# Timaru Boys' High School

# **December Newsletter 2020**

- 4 December Junior Prizegiving 11:00am
- 4 December Junior Conferencing Part 1
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- 29 January Teacher Only Day
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- 8 February Waitangi Day Holiday



## **Rector's Message - December 2020**

Kia ora everyone.

We are into the last full week of school - exams are winding down, Junior Prizegiving and conferencing are just around the corner and everyone is starting to think of the coming summer break.

Our Senior Prizegiving was a wonderful evening. Jack Aicken carried away the top prize of Dux, which was just reward for

such hard work. Well done, Jack! Ryan Ammar, our Head Boy from 2010, spoke poignantly about the joys of friendship, something which is so important to our teenage boys. It was great to celebrate our success in 2020 and look forward to 2021. I want to thank our leavers for everything they have contributed to our school, especially our Head Boy, Josh Earnshaw, who has proved himself to be an outstanding young man. Balkrishna Uniyal was named as next year's Head Boy and I'm really looking forward to working with him and his team in 2021.

Our Year 13 Leavers' dinner this week wound up our Senior farewells. It was a relaxed and warm celebration of their 5 years at Boys' High. Parents were there in force and it was a fitting way to see these awesome young men off. Good luck for the next part of your journey, guys! Keep TBHS in your heart and come back and visit us when you can.

Three weeks ago we had our Year 8 Welcome Day for all our incoming students in 2021. It was wonderful to meet these boys from Timaru and beyond. The boarders going into Thomas House had a sleep-over to help them prepare for being away from home. Welcome Day was a great success and the boys enjoyed finding their way around the TBHS campus, learning some important routines, getting to know their Deans, engaging in bonding exercises and asking *lots* of questions. I really look forward to getting to know these 145 plus young men better in February next year.

Despite everything that has happened in 2020, it has actually been a great year. We managed to get nearly everything done. Some sports (Rowing comes to mind immediately) missed out on attending Nationals where they would have excelled, but all our competitors got to test themselves in their chosen fields and they will have built warm memories of fun times with their mates. We even got to finish the Year 9 Camps with Manuka enoying the late spring warmth up at John Scott Lodge last week.

Thanks to the whole school community - BOT, teachers, support staff, volunteers, parents, whānau - for all your support this year. Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you all in 2021!

Scientia Potestas est - Mā te Mātauranga te Mana



# 2020 Junior Prizegiving and Conferencing

A reminder to parents that the Junior Prizegiving is scheduled for 11:00am Friday 4 December.

Some Conferencing will take place after Prizegiving and the remainder on the following Monday 7 December.

Conferencing times have been circulated to all parents.



# **Senior Prizegiving 2020**

Thursday 5 November saw the school celebrate our senior students' achievements as well as farewell them at Senior Prizegiving in readiness for their NCEA exams.

This year we were delighted to have a distinguished Old Boy, **Ryan Ammar**, as our Guest Speaker with **Mrs Sue Windsor** our Guest of Honour who presented the inaugural *Fred Windsor Cup* for History.

The evening highlighted that we have some exceptional young men in our midst who have achieved excellent sporting, cultural and academic results and from whom we can anticipate ongoing success in the wider world.

Congratulations to the 2021 Leaders who were named on the night and our Dux **Jack Aicken**) and Proxime Accessit (**Seb van den Bosh**).

And congratulations to all award recipients on the night - we wish you well for your exams.

#### **2021 Prefects**

Head Boy: Balkrishna Uniyal Deputy Head Boy: Eul Jaan Su Deputy Head Boy: Robbie Adams House Captain: Dominic Coleman

Taine Cordell-Hull (House Leader Hogben)
Caleb Donaldson (House Leader Dawson)
David Edh (House Leader Tait)
Tom Fraser
Joel Giddings
Nathan Harbutt
Neil Meyer
Angus Munro
Angus Neal
Alex Power (House Leader Simmers)
Lincoln Preston
Ben Walker
Aidan Watt



# **Year 8 Welcome Day**

Timaru Boys' looks forward to our annual Year 8 Welcome Day.

This year, 2021 Thomas House boarders spent a night at the boarding hostel on Monday 9 November before joining the 2021 day students for Tuesday morning activities and a shared morning tea. With the fun and laughter that could be heard, we trust that the day will have assisted boys in feeling a little more relaxed about joining our school family next

We enjoyed a wonderful day - thank you to the boys wh joined us and thanks to our senior students and staff who assisted with the day.



our Old Boys and wider community.

Thank you to all involved.

# Year 10 Food Technology - Gift Giving

Thank you to the wonderful group of Year 10 Food Technology students who hit the road with their teacher Mrs Paul, delivering Christmas cheer to a number of our Old Boys and widows.

The wonderfully positive feedback from the recipients has been much appreciated and we are delighted that these types of opportunities reinforce the strong ties we have with



# **Rite Journey**

The Rite Journey program has culminated in the final challenge of the year recently completed at Peel Forest Outdoor Pursuits Centre.

This final and most difficult challenge for many of the boys is called "The Solo", the solo is based around the boys completing twenty hours in isolation within a designated site.

The boys are prepped before they hear to Peel Forest and make their own penny stoves to cook their food on, they are briefed on how to make the best possible shelter out of the meagre supplies they are given (one tarpaulin, two guy ropes and a pack liner) and then they are off.

This year the forecast was reasonable for most of the week and 10CK were the first class to arrive, the first camp always has the luxury of establishing the first site and clearing large amounts of exotic bush away.

10CK were all comfortable and dry when they were checked on and were in excellent spirits, a nice warm meal of noodles and sausages depending they didn't run out of fuel for their stoves and they were set for the night. Being put to sleep by the sounds of woodpigeons and other native birdlife was a highlight for a number of the boys.

The weather was sound until Wednesday when 10RY arrived at Peel Forest, solid rain began at around 3pm and did not stop till around 4am, all boys had built excellent shelters and managed the isolation and weather well. After Wednesday the weather improved from that point on and all other classes had an excellent week pushing themselves outside of their comfort zone.

Congratulations must go to all boys who completed the solo and earned their badge, these can be worn with pride in the years to come. A huge thank you to all staff who taught the program and those staff that also attended camp and had the opportunity to support the boys.



# New Zealand Raptor Trust Visit

Year 9 Totara recently had the opportunity of a closeup experience with raptors at the local Raptor Trust.

Two Kahu, Tom and Cole, are hawks that have been rehabilitated by the Trust and prompted numerous questions about feeding, training and rehab methods.

The New Zealand Raptor Trust was established to care for sick, injured or orphaned raptors for rehabilitation and

release back to the wild.

Many thanks to Old Boy Ron Lindsay who hosted our boys.

We think the Raptor Trust is an absolute treasure and is set to be a Timaru tourist attraction!https://www.facebook.com/nzraptor/



## Year 9 Camp - Manuka

With Covid-19 lockdown interrupting the flow of Year 9 camps in Term 1, Year 9 Manuka finally had the opportunity to travel to John Scott Lodge last week.

They were fortunate to experience some great weather and fully immersed themselves in the activities on offer.

Thank you to the Peer Support Leaders who assisted in ensuring the camp's success and made themselves available

at this end of the year: Alex Bryce, Robert Chapman, Ethan Mattingley, Rhyan Mitchell and Toby Seeler.

Check out the awesome photos of the camp.



#### Condor 7s

Congratulations to our TBHS 7s A team who received a wild card entry for the Condor 7s in recognition of their previous achievements.

This exciting event is to be held at King's College, Auckland from 10-11 December 2020 and involves over 100 teams. This is the fifth time we have attended and presents an amazing opportunity for the team and school.

We wish the team well and look forward to watching their games that will be broadcast live over Sky TV.

The Rugby Sevens Condor Squad take this opportunity to acknowledge all other sponsors in addition to Trust Aoraki for 2020. This support is so valued and means many of our large costs for going to Auckland next week can be reduced.

#### **Community Sponsors**

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# TBHS Helpers at SC Primary Schools' Athletics

Sincere thanks to our junior boys who assisted at the South Canterbury Primary Shcools' Athletics on Tuesday.

Your help at the event was greatly appreciated and you can be proud of the wonderfully positive feedback you have

received - you represented your school well.



#### Year 10 Visual Art

Featured are a selection of recent photographic explorations (including in-camera glitching and forced-perspective play), and dry-point etchings printed in graphite, by Year 10 Visual Art students



# **Year 9 Interhouse Competition**

The Year 9 Interhouse competition held on 2-3 December commenced with some real fun being had by all four houses.

Boys are participating in a variety of activities that will conclude with a concert performance where the houses will compete against each other.

As well as activities, students also participated in a BBQ lunch and a swim in the school pool.

It has been a great day and thanks again to everyone who has organised it.



# **Theatresports**

What's fun, interactive and guaranteed to make you laugh?? Theatre Sports!!

This new club operates on Monday lunchtimes in the performance space of the Drama room.

The group of intrepid and brave boys are being tutored by Abigail Austin and supported by our own teacher extraordinaire, Chris Packwood.

The practise of Theatre Sports includes skilled improvisation, movement, voice, listening, vision, concentration, imagination, teamwork, creativity and intellect. We are so pleased to be able to offer this new Sport to our students.



#### Thomas House Christmas Dinner

Thomas House Christmas Dinner was held on 3 December.

Thanks to Justin and the catering staff for a lovely meal.

It is always sad to farewell out Year 13s but they are all looking forward to the next stage in their lives. They are an outstanding group of young men of whom we are VERY proud and we wish them well for the future.

The cake was cut by our Head Boarder, **George Small** and **Luke Tompkins** of Year 9. Thanks also to our awesome bagpipers **Ben Fifield** and **Angus Murray**.



# **Christmas Giving to Staff......**

This term the following Hospitality classes (12/13 HOSP, 11/12 PACE) have been focusing on the *Art of Presentation* and the *Gift of Giving* during lessons.

The students have been practising their Hospitality skills by planning and creating an array of appetising dishes, both sweet and savoury, for a staff Christmas morning tea held in the Food Room.

TBHS staff were certainly treated to a feast and sincerely thank all those involved for

Well done to these students who certainly showed PRIDE in their work. It was great!



# **Junior Conferencing and Reports**

This will take place in two sessions, one on Friday the 4th of December (mainly for Hostel and bus students) and Monday the 5th of December.

Friday will take place after Junior Prizegiving and the Monday session will be in the morning. The times have been sent out.

Junior Reports have also been emailed and available through the Parent Portal in the last week of school.



## **Year 9 Visual Art**

Year 9 Visual Art students have been busy creating Monochromatic Masterpieces recently.

Featured are:

\* woodcut-print portraits of the students' chosen rolemodels, who were selected with the TBHS power values in

#### mind;

- \* a selection of black paper cut outs showing double-imagery (the brief was to create vases with mirrored faces in the negative space) inspired by Salvador Dali's Surrealist work; and
- \*an effective example of optical-illusion line drawing, which the student has woven around an outline of Aotearoa."



## **Rowing Fundraiser: Teatowels**

TBHS Rowing is selling some fabulous tea towels with a local flavour.

These can be purchased from *Fashion Focus* in the Highfield Mall for \$10 each.

They make great Christmas presents (especially for overseas family members unable to travel home this year!) or stocking fillers.



## **Brass Success**

Congratulations to Ben Walker who has once again made it through to the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Symphony Orchestra (NZSSSO).

He has been given provisional seating as Bass Trombonist for 2021 - another major feat for one of our talented young men here at Timaru Boys'. Well done Ben!



# Thank you NZ Insulators.....

Thank you to NZ Insulators (Temuka) who have supported the school with a large donation of clay.

Over 100 junior Visual Arts students are moving into designing and creating ceramic sculptures! Watch this space for their finished outcomes!



# **Sleeping Rough 2020**

Congratulations to all 40 students from local secondary schools who slept rough overnight in November, raising over \$4,000 for the South Canterbury Presbyterian Support Family works' foodbank.

Mountainview High School Head Girl Beth McHaffie and Timaru Boys' High School Head Boy Josh Earnshaw

organised the event where students attempted to sleep at Strathallan Cr, in the heart of the town's CBD from 7:30pm on Sunday 15th to 7:30am Monday 16th November.

It is great to see our local senior students collaborate and raise funds that will be used to assist local families as we approach the busy Christmas season.



# **Tongan Society Celebration**

The Tongan Society held a function on Saturday night to acknowledge success of a student in each school in the region.

Congratulations to Timaru Boys' recipient, Year 11 student **Siaosi Moimo**i.

A number of our students were also performing during the evening: - congratulations to **Kaluseti Moimoi**, **David Talia**, **Charlie Talia**, **Siaosi Moimoi**, **Stephen Latu** and **Taniela Koloa**.



# **Technology Department - breaking news!**

The Technology Department has taken delivery of the long awaited CO2 Glass Tube Laser Cutter.

This wonderful piece of machinery is used for accurately cutting and etching a wide range of materials, including wood, MDF, acrylic, cork, rubber, paper/cardboard, cloth/wool and leather.

Students can produce 2D shapes which can also be assembled to create 3D models. We look forward to students utilising this technology in 2021.



#### Farewell Mr Willis.....

This year we farewell Mr Ian Willis who has taught at Timaru Boys' for 39 years.

Teaching not only his two sons, Mr Willis has also had the privilege of this year teaching his grandson.

An excellent article has been prepared by Timaru's theCourier newspaper - check it out at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/lan-Willis">https://tinyurl.com/lan-Willis</a>

Thank you lan for your long service to the school - we wish you all the very best in your retirement.



# Year 9 Achievers' Flight Day

Congratulations to the twelve Year 9 Students who were rewarded with a scenic flight over the Timaru District in recognition of their hard work, and displaying the TBHS POWER values throughout this year.

Thank you to everyone iinvolved in the day, in particular the pilots who made this possible for our students.



#### **PB4L Gold Draw**

Our annual PB4L Gold Draw for Year 9 and 10 students is a highly anticipated event!

This Gold draw recognises the importance we, as a school, place on our POWER values: Pride, Our responsible, Willing Participant, Earning Respect and Right Attitude.

Congratulations to not only those who were rewarded in this draw, but also to all of our students who follow the POWER values.

Thank you to Noel Leeming for your support.



## **Soapbox Derby**

Outside of normal school hours, it is lovely to see our boys supporting local community events.

Well done to TBHS Year 9 students **Blake O'Neill** and **Jay Morrison** who committed to a day of hard work in the heat as volunteers for the annual Movember Soapbox Derby charity event.

The purpose of the event is to raise funds and awareness for Movember, Victoria Trust, and Timaru Suburban Lions, while bringing friends and families together for team-building and a bit of Kiwi DIY.



# Come and Support our 1st XI Cricket!!

Our 1st XI Cricket team has made the final of the Christchurch Schools' Competition.

This game against Christ's College will be played on the TBHS Rectory field this Saturday 5 December, commencing at 10:30am.

Our boys would really appreciate some support on the sidelines - come along and join us!



# **Caroline Bay Relays**

The Caroline Bay Relays held on Tuesday 17 November in very warm conditions saw TBHS enter a Year 10 A team and six Year 9 teams from each of the Tree classes.

The A team won the event in a tense battle, initially battline with Roncalli and then Opihi College whom they passed on the final leg. The winning team was **Baxter Mason**, **James Patterson**, **Malachy Cleland** and **Josh Young**.

In the battle of the Year 9 classes, it was Rata who were triumphant and who also managed to place 3rd overall. This team was **Flynn O'Keeffe**, **Tom Geary**, **Blake Parker** and **Bill Quigley**.



#### Te Kura Summer School

Te Kura's popular Summer School will be taking its first registrations soon

More than 1800 ākonga (students) took advantage of Summer School last year to complete their studies, enabling them to go on to further study, training or employment.

It's the sixth year we have offered summer study and we are anticipating that with all the disruptions to schools caused by COVID-19, there will be increasing numbers of ākonga looking to top up their credits for NCEA and University Entrance over the holidays.

This year, in recognition of those disruptions, the Ministry of Education is partnering with Te Kura to expand programmes such as Summer School.We work in partnership with schools to ensure we are meeting NZQA regulations. Because ākonga have a single Record of Achievement in an academic year, their results need to be reported by their school, as the previous school of enrolment. This should be done by the NZQA deadline – usually 28 February.

It's great to see from the feedback we get from ākonga that for them, summer study can be life-changing. And our research shows that many ākonga who come to us learn about what we offer from their own schools and teachers. In turn, schools tell us that they have elicited a good response from ākonga by putting up Summer School information on their own websites.

As you can see from our Summer School flier, courses are delivered online, so with access to a computer and the internet, ākonga can learn anywhere and anytime. We offer a range of internal standards at NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3. Our qualified teachers are already gearing up and will be available online to support ākonga, and our intake team is prepared to answer any queries. Please phone 0800 65 99 88 or email: summerschool@tekura.school.nzFor further information about Summer School, please visit the Te Kura website. <a href="https://www.tekura.school.nz/.../learn.../summer-school/">https://www.tekura.school.nz/.../learn.../summer-school/</a>



## **2021 Boarding Fees**

2021 Thomas House Boarding Fees have been set as follows:

The Timaru Boys' High School Board of Trustees has confirmed the boarding fees for 2021 as \$14,000 pa (GST incl) plus \$150 Activity Fee. Accounts will be emailed regularly and all invoice payments are due within four weeks.

Direct credit is encouraged in instalments to suit you. The Thomas House Bank Account number is: 12-3159-0038004-02. Enquiries regarding fees should be forwarded to Christine Swindells, <a href="mailto:swindellsch@timaruboys.school.nz">swindellsch@timaruboys.school.nz</a>



# **Annual Golf Day Fundraiser**

TBHS wishes to thank all who supported our annual Golf Fundraising event, played at the Timaru Golf Club, Levels on 20 November.

The ideal weather and a course in find condition made for an extremely enjoyable day.

Sincere thanks to the following sponsors of the TBHS Golf

Day:

L & A Apparel, Monteiths Restaurant, Zest Restaurant, Columbus Coffee, Hells Pizza, Peter Hayes Golf, Golf Stop Timaru, Silver Fern Farms, Speights Ale House, Street Food Kitchen, Linton Distributors, Placemakers, Fulton Hogan, Cactus Fire Restaurant, Asure Scenic Route Motor Lodge Geraldine, Casino Court Christchurch, Lex Newbiggin (Pegasus Golf Club), Davo's Hunting & Fishing, The Village Cafe, The Village Inn Geraldine, Burger's Butchery Xport Meats, Temuka Transport.



# **Golf Day Raffle Winners**

Drawn at the Timaru Police Station on 23 November:

1st: The Pegasus Golf Trip to Christchurch for 4, accommodation and restaurant voucher included. Number 67 **Roger Cartwright** 

2nd: Heston Blumenthal BBQ. Number 24 Michelle Bower

3rd: \$100 Asure accommodation voucher. Number 14 Dave Thorp



# **Farewell to Old Boy Jim Wakefield**

Timaru Boys' has been saddened by the passing of esteemed Old Boy, Jim Wakefield, a generous benefactor and supporter of our school.

Jlm Wakefield attended Timaru Boys' High School from 1947 to 1951. He achieved well academically, and was prominent in sporting activities and leadership responsibilities. He was a

school prefect in 1951 and company sergeant major in the cadet corps. Jim had two years in the First Cricket XI, where he was noted as an all-rounder, winning the Allison Cup for best bowling performance in 1951. He also played rugby for the Second XV for two years, and represented the school at athletics.

In 1951 Jim Wakefield was awarded the McKenzie Scholarship, which helped him to complete tertiary education. Throughout his business life, he always expressed appreciation for this award.

Fifty years later, in 2001, he established the Wakefield Scholarship to help a new generation of TBHS students to achieve tertiary education. Jim Wakefield maintained a lifelong practical interest in the School and its Old Boys.

Sustaining a successful career as an accountant and company director, Jim was appointed as a Member of the NZ Order of Merit in 2012 for services to harness racing.

His philanthropic generosity is upheld through the Ravenscar Trust and we look forward to the completion of the proposed Ravenscar House Museum in Christchurch which will house a significant collection of New Zealand art, sculpture, modernist furniture and classical antiquities.

The school sincerely extends our condolences to the Wakefield family.



#### **Uniform Sale**

There will be a uniform sale in the Music Room, immediately after Junior Prizegiving on Friday 4 December.

All items will be \$5, except jackets, blazers and ties.

If parents would like to **donate** any used but still serviceable uniform items, please clean them and drop them to the School Office as we sell them as a PTA fundraiser - all proceeds go back into the school. (This year the PTA donated

\$14,000 to the school).

This includes black school shoes too please.

There will be a further opportunity to buy second hand uniform on 28 January 2021 from 12:00pm-1:00pm.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

# **Upcoming Sports Events.....**

A the year draws to a close, sports events are winding down but keep an eye out for the following:

- The 1st XI Cricket side is playing in the Canterbury Metro Division 2 One day Final this Saturday in Timaru.
- Our Sevens Rugby side is again competing in the National Condor Sevens play-offs in Auckland
- While 6 of our leading athletes are attending the National Secondary Schools athletics championships also in Auckland.Both events are during next week December 7th-13th.



# Nominations for 2020 Teschemaker Cup

Nominations for the 2020 Teschemaker Cup close on 7 December.

The Teschemaker Cup is awarded annually by the THS Old Boys' Association and recognises "an outstanding Old Boy who has achieved national or international prominence in the area of sport, cultural activities, research, business or public affairs"

If you wish to nominate an Old Boy who is worthy of this award, please forward the nomination with a brief resume of the Old Boy's achievements via email to Carolyn Bunting at buntingca@timaruboys.school.nz



# **Rotary Carols by Candlelight 2020**

On the Sunday night before each Christmas, our local Rotary Club hosts Carols by Candlelight.

Crowds join performers to joyously sing out all the popular carols. Also, local entities and performers are invited to

speak and sing of Christmas. Big thanks go to compere Tony Bunting, Alpine Energy Brass Band and Salvation Army band members, who have been major contributors throughout.

#### This year's event

Sunday 20 December 2020

Mountainview High School Auditorium, Pages Road, Timaru

Doors open 6:30pm and the concert commences at 7:00pm.

#### **FREE tickets**

Until the Theatre Royal repopens, entry to the venue is now by free ticket because of limited seating. They can be collected on a first-served basis from Timaru iSite Visitor Information Centre at 2 George Street or from Community House, 27 Strathallan Street, Timaru.

#### This Year's Charity

The Salvation Army food bank is our Carols by Candlelight charity for this year to support hardship caused by COVID-19

#### The programme

Our club members organise and promotes the programme, which for 2020 will be compered by Tony Bunting and includes brass band backing and performances by:

- Jess Bacon's highland dancers & piper
- Abigail Austin's family and children groups
- · Rhyth-mix group
- Caleb Campbell

#### **Christmas decoration**

Please join in the Christmas spirit and dress-up with your best candle-like or self-illuminations. There will be a prize for the best effort at the auditorium.



## **MyWay Fares Adjustment**

Having offered an introductory \$2 adult fare since it was launched, MyWay by Metro will have a small fare increase from Monday 23 November.

MyWay by Metro is an on-demand public transport service, available Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm. Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 8am – 6pm.

The increase will test whether this trial service can pay its way.

Timaru's popular MyWay by Metro public transport service is also trialling extended Friday and Saturday night hours, just in time for the silly season.

From 27 November until 20 December, enjoy some later shopping, going to the cinema, visit friends or an evening out in CBD, and let us drive you home on MyWay.



# **Happy Christmas!!**

To all of our Timaru Boys' community, we wish you a very happy and safe Christmas Break.



# PDF Version December Newsletter...

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# **Christmas on the Bay**

Saturday 12 December 2020 6:00pm - 8:00pm