



Kia Ora koutou

Welcome to the Term One Bulletin

A new year always bring new ideas and perspectives, and 2021 has not been any different. This year we have already welcomed seven new staff members into the school, including teachers, a new learning Support Coordinator and a new Youth Guidance Counsellor. We are excited to see the impact these new staff are already having on the school and look forward to the future benefits they can bring to the College.

The year also started off with the fantastic news around our NCEA achievement. Once again, our Level 1, 2 and 3 results have been above National averages, with our Level 3 results jumping up to a 93% pass rate which is an amazing achievement for the College and testament to the hard work and dedication shown by staff and students alike.

We also saw a huge increase in the number of students attaining their University Entrance (UE) requirements. Over 45% of all Year 13 leavers, left this year with UE and we wish them all well with their future in whatever career path they have chosen.

Unlike 2020, we have managed to get through the first term relatively unaffected by COVID19 and we have been able to successfully run all our sporting activities which we normally hold within the first term. The Swimming Sports, Athletics and Cross Country were all extremely successful events, with several long-standing records being broken.

In addition, many of our young athletes have gone on to represent the College on a regional stage, and some will continue onto National events. As a small rural College, we continue to hit well above our weight when it comes to sporting achievement and I would like to congratulate all competitors who participated in these events.

Regardless of winning or losing, the team spirit and camaraderie which was evident during these events, was a joy to see and is a good illustration of the school values of Respect, Involvement and Excellence.

As we now move forward with the rest of the year, our focus turns once again to the academic achievement and attainment of our students. Tracking of all year groups is now well underway and we will be reporting on their progress over the next few weeks.

This year we have decided to try a different approach to parent/whānau engagement and are trialling some drop-in sessions at Woodville Primary School and Eketahuna Primary School. I would encourage any Primary School parent living in the Tararua District to visit these sessions to hear about the College, meet some of the staff and ask any questions they may have. This will just be the first opportunity to hear about the college as we have other events planned throughout the rest of the year.

Secondly, we have scheduled a Check In day in May for all College students' parents and whānau. Rather than cram this into an already busy end of term, we decided to push this out to the start of Term Two. Once again, I encourage all parents/whānau to make appointments to come and speak to the teachers. However, we are also opening this up beyond the face-to-face appointments. Following on from the restrictions last year, we now recognise that some caregivers prefer to discuss their child's progress remotely and so we are extending the options to include telephone or Zoom conversations. Look out for the information regarding this coming out soon. So, as we now move into the end of term break, I would like to pass on my thanks for the continued support we receive from our whole community and look forward to a very successful and productive year ahead.

Ehara tāku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.

Ngā mihi

Iain Anderson

Tumuaki/Principal Tararua College

Student Leaders

Congratulations to our Head Students and Student Leaders for 2021

Head Students

Samuel Anderson
Benjamin Schnell
Keshaan Te Waaka
Sophie McIntyre

Sport Leaders

Armand Van Lelyveld &
Benjamin Harris

Academic Leaders

Nika Matich & Mark Dorotan

Cultural Leaders

Ariana Aspinall & Kaia Carter Flitten

Environmental Leaders

Maia Harris & Demetrio Cooper



Equine Therapy

Here are photos of some of our students attending their last session at Equine Therapy.



Dates to Remember:

Term Two Dates

What's Happening @TC

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Staff only Day

Check In Day @ TC
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PTA AGM

Manawatu Cross Country

Monday 7th of June

Monday 3rd May – Friday 9th of July

Wednesday 5th May 5.30-6.30 in Woodville

Thursday 6th May 5.30-6.30 in Eketahuna

Tuesday 11th May

Thursday 13th May 8am – 3pm (Students do not attend College this

Monday 3rd of May

Wednesday 19th May

Queens Birthday Weekend

New Staff:

Michelle Rankin – Principal's PA Nishanbir Singh - Science

Kami Flitten – Receptionist

Jonathan Watt – English

Susan Hall – Learning Support Co-ordinator

Natalie Modrich – English

Jordyn Bennett – Arts & Cultural

Tiffany McErlain – PE, Health & Science

Matthew Wood – Primary Technology

Sarah Ozanne – Guidance Counsellor



Our School Powhiri





Interact Club

The Tararua College Interact Club has had another good start to the year. Our first collection for Child Cancer was cancelled due to the COVID-19 alert level change. However, our team was able to collect for the Red Puppy Appeal. Students completed hour long shifts at Pahiatua New World and raised over \$300 for the appeal, a fantastic result.

The purpose of the Interact Club is for our students to give back to the community and gain valuable experience within our local community. Students complete several charity collections during the year and have also completed work at the Salvation Army Foodbank in Palmerston North.

New students are welcome to join the club at any time! Please contact Mr Emery if you are interested in joining (memery@tararuacollege.school.nz).

Fonterra - A Day in the Field

A group of enthusiastic Year 11 students embraced the day out on the Christensen Family Farm at Mount Bruce. They rotated through seven different stations, highlighting some of the careers available in the Agricultural Sector. These included Ravensdown, Environmental Aspects, Veterinary, Dairy Farming, Contracting, Truck Driving, Licences and Banking. This allowed them to gain an understanding of these careers and they had the chance to talk to the presenters and ask questions.



Marching Success

Introducing Year 9 student Emma Fergus who competed in the New Zealand Marching Championships in Dunedin. Emma and her team came 3rd in Technical Nationals, 1st at the Technical Taranaki Champs, 1st display Taranaki Champs and overall Taranaki Team. Well done Emma.



Kumeu A & P Show

Introducing Year 9 Student Brooklyn Rankin. Brooklyn competed in the A&P show and won Champion 14.2 Show Pony, Champion Paced and Mannered. She then won the Supreme Pony of the show, riding Linden Just a Dream.



Rodeo Success for Year 13 HPA Student Benjamin Schnell

Ben competed at the Bull Riding and Saddle Bronc, at the Rodeo throughout New Zealand. Ben has been selected for the High School Rodeo team riding in the North V's South Challenge. Ben's team won the challenge against the South Island. Other awesome results are 1st Outram in 2nd div saddle bronc, 1st Winchester in 2nd div bull, 1st at Raetihi in 2nd div bulls. This was the highest 2nd score over the two-day rodeo. 1st Oruru Valley Bull Ride 2nd div, 2nd = Methven Saddle bronc.

This is Ben's first season competing at 2nd div and he was placed 6th overall out of 27 competitors. These are excellent results. Congratulations, Ben!



Geography Trip

In week four of Term One, our Geography students headed out to Waitomo for four days. The students were gathering valuable information for their NCEA Internal and External assessments. One aspect of the trip saw them black water rafting and checking out the glow worm caves. The students and staff had a great time and learnt a lot to put towards their studies in Geography this year.



Relay for Life

Our students participated in Relay for Life; shifts were taken over the 24-hour period so there was always someone on the track. An awesome effort from everyone with 667 laps in total being run. Tararua College coming in 2nd place overall and achieved the fastest time around the track. Our school community fundraised over \$4000 as a team which is an amazing effort. Thank you to our wonderful staff and parents and who went along and helped. Our Tararua College band also performed on the Sunday Morning and did an amazing performance. We are proud of our students they really showed our school values out amongst all the other schools.



Cross Country Results 2021

Junior Girls

- 1st – Makayla Mitchell
- 2nd – Brooklyn Rankin
- 3rd – Georgia Laskey

Intermediate Girls

- 1st – Phoebe Monk
- 2nd – Lily McLeod
- 3rd – Sophie Hunter

Senior Girls

- 1st – Kaia Carter-Flitten
- 2nd – Jade Kiwi
- 3rd – Hazel Ross

Junior Boys

- 1st – Taylor Hall
- 2nd – Austyn Beales
- 3rd – Kade Carter

Intermediate Boys

- 1st – Tyler Jenkins
- 2nd – Daniel Mabey
- 3rd – Oliver Connolly

Senior Boys

- 1st – Angus Wylie
- 2nd – Logan Rankin
- 3rd – Sam Anderson



Athletics Overall Results 2021

Boys Results:

U14 1st – Taylor Hall
2nd – Thomas Inder
3rd – Reece Geldenhuys

U16 1st – Tyler Jenkins
2nd – Hami-Ora Nikora
2nd = Aedan Gibson

U19 1st – Armand Van Lelyveld
2nd – Frankie Tinifu
3rd – Angus Wylie



Girls Results:

U14 1st – Aimee Powick
2nd – Anna Oswald
3rd – Brooklyn Rankin

U16 1st – Lily McLeod
2nd – Tiara Reiri
3rd – Joy Nobathu

U19 1st – Jade Parker
2nd – Tayla Andrews
3rd – Ashley Morrison



Swimming Overall Results 2021

Boys Results:

U14 1st – Austyn Beales
2nd – George Anderson
3rd – LeeRay King

U16 1st – Logan Spencer
2nd – Tim Treder
3rd – Tiari Aspinall

U19 1st – Ben Schnell
2nd – Sam Anderson
3rd – Frankie Tinifu



Girls Results:

U14 1st – Emma Bendall
2nd – Stella Governor
3rd – Aimee Powick

U16 1st – Tiara Reiri
2nd – Phoebe Monk
3rd – Maia Richards

U19 1st – Ariana Aspinall
2nd – Amber Spencer
3rd – Nika Matich



Cactus 2021

The Tararua College CACTUS programme has had another successful year in 2021. We began the programme with a record number of applications and were able to select thirty students to complete the programme. The programme ran for eight weeks, our students were at school by 5.45am, three times a week during this time. Students participated in a wide variety of activities including military drill and military style physical training. They were also lucky to undertake three sessions of training with the Pahiatua Fire Service. Students had the opportunity to experience the smoke house and learn basic search and rescue techniques.

The CACTUS programme concluded on Friday the 9th of April with the Longest Day Challenge. Students spent the night at the college, and then spent over twelve hours completing a variety of physical and mental challenges. These included a tramp and an equipment carry, followed by the famous tanker pull into the college. The day concluded with a delicious dinner and an award ceremony which was held in the College hall.

The programme could not operate without the large number of community volunteers and very generous sponsors. We want to congratulate all thirty of our CACTUS graduates, and we are already looking forward to CACTUS 2022.





What's happening at Tararua College?

May 5th - 5.30 to 6.30pm
Woodville School Canteen

Tararua College warmly invites parents, caregivers and whānau to find out all about what is happening at Tararua College.

Come and enjoy a BBQ, and hear a presentation from Iain Anderson (principal) that will walk you through:

- NCEA
- PB4L
- High Performance Academy
- Co-curricular Activities
- Curriculum and Pathways

Ask questions, meet our pastoral team and enjoy a BBQ.

We look forward to seeing you there!



What's happening at Tararua College?

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Last Year the following report was missed from our school magazine, we apologise for this and here is the Junior Rugby report written by Taylor Hall.

Junior Rugby Report

It was awesome to have a TC Junior rugby team up and running this year. We thought we were going to be short on numbers at the start but with coach Tim Sorensen's eager attitude and recruitment skills we were good to go!

We started the season off well with a couple of great wins before two grading day games saw us going down to both a strong PNBHS team and then again to QEC. This resulted in TC Juniors being in the Youth Three grade and we were happy with that grade and draw.

Our first competition game was against Dannevirke, this game showed how much our pre season trainings and fitness work was paying off. There was plenty of encouragement from Kelsey on the side-line to put the boot to it, and that we did, we won that game 38-10. Following that we were at home against PNBHS 6, this was another good win to the boys 41-0. We were supposed to play St Peters the following week, but COVID-19 had re-entered NZ and the call was, NO RUGBY this weekend. Rugby was definitely something different from that moment, no spectators at games was the recommendation, and it was very strange having quieter side lines. The following week, we took on PNBHS 5 in Palmerston North without our halfback Tayden as he had broken his arm at training. The boys turned up ready to play hard and the scene was set by fearless Locky McKay, but unfortunately two quick tries by PNBHS in the last ten minutes ended the game in a 24 all draw and at the time we never really realized how much it would hurt us on the points table. Awatapu College visited us next, and we knew we had to give it our all, they are a strong team, but we had beaten them pre season so we knew we could do it again. Team moral was high, and the boys were pumped. It was quite a close game. Trent and Hami were hitting up hard and the backs were defending well, the final moments were very intense but saw us come away with an awesome win, I did not see these final moments as unfortunately for me with eight minutes remaining, I went down with a broken collarbone. This was a memorable team win for us. The last round robin game was a must win against St Peters and as their number one supporter and water boy I can tell you that they gave it everything they had. The forwards were running hard and the backs defended hard, but unfortunately, we fell short. Big ups to the boys who played out of position to cover the 1st five and half back positions. This was the end of our official season, but Tim wasn't ready for rugby to end just yet, so the boys lined up against the very "strong" looking Wai Col team after school on a Tuesday for a friendly game. In the torrential weather, they once again played with everything they had, Mason Carter took down the biggest man out there on the coldest part of the field, but these men were too strong for us on the day. Feilding were next for a post season game and this was an awesome game. Hami had a try fest, Kingston won the 100m dash against the ref to dot down in between the posts and Damo's magic left boot was on fire. Connor Beales had a great game at half back while also being in charge of the line out throws. The boys won this game and won it well, playing just like they did at the start of the season. I have been proud to captain the team this year, a great bunch of guys and they did me proud all year, even when the results did not go our way. So massive respect and thanks boys. Of course, this all could not happen without our manager and medics Jo and Steph and Mrs Bailey, we thank you for all your hard work behind the scenes. To our awesome as coach Tim, always there pushing us along with his important words of encouragement, we fully appreciate all the time and effort and hard work that you put in for us Tim, you have taught us all so much and we are all grateful. Hopefully, you are still around next year. TC on 3 1,2,3 TC!

Taylor Hall
TC Youth 3 Captain 2020

TC Chat Community Feedback – Board Survey December 2020

Consultation with our community forms a very important part of self-review and strengthens relationships to achieve the best outcomes for our students.

Key points and next steps are summarised below:

Level of Satisfaction

Families are generally well satisfied with the experiences their children have at Tararua College. They identify that teachers have the key positive impact on their child with the level of care, support, and relationships. Although, a few find disruptions like noisy classrooms and social interactions can detract from that experience.

Connection with Community

Connection with the community is vital for Tararua College as the school is seen as a particularly important part of the town. A deliberate effort has been made to raise the profile of the school.

The community feel the connection with the college is strongest with parents and other schools and not so strong with local government and the Māori community. Facebook is seen as the strongest way to communicate followed by the Bush Telegraph and attending functions.

The community acknowledges what Tararua College does well:

- Support for students
- Inclusiveness
- Above average educational achievement
- An attractive and safe environment
- Has high expectations of students.
- Cultural responsiveness

And the areas for improvement:

- Cultural events
- Use of social media.
- Opportunities for parents to come together.

Next steps

- **Cultural responsiveness** - Continuing an emphasis on Te Reo, tikanga and culturally responsive practice.
- **Community engagement** - Continuing to lift visibility and connection.
- **Publicity** - Use media effectively to celebrate successes.
- **Promote Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning)** - Connect teachers, students, families, Boards to the work of the Kāhui Ako