

# TARARUA COLLEGE

## Bulletin Term 3 2020



### Principal's Message



**Kia Ora koutou katoa.**

As I near the one year anniversary of my appointment to Principal of Tararua College, it seems timely to look back and reflect on what we have achieved over the past year.

Academically, the school is continuing on its journey to excellence in both Junior and Senior school. We are continuing to develop our junior curriculum to deliver an education to our children and young people, which I believe will prepare them for life in the 21st Century. The ongoing focus on the Global Competencies of Collaboration, Creativity and Critical Thinking will develop their self-management, and self-regulation which they will need to become the independent learners we are all striving for.

Whilst, in the Senior school we have maintained a level of success in NCEA examination results, well above our comparator schools, and even above National averages in all three levels, we also put a lot of time and effort into ensuring that when a student does leave the College, they leave with a positive destination in place, whether that be employment, training or further education.

Property wise, the school has seen huge investment into the roof replacement project, which is now finally nearing completion, with the last few remaining jobs being finished on the Admin block, this is due for completion at the end of October.

It has been a long twelve months of work but we are all looking forward to returning to a sense of normality on campus for Term 4, at least for a while. Next year will see the start of a \$3million refurbishment of A block – our main teaching block in the school, which will deliver teaching spaces that will be fit for purpose and somewhere we can all be proud of.

On top of all of this, we have had to deal with the disruption and stresses that COVID 19 has brought upon us. The eight weeks of Lock-down could have been disastrous for the learning and teaching of our students, but both students and staff alike have dug deep and weathered the storm. We have put a lot of effort into maintaining the emotional, physical and mental wellbeing of both staff and students and this focus will stay with us for the rest of the year.

*Principal's message, continued from page 1...*

It is a testament to the efforts of everyone in the community as to how well we have come through the difficulties this has thrown at us this year. I would, therefore, like to thank all the students, staff, whānau and community for their ongoing commitment and support to making Tararua College what it is today.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Principal of the College, regardless of the difficulties which we have faced, and I am looking forward to many more years ahead where we can continue to improve and develop the College together.

Ngā mihi  
Iain Anderson  
Tumuaki/Principal



Iain, members of the Tama Tū, roopu, mayor Tracey Collis with the Right Honourable Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister at the opening of the Pahiatua Water Treatment Plant recently.

This is from the Tararua District Council:

"On the 18th September the Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern Prime Minister of New Zealand, joined Tararua District Council for this significant milestone for the Pahiatua community.

Although wet and windy, the opening of the Pahiatua Water Treatment Plant was a great success. We would like to extend a thank you to Tama Tū Tama Ora who welcomed everyone with their beautiful waiata. You set the tone for a great celebration.

A formal blessing will be completed by local iwi once the new pipes have been commissioned and are ready to pump up to the 6000m<sup>3</sup> steel reservoir visible above the township.

Everyone involved in this project has worked hard to deliver a great outcome for the Pahiatua Community. We look forward to it being operational very shortly."

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### *Weekend of Drama*

The Senior Drama class plus a Year 10 student, Rhyme 'The Child' Brandon, recently spent the weekend preparing and performing in a 48 hour Devised Challenge.


We were so proud to take home four trophies. 'Most Dramatic moment' 'Creative use of dialogue' 'Most interesting use of place' 'Best teamwork on stage.'



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*Thanks to Tararua  
College Enviroschool  
Committee for your  
awesome work collecting  
rubbish and keeping Pahiatua  
tidy.  
Mayor Tracey Collis*

This is our second year as an enviroschool, being part of an elite community that strives for the best environment.

A group of Tararua College Students were outstanding in their efforts of contributing their time to a tree planting day at the Tiraumea River Catchment in Alfredton. The day involved many other local school students which was awesome for cultural/ environmental interaction.

The Tararua College Environmental committee have also recently completed a waste audit, which highlighted many issues that need to be addressed for a more sustainable environment. This was a great way to show the students what we as a school do with our waste, and what picture that creates for those who dispose of it. See the waste audit results below.

We have also been able to develop some awareness of how pest control is undertaken at Pukaha Mt Bruce, by creating chew cards, tracking tunnels and traps, this was a great opportunity for one of our Year 9 collaboration classes.

Lastly, there are many other cool projects that our Tararua College Environmental Committee and surrounding community are getting up and running to develop a physical awareness of where we need to aim for a greater sustainable school and community. These projects include but is not limited to, Beekeeping, Heritage Flax planting and establishment, refurbishment of our school garden and recycling in school. We also had the privilege of organising the Keep NZ Beautiful Event for our local community recently.

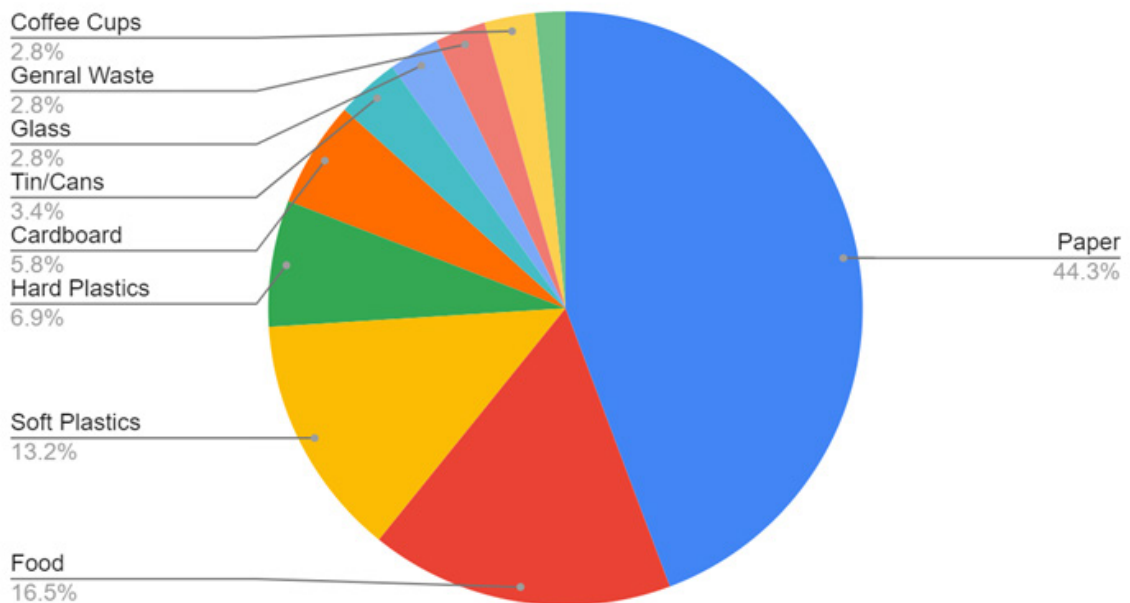
Our aim is to complete a number of other audits to locate any other environmental issues that we need to approach.



## Enviroshools, continued....



Total Weight 36.35 Kg



This waste pie graph shows what was collected in only one day, roughly around 40kgs, of which over half can be recycled and /or composted, this adds up to 8000 kgs of waste a year. If we were to recycle the 16kg of paper that we currently throw out each day, for the 200 days that we are at school a year (3200 kgs of paper) then we would save 34 trees a year!!

## Friendly Rivalry Strong in Interhouse Kapa Haka Competition

The last Thursday of Term 3 saw our annual interhouse kapa haka competition take place, which was a relief as it almost became another event we had to sacrifice due to Covid-19! However, since returning to Level 1 as of Monday, we were glad to be able finally come together as a whole school again and enjoy the competition because this event is one of the best of the year, not only for house spirit, but for school spirit as each house cheers on those on stage and often the crowd are almost as loud as the actual performances.

Kapa haka can often be quite challenging to some and really pushes you to step outside of your comfort zone, but it is brilliant at bringing people together and that was very obvious in the strong performances that took place on the day. From the fierce actions and facials to the beautiful smiles and harmonies or seeing students and teachers side by side on the stage. You could definitely see and feel all the hard work and commitment the houses, and the staff who also performed a small bracket, put in to making the day a success and it definitely made it a difficult job for our judges, Niki-Leigh Kahu and Destiny Rose.

This year was very close with Rimu coming 4th, Mātai 3rd, Tōtara 2nd and Kōwhai coming in 1st.

The competition gets tougher every year as each house grows and develops and so we are already excited for next year.

*Ehara taku toa i te toa i takitahi, engari he te toa takitini.*  
-My pride is not that of a single person, but that of the many.







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## Sports Update

To end the week and term we have had a great week of sport. Here are our results.

Thank you to all our coaches and managers for giving all their time and support to all our sports teams this season. It has been an interesting one with lots of different hurdles, due to the Covid19 restrictions, but we really appreciate all your time and effort.

Bridget Bailey (Sports' Co-ordinator)

### Senior Purple Boys' Basketball

2020 has been a crazy year for sport. Our Senior Boys' Basketball Team have again enjoyed playing in the Masterton league. Despite having won every game leading up to the final, we were taking nothing for granted. Coming up against Wairarapa College was never going to be easy and the boys were psyched up for a tough game. Unfortunately, there is no fairytale ending to this story. As with just about every game this season, we were behind at half time. The boys found another gear, but so did Wairarapa College. It was a hard fought game and the frustration was evident on the boys. We were in foul trouble early on in the second half and everytime we changed tactic, they changed with us.

To say the boys are happy with second place, is just not true. They know that they have beaten Wairarapa College before, and on another day they could again. It just wasn't this day. All credit to Wairarapa College, they came to play hard and pushed us all the way.

None of this changes how proud I am of these young men. They are wonderful, and an absolute pleasure to watch. When asked for a photo, straight after the game, looking a little beaten, I asked them to show me their beautiful Tararua College smiles. And this is what we saw. They are proud to represent Tararua College, and they do this with spirit, commitment, comradery and good humour. They are true sportsmen and they are great role models for our younger students.

We headed home via the fast food establishments, enjoyed sharing a meal together and there was lots of laughter and singing in the van. I am honoured to have managed this team and have enjoyed every minute of this term of basketball.

Katie Harris, manager.



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## Squash

Miss West, Abby Treder and Ex Pupil, Rachel Vincent (Miss West's daughter) attended the C Grade Women's National Squash Tournament in the Tararua Team in Napier from the 23rd September to 26th September.

The team of six went into the Tournament as 5th Seeds, in their first game on Wednesday, they came up against the 4th Seeds, Papakura which the Tararua girls won 4 -1.

Thursday, they had two games with the first against the number 1 seeds, Mount Maunganui, this was a very exciting game for the girls as it was live-streamed all over the world. They ended with the game score at 2 after the 4th game, this meant they had to win the last game, and yes Tararua won, winning the match 3 - 2, this was probably the highlight of the Tournament beating the top seeds.

Thursday night's game was against bottom seeds Ashburton, with Tararua winning this match 5 - 0. With them winning their pool play 3 - 0, Friday saw them take on the very hard Surf City Team from Gisborne in the Semis, unfortunately Tararua lost in a very close 2 - 3, but the girls played very well with all games going to 5. The Surf City Team went through and won overall so the girls were happy with their performance against them.

This meant on Saturday they were playing off for 3rd/4th, and came up against the Devoy Club from Bay of Plenty, this was a very hard match for the girls which they lost 3 - 1. As the Devoy Club had already won, they chose not to play the last game, which was a disappointing way to end the tournament not being able to play all the girls for the last game.

The girls did extremely well over the tournament finishing 4th overall after coming into the tournament as the 5th Seeds.

Over the tournament, they had lots of very positive comments about the skill, the mental toughness and their overall conduct on and off the court, which is fantastic.



*Pictured left to right:  
Rachel Vincent, Rebecca West  
and Abby Treder.*

## Sports

### Abby Treder - Under 15 Manawatu Hockey Rep

Abby has been selected for the Manawatu Under 15a Girls' Hockey Team. She will go to Wellington on the 30 Sept until 3 October for the Wellington Under 15 Hockey Tournament Hockey Festival. Congratulations Abby. We look forward to sharing your results.

### Basketball

Here is a note that we received from The Kuranui College Sports Co-ordinator.

This proves that we have some very caring students, showing great sportsmanship.

*Our Kuranui Basketball coach acknowledges the Sportsmanship shown by your players....*

*Our Kuranui Basketball Boys played your team last night in the semi finals, considering the physicality of the game, our coach played both Tom's (special needs) in the last minutes of the game.*

*Tararua allowed Tom two uncontested layups, he missed both!. On reset, Tararua gave the ball straight to him not once, but twice until he got the basket!*

*Please forward our acknowledgement to both players and team management.*

*I was also in attendance at the game.*

*Good luck for your finals next week.*

**DONALD YEE**

*Kuranui College Sports Co-ordinator*



A note from our manager, Katie Harris:

It was a really lovely, unprompted, moment of sport. The joy on Tom's face (I didn't know his name at the time) was just priceless. We do have amazing kids. Go TC!!!

"It was a very competitive game and despite being down 14-17 at half time, the boys dug deep for a 36-25 win."

### SOPHIE HUNTER DANCE CHAMP

Recently, Sophie had a very successful weekend of dance.

Sophie won the Year 10 solo age group category in the Dance NZ Made Regional Competition, and she is now nominated for Nationals. She will dance at the Dance NZ Made Nationals which is when all the nominations from all the Regionals come together and compete.

We wish her well at the Nationals.

Watch this space.





### Girls' Hockey

Thursday night was our last game of the season, against Awatapu and took away the 6-2 win, with some awesome field goals scored. It has been such an amazing season, with such an awesome bunch of girls, it was awesome to finish off the season with a good win. It was very sad for a few of us Year 13 girls who played our last game for TC Girls' Hockey ever! I wish all the best for Brooke Sutton, Abbie Bognuda and Grace Croasdale and Abby Bailey (Captain).

Respect  
Whakaute



### Boys' Hockey

On Wednesday night, the boys' hockey team headed over to Feilding High School to play their final game of the season, vying for the position of 5th place. The boys dominated the game throughout, and played some fantastic hockey despite many injuries. They managed to come away with a 1-0 win, scoring a goal in the final quarter which made for an exciting and rather nerve racking game!

Thanks to all the boys for a fantastic season - the management team, (Andrew Wylie, Karen Belcher, Becky Anderson and Scott Rankin) are all extremely proud of how much the boys have gelled together, and improved overall. They are a fantastic group of students and it was a thoroughly enjoyable season. Bring on next year!



### *Small Bore Shooting Team Go to Nationals*

We had a great day last Sunday, with a team in their first ever Secondary Schools Shooting Nationals Tournament, shot at the Palmerston North Range run by Target Shooting New Zealand.

Emma Wheeler Yr 11, Rory Poyzer Yr 10 and Thomas Inder Yr 9 were our top three shooters selected for the Nationals.

We have run a school Small Bore Shooting team this term for the first time in many years I understand.

These guys were shooting well on a rest/block, so they moved in to the more challenging Slings (specifically designed shooting jackets with leather slings attached to their jackets, and then rifles).

It was only their 5th week shooting in slings and they would be shooting with teams who have been shooting this discipline for years. Schools were only allowed to enter one team of 3 shooters. There were 26 teams shooting Nationally at seven different allocated Shooting Ranges from around the country. The Ranges had Zoom cameras set up, so we could all enjoy the national vibe and communicate together.

Our aim for our young greenhorns team was to immerse them into a great competition, have fun, be proud to be there as a team, and try to shoot about 700 points as a team. These guys smashed their goals, they loved their day, they represented themselves individually and as a team really well. Plus they represented the College in a positive professional manner, which they were complimented on during the day. They scored 763.05. (out of a possible 900.10). This was a great team total for their first major tournament and definitely passed their points goal.

Greg Bengston, our coach and I were really proud of Thomas, Emma and Rory. They all shot at least one 10.1 (a bullseye) each, during the competition, with five being shot through the morning. Thomas shot his personal best card in a sling and it was our teams top card of the day, Emma achieved top overall score (the total of the 3 cards each shooter did) and got a personal best score too, and Rory equaled his personal best and got second top score.

As a team, the students walked away feeling proud to have been involved in the competition and all talked about different elements they had picked up, they already have their eye in for what they want to achieve next year and how to do it!

Well done Team Tararua.





*Pictures from our shooters at the Secondary School Nationals.*

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### Small Bore Shooting

We have had a good interest in this sport and have 14 students who shoot with the team and Pahiatua Deer Stalkers and Small Bore Rifle Club.

Last month, our Small Bore Rifle Shooting Team had their very first competition shoot, held in Masterton. There were approximately 10 teams shooting from across Palmerston North, Tararua, and Wairarapa.

Our focus for our first ever competition was to be involved, feel the pressure, and have a team shoot 500 points. Nerves certainly showed up at the shoot, however the team conducted themselves well and everyone completed two 10 shot cards within the time restrictions required. For our squad Emma Wheeler gained top overall points, with Rory Poyzer taking out second spot (and shooting top individual card), and Thomas Inder was third overall with his total points. We also had one team shoot 499.5 points, extremely close to our goal.

Our team was commended by other coaches on their effort for a first time competition shoot, especially with our two left handed shooters (Thomas Inder and Blair Moynihan) having to use right handed rifles - that was not easy.

The team conducted themselves to a high standard and wearing their school blazers and ties we showed that Tararua College was proud to be in the sport. (A physiological advantage to fray some of the other competitors' nerves, right from entering the building!)

We have two more competitions coming up, first The Secondary Schools Postal Shoot, which we have entered two Sling teams (who need to wear specially made jackets which hold a leather sling on your arm to rest it while aiming the rifle without a block). We also have two Rest (Block) Teams in this competition as well. Each team consists of three shooters, this is 12 students shooting two 10 shot targets each.

The second competition that is coming up this Sunday, 27th September, is the Inter-Secondary School Inter-Island Match. This is Small Bore Rifle Shootings National Competition Shoot, this competition only allows schools to enter one team of three shooters. This year there are 26 teams shooting from around the country at designated ranges. Competitors must also be shooting in a sling. Three of our top shooters for this team are Emma Wheeler Yr 11, Rory Poyzer Yr 10, and Thomas Inder Yr 9. This is their first ever Nationals competition and they are looking forward to the experience and challenge.







TC Small Bore Shooting Team



Emma Wheeler



Rory Poyzer



Thomas Inder

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## Excellence Kairangi

Blair Moynihan received his Chief Scout's Award recently.

Thank you Raewyn, Margaret, and the team at the Pahiatua Scout Group, for making sure that this young man's achievement was recognised and celebrated in such a fantastic way. Blair has done extremely well!

## Chief Scout Award



## Queen's Guide Award

Pahiatua Ranger Emma Brunton received her Queen's Guide Award from Governor-General Dame Patsy Reddy on August 15.

The Queen's Guide is the top award in Guiding - in New Zealand it is earned by Rangers and was introduced in 1946.

It is thought this is the first QG in 40 years for a Pahiatua Ranger Unit, but there have been girls in Pahiatua who have earned it through other units or through Guides Aotearoa (correspondence method).

Requirements for New Zealand include: service, leadership, interest badges and a residential weekend. It takes around four years to earn and must be complete by the time Rangers are 17. It is not an easy award to obtain.





**Saturday 17th  
October 2020  
BUSH  
MULTISPORT PARK**

## *Tararua College Community*



**Anyone can enter; from pre-schoolers through to adults.  
This is an event that the whole family can participate in.**

9am– Event 1: 500m run, 1km bike \$5

9.30am– Event 2: 1km run/walk, 1.8km bike \$5

10am– Event 3: 1km run, 5km bike, 1km run \$5

10.30am– Event 4: 5km run, 10km bike, 1km run \$10

11.00am– Event 5: 5km run, 20km bike, 1km run \$15  
*(Teams are welcome in Events 4 & 5)*

**Entry forms are available from Tararua College and  
Laskeys Auto Services or Finest Batch Bakery.**

**Visit our Facebook page 'Tararua College Community Duathlon' for  
more information and to enter online.**

If you would like more information please don't hesitate to  
contact our sports leaders:

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Sophie Oswald – 16oswalds@tararuacollege.school.nz



## YETE Year 11 Industry Big Day Out

On Tuesday 22nd September a group of Year 11 students attended the Industry Big Day Out in Wairarapa, organised by Wairarapa REAP. We visited four Industry sites, these were C3 Logging, Neer Enterprises, Jennian Homes and Kiwi Lumber. The students enjoyed the day, finding out about careers in these industries and subject choices that are important for their future pathways.







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