

Maori @TBC 2017

Tama Tu Tama Ora: XIV Haratua

RANGATIRATANGA

Every year there are prefects named to help lead the student body across the entire school. This year eleven of our Maori students have been named amongst the prefects for the year. This is the highest number of Maori prefects in the history of the College and is a celebration of the continued aspirations of our rangatahi.

To be selected as a prefect involves recognition of students previous achievements at the College. This includes their academic application and co-curricular involvement, conduct and behaviour and their own aspirations and desire to embrace the responsibility of leadership.

Reef Cooper (Rangitane) is the Deputy Head Boy for the year. He has set a goal for the Maori Prefects this year to organize an event for the junior students that they will oversee and run. The prefects aspirations for life beyond school are varied and include studying medicine, snowboard instructing, a career in music, building, business and being a professional athlete.



2017 Maori prefects. Back row: (L to R) Jackson Currie (Nga Puhi), Peter Seeling (Ngati Ranginui), Cole Forbes (Ngati Awa), Mikaere Leef (Ngati Ranginui). Front row: (L to R) Jimi Kameta (Te Arawa), Wiremu Whare (Ngai Te Rangi), Reef Cooper (Rangitane), Taylor Kite (Ngati Porou), Te Angitu Putiki Purcell (Tuhoe), George Wheatley (Ngati Ranginui). Absent: Te Awhina Downs (Ngai Te Rangi)

NGA TAUIRA HOU



While our prefects are beginning their final year of secondary school while contemplating their future beyond the school grounds, our Year 9 Maori students have just completed their first term of twenty. It has passed by quickly. For all of the Year 9's it began with a Powhiri at Aronui where they were welcomed to the school by staff and Year 13 students.

For our Maori students there has been a whanau evening hosted by senior students and is an opportunity to find out about the College and enjoy some 'life-hack' tips for life at TBC. All students attended the Bowentown camp. There have been Aronui student evenings, Tama Tu information evenings, Kapa Haka training, Summer Sports and now Winter Sports.



The Year 9 induction for our Maori students finished with the presentation of Manuka rakau. These were presented by Prefects. Students were taken through some Mau Rakau basics by Matua Komene before a shared kai was enjoyed by all. These will be shaped and polished and re-presented to these students when they complete their final year of schooling in 2021.

Pictured: Year 9 students with their individual Manuka Rakau, presented by Prefects.

HAWAIIKI RISING

Year 12 student Wiremu Leef (Ngati Ranginui) spent part of his summer holiday involved in the Waka Hourua sailing program. Initially Wiremu was unsure about what he would gain from this experience but found it to be a life changing experience. A key component of the eight day excursion was learning about traditional navigation techniques. Wiremu was one of a crew of school students from throughout the country. As well as learning to navigate and sail they had to crew the waka and make their way to Tuhua and upwards along the Coromandel peninsular.

This proved to be easier said than done as they were faced with minimal wind one night. This meant that traveling was often slower than planned. Patience was a key skill that the crew had to learn. While sailing they were regularly joined by pods of dolphins and whales. Wiremu was particularly fond of the regular kai of kina, paua and fish. The crew had to fish and dive and collect all of their own kai. The experience was something that Wiremu is happy to share and would recommend it to any student who is contemplating giving something like this a go.



HAKINAKINA



Bombing. Summertime is the season for the unofficial sport of Maoridom - Bombing! This Summer the second annual New Zealand Bombing Championships were held at Wharekawa point at Lake Taupo. Year 11 students Noah Walker (Tainui) and Adam Squire (Ngati Tuwharetoa) entered the junior (Under 16) division and both of them beat out a large field of competitors to make it into the final ten. Noah Walker (pictured left) eventually placed second overall. His bomb of choice was a manu. This gave the maximum height which seemed to be the main judging criteria on the day. For his efforts Noah received a cash prize as well as vouchers, clothing and of course a medal for being one of the best in the country.



Cricket. Year 13 student Mikaere Leef (Ngati Ranginui - pictured right) and Year 12 student Ben Pomare (Ngati Mutunga) were both selected for the Northern Districts Maori Cricket Team to play a series earlier in the year. Both students performed well and are hoping to make the team for a Pacific Tour later in the year. Leef has also been busy captaining the school 1st XI which qualified for the National Schools' Cricket Finals to be played later in the year.



Rugby League. While many students were enjoying the sun in January, Year 11 students Taratu Mankelow (Ngati Ranginui) and Kaharoa Takuira-Mita (Ngai Te Rangi) were putting in some hard yards on tough grounds. Both boys were selected to play for the National Maori Under 16 Rugby League Team. They were involved in an indigenous series against other Polynesian national teams. Both boys have come through the Papamoa Bulldogs Club and enjoyed the experience of international sport. They will be hoping the conditioning has paid off as both were also selected for the 1st XV this year. A great achievement!



Rugby Sevens. After a successful Condors campaign the Senior Sevens Team set out to defend the Sir Gordon Tietjens trophy in Palmerston North. After breezing through pool play the team came up short against Saint Pauls in the final. Taine Craig-Ranga (Ngai Te Rangi) was named player of the tournament and received the Dawson Tamatea trophy. Taylor Kite (Ngati Porou) and Gordie Lloyd (Nga Puh) joined him in being named in the Tournament Team.