



## **Kia Ora koutou Welcome to the Term One Bulletin**

Kia Ora koutou katoa

Yet another tough term comes to an end. Having got through the last two years, we were all hoping that 2022 would allow us to get back to a more normal life, and then of course Omicron hit us.

From day one, the restrictions we were put under affected what we have been able to do. Even though we have managed to run a lot of our events and activities, we have been unable to share these with friends and whanau. The restrictions limited our year 9 pōwhiri to just the students and a small number of staff. This year's Athletics were curtailed to a single day with no visitors and the Swimming Sports was only for competitors and had to be held down at the town pool.

Absences of both students and staff have led us to implement a hybrid model of learning where students were being taught both in school and at home. Most of our students have coped well with this arrangement and it is hoped that this has not affected their learning to any great extent.

The lifting of the mandates and the easing of restrictions has given us hope that things will get better. Having reached our lowest attendance rate in the 40% at the peak of the infection, we have now returned to nearly pre-omicron levels and are hopeful that we are now over the worst.

While the threat of more Omicron infections still hangs over us, ensuring that we try and function as normally as possible in Term 2 will be our primary goal. We continue to plan for a full Term of events, and I hope that we can run all the events and activities in the Calendar.

The next two weeks break will allow us all to rest and recuperate from what has been a long and arduous start to the year. Take the time to check in with friends and family and show the aroha and manaakitanga that we all deserve.

Once again, by sticking together and working together we will all get through these times and come out the other end stronger and more determined than ever.

As ever, in a school environment, nothing ever stays the same for long. At the end of this week, we say farewell to a couple of staff members.

Miss Modrich is heading back home to Auckland to work at Kaipara College in Helensville. Miss Modrich has been a great addition to the English department over the past year. We will miss her but wish her well in her new role. Miss Modrich will be replaced by Miss Wadood later in Term 2.

Secondly, we say farewell to Mrs Hall, our Learning Support Coordinator. Susan is heading over to Australia to be with her family. Again, Susan has been a fantastic asset to the college, and we wish her all the best in her future. Susan's post has been filled by Monique Gunther, who brings huge experience of working with some of our most vulnerable children and young people.

Finally, at the end of Term 3 we will also be losing both Miss Madigan and Mr Cook. They have decided to take a break from teaching and go travelling around Europe and Asia. This will be an exciting time for them both but again a huge loss to the College.

In the meantime, I hope you all have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing all our students return to on site learning in early May.

Ngā mihi

Iain Anderson

Tumuaki/Principal

Tararua College

# School Board Elections 2022

The triennial board elections will be held in September this year. The Ministry of Education now has an option for online voting using a cloud-based platform. You can read about how the online voting system will work on the [My School Election website](#).

## What are school boards?

All New Zealand's state and state-integrated schools have a school board which is the Crown entity responsible for the governance of the school.

The board:

- ensures every student can reach their highest possible standard in student achievement
- is the employer of all staff in the school
- sets the school's strategic direction in consultation with parents, whānau, staff, students, and the wider school community
- is responsible for overseeing the management of personnel, curriculum, property, finance, and administration

## Board membership

There are three types of representative members who are elected to the board. These "representative" board members are elected by the parent community, staff members and, in the case of schools with students above Year 9, the students.

There are also other types of board members, including the principal, co-opted and appointed board members.

A standard school board's membership includes:

- [parent elected \(or selected\) representatives](#) (usually five)
- the principal of the school
- one [staff-elected representative](#)
- one [student-elected representative](#) (in schools with students above Year 9)
- state integrated schools: four board members appointed by the proprietor

The board can co-opt additional people onto the board for gender, skill or ethnic balance, and the Minister of Education can appoint an additional board member.

# Becoming a Board Member

## Why join a school board?

School board members are active leaders in our schools. They have an important role of supporting strong professional leadership and ensuring effective teaching for all students through informed governance.

Parents/caregivers and people in the wider community can be parent representatives. School boards need to represent the diversity of their school communities to ensure a bright future for all our children.

The school board elections are the opportunity to vote for candidates who will make a positive difference for children's education. We need more people willing to use their skills and experiences for the benefit of students!

## What sort of skills do board members need?

Every board member brings their own unique set of skills and experiences to the board.

As a member of your school's board, you will need to work well in a team and have good communication skills. It can help to have an understanding of the education sector. You may have financial skills and experience in managing people, knowledge and understanding of communities within your school, or experience working within your school and wider communities.

Every school board member can access NZSTA online professional development to learn about governance and upskill in areas of interest.

Kōrari is a set of introduction courses that provide an overview of school governance for people who've never been on a school board.

## How do I become a board member?

Contact Michelle Rankin for information about the school board and upcoming elections. Ask the board chair, Louise Powick, about going along to a board meeting to see how it works. Take the opportunity to ask the board members questions about their role and the board's work at Tararua College.

## Dates to Remember

End of Term One	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> April
Good Friday	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April
Easter Monday	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April
Easter Tuesday	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
ANZAC	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
Term Two Starts	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
Gateway Coffee Course	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Gateway Forklift Course	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May
Gateway Pro Med Course	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May
Manawatu Cross Country	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May
BOT Meeting	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May
Pink Shirt Day	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May
Teachers Only Day	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Tough Guy / Girl	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
Gumboot Friday	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
Production Rehearsal	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May
Queen's Birthday	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Production Rehearsal	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June
Teachers only Day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June
Production Rehearsal	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> June
Gateway First Aid	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June
Matariki Celebration	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June
BOT Meeting	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June
Production Rehearsal	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Production	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> of July
Kuranui Exchange	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July
End of Term Two	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July

## New School Bank Account Number:

**Tararua College – ASB 12-3211-0033367-00**

## New Staff:

Adam Miller – PE and Health

Mark Heal - BCATS





## Our 2022 Student Leaders

Congratulations to our Head Students and Student Leaders

### Head Students

Tayla Andrews

Hazel Ross

### Sport Leaders

Jade Kiwi

Ella Rankin

### Academic Leaders

Joel Foster

Ellie Moore

### Cultural Leaders

Vanessa Shannon

Katie Cormack

### Environmental Leader

Emma Wheeler





## Year 9 Pōwhiri

Term One of the 2022 school year at Tararua College kicked off yesterday as our new Year 9 students were welcomed to the school and Tama Tu Tama Ora with a pōwhiri. Due to COVID-19, this was a little different than usual, but still an important part of the beginning of the year. Rebecca West, the Year 9 Dean, along with the Year 9 Whānau teachers, brought the new students onto the school grounds where they were welcomed by Principal Iain Anderson and senior students. We are looking forward to finding out what each and every one of our new Year 9 students will bring to Tararua College and the community and hope to provide them with an exciting and stimulating first year of their secondary school education.





## Academic Success for 2021

Celebrating our wonderful students who received NCEA Excellence Endorsements.



Back Row: Katie Cormack, Hazel Ross, Ellie Moore, Joel Foster

Front Row: Holly Christensen, Oliver Connolly, Liam Allen, Lily McLeod, Sophie Hunter

A huge congratulations to HPA student Mason Carter! As a Year 10 last year Mason received NCEA Level 1 endorsed with Excellence. This is an incredible achievement for Mason, and we wish him all the best with his studies this year.





## Cricket Success For Year 11 Student Thomas Inder

It has been a busy holiday period for Thomas this summer. He was selected for the Manawatu U15's cricket squad for three or four games of cricket prior to January with the squad being whittled down to a final XI at the end of December. Thomas was then selected in the final U15's Manawatu XI to play at the Central Districts men's U15 Tournament on the 17th of January. He was made Vice Captain of this team, a well-earned role.

Before the Central District tournament Thomas was invited to play in a men's match from the Burnside West Christchurch University Cricket Club while on holiday in Christchurch. He played alongside his older brother James. Thomas left a positive impression on the team and club after bowling extremely well with outstanding figures of 4 overs, 1 maiden, 4 runs, and taking 3 wickets. During this match Thomas also took a catch (from his brothers bowling) and got a run out as well.

He was commended on his attitude and maturity from the team and received player of the day at the Club afterwards.

On returning home Thomas helped the U15 team win two T20 warm up matches against Hutt Academy prior to the CD tournament.

The Central District tournament saw Manawatu play against U15 sides from Hawkes Bay, Taranaki, Whanganui, Wairarapa, Nelson, and Marlborough.

Over the week the teams played four T20 matches and two 50 over matches. This tournament is the first exposure to Central District coaches and selectors and the tournament itself creates lifelong friendships from players throughout the district. There was some very high-quality cricket played from young men who may move to higher honours as their cricket careers progress.

Thomas was able to use his knowledge and skill at the tournament for his team. In a game against Whanganui, he scored 78 runs off 43 balls with 9 fours and 2 sixes. Then in the field he took two catches and got a runout. When Feilding during the Marlborough game Thomas took three wickets bowling. Overall, Thomas had a good tournament and helped his team get third place in the district. Thomas received two certificates from the tournament boss, The first for scoring 50 or more runs in a game and the second was for taking 3 wickets in a match.

With the completion of the tournament this concluded matches for the Manawatu U15's team 2021/2022 season. The team will be split for matches for boys aged U16 and U14.

Since returning from the CD U15 camp Thomas has been asked to play for the Dannevirke Senior Men's P1's team through his club cricket. He is really benefiting from his experiences over summer, including earlier scoring his first "tonne", as they call it, for the Dannevirke Men's P3 Yellow team. He scored 101 not out when the team faced the other Dannevirke Men's P3 team. It took guts to stay in and keep scoring while all the other members of your team got out.

Thomas is looking forward to playing for Tararua College first XI again this year.





## Tararua College Swimming Age Group Champions 2022:

### BOYS:

**U14:** 1<sup>ST</sup>: Austyn Beales  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Angus Poyzer  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Lachlan Flitten

**U16:** 1<sup>ST</sup>: Tiari Aspinall  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Harrison Mackisack  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Aedan Gibson

**U19:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Oliver Connolly  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Frankie Tinifu

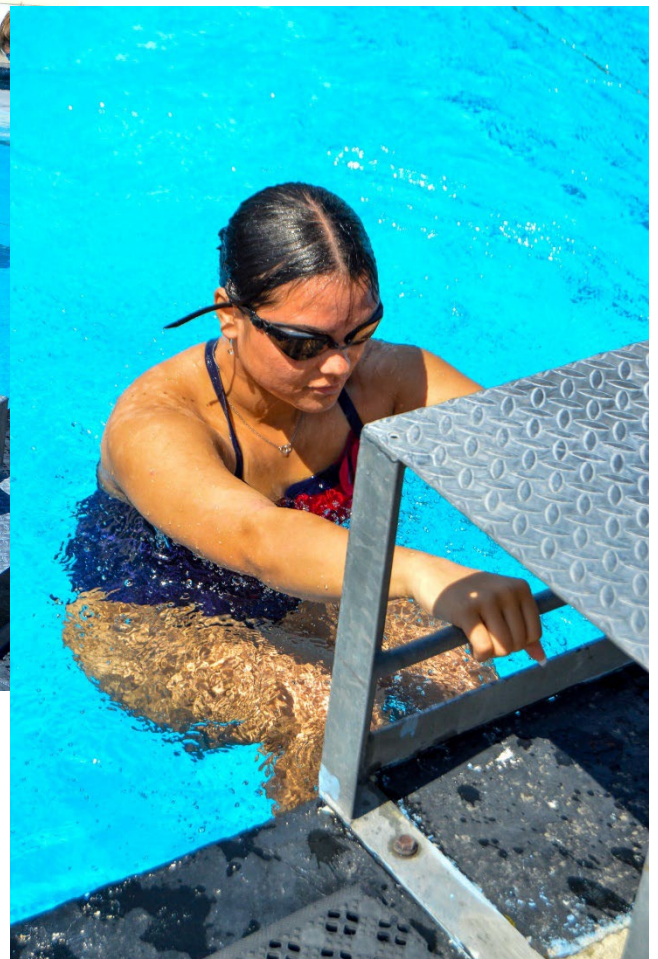
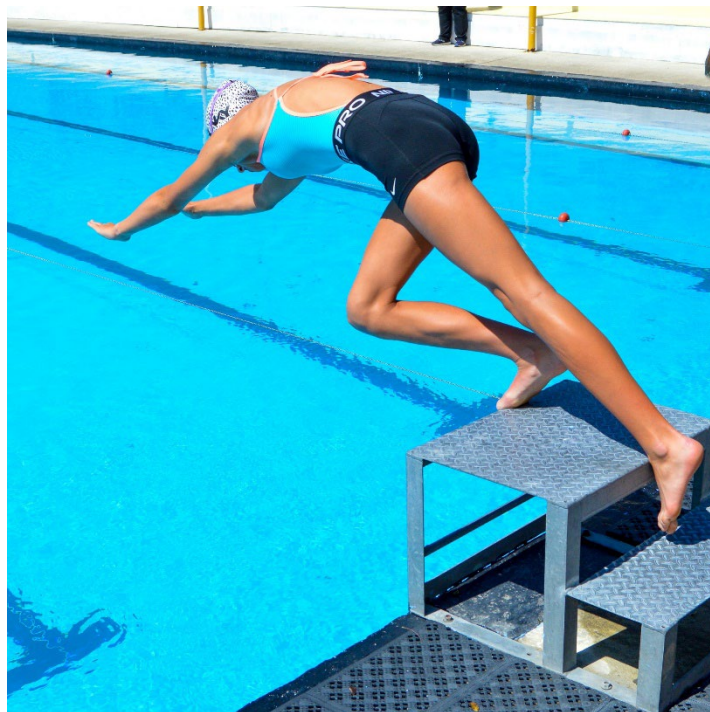


### GIRLS:

**U14:** 1<sup>ST</sup>: Darnelle Reiri  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Manaia Aspinall  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Miriama Richards

**U16:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Emma Bendall  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Maia Richards  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Stella Governor

**U19:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Tiara Reiri  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Katie Oswald  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Tayla Andrews





## Tararua College Athletics Age Group Champions 2022:

### BOYS:

**U14:** 1<sup>ST</sup> Jacob Read  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kade Carter  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kade Roache

**U16:** 1<sup>ST</sup> Taylor Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Logan Cole  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tyler Jenkins

**U19:** 1<sup>st</sup> Frankie Tinifu  
2<sup>nd</sup> Brook McDonald  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ethan Coles

### GIRLS:

**U14:** 1<sup>ST</sup> Amber Mahoney  
2<sup>nd</sup> Darnelle Reiri  
3<sup>rd</sup> Rylee McPhee-Maxwell

**U16:** 1<sup>st</sup> Emma Bendall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Atamarama Jonkman  
3<sup>rd</sup> Trinity McGrath

**U19:** 1<sup>st</sup> = Jade Parker  
1<sup>st</sup> = Tiara Reiri  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lily McLeod  
3<sup>rd</sup> Joy Nobathu

### OVERALL HOUSE RESULTS:

1<sup>st</sup>: Totara  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Kowhai  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Rimu  
4<sup>th</sup>: Matai





## Student News

Year 10 PE working through their team building/problem solving/interpersonal skills unit called Impi – Zulu Warrior





Miss McErlain has been trying to come up with some interesting and fun activities for her PE classes this term and one activity is the stacking cups activity with Speed Stacks. Did you know that the world record for this sport is 4.753 seconds!!

Students Flynn Lutherus and Sebastian White got together to stack all the cups Miss McErlain could find to make a giant stack.....78 cups later it was a tall pyramid! I think we lost Miss McErlain behind the pyramid too!

Sebastian White  
Stacking cups





## Celebrating our Student Success

Congratulations to Emma Bendall for some more outstanding swimming results, she competed in the Epic Swim on the 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> March in Taupo and got 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2.5km U15 swim and got 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1km U15 swim. Well done, Emma.



Liam Brown, HPA, Manawatu Referee for Manawatu Secondary School 7s and Rippa Festival, pictured here with the Women's Rugby World Cup Trophy that is touring ahead of the World Cup happening later this year in NZ. Liam Brown is in his 2nd Year refereeing for the Manawatu Rugby Union and is enjoying all the opportunities he gets with this.





## Write Up from our Head Students

Kia Ora friends, Whanau and members of the community. This is a little report from the Head Students, Tayla Andrews, and Hazel Ross, about how our term 1 has gone. At Tararua College every year starts with a whole school pōwhiri. This is to welcome the year nine students and welcome everyone back from their break. This is the first year our school was unable to have a whole school pōwhiri due to number restrictions. Hazel and I represented our school at the year nine pōwhiri. This was a great opportunity as we got to sing waiata, share kai together and welcome them into our Kura. On their first day of school, we had the Year 13 and Year 9 induction. This was a day where the Year 13s and Year 9s spent the day together, doing activities, going over chrome books/timetables and showing them around the school. Every term comes with new ideas and new events. Although covid had changed our plans, the student leadership team were still determined to make the school a happy place and plan events ahead of time. This term Hazel and I were able to start up the forum. This was a great success as the forum is a major part of the student body and has been for a few years. We have our forum team in place and are looking forward to what we can achieve in Term Two. The school was unable to hold whole school assemblies, which is an important part of school life. This was when we started to plan, and film zoom assemblies. Our team would create a video every Two weeks which was sent to all whānau teachers for the students to see. In these videos we acknowledged the students' achievements and went over any important notices. This allowed us to reinforce the school values and make some sense of unity within the school. This term the student leadership team were aiming to hold some events. These were relay for life, lip-sync and inter house competitions. Due to the red-light traffic system and the number of cases in the school, these events were unable to take place. In advance we had planned for this to happen in Terms Two and Three. Other events we have planned for this year, are to redecorate the school poster board, Film a new school video, the production, and the ball. The student leadership team are looking forward to Anzac Day on the 25th of April. This is a time where we can all come together and represent our school. Even though Term 1 didn't go exactly as we were hoping, we still had a great term, and the leadership team has started to get the swing of things. We look forward to the rest of the year and we'll keep you updated.





## Write up from our Sports Leaders

Kia Ora from your 2022 sports captain Jade Kiwi and Ella Rankin, for the first term for school we have achieved a successful athletics day as well as swimming sports. These were both successful days which were full of good vibes and lots of photos as well as a lot of competitiveness within the students. We tried to organise relay for life for Term One as the Palmerston North Relay for Life was cancelled due to covid, so we tried to do a school one instead. We had most of the backbone for this event set out for school however due to covid this event could not go ahead. We organised a Mufti Day to support the cancer society and donated money to this awesome cause. Although we could not sort out this event at school for Term One, we are hoping for Term Two for the relay for life event to go ahead. We hope to hold all interhouse sports which we will be working closely with the house captains, and a colour run included in the cross country.



## Write up from our Cultural Captains

Kia Ora, from your Cultural Captains Katie Cormack and Vanessa Shannon. This year we planned to have Lip Sync this term in the beginning of April, but we were strongly advised not to. This was super disappointing, and we felt like we couldn't do much else at all as Lip Sync was what we wanted to do this year as it hasn't been done for the previous years. However, with the new COVID restrictions we feel like we can have Lip Sync later in the year. We are extremely busy next term with Production, as both of us are doing directing standards and acting in the play itself. Obviously, we will try our best to come up with other fun activities and help other student leaders, but our focus next term will be production and running it as smoothly as we can. We are hoping to get the Arts and Cultural subject captains involved in this as much as possible, as it is a great opportunity for them.

## Access to Period Products in Schools.

The Ministry of Education has launched its 'Access to Period Products' initiative. We have our first order of free period products at school now. We have enough to distribute two packs per student, per month. The products we have are super tampons, regular tampons, super pads, and regular pads. Students can choose their products when they come to collect. Period products are available for students to collect at any time from Millie Frank and Dionne Brown at the Nurses' Office, Ms Arends at the PE Office, Mrs Richards at the Library Office, Ms Doidge, and Ms West at the Deans' Office and from Ms Sheridan at the Deputy Principal's Office. More information about the initiative from the Ministry of Education: 'The access to period products initiative aims to provide free period products to children and young people in all state and state-integrated schools and Kura across New Zealand during 2021. Periods are a fact of life for half the population. Despite this, young people do not always have access to the products they need to feel comfortable at school, engage in their learning, and manage what should be a normal and healthy part of life. Poor access to period products can affect students' attendance and engagement at school. Students also miss out on sporting and cultural activities and can feel embarrassed and ashamed about not being supported to manage their periods. This affects their achievement and wellbeing. Findings from the Youth 19 Survey found 12 per cent of year 9 to 13 students who menstruate reported difficulty getting access to products due to cost; and recent research from the University of Otago found that 94,788 girls aged 9 to 18 from the country's poorest households may be unable to afford to buy period products and could be missing school when they have their period. Providing access to free period products to those who need it in all state and state-integrated schools and Kura will:

- reduce barriers to access and improve school attendance, sports involvement, and tertiary participation
- improve child and youth wellbeing
- reduce financial strain on families and whānau experiencing poverty/material hardship, and
- promote positive gender norms and reduce stigmatization of menstruation.

If you have any questions about the distribution of period products to students, please contact Ms Jo Sheridan at school on 06 376 8344 ext. 606 or email [jsheridan@tc.school.nz](mailto:jsheridan@tc.school.nz).

## Running News in the School

Term One has seen a few running events held at lunchtimes. Both students and staff have competed in the 1500m, 3000m and the 5000m. The 10,000m is scheduled to be held early next term. These events have been great lunchtime entertainment for students and staff and a fierce rivalry has developed between all the competitors.

Congratulations to the following place getters:

1500m: Open Girls: 1st: Emma Bendall

1500m: Open Boys: 1st: Taylor Hall, 2nd: Tyler Jenkins, 3rd: Oliver Connolly

3000m: Open Girls: 1st: Emma Bendall,

3000m: Open Boys: 1st: Taylor Hall, 2nd: Tyler Jenkins, 3rd: Oliver Connolly

5000m: Open Race: 1st: Tyler Jenkins, 2nd: Mr Barnabas Cook, 3rd: Mr Matt Emery

This was the first time in a while that we have run the 5000m race. We are hoping to have more people join us next time! We are all looking forward to the 10,000m and the school's annual cross country run which will take place early in Term Two.



## Cricket Success for Student Abby Treder

What a fantastic end to a very successful Cricket season for Year 12 HPA Student Abby Treder. She has over the last week attended her Cricket prizegiving's and receiving the following awards:

### UNITED CLUB PRIZE GIVING

Top Women Batter  
Top Women Bowler  
Female Player of the Year  
Young United Club Overall Player of the year

### MANAWATU SENIOR CLUB PRIZE GIVING

Women's MVP  
Women's All Rounder of the Year

### MANAWATU JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE PRIZE GIVING

Under 18 Female Top Batter  
Under 18 Player of the year  
Overall Manawatu Representative Young Female Player of the Year  
This is an amazing achievement from Abby, and we are all so proud of her, enjoy your off season which I'm sure will be just as busy.



## Swimming Success for Year 10 Student Emma Bendall

Emma Bendall participated in the Manawatu Secondary Schools Swimming held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April at the Freyberg pools in Palmerston North. These are her fantastic results. Well done, Emma.

1st 50m free U14 Girls  
2nd 100m free U14 Girls  
2nd 200m free U14 Girls  
3rd 100m individual medley U14 Girls  
Also, we congratulate Emma for gaining qualifying times to participate in Dunedin in May at a 5-day event swimming in Division II for the following events:  
50m Free / 100m Free / 200m Free / 100m IM / 200m - Best of luck for this event Emma.

