



TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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RECTOR'S MESSAGE



Sometimes things are over-complicated in Education. Important priorities or concepts can get buried beneath Education jargon or junk. At TBHS we try to keep it straightforward but effective. We are, put simply, here to help each boy to know more, do more, and be more. We're here to challenge and support so boys learn, grow, and flourish. We do our bit so they can do theirs well.

Secondary Education is awash with dozens of acronyms coming out of Wellington that create an alphabet soup of initiatives lacking both flavour and fervour. Schools are complex places but this doesn't mean we have to over-complicate their Education when doing our best for young people. There is strength in simplicity, and confidence in the clear and concise.

This new term, like all new terms, brings opportunities for the boys to 'right some wrongs', and to find and enjoy new learning, personal growth and excellence. Every day is, as they say, a new day. And each new day brings six new lessons. And each new lesson offers a new moment to expand what is already known or done, and sometimes, when the time is right, to forge new character. If things go well our boys become increasingly able and aspirational. If things go wrong, they can gain resilience and direction for next time, as failure is taken on board, and setbacks are converted into new action. We actually need boys to experience smaller failures so they can reach their bigger successes.

Term Two has plenty of scope for knowing, doing and being more when effort is put where it's needed. In the past three weeks, first forays into exam readiness started to replace NCEA coursework development for a while. Juniors have widened their Curriculum coverage and assessment. The Conferencing on 4 May was a chance to discuss positive achievement to date and then reset to go again. The school has run its Cross Country with top accolades earned by **George Guerin** (Seniors), **Campbell Plows** (Intermediate), **Ryan Bagrie** (Juniors) and **Saxon McNoe** (Minors) - each winning their respective races. The winter exchange with our 'big brothers' up the road has also run its course; across the codes our results at Christchurch Boys' showed determined effort. The exciting Thomas House redevelopment has broken new ground with demolition and site access completed for the contractors to start building our new accommodation. The project is scheduled for completion in late November.

The school has enjoyed added entertainment and enrichment in the last three weeks: workshopping with visiting poet, Apirana Taylor on 7 May; and viewing outside Drama performances – including New Zealand Playhouse's 'Shakespeare: As You Write It'. The boys have been showcasing excellence too while preparing for the 48 Hour Film Competition, and June *Rockquest* (with **Rory MacLeod** a solo entry alongside two Year 10/11 combined bands).

There are other great new opportunities for the boys to learn, grow and flourish in and out of the classroom. Join us to encourage a strong uptake of what's to come.

Nick McIvor

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Mā te Mātauranga te Mana

Apirana Taylor

Timaru Boys' High School was delighted to be able to again host Apirana Taylor, a renowned New Zealand poet, novelist, performer, story-teller, musician and painter.

Apirana Taylor, of Te Whānau-ā-Apanui, Ngāti Porou and Ngāti Ruanui descent, has published six collections of poetry, four short story collections, two novels, and three plays. He has also been included in multiple anthologies and has published prolifically in other mediums, including sound and video recordings. He writes for children and the theatre, and is involved in acting and teaching drama. Taylor's first collection of poetry, *Eyes of the Ruru*, established his powerful voice among Māori writers.



Apirana's poetry reading performance to a select group Year 9, 10 and senior students was thoroughly enjoyed by all attendees. The afternoon saw Apirana present a writing workshop to a smaller group of students, whereby boys write down ideas before continuing to compose a poem. This exercise saw boys thinking creatively in a new way, inspired to continue writing.

Timaru Boys' High School acknowledges the support of **New Zealand Writers in Schools**. The following is a sample of what was achieved during the day.

*Depression, Depression is more than
Just a word, it's a raging war inside
Your head, it's the blood that drips
From your wrist enough to flow a river
Depression leaves you with self-hate and
Blame, it's what drives you to leave your body
And fly high over mountains in the
Breeze of the wind
Depression lets you hear death's music and draws
You closer to his grasp.*



NZ Playhouse Shakespeare As You Write It

On Thursday 10 May, the New Zealand Playhouse performed *Shakespeare As You Write It* to 120 of our students. The performance commenced with three actors asking the students for ideas they could work with and improvise e.g. movie characters, a place in world, and appearance. Many ideas were forthcoming but in the end the following suggestions were followed: Rome, Strong Bod and Shrek.

The actors then performed many snippets from the Shakespeare stories *Romeo and Juliet* and a *Midsummer Night's Dream*, acting out the succession of kings and how they died using the suggested cues, thereby making the whole performance very entertaining and interactive.

They were extremely clever in their use of minimal props and portrayed each character by adding a wig, a sword, crown, piece of material etc.

South Canterbury Drama League: Playhouse Visit

On Thursday 10 May, the Year 10 Drama class walked to the South Canterbury Drama League Playhouse on Church Street, where Sharleyne Diamond, League Secretary, hosted the boys on a tour of the premises - the lighting/sound room, wardrobe department and backstage where the rehearsals happen and sets are built were all included as part of the tour. As there was a play currently being performed during the evenings, the lighting system and stage were arranged to accommodate that performance, thereby allowing students to see where/how the props were laid out along with the lighting setup.

None of the boys had actually been into the Playhouse to watch a production before, let alone backstage so there was much excitement and curiosity throughout this session. A number of students commented on how big the premises actually are as they look smaller from the outside. Students were also interested in perhaps assisting with future sound/lighting or back stage tasks. Thank you to the Drama league for supporting us in this visit.

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HP 48HR Furious Film Making

From 7pm on Friday 11 May until 7pm Sunday 13 May, four TBHS teams were kept busy making a 5min film over a 48 hour time period. On the Friday night, the teams met in the TBHS music room, waiting with anticipation for the supplied genre, elements, special effects and sound requirements to be included in their movie. After this information was released, they went to their 'bases' for the weekend to brainstorm storylines, setting, props and costumes needed.



Cameras at the ready, an early start for many on Saturday morning meant teams could start filming the necessary (or unnecessary!) shots in readiness to pass over to the team's editor/s. This saw some team members not getting to bed till very late/early morning on the Saturday/Sunday, then up again early on Sunday to finish off editing, adding music, special effects and whatever else was required before the teams rendered, uploaded and filled out the necessary wrap up forms all before the 7pm cut off.

I am pleased to say that all teams had their films uploaded before the 7pm cut off which then allowed teams to relax and catch up on lost sleep before we met back in the music room to view the films.

All teams did an amazing job and the acting and editing was completed to a very high standard. Teams are now sitting back, waiting to see if their film gets placed in the Otago/Southland regional heats and if their film qualifies for the Dunedin finals before leading on to the nationals.

What a great, exciting but tiring weekend for everyone involved. A huge thank you to the parents who kept the teams fed, watered and taxied them around as required.

TBHS Cross Country

Our 2018 Cross Country Championships based at School Park and run in the Scenic Reserve were held in near perfect conditions. There was a slight change to the course this year as the small wooden walk bridge was deemed out of bounds by the Timaru District Council so the boy's followed the road around to the traffic bridge and had a sharp left turn which went a small hill and joined the usual course. It was wet under foot in many places. The results are as follows:

Senior (5.5km)

1. George Guerin 21.20
 2. Cathal Guiney 21.35
 3. Bailey Gebbie 22.35
- House: 1 Simmers, 2 Tait, 3 Dawson and Hogben

Intermediate (5.5km)

1. Campbell Plows 24.45
 2. Harry Black 25.00
 3. Will Gibson
- House: 1 Simmers, 2 Tait, 3 Hogben, 4 Dawson

Junior (4.5km)

1. Ryan Bagrie 17.54
 2. Zac McLennan 20.05
 3. Isaac Smyth 20.08
- House: 1 Hogben, 2 Simmers and Dawson, 4 Tait

Minor (4.5km)

1. Saxon McNoe 21.29
 2. Cooper Mason 21.36
 3. Toby Clement 21.40
- House: 1 Hogben, 2 Dawson and Simmers, 4 Tait



Aoraki Swimming Championships



On 10 April the team of ten TBHS swimmers headed to Ashburton to compete in the Aoraki Swimming Championship. The team consisted of: **Riley Taylor, Reed Stevenson, Campbell Lindblom, Jack Sands, Matthew Moore, Campbell Plows, Dominic Coleman, William Tudgey, Harry Sands and Bede Fisher**. It was another successful meet for our strong swim team. The results and records have yet to be confirmed but preliminary results are listed below.

We won three out of the four relays contested. The senior freestyle and medley team of Riley, Reed, Jack and Matthew won both of their races setting new race records. The junior team of Dominic, Will, Harry and Bede won their freestyle relay and came third in the medley relay, going faster than

last year's junior team for both relays in the process. TBHS won the overall Boys' Relay Champions Trophy.

- Riley was placed 1st in the Senior Boys' Championship winning all of his races. He won 1st in the 100 IM, 1st in the 200 Freestyle, 1st in the 200 IM, and 1st in the 100 Freestyle.
- Jack was placed 2nd in the Senior Boys' Championship. He won 1st in the 100 Backstroke (PB and new record breaking his own 2017 one), 1st in the 100 Breaststroke (PB), 2nd in the 100 IM (PB), and 3rd in the 100 Freestyle (PB).
- Matthew was placed 3rd in the Senior Boys' Championship. He won 1st in the 100 Butterfly, 2nd in the 200 IM, 3rd in the 100 Backstroke (PB), and 4th in the 100 IM (PB).
- Will was named 2nd in the Junior Boys' Championship. He gained a 1st in the 100 Backstroke, 1st in the 100 Butterfly, a 2nd in the 200 Freestyle (PB), and 4th in the 100 Freestyle.
- Dominic was named 3rd in the Junior Boys' Championship. He won 1st in the 200 IM, 1st in the 100 Breaststroke, 3rd in the 200 Freestyle, 5th in the 100 Freestyle.
- Reed gained a 3rd in the 200 IM, 3rd in the 100 Breaststroke (PB), 3rd in the 100 Butterfly (PB), and 5th in the 100 IM.
- Campbell Lindblom gained a 2nd in the 50 Breaststroke, 6th in the 100 Freestyle, 7th in the 100 Backstroke, and 9th in the 100 IM.
- Campbell Plows gained an 4th in the 50 Backstroke, 7th in the 100 Butterfly (PB), 8th in the 50 Freestyle, and 11th in the 100 IM (PB).
- Harry gained a 4th in the 50 Backstroke (PB), 7th in the 100 Backstroke, 10th in 100 IM, and 10th in the 100 Freestyle (PB).
- Bede gained a 6th in the 50 Butterfly (PB), 7th in the 100 Freestyle, 8th in the 50 Freestyle, and 9th in the 100 IM (PB).

Special thanks go to Heather Tudgey and Louise Moore for their assistance with timekeeping and transport, and Kirsten Lindblom for transport and assisting with team managing.

National Age Group Swimming Championships

The National Age Group Championship in Auckland held over five days, commenced on 17 April with **Riley Taylor, Reed Stevenson, Jack Sands, Matthew Moore** and **William Tudgey** participating. This is a Club Championship event and is the pinnacle of swimming for those 18 years and under - included in Riley and Reed's age division, was Lewis Clareburt who won a bronze medal at the recent Commonwealth Games. The boys swam extremely well over a difficult, tiring week.

Riley won three bronze medals: one for his outstanding swim in the 1500 metre freestyle where he knocked 20 seconds off his personal best time, another for the 400 metre individual medley and to cap off a successful run, a bronze as a member of the zonal relay team. Not only did Riley medal, but he gained entry into finals for every event that he swam, coming close to another medal in the 400 metre freestyle where he finished fourth and gained personal bests in every event.

Jack was also successful in winning two medals. One of these was a silver in the 400 metre individual medley, and the other a bronze in the 400 metre freestyle. Like Riley he completed an excellent swim in the 1500 metre freestyle

taking just over 20 seconds off his previous best time. Jack also made it into every final for each of his events and completed a 100% personal best rate. Matthew continued the successful run for the Timaru Boys' swimmers by winning a silver medal in the zonal relay, and swam well enough to compete in seven finals where he placed in the top ten for everything. He also swam above his personal best times in each event, and like Riley and Jack took 20 seconds off his 1500 metre freestyle time.

Reed gained a personal best in the 200 metre butterfly and William swam well in the 400 metre freestyle and the 1500 metre freestyle.

Thomas House Building Progress



Stage 1 of the Thomas House Redevelopment has commenced with the demolition of the old Games Room and Gym. A new wing comprising 36 beds, common room, house staff flat, sick bay, mud room and bathrooms is to be constructed and completion is expected by November this year.

The boys and staff are looking forward to the new buildings taking shape and are very grateful to the wonderful committee who have made this possible.

Christchurch Boys' Dominate Exchange

The traditional CBHS winter exchange was held in cool showery conditions in Christchurch on Tuesday 15 May. The exchange was dominated by Christchurch Boys' who won tight encounters in hockey and football and dominated both rugby fixtures.

The **1st X1 Hockey** match was played on a sand based turf at Nunweek Park. Timaru started well and after 15 minutes took the lead through a well struck **Matt Ellis** goal. Christchurch Boys' dominated the middle stages with 3 goals although one was a fortuitous own goal via a deflection off a Timaru defender. However, a fine reverse flick by **Oli Anderson** set up a tense finish that saw CBHS hang on for a tough 3-2 win. This was a pleasing performance by a TBHS side, missing the experienced duo of Duncan Rollinson and Liam Parker through injury and rugby commitments respectively. For Timaru, **Tim Sheed**, **William Sharp** and **Ellis** played well. **Campbell Plows** made a good fist of taking on the goal-keeping duties while youngsters **Dougal Gibson** and **Nick Stevens** enjoyed the extra opportunities in mid-field due to the absence of Rollinson and Parker. TBHS have an almost immediate rematch with Christchurch Boys' in this week's round of the Christchurch schools hockey championship.

The **1st X1 Soccer** side completed a busy two days following a trip to Dunedin to defeat Kavanagh College 1-0 in Dunedin on Monday in a NZSSFA tournament qualifying fixture with another away game at English Park on Tuesday. In spite of some injury concerns, TBHS stayed with a capable Christchurch Boys' side for the full 90 minutes in a gritty 1-0 defeat. For Timaru, **Tom Baxter** was outstanding defensively and young **Tane Francis** coped well under pressure in goal for Timaru.

The **2nd XV** came up against a very well drilled CBHS side who proved far too strong in recording a decisive 55-0 victory. For TBHS, **James Davidson** and **William McArthur** toiled bravely in a losing cause.

The **1st XV** struggled to adjust to the pace and physicality of the game in the first 25 minutes of their fixture. Their hesitancy was punished by an efficient CBHS side who recycled the ball quickly and played with width to stretch the defence. At 29-0 down, Timaru were looking down the barrel of a hiding but showed some tenacity in the last 10 minutes of the first half and throughout the second half to restrict Christchurch to only two further tries while scoring one of their own through **George Brown**. This saw the final score run out 43-5 to CBHS. For Timaru, Prop **Shane Fikken** and Openside **George Brown** worked hard up front as did **Ryan Greenslade** at first-five. Wing **John Vasurakuta** ran hard and made the most of his limited attacking opportunities and **Taniela Wacokecoko** ran and tackled powerfully in mid-field. Timaru need to regroup quickly for their first home game in the UC Championship this weekend against an in-form Rangiora side.

From the School Office.....



School Account Reminders

TBHS offers families the option to pay their school activity contributions in weekly automatic payments of \$10 per week. These amounts are credited to your son's school account.

Your son's school account is available for viewing on the Parent Portal and lists the activity contributions and payments that you have made to the school.

- The school's bank account number is: **12 3159 0038004 00**
- The Thomas House bank account number is: **12 3159 0038004 02**. All hostel related payments need to be made into this account, not the school's account.



School Donations

A request for the school donation has been added to next month's student accounts. The following amounts have been set by the Board of Trustees for 2018:

**\$170 (1 student), \$265 (2 students) and \$335 (3 students or more)
with a \$12 donation to the PTA**

We are most grateful for the very positive response from families to payment of this donation. In 2017 we received a generous \$ 62,039.25 from the school community.

The donation is used to support a wide range of activities for the boys including learning support, cultural visiting groups, school magazine, sport and arts activities to name but a few.

If you have any queries regarding this donation, please phone Lynda Robinson on 687 7560 ext 705.

NB: The government's previous indication that they would contribute a \$150 school donation per pupil has not yet been implemented.

Unavailability of School Jackets

XCM Group are suppliers of our school jackets. Unfortunately, there has been an issue with the overseas factory who makes these jackets. With the closure of the factory, there has been uncertainty over the supply of jackets. **We are hopeful that these will arrive by the end of May.**

However, going forward, the factory is now up and running again with new owners. XCM apologise unreservedly for the delay but this has been out of their control. They are doing everything possible to make sure the product is delivered as soon as possible. The school will notify parents as soon as these jackets arrive in the school via the school notices and an email.

NB: Non-regulation jackets are able to be worn to and from school until this matter is resolved



NZQA Fees

You will note that the 2018 NZQA fees have now been added to your son's student account. If you think you qualify for financial assistance these fees can be reduced by completing a form available online <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/entry-into-ncea/fees-for-ncea/financial-assistance/> or from the Student Office. If you have any queries please contact Lynda in the Student Office.

Student Loans and Allowances

If you're in your final year at secondary school and thinking about starting tertiary education next year, **Studylink** can help in a number of ways, including helping you sort a budget and what support you are eligible for. You need to apply as early as you can to make sure you get everything sorted in time, including your payments.

They may be able to help with:

- compulsory course fees
- course-related costs (eg, books, laptop, etc)
- day-to-day living costs
- other costs (eg disability or childcare)



How much you can get depends on your age, income and course type.

Complete their form online and closer to the time, they will send you information about the application process and when to apply. Follow this link to commence the process:

<http://faqs.studylink.govt.nz/ci/documents/detail/2/details>

Sports News

Rowing

James Davidson was selected for the South Island Under 18 team at Lake Karapiro in the holidays, where he rowed in the four and the eight. The southern team of 12 males and 12 females competed against the North Island team, and won. Congratulations on your selection James for what has proved to be an exciting opportunity.

Swimming

Huge congratulations to **Riley Taylor**, who has been selected by Swimming NZ to represent New Zealand at the 2018 Australian State Teams Championships to be held in October!

Riley has been selected to swim the 1500m Freestyle and the 400m Freestyle. What an amazing reward for all of his hard work.

Water-skiing

Congratulations to **Will Gibson** who has been selected for the Junior World Waterski Championships to be held in Sensena, Spain from 2-5 August. This is the largest waterskiing event in his age group and Will's selection is a testament to his hard work and discipline in the sport. Ranked fourth in the world in his age group, we look forward to keeping up with his achievements on the international stage.

From the Deputy Rector's Desk.....



PPTA Paid Union Meeting

As TBHS teachers will be attending a Paid Union Meeting on Wednesday 6 June, the school day will finish for all students at 12:45pm.

Supervision will be provided by non-union members in the library for students who remain at school. Bus times will remain unchanged.

We apologise for any inconvenience this adjustment to the school day may cause.

Senior Examinations

These take place next week, Wednesday May 23rd –Friday May 25th.

All students with examination based subjects will have examinations on these days.

- 11BN will remain at school on those days with classes as per normal

Exams
are
coming!!!

- All Senior students and 10MF have been issued with an Exam timetable.
- Senior students are only required to be at school for their examinations (in school uniform).
- There will be no late start on Thursday for Junior students – it will be normal Monday/Tuesday/Friday bell times.



BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

We are continuing to support Year 9 use of BYOD in the classroom.

Mr Burke is providing IT support for any student in the second half of lunchtime each day.



NZQA Information Evening

All parents and caregivers are invited to an NCEA Information Evening to be held **Wednesday 6 June 7:00pm-8:00pm**. There will be an overview of NCEA, the Qualifications Framework and school procedures and an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. The location to be advised



Year 8 Information Evening

Prospective families are invited to the School Information Evening to be held on Thursday 31 May at 6pm in Hogben Hall. We look forward to having you join us.

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PTA Fundraiser: Golf Umbrellas

The PTA are selling vented golf umbrellas as a major fundraiser.

This large, golf style umbrella is of a good quality, featuring a special wind proof feature and the school Coat of Arms.

Umbrellas are available from the Student Office for \$40 (+ shipping if required)

Thank you in anticipation of your support.



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Venue: Craighead Auditorium
Date: Monday 21st May 2018
Time: 7pm
Presented by Marcelle
Nader-Turner

TBHS CALENDAR Term 2 2018

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

23-25 May	Senior Exams	12-15 June	"Into the Woods" Combined Production
28 May	Teschmakers Cup Assembly	19 June	Author Kate De Goldi visiting
31 May	Information Evening	20 June	OBHS Exchange (Home)
4 June	Queen's Birthday	21 June	Junior Social – Hogben Hall
6 June	PPTA Union Meeting (Students finish 12:45pm)	21-22 June	Year 13 History trip to Wellington
6 June	Parent NCEA Information Evening	27 June	Aoraki Junior Basketball
7 June	Aoraki Cross Country	27-28 June	ODT Spelling Quiz
9 June	TGHS Ball	29 June	Teacher Only Day
11 June	STAC Exchange (Home and Away)	3 July	Year 12 Emerging Leaders – Christ's College
12 June	Aoraki Cycling	6 July	End Term 2

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