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Welcome to our final Newsletter for what has been a fantastic 2017. Every year I enjoy the opportunity to look back and reflect on the many great things that take place at TC. I am pleased to be able to share that this year has been no exception as we have continued on our journey further as a community.

As I reflect over the many great things that have happened here over the year, I feel that at TC we have always had great programs running, exciting camps, talented artists, designers and performers, but through our growth, we have seen an increase in the depth of all of these. The range of students taking part in events and programs has spread far and wide as everyone has had the opportunity to follow their strengths and passions to show that their learning has taken many different forms.

As we approach 2018, several people have been asking about the size of the school moving forward. As you will be aware, places at the school are very much in demand. We have had to turn away several hundred prospective students to the school in order for us to control our numbers in line with the Department of Education enrolment policy. While this is difficult for us to do as educators, we are pleased that there are schools with similar philosophies to TC, such as Bundoora Secondary College and Mount Alexander Secondary College, who we have been working with, that these students have access to. We will see a small increase in numbers for next year with an additional 100 members to our learning community, which is a very small jump in comparison to the size increase that we had at the beginning of 2017. Having been planning for this increase in size for the past 12 months, we are looking forward to welcoming these new members to our community in 2018.

We met with our new Entry Students at the Orientation Day and Evenings held this month. It is always exciting to meet our new families, and siblings of current TC families. This was an opportunity for all students to hear about our new Vision: "to co-create high quality learning experiences within an inclusive and supportive community" and to understand what this means to a TC student.

At this time of year we see people move onto their next challenge or stage of their journey. This may be students and families who have either graduated or are moving to new schools, or staff who are moving on. Whilst it is always sad to see these people move on, they will remain a member of the TC community.

As an example, I would like to congratulate Lian Davies on her appointment to the role of Acting Principal for term one at Bundoora Secondary College. Their Principal, Sue Muscat, has retired and Lian will be leading the school while they carry out the process of appointing a substantive Principal. Bundoora Secondary School are a school with a similar philosophy to ourselves and our other Federation Schools, and we look forward to following Lian and the community as they progress on their journey.

PTO



I personally want to take this opportunity to wish Peter Hutton all of the best in his next venture. The next step in his journey sees him carrying out the EdRevolution as part of a bigger project to change the shape of education. We here at TC will be spending the next four years of our School Strategic Plan focusing inwards and making TC the best school that it can possibly be. We aim to show the educational world that our community is producing high quality learning experiences for everyone. Peter will be continuing in his mission to change education for all young people and not just those students and families of TC. Peter has been an inspirational leader for us all, and he leaves a legacy of a school that will continue to question what education could look like, continue to strive for improvements, and empower students to Take Control of their education.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all TC students for another year of Taking Control of their education, and for pushing the boundaries of their own learning. I hope that you all have a safe holiday, and I look forward to welcoming you back to TC in January.

By Peter Ellis

Peter Hutton's final assembly address

Well after 25 years in education, and twenty years as Assistant Principal or Principal this is my final assembly.

There are many things that I will miss.

Passing you in the halls each day and sharing a smile and hello... Please keep doing that to each other.

Listening to your great ideas about what you would like to do... This inspires me.

Allowing me to try and help when you have a fight with parents, a break up or issue with friends... You showed trust in me.

Things I will not miss.

Picking up rubbish... Please have pride in your buildings and grounds. They are a reflection on you all.

Really that is about it for the things I won't miss. I have loved the rest... even the hard bits.

Thankyous

To my partner Fiona, who did not get cross when I tossed and turned all night and then put the bedroom light on to write down a new idea. To my daughters Zoe and Jemima, for accepting that sometimes they had to give up time with their dad and believing that my work was important.

At risk of leaving people out there are some people that if any of whom had left we would not have a school today.

To Sally, The AP when I started, your loyalty is unsurpassed. Particularly in those early years, you had faith in me and our dream... sometimes even when I started to doubt.

Tony, who kept close watch on the budget and could always find the money to make special things happen,

To Peter Ellis, as Co Principal, it has been great to see you grow in knowledge and leadership over these past 7 years.

To Angela, who kept our international program functioning and the school solvent. In 2012 we actually had only 4 local graduating students and 24 International graduates.

Tim, who was a past student and cared deeply about the school and frankly we could not afford someone as good as you to keep our IT system leading the way.

To Wendy, who read and managed my emails for me, kept my life on track, and every now and again gave me a well needed reality check.

To our parents, I thank you for your support and trust in me and this system of student empowered learning. As a parent I know what it is like to entrust your young person to a school. I hope we have been good partners in supporting our young people to take control of their own learning.

In those early days when it was still questionable if we would survive, I was asked in a staff meeting... "It sounds like you care more about the kids than about us!"

My response was "That is totally true, and frankly I only want to work with others who think the same way."

To my colleagues, past and present who have joined in, got on board this TC journey I salute you for a job well done. We did it. We brought a school on the verge of closure and turned it into one recently recognised by Finland as one of the top 100 most innovative educational concepts in the world. I have been honoured to work alongside you.

To the students... For me personally, it has always been about you and what I thought was best for you. I have not always got the answer right, but please know that I care deeply for each and every one of you... our internationals, our Entry students as well as those of you I know more closely.

I leave not frustrated, not tired, but full of energy and immensely proud of the school that WE, students staff and parents have built together. We have developed an educational model that is scalable, does not require extra resources and treats people with dignity, humanity and honours and respects your right to control your own education. Never give up that right and allow others to control your education.

Whilst I love my job and am passionate about TC, it would be hypocritical of me to talk about reaching out, taking calculated risks, to pursue your dreams and then not do the same myself. I am not taking up a principalship anywhere else, not employed by anyone, but am committing the next 15 years of my life to bringing about an education revolution.

It has been a pleasure and an honour to be Principal of TC.



Peter Hutton's Farewell

TC came together as a community to farewell Peter Hutton as Principal of TC. The theme of the event was Summer Fiesta Celebration and the atmosphere, whilst tinged with sadness, was relaxed and happy. It was acknowledged that now was the right time for Peter to expand his work in revolutionising education.

The Resource centre was decked in summer splendour with bright bunting, and inflatable flamingos, crabs and surf boards.

Lining the walls was a time line of the TC journey October 2009-2017. This highlighted changes that had been implemented, growth of both the staff and student populations as well as the development of the infrastructure and facilities of the College.

In the silent room the red couches had been set up to create a 'gold class' to watch photographic displays of Peter with the TC community and some funny video moments starring Peter.

Food was fresh and fun. Vicki and her team created 400 mini pavlovas and fruit kebabs whilst Sophie and her team assembled platters of olives, dips, cheese and antipasto. Fresh punch quenched the thirsts of many during the hot afternoon.

Music was provided by TC students both as a backdrop to the celebration and in the form of an amusing song they had written about "Taking Control."

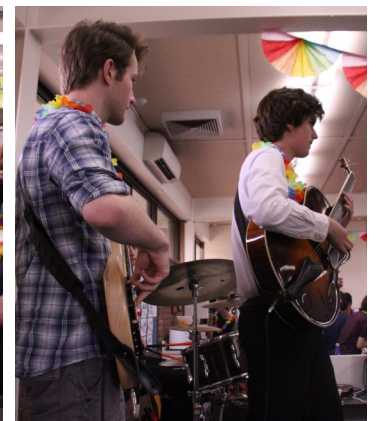
In the formal part of the event Janet Di Pilla, principal of Brunswick East Primary, who has worked with Peter in three different educational settings reflected on Peter's previous roles as an educator sharing that he has always been working to reform education even to the extent of proposing to start his own school.

Wayne Haworth, Principal of Mount Alexander College, told of Peter's collegiate support. Suzie Lucas represented both College Council and the parents of TC. Dylan Armstrong spoke passionately representing the students of TC and a quartet of staff reminisced about life with Peter at the helm. Peter was presented with a leather satchel and became the 100th local hero at TC.

Peter finished the evening ardently wishing that all students would lead extraordinary lives and thanking the community for their support.

Did I mention that Drew brought "Peter Hutton" (one of TC roosters) to the stage but then it wouldn't be a TC event without the presence of one of our animal friends.

By Sally Holloway



Peter Hutton, the 100th local hero

Peter Hutton

Peter Hutton joined TC term 4 2009 when we were a school of 265. Today we have a cohort of over 1100 students and a community that continues to grow.

This December we celebrate his time in education as he moves forward to a new consultancy role with his wife Fiona Hutton. Throughout his time we have seen new and innovate ideas as he has sought to change the face of education. We have had three school visions:

"To be a dynamic and caring learning community, recognised for future focused personalised learning." 2010-2013

"To be a supportive community, empowering students to manage their individualised learning and turn ideas into reality." 2014-2017

"To co-create high quality learning experiences within an inclusive and supportive community." 2018-2021

He has introduced concepts and ideologies of stronger student empowerment. At TC we celebrate "yes is the default", the one person policy, whole school, Take Control, the Danish rule, who's driving the bus, and many more unique TCisms.

We asked staff and students to reminisce about what they would remember Peter for, or a favourite memory. What came together was a list of adjectives that paint a picture of someone that has had a great impact on our community:

Respectful, very nice, generous, kind, caring, inspiring, intelligent, smart, quirky, very engaging, easy going, always has ideas, good principal, a rule breaker, friendly, took action, thinks outside the norm, revolutionary. He literally IS the vision statement of the school - supportive and turning ideas into reality.

Some favourite memories from students included that Peter likes picking up rubbish, participating in staff v students sports, helping students learn to surf on camps and punching wood blocks that had traditional education and homework written on them.

He has also had some memorable quotes such as "bite of more than you can chew and chew like crazy", "do what you want and apologise later" and "don't worry about the learning".

We wish Peter all the best in the future in his continuing quest to change the world of education.



Peter Hutton is one of TC's many local heroes.



El Mundo Del Jazz

On December 6 in the Resource Centre, viewers of the spectacular El Mundo Del Jazz were transported around the world on a musical journey. El Mundo Del Jazz was a tremendous display of the talents of the TC music program, performing Jazz from around the world. The program consisted of a variety of music ranging from large and loud ensembles, to small and intimate solo performances. The audience were treated to music from Australia, USA, Brazil, Italy, Hungary, Samoa, France, Ireland, Israel, China, Sweden, West Africa and Hawaii.

There were two guest artists, who supported the performers: Neda Rahmani, a percussionist extraordinaire, brought vibrance and energy to the show lighting up performances and Jon Delaney, a specialist in gypsy jazz guitar, dazzled us with his Django Reinhard-esque playing and solos.

TC's very own Stevie Poling held the night together as the MC and charmed the audience with wit and repartee. The evening could not have happened without hard work and collaboration between TC music staff and students. Be sure to not miss out on the next musical event put on by Templestowe College.

Hanging Rock Day Trip

We should have checked the weather. At 9am TC photographers gathered under a sunny but cloudy morning, packing the mini-bus with DSLRs, lenses and the drone. With Anthony Owen behind the wheel we set off on the road to Hanging Rock.

On the way there one smart student checked the weather and announced that a storm was brewing right above Woodend, smack bang on our location. Some of us shuddered, realising we hadn't dressed for cold weather.

A blast of cool air hit us as we climbed off the bus and organised our equipment. Most of us had our cameras from home, but there were plenty of TC cameras on offer. After passing the café and info centre, complete with full-grown kangaroo pet loitering around outside, we began the ominous climb up Hanging Rock.

The legend of the missing school children from 1900 had already spread amongst the students. We were warned to stay close to each other as we ventured through the rocks. At a crossroads before the real climb our group had to make a scary decision: to split up between the ramp and stair paths or stick together. Courageously, we chose to split.

The steps were steep and slippery and wound through rocks with dead trees twisted around them. The first clearing saw us venturing around the towers of granite stone, daring some of the cracks and slopes.

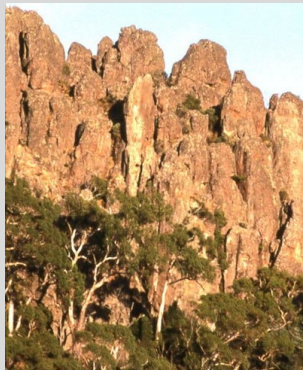
The second clearing provided us with grand views of the surrounding countryside, and the storm that we had been warned about started creeping down the distant mountains to the north.

Not long after, the rain started to fall, lightly, not enough to shirk our spirits. But taking photos while keeping a grip on the stone underfoot proved tricky. And it was getting colder.

Before long we huddled back into the bus for lunch and then explored a little more around the base of the hill. Some of us went looking for more answers about the missing school children and found out even creepier facts. Others adventured toward a strange tree with artwork carved into its trunk. By 1.30 pm we made a wet retreat from the creepy rock, driving back to school.

No one went missing.

By JB



Share the Dignity

This year TC once again took part in the Share the Dignity campaign to collect bags, and items to fill them, for women in need. Our generous community delivered an overwhelming array of soaps, dental products, sanitary products, deodorant, moisturisers, sun cream and even chocolates. We filled nearly 20 hand bags and had a whole box of items left over! Thank you for your support of this project which supports women in crisis. And a special thanks to TC parent, Michelle Frost, for delivering the items on our behalf.

By Meg Bailey



High Resolves Incurson

On Monday the 20th November, Templestowe College was honoured to have a member from High Resolves come in to help the students take part in a detailed activity where we all took part in becoming a representative for a country and being able to control how much they help the environment each few years. We got a pamphlet where we would write out our results until we had reached the target. It was an interesting investigation and we are very glad that we could be there to experience such a fun and educational day.

By Nyah and Nina

Entry Scienceworks



Language Centre Zoo Excursion

—Where and when did we go?
Melbourne Zoo on November 15.

—What did we do?

Visit the zoo within the stipulated time and worksheet.

—Who went ?

All Language Centre students, our Emily and Min.

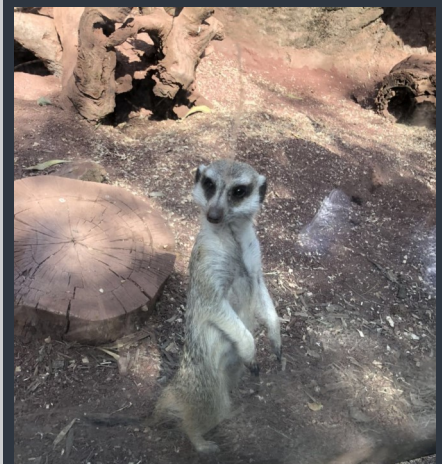
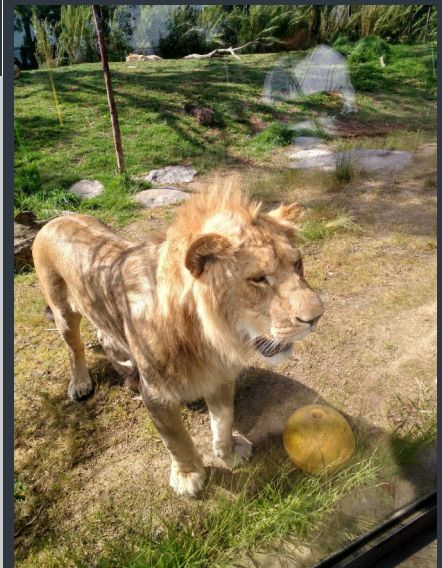
—What was your favourite part of the day ?

Insects and reptiles.

—What was something new you learnt about?

Giraffes do not eat short grass is because their want keep body balance.

By Evans Cao



Trivia night

On the 17th of November we had TC's Trivia Night! We have had a few trivia nights in the past but this year's was our first one organised by students. It was a fantastic night with a great turn out and we collected over \$600 that is going straight to the Gomo Foundation who give girls in Zimbabwe the opportunity to go to school. We would like to give a big thanks to everyone for helping us make this happen but a special thanks to the wonderful Duncan for hosting the night. I think we can all agree the trivia night was a huge success and we'd like to thank everyone for coming and making it a great night :)

By Maya Pradhan



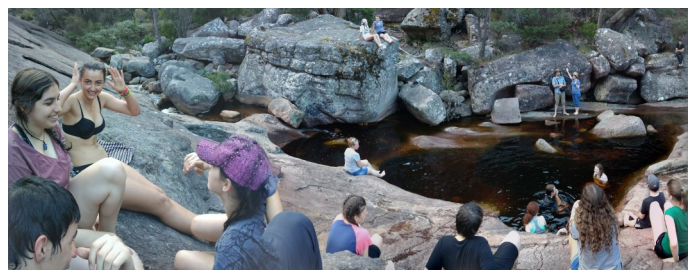
Zoo Camp

This year at Zoo Camp we had lots of fun, made new friends and had new experiences. During the time we were at Halls Gap we volunteered at Halls Gap Zoo for 3 days. During the duration of those days we weeded, cleaned, planted, interacted with the animals and had lots of fun. On the 3rd day we got to be rewarded from our hard work so we got to pat, cuddle and take selfies with the dingoes, feed the giraffes carrots, feeding the meerkats some juicy watermelon, throw blood ice blocks over the fence for the cheetahs (horse blood not human. Just in case you were wondering) and finally get to hold a very nice snake.

By Eleanor Dods

On the 20th of November we loaded up the mini bus filled with bags and tents, and drove for 3 hours to the Grampians. After a stop at the shops, we set up camp and settled in. For the next three days, we worked at Halls Gap Zoo, doing everything from weeding the quokka enclosure to pulling up bracken and feeding giraffes. The hot weather was a challenge, but the creek running alongside our campsite was beautiful to cool down in after a hard days work. On the last day, we all walked up Hollow Mountain and explored the caves before getting back in the minibus and driving back home, arriving at school at 6.30pm. Overall it was an amazing experience, and I'm so grateful for all the people that came, you're all awesome!

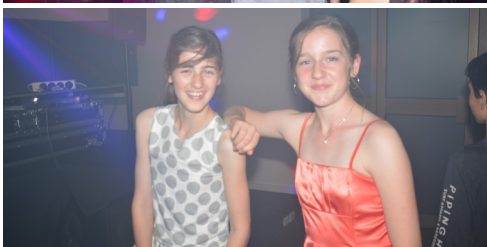
By Emma Helmore



The Junior Social

The junior social was a fun filled night. One of the many selling features was that the staff gave out food and drinks. The music was DJ'ed by former student Harry J and Jess Bozhinova was the photographer. If you are interested in getting the photo's speak to Sophie at the start of 2018. The junior social was a night to remember.

By George Karadimas



World Futsal Cup

Templestowe College's own Rosie Curtis, Matthew Jerram and Aaron Imbach, alongside with the coach of the ESDP Futsal program Gui Costa, will be representing TC and Melbourne Brasil Futsal Academy at the upcoming Under 13 World Futsal Cup. The tournament takes place in Blanes on the beautiful coast of Costa Brava in the North East of Spain.

They have been drawn in a tough group consisting of a team from USA, England and Barcelona, who have won the tournament an impressive eleven times. The competition will run from the 27-31st of December. The level of talent on show attracts some of the world's top coaches and agents looking to identify future stars. Several players who have featured in the World Futsal Cup have gone on to earn professional contracts. Everyone in the TC community wishes you the best of luck.



T20 Blast - U14 Cricket Eastern Region Final

With the prospect of playing on the MCG if winning the tournament the TC Under 14 Cricket team went out to Berwick full of spirit to play in the Eastern Region Finals for the T20 Blast competition. With 10 teams in each age group and 5 per division it would be a hard task but the team was ready to fire and give it their all on a scorching hot day. The U14 Girls were unlucky to lose their first two games but came home hard to win the last game of the day. The bowling attack was lead by Ella Cassidy, Bianca Giammario and Amber Jordan, and they were assisted by all-rounders Sabine Thickett and Sienna Kardaras. Highlights from the day included a sliding catch by Hayley Driscoll and impressive hitting by Indigo Brown.

The Boys would end up having a bye with a team not showing. The Boys went down in their first game to McKinnon then went on to beat Waverley who beat McKinnon. This ended in a three way tie and TC only missing out on the final by Percentage to come 2nd in their division. The Bowling attack was led by Halley Simpson, Ollie Jenkins and Joshua Dyson. The Highlights from the day were Zac Anderson's 28 off one over and Ollie Jenkins went on to top this by hitting a miraculous 52 in one over. Overall it was a great effort by both teams and hopefully they can stick together to get one step closer next year.

By Brent Wallace



Gala Day - Entry & U14 Futsal

In Term 4, Templestowe College's Entry and Under 14 boys and girls Futsal teams participated in the Gala Day held at Forest Hill College. All three teams finished as champions, which is a credit to their work ethic during trainings and the ongoing development of Futsal through the ESDP Futsal Program here at TC. This is the third year in a row that our entry and under 14 boys and girls teams have won this particular tournament. Congratulations to all involved.

By John Strateas



U14 Tennis

On the 13/11/17 the U14 tennis team went to North Ringwood Tennis Club to play in the Regionals. It was a very close first two matches, we played Ringwood who won 4-2 and Kew who lost 4-2. The last match we played was against Mount Waverly who won 4-2, but it was very tight. In the end Ringwood went to the finals against Roseville and were beaten. Thanks to Kaydn who filled in for us when one of our players couldn't make it. Also thanks to Shaun Turner who took us there and was very supportive and made us remember to have fun.

By Matthew QUICK



U14 Sports gala day- Tag rugby

A TC Team of boys and girls took to Mahoneys Reserve for our tag rugby competition. After being inspired by some of the Melbourne Storm representatives who took us for a short clinic, we took to the field ready for play. There was some great skills displayed by all our players which saw us win our first two games convincingly. Unfortunately in our final game we fell short but finished with the silver which was a good result.

By Shaun Turner



U14 Cricket EMR (Quarter Finals)

The TC Under 14 Cricket team went out to Hislop Reserve in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Quarter Finals where they faced Ringwood Secondary College. Led by Captain Ollie Jenkins TC won the toss and put Ringwood into bat. Ringwood started well until Sullivan Everett made a breakthrough with his first ball, when the batsman skyed the ball to Kadyan Trayford out on the boundary. Ringwood put on a couple of good partnerships to finish 5/148. Blake Williams bowled well in the death getting three wickets and Halley Simpson put in a great spell also getting a wicket. Special mention to Kadyan Trayford and Mitch Blackburn who did fantastically well sharing the keeping duties. TC got off the mark early with Ollie Jenkins turning over the strike and putting runs on the board. Unfortunately TC lost three quick wickets before a partnership developed between Austin Rainey and Ollie Jenkins. Ollie went on to raise the bat and made a total of 55 before being bowled. TC went on to make 6/75. Well done to the boys who fought hard against a very strong Ringwood Secondary.

By Brent Wallace



More recycling for our permaculture centre

To keep our creative and quirky permaculture garden and workshop growing, we would welcome any donations of the following items:

1. Broken tiles and crockery for mosaic – the more colourful, the better! Donated goods can be left outside the permaculture centre back door on the exit driveway.
2. Old steel garden tools or workshop tools in any condition – our students recondition them, or use them to weld into gates and other pieces of garden art. Donations can be left outside the permaculture centre.
3. “IBC” plastic tanks and plastic barrels – call to discuss pickup.
4. Old top loading washing machines – Fisher and Paykel “Smartdrive” models preferred. Call to discuss pickup.

Prefabricated garden sheds – we can arrange disassembly and removal. Call to discuss.

Call Drew on 0412 400 875.

Many thanks

Bubble Soccer

On Monday, our sport management and coaching class went on an excursion to Box Hill Action Indoor Sports. When we got there, we played dodgeball for 45 minutes. It was a lot of fun. When we finished, we played a couple games of bubble soccer. We split into teams. It was fun but difficult. We thank Huby for a brilliant year.

By Hayley Driscoll, Ruby Cauty & Alex Honcoop



Sport @ TC

PRE PE Excursion

Finally, the day had arrived where our class were able to put our teams aside and compete as individuals. Needless to say the lanes were hot with some impressive and accurate bowling. Some students learned that bowling is quite difficult, where others were natural bowlers. There must be a special mention to Brylie Allen with her impressive score of 158. After bowling, it was lunch time and the students got to enjoy a nutritious meal consisting of a hot dog and curly fries. Lunch must have settled well with the class as when laser tag began, everyone was a little flat. There was fierce competition between the teams but the blue team ended up the victors. Again, though, a special mention for Brylie, as she got the highest score. I commend the class on their behaviour and respect for the venue and others. Great work and I look forward to our next bowl off!

By Brendon Huby



Ultimate Frisbee

On the 30th November, in 35 degree weather, TC competed in the Mullum Division Ultimate Frisbee competition. Despite a shaky start, losing their first match, the team found their groove and progressed into the final. Unfortunately we lost in the final, only by a small margin. The boys were competitive all day, and in a true team effort, worked hard to set up some brilliant points and score multiple times across all matches. Great job to everyone that competed on the day and well done on surviving the heat!

By Tony Di Falco



USA Basketball Tour

Stacks and Cookie took 14 TC senior basketball students on a trip to the USA this year during head start. During their time they played against high school teams throughout the country. Student enjoyed homestays with many of the high school teams, immersing in the US culture. They got to visit some great attractions including Disneyland, Universal Studios, the Nike factory and Alcatraz. They got to watch an NBA game: the Portland Trail Blazers v Huston Rockets and a College game: UCLA Bruins v Cincinnati Bearcats.

Stacks said it was a very successful first trip, the girls going 8-1 wins and the boys 5-4. TC ESDP are planning to go every two years, so all players going into their final two years of high school in 2018, start saving!



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