

19 MARCH 2020



TGC NEWSLETTER PĀNUI



CALENDAR

**Trips subject to Covid-19
Recommendations:**

Friday 20 March

Duke of Edinburgh
L2 Bio Fieldtrip
L1 ECO Subway Trip

Thursday 26 March

Summer Teams and Prefect Photos

Friday 27 March

Prefect BBQ with Tauranga Boys' College

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Warm greetings to you all

Follow us on Facebook

We continue to post updates, news items and celebrations on our FB page. These occur more regularly than our fortnightly newsletter. Make sure that you follow us and have downloaded the UpSchool App.

Need some help? Contact us

This year, a large number of students will be out and about in our community giving a helping hand to those who could do with some 'girl power'! It's TGC's way of giving back to the community. In preparation for this, we need to compile a list of businesses, services, charities, marae and the like that would benefit from some student help for a few hours. We could provide the labour, you need to provide the support and supervision. If you can help, then please fill in [this form](#) to register your interest. This will of course be a 'wait/watch' event with COVID-19 being a current concern.

TERM DATES 2020

Term 1 - 21 January - 9 April

Term 2 - 28 April - 3 July

Term 3 - 20 July - 25 September

Term 4 - 12 October - tbc

COVID-19 (CORONA VIRUS)

These are unprecedented times and as such, we all need to work together to make a difference. Here at Tauranga Girls' College we are doing our very best to support the Government's plans to slow down the COVID-19 virus whilst at the same time keeping a strong focus on normalising learning and teaching.

I understand and appreciate that some of you will be disappointed that school related events that both you and I look forward to may no longer be realised this year. It will take courage, determination and the empathy of those of us who are 'well' to ensure we look after those less well than ourselves. Physical isolation or minimising gatherings is one way to achieve this. Those less well include some students at TGC but also parents and grandparents who may have failing health or other vulnerabilities. Out of respect for you and our community, difficult calls have to be made, and we along with others are making them in everyone's interest. Events that have been postponed or cancelled will be communicated to the students concerned.

Having said that, we are ensuring that learning continues and those events that have been cancelled or postponed are those that are deemed as non-essential items. Yes, we value them and wish they could continue but we have to think of a bigger picture right now. I know that the Ministry of Education is doing what they can to ensure schools can operate without compromising health and well being for as long as possible. There are no planned school closures but we will continue to prepare as best as we can by ensuring our google classrooms are up and running, teachers have the resources they need and that students have suitable devices and of course have connections to the internet at home. Please ensure your daughter has 'joined' her Google Classroom and is ready for distance learning.

Our cleaners are also cleaning touch points daily, ensuring soap dispensers are full in bathrooms and we have paper towels or dryers.

We ask that you keep your daughter at home if she is unwell. If she is unwell and comes to school, she will be asked to go home. I am asking all teachers and support staff to do the same. Being vigilant with the highest levels of hygiene is critical at this time.

As you will have heard, two school students in the South Island have had a positive COVID-19 test. We know there will be others. Your support in helping to keep it out for as long as possible is 'what you can do'. Try to remain calm and if you begin to feel anxious, limit how much you read and how often. Remember that high school age students are statistically the least likely to be affected by this virus.

Make sure you are aware of the self isolation and travel restrictions. If not, check the Ministry of Health website for details or check our FB posts. All TGC adults and students who choose to undertake non essential travel overseas will have to self isolate for 14 days upon return. We also have a travel register and ask that you inform your daughter's cohort dean via an email if she is going overseas for any reason.

As always, we are following the guidelines provided by the lead agency, the Ministry of Health but also that of the Ministry of Education. If you have any health concerns, please call 0800 358 5453.



Tara Kanji
Tumuaki/Principal

COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS

How to protect yourself and others

March 2020

What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It's caused by a virus called coronavirus. There are simple steps you can take to protect you and your family/whānau.



Symptoms of COVID-19

The symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a cough
- a high temperature (at least 38°C)
- shortness of breath.

These symptoms do not necessarily mean you have COVID-19. The symptoms are similar to other illnesses that are much more common, such as cold and flu. However, infections with mild symptoms such as cold-like symptoms or no symptoms are likely, but it's not known how common this is.

How to protect yourself and others

- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or by covering your mouth and nose with tissues.
- Put used tissues in the bin or a bag immediately.
- Wash your hands with soap and water often.
- Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
- Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as doorknobs.
- Stay home if you feel unwell and call Healthline on 0800 358 5453.

Call Healthline 24/7 on 0800 358 5453 if you need to speak to someone.

Visit health.govt.nz/covid-19 for more information.

AMNESTY DINNER

The Learning Committee and the Deputy Head Girl of Cultural Diversity attended a potluck dinner with the Tauranga Amnesty International Group, in particular the Moana group.

The girls had a delicious dinner, with a gorgeous view of the Mount, learning more about the purpose of Amnesty International. There are plans to restart the TGC Amnesty International group which the Moana group will offer assistance with. We had a lovely guest speaker who was a former TGC Alumni and Head Girl Chennoah Walford. She was part of the Amnesty International group at TGC and is now on the Amnesty International NZ Governance Team. All in all, it was a great night of sharing food, laughs and stories.



VACANCY

Inclusive Learning Assistant (ILA)

Tauranga Girls' College is seeking two on-call, casual relievers as Inclusive Learning Assistants.

Suitable candidates will have experience in working with young people, a positive 'can do' attitude, and a willingness to learn new skills - along with supporting interests such as music, creative arts, gardening or sport.

Minimum of three hours a day during school hours (Monday-Friday)

- Computer/ipad skills are an advantage
- Duties may involve monitoring health conditions (such as epilepsy or diabetes), as well as personal care needs for students
- Satisfactory police vet required

Applications close Friday 27 March 2020. Employment commences Term 2 onwards.

For more information and to complete the online application form please contact principal@tgc.school.nz

IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR PARENTS/WHĀNAU

PARENT/STUDENT PORTAL

The Parent/Student Portal accessed through our school website provides information on student details including timetable, attendance, results summary, as well as the School Calendar and Daily Notices.

This information is provided in real time. The link on our website to the KAMAR home portal is located on the right hand side at the top of the home page, or by clicking on the Parent Info tab and selecting Parent Portal.

In order to logon to your daughter's details, you will have received an email providing you with a user name (this is also your daughter's user name but she has a different password) and password.

This user name and password should be kept confidential to you. Please be aware that if you change your password it cannot be reset by the College. If you require this information again, please contact the school office.



PUNCTUALITY

All students are expected to be in their Period 1 class by 8:40am and Wednesdays 9:00am.

ABSENCES

If your daughter is going to be away from school please:

- phone the school office on 578-8114 and follow the answer-phone instructions **OR**
- email a message to the office using the address: absences@tgc.school.nz **OR**
- through the website: Parent Info - Absences **OR** the TGC App

If your daughter is going to be away for three days or more, please write to the Principal, Ms Tara Kanji - email: principal@tgc.school.nz. Please state the dates that the leave is required and the reason why. This is a Ministry of Education requirement.

LATENESS

If a student is late to school they need to sign in at the school office with a note that explains the lateness. This applies to any time throughout the school day if they are late. Year 13 students do not need to sign in if they have had a study Period 1 and arrive in time for class Period 2.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Student attendance, along with effective teaching, has the greatest influence on student engagement and achievement. All students must be present at school so they can participate and engage in learning. Parents and Boards of Trustees are legally responsible to ensure students' regular attendance at school.

Parents are encouraged to access their daughter's attendance records via the web portal. This enables daily monitoring if there are any concerns. Although there are 26 different codes that can be used on our School Management System, these are transcribed on the web portal to be:

P - Present L - Present, Late to class U - Absent, Unjustified J - Absent, Justified

NB: Regulatory self isolation is 'J'

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

LET THE SEA SET YOU FREE, KIA MAI TE MOANA KOE



Poppy Hines, Year 10

I chose the whakatauki " Let the sea set you free" because my family always goes to the beach mainly because we enjoy going for walks, also my dad is really into his surfing so we quite often go for that or just for a swim. The beach makes me feel like I can be myself there and just enjoy the scenery. My final painting doesn't really have any symbols to represent my whakatauki, I chose to draw pictures and use images instead.

Throughout the process of developing my final piece of art I chose to use a variety of different techniques and media, so that the important things that relate to my whakatauki can stand out. For the background of my art I chose to roll my paint with a roller because I wanted the background to have different shades of blues, and I thought the colours would blend together better by using a roller.

Also, since my painting was of the ocean, I didn't want the background to be perfect. I also used Frisket and stencils on my art work. I decided to use frisket to make the coral because I wanted the coral to have a wavy effect so that it was more realistic. I used a hexagon stencil on the fish so they would have scales and so it looked a little bit 3D. I also used white ink to outline some of my drawings so that they would stand out, because since my background was a dark colour I thought that white would work well. I also decided to use modeling compound on the coral to make them stand out and have a rough texture. To write my whakatauki I used a black pen so that it would stand out and was bold. I made it look like it was merging through the coral because yet again I wanted it to have a wave effect. When I was painting the fish on my art I decided to use gold glitter paint because it went well with the other colours I used on my artwork and also when I think of fish I often think of sparkly or glowy.

I found that using the ink and stencil worked best for me, because the ink made certain things stand out by having a strong, bold border around the edges of them. I also really liked using the stencil because it gave my art work a 3D effect and made things have detail without looking messy. I am very happy with my art that I have created the past few weeks. I think that I used the right colours and techniques to make my painting stand out. I also really liked how I placed my whakatauki on my art because it flowed nicely on the page and mixed in well with my drawings. I think that my artwork relates to my whakatauki because it's a painting of under the sea with fish and coral, which makes me think that they are free and happy and full of life.

If I could change my painting I probably would have added some more smaller fish towards the top of my painting so that there wasn't so much left over space, but other than that I wouldn't have changed much more other than maybe incorporating some more layers to my artwork.

SWIMMING SPORTS

On Wednesday 5 March the whole school got involved in the successful Swimming Sports Day. The day began with traditional events for our keen swimmers who competed in various traditional races throughout the day and showed the great talent the school has across all year levels. The rest of the school came to join these traditional swimmers and brought the house cheer and spirit with them. The day fully kicked into action with the staff house relay.

The morning then continued with traditional races and open races for each year group. Lots of kids jumped into the pool to earn points for their houses throughout the day. During the afternoon there were fun activities for the girls, with piggy back races, the water slide, and dolphin dive race.

The day finished off with the last of the traditional events, the big grand final freestyle race, manu competition, tube relay and the house relay. It was a fun day for all those involved and we want to say congratulations to all those who competed for their success. Mansfield came away with the overall win from the day, followed closely by Freyberg, Batten then Rutherford.

Ten students will be going to the BOP Swimming Championships next Wednesday 25 March to represent the school and we wish these girls the best of luck.

2020 Traditional Swimming Results

Junior Champion

1st Shaeli Brewer
2nd Taimana Randall
2nd Sophie Barnard
4th Niamh Manning

Intermediate Champion

1st Lily Pearce
2nd Bianca Enright
2nd Katie Hills
4th Maja Drescher

Senior Champion

1st Olive Pearce
2nd Charlotte Webb
3rd Hannah Power

133m Medley Junior

1st Shaeli Brewer
2nd Taimana Randall
3rd Niamh Manning

133m Medley Intermediate

1st Lily Pearce
2nd Katie Hills
3rd Bianca Enright

133m Medley Senior

1st Olive Pearce
2nd Maja Dreacher
3rd Bree McTavish-Huriwai

66m Butterfly Junior

1st Shaeli Brewer
2nd Niamh Manning
3rd Taimana Randall

66m Butterfly Intermediate

1st Lily Pearce
2nd Maja Dreacher
3rd Bree McTavish-Huriwai

66m Butterfly Senior

1st Charlotte Webb
2nd Hayley Dawson
3rd Hannah Power

66m Freestyle Junior

1st Shaeli Brewer
2nd Taimana Randall
3rd Sophie Barnard

66m Freestyle Intermediate

1st Lily Pearce
2nd Keira Allott
3rd Bianca Enright

66m Freestyle Senior

1st Olive Pearce
2nd Emily Pilbrow
3rd Charlotte Webb



SWIMMING SPORTS

2020 Traditional Swimming Results (continued)



100m Freestyle Junior
 1st Shaeli Brewer
 2nd Sophie Barnard
 3rd Niamh Manning

66m Breaststroke Junior
 1st Shaeli Brewer
 2nd Jessica Pilbrow
 3rd Nicole Power

66m Backstroke Junior
 1st Shaeli Brewer
 2nd Sophie Barnard
 3rd Saskia Rhind

200m Freestyle Open
 1st Keira Allott
 2nd Olive Pearce
 3rd Shaeli Brewer

100m Freestyle Intermediate
 1st Lily Pearce
 2nd Keira Allott
 3rd Laura Thompson

66m Breaststroke Intermediate
 1st Katie Hills
 2nd Lily Pearce
 3rd Bianca Enright

66m Backstroke Intermediate
 1st Maja Drescher
 2nd Bianca Enright
 3rd Katie Hills

66m Freestyle Grand Final
 1st Olive Pearce
 2nd Keira Allott
 3rd Lily Pearce

100m Freestyle Senior
 1st Olive Pearce
 2nd Charlotte Webb
 3rd Emily Pilbrow

66m Breaststroke Senior
 1st Charlotte Webb
 2nd Hannah Power
 3rd Hayley Dawson

66m Backstroke Senior
 1st Olive Pearce

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Monday 9 March was International Women’s Day and every year, the Tauranga Zonta Club graciously invites us to attend their annual dinners at the Tauranga Yacht Club. Zonta International is a leading global organisation of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. With the support of our lovely teachers, Megan Robinson and Ann-Marie Wilson, the Head Prefects and two students enrolled in the incredible Police Studies Pathway Programme - Jasmine Young and Venus Duffy had the privilege of attending. We started the night with delicious nibbles and refreshing drinks, as we settled into a night of laughter and inspirational stories. Inspector Freida Grace was the guest speaker and her bravery, commitment and perseverance throughout her career in the police force demonstrated to us what female leadership looks like in a male-dominated world. Thank you to the Tauranga Zonta Club for a great night!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

FUTSAL RESULTS

Last Friday, Tauranga Girls' College Futsal competed in the annual Bay Of Plenty Championships held at ASB arena. The senior premiere team started the day strong winning two games, 15-0 and 12-0, finishing first in their pool. After winning their semi-final, they met Otumoetai College in the finals. With a very close 3-2 defeat, the girls finished second out of the 12 teams competing. With Nationals at the end of the month, it was exciting to see some old and new talent shining through. A special mention to the Junior Futsal team who finished third in the junior division. This is an incredible achievement, especially considering it was the first tournament these girls have played together. Thank you to coaches Scott Harrison (Juniors) and Steve Taylor and Mario (Seniors).



JUNIOR DANCE TROUPE 2020



Congratulations to the following Year 9 and 10 students who successfully auditioned for a place in our Junior Dance troupe for 2020.

Rosa Atkins
 Ella-Rose Carter
 Samantha Cook
 Dulcie Henderson
 Ella Logan
 Jessica Pilbrow

Lenore Pope
 Taimana Randall
 Saskia Rhind
 Faith Shotton-Brown
 Sahara Bruce
 Stella Heetkamp

GOLF

The TGC Golf team travelled down to Rotorua Golf Club on Monday to play in the BOP Secondary Schools Championship tournament. A good day was had by all with Georgia Kaye, Year 10 winning the top gross score for the women with a 76. Judy Shin, also Year 10, came second with her 89 gross score.

The team from the left of the photo are Judy Shin, Tania Ellis, Georgia Kaye and Zoe Kuebler.



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2020 SURF LIFE SAVING NATIONALS

The New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships represents the pinnacle event of the season. This was held in Gisborne from Friday 13 March to Sunday 15 March. The weather and waves were challenging but our girls who competed showed amazing courage and talent in their disciplines and all should be proud of their effort.

Congratulations goes to every one of our athletes for their amazing achievements in this gruelling competition. Every athlete qualified for finals and placed within the top 20 in their age group while some competed above their age group and achieved outstanding results. They are:.



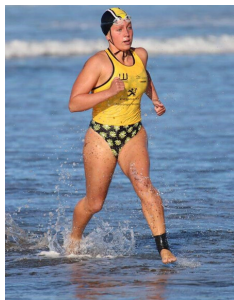
Olive Pearce

Gold in U19 Surf Teams Race
Silver in U19 Ski Relay
Silver in U19 Board Rescue
Silver in U19 Tube Rescue
Bronze in U19 Board Race
Bronze in U19 Surf Race



Mia Gardiner

Gold in U16 Ironwoman
Gold in U16 Surf Teams Race
Gold in U16 Board Relay
Gold in U16 Tube Rescue
Silver in U16 Board Rescue
Silver in U16 Taplin Relay
Bronze in U16 Beach Relay



Lily Pearce

Gold in Open Womens' Team Race
Gold in U16 Surf Teams Race
Gold in U16 Board Relay
Gold in U16 Tube Rescue
Silver in U16 Taplin Relay
Bronze in U16 Beach Relay



Maya Carr-Manoit

Gold in U16 Beach Relay
Bronze in U19 Beach Relay



Charlotte Webb

Bronze in U16 Surf Teams Race



Poppy Wilson

Bronze in U16 Surf Teams Race

Emily Pilbrow

10th in U16 Ironperson
10th in U19 Surf Teams Race
8th in U19 Beach Relay
Finalist in U16 Run Swim Run
Finalist in U16 Surf Race

Kyra Addison

Bronze in U16 Beach Relay
7th in U16 Tube Rescue Final
12th in U16 Board Relay final

Congratulations to Olive Pearce who was selected in the New Zealand Youth Surf Life Saving Team.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ROWING

The North Island Secondary Schools rowing championships were held last weekend (Friday 13 - Sunday 15 March). 1853 rowers from 99 North Island schools were competing. Our team of 15 girls competed well and should be very proud of their efforts. We had twelve crews in total, making seven A finals and two B finals. Danielle Neilson won gold in the U16 single sculls, and Courtney Ryan won gold in the U18 single sculls.



Courtney Ryan
U18 Single Sculls

Paige Hughes & Maya Wells
Girls U16 Double Sculls

BOP ATHLETICS

We had 32 Athletes attend the Bay of Plenty athletics championships on Tuesday 3 March. 22 of these athletes have qualified for the Waikato/BOP championships to be held on Wednesday 18 March at Tauranga Domain.

On the day records were set by three of our team:

- Candice Pretorius set a new Junior girls 70m Hurdles record of 12.63
- Abi Wikeepa set a new Junior girls 200m record of 26.47
- Intermediate girls relay team consisting of Lily Keogh, Meadow Maharery, Candice Pretorius and Abi Wikeepa set a new record of 51.26



Contacting the College | ph 578 8114

We encourage parents to contact the College for support at any time during the year. The Pastoral Team includes:

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Dean: Melanie Lane ext 768	Dean: Anna Leach ext 770	Dean: Robyn Mankelow ext 767	Dean: Fiona Lochhead ext 766	Dean: Kaye Barnett ext 769
Senior Leader: Glenda Rowlands	Senior Leader: Alice Cade	Senior Leader: Caroline Bird	Senior Leader: Kylie Valentine	Senior Leader: Philippa Ferguson

International Students	International Home Stay	Guidance Counsellors			Inclusive Learning Leader
Mrs Linda Clifford ext 729	Mrs Toni Bielecki ext 808	Mrs Judy Burr ext 728	Ms Chantal Stopford ext 724	Mrs Sue Ferguson ext 820	Ms Karen Gilby ext 763

TGC bank account details:

Name of Account: Tauranga Girls' College Board of Trustees

Name of Bank: ANZ, Tauranga

Account Number: 01-0475-0055400-00

VALUES NGA TIKANGA



Encouraging individual responsibility, integrity and respect for the rights of others

Mana Motuhake Pride

- ▶ Be the best we can be
- ▶ Be proud of ourselves and of our achievements
- ▶ Be proud to be problem solvers and innovators
- ▶ Be proud to be a member of our diverse school community

Mahi Tah Participation

- ▶ Aim high and get involved
- ▶ Contribute to learning
- ▶ Meet every challenge
- ▶ Seize every opportunity

Manaakitanga Respect

- ▶ Be positive, caring and encouraging
- ▶ Be accepting of difference
- ▶ Collaborate with others
- ▶ Have good manners and act with integrity