



Timaru Boys' High School

December Newsletter 2019

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Rector's Message December 2019

Here it is again, the end of another year. Is it because as you get older the year seems to get shorter as opposed to the boys who probably feel the year was never going to end! But end it does and this week is it.

Our Junior Prizegiving is happening on Thursday at 11:00am and we look forward to recognising the success that the boys have earned during their learning this year. We have valued all our junior students this year and although not everyone can walk across the stage, I am sure every boy has something they can be proud of that they have achieved this year.

Our juniors have been involved in several activities at the start of this week. Our Year 9s have taken part in a range of interhouse activities over two days culminating in a sing off and prizegiving. The Year 10s had the culmination of their Tikanga Programme along with a hangi lunch, providing some great tasting food. They then had a day of electives followed by the white shirt induction programme preparing them for life in the senior school. A busy few days for our juniors.

The Year 13 Leavers' Dinner took place on Tuesday night. Parents, caregivers and 31 staff attended, along with the young men from the class of 2015. They were acknowledged for their input and contribution during their time at school and regaled us with a rendition of Drake's Drum. William McArthur showed us why he is an internationally recognised bagpiper. A great evening.

As occurs every year, we have staff moving onto other opportunities

Mr Ross Smith is retiring after 40 years of teaching; commencing at TBHS in Term 2 1979 this included being HoD of PE and 21 years in charge of Thomas House. This is an outstanding example of service to the school. His influence on the growth of young men in the community cannot be overlooked. We wish Ross all the best in his retirement. **Mrs Abbey Bruce** has secured a position at Ashburton College for 2020 after completing eight years at TBHS. We wish Abbey well in the next stage of her career.

During the year the following staff departed the school:

Mr Nick McIvor, the school's eleventh Rector, left after five and a half years to take up the role as Rector of King's High School in Dunedin. The school and I wish him well in this next chapter of his educational leadership. **Callum Waldron**, assistant HoD of English, moved back to England to be closer to family after one and a half years. **Karen Staples** is on study leave until the end of 2020. **Alan McBride**, our Business Manager left in April returning to Auckland.



2019 Leavers' Dinner

Speaking as a participant of the Year 13 Leavers' Dinner, I thoroughly enjoyed the smooth organisation and sense of occasion for the final send-off to the *Class of 2015* and participating in what may be the last time many of us will eat at *Seven Oaks Reception Centre* due to its imminent closure.

Some fantastic speeches punctuated the evening, with the student speeches being a highlight. Photos of each student, presented side by side on screen evidenced growth of a fledgling Year 9 new entrant into the Year 13 fine young man of 2019 standing before us at the dinner.

An assortment of historical school year photos were also shown. A rousing musical finale was given by William McArthur, our talented bagpiper and the boys finished by singing an equally rousing rendition of *Drake's Drum*.

Thank you to all who contributed to making this a highly anticipated and successful event on the school calendar.



Burnham Military Camp Leadership Training

Contributed by Sam Wilson

On 28-29 November, sixteen Year 10 students lived in at Burnham Military camp to participate in a leadership course.

This opportunity is unique to Timaru Boys' and an experience that is valued by the school community.

Our time included a day in the class learning about what makes a good leader, followed by a hard PT session. We then performed our speeches on the topic of a given military leader and headed to the barracks to get a well deserved night sleep.

The next day we participated in some challenges, taking turns to implement and practice the skills we had learned the day before. This was followed by a guns presentation where we were shown some cool weapons like a 50 calibre machine gun.

Then another gruelling team PT session forced us all to work together to be able to finish and use all the skills we had learned. To top it off, we had awesome food and some really nice soldiers looking after us.

Overall, it was a good experience and we all learned heaps.



Ice Hockey Achievements....

Congratulations to **Oliver Linton** for his success during the 2019 Ice Hockey season, a season that saw him captain the U15 Dunedin Thunder national league Ice hockey team.

Oliver's Thunder squad became the Franchise's first ever New Zealand National League Champions in any age group, coming from behind to beat Auckland in the final.

Oliver also won the Final MVP Game Puck.

He achieved personal awards of the *Trophy for 2018 Most Valuable Player for Dunedin Thunder*, the *New Zealand National League Top Points Trophy* for goals and assisting the U15 NZBIHL and amazingly, the *Overall Trophy New Zealand U15 Most Valuable Player 2018* for NZBIHL.

Oliver was also invited to trial for the Youth Winter Olympic squad.

These are wonderful achievements, considering that Oliver is only in Year 9!

We will be keeping an eye on your progress Oliver and wish you continued success.



Farewell Jonathan.....

TBHS farewells Jonathan Garner who has been with us for eight special years.

Jonathan has been supported at the Learning Centre by Mrs Janet Leary for that time.

Jonathan's cheerful disposition and ready smile will be missed around the school. We have appreciated his willingness to get stuck in and enjoy each day - and also

appreciated through the years, some of his wonderful cooking!

Good luck Jonathan in the next part of your life's adventure.



Rugby National Condor Sevens

In a three week timeframe, a Rugby Sevens team that was much younger, smaller and inexperienced than previous years had to be moulded together and fundraisers and sponsors sourced.

This was successfully completed and saw our boys go on to achieve outstanding achievements in Auckland. TBHS finished 11th in New Zealand and again came first in the

South Island - simply incredible for a school of our size.

Kurt Rooney is an outstanding rugby coach, bringing a solid knowledge base and understanding of rugby and a wonderful way of instructing our young men. His assistant **Ryan Greenslade** stepped into the role, only one year after leaving our school, and became a valuable asset. **Edward Patterson** as Manager left no stone unturned and performed many of the unseen tasks.

In pool play, we played three games with two wins and a loss, meaning we did not qualify for the Top 8 but played the second day in the 9-16 place section - still a great performance. In this section we won our first game but were knocked out in the second game live on Sky Tv.

Pool Game 1

Timaru Boys' 28 vs St Patrick's Wellington 7

An outstanding start. We went down early 7-0 but then 7-7 at halftime and three awesome second half tries. Jimmy: 2 tries. Hugh: 1 try, George: 1 try. All converted by Jimmy.

Pool Game 2

Timaru Boys' 7 vs Palmerston Boys' 31

Down 17-0 at halftime. Not our best performance. Got back in to it a bit but it was too late. Hugh scored, converted by Jimmy, but they achieved a couple more tries.

Pool Game 3

Timaru Boys' 27 vs Howick 19

A performance that showed real ticker. On top mostly.

Halftime was 17-7 to us. Tries to Jimmy x3, Ned and Liam. One converted by Jimmy.

9th to 16th QF

Timaru Boys' 19 vs Whangarei Boys' 10

A really good performance based around good defence. Now in for a chance for 9th place and put us in the top 12 teams out of the 32 playing. Halftime was 12-5. Tries to Sio, Jimmy and Liam. 2 conversions to Jimmy.

9th to 16th SF

Timaru Boys' 21 vs Rotorua Boys' 40

What a weekend. Rotorua was too good. After being 14-7 down at halftime their lead stretched out quickly, but we were competitive. Final placing was 11 out of 32.

This was a top effort boys, in a high-quality tournament.

Condor Squad

Ryan Allan, Ben Bartlett, George Brown, Hugh Cameron, David Edh, Fletcher Joyce, Sio Latu, Ned Milne, Liam Parker, Jimmy Robertson, Duncan Rollinson, Jed Syme, Tafu Tafunanina



Hitting the right Notes!

Congratulations to **Ben Walker** who has been accepted to play bass trombone in the New Zealand Youth Symphony Orchestra.

The NZSO National Youth Orchestra shapes the musical future of gifted young musicians throughout New Zealand.

Participants have the unique opportunity to work with world class conductors and composers while learning alongside members of the NZSO.

Places in the orchestra are keenly sought after



Congratulations Mr Doyle.....

Mr Wayne Doyle, our TBHS Visual Arts teacher extraordinaire has ranked fourth in the world after breaking the Masters 50-plus age group decathlon record!

This is an incredible achievement (and one that is not likely to be matched by any other staff member!) We will continue to watch his sporting achievements in the coming years.

For further information, check out this article in the *Timaru Herald* <http://tiny.cc/DecathlonSuccess>



Year 9 Achievers' Flight

Ten Year 9 boys were taken on a school trip to Richard Pearse airport for a flight over Timaru and the surrounding area as a reward for consistently displaying a positive attitude and effort in their class over the year.

Two boys were selected from each Year 9 class by teaching staff who appreciated their positive behaviour and input into the school in 2019, exemplifying our POWER values and making a fantastic start to their Timaru Boys' High School

journey.

High Achievers

Jack Baker, Hadlee Begg, Declan Bowden, Jake Fahey, Ethan Marshall, Maddy Parker, Benjamin Sutherland, Joseph Ueqnteiti, Troy Wade, Joshua Young



Alps 2 Ocean: Year 10 Elective

One of the activities for the Year 10 electives was cycling the Duntroon-Oamaru Alps 2 Ocean trail, all 54kms of it!

With a building nor-wester, some participants achieved speeds of 58km/hr - passing through irrigators at times was a welcome cooling!

The variety in scenery was appreciated by all - the Elephant Rocks, the Historic Tokarahi Branch Rail Line, the Historic

Rakis Railway Tunnel (a challenge to navigate in total darkness!) interesting old limestone buildings, a huge variety of terrain and some magnificent views.

It was a real credit to those boys not accustomed to cycling such large distances as all pushed through with smiles throughout the day, and never a complaint.

Well done boys on tackling a very challenging elective.



John McGlashan Junior Summer Exchange

Played in ideal conditions at School Park on Tuesday 26 November.

Unfortunately due to injuries to a couple of McGlashan players, the **Tennis** was not able to be played this year.

In the **Cricket**, Timaru batted first in the 40 over match and compiled a competitive 186. Leading the way for TBHS were **Fletcher Rhodes** 42, **Ollie Linton** 36 and **Eli Kerse** 23

In reply, John McGlashan started strongly passing 100 only 2 wickets down at the halfway stage of the run chase. A TBHS fightback led by Linton 3-51, **Lucas Histon**, **Reece Burtenshaw** and Rhodes all claimed two wickets apiece saw the match come down to the final over and McGlashan dismissed for 182 to give TBHS a 5 run win.

The **Touch Rugby** was dominated by a strong McGlashan side who won both the opening games comfortably and drew the 3rd fixture to emerge 2-0 winners overall.



Rite Journey Finale

The Rite Journey programme has culminated with the final challenge of the year, recently completed at Peel Forest.

This final and most difficult challenge for many of the boys, is called *The Solo*. *The Solo* is based upon our Year 10 boys completing twenty hours camping in isolation within a designated site.

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

This year the forecast was reasonable for most of the week and the first class headed into the bush. As all boys were escorted to their sites, the weather began to deteriorate and it began to drizzle. Fortunately, the boys were all comfortable and dry when they were checked and were in excellent spirits; a nice warm meal of noodles and sausages (depending upon whether or not they ran out of fuel for their stoves!) and they were set for the night. Being put to sleep by the sounds of wood pigeons and other native birdlife was a highlight for a number of the boys.

The weather was sound until Wednesday when 10AD arrived at Peel Forest; solid rain began at around 6pm and did not stop till around 10pm. all boys had built excellent shelters and managed the isolation and weather well. After Wednesday, the weather improved considerably and all other classes had an excellent week, pushing themselves outside of their comfort zone.

Congratulations must go to all boys who completed the Solo and earned their badge - these can be worn with pride in the years to come.

A huge thank you to all staff who taught the programme and to those staff who also attended camp and took the opportunity to support the boys.



Special Olympics Swimming

A group of 15 TBHS students, comprising of eight 2020 School Prefects and seven members of the Year 10 Burnham Leadership Training team, assisted at the Special Olympics Swimming event at C-Bay on Wednesday 27 November.

The boys cheerfully took on the roles of timekeeper, marshal and recorder while also assisting in the pool. Participating in community events is important for our boys, providing

opportunity to give back to the supportive community in which they have been raised.



Year 8 Orientation Visit

We enjoyed having Year 8 students visit our school on Wednesday 5 November 2019.

2020 Thomas House boarders spent a night at the boarding hostel before joining the 2020 day students for Thursday morning activities.

We enjoyed a wonderful day and look forward to the boys becoming part of the Timaru Boys' family next year.



Skills Bright Spark Contest

We add another well earned round of congratulations to Bailey Lissington for his success in coming 2nd in the 2019 Skills Bright Sparks Competition.

As well as this excellent achievement, Bailey has also been selected to find answers to challenging questions posed by scientists at the upcoming Powering Potential event.

Bailey's soil leaching detector system beat more than 20 other inventions in the national secondary schools STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) Skills Bright Sparks contest. It is designed to mitigate perfect soil leaching conditions by gauging soil moisture, temperature Ph levels, air temperature, air pressure and ultra violet levels.



Mini Year 9 and 10 Cricket Tournament

This year saw St Kevin's oversee a mini Year 9 and 10 Cricket tournament during the last week of the school year.

Batting first against Southland Boys' on Monday 2 December, Timaru Boys' compiled a competitive 165-8 in the 40 overs, spearheaded by a half century to **Jackson Smith**.

In reply, Southland were always struggling and were eventually dismissed for 80, giving TBHS a clear cut victory. Well done to our boys!



Caroline Bay Relays

Tuesday 12 November was the second season of the Caroline Bay Relays that plays host to six different races.

Timaru Boys' entered six teams in the Year 9/10 race that saw a "race within a race" battle to determine the top Year 9 Tree Class. Our Year 10 team of **William Talbot, Pero Forman, Sam Wilson** and **Toby Clemett** had a real tussle over the four 1900m legs and ended up in 2nd place, just 6

seconds behind the winning Roncalli team.

A quality effort from 9 Matai - **Baxter Mason, Corban Meyer, Charlie Paul**, and **Will Hutchison** - saw them place 3rd overall and just 3 seconds behind our Year 10 team.

Congratulations to all who took part and to **Matai** for being the top Year 9 class.



Cullen Grace in Crusaders Super Rugby Squad

Former TBHS 1st XV Captain Cullen Grace continues to make great strides in the rugby world.

Cullen is one of 12 newly-contracted players in the 38-man Crusader squad that will seek a fourth-straight Super Rugby title in 2020. This comes on top of representing NZ in

schools rugby (2017) and being a member of the New Zealand team at the 2019 Under-20 World Cup in Argentina.

Congratulations Cullen - we will be watching your rise as a professional rugby player with great interest.



Visit from Tongan Rugby Player Siua Maile

Timaru Boys' welcomed Old Boy Siua Maile back into the fold in November.

Siua, who played for the Timaru Boys' High School First XV in 2013 and 2014 as a loose forward, was a surprise call-up for the Tongan side at the Rugby World Cup. Transitioning from playing at club level in Christchurch to such a high level on the world stage was a challenge but one that he fully

embraced.

We wish Siua well as he travels to the United States to play professional rugby for the first time. He has been contracted for six months to the Houston SaberCats who are based in Texas. The team was founded in 2017 and competes in Major League Rugby, the top-level rugby competition in the United States that played its first season in 2018.



Timaru Dominates Junior Waitaki Summer Exchange

The annual junior summer exchange with Waitaki Boys' High School was contested in fine conditions in Timaru on Wednesday the 13th of November.

The cricket match was a 40 over fixture played at the Rectory.

Winning the toss, Timaru made the most of good batting conditions to amass a competitive 206. **Eli Kerse** and **Toby Clemett** laid the foundation with a second wicket partnership of 70. After Kerse was dismissed for 22, Clemett continued on to compile a well made 82 before **Ross McCulloch** finished the innings off with 41 to hold the middle and lower order together. Waitaki started positively and were 50-1 after 7 overs.

Kade MacMillan (3-27) and **Ross McCulloch** (4-42) then combined to apply the brakes and restrict Waitaki to 137 all out and a 69 run win for Timaru.

In the Tennis played at the South Canterbury Tennis Centre, the Timaru team of **Ryan Paul**, **Lachlan Adam**, **Max Wilson** and **Will Hutchinson** was totally dominant, winning the tie 6-0



Exam Success Congratulations

Congratulations to three of our students who received A+ passes in their MATH199 Course through the University of Canterbury: **Bailey Lissington**, **Matthew Lang** and **Ben Helliwell**.

This is an exceptional achievement from these three studious young men.



BYOD Device Requirements

With Christmas fast approaching and the "Black Friday" Sales underway, this is a good time to purchase electronic devices to be used by students in school.

The following are the necessary requirements:

Devices

Students are welcome to bring their own device to school, connect to our wi-fi and use the internet to help with their learning but devices should meet the following specifications:

- Keyboard: Yes
- Ram: minimum 4GB
- Hard Drive: 64GB
- Screen Size: 10 inches diagonally
- Wireless: 11n 5Ghz
- Features: USB and 3.5mm Headphone capable
- Battery life: minimum 5 hours

There will be a number of devices available for boys to sign-out for use during the school day if they do not have one.

If BYOD presents a significant financial barrier for you, please contact Mrs Christine Swindells at swindellsch@timaruboy.school.nz and we will do our best to meet the needs of your family.

BYOD Digital Acceptance Use Contract

In order to access the school Wi-Fi, students must complete the BYOD Digital Acceptance Use Contract, available from the Student Office. This must be signed by Parents/Caregivers and the student and handed back to the Student Office.

BYOD Registration

To use a BYOD Device, students must register the WiFi MAC Address of their device at the Student Office or IT Department.



TBHS Golf Fundraiser 2019

This year's Golf Fundraiser was played in ideal conditions on Friday 22 November at the Timaru Golf Club out at Levels.

The format was a Combined Stableford with the four of **Tim Hamer, Adam Russell, Jason Parrant** and **Brian Orford** earning a score of 162, victorious over the field.

The Emergent cold team of **Gary Austin, Peter Bryce, Dave Richardt** and **Darren Sullivan** won the Hole Sponsors' Draw for the weekend in Christchurch which features four rounds at Pegasus, tickets to a Crusaders game as well as accommodation at the Casino Court Motel and a meal voucher at the Brewers Bar & Restaurant.

Special thanks to **Harvey King**, the Timaru Golf Club President for his organisation, **Simon** for the catering and to all the sponsors and players.

Hole Sponsors

Farming Future Limited, The Sail, Emergentcold, Thomas House, Fulton Hogan, Julian Blanchard, Harcourts, Robbie Rankin P & W Painters, Peter Walsh & Associates, Village Inn Geraldine, Temuka Transport, Heartland Ricoh

Prize Donors

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2019 Junior Prizegiving and Conferencing

A reminder to parents that Junior Prizegiving is scheduled for 11:00am Thursday 5 December.

Some Conferencing will take place after Prizegiving and the following morning of Friday 6 December.

Conferencing times will be circulated over the next two days.



Studylink

Student Financial Assistance

Apply before 16 December - you can't miss it. Apply at <https://www.studylink.govt.nz/>

If you're studying in 2020, 16 December is a very important date. It's one you just can't miss.

Around 150,000 students will need to get organised for study in 2020. Apply for your student allowance or loan before 16 December to give yourself the best chance of having everything sorted and ready for the start of your course.

If you've had a student allowance or loan in the last 12 months, login to MyStudyLink and use the Returning Application to apply. It'll take less than five minutes.

NB: those who supply all their supporting documents by 16 December going in the draw to win a 15" MacBook to help with their studies.

Students don't need to have their NCEA results or have locked down all their study plans. Applications can be updated as things are confirmed. By applying early, students will allow enough time for all the steps in the application process to be completed before their course starts.

Check out the campaign video on [Facebook](#).



Second Hand Uniform Sale

To be held Thursday 5 December at 12:30pm in the school Music Room.

(Immediately after Junior Prizegiving)



Junior Reports

Junior Reports will be emailed and available online on Monday 2 November 2019.



**INTRODUCE ANOTHER COUNTRY
INTO YOUR HOME -
HOST A STS STUDENT IN JANUARY!**

Niklas from Sweden -
Niklas is half Dutch/half Finnish and moved to Sweden in 2014. He enjoys playing instruments, such as guitar, drums and piano. He enjoys sports including sailing, hiking, snowboarding and skiing. Niklas is here for a yearlong exchange.

Mattheo from France -
Mattheo lives in Africa with his family but is from France and attends a French school. He enjoys scuba diving, snow-sports and running amongst many other sports. He likes spending time with family and friends, reading novels, watching movies and caring for animals. Mattheo is here for a semester length exchange.

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STS offer experience-based learning in terms of guided youth trips and high school exchange.

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