

Tauranga Boys' College NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd June 2017



Dear Parents, Caregivers & Friends of the College

Mr Garth Sim -

14/11/1914 - 27/5/2017

Principal, Tauranga Boys' College 1959-1966

We pay tribute and remember with great respect, admiration and fondness, Mr Garth Sim, who passed away last weekend aged 102.

Even though Mr Sim retired as Principal in 1966, he continued to take an interest in the College; watching sport, attending college functions/prizegivings, and keeping in touch with his former pupils. Up until very recently he enjoyed coming into the College and meeting with staff and boys and 'keeping an eye' on his old school!

As part of Garth's 100th birthday celebrations a special assembly was held to acknowledge his valuable contribution to education and to Tauranga Boys' College.



In 2014 the Old Boys' Association set up the Garth Sim Centurion Scholarship in recognition of his contribution to the College and his achieving 100 years of age.

The Scholarship is presented annually to recognise the top academic student from Year 12 and to support them for tertiary study after they leave secondary school.

Our heartfelt condolences go to Garth's wife of 77 years, Nen, and to his family.

Jamie Troughton, Garth's grandson, has written a fitting obituary to his grandfather, which we re-print here and on page 2.

"He lived through two World Wars, the 1918 'flu epidemic and the Great Depression before inspiring a generation of Tauranga schoolboys.

Tributes continue to flow after the remarkable life of Garth Sim ended over the weekend, well on the way to his 103rd birthday.

Former staff and students at Tauranga Boys' College (TBC), where he was headmaster from 1959-1966, have called him one of the most innovative, respected, visionary educators the city has seen.

Family and friends recall a dignified, sagacious man who had a great sense of fair play.

A lover of sports, gin, firm handshakes and cryptic crosswords, he had an expansive network of 'old boys'; former students were welcomed into the Sim home for half a century.

As he eased off to sleep for the final time on Saturday, wife Nen was - as always in the last 77 years - by his side, about to celebrate her own 97th birthday. Earlier in the day, they had shared lunch with three daughters and Garth, appetite intact until the end, managed three courses.

However, it was his appetite for education that propelled him to Tauranga, from his beloved Otago.



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Obituary by Jamie Troughton continued from page 1:

Born in 1914 on a Waikaka sheep-run in West Otago, he spent his formative years in Balclutha and Heriot, in the days when a bloke lit gas streetlights from the back of a pony each evening. He represented South Otago at schoolboy rugby level, then Otago Juniors and watched George Nepia and the 1930 All Blacks beat the touring British Lions at Carisbrook.

By the Depression years, he was working on the land and occasionally panning for gold until his father encouraged him to further his studies. After marching into Otago University in 1936, his love affair with education launched in earnest and his courtship of Nen began when the pair met on a train in 1938.

Stints at Scots College in Wellington, Tokomairiro District High School in Milton and South Otago Boys' High followed, punctuated by the arrival of four daughters - Helen, Kay, Marg and Judy.

The Sim family moved north when Garth secured the top job at Tauranga Boys', starting in 1959, in what was a tumultuous period.

The co-ed Tauranga College had split just a year earlier, stripping TBC of half its senior staff. The new headmaster worked tirelessly to recruit and train high calibre staff and gave the students a simple mantra. "All that is expected of any boy is his very best at all times," he wrote in 1960.

His innovative approach would see him implement a mentoring and training programme for young teachers. He was also was the first secondary school principal in New Zealand to appoint a full-time guidance counsellor. Under his watch, academic achievement and school pride rocketed as the school offered more subjects, more competition, more awards, more support and he insisted younger boys study both music and drama.

Former Tauranga Boys College deputy principal Rob Naumann is a former student who recalls Garth's practice of personally delivering students' mid-year and final reports. "Each boy in each class was required to leave his desk to receive his report and with the handover came a perceptive comment relating to the students progress or lack of it," Rob says.

"Regardless of the achievement level, each boy was left in no doubt that the principal cared about his performance and wanted him to do what he was capable of.

It taught students accountability and, at the same time, made all students feel that they were valued at the highest level of school leadership".

"He was educationally innovative, a superb manager of people, a leader who never shied away from the difficult tasks, a man of humility, a warm personality and who possessed a determination and energy that would not be denied. He inspired so many through taking an interest in their lives and encouraging them to look at the possibilities ahead."

Ill health forced Garth to step down from his college role but he continued to work until age 83. Initially, he was employed to manage training and education at Tasman pulp and paper mill in Kawerau and he went on to share his meticulous book keeping skills for accountancy, law and engineering firms around Tauranga.

But, for three quarters of his 102-plus years, Garth's heart remained in education.

"For hundreds of boys he was the epitome of a man who valued respect for self and for others, values that are still very much central to Tauranga Boys' College in 2017. What a legacy he has left".

Delivering one last lecture to the 'boys'... clockwise from Garth: Robert Mangan, Tom Roper, Rob Leslie, Graham Anderson and Fred Newton!

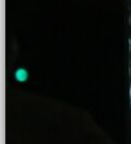


CONGRATULATIONS

Results from the NZ Super Eight Schools' Cultural Festival 2017 Rotorua Boys' High School Friday 26 & Saturday 27 May

Group Music 'Mason Jar Jazz Combo'
Senior Solo Music - Fletcher Oxford
Senior Theatre Sports
Junior Oratory - Mitchell Sigley
Senior Oratory - Fletcher Oxford
Senior Debating - Semi Finals)
Drama
Kapa haka

1st Place
1st Place
1st Place
1st Place
1st Place
3rd =
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5th



NZ SUPER 8 CULTURAL FESTIVAL



SPORT

CONGRATULATIONS

**Liam Moffatt - All Round Achievement**

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, Liam was placed 2nd in the NZ Open Men's Paddle Board Championships held in Auckland.

He is a very keen Surf Life Saver, and in February competed in the Bay of Plenty Surf Championships, collecting an impressive 8 Gold Medals and 2 Silvers.

These results took him to the NZ Surf Championships in Christchurch and the Australian Surf Life Savings Nationals.

Liam was also a member of our successful Senior Water Polo Team that won Gold in the NZ Division 2 Championships.

He has recently been named in the NZ Under 17 Water Polo Team to travel to Montenegro to compete in an international tournament building up to the World Champs.

Liam proves the point that top athletes can be top scholars, achieving NCEA Level 1 endorsed with Excellence and becoming a Centurion, achieving 112/112 Credits.

NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION 2017

Jack Wilson	NZ U19 Mountain Biking Team
Matthew Lochhead	NZ Cycling Development Squad
Fergus Hamilton	NZ Cycling Development Squad
Leroy Carter	NZSS Sevens Team
Shaun Gwillam	NZ Junior Skeet Shooting Team
Damien Torwick	NZ Junior Canoe Slalom Team
Josh Bell	NZ Junior Canoe Slalom Team

Charlie Bell
Stewart Bloor
Hugh Canham
Jack Saies
Kieren Washer
Cameron Black
Tristan Eiselen
Toby Langdon
Guy Roberts
Liam Moffat

NZ U18 Dev. Canoe Slalom
NZ U18 Dev. Canoe Slalom
NZ U18 Dev. Canoe Slalom
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NZ U14 Swimming Team
NZ Tae Kwon Do team
NZ U19 Men's Underwater Hockey Team
NZ U17 Water Polo Team

SPORT CONGRATULATIONS

TBC Cross Country - Champions

Junior

Benjamin McManus

Intermediate

Fergus Hamilton

Senior

Russell Green



Benjamin McManus



Fergus Hamilton



Russell Green

WINTER SPORTS RESULTS



1st XI Hockey

Kings College - win 2-1
Kings Game 2- win 3-2
Whangarei Boys - loss 0-2

St Andrews Christchurch - loss 0-1
Hastings Boys - draw 2-2
Wellington College - win 3-2
Westlake Boys' High - win 3-2

WINTER SPORTS RESULTS



LeRoy Carter, scoring against Manurewa

1st XV Rugby latest results:

vs Manurewa High School - win 48-5

vs Francis Douglas - win 40-12

Placed 3rd in the Chiefs Cup

vs Westlake Boys' High School - loss 13-15

CONGRATULATIONS!

To **Matthew Clark** (pictured right) who competed at the Australian Skeet Nationals from 16th to 29th May. Matthew competed in his age category of Sub-Junior and achieved the following results:

1st Sub Junior 410 Bore Score 41/50

1st Sub Junior 28 Gauge Score 44/50

1st Sub Junior Champion of Champions Score 97/102

1st Sub Junior 20 Gauge Score 98/100 with a 50 and 75 target long run (75 targets before missing)

1st Sub Junior 12 Gauge Australian National Champion Score 109/112

1st Sub Junior 12 Gauge Doubles Score 95/100

National Australian Sub-Junior High Gun with a score of 527/550



HOUSE RESULTS TO DATE

House Event	FREYBERG	HALBERG	HILLARY	NGARIMU	NGATA	RUTHERFORD
TERM ONE						
Athletics	1	5	6	2	3	4
Place	6th	2nd	1st	5th	4th	3rd
TERM TWO						
Cross Country	1	2	5	4	3	6
Hand Ball	1	3	6	3	5	5
Sub Total	3	10	17	9	11	15
Place	6th	4th	1st	5th	3rd	2nd

CONGRATULATIONS

Fletcher Oxford - last weekend was a very busy and successful one for Fletcher - not only did he win the Bay of Plenty Smokefree Rock Quest in the Solo-Duo Category, but also won the following events at the NZ Super 8 Schools Cultural Festival held in Rotorua:

- Best Senior Music Soloist
- Best Senior Orator
- Member of the 'Mason Jar Jazz Combo' that won the Best Music Group
- Member of the Senior Theatre Sports Group that was placed 1st
- Placed 3rd in Senior Drama

Fletcher is also playing Mr Darling in the upcoming Tauranga Boys' /Tauranga Girls' Production of Peter Pan.

Fletcher is also doing very well with his studies, achieving NCEA Level 1 and Level 2 endorsed with Excellence, and is a Centurion.



OPPORTUNITY FOR SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP



TITANS SPORT HAS SOME OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE SPONSORS. There are two Bronze sponsorship packages available, 7 silver packages available (due to resource consent upgrade) and 2 Gold Sponsorship packages available.

BRONZE	\$1 600 + GST* signage only on the corner of 15 th and Cameron Road (1m x 1m)
SILVER	\$2500 + GST* signage on Cameron Road (3.6 x 1m) with benefits package-invites to Titans Sponsors days, association with Titans Sports, Acknowledgement in Titans Quarterly newsletter, website association on Titans website
GOLD	\$5000 + GST* Premier signage on Cameron Road and reverse signs looking into school site with benefits package

These are available on a 3 year contract. 8 sponsors only.
The package includes

- Naming rights to the gear bags for first teams of Titans Sports'
- Website Association.
 - Name and logo on homepage of sports team
 - A link on the Titans websites to your own website
 - Acknowledgement on Titans Homepage
- Acknowledgement in the Titans Quarterly Newsletter
- One half page editorial per annum in the Titans Quarterly Newsletter. (Distributed to all students and alumni of Tauranga Boys' College).
- Acknowledgement in other media releases as appropriate and at the discretion of media outlets. Other appropriate sports fixtures.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT DARRELL BOYD 5579064

All funds go toward the development of sport at Tauranga Boys College.

* These can be paid in monthly instalments



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Feedback closes 6 June 2017.



Whakapakaritia Kakahuria Te Rangatahi Hei Oranga Mo Ratao

PAT BUCKLEY - **AMPED 4 LIFE**

Last Monday our Year 11 boys attended a Health Seminar with Pat Buckley from Amped 4 Life. Pat has been presenting at the College for the last ten years around making good choices in relation to drug and alcohol use and abuse.

Next week all Year 11 boys have been invited to attend another Health Seminar, focusing on "Safer Young Driving", run by 'Blue Light', an arm of the New Zealand Police.

It is our belief that the above seminars are very important in the boys' broader education.

Some Important Dates for 2017

Term 2

June

Monday 5th	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 6th	Health Seminar - Safe Driving Expo
Thursday 8th	Rotorua BHS Exchange (home & away)
Monday 12th	Senior Assessment Week begins
Tuesday 20th	St Paul's Collegiate Exchange
Monday 26th	School Production - all week
Wednesday 28th	Hamilton BHS Exchange
	Senior Reports On-line

July

Thursday 6th	Senior Report Evening
Friday 7th	Term 2 Ends

Term 3

July

Monday 24th	Start of Term 3
Wednesday 26th	Option Evening

August

Friday 4th	Junior Reports Online
Wednesday 9th	Open Evening Year 8s & Parents
Wednesday 16th	Junior Report Evening

September

Monday 4th	Winter Tournament Week Begins
Friday 8th	Mid-term Break / Old Boys' Dinner
Friday 15th	Senior Assessments until 22nd
Friday 29th	Term 3 Ends

Term 4

October

Monday 16th	Start of Term 4
Monday 23rd	Labour Day Holidays
Thursday 26th	Senior Reports Online

November

Wednesday 1st	Arts Awards Evening
Friday 3rd	Sports Awards Evening
Tuesday 7th	Senior Academic Awards Evening
Thursday 9th	NCEA Exams Begin
Thursday 16th/Friday 17th	Junior Exams
Monday 27th	Junior Tournament Week all week

December

Friday 1st	Last day of NCEA Exams
Monday 4th	Year 9 Alternative Programme
	Year 10 Camp Week
Friday 8th	Junior Prizegiving