



TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Since our previous Newsletter, *Jesse Drake* has been awarded Dux and *Alex Duthie* Proxime Accessit for 2015 at Senior Prizegiving, two marvellous accomplishments. We congratulate both of these young men for finishing their Boys' High careers at the very top of our academic performance with results that demonstrate copious will and skill. They can now look forward confidently to tertiary study here or abroad, and commencing their ensuing careers. All our high achievers have lifted the rigour and reach of so many lessons in which they participated.

Looking back on 2015, we encourage each boy to reflect; to identify instances when his learning happened well; to identify the times when opportunities were not taken fully. If he can distinguish the two clearly, including reasons for their disparity, he's already on the right path. His challenge becomes one of staying on the right path while also improving the journey along the way.

In a recent Assembly, the boys were directed to a set of questions to support their reflection and self-awareness. The exact same questions were put to Year 10 about the same time in 2014 while still in Year 9; all were arranged around a simple, central question: **How well have you progressed this year?**

To 'unpack' this, each boy was encouraged to consider:

- Have I made new friendships? Have I looked after my friends? Have I shown respect for people – including those who are not necessarily my friends? Have I helped others to do things without having to be asked? Have I led others and with what success? Have I been a good communicator? A good contributor? Have I been honest with staff, students, parents and myself?
- Have I respected the school? Have I shown pride in my conduct, appearance, attitude, and in myself? Did I pick up a new hobby or interest? Did I represent the school, and if so, did I do it well? Have I played my part in maintaining our traditions?
- Have I gained important new knowledge and skills? Have I added good things to lessons? Have I done the best with my own time to achieve the best during school time? Have I gone outside my 'comfort zone' long enough to adapt and grow? Did my subject results reflect my actual ability? Overall, have I progressed to the best of my ability?

If their answers to most of these questions were authentically in the affirmative, it suggests a year to be cherished. If not, if answered mainly in the negative, it indicates where future growth and achievement is waiting to be activated. The vast majority of our boys sit undoubtedly in the former rather than the latter group. Our challenge is to bring the best of the Boys' High experience to all our boys, so the first group expands while the second one continues to shrink.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Have a fantastic Summer. Come back safe and well and ready to join us in the education of the boys again in 2016.

Nick McIvor
Scientia Potestas Est
Mā te Mātauranga te Mana

THE RITE JOURNEY



The Rite Journey at Timaru Boys' High School continues to offer all Year 10 boys significant support and guidance as students transition from juniors to seniors in a time of their life that can pose difficult challenges. Given the current lack of rites of passage in the Western World, young people are left to invent their own, which are often unhealthy and unsafe. The Rite Journey reinvents the traditional process of a Rite of Passage to assist in transforming boys from dependency to responsibility. The boys have just completed the final challenge of their journey which involves a 20 hour solo at Peel Forest. The successful completion of this solo symbolises the boy's ability to be resilient, respectful and responsible.

Throughout the Rite Journey year, the students have had to complete a range of social, emotional and physical challenges. – The *Hadlow to Harbour*, *Class Sing off* and *Clash of the Class Haka* are examples of these and are all designed to push boys outside their comfort zone.

The year-long programme raises boys' awareness of issues that they may currently be facing as well as providing them with the skills and understanding that are required to navigate their way through beginning adulthood. Through conversations with the classes, Rite Journey teachers discuss a wide range of topics from dealing with change, emotions and relationships to future aspirations and bush craft. Many parents will be giving their boys the same messages and the programme is designed to reinforce positive messages they receive from home. The more adult connections a student can have through this transition, the less the risk of a negative outcome.

In 2015 the boys have had a range of internal and external support. These have included **"Attitude"** and **Grant Lord** who presented issues around drugs and alcohol; **Blair Poulter** (Careers Advisor) who provided boys with important careers information; **Tony Bunting** (School Counsellor) who discussed issues surrounding pornography; **Keri Brown** (Timaru Police) presented the facts around sex and the law; **Linda Merrilees**, (Public Health Nurse) through our health programme, is an important part of conveying messages around sexuality education; **Reon Nolan** (NZ representative cyclist) shared his inspirational story of how his life spiralled out of control and led to stints in jail and failed rehab attempts before he picked up a bike and finally felt like he was an insider, not an outsider. **Josh South** will also share his story with the boys after the completion of their Solo.

If a student successfully completes the Rite Journey they receive their Timaru Boys' High School Rite Journey badge - a very important addition to the senior blazer.

The following are contributions from 10NL

- ❖ *For me, the Solo was a new experience, one which I enjoyed lots as it gave me time to think about what to do next. The solitude was good, making it easy to think, with plenty to do and also gave me some time to read.*
- ❖ *My experience on the Solo was something I had been looking forward to and waiting for. A moment to get away from everything, time to reflect on yourself and your life. Over the time of the Solo I would think about how lucky I am to be getting this opportunity to really get out of the virtual world without going back, and really exploring the real world - time to cut down branches of the over grown bush, clear pathways and let out all that energy. You'd be surprised how much time you really get to yourself. This is the highlight of my year and Rite Journey. Passing this earns you your badge, an opening to more opportunities in life. Really cherish this time you have as you may never get it again. Don't ruin it for everyone else. I'm glad I can say I did it for my teacher Mr Nelson.*



Josh Reynolds (10MF) setting up camp



Bryn Houghton settling in for the night

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Later this month, students from Social Studies class 9BA will be visiting the South Canterbury Museum to attend a special presentation by historian and collector Malcolm Brady on the contribution animals have made in major conflicts around the world. Earlier this year senior students (pictured below) attended presentations by Mr Brady that focused on World Wars 1 and 2. At the conclusion of these individual classes, students were able to handle artefacts from these periods in history.



Students of 9BA are currently researching their own choices of animals that include horses, camels, dogs, pigeons, monkeys, mules, dolphins and even reindeer. As a result of research these students are learning that dogs became spies, pigeons carried messages, dolphins were trained to find underwater bombs, and even glow-worms helped to light soldiers' maps at night and illuminate the trenches. Horses have been associated with warfare for thousands of years, 9BA are also including details of the horses that were sent from Timaru during World War 1 on their wall charts. The South Canterbury Museum has expressed an interest in displaying students' work at the conclusion of this project.

THANK YOU FROM OUR PTA

A huge thank you is extended to the school community for the support given to the PTA for their 8th Annual Fireworks Bonanza and Gala Night.

Held on Friday 30 October, the fine weather saw an increase in the number of attendees over the previous year and takings are looking good to date!

We are very reliant on having a great team of helpers; our thanks go to the boys, teachers and parents who were involved.

We are very appreciative to the TDC and Alpine Energy our two principal sponsors, and to all the businesses listed below who contributed in some way to making the Fireworks Bonanza and Gala a very successful event. This level of community good will is very heartening.



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PB4L EARLY BIRD ATTENDANCE SYSTEM



Over time we have seen an increasing number of students who struggle to arrive at school on time. In response to this, the PB4L Committee has been trialling a new initiative with the juniors this term called the *Early Bird System*. Students are required to be lined up outside their form room by 8:45am. If they arrive between 8:45am and 8:55am they are marked "late" on the attendance register. When a student arrives after 8:55am without a valid explanation, they must report into the Student Office for processing though

the *Early Bird System* and are issued with an *Early Bird Detention*. This means they must complete a detention 8:10am to 8:30am the following morning with the Deans. As a school we believe that being on time is an essential life skill that students must learn - your support would be greatly appreciated.

AU REVOIR!

Au revoir and bon voyage to **Ryan Davis, Jason Hodgett, Thomas Bell, James Bell, Bailey Whitnack** and **Libby Melhopt** who will be spending their summer break in the south of France in Montpellier on the senior French exchange.

Travelling to the other side of the world for a two month exchange with Lycée Jean Jaures, a High School in Montpellier, has become a regular event on the TBHS calendar. We appreciate the efforts of **Ms Susie Matheson** and the hospitality of families in France that contribute to making this a successful Exchange.



FOODS DEPARTMENT

An eagerly anticipated annual event on the Year 10 Foods calendar is the Asian food cooking competition which tests the boys' skill levels and creativity.

This year saw the boys participate in a *Chinese MasterChef Challenge*, judged by Aoraki Polytechnic Cookery and Hospitality tutor, Steve Le Corre. The competition was fierce with an extremely high standard of proficiency exhibited by the boys. Congratulations to the winners!

L to R: Ethan Bowmar (1st), James Watt (3rd) and Tyler Sparks (2nd)

CHANGES TO TBHS UNIFORM



A new PE uniform (pictured right) is to be introduced to Timaru Boys' High School in 2016 along with a new school jacket (pictured left). All incoming Year 9 students will be required to wear the new uniform with the remainder of the school transitioning to the new uniform through a "phase in" period.

PE shorts can also be used for rugby while the school jacket will double as the Timaru Boys' High School sports jacket. Individual sports will no longer require separate jackets. These changes are being introduced to create uniformity and as a cost saving measure for parents.

The new uniforms are able to be purchased/ordered through the Student Office. Prices are as follows:

School Jacket	\$95
Tee Shirt (PE Uniform)	\$45
Polo Shirt (PE Uniform)	\$48
PE Shorts	\$39



If you have any queries please contact Gary Ivamy on 687 7560 ext 702; Mob 027 315 6514 or ivamyga@timaruboysschool.nz

YEAR 13 LEAVERS' DINNER



The Year 13 Leavers' Dinner is to be held on Wednesday 2 December at the Seven Oaks Reception Centre, 64 Wai-iti Rd, Timaru. All Year 13 students and their caregivers have been invited to attend. The last day for confirming your attendance is Friday 27 November. Please phone Lynda in the Student Office on 687 7560 ext 705.

SPORTS NEWS

AORAKI MOUNTAIN BIKING CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday 19 September saw eight of our students head out to Raincliff to compete in both Cross Country and Downhill sections of the Aoraki Mountain Biking Championships. **Hayden Jefferson** came 2nd in the U15 cross country race and **Sam Ritchie** 4th on a demanding and fast paced course with lots of mud and slippery climbs.

The Downhill race was a long punishing course more suited to enduro bikes rather than Downhill. **Shaun Barclay** came 2nd in the U19, and his brother **Liam Barclay** took out 2nd place in the U15 Downhill, with **Bryn Rogers** finishing 3rd and **Ollie Love** 4th.

Jefferson went on to ride the South Island Course in Forrester Park in Dunedin to finish 5th in the U15 Cross Country.

Term Four has seen some exiting races for the MTB club. Two enduro races in Dunedin over October/November gave the boys a taste of racing that was different to the norm, with fast downhill sections interspersed with untimed rolling transitions. **Shaun Barclay** won the U21 section. To finish the year our junior team of **Liam Barclay**, **Cadell Tomkinson** and **Sam Ritchie** won their age group of the local six hour endurance cross country race held in the Scenic Reserve.

AORAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPORTS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following boys won awards in their sections at the Aoraki Secondary Schools Sports awards which were held recently. These awards honour the students who are the very best in the region for their sport.



Nick Frame
Inline Speed
Skating



Cameron Ellis
Indoor Bowls



Shaun Coles
Hockey



Tom Talaroa
Lawn Bowls



James Watt
Tennis



Da Tong Ong
Table Tennis

HOLIDAY READING - TBHS LIBRARY

This year we are allowing the boys to borrow library books over the summer holidays to encourage their reading and help prepare them for next year.

The boys can borrow up to six books and can choose from any section of the library. The books will be issued on a first come first served basis so if there is any book that your son particularly wants to borrow, tell him to get in quick!



PARENT HELP REQUIRED.....

The English Department is requiring assistance from the parent body to help with the covering of books. A number of class sets have been purchased to supplement and update available resources for our boys. If you can help with this task, please email Mrs Ella Wright on wrightel@timaruboy.school.nz

STUDENT ALLOWANCES/LOANS

It's a date
Apply by 16 December.

studylink.govt.nz



Year 13 students who plan on tertiary study next year are strongly encouraged to apply for their Student Allowance or Loan by 16 December.

StudyLink expects around 180,000 students to apply for their Student Allowance or Loan for the 2016 academic year.

Applying by 16 December means StudyLink can get everything sorted so that the student receives their funding from the start of their course.

Students don't need to have their NCEA results or have locked down all their plans in order to apply. Their application can be updated as things are confirmed. It's more important to allow enough time for all the steps in the application process to be completed.

When applying for a Student Allowance or Loan for the first time, students need to prove their identity. This can be done online by signing up for a RealMe verified identity.

Students can find out more about applying for a student loan and allowance on the StudyLink website. Pop a reminder in your calendar, or even better – go straight to studylink.govt.nz to apply now.

**NEW!
WEBSITE!**

TBHS WEBSITE UPDATE

Our website has been upgraded!!! Check it out at timaruboysschool.nz/

Scroll to the bottom of the home page to link to the School Calendar, Parent Portal and Enrolment information.



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2016 Commencement Details

Years 12 and 13: please bring your NCEA results to Course Confirmation

Monday 25 January	School Office Opens		
Wednesday 27 January	Student office Opens		
Monday 1 February	Year 13 Course Confirmation	10:00am – 12:00pm	
Tuesday 2 February	Year 12 Course Confirmation	10:00am – 12:00pm	Surnames A-M
	Year 12 Course Confirmation	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Surnames N-Z
Wednesday 3 February	Years 11/12/13	9:00am – 10:30am	
	Year 10	11:00am – 12:00pm	
	Year 9	1:00pm - 3:00pm	

Thursday 4 February School commences for ALL Students at 8:45am



2ND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Saturday 12 December 2015

9:00am-11:00am

Clean tidy uniforms you wish to sell can be left at the Student Office any time before Friday 11 December 2015. Please have all items labelled with your name, address and phone number. The PTA will price your items for you - please indicate if you want your goods returned after the sale or donated to the PTA to sell in the uniform shop. Unsold clothes will be donated to the PTA unless otherwise stated (unless collected before Term 2, 2016)

We will sell blazers and jerseys throughout the year on your behalf in the uniform shop but we currently have a large stock of shorts and shirts. The PTA Committee charge 20% commission for selling the uniforms and cheques for uniforms sold will be posted out the week after the sale.

Please direct any queries to Lynda in the Student Office or contact Fiona Bowmar on 027 235 5142.



PTA 2nd HAND SPORTS GEAR SALE

Wanted: Second hand sports gear or outdoor gear for a Monster Second Hand Sports Gear Sale that the Timaru Boys' High School PTA are planning on running early in 2016.

We would gratefully accept any boots, balls, bats, sticks, bags, jackets, clothing or any other sports and outdoor gear from any sports or outdoor recreation that is in good saleable condition. This is a great chance to clean out drawers and cupboards at home over the school holidays and help out others with second hand gear.

Gear can be dropped into the Student Office or Thomas House Office during school term or during the school holidays, can be dropped at Ken Wills Furniture or Dee Street Physio, 9 Dee Street Timaru.

Any queries, please phone Sue Wills on 614 8801 to organise drop off or pick up.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ☺



TBHS CALENDAR Term 4 2015 – Term 1 2016

2 Dec	Leavers' Dinner	8 February	Waitangi Dday (Holiday)
4 Dec	Junior Prizegiving	9 February	Powhiri
7 Dec	Junior Conferencing	10 February	Year 9 Parent Information Evening
7 Dec	Last day of school	16-17 February	Otago Boys' HS Summer Exchange
26-29 January	Peer Support Camp	17 February	Aoraki Tennis
1 February	Year 13 Course Confirmation	18 February	Swimming Sports
2 February	Year 12 Course Confirmation	22 February	Year 9 Camp [1]
3 February	All classes at school	23 February	Athletics Day