



TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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RECTOR'S MESSAGE



Have a Happy Christmas and New Year with family and friends. We wish you all a wonderful summer as you rest and refresh. It's a time to get into the things you've been keen to enjoy but had to put on the 'back burner' due to commitments at home or work. Our hope is that you not only have a break, but that it feels as if it's been a break.

To the boys leaving us:

**'May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields and,
Until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.'**¹

Have the good fortune that this old Irish proverb invokes, and get out there to make your own good fortune as you find your way in the world. Be as proud of yourself and what you've achieved at Timaru Boys' as we are, and highly value the friendships and positive connections that you now have with students and staff or others you learned from; many of these will endure. Continue to grow an inquisitive and independent mind, good character, and a good reputation. Keep acquiring the knowledge and skills that add to your capability, credentials, and confidence. And look to be in the company of good people, and to be defined, in part, by your good deeds, in the years to come. As an Old Boy of Timaru Boys', you now carry a special bond with the school, and represent the values of the school. We hope that you will be moved to retain this bond, and to be a purveyor of our values as a positive presence in the wider community in New Zealand and abroad. We are renowned for our 'can do' spirit at TBHS - so carry and show this spirit as you move further through life.

To the boys returning in 2017, come back all the wiser from your experiences in 2016 and ready to learn well in order to achieve well. Reflect on what has brought you success in or out of the classroom, and what has impeded or delayed your progress and fuller realisation. There are great opportunities waiting to be seized on your return from late January onwards.

To our 22 support staff and 49 teaching staff, I thank you for the immense, dedicated support you have given the boys to grow this year. We will welcome new colleagues to our ranks in 2017, and wish those departing to new callings all the very best. In this departing group, we have **Henry Booth, Melanie O'Connor, David Harding, Doreen Vance, Janelle King, Nikki Hall** and **Tony Hill**. We thank them all for their special contributions to making us who we are as a school. The retirement of Tony Hill, after 29 years Mathematics teaching at Timaru Boys', is particularly significant.

Nick McIvor

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¹ <http://tacomaweekly.tripod.com/Irish-Quotations.html>



This year, Timaru Boys' High School has continued to build and develop our school-wide programme **Positive Behaviour For Learning** (PB4L) that reinforces positive behaviour and fosters life skills for our young men.

This is a programme that the Ministry of Education is encouraging schools to implement. It is based on the following foundation: *"that positive behaviour can be learnt and difficult/disruptive behaviour can be unlearned."*

Our selected values were based around the school motto of 'Knowledge is Power': **P**ride, **O**ur responsibility, **W**illing participant, **E**arning respect, **R**ight attitude. Posters reinforcing these values are displayed in all classrooms and around our school, encouraging and promoting positive behaviour amongst all students, in all settings.

An integral part of this programme is the rewards system. Throughout the year, students received stamps from staff when displaying the POWER values. When a card of 12 stamps was completed the students gained entry into the weekly Bronze prize draws. Students then moved on to Silver cards, which on completion, went in to the monthly draw for community prizes. We had fantastic community support for our Silver prize pool, including sponsored prizes from **The Warehouse, Lone Star, Riders HQ, U-Bake, Soul Surf and Skate, Mac Shaw Menswear, The Frontrunner, Rok Fitness, Rebel Sport, Subway, Movie Max, Corporate Print, Flip Out** and **EB Games**.

After this, students moved on to ultimate Gold cards which went into the end of year **Noel Leeming** major prize draw.

Noel Leeming generously contributed prizes for our major prize draw on the 26th of October 2016. We are continually grateful for the input and support from our students and community; these are central to the success of the PB4L process.

We are hoping to increase our community support to ensure the programme reaches its full potential at Timaru Boys' High School.

If you are interested in contributing to our PB4L School Wide programme, please do not hesitate to contact Timaru Boys' High School on 687 7560.

Our worthy prize winners are listed below:

Juniors		Seniors	
Major Junior Prize Detect X380 Drone	Josh Earnshaw	Major Senior Prize HP Laptop	Shaun Rooney
Winner with the most cards:	Brodie Chambers and Rhyen Mitchell	Leavers Jerseys:	Jason Hodgett and Jonte Woods
Vodafone smartphone	Taine Stuart	Vodafone smartphone	Josh Abel
Chromecast	Jack Hull	Chromecast	Jack Deeley
Portable Bluetooth speaker	Peter Rawlins and Brodie Chambers	Portable Bluetooth speaker	Cam Anderson
Virtual Reality headset	Billy Riddle	Beats studio noise cancelling headphones	Jason Hodgett
Casio Trackformer DJ Controller	Jack Aicken	Sony headphones	Hamish Robertson
Logitech Surround Sound Speaker system	Tom Scott	Bamboo Spark smart folio	Connor Wilson
Sony headphones	Callum Bowmar		
Google Nexus tablet	Hamish Stayt		
Sony Noise Cancelling headphones	Liam Johnston		
Huawei Smartphone	McGregor Isbister		

Year 10 Leadership Programme: Burnham Camp

Congratulations to the boys who completed the Year 10 Leadership Programme which was introduced and planned by Mr McFarlane, Mr Miller, Mr Gibb, Mr Archibald, Mr Simpson and Mr Hill as part of a staff Professional Development group.

The programme commenced with 16 students being selected by staff and then mentored by Mr McFarlane during lunchtime sessions before a three day trip to Burnham Military camp. The following boys made the final cut and were lucky enough to go to Burnham from 22-24 November.

Joseph Allen-Perkins, Ollie Cormack, James Davidson, Harry Gawne, Matthew Gualter, Ben Helliwell, Matt Kennedy, Bailey Lissington, William Lyall, Dion McKeown, Sam Milne, Ben Robinson, Alvin Sutedja, Cadell Tomkinson, Kurtis Uren and Tom Scott

The following is an overview of the trip written by **Joseph Allen-Perkins** and **Ben Helliwell**.

16 boys in total were chosen in the final group, so it was a huge privilege to go to Burnham, led by Mr Archibald, Mr Miller and Mr McFarlane. At 11:30am when we arrived, we were taken to the Red Diamond room.

The Red Diamond room is the Battalion HQ, where all history and memorabilia of 2/1 Battalion is kept. From there we were briefed by Lt.Col. Eugene Whakahoehoe and had lunch in the mess. After mince and veggies (better than it sounds!), we were shown our barracks then taken for another briefing in the RD room after which we went for a run around the camp and were shown where everything could be found.

After we went for a run we had a challenge, where there were several people in a shelter from a nuclear fallout and we could only save six of eight. We had to decide, depending on their occupation, who we had to leave before we were rescued - an exercise of morals and reasoning. After that activity we had a swim in the onsite pool before changing and eating tea in the mess. Tea was a choice of steak, butter chicken, fish or pork with assorted veggies. Following tea, we performed some leadership tasks and were split into two teams of eight people for these. These tasks included negotiating a "minefield" using only some tyres and some planks; the catch was that we had to get eight people across. One person was wearing blacked out goggles and one other was wearing earmuffs. We then completed the task, and moved to the next. This one was simple. We had to push/pull an 'engineless' truck 50m. However, there was a catch. One of the Burnham staff acted as the driver but he was 'blind' and spoke a 'different language'. Only one person in the group could speak this language but had had their legs blown off in an accident, and thus had to sit in the passenger seat. Just as before, one person was blind and another was deaf. While our group was



negotiating one task, the other group was doing the other. The night was rounded off by a ride in the 'engineless' truck, along a 4 Wheel Drive track, including steep climbs and drops. Sleep came at 10pm.

The next morning, we rose at 6:30am to a breakfast of poached eggs, frittata, spaghetti, and mince. **Jesse McLean** and **William Murphy**, both Old Boys, then took us for a session on problem solving and communicating that took about two hours. After this we commenced exercise MEXICO, a series of tasks designed to test and improve our communication, problem solving and teamwork skills. After the first of these activities we had lunch in the Mess followed by another three activities, two of which involved transporting goods across water. These were done by building a bridge and then building a boat, both of these mostly out of rope.

After tidying up we had dinner in the Mess and retired to the barracks. Later that night, we were sent out again for another task. This one involved negotiating a tunnel to find and assemble pieces of a puzzle. The catch was the tunnel was completely dark and we only had half a glow stick to light the way. This proved very difficult, as neither of the teams managed to fully assemble the puzzle. This was a confusing time for many, as we often could only work in a group. After this frustrating task we headed back to the barracks to hit the hay.

The following morning was another early start. 6:20am. We were up, dressed and packed. By 7am we were having breakfast, a combination of Hoki, bacon and eggs. We then wrapped up the activities of the previous days with each student giving a five minute presentation on the meaning of the activities and how they enhanced the group and their leadership skills, with a focus on the importance of communication. This was led by Lt.Col. Eugene Whakahoehe another Old Boy of Timaru Boys' and who commands the Burnham camp. He was inspirational and gave us plenty to think about when it comes to leadership and being an effective leader. After lunch, we were off home unfortunately. A fantastic experience and one we all learnt and grew from.



THE PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMME
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Peer Support Training Day

Timaru Boys' High School runs a strong Peer Support programme which sees Year 13 boys being trained to work alongside the new intake of Year 9s and to take responsible leadership within the school.

Peer Support Key Principles

- Students beginning high school need a safe environment in which to develop skills to look after themselves and each other
- Students beginning secondary school will develop self confidence and resiliency through relating to each other and senior students and through establishing friendships with their peers
- Contact with senior students will help students starting high school to develop self confidence
- Senior students acting in leadership roles to support students starting secondary schools will provide positive role models to junior students

This past week saw 40 potential Peer Support Leaders spend a day training together as part of the selection process. It is always difficult to say there is only an opportunity for five leaders to be assigned to each Year 9 camp when generally speaking, most boys who put themselves forward are more than capable of being trained as leaders.

With there being only 25 available spaces for 2017, we encourage students who miss out on this opportunity to embrace other opportunities for Year 13 leadership within the school, such as house competitions, vertical forms, coaching sports teams, organising the ball - the list is endless for our senior students to have fun with their peers in leading activities they enjoy.

Year 11 NCEA Woodwork



With a great sense of pride these young men have designed and manufactured a range of different solutions to the *Container Design Brief* that they have undertaken as part of their course of study. Students designed and constructed a suitable outcome based on the needs of a client. This has involved researching suitable outcomes, planning and utilising existing skills while challenging themselves to undertake new tasks in order to fulfil the brief.

At Level 1, students also complete Standards on Materials, Joining methods and Safety protocols associated with the range of projects that they build. These combined experiences adequately prepare them as confident craftspeople who can adapt to the challenging needs of society.

Left: Jack Clayton all locked and loaded with his regulation gun cabinet



William McCormick will need to strap the boot down and chain the dog once these woofers light up!



Shane Fikken proudly displaying his bedside cabinet which boasts two drawers for rugby memorabilia.

Rite Journey

Our Year 10 boys have just completed the final challenge of their journey which involves a 20 hour outdoor “solo” at Peel Forest. The solo camp is the final challenge and its successful completion symbolises the boy’s ability to be resilient, respectful and responsible.

In a very difficult environment, the boys coped remarkably well. Every class had to deal with wet, soggy conditions. The boys managed to shelter themselves with a tarpaulin, two pieces of string and two poles. In addition to this, they were given five matches, 100mls of methylated spirits, some food and their penny stove cookers (pre-made in class) to cook their tea on.

The connected, busy lives that our boys live sometimes eliminates the ability for them to be still. Solitude and silence are important part of life and an important part of working through problems, finding solutions and goal setting. The solo experience definitely gives them time to think and the programme highlights the need for having time for yourself.

Part of the solo experience is that the boys write a letter to their school-leaving self. The boys are encouraged to write about who they are currently, where they would like to be in the future and what they may want to achieve.

This was first introduced in 2013 as a trial and some Year 13 students received their letters at the end of year conferencing session. The response was overwhelmingly positive. This is now a compulsory component of the programme.



If the boys successfully completed the year long Rite Journey programme, they received a Rite Journey badge. These were handed out after the solo at Peel Forest. I would encourage all the boys who earned their badge to wear them at Junior Prize giving. These badges are a very important addition to the senior blazer that they will wear next year.

Timaru Boys' is the only school in New Zealand that gives Year 10 boys the opportunity to experience a 'real' solo experience. We believe it is a challenge to complete successfully. We want to continue to give our boys the chance to move from dependency to responsibility so there has to be an element of risk associated with the experience. If, as parents and a school, we eliminate all these risks from our boys' lives, then how do they respond when they are first put in a position of risk and there is no adult around? We appreciate parents' continued support of this programme and understand that sometimes parents are more anxious than the boys when it comes to the solo! I can speak on behalf of all the Rite Journey teachers and say that your boys are turning into fine young men.

Unfortunately due to bad weather, the 10NL and 10WT solos were postponed. Their solo will take place on 7-8 December instead of the scheduled Electives.



Board of Trustees Update

Board Profile: Peter Stayt, Deputy Chairperson

Peter was initially co-opted to the Board of Trustees in September 2015 and was elected as a Parent Representative in June this year. Coming from a background in sales and marketing, Peter has two sons at TBHS, has been an active member of the PTA and is now Chairperson of the Board of Trustees Property Committee.

Board Update

Gillies Block (Administration Block)

- Refurbishment of the Sick Bay to Ministry of Education standards. This is fully funded by Ministry of Education.
- Construction of formal entrance to the school. This project is fully funded by Old Boys and friends of the school. Donations were received specifically tied to this project. This new formal entrance will become the front window of the school.

We believe this is an important improvement to the school and would like to thank all those who have supported this project.

Class Refurbishment

- Between 10 & 12 classes will be refurbished as part of the Ministry funded 5YA (5 Year Agreement).
- Senior Management and staff have been involved in selecting the classes to be refurbished and the Project Managers are preparing plans for this work. We are expecting work to commence as soon as the plans are finalised.

Library Roof Replacement

- The Library roof has been leaking and is considered in need of replacement. This will be completed as part of the 5YA project funding and will include design improvement to assist water in clearing from the roof.

Other Significant Work Completed

- Hogben Hall improvements
- Technology block roof replacement
- Maths Department class rooms refurbishment
- Repair of leaks to the Swimming pool and refurbishment of the pump and filtration system were completed
- The school's boilers were surveyed and a preventative maintenance system instigated. The boilers were found to be in good condition and are expected to have a further 10-15 years of serviceable life. We had earlier been advised the boilers would need replacement in 3-5 years at a cost of around \$500,000.

Current Challenges

Flooding around Gymnasium:

There is an ongoing problem concerning flooding around the Gymnasium after very heavy rain. This is a complex issue and we are investigating its cause and a long term solution.

Sports News

Athletics – NZSSAA

Congratulations to our eight athletes (five junior and three senior) who competed at the National Athletics Championships held in Auckland over three days from Friday 2 December to Sunday 4 December. The weather over the weekend was humid and hot, ideal for Athletics and the competition saw our boys step up to the mark and achieve a number of personal bests.

Standout athletes to reach the top eight placing were:

Thomas Valentine 7th in the Senior Hammer

George Guerin 6th in the Junior 2000 Steeplechase and 7th in the final of the Junior 1500m

Ben Sewell 6th in the final in the 100m Junior Hurdles, 8th in the Junior High Jump clearing 1.75m

Other creditable performances were:

Bailey Gebbie Semi Finals of the Senior 800m and a personal best in the senior 1500m

Jake Mason 9th in the Junior Triple Jump

Alex Rempala performed well in the Junior High jump and **Quinn Motley** benefitted from competing in both the Junior Javelin and Discus.

This year the results were “personal best” (PB) performances for most of the athletes. **George Guerin** took 9 seconds off both the Steeplechase and the 1500m and **Ben Sewell** improved his PB for the High Jump by 9cm.

Some of the 2016 National Athletics team were first or second time athletes at the National level; they all have a lot of potential and have benefited from the experience of competing at this top level. If they work hard, remain motivated and injury free they will show improved results next year.

Rugby 7s

After qualifying in 2nd place in the Canterbury Championships, Timaru Boys’ High School accepted the invitation to attend the 30th Condor 7s Tournament. This is a prestigious gathering of all the top New Zealand Secondary School Rugby talent from across the country in eight pools off four teams.

Both days were 30°C and high humidity but the boys fronted every game and gave their all and even appeared on Sky TV three times in their five games. The positive publicity this gained for the school was very pleasing and the feedback gained from home highlighted how the boys were a credit to their school, family and themselves.

Best players over the weekend were the Captain **Cullen Grace**, ably supported by many others such as **Sireli Kawa**, **Finlay Joyce** and **Hamish Dunbar**, however all the boys gave their best and never backed down.

This team was a pleasure to travel with and is keen to participate again next year. Only one player from this team leaves TBHS this year. This sets us up very well if we want to attend the event again.

We would like to thank all the parents, sponsors and the TBHS Rugby Club who helped fund this tournament. It was not a cheap exercise and without you all, we could not have gone to Auckland.

We also finished as the second best South Island school at the event, only behind Christchurch Boys’. We take this opportunity to thank **Will Joines**, **Graham Bolton**, **Vicki Robinson** and **Mr Patterson** for their work before and during the competition both in coaching and managing the boys.

The full squad was **Cullen Grace** (Captain), **Finlay Joyce**, **Shane Fikken**, **Brad Cvitanich**, **Lelly Kawa**, **Hamish Dunbar**, **Hayden McNulty**, **Sione Lolohea**, **George Brown**, **Harry Bampton**, **Jack Mullany** and **Ryan Greenslade**.



Back: Harry Bampton, Will Joines (Coach), Jack Mullany, George Brown, Lelly Kawa, Cullen Grace, Ryan Greenslade, Mr Edward Patterson (Assistant Coach), Ms Vicki Robinson (Manager)
Front: Finlay Joyce, Brad Cvitanich, Hamish Dunbar, Sione Lolohea, Shane Fikken, Hayden McNulty



In the Canterbury Tournament, **Ratu Nausu** and **Jarod Carey** were also part of the squad but neither was available for the Condor Tournament and they were replaced with Jack Mullany and Ryan Greenslade.

Basketball

Congratulations to **Jack Crossan** (left) on his selection to trial for the U16 New Zealand basketball team. We wish Jack all the very best for the trials that are to be held in Auckland in mid-December.

Tennis

Timaru Boys' High School teams won both the Competitive (TBHS 1 **Matthew Gualter** and **Tim Sheed** who was replaced by **Lewis Tinkler**) and Social (TBHS 2 **Jack Lister** and **William Hampton**) Grades of the recent Secondary Schools Tennis Bash. Congratulations to all boys who played.

PTA NEWS

Fireworks Bonanza

Thank you to our school and wider community for their support of the annual Fireworks Bonanza held on Friday 4 November. Despite the inclement weather, we ended up with another amazing Fireworks display.

A newly introduced event, the Pie Eating Relay Competition saw strong participation and we are grateful to Linton Distribution for supplying the pies. A very big thank you to you all participants - there was much enthusiasm among those who entered and they provided us with some wonderful entertainment!

1st Prize: Josh Walker and Jake Mason with a time of 2min 15sec
2nd Prize: Robert and Karl were just pipped at 2min 20sec
Couples Prize: India Fish and Donte Segar

Well done every one who entered.....they were very big pies !!

Sponsorship is extremely important in ensuring a successful event and we would like to thank our following sponsors for their support, and encourage our school community to support them in business:

Burger Fuel	Chilli's	Linton Distribution	Revive
Burgers Butchery	Columbus Coffee	Movie Max	Z Energy
CBay	Headworks	Pita Pit	
The Chandler Clinic	Hell Pizza	Pizza Hut	



PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale

Saturday 10 December 2016

9:30am-11:30am

Clean tidy uniforms that you wish to sell can be left at the Student Office any time before Friday 9 December. Please have all items labelled with your name, address and phone number. The PTA will price your items for you - please indicate if you want your unsold goods returned after the sale or donated to the PTA to sell in the uniform shop. Unsold clothes will be donated to the PTA unless otherwise stated (unless collected before Term 2, 2017). Donations of items for the uniform sale are welcome and can be left at the Student Office.

We will sell blazers and jerseys throughout the year on your behalf in the uniform shop but we currently have a large stock of shorts and shirts. The PTA Committee charge 20% commission for selling the uniforms and cheques for uniforms sold will be posted out the week after the sale.

Please direct any queries to Lynda in the Student Office on 687 7560 ext 705

**There is plenty of stock, so it's a great opportunity to replace or update uniform for your growing boy.
Cash, cheque or Eftpos**

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING AND CONFERENCING



Junior Prizegiving commences this Friday 9 December at 11:00am in Hogben Hall after which time students who are not involved in Conferencing are free to leave school.

Selected students (including Hostel boys) will Conference on the Friday with the majority returning for their Conference times on Monday morning.



2017 Commencement Details

Mon 23 January School Office opens
Wed 25 January Student Office opens - uniforms available

Year 12 & 13 Course Confirmation

Please bring NCEA results with you

Mon 30 January Year 13: 10am-12pm
Tues 31 January Year 12: 10.30am-12pm Surnames A-M
1pm-3pm Surnames N-Z

Classes begin for 2017

Wed 1 February Years 11,12,13 9am-10.30am
Year 10 11am-12pm
Year 9 1pm-3pm
Thurs 2 February School commences for ALL students at 8.45am

Aspire.

For further information, or to arrange an enrolment interview, contact us at:
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*Merry
Christmas*

**From the Staff of
Timaru Boys' High School**

