



TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

www.timaruboysschool.nz

Issue 10

November 2017

RECTOR'S MESSAGE



Congratulations to **Ryan Greenslade** for being appointed Head Boy for 2018. We know Ryan will do his utmost to honour the position and to discharge its duties effectively in support of students, staff and our wider community. Ryan is joined by **Mac Edwards** and **Tyler Sparks**, each as Deputy Head Boy, and **James Watt**, our newly appointed Head of House. These four Prefect Leaders are in the company of 13 other promising prefects readying themselves for the opportunities and challenges ahead. The announcement of these four positions for the first time at Senior Prizegiving, rather than in the following year, added a special dimension to the event. It represented a 'changing of the guard', as each incumbent from 2017 presented the badge personally to the young man soon to occupy his role. Our current prefects have served the school very well this year and so a strong lead can be taken from them by those soon to serve. In Senior Prizegiving, over 140 boys were celebrated for their academic achievements. We were reminded of just how diverse not only the boys are but the nature of learning itself - given the range of the subjects in which they excelled. While we work hard to develop important well – roundedness in our boys, academic achievement, working to the best of individual ability, remains the primary focus. Each commitment to a course of new learning is a commitment to a successful future.

At the apex of attainment **Louis Low** was announced 2017 Dux, and **Hamish Dunbar** Proxime Accessit; each a tremendous achievement and wonderful personal affirmation. It was our pleasure to host Old Boy **David Rendall** for the ceremony, visiting from Swaziland where he resides. David, as guest speaker, shared his perspective on the qualities of 'good men'; a perspective tempered by 35 years' experience in Not – For – Profit work in the Developing World, including with the United Nations, helping people to learn to farm to feed themselves, to subsist, and to overcome significant local barriers.

We welcomed the 2018 Year 9 last week; those in the hostel having their first overnight stay. All new boys, day and hostel, completed some baseline testing and first induction over a morning. We can see that there are a lot of fantastic young men coming through, whom we also enjoyed meeting during the interviewing last term and now look forward to bringing into the fold increasingly from here.

Thank you to the PTA for its organisation of the tremendous Fireworks Display on 29 October. It was a striking spectacle made all the more atmospheric by timely arrival of thick fog that shrouded the stadium in mystery just before ignition. This created quite a dramatic stage effect as our explosions came to us through the ether!

Nick McIvor
Scientia Potestas Est
Mā te Mātauranga te Mana

Senior Prizegiving

What an exceptional night we had on 31 October as we farewelled our fine young Year 13 students, and celebrated another successful year at senior level.

Congratulations to **Louis Low** who was announced as the 2017 Dux, along with **Hamish Dunbar** achieving the Proxime Accessit award.

2018 Senior Leaders

A change to tradition saw the announcing of 2018 school prefects and leaders at this year's Senior Prizegiving. Congratulations to the following young men on their selection:



DUX OF SCHOOL 2017
LOUIS LOW



PROXIME ACCESSIT 2017
HAMISH DUNBAR



HEAD BOY 2018
Ryan Greenslade



DEPUTY HEAD BOY 2018
MAC EDWARDS



DEPUTY HEAD BOY 2018
TYLER SPARKS



HEAD OF HOUSES 2018
JAMES WATT

Art Department Update.....

Folio Time

Senior Art students have been busy over the three levels in Visual Art, preparing their external folios ready for assessment. They cover Level 1 requirements where more than one media is required, Level 2 with Painting and Photography subjects and in Level 3, Painting, Photography and Sculpture projects are undertaken.

Most of the folios will travel to Wellington to be marked by a panel of expert and experienced teachers. The results of the marking process will be known in the New Year when the students get their results of their external exams. Good luck boys!



Staff Mural

Late Term 3, school staff (including all 72 teaching and support staff) were presented with a 15 cm square canvas to decorate. Drawn onto the canvas were light and dark areas that the staff had to adhere to; other than that they had free reign to express their creativity. The combination of the individual canvases will make up an overall design. When completed they will be mounted as one work and placed on permanent display in the library.



The motivation for this work arose because of staff being disappointed that there wasn't a staff challenge during this year's *Arts Week*. Look for an update on the completed art work!!

South Island Mountainbiking Championships

2017 saw our largest team attend the South Island MTB Championships in many years. For three days during the third term holidays, twelve of our boys slid through some muddy hillsides as Dunedin turned on its “liquid sunshine” for us. The 280 participating riders rode in three distinctly different races.

The **Downhill** races were first up, an event that saw our riders on Signal Hill scream down treacherously steep, slippery slopes at death defying speed, “huck” some huge jumps, and shred through massive rock gardens. Timaru Boys’ had three riders in this highly skilled event, and **Liam Barclay** took 2nd place in the under 20 boys’ event.

Next up was the **Super D**, an enduro style of Mountainbiking that still boasts some tricky downhill riding, combined with a little pedalling. **Cadell Tompkinson** took a 3rd in the under 17 boys, and we had many other impressive rides in fields of around 30 for each age group.

The final day of racing was the fast paced **XC** (Cross Country) racing, and with conditions drying out, the track was fast and tacky. **Hayden Jefferson** took line honours in the under 17 boys’, and **Sam Ritchie** (pictured right) came in 4th.

Overall, out of the 70 schools entered, Timaru Boys’ came an impressive 6th overall. With the large Timaru Boys’ gazebo set-up at the finish line (thank you PTA☺) our own bike mechanic (thanks **Chris Barclay** ☺), a free bike van (thanks **James at The Cyclery** ☺), mums and dads helping with food, transport etc, we felt and looked like the best set-up school by far, generating a real team buzz that attracted many to our site (mainly the girls wanting to hang-out with our fine mannered boys!). Roll on 2018!



Thomas House News

2018 Year 9 Intake

Our 2018 Year 9 boarders stayed a night in the House last week, giving an opportunity for them to all meet up and have a wee taste of boarding before they arrive officially to start next year.

Cameron Gibb (Housemaster) and the **Senior Prefects** for 2018 took these young men down to the gym for a couple of hours of fun and activities, providing a great time of playing games and getting to know each other.



2018 Thomas House Leaders

We have named our Thomas House Senior Student Leaders for 2018. Head Boarder is **Mac Edwards**, Deputy Head Boarders are **Ryan Greenslade** and **James Watt** and Prefects are **Shane Fikken**, **Will Pudney** and **Cathal Guiney**. Congratulations to these young men and we look forward to working alongside them next year.

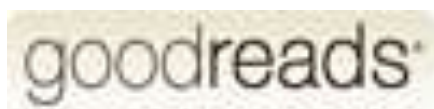
L to R: Cathal Guiney, Shane Fikken, James Watt, Mac Edwards, Ryan Greenslade, Will Pudney.



From the Library.....eBooks and Holiday Reading

Students can now access eBooks through the website <https://timaruboy.wheelers.co/>. Students can go to this website from home, use their KAMAR login and password and have access to over 1,000 books for free which they can view or download to their phones through the wheelers app.

On the site we have created recommendation lists with suitable texts for NCEA Level 1 and 2 personal reading responses so students can start working towards their English course over the holidays.



For further suggestions about what books students can be reading for English at Level 1, 2 and 3 (possibly as Christmas presents) look at the library's GoodReads page and choose the appropriate tag: <https://www.goodreads.com/review/list/71168248?shelf>

As usual, students will be allowed to take out books for the summer holidays provided they have no overdue books on their account at the end of the year. Students can check to see what books the school library has available and check their accounts through the school catalogue available at:

<http://kamar.timaruboy.school.nz/athenaeum/index.php>

For further help around reading suggestions or eBooks, contact the library.



English Department.....Reading over the Christmas Break

This year we are asking all Year 10 students going into Year 11 in 2018, and Year 11 students going into Year 12, to have an extended text to read over the holidays. We are asking parents and caregivers for their help in ensuring their sons read these books as we are going to start our year in 2018 with a *Personal Response Assessment*. An extended text could be fiction or non-fiction that is long enough to read over a reasonable period of time. They should also be suitable for Level One or Two English NCEA.

Year 11 students will have been sent an email from the Library with website links for suggestions for reading, plus what is available on eBooks through the school. Year 10 students will be emailed before the end of the year. Books can be taken out from the school library for the holidays and don't forget that the Timaru District Library or any Library near you, will have some fantastic reads for the holidays. Books also make wonderful Christmas presents!! The English Department appreciate your support in encouraging reading throughout the year but especially over the Christmas holiday. Happy reading.

The PB4L Committee and TBHS staff has had a very busy and productive year continuing to develop the **POWER** values in which the school takes pride.

In 2017 our particular focus has been on wearing the school uniform with *Pride*, and what *Our Responsibility* looks like in practice around the school on a daily basis. Recently we had the Gold Draw for those students who had submitted their Gold Cards and were really pleased with the number of cards that were entered. The draw took place before the seniors departed on exam leave and was received with much hype and anticipation. The results are as follows:

NO.	NAME	PRIZE
JUNIOR		
13 th	Will Davidson	Jamoji Bluetooth Speaker – value \$49
12 th	Nathan Harbutt	Lithium Polymer Power Bank – value \$59
11 th	David Edh	Lithium Polymer Power Bank – value \$59
10 th	Alazae Holden	AMPD Waterproof & Floating speaker – value \$99.99
9 th	Oliver Irving	Soda Stream Bonus – value - \$129.00
8 th	Dan Patterson	Marley Chant Portable Audio System – value \$139
7 th	Jack Miles	Soda Stream Play – value \$149.99
6 th	Dominic Coleman	UE Wonderboom Portable Speaker – value \$169.99
5 th	Thames Corbett	Huawei Fit watch – value \$197
4 th	Jared Davies	UE Boom2 wireless Speaker – value \$228.99
3 rd	Taylor Rhodes	Pioneer Wireless Stereo headphones – value \$229.99
2 nd	Zac Wilson	Lenovo Tablet 4 – value \$239
1 st	James Martin	Panasonic 32" LED Smart TV – value \$487
SENIOR		
12 th	Cam Anderson	Jamoji Bluetooth Speaker – value \$49
11 th	Christian Leathers	Lithium Polymer Power Bank – value \$59
10 th	Jonathan Garner	Extra Bass Stereo Headphones – value \$99.99
9 th	Farran Landers	Marley bluetooth headphones - \$129.99
8 th	Charlie Martin	Soda Stream Bonus – value - \$129.00
7 th	Cathal Guiney	Soda Stream Play – value \$149.99
6 th	Louis Low	UE Wonderboom Portable Speaker – value \$169.99
5 th	Laurence Carter	Huawei Fit watch – value \$197
4 th	Tyler Sparks	Samsung Gear Fit2 Sports Band – value \$197.99
3 rd	Liam Johnston	UE Boom2 wireless Speaker – value \$228.99
2 nd	Hamish Dunbar	Pioneer Wireless Stereo headphones – value \$229.99
1 st	Harry Cloake	Panasonic 32" LED Smart TV – value \$487

Most Cards

Junior

- **1st - Dan Patterson** – on his 21st Gold Card - \$40 Whitcoull's voucher
- **2nd Nathan Harbutt** – on his 18th Card - \$15 U-Bake & McDonalds voucher

Senior

- **1st Blake Horton** – on his 15th card - \$40 Whitcoull's voucher
- **2nd Christian Leathers** – on his 14th card - \$40 Frontrunner voucher

Timaru Boys' High School and the PB4L Committee would like to thank **Noel Leeming** and all the other sponsors who have supported our efforts throughout the year as you have enabled TBHS to successfully promote the positive behaviours we expect of our students.





Update from our Old Boys' Association.....

As I type out this newsletter and look out occasionally at the brilliant Hawkes Bay sunshine, I have to tell you I have confession to make – I'm thoroughly enjoying my involvement with the Timaru Boys' High School Old Boys' Association! I have met so many of my contemporaries from decades ago and I've met several Old Boys that are new to me. There are so many dedicated people out there who are very interested in the progress of the school and in the "school beyond the gates".

General

The Gillies Project has been completed and the view of the front of the school now looks fantastic. The Administration Block now blends in with the Memorial Library, particularly the orange roof tiles, so now we have a really professional building that everyone can be proud of.

The Thomas House Redevelopment project is making good progress and it is hoped that construction will start in the New Year. **Colin Murdoch's** team have put hours of work into this \$3.2 million project and they have prepared a really comprehensive and professional fund raising brochure which will be available soon. The initial target is to raise \$800,000 by way of donations and if you are interested in becoming a donor please contact Colin Murdoch by email at strathdon@xtra.co.nz

Branches

The Hawkes Bay branch is holding their end of year function on Wednesday 22 November at the Havelock North Club starting at 5:30 pm and several Old Girls will be attending.

The Auckland Branch held a Spring Get Together on Thursday 14th September at the Mainfreight Head Office in Otahuhu. **Don Braid** (1973 – 1977) is the Group Managing Director of Mainfreight and what a night he and the Auckland team put on. **Stuart North** was at the top of his game with this one, aided by **Noel Davies**, **Adrian Young** and **Peter Mathias**, **Robert Densem** took all the photos. The main act for the evening was an auction of several exciting items and auctioneer **Colin Dick** (Wellington) brought out some high bids from the 40 odd people who attended. Several thousand dollars were raised and the school will benefit hugely from this project.

The North Canterbury Branch had a great evening on 24 October with **Tom Walsh** being the main speaker. Organised by **Dion Crooks** and **Lex Newbegin**, it was held at the Speights Ale House in Bealey Avenue with about 30 Old Boys who enjoyed Tom's very impressive talk. And there were lots of questions which kept the evening very interesting.

In Timaru, the South Canterbury Branch has been set up by **Andrew Ross** who is one of our young Old Boys. As mentioned previously, this was instigated by our Executive Chairman **Don McCully** who will attend the new branch's meetings in an ex officio capacity. The idea is to let the young guys run the branch with no interference from "old codgers"! It is hoped that Andrew will provide an update for the next newsletter.

The reunion is definitely on in Melbourne on Friday 10th November. I'm going over for this function and will be there with Bill White who has been the local organizer. We only managed to get eight Old Boys to sign up but at least it's a start. Those attending are John Black (65-69), **John Blackler** (40-44), **Don Christie** (41-45), **Duncan McFarlane** (70-74), **Bruce McNeill** (50-62), **Herb Plunkett** (54-59), **Bill White** (56-60) and **Chris Moore** (57-61). Several Australian Old Boys replied to the invitation and many would have come except they had other things on.

It's being held in conjunction with the Lincoln Alumni group who meet every year at that time.

50 Years On Reunion

On 10 and 11 November there is a 50 year reunion at the school in Timaru of Old Boys whose first year at school was 1967.

Stuart North has done a fantastic job in setting this gathering up with the help of several other Old Boys including **Russell Crossan**, **Graeme Edgar**, **Rodger Lamb**, **Vaughan McEwen**, **Jeff Donaldson**. Stuart reckons there will be over 100 people attending which includes wives/partners.

Membership

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we have set up a marketing/membership sub-committee with the aim of increasing our numbers of financial members. **David McInnes** (1958 – 1962) and **Andrew Ross** have put together an initial business plan of how we can progress in this area and the detail they have gone into is very professional and specific. There will be a lot more to come in respect of this project.

In the meantime, if you want to become a member of the Timaru Boys' High School Old Boys' Association you can do so by going through the following steps:

Log on to www.timaruboysschool.nz
⇓
Click on MENU in the top left hand corner
⇓
Click on Old Boys
⇓
Click on Membership
⇓
Click on THSOBA membership form

Print out the form and pay your \$30.00 by Direct Credit to the bank account shown (with a relevant reference) or post the form with your cheque attached to the postal address shown.

That's all it takes! And that's all it costs for a one year subscription. In return you will receive the *Timaruvian* each year and if you have an email address you will receive regular newsletters keeping you up to date with activities at the school and upcoming Old Boys' functions.

Until next time.

Regards to all of you.

Chris Moore
National President

Sports News and Congratulations

Aoraki Secondary School Sports Awards

Congratulations to **Cullen Grace** who was named Aoraki Secondary Schools' Sportsman of the Year, an exceptional feat achieved among stiff competition that also included TBHS students **Taine Gibson** and **Riley Taylor** as finalists in this category

Other winners on the night were: **Hayden Jefferson** for Cycling and Mountain Biking, **Cameron Anderson** for Football, **Jono Ellis** for Hockey, **Cullen Grace** for Rugby, **Riley Taylor** for Swimming, **Taine Gibson** for Waterskiing, **Caleb Anngow** for Indoor Bowls, **James Watt** for Tennis, and **Mr Edward Patterson** for Staff Contribution to Sport.

Donation of New Zealand Schools Rugby Jersey

Timaru Boys' is grateful to our First XV Rugby Captain, Cullen Grace, who has kindly donated his New Zealand Schools rugby jersey to the school, to be placed on display.

Cullen is grateful for the support received from numerous members of the school community and sees this as a positive way of giving back to the school.



His jersey will join those of Nick Annear and Mike Newman, who were the last two students from Timaru Boys' to make the New Zealand School's team.

Cullen is off to Lincoln University on a rugby scholarship, and says that making the New Zealand Schools team was a great honour.

Rugby 7s Success

Congratulations to our Rugby 7s team who have won the Canterbury title for the first time. Outclassing St Bede's 29-24 in the final, the boys played extremely well, battling temperatures above 30 degrees and a strong nor-wester.

This means that the team have qualified for the national Condor 7s for the second year in a row, to be held in Auckland in December.

The TBHS team consisted of: **Cullen Grace, Tevita Eukaliti, Melvin Pauni, Sione Lolohea, Brad Cvitanich, Hamish Dunbar, Harry Bampton, George Brown, Maka Mafileo, Jimmy Robertson, Ryan Greenslade and Shane Fikken.**



Thai Embassy Exchange Opportunity

The Royal Thai Embassy in Wellington will be organising "the 6th Thai-NZ Language and Cultural Students Exchange Programme" during 12 January – 13 February 2018 in Thailand.

Information and Application Form are available from the Embassy website: <http://www.thaiembassy.org/wellington/>

Please note that the application form and all supporting documents must be submitted electronically to the Royal Thai Embassy via admin02@thaiembassynz.org.nz by Friday, 17 November 2017.

Irlen Screening

What is Irlen Syndrome or visual stress?

Irlen Syndrome (also referred to at times as Meares-Irlen Syndrome, Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome, and Visual Stress) is a perceptual processing disorder. It is not an optical problem. It is a problem with the brain's ability to process visual information. This problem tends to run in families and is not currently identified by other standardized educational or medical tests.

atched control group. Significant improvement for the experimental group was noted for time needed to locate words on a printed page, timed reading scores, length of time for sustained reading, and speed of fixation as well as other perceptual tasks. Additionally, seven of the 23 experimental Irlen Syndrome group, but none of the control group was employed by the end of the semester. In contrast, Winters (1987) was unable to find differences between Irlen Syndrome and control groups. Winters gave 25 Irlen Syndrome children a list of 100 words to read. Winters found that the experimental group was able to read the words faster than the control group. Winters also found that the experimental group was able to read the words faster than the control group.

Irlen Screening is available from age 6 ½ years up to adults.

Contact Sally McKerchar: qualified Irlen Screener

Email sam101@xtra.co.nz or Ph: (03)693 9101 / Mob: (027)222 4835

Symptoms of Irlen include:

- Sensitivity to bright and fluorescent lighting and glare
- Slow or inefficient reading
- Poor reading comprehension
- Poor attention and concentration
- Eye strain
- Fatigue
- Headaches and migraines
- Poor depth perception



Wanted.....Plastic Supermarket bags

WANTED.....large white, red, green (Christmas colours) plastic bags e.g. supermarket bags, for students to make a recycled Christmas wreath.

We require hundreds and would appreciate it if you had some to spare. Please bring your collection to the Student Office by 5 December 2017.

TBHS Rowing Fundraiser

TBHS Rowing Tea Towel and Apron Fundraiser

These make the perfect gift for Christmas - frame the tea towel, send them to out-of-town to family and friends, or just use them!

Please follow the link for instructions on how to make your order and thanks for supporting TBHS Rowing!

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

TBHS Rowing Fundraiser

Tea Towels	Aprons	Package Deal
\$12 each or \$10 each when purchasing 5 or more	\$25 each	1 tea towel, 1 apron - \$35





South Canterbury Surf School

Grab a friend and learn to surf!

Local surfer, Clarry has been surfing for 30 years in Timaru and around the world. Surfing is his passion, a passion that he would love to share.

Surf lessons are available to give you a taste of how good it feels to ride the waves!

- A novel idea for birthday celebrations
- A great team building opportunity
- Fun and safe environment
- Equipment supplied
- An awesome way to keep fit!

All enquiries: Phone Clarry on 027 515 0511



TBHS CALENDAR Term 4 2017

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

09 November	NZQA Exams Commence	17 November	10BN Rite Journey Camp
10-12 November	1967 Old Boys' Reunion	22 November	Aoraki Ki O Rahi (Sports Festival)
12 November	10GI Rite Journey Camp	28 November	Year 9 Exchange – John McGlashan (Home)
13 November	10MF Rite Journey Camp	28-30 November	Year 10 Leadership Training - Burnham
14 November	10SP Rite Journey Camp	05 December	Leavers' Dinner
15 November	Waitaki Junior Summer Exchange	08 December	Junior Prizegiving 11:00am
15 November	10AD Rite Journey Camp	08 December	Junior Conferencing (Part 1)
16 November	10WL Rite Journey Camp	11 December	Junior Conferencing (Part2) (FINAL DAY)

For up-to-date news on school events

www.timaruboysschool.nz