



TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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RECTOR'S MESSAGE



To my generation, the need to protect and preserve the environment was something we understood, something we respected, but also, perhaps, something often seen as an 'optional extra' and not really a mainstream focus or pressing concern. When we look at this current generation it's very different.

If asked, boys at Timaru Boys' are likely to have strong conviction about environmental matters. And if not strong conviction, then ready acceptance of the need to work to improve the environment, at the very least. Both in and out of the curriculum young people are mobilising their thinking and action to do their bit to try to correct previous environmental mistakes, protect what we still have, or avoid new mistakes that will jeopardise our natural world, and us as humans. They see the partnership we have with the environment clearly, as well as the need to utilise the environment for our benefit.

One student group that has been promoting awareness and doing community work is the Environmental Group. The boys in this group have been busy clearing traps near Pleasant Point (to protect the bat colony out there), cleaning up the Saltwater Creek/South Beach area, preparing new planting around the school campus, developing a worm farm, and the list goes on!

Last Wednesday morning the Environmental Group took Assembly with guests from ECAN invited: **Jemma Hippolite**, **Debbie Eddington** (both recently back from ECAN work in the Chatham Islands) and **Tim Gale**. Our guests spoke of their careers in environmental preservation. Tim described his extensive contract shooting across New Zealand; this certainly piqued the interest of many boys (as did his resource management – focussed Masters Degree completed in Vienna). Jemma's story about diving with sharks in Northland also got plenty of attention. Speaking for the student group, **Joshua Earnshaw**, made the following comments that are possibly an apt summary of what these students, and an increasing portion of this generation, believe passionately about the environment:

'It's easy to leave the problem solving to the people who know what they're doing, however it's pretty clear that doing this isn't working and it isn't going to suddenly start working in the future. The top people, such as MP's and big business owners can only do so much, and to make matters worse some of them, despite everything that's in the media, refuse to take action on environmental issues ... Our goal is to inspire you all to get out there and do your bit to help to stop what David Attenborough calls "our greatest threat in thousands of years". It might seem like solving the huge environmental issues we face should be left to the New Zealand and World leaders but we are ALL responsible. If we all take small steps in helping out, we WILL achieve great things. Small actions can, and do, have big impacts.'



Nick McIvor
Knowledge is Power
Mā te Mātauranga te Mana
Scientia Potestas Est



School Trustee Elections

School Trustee Elections are now underway, with parents/caregivers having been posted a letter and nomination forms that are due to be returned by NOON, FRIDAY 24 MAY 2019.

Our Board requires trustees who are focused on supporting teaching and learning and the ongoing improvement of student achievement.

For our board to be the best it can be, we need people around the board table with a range of competencies, skills and personal qualities. It is not expected that each trustee will have all of these skills, but a range of skills around the board table is essential. Please consider if you would be willing to step forward to support the school in a Trustee role.

Please feel free to contact the Board Chair, Peter Stayt if you have further questions. staytpe@timaruboysschool.nz

FIVE Parent Representatives are required to fill the vacated positions.

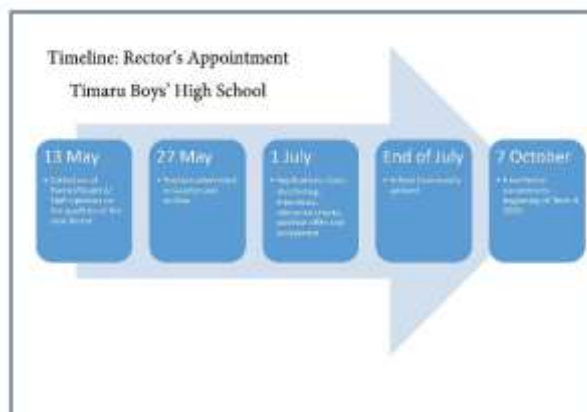
Rector Appointment: Timeline

We congratulate our Rector, Mr Nick McIvor, on his recent appointment to the position of Rector of King's High School in Dunedin, a position he will commence in Term 3.

As a result, staff, parents and students have been consulted, seeking feedback regarding the qualities of the new Rector. The following timeline will give guidance to our school community re the expected timeline for the appointment process.

The Board is being assisted by a NZ School Trustees Association Endorsed Consultant who is a former secondary school principal.

- 13 May: Collection of Parent/Student/Staff opinions on the qualities of the new Rector
- 27 May: Position advertised in Gazette and on-line
- 1 July: Applications close
- Short Listing / Interviews / Reference Checks / Position Offer & Acceptance
- End July: School Community advised
- 7 October: New Rector commences - start of Term 4 2019



Congratulations to William McArthur

Timaru Boys' would like to congratulate William McArthur on his recent achievements at the Australian National Pipe Band Championships.

William travelled to Scotch College in Adelaide at the beginning of the school holidays to perform in the Keol Begg and R U Brown Piobaireachd competition.

William was placed 3rd in the 2019 C Grade MSR competition; he was also awarded 2nd place in the Jim Smith Perpetual Trophy, and achieved 1st place in the 2019 Bronze medal section.

William has been invited to compete in the World Pipe Band competition with Celtic, a Pipe Band based in Nelson and William is hoping to continue this success when he travels to Glasgow in August.



ECan Youth Rōpu



ECan Youth Rōpu began as an idea raised in a Christchurch Youth Council meeting that saw the Council commit time and money to create what would become the ECan Youth Rōpu, initiated with a “working group” in 2017 to establish a project that would allow ECan to communicate with young people (between 14 and 26).

The main goal was to form a genuine two way relationship between ECan and a select group of young people which would effectively allow the District Council to connect and communicate with the wider youth community.

Joshua Earnshaw applied and was accepted onto the newly formed ECan Youth Rōpu along with 15 other members from across Canterbury. Commencing with an informal lunch on 5 April in the ECan building in Christchurch, this gave an opportunity to establish the plan for the year and get to know each other.

Six members travelled to Wainui after the lunch to take part in #activate which is an annual meet up of youth groups from across the country. Due to having only a week's notice, the remainder of the members were unable to attend. Although Josh left on Saturday afternoon, #activate took place from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon and was a great experience for attendees.

He was able to participate in various workshops, including some based around improving leadership, awareness of Maori culture and protecting the environment. They were also given down time to take opportunity of everything Wainui had to offer. The trip itself was great and helped Josh realise the effort that many young people from across the country put in to help lead change. He also noted the importance placed on Maori culture in other towns. As the year goes on, Josh will travel to Christchurch to attend regular ECan Youth Rōpu meetings to discuss the big topics surrounding environmental issues in Canterbury. They intend on working with ECan to make some significant changes in the region and by doing so, lead our generation in helping New Zealand become a cleaner, safer place for people and wildlife.

Reader-Writer Help Required

Timaru Boys' is seeking volunteers to help us out by being a reader/writer for NCEA Exams to help boys who need support to complete assessment tasks.

If anyone is interested, could they please contact Sally Hilton on [027 383 8989](tel:0273838989) or on 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 Leadership Day

Timaru Boys' welcomed local student leaders to our school on 1 May for a collaborative Leadership Day.

The Aoraki senior students were greeted by the Rector **Mr McIvor** and participated in sessions that included presentations from **Natalie Rooney, Grant McFarlane** and **Ross Stevenson**. A mystery envelope was distributed, containing some leadership tasks for the afternoon.



Food Technology/Hospitality

Over the last couple of weeks, Year 10 Food Technology and the Senior Hospitality classes have had the expertise and industry knowledge from award winning chef Steve Le Corre from ARA.

These students have experienced a Master Class in food preparation, cooking techniques and presentation methods with a focus on Asian cuisine.

Our Senior Hospitality students have also focused on learning how to produce the various specialist fruit and vegetable knife cuts, for example chiffonade and julienne to name a few, as well as how to use a stone and steel to maintain various knives.

These Master Classes have been extremely beneficial to the students in their development of Hospitality skills for future use.



Year 10 Drama

Year 10 Drama have been learning about various forms of stage lighting.

The students have discovered how lighting can enhance a performance by adding special effects and to help create a specific mood or atmosphere on stage.

The theatre in Tait Block is now fully operational with an impressive lighting system.

This new technology aspect to performance work has been fully utilised during the final assessment task for Year 9 Drama Totara. This class has used the lighting system in the O'Sullivan Theatre to enhance the final performance of their group devised drama to an audience.

Thank you to Richard "Stix" Howey from Audio Dynamite for his support in this area.

Mates and Dates

The YMCA will be taking the Year 9 and 10 Classes for the *Mates and Dates Programme*. This will be run alongside the Physical Education and Health programme starting at the end of May.

An overview of the programme is below:

Mates and Dates is a healthy relationship programme that is funded by ACC and applies to everyone, whether they are in a relationship or not, because it covers all kinds of relationship such as friendships and relationships with whanau.

The activities in the programme can help students to think about relationships they already have, and about dating relationships they might have in the future.

The programme is run over a 5 week period and has been designed to teach young people essential skills in having healthy relationships and preventing sexual and dating violence.

The programme taught at each year will be appropriate for that age group. The programme is not a sex education programme but it will include materials and discussion about sexual and relationship violence, consent, dating, relationships, pornography and other related subject matters.

Working with young people is one of the most effective ways of preventing sexual violence. It equips them with relationship skills and behaviours they can carry with them throughout their lives.





Blood Donation in Science

10GI students were thinking about blood donation in Science recently when they created messages to inform people about blood donation and encourage people to donate blood.

One group compared the amount of blood you can donate to the amount of coke you get in a 600ml bottle.

Have you considered giving blood?

Check out the NZ Blood Donation website for more info <https://www.nzblood.co.nz/>.

Christchurch Boys' take Honours in Annual Exchange

Christchurch Boys' emerged with a 3-1 overall victory in the annual winter exchange played in cool conditions in Timaru on Tuesday 14 May.

The **1st XI Hockey** fixture played for the McAuley Family Trophy, saw Timaru take a decisive 4-0 win, which was especially pleasing given the default of CBHS and Burnside High School in the Canterbury Schools' Championship matches in the last fortnight. After an even initial period, Timaru took control of a fast paced game in a strong team performance.

For TBHS, **Tim Sheed** (2), **Elliot Barratt** and **Sean Rhodes** scored goals to provide a fair reflection of Timaru's superiority on the day. Upcoming championship and school fixtures against Christ's College and St Andrew's College will give TBHS a clear early season guide on where they sit in the South Island rankings.

The **1st XV** struggled in the first half of their encounter against a polished opponent and were 31-6 down at the break. Christchurch Boys' moved the ball well as their inside backs found space against a defence that struggled to adjust to the speed of the game and identify where the opposition numbers and threats were. Pleasingly in the second half, TBHS were far more physical and competitive and scored three excellent tries to backs **Jimmy Robertson**, **Tafu Tafunaina** and **Jed Syme**, to outscore CBHS 21-14 in the second half for a final scoreline of 45-27. For Timaru, **Jimmy Robertson** was very creative on attack at first-five, **George Brown** was again very combative at the breakdown and received more support than in recent matches from fellow forwards **Ryan Lethwaite**, **George Mulder** and **T J Lensley**. Hopefully this will boost the team's confidence going forward, having played two of what would appear to be the top sides in the competition in the opening rounds.

In the **1st XI Football** match, Timaru competed strongly with their opponents for the first 60 minutes, scoring first via a **Taylor Donaldson** penalty and holding CBHS to one all at that stage. CBHS did dictate terms in the last half hour to score three times, emerging with a 4-1 victory and exposing some of the defensive frailties that have been the achilles heel of a young side so far this season. For TBHS, Donaldson worked hard up front and **William Rawlins** defended stoutly at the back.

The **2nd XV** were dominated in their match against a stronger opponent who won comfortably 36-7. For a Timaru side who made numerous errors under pressure, **William McArthur**, **James Martin** and **George Small** put in honest performances.

The next Inter-school fixture is on 10 June against St Andrew's College where the games are split between Timaru and Christchurch.

The 1st XV fixture in Timaru will be televised on Sky as the 1st XV match of the week.



OUR SUCCESSFUL HOCKEY TEAM, POST CBHS EXCHANGE

Aspect Trust Winners

Timaru Boys' High School are extremely proud to have three of our Old Boys as recipients of the 2019 Aspect Trust Scholarships.

The successful applicants - **Cullen Grace** (rugby), **Riley Taylor** (swimming) and **Matthew McLean** (golf) - received scholarships of \$5,000 each after a comprehensive interview process in front of a panel of three trustees, for the purpose of boosting their successful athletic careers.

These young men were all deemed to have met the benchmark of high achievement, standards and work ethic and will be wonderful representatives for Aspect, under inaugural ambassador, **Tom Walsh**.

Recipients will also receive nutritional and dietary advice and support from a fully qualified dietician, gym membership with qualified trainers tailoring a programme to their specific sport's needs and the opportunity to regularly meet with other scholarship recipients at Aspect sports workshops during the year.

Aspect Trust is always looking for businesses to be part of the programme; by donating \$100 a month, they could help make a huge difference in supporting South Canterbury's high achieving young athletes who went on to become great role models for local youth and highly productive members of society.

School Cross Country

The annual Timaru Boys' High School Cross Country was held in School Park and the Scenic Reserve on Tuesday 7 May.

In overcast conditions, and with a chill in the air, the boys embarked on a journey through the walking tracks and roads of the reserve that served up some challenging running. First away were the Minor boys with many of them experiencing their first Timaru Boys' cross country. **Baxter Mason** flew around the track and was first to cross the finish line in the Minor grade followed by **Melachy Cleland** (2nd) and **Ryan Caldwell** finishing third.

The second grade away were the Juniors and again, this was a well contested race with lots of close running with **William Talbot** first to cross the finish line, followed closely by **Sam Wilson** (2nd) and **Saxon McNoe** finishing third.

For many in the Senior race, this would be their last school cross country. On paper, the Senior race looked like it could be reasonably close, but **George Guerin** had other plans and never let up all the way around. He crossed the finish line comfortably for first place followed by **Peter Rawlins** in second and **Josh Earnshaw** finishing third. Last away was the Intermediate grade with **Ryan Bagrie** leading from start to finish, showing he is preparing well for the Aoraki Champs and the Nationals; second and third place was a closely fought race with **Kai Reid** finishing second and **Charlie Clemens** coming in third.

Again, a big thank you to the staff without whose help we would be unable to run this event which has a strong history and tradition at Timaru Boys'.

Our runners now look forward to competing in the Aoraki Championships in May and the National Championships (in Timaru) in June.



From the Deputy Rector Mr Stevenson.....

School Examinations

Examinations for senior students and 10RY (Mathematics) take place on Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th.

The examination timetable has been sent to students and is on Facebook. Students only need to attend school when their examination is on. 11BN and the 12 PACE will attend school as usual.



BYOD

Students need to ensure their devices are registered at school to enable them to access the internet.

There is a form available from the Student Office for them to fill in and return.

Students have been made aware of this. There will be a letter sent out so students can register their device/s. If this isn't done, students will be unable to access the internet.



TBHS School App

Timaru Boys' High School now has a School App. This is another way the school will be able to communicate with parents. Currently school notices, newsletters, staff contacts, the calendar, link to the KAMAR parent portal and a notification option for student absences are available. There will be further features added later.

It is available for Android and Apple phones.

Search for SchoolAppsNZ on Google Play or on the Apple App Store. Once downloaded, enter Timaru Boys and follow the prompts.



PPTA/NZEI Teacher Strike

A combined PPTA/NZEI Secondary Teacher strike is planned for Wednesday 29 May.

Teachers greatly appreciate the community support that we have already received following the decision by teachers and principals to strike on Wednesday 29 May.

The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly by any of us. For the first time, both primary and secondary teachers are striking together because the crisis in education hits us all very hard and we need the Government to understand how serious it is.

Schools are grappling with the fallout of a 40% nosedive in the number of people training to be teachers between 2010 and 2016, even while the population grew by 400,000. While the situation improved a little last year and the Government has announced an urgent \$95m package to recruit teachers, this is not sufficient to address the crisis. Schools struggle daily to find enough teachers to meet their relief teacher needs and this will worsen as winter approaches. There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs.

The fact is that teaching is no longer considered an attractive profession due to long-term under-funding of the education sector. A significant pay jolt is part of the solution, alongside significant improvements to our heavy workloads. Otherwise our schools will end up with larger class sizes and more teachers leaving.

Year 12 PACE Studentsbig day out

Year 12 Pace visited the Antarctic Centre on 6 May. They experienced the cold temperatures, technology used to survive and met with the huskies who are no longer permitted to visit Antarctica.

Next stop was Orana Wildlife Park where the boys learnt about animals and their adaptations for movement and survival in their environment.

Particular highlights of the day were viewing and experiencing animals feeding, seeing the monkeys, gorilla and orangutan. The boys were also surprised to hear that cellphones can be recycled to help reduce reduction of gorilla habitat.



Whanau Hui 2019

Our first Whanau Hui for the year took place on the evening of Wednesday 17 May.

This provided an opportunity to meet together, introduce ourselves, share some food and discuss ideas that our whanau would like the school to implement to assist in growing and improving their sons' opportunities. There was some great discussion, ideas and takeaways!



Swimming Accolades

National Age Group Swimming Championship

This premier event on the New Zealand swimming calendar took place from 16-20 April in Wellington., with Timaru Boys' represented by **Jack Sands, Matthew Moore, Dominic Coleman** and **William Tudgey**.

Matthew Moore had a very successful meet, swimming in eight events, and qualifying for four finals with another event being a straight final. He set six personal bests along the way and in an impressive swim, Matthew gained a bronze medal in the 200 metre butterfly. He also gained three 4th placings in the 800 freestyle, 400 metre individual medley and the 200 individual medley, followed by 7th in the 400 freestyle, 11th in the 50 backstroke, 11th in the 200 backstroke and 13th in the 200 metre freestyle.

Jack Sands swam in three events, making three event finals. He placed 4th in the 400 metre individual medley, (a new Canterbury region record for 17 year old males) and placed 6th in the 200 metre individual medley and 7th in the 800 freestyle.

William Tudgey swam in five events with a best placing of 12th in the 1500 freestyle.

Dominic Coleman swam in two events, placing 16th in the 400 Individual Medley.

Aoraki Swimming Sports

The Aoraki Swimming Championship was held in Ashburton on 10 April 2019 with a team of nine TBHS swimmers participating: **Jack Sands** (Team Captain), **Matthew Moore**, **William Tudgey**, **Dominic Coleman**, **Benson Arnold**, **William Mackenzie**, **Thomas Kyle**, **Joshua Young** and **Cale Tompkins**.



TBHS won all of the boys' relays on the day. The Senior boys of Jack, Matthew, Dominic and Will finished five seconds ahead of the second placed team in the medley relay and produced a similar result in the freestyle relay. The Junior relay team for the medley (Thomas, Benson, William and Cale) won their relay by twenty seconds, which was a great result. The junior freestyle relay team (Thomas, Benson, William and Josh) finished 7 seconds ahead of their rivals in winning their race.

In the Senior 15 years of age and over individual swim category, our swimmers swam limited races due to the fact that they are competing at the New Zealand national age group championship shortly. Jack Sands won his 50 breaststroke race very convincingly and set a new record of 31.78, beating Campbell Lindblom's old record of 33.31. Matthew Moore also won his 100 butterfly race and came close to breaking the record of 1.00.15, swimming 1.01.27. William Tudgey gained a 4th and 6th placing in the 50 backstroke and 50 butterfly respectively, while Dominic Coleman was 4th in the 50 Butterfly.

In the 14 and Under age group there were some very pleasing results. Thomas Kyle was second or third in each of his four races, 100 individual medley, 200 freestyle, 100 breaststroke and 100 freestyle, swimming three personal bests along the way. A very nice day's swimming for Thomas. Benson Arnold gained a third, fourth, and two sixths in his races including a 5 second personal best in the individual medley, while William Mackenzie was placed in the top five in each of his three races. Joshua Young got a credible third in the 200 Individual Medley and then gained a fourth, eighth and tenth in his other three races. Cale Tompkins also swam well and placed fifth, seventh twice and ninth in his day's racing.

PTA Fundraisers

TBHS School Umbrella Fundraiser

Now that the winter is here, it is a great time to buy a new sports umbrella.

These sturdy, blue and white umbrellas with the TBHS logo are vented to be wind safe and large enough to provide plenty of protection from the rain for two people.

These are available from the Student Office for \$40. Proceeds will be given to the school.





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Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Timaru Girls' High School and Timaru Boys' High School are delighted to present their annual combined production, *Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Tickets are now available from the TGHS and TBHS School Offices. There will also be door sales.

Come and join us for an evening of well-known songs, dance and entertainment - support our young performers who have worked hard to make this show a reality.

The show runs from Tuesday 28 May to Friday 31 May at the TGHS Hall at 7:30pm.

- Adults \$20
- Student/Child \$15

TBHS CALENDAR Term 2 2019

10 May	Board of Trustee Nominations Close	07 June	Board of Trustees Election
22-24 May	Senior Exams	10 June	STAC Exchange – Home and Away
28-31 May	TGHS/TBHS Production: <i>Joseph</i>	12 June	Big Sing: Dunedin Town Hall
29 May	BoT Meeting	19 June	OBHS Exchange - Away
29 May	TEACHER STRIKE – no school	19 June	PTA Meeting
30 May	TBHS Information Evening	28 June	Teacher Only Day
3 June	Queen's Birthday	02 July	JM Exchange - Home
5-7 June	Arts Extravaganza	05 July	END TERM 2