

TOLCARNE TRUMPET

Tolcarne Boarding Residence Newsletter



Director of Boarding Message

By Ange Rathbone

Kia ora Whanau,

Every 2 years we update our strategic plan for Tolcarne Boarding Residence. Our core values and vision underpin our strategic plan as we work towards providing a world class boarding environment for the akonga that reside with us.

Our core values are: ngakau tapatahi (integrity), whakaute (respect), ngakau aroha (empathy) and whanaugatanga (belonging).

Our vision is:

- Tolcarne is an inclusive and safe living environment where the akonga is at the centre.
- Tolcarne is to provide students with the opportunity to grow to become confident, resilient, happy, young tamariki who are able to authentically connect with others and reach their full potential in a changing world.
- Tolcarne will deeply care and support the students to instil tapatahi and ngakau aroha into their lives by collectively role modelling whakatau and whanaungatanga.
- For Tolcarne facilities to meet both parents and students expectations and be economically independent and viable.

Our strategic plan focuses on 4 areas of provision: Building Relationships, Student Wellbeing, Student Safety and our Facilities.

Building Relationships: Building positive, trusting and inclusive relationships with students, staff and parents. Everyone to feel that they belong.

Student Safety: Hostel Guidelines with robust systems to ensure student safety and instil community confidence in our leadership and our processes.

Student Wellbeing: Promote and encourage the development and growth of every student's individual wellbeing

Tolcarne Facilities: To provide the Tolcarne students and families with a world class boarding facility that is economically independent and viable.

Our strategic plan looks at what we deliver in each of these four focus areas. We continue to work towards making sure that we are providing our key stakeholders (rangatahi, kaimahi and whanau) with a rich boarding experience that values and nurtures relationships.

I invite you to click the link and take a look at our draft Strategic Plan for the next 2 years. In its draft form, so it is a live document and will change as together we craft a strategic plan that reflects our needs and wants. Your feedback is appreciated and most welcome.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/YTqcJ-zLkiDM5jqATJ0f6qob-7ALnRJMp--KJpYLjgg/edit>

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By Robyn McGarry

It has been another great and busy term for all of the juniors, with lots happening for all the girls. There were many achievements in lots of codes, such as Climbing, Dance, Aerobics, Netball, Basketball, Hockey, Rugby and lovely dedicated horse riders that headed away most weekends. Lots of very tired girls have been striving to do their best - well done!!

In Year 9 Koru our topic was "Fear and Courage". Some of the sessions have certainly been confronting, but hey that's what building courage is all about. We started the topic discussing what things and situations make us "squirm". There was a variety of fears that the girls shared. Then I put them all on the spot with a 30 second singing challenge. Some, as you would imagine, were totally comfortable and others looked like they wanted the ground to open up and swallow them! Over the next few weeks we had a "Blind Food Challenge" the "Night Line Challenge" and then lastly "Fear Factor".

In Year 10 Koru our topic has been "Personal Values". From a large list of values, the girls pin pointed their top 5 or 6. Discussions were then had and everyone got to hear each other's top 3. This was great to see the girls think deeply about what is important to them and also to hear others in a non judge-mental way. Everyone went on to write statements about how they would use these values, firstly as seniors at Tolcarne and then moving throughout their futures.

I hope you get a chance to enjoy your time together and recharge the batteries!



Senior Dean Report

By Ziggy Hill

The usual rhythm of Term 3 certainly continued this year. The weather fluctuated between really warm, really wet and really cold, which regularly meant staff reminding students to put more layers on! Then the Spring really kicked in with daylight saving beginning.

We also held the buddy 'Thank You Supper' which was very much enjoyed by both the Year 13's and the Year 9's. Robyn had made sure everything was just perfect for all involved.

It was a busy term with sporting finals and tournaments, but happily less injury than previous years which is always a bonus! The little packed lunch/dinner bags have been a great success and have helped fuel our young athletes' endeavors.

Our Tribes have had a couple of fun activities including a singing competition, celebrity couples event and our focus on recognising all the wonderful manners we see/hear every day. The Tribe card jar is filling rapidly – watch this space to find out the winning Tribe this year!



Head Boarders Chat

By Georgie Lawson and Kaylee Bond

Being 3/4 of the way through 2022 is really crazy to think about... But reflecting on the awesome term we have had makes us realise how we have all definitely made the most of it!

Our famous Tolcarne Social held in Week 3, was a real hit with plenty of outstanding outfits on the dance floor! It was so awesome to finally be able to host an event like this for the junior girls and it was definitely a memorable one. The theme NEON got everyone excited, with plenty of streamers, balloons and bunting set up around the dining room. There was also a feast provided by the kitchen staff and Robyn, our DIY 'photo booth' occupied one corner of the dining room and the DJ set-up was the main focus of the evening. We are so thankful to our Tolcarne Council members, Steve, hostel matrons, kitchen staff, Tribe Leaders and the OBHS & JMC Head Boarders for their help organising the event.



During the term, our PJs arrived at the doorstep of Tolcarne from Australia, which was very exciting to see our merchandise come to life! We took them down to Promo-X to get embroidered with the Tolcarne logo and everyone's initials, and in Week 8 we were able to see the final product! All of the girls had been waiting for their merch and we decided that we would hand deliver each pair to the girl's bed, so they had a nice wee surprise waiting for them when they got back from school!

We were finally able to host the Otago Boys dinner swap, and it started with our Year 13s playing a game of netball against the OBHS hostel Year 13s. The girls worked hard, but the boys finished with a convincing win - a very fun event for everyone involved! The OBHS seniors stayed for dinner and we had delicious butter chicken, with the juniors being invited to have dinner at the OBHS hostel. It's always good to spend time with friends from other schools, having them around for dinner and being able to show off our awesome hostel. Overall it was a huge hit, a big thank you to the OBHS Hostel Prefects and staff for making this a breeze to organise.

We hope everyone has a fabulous holiday spending time at home with family and friends. Go and enjoy some sunshine as the weather starts to pick up and we will see everyone back for a very exciting and jam-packed Term 4.

Lots of Love as always
Georgie and Kaylee xx

Winter Sport Finals

By Paxton Francis and Charlotte Roy

Our winter sports finals have been played and St Hilda's has done very well this year. In the hostel we usually have many girls involved and this season has been very successful for the boarders!

For hockey, St Hilda's took out 1st place in each division! In Division 1 the 1st XI came out on top, in Division 2 the Colts won, and in Division 3 the Year 13s took the win! Throughout all divisions we had many other teams that had tough and successful seasons as well.

With the netball this year our Senior A placed 8th in the Premier A Grade, in Senior Grade 1 our Senior Bs got 2nd, and the Senior C came 11th in their Grade. In the Premier Junior competition, the 10As placed 2nd, 9A came 5th and the Comets finished 8th.

In rugby the 1st XV had a successful season, finishing 2nd place in their grade. However they proceeded to the Highlanders final and won this for the Southland/Otago region! Our football team also won their competition.

Most of the girls at the hostel are involved in these and many other awesome sports. We want to congratulate everyone on this winter season, as it has been a very successful one!



Winter Tournament Week

By Josie Wither and Lucy Taylor

The winter sports season is coming to an end once again. This term we have had both Winter Quad and Winter Tournament Week, where many of our codes were seen performing.

This year St Hilda's hosted the annual Quadrangular Tournament, with St Margaret's College, Craighead Diocesan and Columba College. Over the two day event we had our XI Hockey team, Senior A Netball Team, Badminton team and Debaters all participating. Columba won the badminton and debating, St Margarets won the netball and our hockey girls did exceptionally well, winning on goal difference! The overall winners of this tournament ended up being a draw between Columba and St Margarets.

In Week 6 of this term Winter Tournament Week was held. This is the first time in 2 years this has been able to occur due to Covid. Competing in Winter Tournament Week this year was... Our First XI and Second XI Hockey teams, Senior A Netball and First XI Football. The Football girls were playing here in Dunedin and had an awesome tournament, finishing 3rd overall. The Senior A Netball team were away at SISS in Timaru. These girls did really well, topping their pool play. They came up against Christchurch Girls in the semi final which was an absolute nail biter, going down by 3 goals in the end. The team finished 4th to Columba and are heading away to Nationals in Porirua during the holidays. The Second XI hockey team also did extremely well at their tournament, winning 2-1 against Papanui High School to finish 3rd overall. The First XI team had an incredible tournament. They went throughout their whole tournament undefeated, winning the final 4-1 against Marlborough. This win results in the XI Hockey team qualifying for the top tier tournament, Fed Cup in 2023!! Well done everyone!



Tasty Tidbits from the Tolcarne Kitchen

By Ross Leishman, Food Service Manager

What, wait Term 3 is at an end? It only seems like yesterday we were saying "are we there yet" and here we are. What a busy ole Term 3 it has been. We started off with the Winter Quad, St Hilda's, Columba, St Margaret's and Craighead School battled on the field, the courts and in the debating rooms. We made up 70 lunch packs for the out of towners and then hosted around 175 student competitors and coaches for a formal lunch in our dining room, the whole thing went swimmingly. The St Hilda's open night was also on the agenda and after a busy night of showing the best of St Hilda's, the students returned for a generous supper of mini mince pies and cake. Very soon after we had the Neon junior social, a big dance party in the dining room, with punch, Cheerios, savouries and cake, they juniors had an awesome time.

Sadly we had to say goodbye to Sophie Shaw, our Canteen assistant on Thursday and Friday. Sophie has returned to her home town of Christchurch, I wish her all the very best.....but that left an empty seat in our kitchen/canteen playing roster and Dawn New has taken up the challenge. I am sure she will do just fine, then with a wave of our prime ministers fairy godmother wand, the face masks were gone, nice to see everyone!!

We have also started a couple of new initiatives in the kitchen/dining room. We have a new Juicer for the students to make their favorite juice creations, a new compost tumbler - not in the kitchen of course, but outside in the grounds to make better use of our organic food waste. We have also started the 'Lunch Focus', which we have trialed for the last 4 weeks. This gives the students a different way of making lunch and thinking about what they can have - for example on Monday they can make their own pasta salad, with all the yummy ingredients provided, Tuesday poke bowl, Wednesday make their own sushi, Thursday build their own bagels or wrap and Friday poke bowl, along with the hot breakfast items.

We have also just finished benchmark exams, so a large number of senior students were fed and watered at the hostel before their respective exams - I'm sure they all did their very best! Lastly but by no means least, we had the very sad passing of our Queen for the last 70 years, she stood the test, now have your rest, God save the King.

I am appreciative of my awesome kitchen team as they continue to surprise me with their versatility and warmth, we now look forward to the Globe Theater Group hostel rental and then our last term of the year, bon appetit and take care of each other.



Chaplains Chat

By Dr Townsley

A prayer from the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, who was the Supreme Governor of the Anglican Church.

We give thanks for the life of Queen Elizabeth's long life and her reign. We are grateful for her life of service and dedication for 70 years. We pray for her family and all those who loved her and are in sorrow. Comfort them and give them strength.

May they know your love and find hope in your presence. We pray for His Majesty the King and ask that you bless him. Give him wisdom and grace as he takes on this new role. May he serve you and the Commonwealth faithfully and wisely. We pray for all the countries and territories of our world.

Inspire their leaders to promote justice and care for the environment. May they seek the common good for all people, and promote unity and peace.

And we pray for ourselves, that we might find grace and hope in you. May Queen Elizabeth inspire us to care for others, to serve and respect them, and to put their needs before our own.

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus, who loves us, served us, died for us, and gives us life eternal ... Amen.

Junior Socials

By Xanthe Payne and Sophie Sheppard

At the start of Term 3 we were able to host the Neon Tolcarne Social. We invited the Year 9 and 10 boarders from John McGlashan and Otago Boys High School to come down to Tolcarne. It was great to break some moves with them on the dance floor!

Ross and the kitchen team had prepared some delicious nibbles, drinks and treats for everyone to enjoy and snack on throughout the night. We also got to head over to the Otago Boys hostel for an evening, getting to attend their Hawaiian themed social. This was a great night and everyone had fun dressing to the theme!

We love the social season, getting to dress up to different themes and have a good catch up with other juniors from the different hostels!



Tolcarne Ski Trip

By Millie Roy

The Tolcarne Ski Trip for 2022 was set in the calendar and everyone was so excited to hit the slopes over the weekend. We were lucky enough to have some great snow and the perfect weather was on show at Coronet Peak. We had such a great weekend away and don't forget the beautiful, delicious food cooked by Robyn! After being out in the snow, coming home to the warm Southland Ski Lodge was fantastic with our lovely hosts, Lynelle and Denis. On Saturday evening we had great competition with a good old game of charades, with a Mrs Rathbone twist! We had an absolute blast in Queenstown and up the mountain, making for an overall great weekend. I already can't wait for next year!



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Baxter
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Falkland
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There is still time early next term to earn Tribe points! Remember signatures can be awarded for when students are representing our Tolcarne values and showing fabulous manners. Bring on the final part of our competition for the year!

Notices

- Please check all chargers and electrical cords are in a safe, working condition. All electrical appliances owned by the students must be electrical tagged..
- Naming clothes - Please remember to check and clearly name ALL CLOTHES over the holidays! A reminder that Tolcarne has name labels to sew on your daughters school sports uniform.

Grandparents High Tea

Kia ora Tolcarne whanau,
We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our annual Grandparents High Tea again this year, on Sunday the 30th of October. This will be an afternoon of catch ups, cups of tea and of course glorious sweet treats! Please RSVP using the google form link below, by Friday the 21st of October. We look forward to welcoming the grandparents, hosted by their granddaughter/granddaughters for this event!

<https://forms.gle/bDp8ufigEQDSW4QI9>

Hostel leave with parents

- When you come to Tolcarne and take your daughter out on leave, please pop into the office to see the House Manager. It is really important you come into the office and have this conversation.
- If you are out with your daughter and want to extend/change this leave please ring the office to confirm these changes. This needs to be arranged between the parent and hostel staff.

LONG WEEKEND TERM 4: We have a closed weekend the first weekend back for Labour Day. Tolcarne will close Friday Oct 21st at 5pm and reopen Monday 24th at 3pm

Check out what is happening weekly on our Facebook and instagram pages!



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