



TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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RECTOR'S MESSAGE



The future of NCEA has been announced. It comes from 2018 consultation when the 'Great Opportunities' were circulated about New Zealand for comment. Compared to what was being proposed then, we're left with much less change than anticipated or, in many quarters, wanted. Common sense may have prevailed. The NCEA 'Change Package' shows reassertion of academic rigour and excellence, alongside better preparation for vocational success; however the devil is, as always, in the detail. We'll watch this space.

In the new design of NCEA is a move towards a more traditional academic focus than the 2018 discussion points indicated. The value given to the 'chunking' of learning and use of external assessment has been lifted. All candidate fees in NCEA and Scholarship have been removed. More Special Assessment Conditions will be provided for learning support and equity. There is more focus on Literacy and Numeracy compulsorily (20 credits out of the 80 needed). And a new VE (Vocational Entrance) is being established alongside UE (University Entrance) to name but a few of the changes. The trial and transition time runs from now until 2023 when the first full implementation of a new Level 1 occurs. For further information go to: <http://www.conversation.education.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/NCEA-Change-Package-2019-Web.pdf>

Negotiation with the Ministry continues regarding the Teacher's new collective agreement. We genuinely hope that key matters can be resolved suitably and in a timely manner. We thank you in advance for your accommodation of the national action as it exists at our local level.

In staffing we have some changes on the way for Term 3. **Callum Waldron** has resigned his English teaching position to return to Kent, England. We thank him for his good work in English these past two years. **Karen Staples** starts study leave during Term 3 to run to the start of 2021, to complete her Master of Education degree through Massey University, also departing from the English Department. Finally, **Michelle Moore** leaves her role as Food Technician after 4 years dedicated service in support of Food Technology and Hospitality lessons. We wish all three staff well for their next endeavour.

Also indicative of change on the way, I would like to thank members of the Board of Trustees for their excellent support of the school and its improvement these last 3 years. They have, as volunteers, given a great deal of their personal time to making this school the aspirational and effective seat of learning it is – and all with the 'can – do' spirit of South Canterbury. A special thank you goes to the departing trustees: **Bernadine Reynolds, Jane Sullivan and Shane Edwards**. I also welcome newly elected and co-opted parents, **Adam Blake, Jason Grant, Brent Isbister, Nick Light, Virginia Callaghan, David Forman, Di Hay and Peter Stayt** who will all no doubt bring their beneficial input to the school.

This week we've showcased the Arts in a series of Arts Extravaganza Week workshops. As a biennial rollout, it has been about giving boys opportunities to try new performing and visual art activities, over three days. Through participation they may find new personal strength or satisfaction. Also promoting the arts with vigour and flamboyance was Old Boy **Neil Gudsell**; known to many as 'Mika Haka'. He received the Teschemaker Cup last Wednesday from the Old Boys. Neil spoke to the boys about his time in the school, the support he received while here from particular staff, and gave one main piece of advice: 'Be you'.

I congratulate all the boys who've strived to be 'better than before' as we cross the midpoint of the term. Learn from what has passed and use it to your advantage in what follows.

Nick McIvor
Knowledge is Power
Mā te Mātauranga te Mana
Scientia Potestas Est

School Board of Trustee Elections 2019



Warmest congratulations to our successful candidates - we appreciate your willingness to work on the Board and acknowledge your commitment to the school.

As the number of valid nominations for the Board of Trustees Election was equal to the number of vacancies, the following trustees were elected: **Adam Blake, Jason Grant, Brent Isbister, Nicholas Light, Peter Stayt.**

At a meeting of the newly elected Board on 5 June, Peter Stayt was re-elected Board Chair and the following members were co-opted: Virginia Callaghan, David Forman, Di Hay

Rector Appointment: Update

The Rector's position has been advertised and the following timeline is on target:

- 27 May: Position advertised in Gazette and on-line
- 1 July: Applications close
- Short Listing/Interviews/Reference Checks/Position Offer & Acceptance
- End July: School Community advised
- 7 October: New Rector commences - start of Term 4 2019



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

The cast and production team of this year's combined TGHS/TBHS Musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* can be extremely proud of their performances.

This classic musical story of a young man with visions and a kaleidoscopic-coloured coat was once again a big hit with local audiences who braved the cold evenings to come and support our young actors.

Staged between 28-31 May, the show followed the journey of Joseph being sold into slavery by his brothers, falsely accused and imprisoned, and his ultimate rise to right-hand man of the Pharaoh.

Last staged by the school in 2015, a few "up-to-date-touches" were added to the traditional set design that alternated between a desert scene and sphinx head backdrop.

Old Boy **Caleb Cameron** assisted the production team with choreography (particularly the more challenging dances such as the hoedown), a live band contributed the music and costumes were made by both staff members and students.

Thank you to all involved - your commitment to the long rehearsals required to make this a hugely successful production is very much appreciated. The Production team of **Suzanne White, Matthew Chapman** and **Cameron Lines** are to be commended.



Cast Members

Joseph: Ethan Chittock

Narrator: Macy Shields

Jacob: Braedon Armstrong

Brothers

Reuben: Renee Kerr

Simeon: Maximus Mortimer

Levi: Lily Shields

Naphtali: Jemma Riddle

Isachar: Rebekah Frame

Asher: Abraham Hix

Dan: Karl Omotoy

Zebulun: Hannah Martin

Gad: Andrew Blake

Benjamin: Solomon Hix

Judah: Patrick Howden

Egypt

Pharaoh: Jemma Riddle

Potiphar: Karl Omotoy

Mrs Potiphar: Sophie Vaughan

Butler: Magdalene Haugh

Baker: Muriel D'Souza

Company

Stella Vaivai, Kristie Goodsir, Jess Brown, Megan Talbot, Maddy Frame, Sophee Knaggs, Bianca Grant, Alex Jessica Scannell, Maddison Strachan, Mya Lundie, Jodeci Richards



From the Deputy Rector Mr Stevenson.....

Electronic Device Use in Class

At times, students may be using their Electronic Devices in class to support their learning. This will always be at the discretion of the teacher.

Staff make sure that students understand the responsibilities of the use of devices in their classroom.

If a student is using their device inappropriately, there is a process that will be followed that may result in the student having their device removed.

Students should not be receiving or sending any type of messages during class time. We welcome your support in this.

Teacher Only Day

There will be no school for students on Friday 28 June.

Staff will be involved in professional development around SOLO Taxonomy (structure of observed learning outcomes) which provides a simple, reliable and robust model for three levels of understanding – surface, deep and conceptual. Pam Hook, an experienced consultant in learning and teaching, will be involved with all staff. This follows up on her last visit in 2017. Check out her website: <http://pamhook.com/>

Junior Reports

Full reports are due to be released at the end of this term.

Senior School Exams

These are now completed and results from these will be sent to parents in the next week.



PPTA/NZEI Teacher Strike Action

Our teaching staff participated in the "mega strike" on 29 May, following months of stalled negotiations and a series of rejected pay offers.

Our PPTA staff will continue to participate in the two waves of industrial action if required.

"Rostering home" strike action will continue almost every Tuesday until 2 July if determined by the PPTA

Rolling regional strike action in secondary schools has been scheduled across the country between 17-21 June.

The school will keep parents and students informed of strike action that is dependent upon negotiation outcomes with the Government.

New Multi-Sport Turf and Lighting Project

The Multi-Sport Turf and Lighting project has raised enough funding to begin the first phase of the project.

This is the preparation of the existing tennis court surface on the North Street side of the gym: laying the turf, providing a storage facility and the provision of gear i.e. Basketball, Hockey and Futsal goals as well as Tennis nets.

This has been enabled by on-going fundraising and donations, including a generous contribution from sponsors **Peter and Karen Walsh**.

The first phase will start in spring at the end of Term 3 due to the necessity of warmer weather to lay the turf. With all going to plan, the facility will be ready for use early in Term 4 with the next stage of the provision of lights to increase the use of the facility to hopefully follow in 2020.

With this in mind there is a proposed school-wide Workday on June 28th (the *Teacher Only Day*) with the proceeds raised going towards the gear and lighting for a facility that will be used extensively by the Physical Education Department and across a range of Sporting Codes.





Tikanga Programme

The Tikanga Programme commenced this term.

We welcome **Whaea Kimi** as Kaiako of this course. All students from Year 9 and 10 will take part over the remainder of the year. To date, 9 Totara and 10RY have been learning about the whare and its carvings, with the boys enjoying making connections between what they know already and new knowledge.

Aoraki Cross Country

This event returned to the new Nationals Course around Ashbury Park on May 23rd. The weather was fine and the fields were good sizes with around 30 athletes in each race and excellent representation from the different Aoraki schools.

The Year 9 race saw **Baxter Mason** head to the front and dominate his race with a clear victory over 3000m. **Matt Gonzales** placed 6th and **George Powell** was 12th, bringing the three person team to finish second behind Roncalli. **Lachlan Adam** placed 16th and **Ryan Caldwell** 17th.

The next race saw some excellent team running from our under 16 boys over the 4000m. **Toby Clement** (7th), **Sam Wilson** (8th) and **Saxon McNoe** (9th) tied for first but won the team race on a countback. Waitaki Boys' also added 24 points but it was the work of **William Talbot** (10th) and **Josh Mills** (12th) that pushed back Waitaki Boys' third runner to confirm the team victory.

There was a strong field for the Senior Boys' 6000m race that saw TBHS manage to win this team title in a close battle with Ashburton College. **Peter Rawlins** placed 4th, **Josh Earnshaw** 8th and **Bailey Lissington** 9th to make up the winning team. **Rhyan Mitchell** finished 23rd.



Canterbury Cross Country

Eleven of our students participated in the Canterbury Cross Country Championships held on Tuesday 28 May. The weather was fine and the course at the old Ascot Golf Course is flat, but full of rises and dips to keep the runners interested.

In a field of 67 finishers, **Baxter Mason** ran courageously for 4th place in 11.22 for the three 1km laps, just 3 seconds off a placing. **Malachy Cleland** placed 24th, **Ryan Caldwell** 48th and **Lachlan Adam** 60th.

William Talbot was our lone junior runner. He ran the three lap course, finishing 25th in 12.48.



The highlight of the day was **George Guerin** (pictured above) setting the pace and never relinquishing the lead as he won the Senior Boys' 4000m. George was simply too strong for the best Canterbury distance

runners and won in a time of 13.48. **Ryan Bagrie** placed 13th, **Peter Rawlins** 21st, **Josh Earnshaw** 30th and with **Bailey Lissington** in 31st, TBHS had one of the strongest competing teams.

The final event for the season is the New Zealand Championships, to be held this year at Ashbury Park, Timaru on 15 June. This is a great opportunity for our athletes to take on New Zealand's best on a familiar and challenging course, and also a great opportunity for members of the community to come down and support our boys.

Smokefree Rockquest 2019

Good luck to our TBHS/Roncalli band **Jacks Point** who will be participating in this year's Smokefree Rockquest to be held on Saturday 22 June, 7:00pm at Mountainview High School.

These young men have been putting in numerous practice hours in their very own music studio and recently played their first paid gig at a 50th birthday party.

Contact details: jackspoint.official@gmail.com

Band members are:

Lead Vocals/guitar: Nick Goodwin (Roncalli)

Back-up Vocals/guitar: Billy Cook (Roncalli)

Bass: Jack McLennan (TBHS)

Drums/backing vocals: Ben Roberts (TBHS)



Good luck also to **Eclectic Vibes**, a combined TBHS/TGHS band (Daniel Nicolson, Dominic Coleman, Gemma Riddle, Muriel Frank, Isaac Fernandes, Joe Choy and Mitchell Bowmar) and to **Harry Delaney** who is competing as a soloist.

PTA Fundraisers

TBHS School Umbrella Fundraiser

Now that the winter is here, it is a great time to buy a new sports umbrella.

These sturdy, blue and white umbrellas with the TBHS logo are vented to be wind safe and large enough to provide plenty of protection from the rain for two people.

These are available from the Student Office for \$40. Proceeds will be given to the school.



School Uniform Donations

The TBHS PTA is seeking donations of second hand uniforms as a fundraiser for the PTA – a clean uniform with a bit of life left in it will be gratefully received!

Jackets, blazers and ties will be sold "on behalf of" but the remainder of items will only be accepted if they are donated.

If you can help, please bring items to the Student Office.

2019/20 Entertainment Book



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The 2019 | 2020 Entertainment Memberships are here, with exclusive offers for everything you love to do. It's their best Membership yet, packed with amazing offers for activities, attractions, shopping, travel and all kinds of tasty treats - from cool cafes to fabulous fine dining.

You can enjoy thousands of valuable offers for everything you love to do, all while supporting fundraising for Timaru Boys High School! Purchase the book from the TBHS Student Office for \$70 or go online and get the app at: <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1370s72>



Date Changes

Due to the planned teacher strikes, dates have now been changed for the upcoming Otago Boys' and John McGlashan Exchanges.

Otago Boys' High School Exchange is now **Tuesday 18 June 2019**

John McGlashan Exchange is now **Wednesday 3 July 2019**



TBHS CALENDAR Terms 3-4 2019

10 June	STAC Exchange – Home and Away	07 August	Judd Rugby Exchange
12 June	Big Sing: Dunedin Town Hall	19-21 August	School Exams
18 June	OBHS Exchange - Away	28 August	WBHS Exchange - Away
19 June	PTA Meeting	02-06 September	Tournament Week
21 June	Hostel Parents' Dinner	13 September	TBHS Ball
28 June	Teacher Only Day/School Workday	27 September	Junior Workday
03 July	JM Exchange - Home	27 September	Senior Conferencing
05 July	END TERM 2	27 September	FINAL DAY TERM 3
22 July	TERM 3 COMMENCES	14 October	TERM 4 COMMENCES

For up-to-date news on school events

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