



TURAKINA MĀORI GIRLS' COLLEGE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2011

VISION: "For every student at Turakina Māori Girls' College to reach her full potential in an environment where the safety and the well-being of the student is paramount".

FOCUS VIRTUES: Respect, Pride & Responsibility.



TĒNĀ ANŌ KOUTOU E TE WHĀNAU!

We are nearing the end of term three very quickly and it has been an extremely busy term for staff and students. Though there have been some challenging and difficult times during this term, we have also had times to celebrate our students' achievements. Their successes are what we reflect on to keep encouraged and confident in the direction of our Kura. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our voluntary winter sports coaches and managers, both whānau and staff, who have given their time to take our sports teams. Also, a big thank you to our whānau who continue to support our school events. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou!

"Iti rearea, Kahikatea ka taea"

Congratulations Kōwhai Whare!

We are so very proud of the performances by all our Houses on Saturday, 3rd September as they took the stage at the Marton War Memorial Hall for our Inter-House Kapa Haka competition. All Houses were winners on the day. However, we congratulate Kōwhai Whare who are our School Inter-House Kapa Haka champions for 2011! A very big thank you to our whānau and members of the community who supported our day, ngā mihi nui!



RESULTS

	ITEM	KÖWHAI	MANAWA	RANGIORA	TAUPATA	K	M	R	T
1	WAIATA TIRA	41/50	40/50	34/50	42/50	3	2	1	4
2	WHAKAEKE	36/50	37/50	36/50	46/50	2	3	2	4
3	MŌTEATEA	47/50	36/50	41/50	33/50	4	2	3	1
4	WAIATA-A-RINGA	40/50	38/50	36/50	45/50	3	2	1	4
5	POI	41/50	29/50	36/50	45/50	3	1	2	4
6	HAKA	45/50	38/50	37/50	42/50	4	2	1	3
7	WHAKAWĀTEA	48/50	44/50	38/50	44/50	4	3	1	3
	KAKAHU	10/10	9/10	8/10	9/10	4	3	1	3
9	TE REO	79/90	63/90	71/90	72/90	4	1	2	3
10	KAITĀTAKI WAHINE	47/50	38/50	43/50	42/50	4	1	3	2
TOTAL		434	372	380	420	35	20	17	31

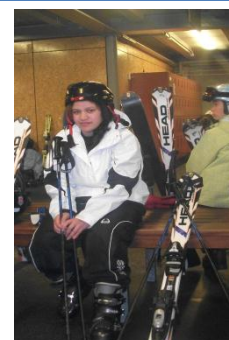
Congratulations our 10-A-Side Rugby Team!

We are extremely proud of our rugby team who competed in the 10 A-Side Wanganui City College Girls' Rugby Tournament on Saturday 24th September. Our rugby team were not only the **Champions of the tournament for 2011**; we also had three of our players selected for the 7 A-Side Wanganui Tournament Rep Team: **Te Uru Piki Paul, Te Akakura Turuwhenua and Puhiaurangi Black**. We are also proud that Puhia was selected Player of the Tournament as well as Captain for the Wanganui Tournament Rep Team. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou e te tīma toa! A big thank you to the whānau who have continued to support our rugby team throughout the season! We cannot forget the great work, support and efforts by their Coaches Mr Malcolm Channings and Mr Kere Mihaere. Congratulations on the successes of your rugby players and your rugby team! **TMGC 10 A-Side Rugby Team: Te Akakura Turuwhenua, Regan Paranihi, Puhia Black, Maia Paranihi, Te Uru Piki Paul, Kiiani Rowe, Bridgette Walker, Mishana Whaanga-Gibbs, Kihere Aumua-Jahnke, Ella Lyon, Averlyn Davis, Monique Jason, Awhina Hoerara, Aorangi Pukeroa.**



Ski-trip to Coronet Peak Report

We thoroughly enjoyed the report that Ella Lyon and Lani Hirini presented at our school assembly last week. It was obvious that the experience for both girls was very valuable and this showed in their PowerPoint presentation and their efforts to portray their wonderful experiences. Well done Lani and Ella! We are proud of the way in which you both represented Turakina and your whānau with respect!



Departments

Digital Technology

Time is becoming very limited for the senior students in Digital Technology and ICT. Although there is no exam for any of these classes they still need to be focused and completing the assessments that they have available to them. Years 12 and 13 are able to complete Unit Standard assessments until the day before prize giving and these will be forwarded to NZQA. Year 11 have a little more pressure as their external standards are sent to NZQA at the beginning of November. I ask that you encourage your daughters as they are all capable of producing some good results. They will be able to access their work via KnowledgeNet during the break to continue their study.

The Year 10 students have been working on three Level 1 Unit Standards and many of them are producing great results. Some already have six NCEA credits in Digital Technology at Level 1. This is a positive start to NCEA and sets them up well for next year. I look forward to these students taking Digital Technology in Year 11.

Year 9 are working on a research unit where they make use of a variety of digital technologies to assist them in collating and recording their information. Ask them about wiki's and Delicious. They can also show you their work as it is on KnowledgeNet.

KnowledgeNet is a valuable tool for the students and allows them to access their work at school or home. I encourage you and your daughter to regularly log on to see what is new.

Jason Hardman
HOD Digital Technology

Spotlight KnowledgeNet

tmgc.knowledge.net.nz

Are you wondering how your daughter is getting on with assessments? KnowledgeNet allows you to check this when it suits you. To view her results; log on to KnowledgeNet and go to <Your Child> and <School Records>. These results are updated each day and reflect the most up to date information that we have available. The "General" tab includes in school assessments while the "NCEA" tab includes the results for Unit or Achievement Standards. Discuss these with your daughter and encourage her to achieve her best. If you are unable to log in to KnowledgeNet please contact Mr Hardman at jason@tmgc.school.nz.

Jason Hardman

Science

Life in the Science Department continues to be very busy. We have completed most of the internally assessed standards for senior classes and are now hard at work on the topics covered in the examinations next term. These are so close now that it will mean that some (preferably lots!) of holiday time will need to spend in studying.

Year 10 and 11 students have had the “interesting” experience of observing the dissection of a still-born piglet. Some of the students were even brave enough to touch! Thanks must go to Whaea Anne for her local contact that provided us with the piglets.

Nicky Banks-Wallace
HOD Science

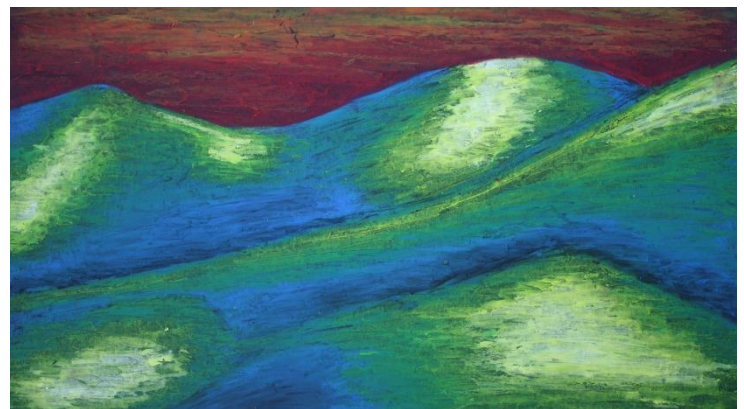
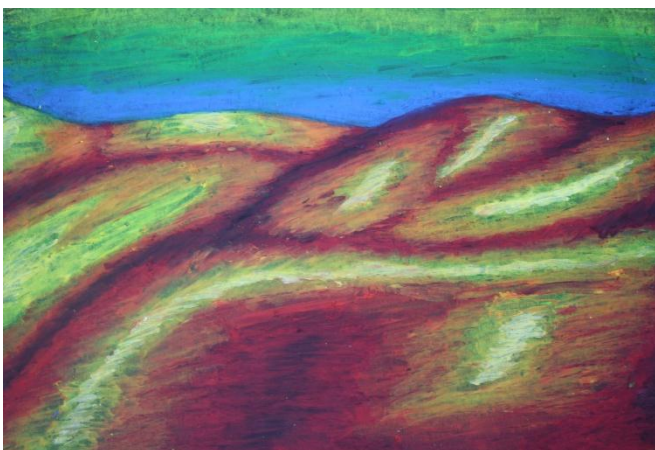
Deans

Year 9 Art

During Term Two and Three our Year 9 students have been developing their skills in tonal rendering, colour theory, and observational drawing using a range of media.

Students are currently working on a landscape painting however the oil pastel drawings below demonstrate their skills in tonal rendering, and their knowledge of analogous colours. I look forward to their future progress.

Whaea Erana



Sports

Congratulations to our Junior A netball team who played in the finals for their section against Taihape Area School! Unfortunately our Junior A's were not victorious on the day. However, they played as best as they could under the difficult circumstances. Well done to those players from the Senior B netball team who filled in as players for the Junior A's in the final. Unfortunately the Senior B team and the Senior A1 netball team were not able to play their final netball game for the season due to illnesses.

Important Notices

Hostel

- At the moment hostel staff are still having problems with students returning to school after the holidays with dye in their hair. **Please note that students will be sent home as soon as they arrive back to school if they clearly have dye in their hair. This will be at the expense of the parents/guardians.**
- Make-up and jewellery - Please ensure that your daughter/mokopuna is not wearing make-up when she returns to school after the holidays or after any Exeat Break. The only jewellery that is permitted is silver or gold studded ear-rings and pounamu or kōiwi. Any unapproved jewellery or make-up that is found will be confiscated.
- The proper shoe to be wearing with the Number 1 uniform is a pair of black, lace - up shoes or a pair of B52s. No other shoes are permitted to be worn by students with their Number 1 uniform. Please make sure that your kōtiro is wearing the required footwear.
- Please be reminded that the following are the uniform requirements:

Number 1's

Navy skirt

Navy Blazer (attached TMGC badge) or New School Vest (Terms 1 & 4)

White blouse (white singlet underneath)

Black long stockings

Black, lace-up school shoes /B52s

Winter uniform

Navy skirt

Blue polo

Navy blue school jersey and/or vest/scarf (Scarves must be removed when going into Assembly, Chapel or Dining Room)

Black long stockings or black socks

Black, lace-up school shoes - **not B52s**

Summer Uniform

Blue and White Summer dress

Navy blue jersey

White socks

Black, lace-up school shoes - **not B52s**

Sports

K.K.Pants
K.K.Top (Collar has yellow top)
K.K. Jacket
White Socks
Sport shoes
Canterbury Shorts

After School Wear

Canterbury Shorts /Canterbury Pants
House Top
Blue/Navy Micro Jackets
White socks
Sport Shoes/Brown Roman Sandals

Ngā Mihi
Hostel Staff

Updtaing Contact & Medical Details

This is still a problem for our office staff. Please make sure that you have given updated contact details to the school. Failure to do so can cause real problems for office staff and even hostel staff if they are not able to contact parents/guardians in an emergency. Please update your details be phoning the school office or by e-mail office@tmgc.school.nz

Money

There have been some issues around security in the hostel. Therefore, students are now required to hand in any money they have to the office staff. Their money will be held in the school office safe and vigilant documentation of the money that is handed in and given out. Please note that if students do not hand in their money to the school office then the school is not liable for any losses.

Drug Education

Senior Constable Allan Wright has been invited to our Kura to conduct workshops on drug education. Two sessions have been conducted already, a session for seniors and a session for juniors. Follow-up workshops will be conducted in term four. Drug education workshops have become an urgent matter as part of our students' education just recently. All staff attend the workshops and if any whānau are interested in attending as well, please do not hesitate to contact the school for dates and times of future workshops.

Sexual Health Education

Sex education programmes or sessions on sexual health are an important part of our girls' education. Good quality and comprehensive sex education programmes certainly reduces risk-taking behaviour. The aim of the programme is to equip our students with the knowledge, skill and values to have safe, fulfilling and enjoyable relationships and to take responsibility for their health and well-being. Parents, of course, are the first educators on sexual health. An initial start to the programme has been conducted with each year group and attended by their teachers or Deans.

School House

Please be informed that the School House will be available for whānau to use in term four as a place to meet and have some private time with your kōtiro. Please make sure that if you wish to have access to the School House that you contact the school office to advise of the time and date of your visit. Please

note that the School House is used during school hours for Food Technology classes so will not be available during this time.

Invitation to parents for activities

If there are whānau who are interested in being involved with conducting activities in the weekends for our students, please do not hesitate to contact the hostel staff or the office staff during school hours. We welcome any ideas or suggestions from our whānau that will impact positively on our students' during hostel hours.

Late Returns

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the high number of students that return late back to school after Exeat Weekends or Term Breaks and we are not advised. It is very important that our students are returned on time as this impacts on their education and the operation of the hostel and we are advised. Please note that students who are regularly late back to school will lose Leave entitlements.

Special Notices

National Manu Kōrero

Puhiaurangi Black is representing our Kura and the Manawatū/Horowhenu region at the National Manu Kōrero competition in Tauranga on the 27th-29th September. The school was impressed with her Prepared Speech that she performed on Monday, 26th September at a Special Assembly. We are already proud of her past achievements at National level for Manu Kōrero and we know she will do us all proud again. Ki a koe e te Manu Kōrero e Puhi, e mōhio ana tō kura a Turakina kā tū koe i runga i te whakaponono me te mana o Turakina Ngā Hara!

Important Dates

National Manu Kōrero - Tauranga 27th - 29th September

Travel Dates: Leave school for Term Break on **Tuesday 4th October after 3.30pm & Wednesday morning 5th October**. Return to school after term break on **Monday 24th October**. All boarders must return to the hostel by 7pm.

"Success is to be fully focussed on all you are and to have a deep desire to achieve"

Ngā mihi nui!

Nāku noa

Mrs Terehia Channings

Principal/Hostel CEO