



Timaru Boys' High School

August Newsletter 2021

Waitaki Exchange: TBC
31 August Board Meeting
10 September TBHS Ball
27 September SC Anniversary Day
1 October Final Day Term 3



Rector's Message - August 2021

Kia ora whanāu

As I write this from our dining table, 6 days into lockdown, I'm looking out the window at a lovely Aoraki winter's day. I really hope we hear some good news from the Prime Minister's press conference today, but whatever the case, I'm sure we can cope with what comes our way.

Exams postponed, tournaments cancelled, learning from home - life just got a whole lot more complicated for the students (not to mention the parents!). You will have seen emails and Facebook posts over the last few days with different information. I hope you don't mind me repeating a couple of key points:

- **TBHS Examinations COVID Update**

These will take place a week after students return to school (i.e. if we return on a Wednesday the exams will start on the following Wednesday, etc)

The focus now for senior students will be working on their internals (or learning for a new external if appropriate). They should check their school email and Google Classroom for details from their teacher as from Monday.

- School Sport NZ, in conjunction with its sport partners, regretfully announce the cancellation of all sanctioned events on its calendar through to Monday 6th September 2021. This includes all events scheduled within the Winter Tournament Week window.

It is very disappointing to lose the Winter Tournament Week, especially with all our sports enjoying wonderful seasons. The sportsmanship and passion displayed by our boys this year have been outstanding. I'm confident the powers that be will find a way of making sure some important postponed games happen before the end of the term (two that spring to mind are the Canterbury Secondary Schools 1st XI Hockey final where our outstanding 1st XI take on Christ's College, and the historic Waitaki 1st XV Rugby game).

No doubt I will be emailing parents again very shortly, so I will sign off now. There's a lot to read in this month's newsletter and these articles only represent a fraction of what actually goes on at school. Thanks so much to all the parents and other volunteers who make Timaru Boys' High so much more than just a school.

He waka eke noa.

Nga mihi

Dave Thorp



Look out for each other.

What times we are in.....

As with all local secondary schools and so many in our community, Timaru Boys' was deeply impacted with the horror car crash that saw five of our local teenagers killed.

As heartbreaking as this was, we can all be encouraged by the wonderful support that was evident, not only in our

school community, but in the wider community.

Now as we experience lockdown yet again, it so important that we remain connected to each other and treasure what we have. Let's remember to look out for each other in both our school and extended families.

Continue to check in with each other: chat on Facebook messenger, Snapchat or Twitch and keep it positive!

If you are worried, talk to an adult - a parent, a family friend - or feel free to contact our Guidance Counsellor, Tony Bunting on buntingto@timaruboysschool.nz or text/call on 027 633 2412.

He aha te mea nui o te ao

What is the most important thing in the world?

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

It is the people, it is the people, it is the people



1st Hockey - A Superb Achievement!

Congratulations to our 1st XI Hockey on winning their Canterbury Secondary Schools' semi-final against Shirley Boys HS 4-1 to make the final.

With the current lockdown in place, it is disappointing that the game was unable to proceed as planned on Friday August 20th in Christchurch - the match has been delayed with date yet to be confirmed.

It will be a game to remember for Vice Captain Dougal Gibson who received his 100th game cap for the 1st XI.

TBHS is now being the only unbeaten team in the competition. In last week's game against Shirley Boys', the goals came through Kai Reid (2), Damon Johnson and Ryan Caldwell.

It was an outstanding game from our defensive unit who worked hard all game to diffuse the attacking threat of Shirley.

In the other Semi Final, Christ's College continued their impressive run by beating the previously unbeaten Christchurch Boys HS 1-0.

We are certainly cheering our boys on and trusting this situation can be resolved asap. The school community extends to both the team and management, our sincere best wishes as they continue to prepare themselves for what will be an extremely challenging game.



Facebook Updates

Just a reminder to our school community to keep an eye on our regularly updated school Facebook Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/timaruboyshigh>



TBHS Rugby 1st XV

Congratulations are extended to our Timaru Boys' Rugby 1st XV.

Playing in heavy conditions with mud and rain bogging down the field, they struggled to beat Nelson College who managed to pull through with a 22-10 victory in their semi-final match.

But it was a well fought game that commenced with a minute of silence to mark Timaru's loss in the recent horror crash that saw five teenagers lose their lives.

Thank you boys - you represented us well.



TBHS Rowing Club Open Day

Our TBHS Rowing Club will be holding an Open Day, providing an opportunity to "have a go" and see if rowing is a sport for you!

When: Sunday 5 September 2021

Time: 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Where: Timaru Rowing Club, 53 Rothwell Street, Timaru

Come along and give it a go!



Steven Jaymes - Singer/Songwriter

Timaru Boys' welcomed singer/songwriter Steven Jaymes to the school where he shared his insights into the industry with our Senior students.

Steven Jaymes is a Singer Songwriter of the piano playing persuasion, with a style that is Alt Honky Tonk, Folk Rock and Blues. Originally from Oamaru, he is well known on the international circuit, but Covid restrictions have curtailed his travel plans and South Canterbury has been fortunate to

have had the benefit of having him perform locally at various venues.

Check out his Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Steven-Jaymes-175783525814976/>



NZSS Swimming 2021

This event was held between the 22nd to the 25th of July, and attended by just under 750 swimmers.

TBHS had six swimmers attending: Dominic Coleman, Thomas Kyle, Jack Boorer-Lilley, Harry Sargent, Luke

Tompkins and Alex Tudgey. Thanks must go to Dale Lilley and Frances Coleman for all of their assistance during the time away.

The team swam four relays. The results are as follows:

4 x 50 Medley Relay (Luke, Thomas, Alex, Jack) – 11th out of 20 - all the swimmers swam personal bests

4 x 100 Freestyle Relay (Alex, Jack, Luke, Thomas) – 8th out of 18 - all swimmers swam under 1.00.8

2 x 50 Freestyle Relay (Thomas, Dominic) - 34th out of 52

4 x 50 Freestyle Relay (Alex, Jack, Harry, Thomas) - 11th out of 20

Individual Results: the boys gained some good results and personal bests. There were large fields in most races, for example the 14 years old boys 50 freestyle event had 71 entries.

Dominic Coleman – 200 Breaststroke (5th), 200 Individual Medley (13th), 100 Breaststroke (13th), 100 Butterfly (PB - 14th), 50 Breaststroke (20th), 50 Butterfly (30th), 50 Freestyle (PB - 42nd)

Thomas Kyle – 400 freestyle (6th), 200 Individual Medley (10th), 200 Breaststroke (10th), 100 Breaststroke (13th), 200 Freestyle (13th), 100 Freestyle (15th), 50 Breaststroke (18th), 50 Freestyle (21st), 100 Individual Medley (26th)

Jack Boorer-Lilley – 200 Backstroke (PB – 9th), 200 Freestyle (PB - 13th), 200 Breaststroke (15th), 200 Individual Medley (PB -16th), 100 Backstroke (PB – 22nd), 100 Breaststroke (PB – 26th), 100 Freestyle (29th), 50 Backstroke (PB - 30th), 50 Breaststroke (PB – 36th), 50 Freestyle (PB - 38th)

Harry Sargent – 200 Individual Medley (PB - 25th), 50 Backstroke (PB - 38th), 50 Breaststroke (PB – 43rd), 50 Freestyle (PB - 54th), 50 Butterfly (PB – 57th), 200 Breaststroke

Luke Tompkins – 50 Backstroke (PB - 14th), 100 Backstroke (25th), 50 Freestyle (PB - 33th), 100 Individual Medley (PB – 41st), 50 Breaststroke (PB – 42nd), 50 Butterfly (PB – 43rd), 100 Freestyle (44th)

Alex Tudgey – 200 Backstroke (PB – 8th), 100 Backstroke (PB – 10th), 50 Backstroke (PB - 11th), 200 Freestyle (PB - 12th), 50 Butterfly (PB – 17th), 50 Freestyle (19th), 100 Freestyle (PB – 25th), 100 Individual Medley (31st)

These boys come forward Dominic Coleman, Thomas Kyle, Jack Boorer-Lilley, Harry Sargent, Luke Tompkins and Alex Tudgey.



Leavers' Toolkit

This page is full of useful resources for all students whether they are leaving sooner or later, and whether they are intending on going into work or study beyond school - check it out!

<https://school-leavers-toolkit.education.govt.nz/>



Careers Opportunities

The TBHS Careers department is being made aware of some great local job opportunities that are being promoted through the school notices, Timaru Boys High School Careers Department Facebook page and directly to students via email and assemblies

Unfortunately, the response from the boys has been lacklustre in general. Please encourage your son to take some action if they have intentions to leave school in the next 12-18 months as many of these potential employees are also open to providing work experience.

The jobs currently or recently on offer include...Building apprenticeships Glazier apprenticeElectrical engineering, and mechanical engineering apprenticeship with FonterraWater Treatment Operator/Trainee with Timaru District Council, Locksmithing, Fencing, Plumbing apprentice, Refrigeration engineering.

If your son wants to know me then either see Mr Poulter in the Careers Department or use the contact details provided to contact the potential employer directly.



TBHS Choir

Timaru Boys' High School Choir had the privilege of performing at a Citizenship Ceremony on Tuesday 10 August.

Citizenship ceremonies are hosted at the Timaru District Council offices, prior to a Council meeting, approximately five times a year.

The Department of Internal Affairs sends out invitations to the candidates to attend a citizenship ceremony to which they are invited to bring along family and friends to mark the occasion.

The citizenship ceremony sees candidates read the oath or affirmation of allegiance. They then receive a certificate of citizenship from the Mayor of Timaru District and a small gift from the Council. Until they receive the certificates personally, candidates are unable to call themselves a NZ citizen, even if approval has been received from the Department of Internal Affairs as to their suitability.

TBHS appreciates being given the opportunity of sharing in special occasions such as this - a great time to celebrate!

Thank you to **Megan Holden** for working with our choir - your support is much appreciated.



Atua Whanaunga - Māori Card Game

A group of students from Otago Girls' High School who are a part of the Lions Young Enterprise Scheme have created a card game called Atua Whanaunga.

This is an educational Māori card game made up of a mix of some all time favorites such as UNO and Go Fish.

The aim of their business is to help increase the amount of Te Reo spoken in Aotearoa and also give some basic knowledge around the Māori Atua (Gods).

If you are interested in purchasing the game, follow the link to the website.

Also attached is a QR code for easy access to the website.

<https://atua-whanaunga.mystorbie.com/> Ngā mihi

The Atua Whanaunga team: Jamie R, Jamie L and Danielle G



South Fuels: Fuel for Schools Programme

Fuel for Schools is a school sponsorship programme aimed at supporting rural schools throughout New Zealand.

With over \$1.2 Million dollars having been distributed back to Schools throughout the country, this programme is having a direct benefit on many communities.

NOMINATING OUR SCHOOL

When you sign up with Southfuels, just nominate Timaru Boys' High School.

If you are an existing Southfuels client and want to jump on board call your Account Manager or 0800 4 THE KIDS today to nominate our school.



National Rogaining Championships

Timaru Boys sent four Junior teams to contest the National Rogaining championships on Sunday, 1 August at Orton Bradley Park on Banks Peninsula.

A rogaine is an adventure race where teams locate "controls" over a vast terrain and score points for doing so. Teams are given maps prior to starting and plan their route accordingly. There were 6 hour, 4 hour and 2 hour options with TBHS teams entering the 2 hour race.

TBHS 9 Blue:-Timaru Boys' High School (Jonty Porter, Ryan Bell, Jack Parry) 740 points. These boys did particularly well, were 9th overall and 2nd place in the Junior boys category.

TBHS 9 White: Timaru Boys' High School (McArthur Alexander, Dylan Scarlett, Nashoba Mehlhopt) scored 330 points (3rd Junior team and 14th overall) which included a 100 point penalty for coming in a few minutes over 2 hours.

TBHS 10 White: Timaru Boys' High School (Kenta Sato Allen, Reuben Dann, Echo Welch) placed 12th overall and 3rd in Intermediate boys with 370 points.

TBHS 10 Blue: Timaru Boys' High School (Jodan Liang, Aidan Griffin, Jack Browning, Ben De Ruyter) were 4th in Intermediate boys with 280 points and an overall placing of 15th.



South Island Road Racing Championships

The first few days of the holidays saw our Road Cycling team racing in the South Island Championships in Christchurch.

After our first day of competition, we rode away with two Golds (**Noah Hollamby** and **Jesse Johnston**) and a Bronze for **Payo O'Sullivan** in the individual time trials. But the highlight for the teams was winning a Silver medal for the

senior boys' event and a Bronze for the junior boys in the Team Time Trial.

The last day of racing are the road races, up to 40 kms in distance, depending on the age group. Great results were achieved all round but the above students again featured on the medals podium - Hollamby, Johnston and O'Sullivan.

To finish the holidays, some of our "road" boys competed in the South Island Schools' Cyclocross (riding a road bike with skinny tyres on a 'muddy as' mountain bike trail with obstacles such as knee high hurdles which could be bunny hopped if they chose). Pretty much everyone crashed at least once, and it was a lot of fun. **Payo O'Sullivan** was our champion rider, picking up the Gold medal for U15 grade.

Well done team - you did us proud!

Team Members

Thomas Peters
Jani McLennan
Corban Sprague (Bronze)
Reef Roberts (Bronze)
Mitchell Brookland (Silver)
Ferg Sail (Silver)
Josh Young (Silver)
Thomas Allan - Team Captain (Silver)
Payo O'Sullivan (3x Bronze 1x Gold)

Jesse Johnston (1xBronze 2xGold)

Noah Hollamby (1x Silver 2x Gold)



YMCA Year 13 Workshop: Resiliency Toolkit

The YMCA will be running a workshop for all Year 13 students on Monday 30th August in the morning.

As a school we see the importance of our young men being more aware of potential issues and situations that they may come across in our community both now and in the

future. Having the knowledge but also the confidence and strategies to deal with situations is good for personal growth and important for the community as a whole.

The YMCA's Resiliency Toolkit promotes the development of the life skills young people need as they transition to adult life, so that they're able to bounce back from whatever life throws at them. Because of the YMCA's expertise in personal and youth development, we emphasise 'learning by doing', rather than imparting information. Our youth development facilitators are focused on 'unpacking' what young people know, giving them supporting information appropriate to their age, and then taking them through hands-on, realistic scenarios where they can put that knowledge into practice – and draw on it in their personal lives. These life and resiliency skills are delivered within the context of five key areas: *Managing Stress, Social Media Savvy/Cyber safety/Cyberbullying, Healthy Relationships/Sex and Respect, Decision-making re: Alcohol & Drugs, and Peer Support.*

The YMCA is excited at the opportunity to work with Year 13 students at TBHS. Here's some of the Peer Support information that we'll cover with them:

Ethical Bystanding: what is an ethical bystander, skills needed to be an ethical bystander, tips and strategies for being an ethical bystander towards friends and peers, solutions to barriers to being an ethical bystander.

Sex & Consent: When consent to sexual activity is not possible under the law, potential harmful situations that can occur amongst their peer group, ethical or respectful alternatives to gaining and understanding consent to sexual activity.

If you have any questions regarding the above please contact the Rector, or Year 13 Dean, Grant McFarlane.



Sexuality Education in Health

Sexuality education is a key area of learning in The Health and Physical Education Curriculum.

This means that it must be included in teaching programmes at both primary and secondary school levels, using the strands and achievement objectives outlined in the curriculum document.

Sexuality education in schools provides students with opportunities to develop:

- knowledge, understanding, and skills relating to sexual development - physical, emotional, and social;
- knowledge, understanding, and skills to enhance their sexual and reproductive health, for example, knowledge about the process of conception and the skills to make decisions that maintain and enhance their sexual health;
- personal and interpersonal skills and related attitudes, including
 - the skills needed to examine people's attitudes, values, and beliefs and their rights - and responsibilities
 - attitudes of respect for themselves and other people
 - attitudes of care and concern for themselves and other people

- effective communication skills
- problem-solving and decision-making skills
- understanding and skills to enhance relationships, for example, in relation to friendship, love, families, and parenting.

HEALTH PROGRAMME

The Sexuality part of the Health curriculum is compulsory in Years 9 and 10. If you do not wish your son to be part of the programme when it is being covered then you must write a letter to the Rector explaining the circumstances.

Years 9 & 10 will start the programme in Term 4.

Grant McFarlane
HOD Physical Education and Health



Policy Review: Behaviour Management/Concerns & Complaints

Timaru Boys' values feedback from our school community on policies and procedures.

A review of the school's *Behaviour Management and Concerns & Complaints* policies are now underway via our SchoolDocs link, with feedback closing on 1 October. To have your say:

1. Visit the website <https://timaruboysschooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
 2. Enter the username (timaruboyss) and password (power).
 3. Follow the links to **Behaviour Management** and **Concerns & Complaints**
 4. Read the policy.
 5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
 6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
 7. Enter your name (optional).
 8. Submit your ratings and comments.
 9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.
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