



TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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RECTOR'S MESSAGE



There's a saying around the All Black camp: 'If you're not growing anywhere, you're not going anywhere.'¹ In the All Black environment this refers to the importance of preparation, constant learning, and practising with intensity and accuracy. For the 'Abs' it's also about training under pressure to perform under pressure, for sustainable improvement.² Do these things have a place away from international rugby?

In business, sport, crafts, or acquisition of any new skills, it's believed that 'practice makes perfect' and practicing with intensity makes learning more effective (or 'perfect'). The same applies in schooling. If we can help boys to work with intensity in and out of class, as they pick up new knowledge or technique, they will succeed mentally and physically.

Achieving this is tough. It is not to suggest that we put in place a grim regime of constant, unrelenting intensity and pressure in everything every day. It is instead to work to develop 'a mindset to win'³, to achieve, and not only in a sporting sense, but putting good intensity into different types of learning. It is to practice and learn with intensity; to 'train' our young men to succeed in activities that challenge and extend them.

Picking up on the All Black saying again, if we are to grow personally 'anywhere' then we can do it by working with intensity 'anywhere'.

The midpoint of the term has passed and we seem to be accelerating through the weeks with increasing speed. There is certainly an intensity to the way each day races by.

The boys who took part in the Relay for Life in the weekend to fundraise for Cancer research and support, were outstanding, and deserve special mention. This event is important to us every year. Few families in our school community will have not been touched by cancer at some point. In 2017, confronted with some of the grottiest weather we could have imagined in March, and mud and cold, those walking through the night showed rousing spirit, and good respect for the cause. The prefects did a tremendous job leading the rest of us in the Relay; one of their first big tests for 2017 handled well.

Nick McIvor

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¹ Kerr, J. Legacy: What the All Blacks can Teach us about the Business of Life (Constable, London, 2013) p101.

² Ibid. p105-106.

³ Ibid. p101.



Rite Journey – Hadlow to Harbour 2017

The *Rite Journey* at Timaru Boys' High School continues to offer all Year 10 boys significant support and guidance as the students transition from juniors to seniors, a time of life that can pose difficult challenges. Given the current lack of rites of passages in the Western World, young people are left to invent their own, which are often unhealthy and unsafe. The *Rite Journey* reinvents the traditional process of a *Rite of Passage* to assist in transitioning boys from dependency to responsibility.

On Thursday 2 March, our Year 10 boys took part in "The Calling". This symbolises the start of the *Rite Journey* year and sees the boys walk down to South Beach via the Salt Water Creek walkway. "The Calling" is a chance for students to reflect on their childhood and recognise those people who have played a role in shaping them to be the person they are today. The boys also write a negative behaviour that they wished to rid themselves of on a rock, and threw it in the sea. This is the first step in transitioning from a boy into a young man. The boys completed this challenge outstandingly well and have made a very positive start to the year ahead.



On Sunday 5 March the *Hadlow to Harbour* fun run took place. This is the second challenge for Year 10s to complete, providing an opportunity for boys to run, or be supported by, a parent or caregiver. The turnout from Year 10 was fantastic and it was great to meet and greet many parents and caregivers at the conclusion of the race and enjoy the BBQ put on by the Timaru Boys' High School Prefects.



We see the *Hadlow to Harbour* as a great way for boys to challenge themselves physically and mentally and it is becoming a significant event in the Year 10 *Rite Journey* Calendar. We appreciate the support of The Rotary Club of Timaru North in running this awesome event - they have always encouraged and supported our large number of entries.

Campbell Plows at the H2H finish line

PB4L – Uniform Focus

The Staff and PB4L team have a focus of improving the way students wear their uniform in 2017. This is to show pride in the way they present themselves personally and how they represent TBHS in the community.

We ask for your support by sending your boys to school with the correct uniform, socks pulled up, clean shirts tucked in and ties done up. We have been pleased with how most students are responding to our encouragement, incentives and prizes so far. These photos were taken recently in the school grounds to show just how it is expected a TBHS student should look at all times.



Students here are showing the right attitude in the way they wear their uniform and are taking responsibility for their own appearance. We understand this is an ongoing process but your role as parents /caregivers is vitally important in assisting our students to look their best every day.



Academic Success

The Academic Assembly for the year was held earlier this term. The school recognised academic success from 2016 in NCEA and the following week Scholarship results were released.

Certificate Endorsement

To attain a Certificate Endorsement in NCEA at Level 1 or 2 or 3 a student must gain 50 credits at Excellence and their NCEA will be endorsed with Excellence. Likewise, if a student gains 50 credits at Merit (or Merit and Excellence), their NCEA will be endorsed with Merit. For our school presentation this must be achieved in the year of sitting.

Merit Endorsement

Level 1

Kerolos Abousif, JJ (Tuss) Arphaadul, Thomas Baxter, Nicholas Cummings, Luke Davis, James Dolan, Shane Fikken, Ronan Galpin, Bailey Gebbie, Logan Goldingham, Ryan Greenslade, Cole Hazlewood, Bryn Houghton, Campbell Lindblom, Charlie Martin, Hunter McBride, Cole Melhopt, William Murdoch, Flynn Parker, Connor Rabbidge, Matthew Rayward, Benjamin Sewell, Bram van den Bosch, Caleb Walker, James Watt, Joshua Wilson.

Level 2

Logan Cummings, Cameron Ellis, David Ellis, Kees Geels, Taine Gibson, George Hill, Zachary Konings, Hamish Lamb, Fergus McNeice, Jack Millar, Bailey Mitchell, Hamish Robertson, Shaun Rooney, Kahlil Shearer, Charles Stock, Reuben Woods, Adam Yallop.

Level 3

Zach Boraman, Samuel Early, Roy Ford, Jason Hodgett, Guy McDonald, Oliver Prisk, Caleb Riley, Gali Templeton, Sean Wills, Alexander Wilson.

Excellence Endorsement

Level 1

Oliver Anderson, Harry Bampton, Ethan Bowmar, Caleb Cameron, Mac Edwards, Logan Hope, Harry Pierce, William Pudney, Joshua Reynolds, Reed Stevenson, Thomas Valentine, William Valentine.

Level 2

Benjamin Aicken, Benjamin Crozier, Timothy Currie, Brad Cvitanich, Hamish Dunbar, Cullen Grace, Tim Hepburn, Sung Min Lee, Louis Low, Hayden McNulty, Caleb Nicolson, Da Tong Ong, Kit Sadler.

Level 3

Liam Arthur, Ryan Davis, Jack Deeley, Matthew Marsh, Hamish Murdoch, Max Pierce.



Scholarship

Scholarship provides recognition and monetary reward to top students in their last year of schooling. Scholarship exams enable candidates to be assessed against challenging standards, and are demanding for the most able candidates in each subject.

Scholarship candidates are expected to demonstrate high-level critical thinking, abstraction and generalisation, and to integrate, synthesise and apply knowledge, skills, understanding and ideas to complex situations.

Approximately three per cent of Year 13 students studying each subject

at Level 3 are awarded Scholarship, if they reach the standard that has been set.

Ryan Davis: Scholarships in Chemistry and Physics

Liam Arthur: Scholarships in English, Economics, Biology and Chemistry

Athletes battle hot conditions at Athletics Meet

Extremely hot conditions confronted students at the Timaru Boys' High School Athletics day. This took its toll on the students but they battled through with some impressive performances.

Quinn Motley was the stand out in the Minor grade with wins in the 400m, discus, javelin and the shotput. The rest of the events were spread amongst a number of students with no one taking more than one win.

In the Junior grade **William Rawlins** was to the fore taking out the sprint trifecta with wins in the 100, 200 and 400m races as well as the high jump and the javelin. His brother, **Peter Rawlins** took out the longer events with victories in the 800, 1500 and 3000ms.

Ben Sewell took out the 100ms in the Intermediate section as well as wins in the 100m hurdles, high jump, long jump and the triple jump. **George Guerin** proved he is in good form with 1st places in the 800m, 1500m and the 3000ms.

Bailey Gebbie was the king of the long distance events in the Seniors with wins in the 400m, 800m and the 1500m as well as taking out the triple jump. **Hayden McNulty** won the 200m and the javelin. **Tevita Eukaliti** won the senior 100m in a time of 11.9 seconds, following this up with a victory in the Champion of Champions race which puts the top sprinters of all age groups against one another. He took this out in a time of 11.4 seconds, an improvement on his senior time. A good number of athletes have put themselves in contention for the Aoraki and South Island events later this season.

Volleyballers show determination at STAC Interschool

It was left to the Timaru Boys' High School **Volleyball** team to lead the way at the annual Summer Exchange with St Andrew's College in Christchurch. The volleyballers started very slowly, going down 3-0 in the first game. They lost the first set convincingly 25-5 but fought back to lose the next two sets narrowly, playing well but losing their way when the pressure came on.

Things didn't start well in the second game, with the team going down narrowly 25-23. They then "flicked the switch" and really started to turn on the skills. **Joel Hill** took command in directing the troops while **Jaydon Philips** came up with the big plays as Timaru Boys' took out the next 2 sets and the game. The volleyball tie finished 1-1.

The **Touch** boys showed out well in the first half of both their games but STAC's superior fitness showed through with them taking out both games 4-1. **Jono Ellis** and **Jimmy Robertson** were two players to stand out while **George Brown** stepped up in his first interschool.

The **Tennis** players found the going tough as they came up against a very skilled STAC team with the only win of the tie for Timaru going to **George McAleer** in an upset that saw him beat an opponent ranked a number of grades above him.

The final game of the Exchange was in the 1st XI **Cricket** where STAC batted first. They were initially well contained by Timaru but struck out towards the end of the innings as they compiled 299 from their 60 overs as their game was reduced to a 1 day game after rain on the Sunday. Timaru in reply could only make their way to 130 runs. The tie finished in a 3 ½ win to ½ to STAC.

TBHS have Upper Hand in Cricket – Waitaki Exchange

Cricket was the only sport to play on a rain affected interschool with Waitaki Boys' High School. The cricket was a two day affair and while the first day was unaffected, play didn't commence until mid-afternoon on the second day.

Timaru Boys' batted first, and helped by some disappointing Waitaki fielding, compiled an imposing 369 with **Shaun Rooney** (152) and **Ryan Lewthwaite** (108) the main contributors.

Waitaki lost wickets early to find themselves in trouble but the lower order dug in and scored what in the end were crucial runs, to finish with a total of 172 - Shaun Rooney continuing a great match with 6 for 25.

Waitaki were asked to follow in what were damp conditions. Their openers found a bit of form and quickly piled on some early runs. They were looking comfortable when TBHS struck with a couple of quick wickets. Timaru Boys' ran out of time and Waitaki eventually finished up on 132 for 6 with the crucial late runs in their 1st innings possibly making the difference. **McGregor Isbister** (2-9) and **Ben Stayt** (2-5) the pick of the bowlers.

Timaru Boys' took out the first inning spoils and Shaun Rooney continued his rich vein of form.

A Couple of Cockies.....

Contributed by Jack Millar and Cameron Lyon

On 25 February 2017, eleven teams from Timaru Boys' High entered the Teen Ag Young Farmers Competition in Methven. The teams (of two) consisted of all year levels, from Year 9s to Year 13s.

At the start of the day teams were divided up into six prelim groups. Each team had five minutes at each station to complete several activities relating to farming. These activities included soils, oil and lubricants and chemical knowledge, putting together milking cups and milking a dummy cow, plant identification, fencing, operating a front end loader tractor while balancing a ball on the bucket and a general quiz to finish.

From these events, our strongest two would have been fencing and operating the tractor. Coming off farms we have used tractors and had plenty of experience, and for the fencing we were able to have plenty of practice last year with Mr Archibald in Agriculture.

After the prelims were finished, the judges tallied up the points and Cameron and I were announced as finalists for the afternoon session. Joining us was another Timaru Boys' team, **Paddy Ahearn** and **Bradley Clucas** (*The Big Boys*), and three other teams from Methven High, St Kevin's and Geraldine.

In the finals, we were given three planks of wood, some shrubbery and camo netting and asked to make a maimai within 20 minutes. Once we had made it we had to get inside it and shoot decoys with nerf guns.

Once we had completed the final, we were given the opportunity to watch the Young Farmers compete as the judges assessed all teams' maimais. Once the Young Farmers' competition had finished, they announced the winners of our section and Cameron and I found we had achieved first place! For sure, we weren't planning on winning and it did come as a bit of a surprise. Our intentions were only to go there in the morning as we had work lined up with our fathers for that afternoon, but instead, we made a day of it!

We are now one of fourteen teams off to the Manawatu for the finals starting on the 6th of July for three days. Our next step towards the finals is finding sponsorship in order to get up to Manawatu but mainly hitting the books! We are both looking forward to the finals and will be a great experience to compete against the best secondary schools teams in New Zealand. We will also try to get the opportunity to watch the big fellas compete in the Young Farmers final competition. Make sure to watch this space!





Careers Update

Tertiary information

We have started the process of tertiary provider visits with both Otago Polytechnic and the University of Canterbury presenting to interested students in the last fortnight. These information sessions are designed to enable students to gather information to support decision making about their next steps. For upcoming presentations from Auckland and Otago Universities, please see the school notices or the Timaru Boys' High School Careers Department Facebook page for details. These visits are most suited to Year 12 and Year 13 students, however if your son has a genuine interest, please ensure they gain permission from their class teacher before attending.

Work opportunities

We have been contacted with a number of promising part and full time job opportunities this term. If you are seeking after school or full time work then please read the notices or check our Facebook page and ensure you act promptly.

POWER Tools 2017

Following the success of our inaugural POWER tools programme in 2016 we will deliver the first POWER tools of 2017 to our Y12 students on Thursday the 6th April. Further information will be provided for Y12 students and their parents. Topics to be covered will include Money, Budgeting and Insurance, as well as practical tasks like ironing a shirt and changing a tyre. We will be making use of several external experts and I would like to recognise in advance the time being generously provided by Shane Dowling of Mainland Insurance and Don McFarlane of Timaru Budget Advisory Trust.

Careers Planning Support

If you wish to meet with Mr Poulter for support or guidance on your future plans please see Mrs Molyneux in the Careers front office to book a time. This is available for students of all year levels.

Photography Group – Wellington Visit

Monday 13 March saw a group of Year 13 Photography students visit the Wellington City gallery to look at the photography by the influential American artist Cindy Sherman.

We also had a session at Te Papa, where we were able to play around with green screen photography and explore concepts of photo manipulation within a theme aligned to the Cindy Sherman work around identity. It was a busy and long day but well worth the experience.

Sports News

Swimming: Division II Swimming National Championship

On 6-9 March, **Reed Stevenson** and **William Tudgey** attended the Division II National Swimming Championship in Rotorua where they both achieved some great results.

Reed swam in seven events and made four finals, gaining an eighth place in the 100m butterfly and two seventh placings in the 100m breaststroke and the 100m individual medley. Reed then swam 10.55 seconds under his personal best to take the Gold Medal in the 400m individual medley.

William swam in eight events and made six finals, gaining a seventh place in the 400m individual medley and a sixth place in the 200m individual medley. William then gained one bronze medal in the 200m butterfly and three silver medals in the 400m freestyle, the 200m freestyle and the 100m butterfly breaking many of his personal best times on the way - four of them by more than nine seconds.

Football

Timaru Boys' High Football are seeking interest for Coaching and Manager positions in 2017.

If you are interested in being a part of Timaru Boys' High Football please contact Mr Cameron Gibb - gibbca@timaruboysschool.nz

SISS Rowing Championships

Last weekend our rowers competed at the South Island Secondary School Rowing Champs in Twizel. There were over 1,000 school students competing from 47 different schools around the South Island. Timaru Boys' High School came away with 8 medals: 2 gold, 1 silver and 5 bronze. We were placed 7th out of all the schools competing, based on points for placings - this is a huge improvement after coming 26th at the same event last year.

The following crews gained a third placing and a bronze medal:

The under 15 double – Josh Wilson and Hayden Kennedy

The under 18 coxless pair – Tim Hepburn and Brad Cvitanich

The under 16 coxed quad – Neil Paver, James Davidson, Kallum Puttick, Jack Clayton and Fletcher Joyce

The lightweight double – Jamari Vou and Farran Landers

The boys under 18 double – Tim Hepburn and Brad Cvitanich

The following crew gained a second placing and a silver medal:

Boys under 16 double – Jack Clayton and James Davidson

The following crews gained gold medals:

The lightweight coxed four: Jamari Vou, Liam Blackmore, Matthew O'Reilly, Farran Landers and Tom Scott

The under 18 novice double – Liam Parker and Harry Bampton – an impressive win with a whole 13 seconds between them and the silver medallists!

Congratulations boys and best of luck for Maadi Cup next week!

TIMARU BOYS' PTA

The TBHS PTA is an integral part of our school community. We warmly welcome and encourage new parents to come along to our AGM and to hopefully consider joining the PTA. It's a great way to be involved with the school - not just with fundraising, but also by providing an opportunity to meet other parents while helping to add value to TBHS while your son is at the school.



The Timaru Boys' PTA will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 22 March at 7:00pm, in the Staffroom

Guest Speaker: Dr Jill Harland on her recent trip to Israel

We warmly welcome new parents to come along to the meeting.
Help enrich the opportunities your sons will experience while at school.

SCHOOL SNIPPETS/REQUESTS

Naming of School Clothing

With 650 boys in our school, articles of clothing can easily go astray and be lost for all time! Although it is early in the school year, it has been noted that unnamed articles of clothing are already turning up in the *Lost Property* at the Student Office. **Please make sure that your son's clothing is labelled** to avoid the costly exercise of replacing school uniform with new clothing.



School Donations

A request for the school donation will be added to next month's student accounts. The following amounts have been set by the Board of Trustees for 2017:

***\$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 2016 we received a generous \$66,783 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.

School Photographs

All students present on that day had individual and form class photographs taken. Students will be able to order copies of these as well as an ID card with their photograph, date of birth etc. There is no obligation to purchase. Order envelopes are available to pick up from your son's form teacher – or enquire at the Student Office.

Vehicle Permission (Senior School)

A reminder that senior students, Year 12 and 13 (Year 11 may bring a moped or similar), must have completed a vehicle permission form before they bring a vehicle to school. These forms are available from the Student Office. Passengers are only allowed to be transported if the appropriate documentation has been completed.

Conferencing

Whole school conferencing will take place on Friday 5 May. On that day all students will meet with their conferencing teacher, who is their form teacher, for 15 minutes with their parents or caregivers. Students only need to come in for their conferencing time. Times will be sent out.

Senior Examinations

- These take place in Term Two Week Three Wednesday May 17th –Friday May 19th.
- All students with examination based subjects will have examinations on these days. 11BN will remain at school on those days.



SWIM SCHOOL

2017 saw the reintroduction of the Timaru Boys' High School swim school, this occurred at lunch times under the instruction of **Riley Taylor** and **Reed Stevenson**, with the help of **Matthew Moore**. There was an average of 15 boys there every week, ranging from Year 9 to Year 12. These boys were first taught how to efficiently swim freestyle, which is the most commonly used stroke in swimming.

Most of these boys were wanting to improve their freestyle technique due to a PE assessment that required swimming skills. To achieve better grades, these students needed to swim to their best ability in the most effective and efficient manner.

The students were then taught how to properly dive into a pool. This was demonstrated by Matthew, as it can be a difficult concept to understand.

Swim school will resume at the end of the year, and we look forward to students making further progress with their swimming.

TBHS CALENDAR Term 1 2017

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

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|------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 19 March | School OPEN DAY | 29 March | Aoraki Croquet |
| 19-21 March | Year 12 Geography Camp | 30 March | Junior Social - TGHS |
| 20-24 March | Year 9 Camp 4 (Rimu) | 31 March- 2 Apr | SI Athletics |
| 22 March | PTA AGM – 7:00pm | 31 March | Teacher Only Day |
| 23 March | Aoraki Volleyball | 7-9 April | Duke of Edinburgh Camp |
| 24-26 March | International Student Camp – JS Lodge | 10-12 April | Year 12 Bush Camp |
| 26 March | SI Touch | 12 April | RYDA Programme – Year 12 |
| 27 March-2 April | Maadi Cup | 13 April | ANZAC Service |
| 27 March | Year 9 Camp 5 (Kowhai) | 13 April | FINAL DAY TERM 1 |



**Teacher
Only
Day**

FRIDAY 31 MARCH
Teacher Only Day
Boys will not be required to attend school
on this day