



# TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### RECTOR'S MESSAGE



Our term is almost 'all over bar the shouting' (or singing in the case of inter-house competition this Friday). We have covered a lot of ground these last 10 weeks and seen the boys excel in different situations and settings (all shared on Facebook and in our newsletters). It has seemed like a long term with some boys and staff also battling illness and fatigue along the way; winter's made its presence felt. As we head into the break, every boy is encouraged to take stock of his progress and achievement since April. To consider what has come to pass so that he can be better placed to take on what will follow. We want each boy to keep his sights set high and to stay on the path or 'road' right for him. Robert Frost's famous poem, as below, speaks to the choices we have and the roads we take; to moments when we find ourselves needing to choose a path but without really knowing what lies down it. We urge each boy to take, where and when appropriate, the road 'less travelled' if for him it will make 'all the difference'. A new road or extension to his current one starts in Term 3.

#### The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

(Robert Frost, 1916)

Nick McIvor  
*Scientia Potestas Est*  
*Mā te Mātauranga te Mana*

## From the Arts Department.....



### *The Flying Shoes Accolades*

Having won the local Schools' Chamber Music Contest in Timaru, the combined Timaru Boys and Timaru Girls' quartet of Grace Beatson, Caleb Nicolson, Connor Rabbidge and Lucas Rabbidge competed in the Southern Regional Final in Christchurch where they competed against numerous groups of an extremely high calibre.

Congratulations to Grace on the success of her original composition *A Soldier's Journey* that explores the emotional evolution of a World War I soldier. Although not selected to progress to the next stage of the competition, the group received high praise for the "strength of their composition and recital technique".

With 400 performance groups entering this competition nationally, *The Flying Shoes* are to be commended for making it to the top 36.

### *2017 Smokefree Rockquest Competition*

Friday 30 June saw the Timaru Regional Finals of the Smokefree RockQuest 2017. Three bands from TBHS had made it through to the finals along with thirteen other bands from Opihi College, Roncalli College, Mount Hutt College and Geraldine High School. The boys headed down to the Theatre Royal at 3pm for their sound check; for one of our junior bands *Insert Name Here*, this was their first time on stage as a band, and a somewhat daunting experience.

The Theatre Royal was filled with nerves as the competition kicked off at 7pm. *Insert Name Here* were our first band to perform, and did so with great enthusiasm and nerves of steel! Shortly after, *Fusion in the Sun* took the stage and changed the game. They got the crowd into it and received huge applause with their amazing amounts of energy and passion! Later in the programme our final TBHS band *Little Victories* competed. Another awesome performance by a junior band!

All of the students at this Regional Finals were outstanding young musicians with bright futures ahead of them. The atmosphere was fantastic as bands supported each other's performances as allies rather than as competitors!

#### **TBHS Band Members as follows:**

##### **Fusion in the Sun**

George Copland – Drums  
David Ellis – Bass  
Cameron Ellis – Guitar  
Farran Landers - Vocals

##### **Insert Name Here:**

Harry Delaney – Vocals / Guitar  
Bryn Johnston – Drums  
Shaun Reith – Bass Guitar

##### **Little Victories:**

Ben Wratt – Keyboard / Vocals  
Oscar Skilling – Guitar / Vocals  
Robbie Adams – Bass Guitar  
Reggie Flemming (Roncalli College) - Drums

#### **Results were as follows:**

Band 1<sup>st</sup>: Pseudo Sane from Geraldine High School  
Band 2<sup>nd</sup>: NOKIT from Roncalli College  
Band 3<sup>rd</sup>: Fusion in the Sun from TBHS  
Smokefree Pacifica Beats Award: Megan Calder, Opihi College  
Solo/Duo 1<sup>st</sup>: Caitlin Bradley from Roncalli College  
Solo/Duo 2<sup>nd</sup>: Claws from Roncalli College

APRA Lyric Award: Jamie Lamond from Mount Hutt College  
Lowdown Best Song: Pseudo Sane from Geraldine High School  
Mainz Musicianship Award: Henry Loop, Home Schooled  
Smokefree Vocals Award: Neve O'Connor from Roncalli College  
People's Choice Award: Caitlin Bradley from Roncalli College





## Plunket Exhibitors

The recently held Plunket Art Exhibition at Aigantighe Art Gallery saw schools around the district approached, seeking out skilled student artists to help celebrate 40 years of Plunket and to raise funds for their organisation.

Our school was given three 40cm square boards on which to create an artwork that celebrated the 40th birthday.

The works were arranged and mounted together and exhibited in the Aigantighe Gallery for a month. The works were for sale to the public, with one work, by Ben Robinson purchased for an undisclosed amount. It was a piece of forty nails and string forming a map of New Zealand.

The other works were, a sculpture of colouring pencils in the form of a portrait by Jack Winsley, and a double image work by Oli Anderson and Logan Hope.

## Arts Week Photo Competition Winners

During Arts Week the school held its inaugural photo competition for students (and staff!) as well as workshops and a field trip to Camp Iona in Herbert Forest.

Two renowned local photographers, Geoff Cloake and Ron Lindsay joined us on the field trip and took part in the workshops as well as judging the photos in two categories.

The two categories were *Classic* (a photo with minimal touch-up) and *Artistic* (where the photo could be manipulated in Photoshop).

First prize for each category received an A1 print out on board sponsored by **Heartland Printing** as well as an Instax Mini 8 camera and film sponsored by **Noel Leeming**.

Second prize for each category receives an Instax Mini 8 camera sponsored by **Noel Leeming**.

1<sup>st</sup> *Classic*: Quinn Motley  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Classic*: Ronan Galpin

1<sup>st</sup> *Artistic*: Brayden Stevenson  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Artistic*: Harald Tang

1<sup>st</sup> Staff Competition: Monique Bastings



## Agricultural Science Breakfast

As part of our Agricultural Science Achievement Standard 91292 *Demonstrate understanding of how management practices influence plant growth and development in NZ commercial production*, Year 12 Agricultural Science students have to interview a professional in the plant production sector.

**Steve Bethell** from Carrfields, Timaru, kindly offered to share his knowledge with the students over breakfast. His wealth of knowledge and passion for the subject had all the students enthusiastic about their assessment and a few are now considering agronomy as a potential career path. We would like to thank him for his time and also thank **U-Bake** for the great breakfast!



## Reader-Writers required.....

Timaru Boys is seeking volunteers to help us out by being a reader/writer for Senior Exams to help boys who need support to complete assessment tasks. These are in Week 3 of Term 3 (at this stage) which is the week starting 7th August. At the end of the year, they will be at the end of November, early December and potentially these are paid hours by the NZQA.

If anyone is interested, could they please contact Sally Hilton on [027 383 8989](tel:0273838989) or on [hiltonsa@timaruboysschool.nz](mailto:hiltonsa@timaruboysschool.nz) to discuss further. Reader-writers need to have a reasonable level of literacy and numeracy (spelling isn't assessed!) and to complete a police check as they are working with young people. This is a legal requirement for us.

Exams are usually between 9:00am and 3:30pm. Training will be provided.

## TBHS Struggle against Southern Opposition

Timaru Boys' High School struggled in cold conditions in their annual winter exchange with Otago Boys'.

The **Hockey 1<sup>st</sup> XI** came up against a spirited Otago Boys' team. The final score of 1-1 indicated the closeness of the game. Ben Stayt worked hard on defence whilst Jack Sands was one to catch the eye in open play. Oli Anderson scored Timaru's only goal after good lead up work by Duncan Rollinson. Matt Ellis also worked hard both on defence and attack. This continued the up and down results for the team in recent times. The boys will be looking to get more consistency as they get closer to tournament. They did, however get the one positive result for Timaru Boys'.

The **Rugby 1<sup>st</sup> XV** competed well early on but struggled as the game wore on. Tries from a charge down and a line out drive put OBHS up 14-0 at half time. As Timaru Boys' ran out the reserves the score mounted to a 36-5 OBHS win. Shane Fikken scoring the try for TBHS. Stand outs for Timaru were Cullen Grace and Melvin Panu in the forwards and Brad Cvitanich was in the backs.

The **Senior Football** team were competitive early on in their match as they went into half time 2-1 down and then 3-2 early in the second half. Unfortunately, the team was always having to play catch up and some overly physical play from Otago Boys' did not allow Timaru back into the game. For Timaru, Taylor Donaldson scored and played well and was unlucky not to score more. He moved himself into position well and continued to harass their defence throughout the game. Cam Anderson continued along his goal scoring ways while Tyler Cunningham tracked well all day. Mitchell Dey-Skudder had a good game keeping Timaru in the match with some excellent 1 on 1 saves.

The **Junior Football** team struggled with a technically superior Otago Boys' team as they went down 5-0. This has reversed the results of the last few years.

The **Colts Rugby** team acquitted themselves well but ultimately struggled against a superior Otago team as the final score of 52-24 indicated. Hugh Cameron and Darian Dysart both scored tries while George Mulder worked hard. Similar to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV, the Otago team continually pushed the Timaru players off the ball as they dominated that area.

Todd Phillips and James Watt were the standouts for TBHS in the **Senior Basketball**, as Todd controlled the game well and James used his height against a strong, dominant OBHS team. In the end though, Otago's height and dominance on the court showed through with the final score of 86-56 to Otago Boys' a good indicator.

There was a similar score in the **Junior Basketball** with Otago winning 75-46. This was a big learning curve for the Timaru boys as they came up against a well drilled OBHS team. In the end they adapted well but struggled to stop the free scoring home team.

The **Squash** team tried hard but were up against a team that plays club squash on a regular basis. This lack of match hardness showed through as the senior players, Paddy Ahearn and Charlie Stock, went well early on in their games but struggled the longer the matches progressed. Towards the end of their games, the boys were not winning the clutch points. OBHS went on to win the tie 5 0.

The young **Chess** team acquitted themselves well and showed they have a good future in the game with a close 5-3 loss. Nathan Harbutt won two of his games while Dominic Coleman won one.

Overall, OBHS won eight games with a draw in hockey. Some of the games were tighter than the results suggested but overall, Otago Boys' were the dominant school on the day.

## Japanese Exchange Opportunity

Timaru Boys' High School has been contacted by a Japanese High School who is seeking a sister-school relationship in New Zealand.

This would take the form of a two week Cultural Exchange/Study Tour by the Japanese students and would be a reciprocal arrangement whereby some of our students would have the opportunity of visiting their school without the need to pay fees.



Before committing to this venture, Timaru Boys' is seeking expressions of interest from students who may be interested in participating in such an Exchange. Please contact Andrew Gill on [gillan@timaruboysschool.nz](mailto:gillan@timaruboysschool.nz)



## Board of Trustees Update



### Board Profile: Di Hay, Co-opted Trustee

I'm a comparative newcomer to the TBHS board, coming on as a co-opted parent representative in October last year.

I have two children - my son is a year 11 student at TBHS and my daughter is year 7 at Waimataitai School.

I work as operations manager at Aoraki Development, the economic development agency for Timaru District and have a background in communications and marketing.

My work has spanned print and radio journalism, public relations, marketing and on-air presenting for commercial radio. I've also been involved in sales, both retail and wholesale, through two businesses I've jointly owned.

It's both a privilege and a challenge to be on the Board of Trustees and I'm proud to have this opportunity to have a role with the school.

When I'm not working, I enjoy being able to travel to different parts of New Zealand (including Northland in this photo) and spend a lot of time at our family property on Banks Peninsula.

## Thomas House Parents' Dinner

Our annual Thomas House Parents' Dinner was held in the dining room at Thomas House on Friday 30 June. It was a great night with a lovely meal, providing an opportunity for parents to catch up and especially connecting new families who may have only joined the boarding hostel this year.

Sincere thanks goes to Justin Holman our superb Catering Manager, for the delicious food. It was a wonderful evening to catch up with so many parents.



*Shane Edwards, Jo Syme, Mindy Edwards*



*Karla Yeatman, Valeska Wills*



*Sue Rankin, Thomas Corbett, Nicky Donkers*

## Environmental Group

On Sunday morning the TBHS Environmental Committee walked either side of Saltwater Creek towards the beach and then onto the beach at the mouth of Saltwater Creek and picked up all the rubbish they could find along the way. It was made difficult by the rain on Saturday which caused the creek to flood the paths and saw the team get wet feet, but with the sun out, everyone was in good spirits. The team picked up pipes, tyres, half a surfboard and five bags of rubbish.



For up-to-date news on school events

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## South Canterbury Aero Club

The Timaru Boys'/Girls' High 10 week aviation course students received their last flight briefing of the term from instructor Chris.

During this term they have all logged time towards their own licenses, flown at night, visited a training academy, seen Heli and maintenance operations, and visited a tourism operator! If you attend Boys' or Girls' High in Timaru and want to participate in the programme next term, email Mr Gill [gillan@timaruboysschool.nz](mailto:gillan@timaruboysschool.nz)



## Board Games wanted.....

The school Library would like to build a collection of board games for students to use.

If you are cleaning out your cupboards and find games no longer required by your family, please drop them off at the Student Office.

Your support will be much appreciated!



## From the School Office.....

NZQA fees on your student accounts of \$76.70 are **due by 1 September** to avoid the late payment penalty of \$50.

If you qualify for financial assistance, please complete the form and return to us as soon as possible. Any queries please phone Lynda in the student office on Ext 705. Forms are available online from <https://tinyurl.com/NZQA-Financial-Assistance> or from the Student Office.

## PTA Fundraisers

### Second Hand Uniform Sales



The PTA will now only be selling school uniform items that have been donated, with the exception of school blazers and jackets.

Blazers and jackets will continue to be sold "on behalf of", with a 40% commission going to the school. If you have any items of clothing that you have given to the school to sell and you would like them back, please contact the PTA and arrange collection before the end of Term 2.

## Entertainment Book 2017-18

Timaru Boys' High School is raising funds. Here's how you can help.....

We are raising as much as we can to support our cause, and we need your help! Order your NEW 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership now. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time! Please follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/TBHS-Entertainment-Book>

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## TBHS Swim Team Pie Fundraiser



The TBHS swim team is travelling to Hamilton for the 2017 National Swimming Championship in September and is raising funds to assist with the associated costs.

The swim team will be selling Fairlie Bakehouse pies in Term 3. This will occur in weeks 3 and 4 of the term and each student at the school will receive an email with the order form.

## Sports News

### Football

Congratulations to Cam Anderson, goal scoring extraordinaire, who has been outstanding in the South Canterbury men's football league this year. As reported in the *Timaru Herald* recently: *"the 17-year-old Timaru Boys' High School striker has been setting the South Canterbury Football men's division one league alight with some superb play, forcing opposition teams to change their defence patterns to try and keep him under control. Anderson is well clear in the race to claim the golden boot and has been the most dominant player in the competition this season"*.



### Indoor Bowls

Congratulations to Caleb Anngow who has been selected for the NZ Secondary Schools Indoor Bowls Competition to be held in August, in Wellington. Caleb will be competing in the Singles section – all the very best of luck Caleb as you compete.

## Good luck to our Young Farmers.....



Good luck to Cameron Lyon and Jack Millar who are one of fourteen teams off to the Manawatu for the finals of the 2017 TeenAg Young Farmers Competition. This will be a great experience as they pit themselves against the best teams from secondary schools around New Zealand.

## TBHS School Ball



The TBHS Annual School Ball will be held on Friday 1 September.

Tickets will cost \$120 per double and will be able to be purchased from the school office in Term 3 (these are not able to be put on school accounts). Boys who are eligible to purchase a ticket must have a good attendance and behavioural record. They will then be sent a letter inviting them to purchase a ticket.

If attendance is 90% or greater, students are deemed to be at a satisfactory or better level to attend the Ball.. If this is less than 90% then ball-goers will need to show improvement. Students who have received a red card this year, or in the period up to the Ball, are to be aware that this may also impact on invite eligibility. Queries about this are to be addressed to the Deans.

## TBHS CALENDAR Terms 2-3 2017

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

07 July	<b>Final Day Term 2</b>	14-16 August	TGHS Exams
24 July	<b>First Day Term 3</b>	23 August	Year 10 Ski Day
07-11 August	Senior Exams	25 August	48 Hour Film Festival Competition
08 August	Aoraki Badminton	26 August	Aoraki Mountain Biking
10-11 August	Year 12 Alpine Trip	30 August	Waitaki Winter Exchange
08-09 August	Aoraki Maths Competition Years 9 and 10	01 September	TBHS Ball
13 August	Aoraki Skiing and Snowboarding	04-08 September	Winter Tournament Week
13 August	Aoraki Trapshooting	15 September	Aoraki Table Tennis



# Pest Trapping and Hunting Competition!

## How do you get involved?

Simple. All you have to do is trap, shoot or catch pests, bring their tails in as proof of your feats, and thanks to Hunting and Fishing Timaru, the students with the most pest tails will win great prizes!



## When is it happening?

You are able to start shooting/trapping your pests and keeping their tails after Wednesday the 5th of July! You have all holidays to gather as many pest tails as possible! The last day to bring in your tails will be Monday the 4th of August (Monday of the second week of term 3).

## Where do I take my tails?

Members of the environmental group will be on the hall steps between 8:30am and form time every morning before school in the first and second weeks of term 3, to collect in and count your tails!

## What are the categories?

We are running 3 categories:

- Possum Tails
- Rat and Mice Tails
- Stoat and Ferret Tails

There will be first, second and third prize winners in each category!

## How do I store them for the holidays?

Storing the tails of all the pests you catch can become a smelly thing to do, however if you place them in a plastic bag or 2 and put them in the freezer, they will be fine until you bring them in for counting in term 3!

## Whats up for grabs?!

Thanks to the team at Hunting and Fishing Timaru, we have some incredible prizes to give away!

- 1st in each category will get themselves a \$50 Hunting and Fishing voucher!
- 2nd will get a Hunting and Fishing New Zealand Headlamp (RRP \$29.99)
- 3rd will get a Hunting and Fishing New Zealand Camo Balaclava (RRP \$29.99)

There are a large range of spot prizes available, each tail you bring in gets you in the draw for a spot prize.

Any questions regarding the competition feel free to get in contact with any member of the environmental group! Please remember gun safety and the firearms laws throughout the time you're hunting and trapping. Be sensible, stay safe, and enjoy being out there doing it!

**OUT THERE DOING IT**