 1 is **Responsibility** which is defined as:

"Willingness to be answerable, to be trustworthy and accountable for your own conduct and behaviour."

- Responsibility teaches you much.
- With privilege comes responsibility.
- You are responsible for your own learning.
- Being responsible for your own actions is the responsibility of everyone.
- Whatever happens, take responsibility.
- It's easy to dodge our responsibilities but we cannot dodge the consequences of dodging our responsibility.
- Your cannot lose if responsibility is what you choose.

As a parent you can be proud that your child is part of a Cornerstone Values school and we appreciate the support you give from home in emphasising these values.

If you are new to the school you will notice that the college is proud of its Cornerstone Values accreditation and displays the Cornerstone Values logo prominently.







Nau mai, haere mai
A very warm welcome to all new students and staff

#### **Senior Managers**

Principal Peter Moyle
Deputy Principal Wayne Frewen
Deputy Principal Bruce Forsyth
Deputy Principal Brenda Ronke
Senior Manager Liz Davis

#### **Board of Trustees**

David Forsyth, Chairman
Peter Moyle, Principal
Alan Brake
Barry Draper
Jan Pook
Lorraine Kerr
Karen Owen
Sue Henry, Staff Representative
Huia Maniapoto, Board Secretary

#### **College Office**

Louise Berney, Executive Officer
Huia Maniapoto, Executive Secretary/Principal's PA
Sharon Shanks, Office Manager
Janice Collier, Attendance Officer
Debbie Flight, Administration
Nellie Paenga, Admin Assistant
Judith Ridd, Administration
Dee Whale, Administration/Accounts

#### **Heads of Faculty**

Arts Liz Davis
Languages Neil Baxter
Mathematics Richard Thompson
Health & PE Maree MacLachlan
Science Stephen Ross
Social Sciences Jan Grey
Technology Stephen Fowler

#### **Deans**

Year 13 Roger Gregory / Kay Grant
Year 12 Heulwen Simm
Year 11 Catherine Mackintosh
Year 10 Lesley Purdon
Year 9 Leeanne Mason

### **Careers Advisor** Gateway Kay Grant Gaeleen Wilkie

#### **Guidance Counsellor**

Hilary Graham

#### **Bay Trust Centre**

Fiona Primrose, Administration Claire Swindlehurst, Nurse

#### **Sports Director**

**Andrew Maisey** 

#### **HEAD STUDENTS 2015**

Photo from left to right — Tessa Ralfe, Deputy Head Girl; Harrison Griffin, Deputy Head Boy Gabriel Wharehinga, Head Boy; Beth Owen, Head Girl





#### House Leaders 2015





#### **Tongariro**

#### House Leaders: Nathan Brake Oriori Rewiri

# **Deputies:**Matt Ranston Brittany Buckton

#### Ruapehu

#### House Leaders: Keegan Pook Holly Dorrestyn

# **Deputies:**George Mohi Chelsea Wrightwebb



#### Tauhara

#### House Leaders: Jayde Hema-Allan Jessica Jaques

# **Deputies:**Scott Inglis Cassidy Goldsmith



#### Ngauruhoe

## **House Leaders:**Blade Karauti-Fox Danielle Harris

## **Deputies:**Matt Cordell Chevina King







**Colours Day 2015** 

#### **Student Information**

We welcome all students to Taupo-nui-a-Tia College, especially those who are commencing their secondary schooling with us. It is extremely important that we have the correct personal details on our students' files.

- → Please keep us updated with any changes to your child's address and telephone numbers.
- → Most parents now receive an electronic copy of the school newsletter rather than hard copy. If you would like to be included on our electronic mailing list, please send an email to Sharon in the office: <a href="mailto:sharon.shanks@taupocollege.ac.nz">sharon.shanks@taupocollege.ac.nz</a>.
- → Other important academic information is sent out via txt message. Contact the office if we do not have your mobile number.
- → Sharing in your child's learning makes a huge difference. Parents are encouraged to access their child's school information through the college website. This enables you and your child to view online live attendance data, timetable, reports, assessment results, daily notices, calendar events and information on fees. Visit the school website: <a href="http://www.taupocollege.ac.nz">http://www.taupocollege.ac.nz</a>. Click 'KAMAR Parent Login' link (bottom righthand side of the home page). Then use your child's school username and password to log in and view information together. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance ph 376 1100.

#### **Attendance**

The higher the percentage of attendance in class, the better the learning that occurs. Students' attainment of academic, cultural, social goals and also their development of sound habits towards future employment are greatly enhanced. Thank you for supporting your child to attend school regularly and on time, making a huge difference to their education.

Please ring the school by 9:00am to explain any unexpected absence. Phone 376 1100 and leave a message explaining who is absent, 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 Attendance Officer, Mrs Collier, at the office on the day of the student's return to school.

For any known short periods of leave, please obtain permission by prior application in writing to the Principal.

A reminder that the school day starts at <u>8:40am</u> and all students are expected to be here at that time. We encourage parents to have their children develop routines to ensure they are at school on time.

#### **Leaving School**

If your child needs to leave school during the day for an appointment or a pre-arranged event, please give your child a written note to show the class teacher on the day. They will then get permission to leave the class and go to the school office. A Dean will sign the note and your child can then sign the leaving book. It is very time consuming for the administration staff to take phone messages and send for the child when a note could have been written. Thank you, we appreciate your help!

#### Going on holiday during term time

If you are planning a family holiday or trip during the school term it is a Ministry of Education requirement that a request for leave is made in writing to the Principal. Thank you.



#### **College Uniform**

All students are expected to wear their uniforms correctly. Please note the following guidelines:

#### → SKIRTS

Skirts are to be worn on the waist – the top of the skirt is not to be rolled. The bottom of the skirt is to be no more than 10cm off the ground when a student is kneeling. A good guide is the width of the student's hand – the skirt hem is not to sit higher than hand width. The back of the skirt is to fall freely, it is not to hug the bottom, the side pocket zip should open with ease and when a student is standing the split should not be open.

#### → SHORTS

The legs on shorts are not to be rolled.

No piece of uniform is to be defaced with writing. Students who wear their skirts/shorts incorrectly or have writing on their uniform may be required to purchase new uniform items.

#### **→ JEWELLERY**

Students can wear a watch, plain studs and ONE other piece of jewellery. Stretcher earrings and ear rings with spikes at the back are NOT allowed. Facial piercings are also not allowed.

#### → SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

A limited amount of secondhand 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. We are unable to sell the old style uniform on your behalf.

#### → PE UNIFORM

All students in Years 9 and 10 who are taking PE are required to wear the Taupo-nui-a-Tia College green PE shorts and top to all practical classes. This will allow your child to gain the most out of these subjects and also decrease the wear and tear of their own clothes. If they are not able to bring their PE uniform for some reason they need to provide a note from a parent/caregiver explaining why. The PE uniform is available for purchase at the school office.

Please contact your child's Learning Advisor or Deputy Principal, Brenda Ronke, if you require clarification regarding uniform expectations.

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who ensure their child comes to school in correct uniform each day, and to students who choose to wear their uniform with pride.

#### **Bay Trust Centre Clinics**

Monday to Friday	8:15am – 3:30pm	Fiona Primrose, Administrator
Monday	9:00am – 12:30pm 10:00am – 11:45am 12:30pm – 3:20pm	Psychologist, Riona Baldwin Dr Debbie Hughes TUMT Drug and Alcohol Counselling
Tuesday	9:00am – 3:20pm 9:00am – 3:00pm	Nurse, Claire Swindlehurst Physio, Jeff Fox
Wednesday	11:30am – 1:30pm 12:30pm – 3:20pm 2:20pm – 3:20pm	Youth Worker, Tracey Vowles Nurse, Claire Swindlehurst TUMT Drug and Alcohol Counselling
Thursday	9:00am – 3:00pm 11:30am – 3:20pm	Physio, Jeff Fox Mana Whakatipu Mentoring, TeWhetu Dewes
Friday	9:00am – 12:30pm 12:30pm – 3:20pm	Youth Worker, Tracey Vowles Nurse, Claire Swindlehurst

#### **Health Assessment for Year 9 Students**

All Year 9 students are entitled to a comprehensive health assessment, carried out by our Registered Nurse, Claire Swindlehurst. This involves a hearing, vision and general wellbeing assessment. Your child makes an informed decision to give consent to the health assessment which takes in an average of one hour. If any health concerns are apparent, parents will be contacted. The initial assessment will be carried out during a Learning Advisory Group (LAG) time on Wednesday, 11 March. If you wish to decline this assessment or have any queries, please feel free to contact Claire at the school clinic, ph 376 1100.

#### **Book Returns**



Can all parents and students please have a good look in every nook and cranny for any text books and/or library books which need returning to the school. If they aren't returned, we have to replace them, and this is charged to your school account. Your help is very much appreciated!



#### Meet the Teachers Evenings

Thursday, 19 March SurrTuesday, 24 March Surr

Surnames A to L Surnames M to Z 4:00pm to 6:00pm 4:00pm to 6:00pm

'Triple A' reports will be posted to the KAMAR Parent Portal on Friday 13 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 parent evenings and invite those parents whose surnames begin A to L to attend on Thursday 19 March and those with surnames beginning M to Z to attend on Tuesday 24 March. Where there are a number of areas of concern, parents/caregivers are alerted to this by email and are urged to take this opportunity to discuss these concerns with the teacher(s) involved. Students are welcome to attend these meetings along with their parents/caregivers.

#### **CACTUS 2015**

CACTUS (Combined Adolescent Challenge Training Unit and Support) is a programme of physical training developed from the Armed Forces programme.

We are very pleased to have the Taupo Tauhara/Paetiki Neighbourhood Policing Team coordinating and running this programme again at Taupo-nui-a-Tia College, during Term 2. The course builds physical and mental conditioning over eight weeks, comprising three one hour training sessions per week of progressively harder physical routines.

The course also develops leadership, team building and personal responsibility. Interested students submit an application and will be selected before the end of Term 1.



#### Students' Success

#### Congratulations to all 2014 Scholarship Recipients:

- Jessica Hood History
- Briohny Pierce Dance
- Matthew Rosenberg Statistics
- Jamie Sandham Drama
- Joe Sutton Geography, History, Physical Education

#### 2014 NCEA Level 3 - Excellence Endorsements

Matthew Rosenberg James Ellery
David Young Caitlyn McLeod
Joe Sutton Katie Davis

#### 2014NCEA Level 3 - Merit Endorsements

Evan Davies Hannah Fletcher Aorangi Terekia
Jessica Hood Victoria Evans Aisling Bowden
Briohny Pierce Lewis Parker Brooke Halliday
Samuel Sinkinson Grace Mitchell Brooke Taylor
Joshua Clarke Liam Grimshaw

2014 NCEA Level 2 - Excellence Endorsements

Louisa Williamson Ridge Nairn Sydney Mallon-Piper Skylar Orr

Tessa Ralfe Allison Montgomerie Scott Inglis Harrison Griffin

#### 2014 NCEA Level 2 - Merit Endorsements

Andrew Heaslip Sophie Livingston Carla Johns **Kyle Smith** Olivia Murray-Simmonds Bismarck Simeon Connor Stanfield Kade Wichman Jacob Connon Danielle Harris Oriori Rewiri Isla Sando Daniel Wilks Megan Brown Jordan Palmer Beth Owen Ravi Sharma Ashley Hargreaves Joanna Thorburn Keegan Pook Ashleigh Martin Ashleigh Maisey Alice Webb Krvstal Williams Lisi Gaualofa Samuel Simmonds Mathew Harty Matt Ranston Isabella Sherwood-Clark Alice Clarke Tayla Shortland

#### 2013 NCEA Level 1 - Excellence Endorsements

Sarina Towers Chevenne Ormsby Huy Tim Mathew Forsyth Nicola Gebauer Natasha Donald Phoebe Slee Hetal Patel Abbey Draper Thomas Rosenberg Jack Clunie Rebecca Sumpter Alexandra McConnon Liam McLeod Ben Simmons Tiana McNaughton Dusky-Rose Tawhai Terrell Wichman Chloe Travers Breahn Renwick Shania Castle Sarah Chilvers Nicole Maisey Gus Murray





#### Students' Success

#### 2014 NCEA Level 1 - Merit Endorsements

Connor Winmill Megan Thomas Olivia Dark Curtis Painter Lily Cooper Aisha Short Jivyde Despojo Mikavla Duffv Madison Edwards Lilli McDonald Abbey Eccles Keziah Cowley Heath McGrath Laura Drummond Emma McDonald Lyge Bascon Jesse Guillemot Sean Jackman Shanaya Dempsey Lily Nichols Oliver James Anastacia Wetere

Kyle Godden
Alice Orr
Fipe Foai
Loren King
Natruly Mani
Lakeyta Nikora
Shaun Warnock
Kynan Harrison
Aleisha Merwyn
Allayson Hansen
Sinead Macdonald
Maria Babbington
Amylee Tiopira
Reuben Connon
Paige Gordine-Akuhata

Matilda Fulljames Sam Insley Tegan McConachie Kelly Jordan Hannah McLean Emma Cordell

**Emilie Read** 

Valentina Papa Benedict Bronidal Tamara Peez Matthew Duffy Jemma Isaacs Corey Price Baelei Worboys

London
Holly Hickman
Robyn Wiki
Sarn Elliott
Josh McNally
Michaela Cusin
Kia Toa Bowden
Kirsten Clark

Emma-Louise Fraser Sian Vondervoort Elaine Mauricio Annaleeza Stokman Gavin Ward

Liam Devlin Kaia Gear Brody Neil

#### **Thanks Taupo Businesses**

A huge **THANK YOU** for the generous support that the following Taupo businesses have given our Technology Department for quite a number of years. Without the generosity of our local businesses we may not be able to offer the students the great opportunities that the college has, to assist them in today's technological and competitive society.



Bunnings – Keith Walsh
Mike Prior Saw Milling Limited – Mike Prior
Total Trade Supplies – Kevin Watts
Tenon Limited – Ross Johanson
Hire Pool – Stan De Thierry
Vistalite Taupo – Bronek Szpetnar
A & T Glass – Andrew McCullough
Lake Steel – Shane Nairn
Roofing Industries Limited – Ivan and Caroline Cribb
Urbanform Architectural – Clint Bramley
Kiwi Outback Adventures – Peter Wilkinson
Contact Energy – Roseanne Jollands
Hynds Pipe Systems – Darryl Watson



#### Students' Success

Congratulations Keziah and Claire Cowley who were selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools **Symphony Orchestra**. An outstanding achievement, well done!

Also a big congratulations to Ravi Sharma and Aisling Bowden who sailed on the Spirit of New Zealand and gained awards for displaying outstanding endeavour and personal growth.

#### **Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award**

#### Value

This award is internationally recognised and is another qualification to add to a CV. Many students find they are doing many of the requirements already and this challenges, organises and motivates them to formalise their efforts. Students need to be 14 year sold to start Bronze although it is sometimes possible to include students close to their 14th birthday so they can attend training and expeditions with their fellow students.

#### Requirements

Gaining the award requires the student to complete four sections in their booklet. They need to be involved in a sport, in developing a skill, providing voluntary service in some form in the community and undertaking an expedition (which is preceded by a practice expedition complete with training). The Bronze Award usually takes about six months to complete. Silver is about a year and so by the end of Year 12/13 it is guite feasible to have achieved Gold. However, young people do have until the age of 25 to complete the award to Gold level. Gold has an added dimension in that a residential project is also required. This could be Outward Bound, Spirit of Adventure, CUE Haven, or other approved projects. Students can be direct entrant silver or gold as long as they meet the age requirement.

#### Costs

The cost to sign up and receive a booklet is \$37.50 per award. There are other costs associated with travel for expeditions. We do generally try to stay in our locality so costs are not exorbitant. The school has equipment students can use, such as packs, cookers, tents and kayaks for expeditions.

#### To sign up

Students are required to fill in a registration form and a health and safety form which are to be returned to the student office with payment.

#### **Training Afternoon**

This year we are having a training afternoon which encompasses a number of skills necessary for the qualifying expedition for bronze entrants and direct entrants. Students must complete the training before they go on expeditions. The training afternoon will be on Friday 27 February after school on the field. If it is wet we will utilise classrooms. This will start immediately at 3:30pm and training will be completed by 5:30pm. There will be a sausage sizzle at the end. The charge is \$5 per student.

#### **Teacher in Charge**

The point of contact for students at school is Ms Megan Marshall located in N3.

#### **Recent Award Recipients**

Congratulations to the following students who completed awards since our last newsletter:



#### 🤭 Gold

Mathew Harty Katie Davis

#### ★ Silver

Sarah Chilvers Phoebe Slee Gus Murray

#### Bronze

Hannah Coulter Darryn Malcolm Chloe French Hannah Wilks



#### **Year 13 Hospitality**

The New Year has started well for our Year 13 Hospitality students, ready and prepared in their uniforms for a great year under the guidance and tutorage of their teacher, Ylva Maxwell.

This week the students are preparing and serving complex sandwiches to staff. What a great looking bunch of students! Later this year these students will be learning how to prepare and present espresso beverages and serving them to staff during interval.

Taking part in Year 13 Hospitality are Samantha and Rachel Carr who were 1<sup>st</sup> Equal in Year 12 Hospitality in 2014. Ms Maxwell has the honour of awarding them a chef's knife from Southern Hospitality and a brand new Taupo-nui-a-Tia College tea towel.

Congratulations Samantha and Rachel.









# **DELIVERERS WANTED**

Part time work is now available delivering newspapers and circulars in your area. If you would like to earn extra money while keeping fit and are 11 years of age and older we would like to hear from you.

Please contact Helen 021 228 6899



#### **PTA News**

Welcome to all new and returning families to our school! We hope to have met some of you at the Year 9 barbecue. As a PTA, we volunteer to help with this annual event so teachers are free to meet and greet.

During the year we often run parent information evenings on hot topics of interest, *i.e.* NCEA, and Keeping your Child Safe in Cyberspace. Keep an eye out for upcoming events this year. If you have any requests or ideas on what information evenings you would like, please let us know. It can be a big transition for parents when their child moves from primary to secondary school so part of our vision is to be able to offer support to fellow parents.

If you are keen to get involved or to be kept more informed, coming along to our meetings might be just for you. We all have busy lives and being on the PTA doesn't require heaps of extra commitment. We are a 'no pressure' group of active parents wanting to help where we can to support our great teachers and school.

We welcome new members to our group. Our next monthly meeting is Wednesday 18 March at 5:00pm in the school library. We meet monthly on a Wednesday - future dates can be found in the calendar at the front of the newsletter, or contact email: <a href="mailto:alyson.murray@taupocollege.ac.nz">alyson.murray@taupocollege.ac.nz</a>

#### **Your PTA Committee**



**Sharon Griffin** 



Sarah Monro



Alyson Murray



Yvonne Westerman



Margaret Ralfe



Sue Collett



Kaye Isaacs



Chez Taylor



Tricia Golebiowski



Angela Edhouse



Roewyna Loughlin



Vicki Hohaia-Webb

Taupo-nui-a-Tia College PTA

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 18 March 2015, 6:00pm in the school library



## PTA - Fundraiser First Aid Kit -

- Please support our fundraising efforts by purchasing one of our first aid kits.
- Proceeds from the sale of the first aid kits will go towards the:
- Taupo-nui-a-Tia College PTA.

As part of our fundraising efforts for the PTA, we are supplying a large, quality first aid kit which you can purchase for only \$39. These first aid kits are excellent value for money and similar kits often retail for well over \$60.

For every kit sold, \$12 will go towards our fundraising efforts.

They make wonderful, practical gifts - for birthdays, students leaving home, car boots etc.



#### Why buy a kit?

- Everyone should have more than one updated First Aid Kit handy.
- They are a practical item that make a great gift.
- These kits may cost you less than replacing the same contents in your old kit.

#### **Product Details**

The First Aid Kit that we are selling for our fundraiser is a large, carry kit with transparent fold-out compartments that contains 77 items including a digital thermometer. (measures 240mm x 180mm x 85mm.) Follows OSH and consumer regulations.

#### Kit Contents

FREE Digital Thermometer, FREE INSTANT ICE PACK, 2 x Emergency Blankets, 1 x CPR Resuscitation mask with valve, 1 x Eye Pad 5.5cm x 7.5cm, 2 x Burns Dressings 20cm x 30cm, 2 x Conforming Bandage Rolls 6cm x 400cm, 2 x Conforming Bandage Rolls 8cm x 400cm, 20 x Band Aid strips 7.5cm x 2cm, 2 x Triangular Bandages 90cm x 90cm x 127cm, Long adhesive strip 6cm x 20cm, Adhesive Multi-pore Tape Roll 13mm x 5m, 3 x Butterfly Adhesive Plasters 7.4cm x 4.5cm, 2 x Knuckle Adhesive Plasters 7.5cm x 3.7cm, 4 x Semi-permeable Dressings 6cm x 7cm, 3 x Adhesive Island Dressings 6cm x 7cm, 2 x Adhesive Island Dressings 6cm x 10cm, Combined/Abdominal absorbent pad 23cm x 12.5cm, Scissors 15cm, Tweezers (metal), 4 pairs large PVC safety gloves, 10 x safety pins, 4 x Soap wipes 20cm x 19cm, 4 x Saline Cleansing Wipes 20cm x 19cm, First Aid Guide

# CONTACT OPEN RIBBON DAY



# ORUANUI PONY CLUB Cnr Poihipi and Oruanui Roads Taupo

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March

#### Seay Earthmovers Limited - Sports Pages

Wow! What a busy and great start into 2015 with sport at our school. So much is going on already and it is very impressive to see our students training well and looking so fit so early into the year. I have been scanning through the different sports when I can and it looks like preseason training is well underway and the coaches have been busy trialling for new teams and coordinating training. A big thanks to the teachers, coaches and parents who step up and offer so much of their time. Some of our sports are seeking parental assistance so if you are keen and have some time to help out please contact us as we would certainly appreciate your help. Many sports are up and running already, with volleyball, waka ama, triathlon, rowing, athletics, tennis, mountain biking and football to name just a few. Our sporting calendar is very full and we will try to keep you posted with brief updates throughout the terms as we move into the year.

#### A few quick updates that have happened already:

Lewis Eccles has had outstanding success in cycling and has recently been selected into the New Zealand Elite Men's Cycling Team to travel to America in July. This really is quite outstanding and we all wish him well.

The girls volleyball teams have played some prelim games with the A Team winning 5 from 7. While the B Team did not win, they played well and showed good potential.

The boy's football 1st XI had a good win last weekend and the 2nd XI had a good run in their match with some much needed game time.

We have just registered our new rowing teams with Rowing NZ and they have the North Island Secondary Schools Champs at Karapiro on 6-8 March and the Maadi Cup (NZ Secondary Schools Champs) on 23 – 29 March, so watch this space! A huge thanks to Duncan Brown, David Forsyth, Michelle Dews and Conty (the new coach) from the Taupo Rowing Club for organising this and getting the ball rolling. A fantastic sight to see these rowers out training on our beautiful lake at 6:00am each morning – great work guys!

There is much more coming up and we look forward to another very successful and rewarding year with our students in all sporting codes across the board. Remember to get to training and on time – commitment helps breed success. A great attitude and fair play go a long way in sport!

Andrew Maisey Sports Coordinator

#### Other Outstanding Individual Achievements

Two students have been selected into New Zealand Touch Rugby Teams – Mihingarangi Heurea U15 Girls and Ruamano Akuhata U15 Boys – well done!

Roman Rajek placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the New Zealand Superbikes 125GP and was 2<sup>nd</sup> overall at the Timaru round of the national series. Roman would like to thank Pitch Sports Bar and Ben at Total Oils for their support.

Maximus Purvis (pictured below) competed in five major motocross events over December/January where he raced his CMR Redbull Ktm 85cc sponsored bike to win all the events he entered:

1st – Auckland Motocross Champs 13-16yrs. 1st – Summer Cross Champs 14-16yrs. 1st – Valley Champs U17yrs. 1st – Woodville Grand Prix 13-16yrs. 1st – Woodville GP Champion of Champions.





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#### Hoe Waka

A new sprint season kicks off and it will be hard and fast!

#### **Upcoming Regatta Dates:**

- Saturday 7 March Secondary School Regionals, Lake Ngaroto, Te Awamutu.
- Tuesday 24 March to Friday 27 March Secondary School Nationals, Lake Tikitapu, Rotorua.

#### **Training Days:**

Mondays and Wednesdays 4:00pm to 5:30pm and Saturday 9:00am to 11:00am in front of Taupo Yacht Club.

Coaches – Whaea Steph, ph 021378854, and Mr Thiele.

#### Football

Winter may seem a way off but already it's time for students and parents to start thinking about the 2015 football season. The annual 'muster' for all boys interested in playing football for the college has been held and there has been a great deal of interest. In addition, prospective 1st XI players have started preseason training.

Trials for boys teams will commence in week 5 and this year we hope to have teams in the following leagues: Baywide Youth Premier Division, Baywide Youth First or Second Division, and two teams in the Rotorua U15 league. The latter is a mixed league and is seen as the foundation for players aspiring to 2<sup>nd</sup> or 1<sup>st</sup> XI football in their senior years.

Our ability to field these teams will depend ultimately on parents stepping up to coach and manage teams. If you are interested in assisting in any way, please contact me: <a href="mailto:sean.robinson@taupocollege.ac.nz">sean.robinson@taupocollege.ac.nz</a>

Girls trials will be held later on in Term 1 and again, coaches and managers will be needed to get these team off the ground.

In the meantime, GET FIT!!

Sean Robinson Teacher in Charge, Football

#### Hockey

There has been a lot of interest in hockey but we do need more coaches! So if you are interested or would like to share the role please contact Mrs Simm: <a href="heulwen.simm@taupocollege.ac.nz">heulwen.simm@taupocollege.ac.nz</a>



#### Netball

Special thanks to our students who did a great job as ball girls at the Fiji -v- Magic game: Hollie McGrath, Jordyn Simmonds, Deli Taylor, Reilly Williams, Angel Kalolo, Kavana Smith, Shannon Poupard-Rupapera, Emily Edwards.

