



TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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RECTOR'S MESSAGE



Our first term comes to an end with Easter just around the corner. All our boys now know more and can do more than when we started back in early February. Learning has been grasped. Challenges have been met. And personal growth has occurred. Some boys have excelled in and out of the school to make their mark early. Some boys have put in a sound, solid effort. Others are gradually getting to where they should be but will have to commit more, to be part of wider year level progress.

There have been a lot of standout achievements in the last few weeks since the previous Newsletter – as outlined in the articles to follow and on our Facebook Page. These include some entirely new activities. My congratulations go to all the boys, staff and parents who were rewarded for their dedication and hard work with top performances in and out of the classroom; some also at South Island or National level. When we see wide achievement involving a range of boys, it speaks to the very good state of the school; the right sorts of development happening in the right ways for our boys.

At TBHS we were saddened by the appalling mosque attacks in Christchurch on 15 March. Our thoughts and prayers go to the victims. Extra support was available for boys who needed it in the aftermath. The national hurt and international alarm it caused was felt deeply at the school. I would like to thank the students on the Student Council who worked with our English teacher, **Karen Staples**, to give boys ways to express their support for the victims during the week that followed, with the mufti day, school aerial photo, and personal message chain they organised. Sometimes small gestures can go a long way.

For Term 2 we're delighted to be welcoming **Christopher Fackney** to our teaching staff. He comes down from the North Island with a wealth of experience teaching Graphics and Hard Materials as well as being in various industries outside Teaching. Mr Fackney's most recent post was as a Technology teacher at Te Puke High School where he worked with our current Head of Technology, Mr Howard. We thank **Alan Minnear** for all his work this term getting our Graphics classes starting well prior to Mr Fackney's arrival.

The Anzac Service is on Friday afternoon at 2pm in Hogben Hall. It's our most significant tradition at TBHS and you are most welcome to join us for it. We have Old Boy, **Joel Bradley**, as keynote speaker. Joel is a ex-serviceman who left TBHS in 2000 - retiring from the NZSAS as a Major in 2016. The Prefects provided an Anzac – themed assembly on Wednesday that helped to get the boys thinking about why this Service continues to be important to our school. Generations pass but some things must always remain respected and recognised appropriately.

Have a Happy Easter everyone.

Nick McIvor

Knowledge is Power

Mā te Mātauranga te Mana

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Relay for Life

On 9 March, our TBHS Prefect Team participated in the 2019 South Canterbury *Relay for Life*.

Relay for Life is undertaken each year to raise money for the local Cancer Society who provide support for patients and families through the traumatic experience of fighting cancer.

This year's event was held at Caroline Bay from 10am-10pm. The large grass area by the boardwalk was the perfect location for the many tents and gazebos that accompany this event. Despite the seriousness of the event there is a festive quality to the environment.

The week leading up to *Relay for Life* involved TBHS fundraising and advertising this relay in the hope that other people would make up teams of their own to get involved. With a quiz night at the **Sail & Anchor**, a mufti day at school, helping out at the Masters Games and general donation collecting, the team managed to raise over \$3,600 prior to the event.

On the Saturday, with at least two members of the team walking around the track at all times, the team got fully involved. At one point the entire team went around the track in the style of a leapfrog, attracting other teams at the event to join in.

Continually walking for twelve hours was certainly draining but the good cause kept us all going. Supporting others and their efforts was also a part of the day. At the end of the event, the team was happy to assist with the packing and tidying up of the area.

Everyone in the team would like to thank all who helped us raise the money for the South Canterbury Cancer Society and to Mr and Mrs Kennedy for providing a delicious lunch for the boys on the day.



Year 12 Outdoor Education Bike/Packing Trip

This term saw the Year 12 Outdoor Education class participate in a quick overnight trip to Double Hut near Lake Heron.

We battled strong Nor'West winds that meant the progress was fairly slow until we managed to get some shelter further up the valley. Thankfully, the predicted rain only arrived in the early hours of the morning so we managed to stay dry with the exception of one bunk which was strategically positioned under the hole in the roof!

This was a great start to the year for the boys as we look forward to the trips to come.



School Values – Timaru Boys' High School

This year, Timaru Boys' High School will continue to build and develop a school-wide programme that reinforces positive behaviour and fosters life skills for our young men.

The programme is called **Positive Behaviour For Learning (PB4L)**. It is based on the following foundation: *"that positive behaviour can be learnt and difficult/disruptive behaviour can be unlearned."*

PB4L is a framework or approach. It is a broad range of systemic and individualized strategies for achieving important social and learning outcomes while preventing problem behaviour with all students. PB4L is not a specific model, but a compilation of research-validated and effective practices, interventions, and "systems change" strategies. PB4L provides an organisational approach or framework for:

- improving the social behavioural climate of schools
- supporting or enhancing the impact of academic instruction on achievement
- increasing proactive/positive/preventive management while decreasing reactive management
- integrating academic and behaviour initiatives
- improving support for all students, including students at risk and students with emotional behavioural disabilities (EBD)

Our school values were selected based around the school motto of **Knowledge is Power**: **Pride**, **Our responsibility**, **Willing participant**, **Earning respect**, **Right attitude**. Posters showing these values are displayed in all classrooms and around our school. This is reinforced via the school *Reward System*, *Power Values*, *Power Scores* and *Referral systems*.

The school values encourage and promote positive behaviour with all students, in all settings.



Hell Reading Challenge

This year, junior students will have the opportunity to participate in the Hell Reading Challenge, sponsored by NZ Book Awards.

This has been running for 6 years at primary schools but we are delighted to say that they have now opened this up to Year 10s. If students read seven books between now and the beginning of December, then write a bit about the book in a special Hell Reading Log, they are entitled to a free kid's pizza from Hell Pizza. Students can use books from anywhere, it doesn't have to be just from the library so encourage your son to start reading today and keep their reading and literacy skills up over the holidays.

For more information, contact Mrs Hutchinson or visit the challenge website: <http://www.nzbookawards.nz/new-zealand-book-awards-for-children-and-young-adults/the-hell-reading-challenge/>



Return of Sports Cups and Trophies

Reminder: All cups and trophies awarded at last year's Summer Sports Prizegiving are required to be returned to the Student Office before the end of term.



Board of Trustees Triennial Election

Make a difference! Ki Te Whakapiki!

School boards play a critically important role in New Zealand's schools and by extension, New Zealand's future. The triennial election for our 5 parent elected trustees will take place on **7 June 2019**.



Our board needs people who have the skills to ask the right questions and make the necessary decisions to influence and support educational opportunities for each and every student at Timaru Boys'. It is important that the board reflects its community therefore we need a good balance of gender, ethnicity and skills around the board table. We encourage people to consider putting their names forward to be nominated for election to our Board. Nomination forms will be posted to all eligible voters by 10 May.

If you have questions re this process, please contact the Board Secretary, Carolyn Bunting at buntingca@timaruboyss.school.nz or phone 03 687 7560.

EDGE Programme

Our school was fortunate to be chosen to host the first Police Blue Light EDGE Programme (Educate, Develop, Grow, and Empower) to be held in South Canterbury.

Twelve hardy students from Years 11–13 were selected to participate in this boot camp style programme that ran over six weeks to Educate, Develop, Grow and Empower (EDGE). Physical fitness was an important part of the programme given the final challenge, but so too were aspects of policing, leadership and citizenship. Police staff run the sessions with the students, exposing them to various specialist groups and divisions within the force such as the Armed Offenders Squad, Search and Rescue, Police Negotiation Team, Dog Squad and CIB. Twelve sessions were held over six weeks before school on a Tuesday and Thursday from 6am-8am, followed by a cooked breakfast.

The final challenge was a *Longest Day* challenge that involved running and cycling from Mount Cook to Caroline Bay. This required a huge effort and was a challenge all the boys rose to and conquered.

All of the young men who participated developed tremendously during this programme and grew immensely in stature.

Congratulations to **Xaden Stringer, Darian Dysart, Alvin Sutedja, Taniela Koloa, Peter Tafunaina, Tafu Tafunaina, Jack Miles, Rhyen Mitchell, Sio Latu, Andrew Perkins, Will Lyle and Campbell Plows**.

Our thanks must go to the tremendous efforts of the Timaru Police, especially organisers Const. Joe Rush, Const. Hinemoa McMahan, Const. Jan Gibb, Senior Const. Micky Donaldson, Senior Const. Kevin Grant, Sgt Geoff McCrostie, Senior Sgt Dylan Murray, Tracey Hooke and Sharon Gibson



Music Mentoring Workshop

Last Monday and Tuesday saw all senior music students work alongside Roncalli College, Timaru Girls' High School, Geraldine, Opihi College, Craighead Diocesan, and Mountainview High School in an annual opportunity to collaborate with current New Zealand musicians Katie Thompson and Jed Parsons.

It was a unique opportunity with the NZ Music Commission offering only 60 placements across the whole of the country, and usually if your school is a successful applicant, you are offered one musician. We successfully gained two due to merging our South Canterbury cohort as a cluster.



The days had a focus of song writing and performing, which enhanced the NCEA Level 1-3 papers, along with composition, solo and group performance.

Consideration of the professionals' advice and titbits, and hands on writing/performing, was the order of the two days.

Networking our students alongside other enthusiastic music students was the other important task, fostering depth within our South Canterbury music community. It was another great opportunity for our music teacher Lee Parcell to get to know her students a little better in a different learning environment.

From the Deputy Rector Mr Stevenson.....



BYOD

Students need to ensure their devices are registered at school to enable them to access the internet. There is a form available from the student office for them to fill in and return. Students have been aware of this during the last two weeks of school.

Only those devices registered at the start of Term 2 will be able to access the internet.

Conferencing Reports and Conferencing

Reports for all students will be emailed to you and your son later this week or early next week. This report has four Learning Steps identified and a Next Learning Step for your son. More detailed reports will be sent later in the year.



Conferencing for the whole school takes place on Friday 3rd May. You will receive a 15-minute time slot with your son's form teacher by email at the start of next week. This will also be sent to your son's email address.



NCEA Information

Earlier this term an information evening was held for parents. If you are looking for information about NCEA check out the NZQA website <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/audience-pages/parents/>



TBHS School App

Timaru Boys' High School now has a School App. This is another way the school will be able to communicate with parents. Currently school notices, newsletters, staff contacts, the calendar, link to the KAMAR parent portal and a notification option for student absences are available. There will be further features added later.

It is available for Android and Apple phones.

Search for SchoolAppsNZ on Google Play or on the Apple App Store. Once downloaded, enter Timaru Boys and follow the prompts.



Vehicle Permission (Senior School)

A reminder that senior students, Year 12 and 13 (Year 11 may bring a moped or similar), must have completed a vehicle permission form before they bring a vehicle to school.

These forms are available from the Student Support Office. Passengers are only allowed to be transported if the appropriate documentation has been completed.



KAMAR Parent Portal

There is a link from the school website or you can have it as a KAMAR app on your phone although some of the material is better accessed on a larger screen.

Parents are able to access: Daily notices, student details, financial, attendance, NCEA summary, results, POWER scores, reports and career pathways. A great way to keep track of your son's progress.

Sporting Success



Special Olympics Athletics Success!

Congratulations to **Jonathan Garner** who has achieved some wonderful results on the sports field.

Jonathan participated in the South Canterbury Special Olympics Schools Athletics Event held at the Aorangi Community Athletics Track on Wednesday 20 March.

Jonathan came away with a 1st place in the Softball Throw, 3rd place in the 100m and 3rd in the Long Jump.

Special Olympics New Zealand is about fun, friendships and team spirit; it's about a feeling of belonging, and ultimately improving quality of life. Special Olympics changes lives in so many different ways, enabling participants to achieve and win, not only in sport, but also in life.

We are very proud of your achievements Jonathan in this very competitive sporting event - well done!

Fistball Success from our recent Old Boys

Congratulations to **Jaydon Phillips, Samuel Kempf** and **Jesse Kempf**, who have been selected for the NZ Fistball Team to compete in the IFA 2019 Men's Fistball World Championships in Switzerland in August.

Fistball is similar to volleyball, with two teams of five trying to score points by knocking a ball over the net and past their opponents, with each team allowed three hits per possession.



We enjoy reporting the successes of our Old Boys, particularly when there are three of them in the same team representing New Zealand - an exceptional achievement! Well done and all the very best for your competition in August.

Division Two National Swimming Competition



Thomas Kyle participated in the Division Two National Swimming Competition in Dunedin from 13 March to 16 March

His results are detailed below:

100 m Breaststroke: 5th in his heat, 6th in the final taking 3.10 seconds off his previous personal best.

200 m Freestyle: 18th taking 3.21 seconds off his previous best time.

50 m Breaststroke: 10th taking 1.02 seconds off his previous best time.

100 m Freestyle: 11th taking 0.55 seconds off his previous best time.

100 m Individual Medley: 9th taking 2.67 seconds off his previous best time.

200 m Breaststroke: 5th in his heat, 4th in the final taking 11.80 seconds off his previous best time.

100 m Butterfly: 20th.

50 m Freestyle: 23rd taking 0.55 seconds off his previous best time.

Overall, a very good meet for Thomas. To achieve so many personal best times is a great achievement.

South Island SS Track and Field Championships

The weather in Nelson was perfect for Athletics - warm with no rain or wind, ideal for athletes to gain personal best performances.

TBHS had 25 athletes entered this year who were selected from the Aoraki Sports but only seventeen were available to compete in the South Islands.

This year TBHS had all four 4 x 100m relay teams qualify for the South Islands but only two teams competed with the U14 and U19 having to scratch because athletes were unavailable .

This year we also entered an U16 4 x 400 relay team. All relay teams finished in the top five places, being slightly unlucky in not securing the top 3 placings. Our results were probably the best we have had in the past few years, attaining 16 "Top 3" places, something that has never before been achieved.

The results for all Athletes are:

Liam Johnson 1st U19 Hammer and 3rd in U19 Discus

Ryan Bagrie 1st U16 1500m and 1st in the U16 3000m

Saxon McNoe 1st U14 Long Jump and 1st in the U14 Triple Jump

George Guerin 1st Open Steeple Chase and 3rd in the U19 1500m 4th U19 1500m

Quinn Motley 1st U16 Discus and 3rd U16 Javelin 4th U16

Shotput

William Rawlins 2nd U19 300m Hurdles

Reuben Bowan 2nd U15 High Jump 6th U15 Triple jump

Jed Syme 3rd U16 100m and 5th U16 200m

Peter Rawlins 3rd in the Open Steeple Chase

Jackson Ross 3rd U15 Discus 8th U15 Shotput

Harry Reith 2nd in the 3000m Walk

Jack Fulton 6th U19 High jump

Shaun Reith 5th U16 100m Hurdles and 5th U16 300m Hurdles

Josh Rees 5th U14 Shot Put

Kaden Forrester 8th U16 Triple Jump



Most of the Athletes were placed in the Top 8 and achieved personal best results. A lot of Athletes who represented TBHS at the South Islands have shown that they have right attitude and ability to be very competitive at the Nationals at the end of the year. The Nationals are held in December in Wellington

Maadi Cup National Secondary Schools Rowing Championships 2019

Over the course of a week, 21 rowers from Timaru Boys' High School competed in this major event at Lake Karapiro.

In an intense competition involving over 2,000 students from 120 schools, our boys earned places in no less than thirteen A Finals (fastest 8 crews) and four B finals (next 8 fastest crews), an exceptional result that surpassed many schools who had two to three times as many rowers as well as hugely superior resources.

These results are testimony to their dedicated training commitment over the past six months. Without exception, each rower, under the able leadership of seniors **James Davidson** and **Liam Parker**, gave his all in both terms of effort on the water and as a Timaru Boys' ambassador. Well done boys - you have done us proud.

Results

4th U15 Coxed Four: Billy McCully, Will Davidson, William Light, Sam Wilson, Luke Goodger (Cox)

4th U18 Novice Double Sculls: Charlie Clemens, William Talbot

5th U16 Coxed Quad Sculls: Josh Wilson, Fletcher Joyce, Hamish Yeatman, Ben Bampton, Ben Wratt (Cox)

5th U18 Novice Coxed Four: Charlie Clemens, Quinn Gledhill, William Light, Sam Wilson, Zack Wilson (Cox)

5th Coxed Octuple Sculls: Billy McCully, Quinn Gledhill, Sam Wilson, Will Davidson, William Talbot, William Light, Ben Wratt, Zack Wilson, Luke Goodger (Cox)

6th U16 Coxed Four: Fletcher Joyce, Ben Bartlett, Hamish Yeatman, Ben Bampton, Ben Wratt (Cox)

7th U16 Double Sculls: Fletcher Joyce, Hamish Yeatman

7th U16 Single Sculls: Hamish Yeatman

8th U18 Single Sculls: Liam Parker

Medal Winners

In the U15 Double Sculls, Timaru Boys' High School occupied two thirds of the podium!

Bronze medals to William Talbot and Sam Wilson

Silver medals for Will Davidson and Billy McCully

The above four rowers, as a combined force in the U15 Coxed Quad Sculls, earned Silver medals, along with Cox, Ben Wratt

In the U18 Novice Coxed Quad Sculls, Bronze medals were awarded to Charlie Clemens, William Talbot, Quinn Gledhill, William Light and Cox, Zack Wilson.

Tour of New Zealand Update

Our cycling *Tour of New Zealand* boys are blitzing the field!

The team, consisting of **Hayden Jefferson**, **Thomas Allan**, **Sam Ritchie**, **Ollie Smith** and **Benji Ward** led the group of 150 riders across the finish line on Day 1 from Glenorchy to Queenstown.

Day 2, Hayden was in an early break over the Crown Range which managed to stay away and he managed an amazing 2nd place, while Sam, Benji and Thomas were in another breakaway which unfortunately was caught with 900m to go. Sam 4th, Ollie 5th, Benji 7th and Thomas 11th.

Day 3 saw Hayden Jefferson destroy the previous Wanaka to Omarama, (over the Lindis Pass) Record of 3:13.47, finishing the 114km stage in 3:02.08. Hayden was closely followed by Sam Ritchie.

Day 4, it was Sam Ritchie who broke away and won the stage from Mt Cook to Pukaki in a tight finish. The boys are getting great feedback on their representation of the school and are now set to complete the North Island legs, finishing with a criterium in Wellington on Saturday.

If you want to watch their progress over the 9 stages that take in 630km, they have a Facebook page: **Timaru Boys' High School Tour of New Zealand**.



Youth United Against Bullying



The YUAB March will take place on United Nations Anti-Bullying Day, 4 May, commencing downtown Stafford St and proceeding to Caroline Bay Soundshell.

Guest speakers at last week's Assembly outlined the purpose of the event which aims to support and empower youth to take a stand against bullying.

Pre Rally/March: 10:00am-11am Karakia and Kapa Haka opening ceremony with guest speakers

March: 11:00am-12:00pm

Post Rally/March: 12:00pm-12:30pm

Special Guest Speaker Maddie Grant of Sticks n Stones, Mayoral Representative Councillor Steve Wills, DJ

BBQ from 12:30pm

BBQ provided by Silver Ferns

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School Donations



A request for the school donation will be added to next month's student accounts. The following amounts have been set by the Board of Trustees for 2019:

\$170 (1 student), \$265 (2 students) and \$335 (3 students or more) with a \$12 donation to the PTA

We are most grateful for the very positive response from families to payment of this donation. In 2018 we received a generous \$ 54,000 from the school community.

The donation is used to support a wide range of activities for the boys including learning support, cultural visiting groups, school magazine, sport and arts activities to name but a few. If you have any queries regarding this donation, please phone Lynda Robinson on 687 7560 ext 705.