

# TARARUA COLLEGE

## Bulletin Term 2 2020



### Principal's

### Messaage



**Kia Ora  
koutou  
katoa.**

As we move into Term 3, it is a good time to reflect on the past six months. Having gone through 8 weeks of lock down and the continued restrictions placed on us due to COVID 19, 2020 will certainly remain in our memories for many years to come.

The last two weeks have provided a very well deserved break for both students and staff alike. Hopefully we will see a much more settled and 'normal' Term 3.

Although many events had to be cancelled or postponed during the last term, we are now starting to see many of these restarting or being rescheduled. Winter sports are now well under way and it is hoped that the school competitions will continue all term. However, due to the lack of Regional or National competitions, it is unfortunate that the Manawatu Sports Awards Ceremony has been cancelled for 2020. We, as a college, are still looking at the possibility of running our own sports awards evening, but it will inevitably be a much smaller affair. More information regarding this will be issued later in the term.

Fortunately, many any other events have been rescheduled:

- CACTUS will be completed in the first few weeks of Term with the Longest Day planned for Friday 7th August.

- The School's Cross Country Competition will now be on Wednesday 22nd July with the Manawatu Cross Country taking place on 19th August.
- The Kuranui Sports Exchange has been rescheduled for the 8th September.
- Our Year 8 Learning Expo's will take place from Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th and Monday 17th August.
- Our Open Evening now being held on Tuesday 18th August at 6.30pm.
- The Senior Ball and Leaver's Dinner will now be combined on Saturday 7th November.
- With the NCEA exams being pushed back by 10 days, they will begin on Monday 16th November.
- Senior Prizegiving Ceremony will now be held on Wednesday 11th November,
- Junior Prizegiving will now take place on Monday 7th December.

Once we eventually got back to school under Level 3, the building projects across the school were also able to resume. The re-roofing of the Technology block has now been completed, as has the refurbishment of the Student Support Centre. This exciting refurbishment will allow us to welcome two new students into the college this term, coming to us from the Special Needs Unit at Riverdale School in Palmerston North. This will allow us to provide a high quality education for these students, with very high needs, within the College rather than them having to travel to Palmerston North everyday.

The work on the Admin block continues with a completion date sometime towards the end of August.

### *Principal's Message contd...*

Also, the planning for the refurbishment of A Block is now well underway. It is envisaged that this will commence early next year and it is hoped that this will provide the college with a fully refurbished teaching block which will allow us to provide a high quality learning environment for many years to come. It will be exciting to see this completed and I will keep everyone updated on the progress.

Before the holidays the Curriculum Review Group began a review of the Junior Curriculum. Surveys were sent out to the whole school community looking for feedback on the Junior Curriculum as well as the well-being of our students.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey, if you have already done so. If not, I would encourage you to complete the survey over the next two weeks.

As ever, I am keen to hear your comments and suggestions in order to improve the education we provide to you and your children, and so I would also welcome any further feedback, or if you prefer, to come and discuss this with me face to face.

I look forward to welcoming the students back to the college for Term 3 for what I hope will be a successful term for everyone.

Ngā mihi  
Tēnā koutou katoa  
Iain Anderson  
Tumuaki/Principal



## **Community Survey**

We are conducting a review of our school systems and junior curriculum and would value your opinions on the following questions.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

The Community Survey has been emailed to you and has been shared on Facebook.

If you haven't completed it already, please follow this link.  
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## Head Students' Page

What comes to mind when you think of Tararua College? I think of the positive, safe and prosperous environment it offers. A school where seniors are able to mentor junior students and help them with more than just college life. Staff are welcoming and passionate about teaching.

They want the best for every student and express interest in their lives outside of school. There is acceptance of others and diverse cultures. We are also involved with the community and support many local events.

*Leah Powick, Head Girl*

Tararua College is a place of opportunities. Opportunities that sit right in front of you every time you walk through the school gates, but it's up to you to take them. Tararua College offered me many opportunities to better the person I was, and to become the version of myself who I want to become.

The transition from Primary to College may seem scary to most. You are no longer the senior and are back to being the junior of the school. Although I promise you that's not the case. At Tararua College you are able to get to know everyone from the Year 9s you enter with to the Year 13s about to graduate.

Students and teachers tend to build a stronger relationship through respect and trust.

Tararua College offers many fun opportunities like sporting, cultural groups, inter house and many extracurricular activities. Tararua College has supported me in my education, pushing me to achieve at the highest standard. There has been 1 on 1 help and support from whānau groups and study lines which have made handing in work while having a big workload is less stressful.

Tararua College has helped me to develop my Leadership skills throughout the years. I have seen many changes to the College since I was in Year 9. Some developments being the improvements of technology, the ways of learning, new teachers and the greater opportunities. I am grateful to be a part of Tararua College and that I am a witness of the positive growth seen here.

*Thank you, Tewairehu Hauraki, Head Boy.*



## **The Environment!**

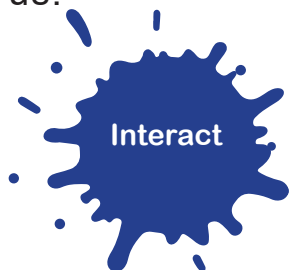
It is something many of us simply ignore.

We encourage you to be a part of the projects and activities the Environment Committee has to offer.

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We have planned and organised several projects in our school environment, such as beehives, which will eventually supply us with honey for the cafeteria and community, and easier pollination for the plants that grow around the school. We have recycling and compost bins going up around the school. These will create a better and sustainable environment around the school area. I encourage all to build and create an abundance of upcycled products, get involved in the physical nature of the community or paint a mural that will leave a well defined green picture of environmental sustainability for the future.

The upcycling team are striving to deliver upcycling projects and competitions to drive the fun factor of looking after what is around us.



## **Interact.**

The Interact Club is a “junior” Rotary Club for students between the ages 12-18, who volunteer to connect with others in their community and local school/s through voluntary projects.

Annually, the Interact Club aims to achieve two service projects; One which benefits their community and the other being to encourage international understanding.

We have been involved in a number of volunteering activities and events in the community including collecting for a number of charities, such as the Heart Foundation and holding car washes at Fonterra.

*By Jaekob Jolly, Environmental and Interact Representative.*

## **Tararua College Educational Trust**

### **What the Trust is**

Tararua College Educational Trust was established in 1962 after a substantial bequest was left to the College. Since then the trustees have continued to raise funds to assist individual students and the College as a whole. The Trust is a legally constituted body, independent and separate from The Board of Trustees.

### **What the Trust does**

Each year the Trust provides funds for the purchase of computer equipment, sports equipment, video equipment, communication equipment, and a variety of other items which keep the College well equipped.

- The Trust makes available a number of bursaries each year to enable individual students to continue their education at Tararua College.
- The Trust awards a number of scholarships each year to returning students (both junior and senior) to recognise excellence in academic, sporting or cultural achievements and for service to the College.

### **Need for Funds**

The Ministry of Education provides an operating grant for the overall running of the school. However, the grant is insufficient to maintain or obtain many of the materials considered both essential and desirable for the educational benefit of the students at Tararua College.

### **Membership**

This is not restricted to parents but is open to everyone. There are two types of membership, either an ordinary member (\$20 per year) or a life member (by donating \$200 or more, this can be done in an installments).

The Trust appeals to you to become a financial member and help keep Tararua College well equipped and able to provide our students with an education equal to any other college in New Zealand.

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## **SPORTS' UPDATE:**

We are thrilled that sports are back and eager to share our sports results with you after the return from lock-down.



### **BASKETBALL**

Friday nights see our 6 basketball teams playing with some great results from their first games. A fantastic win for both our girls teams with the Prem girls winning against Manukura by 30 points.

The Girls' B team winning 61 -10.

Our Junior Premier Boys team had a great first game and only lost the 2nd half by 6 points.

The Junior B Boys' team thoroughly enjoyed their game regardless of the final score.

The Purple Team had a 65 - 16 win with every player contributing hugely in both defence and attack. Both sides showed great sportsmanship making it a really enjoyable game to watch.

Our Blue team also had a great game with a narrow loss. It is great to have such a great start to the basketball season for all our teams.

### **FOOTBALL**

Our Girls' Football team played their first game against St Peter's. The girls played with a lot of spirit and energy so lots of positives to take away.

### **INTER-HOUSE VOLLEYBALL**

We held the first of our interhouse sports in the first week of June playing volleyball. This was held at lunchtime in the gym and we saw some fierce house rivalry. The supporters were in full force with lots of cheers and clapping - it was a great atmosphere to be back after COVID.

Final results were:

- 1st - Matai
- 2nd - Rimu
- 3rd - Totara
- 4th - Kowhai



## HOUSE GROUP RIVALRY STRONG AFTER LOCKDOWN

Our 2nd interhouse competition was held in the last week of the term playing netball.

There were some really close games and we even got to play with our new netball hoops! Thank you to Abby Bailey and Sophie Oswald, our sports leaders, for organising this competition!

Final results were:

1st Matai  
2nd Totara  
3rd Kowhai  
4th Rimu.







## Hockey Results

A great start for both our hockey teams for the first competition points games. It was a couple of very cold nights for the players and supporters, but well worth it with the boys winning against Feilding Colts 5 - 2 and the girls beating Horowhenua 4 - 2 in Levin. Keep up the good work!



## JUNIOR RUGBY

A great first game for our Junior Rugby team - winning 48 - 12 against PNBHS.

They all played extremely well in their grading game.



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## GATEWAY - Driver's Licence

TC students can be very proud of themselves after gaining their learners licences. Students spent two days in Feilding at the National Driver Trainer Centre, working with 2 amazing tutors.



Many thanks to Pahiatua School for the loan of the van for both days.

## MUFTI DAY

Each term the Student Forum holds Mufti Days to raise funds to support a number of worthy causes.

This term's Mufti Day was held to raise funds and supplies for the The Trust Tararua which supports families in the region.

Instead of bringing a gold coin donation, we asked students to bring non-perishable food items.

Here is the impressive amount of food that was donated.

Thank you all for your generous support.





**Students were asked to write a letter to their future self! Here are a few of them...**

*Dear Maddisyn,*

*In 2020 there was a virus called COVID19. We had to stay home because it could make us sick and maybe give us pneumonia. The Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, told us to stay home so we would be safe. I was sad because some people lost their loved ones and weren't allowed more than 10 people at their funeral.*

*When I was in lockdown I couldn't go anywhere. Before the lock down me and my family were meant to go camping but then the government told us to stay home. We were gutted that we couldn't go. Instead, we put our tent out in the back garden and stayed outside for two days.*

*In the bubble at my house there were five people. I had eight weeks off school because of COVID19. It was hard at home because there was no teacher to help me, but my Mum was there to help me. She did not know some of my maths, though.*

*The lockdown helped Pahiatua by keeping our town tidy because nearly everyone was at home. The essential workers could still go to work. When we got to level 3 some students were allowed to go to school but only if your parents gave you permission. Because the shops were closed you had to buy what you needed online. The supermarkets and pharmacies stayed open, but there were only a few people allowed in at the same time.*

*I was disappointed because COVID19 stopped CACTUS from taking place. CACTUS is a fitness programme that is run for students over several weeks. We only had one week and two days to go until we finished. I can't wait till next term when we can get back into CACTUS and finish it.*

Dear Ryan,

In the year 2020, when I was 15 years old, there was a pandemic. It was called COVID19. On March 26th lockdown started at level 4 which meant we weren't allowed to leave the house unless we were going for a walk, picking up groceries or getting petrol. I noticed that Pahiatua seemed to be a ghost town! We all had to stay two metres away from each other.

The CACTUS programme was cancelled which made me feel sad because I didn't get to do all the exercises but I am looking forward to finishing the programme next term.

I liked staying home because I got to work on my race boat with Dad. While I was at home I also helped Dad cut down a tree. I climbed the tree and wrapped a strap around it but it did not work so we cut it down with a chainsaw.

During the lockdown we had to do schoolwork. The school sent me a chromebook, like a small laptop. I only did a little bit of work at home because I was too busy. Because we were not allowed to visit each other, we kept in touch by messaging my friends. I missed them and I kind of missed school.

I liked coming back into the real world because I like playing sports and doing stuff like racing, and now I can actually do these things with my friends and family. I look forward to the future Ryan reading this, perhaps in 20 years time.





### *Letters to their future self contd...*

*Dear Jacob,*

*In 2020 COVID19 broke out in the world. When I was in lockdown, I helped my Dad on the farm. I was helping with milking. After milking I did some silage and then I went home and played a game with my friend on-line.*

*During Level 3 I went to school. There were only 3 people at school. I went on the school van to get to school. We got some free time in the mornings and then at 9.45 we started doing school work. It was really boring.*

*During Level 2 we were allowed to see our friends if we stayed 2 metres apart. During Level 4 we hadn't been able to see them for weeks. We could go to the shops again in Level 2.*

*When we got to Level 1 we all had to go back to school again. I was happy to go because I got to see all my friends.*

***Dear Heavenly,***

***The corona virus started in China in February. Afterwards the corona virus spread around the world. Lots of people died. Some people lost their family members.***

***There was a lockdown, which meant that people had to stay at home all the time. People lost their jobs because of the virus. Some people got stuck in airports. The virus spread to New Zealand and some people died here too. All the shops were closed except for the supermarkets. Pack and Save, Countdown and New World were all open but you had to be two metres away from other people. Some people did their shopping online.***

***It was a bit boring during lockdown because we were just at home with not much to do and we couldn't see your friends, cousins or other family members.***

***When it got to Level 3 on May the 16th, it was finally my birthday but I was only allowed to have 10 people there. It was sad, because I couldn't have all my friends at my birthday party. After my birthday, my Mum surprised me - she told me something special! She told me I'm going to be a big sister! I was very happy because I really wanted a baby sister or a baby brother. After we went down to Level 2, I was happy because I got to see my friends, and now we have gone down to Level 1. New Zealand was the first one to get to that level and all the restaurants are open and all the churches are open. People are back to their work and everyone is happy because COVID19 is nearly finished in New Zealand.***

*Dear Aaron,*

*In 2020 there was a virus called COVID19 and I was 15 years old when it started. We stayed home from school. It was hard to do my work because there were no teachers to help, but I had my Mum to help me. I also helped my Mum by doing jobs for her.*

*We kept in touch with friends and family on our phones, Messenger and video calls. The fun things were playing video games with my friends and my brothers on Roblox and a game called Offroad Outlaws.*

*It was as quiet as anything in Woodville. Most of the shops were closed, except for the Four Square supermarket and Caltex petrol station.*



## GAMES

Written by Krystal about the Parafed activities.

Seb, Justin, Corey, Ben and I, and some adults (it was Mr B, Shaz, Phillipa and Raeywn) went to the hall to play a couple of games.

We started with 2 bean bags each and we had to get them in hoops. There were 2 of them. We had to throw the bean bags into the hoop and on the 1st round I almost got it in. In the 2nd round I was so close but it was really fun. The next game was the same one as the bean bag ones, but they were replaced with balls and they were pretty heavy.

Then we played some Bocce. In the blue team was Corey, Ben and I, and on the red team was Seb, Justin. The teacher aids keep switching so the 1st round was Phillipa then Raeywn then Mr.B.

Bocce ball can be played with 1-8 players. Each team throws 4 balls per frame. Frames begin by one team tossing the pallion (a specially marked ball sometimes called a jack) between the centre and four-foot line within the playing area.

Results:

The blue team won the first game

Then the red team won the second game

The red team won the third game.

The red team was the best out of the three games and the overall winner of Bocce.

It was fun participating in these games. I really would like to play this again some-time. I think that everyone had a really good time. After all the games we had a group photo.

### **Facts about Shaz.**

Shaz had a farm accident and she had to have part of her left arm removed. Shaz decided she needed to not be sad about it and to take life on in a positive way. Then she started working with Parafed Manawatu.

Shaz now represents New Zealand as a triathlete and she is training for the Para-Olympics!





**Photos above: Shaz with students playing games.**

## MKR Rotation #2 - End of term Mystery Box Challenge

Students taking the My Kitchen Rules (MKR) Collab Class this rotation worked hard on their final assessment over the past week.

During the MKR course, students have had to present a Meal Plan for a family during Lockdown, plan and prepare a mid-week meal for a family, plan and prepare a dessert for a family, design and present a Static Image about students' philosophies around food, and the final task for the term was a team competition, to make a meal from a box of mystery ingredients.

Throughout the course, students have practiced cross curricular skills such as researching, exploring and understanding different perspectives and beliefs, and preparing written recipes, grocery lists and reflections. They have practiced Manaakitanga, Ako and Whanaungatanga.

The finale of this course was hard work but fun at the same time. Year 10 student Kairo Nikora reflected on her meal; "In our team's mystery box, there was an apple, sausages, a can of diced tomatoes, mixed veggies, potatoes, an onion and a quarter of a cabbage. Other shared ingredients included spices, herbs, cheese, flour, milk, sugar and salt. We looked at the ingredients and freaked out. Then we did some research to learn what we could make with this food in front of us. We decided to make fried sausages and onion, to serve on potato mash, with cooked cabbage and mixed veggies, garnished with apple. I think it turned out ok."

Year 9 student, Haleigh-Rose Newman found the Mystery Box Challenge exciting. She enjoyed working within a team to make a mince meal and really liked using all of the ingredients given. Other Year 9 students, Jacob Cole and Tyson Figgess, reflected on the challenge. They thought about how they might do things differently next time, but thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Students and teachers; Mrs Rachel Ireland, Mrs Carol Baker, Miss Alex McKinlay and Ms Joanna Sheridan, had a prize giving with students on Thursday, to finish off the term.



Pictured L to R: The overall winners of MKR Mystery Box Challenge for Term 2 were Cohen Dittmer-Smith, Tayden Keedwell and Jesse Mills with their rice and bacon meal; Dayton Samuels, Abby Matthews and Gemma Highet made devilled sausages, served on cabbage, with garlic roast potatoes; Seius Manihera, Lily Croasdale and Shelbe Te Wani Cook made pasta with mince, mixed veggies and scrambled eggs.





## Jaekob Referees Rugby

Jaekob had the opportunity to referee a game of rugby between a touring team from Argentina and Manukura. It was a great opportunity which he will remember and learn from. Jaekob said, "Being able to see the level which different nationalities create in rugby for a win has made me question the areas you need to focus on for a successful game of rugby to be played for both teams in terms of age, skill level and attitude".

Although Jaekob is unable to play rugby due to a severe concussion, his love of rugby has been kept alive by his involvement in refereeing. He referees regularly at Saturday tournaments (7- aside or rippa rugby) and is an assistant referee for higher grade matches.



*Photos above: Photos from the last celebration assembly held last term, led by Nick and Vanessa - great performances by David Ngatuere and the staff band, with Clayton and Kaia performing for their music assessments. What a great way to end the last week of Term Two.*



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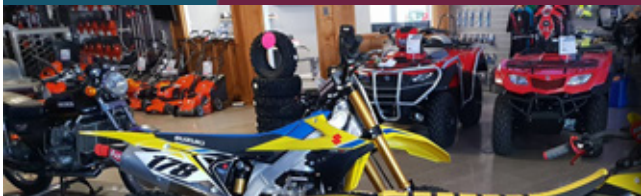
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Term 3 begins	Monday 20th July
Matariki Celebration Week - lunchtimes	Monday 20th-27th July
Cross Country	Wednesday 22nd July
Bio Trip	Thursday 23rd July
Cross Country - Postponment date	Friday 24th July
Tararua 7-aside	Wednesday 5th August
Board of Trustees Meeting	Thursday 6th August
Enviro Planting Day	Friday 7th August
CACTUS LONGEST DAY	Friday 7th August
Wharenui - Working Bee	Saturday 8th August
Speech Competition	Wednesday 12th August
Year 8 Learning Expo	Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th & Monday 17th August
Open Evening - 6.30pm	Tuesday 18th August
Manawatu Cross Country	Wednesday 19th August
Bush Maths Quiz	Friday 21st August
Assessment week	24th - 28th August
Science Roadshow	25th August
Tournament Week	31st August - 4 September
Kuranui Sports Exchange	Tuesday 8th September
Bush Speech Competition	Wednesday 9th September
Board of Trustees Meeting	Thursday 10th September
Te Wiki o Te Reo	14th - 18th September
Learning Conversation	Thursday 17th September
Learning Conversation	Wednesday 23rd September
END OF TERM	Friday 25th September
Community Duathlon	Saturday 17th October
Senior Leavers Dinner & Ball	Saturday 7th November
Senior Prizegiving	Wednesday 11th November