



TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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RECTOR'S MESSAGE



The seasons are shifting as the shadows get longer, and we finish Term 1 with productive starts across the curriculum, and winter's activities now beckoning the boys.

We farewell **Louis Russell** as he heads back to the UK. Louis joined us for Term 1 to help in the hostel and Outdoor Education, while here on his 'gap' year, after finishing at Winchester College in Hampshire. Since arriving, Louis has done a superb job in support of the boys and staff, and he will be missed. Also from our Winchester connection, **Shaun Rooney** departs soon for his season playing cricket for Winchester as 2017 recipient of the Mark Parker Memorial Scholarship. No doubt Shaun will find his time in this prestigious public school and its community enriching, and be looking to score some good innings, batting his way around the South East of England.

Since our previous Newsletter, boys competing in Swimming and Rowing have excelled at the national level. In Swimming, **Riley Taylor** and **Jack Sands** were impressive in Wellington. Riley swam in a challenging nine events to make six finals. He won three silver medals: one in the 1500m freestyle, where he also took 44 seconds off his personal best, one in the 400m freestyle, and one in the 200m freestyle; a magnificent effort all - round. Riley's times for two of his events were fast enough to earn New Zealand Swimming Development Squad selection. Jack also produced high quality performances. He swam in eight events and made four finals, with a silver medal in the 400m individual medley being his most pleasing result. At the Maadi Cup on Lake Karapiro, our Rowers achieved their best season since 2014 with two Bronze medal finishes. Following a dedicated and determined season of preparation and competition, it was wonderful for the staff, coaches, parents, and team, to all enjoy the bronze won by **Liam Parker** and **Harry Bampton** in the Under 18 Novice Double, and bronze won by **James Davidson** and **Jack Clayton** in the Under 16 Double Sculls. In a fiercely challenging week, these performances, like those of our swimmers, put our boys in the company of New Zealand's finest. Our school community is immensely proud of them all, and the other boys who did their best alongside them on or in the water.

As is our custom, this term has finished with an Anzac focus. At Assembly on 12 April we were treated to a special gifting from Ruth May and Sarah Entwistle, the daughters of recently deceased **Stewart Entwistle**. Ruth and Sarah presented a copy of Stewart's moving book: 'We Will Remember Them': Rolls of Honour. Stewart was a respected contributor to our archives over the last decade as a talented historian, and loyal Old Boy. In this Assembly, Year 12 **Connor Rabbidge**, also shared a captivating account from his research into the life of **Benjamin Hinds Howell**, who attended the school from 1912 – 15. Howell survived the carnage of Passchendaele in 1917 – New Zealand's worst military experience in The Great War. Howell's story is a remarkable one; especially his survival after mistaken entry into German trenches during the struggle. It was all the more special to have Benjamin's son, George, present at the Assembly to represent his father and family. The Howell's trace their TBHS origin back to 1887 when Benjamin's father, William, was a founding Board member 1887 – 1912; known affectionately as 'father of the school'. And we were fortunate to have **Noel Davies** as guest speaker at our traditional Anzac Service the next day. Noel spoke with the perspective of an ex-serviceman, and as one who recalled the strength of feeling generated by the Service, as experienced by him and his friends, while attending long ago.

On a final note, thank you to all the PTA parents, Old Boys' Association members, staff and boys, who made our Open Day on 19 March such a successful showcasing of the school's character and curriculum.

A busy term has passed and we continue to encourage the boys to give of their best to all learning and achievement, and to come back for Term 2 ready to take the initiative for further progress, with our support.

Nick McIvor
Scientia Potestas Est
Mā te Mātauranga te Mana

POWER Tools Day

Last Thursday 6 April, we held our first 2017 POWER tools day for our Year 12 students. POWER tools was introduced in 2016 in response to a need identified by staff and senior students for 'life skills' to be taught to our students. The name and content reflect the Timaru Boys' High School PB4L programme values, and key knowledge and skills for our students' futures.

The boys completed five rotations during the day which covered the topics summarised below.

Money 101: Bank accounts, credit cards and hire purchase

Insurance 101: Different types, why insure, jargon busters

Tyres 101: Changing a tyre

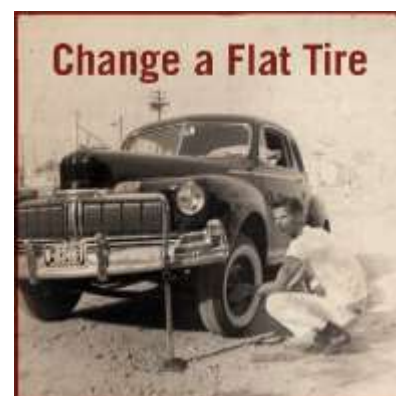
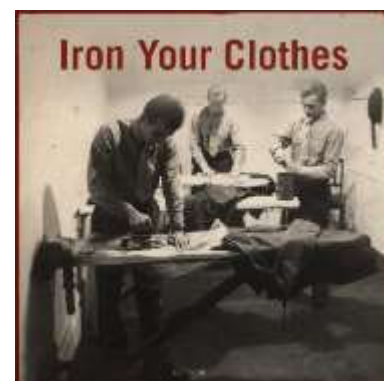
Money 102: Mortgages and investments

Man dress 101: How to iron a shirt and wardrobe essentials

The boys were requested to dress in interview-appropriate clothing and a significant number did this very well, generating some robust debate within 'Man dress 101'. If your son was involved in the POWER tools day, we encourage you to engage him in discussion about insurance, superannuation and mortgages from your perspective.

The boys have also been encouraged to change a tyre on a vehicle they may use now or in the future to develop confidence in this skill. We were also fortunate to receive outside expertise with Shane Dowling from Mainland Insurance and Don McFarlane from Timaru Budget Advisory Trust kindly providing their time and knowledge. We utilised the existing knowledge and enthusiasm from several school staff as well.

A second POWER tools day will be held late in Term 2 and will include content on legal matters, job seeking, taxation, men's health and other areas in which the boys have expressed a strong need. If you would be willing and able to contribute to our future POWER tools days, we would like to welcome you as part of our school community to do so. Please contact Blair Poulter (poulterbl@timaruboysschool.nz) or 687 7560, extn 713.



PB4L Silver Prize Draw

The school was delighted with the number of cards that were submitted for the first PB4L Silver draw of the year. These students have all showed the values we aspire to uphold in terms of being *Willing Participants Showing Pride, and having the Right Attitude* around the school and in classes.

Congratulations to the winners. There will be plenty of opportunity for others to gain rewards in the coming terms.

L to R: James Martin, Shane Fikken, Sung-Min Lee, Bailey Lissington
Absent: Oliver Irving



Senior Prize Winners	Prize	Junior Prize Winners	Prize
Sung-Min Lee (Yr 13)	\$40 Front Runner Voucher	James Martin (Yr 10)	Flip Out Voucher
Shane Fikken (Yr 12)	1mth Rok Fitness Voucher	Oliver Irving (Yr 9)	Flip Out Voucher
Bailey Lissington (Yr 11)	\$20 Warehouse Voucher		

SISS Athletics

The South Island Secondary Schools Athletics Championships were held in Dunedin in the first weekend of April. The weather was perfect over the three days, ideal for athletes to gain personal best performances. TBHS had 27 athletes who were selected from the Aoraki Athletic Sports but only 24 competed in the South Island Athletics, with the team consisting of a mixture of seniors and juniors. This year saw four TBHS 4 x 100m relay teams qualify but because of a lack of athletes, only the Under 15 and Senior teams were able to compete. We also entered a 4 x 400 senior team which consisted of representatives from all age groups. All relay teams made their respective finals and attained top five placings

Gaining eleven places – three x 1st, five x 2nd and 3 x 3rd placings, our combined results were the best we have had in a very long time and saw TBHS close with a ranking of 18th in the South Island. The standout Athletes were:

Thomas Valentine: 1 st U19 Hammer Throw (49.65m)	Quinn Motley: 2 nd U14 Discus (40.73m)
Ben Sewell: 1 st U16 High Jump (1.76m), 2 nd U16 Pole Vault (2.75m)	Jed Syme 2 nd U14 100m (12.25sec)
George Guerin: 1 st Open Steeple Chase (6min 26s)	William Valentine: 3 rd U19 Hurdles (18.48sec) and 3 rd Discus (40.65m)
Dean Andrews: 2 nd U16 Javelin (50.53m)	Bailey Gebbie: 2 nd U19 Triple Jump (12.69m)
Hayden McNulty: 3 rd Senior Javelin (49.16m)	

Most of the athletes achieved personal bests with many achieving top eight placings or finals including: George Copland 400m, Shannon Drake Shot Put, Ethan Griffin 200m, Darryl Hamilton Javelin, Liam Johnson Hammer and Discus, Xavier Judd Long Jump and Triple Jump, Maka Mafilo Shot Put, Michael Munro 3000m, Jack Powell 400m, Peter Rawlins Open Steeple Chase, William Rawlins 100m, 200m, 400, Shaun Reith Hurdles, Aleks Rempala Discus and Shot Put, Sam Richie 3000m and Hamish Yeatman 800m. These results are very pleasing, leaving us looking forward to the possibility of the South Island competition being held in Timaru in 2018.

Some athletes of the South Island team of 2017 have shown they have the ability and the potential to be very competitive at the Nationals at the end of the year.



Mobile Electronic Device (MED) Use

These procedures will be in effect from Term 2 onwards with a two week introduction period:

If students bring a MED to school, it is to be kept out of sight, switched off, and not used during class or form time.

MEDs are permitted

- In class at the discretion of the teacher for learning purposes.
- During break time or lunchtime.

If a student has a MED out in class when not permitted

- They will be warned that it will be confiscated if it is not put away immediately.
- If it is not put away immediately or there is a repetition, the student will be issued with a "Yellow Card" and the MED will be confiscated to be returned at the end of school.
- The MED will be returned at the end of the day by the teacher from the office.

Responsibility for MEDs

- If students bring MEDs to school they do so at their own risk.

Note

MEDs can include mobile phones, iPod, iPad, laptops, tablets etc.



ANTS Programme (Advanced and Naturally Talented Students)

Thursday 30 March provided an informative, exciting and extremely fun experience for the ANTS team, packed with great activities. The afternoon started very positively with a shared lunch provided by the school followed by presentations from Hayden McNulty, Tim Curry and Kit Sadler. These Year 13 students spent a week of their summer holidays at their chosen universities, taking part in the *Hands on Programme*. This programme is aimed at allowing students to experience what it is like to study at university.



Following this, we were challenged not only physically, but our engineering skills were also put to the test. The task was to build a catapult using only Popsicle sticks and rubber bands which would fire a single marshmallow as far as possible. Combining Junior and Senior minds was a winning combination as we had different input from both age groups.

Then there was a competitive orienteering game which involved Juniors and Seniors working together to answer a variety of questions, while running around madly, trying to complete the challenge in the shortest possible time. The questions ranged from school history to the colour of local street signs. After much blood, sweat and tears, (but mainly sweat!) we jumped straight into the next task.

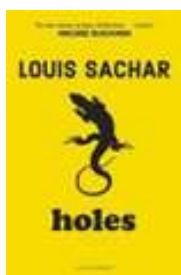
To finish the afternoon, students were given a short fictional story and had to identify and solve problems based around the plot. Again, teamwork was key to completing this challenge.

The POWER values were put to very good use in all challenges. All in all, this was a very successful afternoon which involved a lot of laughter, collaboration and bonding between Junior and Senior students. A big thank you to all staff involved in organising this great event!

Literacy Corner



In 2017 we are continuing to foster continual improvement of our students' Literacy. We ask that you ask about your son's reading and encourage them to read regularly at home. The following are some recommendations from the Library that have been popular with Y9 and 10 students.



Holes by Louis Sachar

Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake) he is not surprised. Every day he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole, five foot wide by five foot deep, reporting anything they find. The evil warden claims that it is character building, but this is a lie and Stanley must dig up the truth.

Enemy Camp by David Hill



It's 1942, and the tiny farming town of Featherston is about to receive hundreds of Japanese soldiers into its prisoner-of-war camp. Ewen, whose dad is a guard there, can't stop wondering about the enemy just down the road. Some say the captives are evil and cruel and should be treated harshly - or shot. But when Ewen and his friends ride out to the camp to peep through the barbed wire, the POWs just seem like ...well, people. Then a new group from a captured warship arrives and the mood in the camp darkens. Guards and inmates begin to clash.

In Term 2 we have 19 students from Y12 that have volunteered for the Peer Reading Programmes we are running at Bluestone and at our own school on Thursdays. These students are definitely showing a commitment to the school values through being willing participants.

National Secondary Schools Mountain Biking Championships

Held in Rotorua's fantastic Whakarewarewa Forest, two of our fastest XC racers who have been training hard all year, headed off to ride the fast pumice tracks.

Although only aged 17 years, **Cathal Guiney** competed in the U20 section which bodes well for next year's aim of bettering his time. Riding 27.5 kms in a field of 26 riders, Cathal came in an impressive 6th.

Hayden Jefferson competed in the U17, riding four laps making for a 22km course, and came in at 5th place from a field of 36 riders.

Winner 1.0'.24" - Hayden 1.1'.31"



Cathal Guiney and Hayden Jefferson

2017 Maadi Cup

Contributed by Tim Hepburn 2016/2017 Rowing Captain

Timaru Boys' rowers exceeded all expectations at the recent Maadi Cup competition, bagging two bronze medals and securing a number of A finals and top ten finishes.

Our squad of 21 travelled to Lake Karapiro near Cambridge for the competition which brought together over 2000 rowers, representing 126 secondary schools from around the country.

The week began with a parade through the streets of Cambridge before crews hit the water for six days of intense competition in sometimes difficult weather conditions.

The first two days were for heats and repercharges where the boats battled it out for quarter-final, semi-final and final positions. Our crews made 4 A finals and 6 B finals with many unlucky to miss out after close and exciting racing.

Friday was the first day of finals and TBHS broke its 3 year Maadi drought with a bronze medal to Liam Parker and Harry Bampton in the Under 18 Novice Double. On Saturday Jack Clayton and James Davidson also made the podium for a bronze in the Under 16 Double. Lightweight crews were unlucky not to feature in the medals after fourth place finishes in the quad and double events.



Liam Parker and Harry Bampton



James Davidson and Jack Clayton in action

2016 Achievers Rewarded

On Monday 10 April Mr Miller and Mr Bennison took a group of twelve Year 10 students out to Richard Pearce Airport for a fly around Timaru. The group of students were young achievers who were nominated at the end of last year for showing a great attitude to all our Power Values.

The day would not have been possible if it weren't for the support of the four pilots that took the boys into the air. Those pilots were Chris Elworthy, Syd McAuley, Graeme Brown and Don Ross and the school really appreciate them giving up their time and aircraft to do this.

The boys involved were George Squires, William Snuggs, Quinn Motley, Lucas Wood, Eddie Keating, Robert Chapman, Rhyen Mitchell, Tama Parker, Shay Young, Jack Fulton, Jamie Napier and Josh Wilson.



Board of Trustees Update



Board Profile: Shane Edwards, Chairperson Hostel Committee

Welcome to autumn! Married to Mindy, I have one daughter attending Timaru Girls' High School and three sons who have attended TBHS and Thomas House Hostel (one son is a current boarder).

I am passionate that all young men are ready for employment, be this at the age of 15 to 18, or after attaining one of the many degrees or tertiary qualifications that are available. As a school we must strive to assist parents, caregivers and communities to ensure all young people are well-grounded and prepared for the lifelong learning that is necessary in today's rapidly changing world.

My understanding of strategic planning assists me in my role as a Parent Representative on the Board of Trustees; I am appreciating the opportunity of being a part of this team who work together to make sure that Timaru Boys' continues to equip all students with solid academic learning and life skills.

2017 Age Group National Swimming Championship



Last week TBHS had four boys attending this event in Wellington. It is extremely difficult to qualify for this so the four qualifiers, Riley Taylor, Campbell Lindblom, Jack Sands and Matthew Moore, are to be congratulated firstly for making the cut.

Riley Taylor had an amazing meet. He swam in nine events and made six finals. He gained three silver medals: one in the 1500m freestyle where he took an amazing **44 seconds** off his personal best time, one in the 400m freestyle and one in the 200m freestyle. He also finished in sixth place in the 400m individual medley. Riley's times for two of his events were fast enough to gain entry into the New Zealand Swimming Development Squad – a wonderful effort.

Jack Sands also produced some high quality performances, swimming in eight events and gaining places in four finals. He gained a silver medal in the 400m individual medley followed by a fourth in the 1500m freestyle, eighth in the 100m backstroke and tenth in the 400m freestyle.

Matthew Moore swam in five events and made three finals. He gained a fifth in the 400m individual medley, an eighth in the 200m medley and a ninth in the 200m butterfly. While Campbell Lindblom swam in the 400m freestyle.

Congratulations to all four boys.

From the Deputy Rector, Mr Stevenson.....

Conferencing

Whole school conferencing will take place on Friday 5 May. On that day all students will meet with their conferencing teacher, who is their form teacher, for 15 minutes with their parents or caregivers. Students only need to come in for their conferencing time. Times will be sent out. Boys are required to wear uniform.

Senior Examinations

- These take place in Term Two Week Three Wednesday 17 May – Friday 19 May.
- All students with examination based subjects will have examinations on these days. If students do not have an examination in a slot, they do not need to be at school. Students will be able to study at school.
- There will be three exam sessions per day: 9am-11am, 11.30-1.30pm, 2pm-4pm. Students will be told how long their examination will last by their teacher.
- 11BN will remain at school on those days.



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.



Courtesy when collecting Students

Parents are asked to be courteous in vehicles when collecting students from school – please refrain from parking/stopping on yellow lines or in front of driveways.



The AGM of the TBHS PTA saw the election of the following officers:

Chair: Lee Lindbom
Vice Chair: Bernadine Reynolds
Secretary: Wendy Helliwell
Treasurer: Kathryn Bampton

Free Money.....



There is a wide range of scholarships available for students continuing on with study in the workplace and at polytechnics and universities.

TBHS pays an annual subscription to enable our students to access a national database of scholarships. These scholarships are not just based on academic ability and many have some surprising criteria. A good use of study periods for Y13's would be to check this link out.

<http://generosity.org.nz/giv-me/>

Unfortunately this link is only accessible from the school network.
 Start the search, there is something for everyone!



Rotary Youth Exchange

Opportunities are available now!! If you would like to learn more about RYE, contact your local Rotary Club or District Chair at: www.rotary.org.nz

Information available at the Student Office.



TBHS CALENDAR Term 2 2017

(Please check the Google Calendar on our website for up-to-date information)

13 April	ANZAC Service 2:00pm	29 May–2 June ARTS WEEK	
13 April	Final Day Term 1	30 May	Canterbury Cross Country
01 May	Term 2 Commences	01 June	Year 9 Information Evening
10 May	Cross Country	05 June	Queen’s Birthday
11 May	Canterbury Road Race	07 June	Aoraki Cross Country
12 May	Aoraki Golf	13 June	STAC Winter Exchange (Home and Away)
16 May	CBHS Winter Exchange (Home)	14 June	Aoraki Cycling
17-19 May	Senior Exams	22 June	OBHS Winter Exchange (Away)
23-26 May	TGHS/TBHS Production: <i>Back to the 80s</i>	28 June	Aoraki Basketball

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