



# TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### RECTOR'S MESSAGE



We have turned into the home straight. The race is on as the finish line is in sight for seniors. There are just 3 school weeks to go before exam leave. Most boys have paced themselves admirably; accruing NCEA grades along the way steadily and successfully. Others are squaring up for a last sprint; counting on a final dash in and out of the exam room to achieve their best – something they did or didn't plan, depending on whom you ask. We need all boys to run their race well from here to complete 2017 with their rightful academic results. There is a pool of Merits and Excellences waiting for the plunge.

I have read the senior reports that have gone out. They are, overall, pretty good. They show that most seniors are getting on with it well entering the last surge but some still appear to be suffering a strange type of casual complacency, malaise of mediocrity, a sort of torpor, that could stop them from finishing as they should - if not careful from here. To avoid this, teachers are giving sound, valuable advice, support, and expectations. Common in their support as reported in teacher comments, has been the encouragement of boys to:

- manage their time well. When staff indicate the real time that something will take to be done properly it is because they have the experience to know what time it will take for a task to be done properly and effectively; including personal revision scheduling for exams at home
- ask for help when needed. It can be a concern when some boys seem reluctant to ask questions, to ask for help during their learning, when it is central to their progress and often involving questions crossing the minds of other students in their company too
- finish the job. Occasionally there are instances when very good NCEA work is started but left incomplete due to a lack of perseverance or proper follow up outside the lesson. Like the working world, the boys need to get the job done in NCEA and to take pride in their work
- understand that not all learning will be entertaining. While we value active, varied, and progressive learning, with an enriching, interactive, creative mix, there are some things that are just necessary rudiments needing to be learned. Not all learning has immediate and obvious excitement or entertainment to it. There are fundamentals that need to be mastered before we can truly cut loose into new and riveting learning tangents. We sometimes have to do 'dull but necessary stuff' so we can get to the 'exciting stuff'
- take and make new opportunities. This goes back to the notion of 'look for learning don't wait for learning'. Boys who wait to be spoon fed in NCEA may eventually go hungry or certainly find that they are much less nourished in their achievement than if they had prepared 'a fine feed' on their own initiative, and acting closely on their teacher's good guidance (perhaps literally in the case of our Food Technology courses).

While we are looking pretty good overall, there is still much work to be done. The boys' teachers have been urging them to take increasing ownership of their NCEA outcomes and to get alongside teachers to do what is advised, what is necessary, to see it all through for personal excellence; juniors have important moments coming up too in Term 4, and should stay on target for a fine finish as they attempt crossing their own line.

**Nick McIvor**  
*Scientia Potestas Est*  
*Mā te Mātauranga te Mana*

## Primary Schools Music Tour

Wednesday 27 September saw our talented young musicians hit the road for their annual primary schools music tour. The Concert Band, Jazz Band, *Fusion in the Sun* (senior rock band) and a lone piper travelled to three different primary schools to perform. **Jack Youngson** joined us to paint a work of art as the boys performed, which was then donated to each school.

As well as providing an opportunity to showcase the extraordinary talents of these students, the tour is always well received by the young audiences for whom we perform and who will often join us to perform on stage.

Right: Clarinetist, Coltrane Leach, performs for the Gleniti Primary School audience



## Sanford Science and Technology Fair

The Science Fair, held annually, is an event where school students from Mid and South Canterbury are invited to display original exhibits on scientific or technological themes. These exhibits are judged by a panel of volunteer judges from the community and prizes are awarded on merit.

This year Timaru Boys' were extremely well represented with 28 boys from Years 9-12 who came away with some great prizes.

In the Individual Year 9 and 10 section, **George Mulder** and **Abraham Hix** received Silver Awards while **William Rawlins** and **Peter Rawlins** were awarded a well-deserved Gold Awards. ARA Institute of Canterbury generously awarded the following boys a day out learning Aerodynamics: **George Squire**, **Hamish Stayt**, **Jack Blakemore**, **Peter Rawlins** and **George Mulder**.



In the Individual Senior section, **Ryan Greenslade** was awarded Bronze for his project on *Maximum Kale Growth*. **Flynn Parker** and **Neil Paver** were awarded Silver in the Canterbury University- Emerging Scientist category.

**Ethan Bowmar's** project called *Dirty Dairying* (pictured left) which looked at the water quality of the Pareora River, achieved exceptionally high honours. Ethan was awarded Gold in the Individual Senior section, NIWA award, Otago University Hands on Science Award and Second Overall in the Fair.

The Science Department is very proud of the effort and skill all these boys have shown in producing their projects. They all have a bright future in the Science field if they choose.

## ODT Social Studies Quiz

TBHS once again hosted the ODT Social Studies Current Events Quiz over two nights. Wednesday 20 September saw the primary school teams from Years 5-8 compete in their respective age groups while Thursday night was the turn of the Year 9 and 10 students.

TBHS had four teams entered who all performed well.

The top TBHS team consisted of **Matt Smith**, **Jack Aicken** (Captain) and **George Squire** who finished a creditable second equal with a score of 93 out of 100 – congratulations boys!



L to R: Matt Smith, Jack Aicken, and George Squire - 2<sup>nd</sup> placegetters at the ODT Social Studies Quiz

## BCITO Big Day Out



Recently, nine aspiring students keen on developing a greater understanding of the Building and Construction Industry, attended a field day tour of different employers in the Timaru region.

The day commenced at *Placemakers* where different schools met to receive their itinerary along with a BCITO info pack which had several items of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for students to wear. Once the introductions were completed, our first port of call was to *Thompson Engineering* to view their design and construction facilities for precast concrete fabricated industrial buildings followed by a walk-through of *Alpine Energy's* nearly completed \$10M building – a highlight of the day. The next stop was at *Todd Mudie Brick and Block* where the students got their hands dirty laying down a course of red bricks and masonry blocks. Thank goodness for the spirit level!

Back to *Placemakers* for a quick pizza lunch then out to *Kennedys Aluminium* to see the high tech CNC machines in operation. This was a great opportunity to see the fabrication of double glazed aluminium joinery in action as well as an opportunity to screw some mitre joints together. The last stop was back into town where the boys tried their hand at painting and paperhanging. Cutting in and smoothing out the bubbles had never been so easy under the watchful eye of *Grant Jenkins' staff!*

With an estimated shortage of some 30,000 personnel across all sectors of the building and construction industry, this was a fantastic opportunity to see first-hand the wide scope of opportunities from management down to workers on the ground. TBHS would like to express their thanks to BCITO and the above companies, personal and wider supporters who contributed to the success of this day.

## Thomas House

### Boarders' Quiz Night

On Tuesday 19<sup>September</sup>, Thomas House hosted Timaru Girls' High boarders to a dinner and quiz night in the school hall. It was great to catch up with all the girls, enjoy a lovely meal together and then have our Year 13 team called *Ross's A Team* win the quiz. Big thanks to the Prefects for organising the night.



### TBHS Kinross Wolaroi Exchange *Contributed by Lucas Wood*

As you may know, I have been attending Kinross Wolaroi School in Orange, New South Wales, participating in the annual exchange between TBHS and KWS (Timaru Boys' High School and Kinross Wolaroi School).

It all started with a flight from Christchurch airport to Sydney airport where **Callum Bowmar** and I were picked up by a bus driver and a South African gapper named Margo.

We drove the 4 ½ hours to Orange, stopping on the way at Bathurst car race track where we went for a lap in the van. Upon arrival at the school and boarding house, we were greeted by a house master, or as they call them, Residential



Assistant named Westcott. He showed us around the boarding house and to our rooms. I introduced myself to the boys and they took me for a game of touch rugby on the field.

I soon settled in to the school work and the routine of Tower House, even though it was in another country. The routine was similar to TBHS but with Kinross being a private school, things were done slightly differently.

Also within the school grounds is an indoor Olympic swimming pool, four indoor squash courts, three indoor basketball/netball courts and a gymnastic facility.

One of the highlights of the trip was travelling to Sydney to play the St Augustine's team in rugby. It was a hard fought game, but sadly, we lost. I joined an Under 15 rugby team and played quite a few games.

The other highlights were going out to farms of new friends and exploring the Australian outback. The first farm I went to was located in the country town of Forbes where we joined in with farm work, while my second trip took me on a train to Dubbo, followed by an hour's drive out to Mendooran where I visited another friend's house that saw us mainly pig hunt and motorbike all weekend as well as attend the local race meeting. My last trip took half an hour's drive to Molong where I stayed with another friend, camping out with the kangaroos. All of these trips opened my eyes to how things are done on farms in another country.

Another highlight was the big annual rugby game between the day boys and boarders, an event that was so much fun and something I would recommend starting at TBHS.

My family came over and joined me and we went for a walk to the Ophir gold reserve where we saw a wild snake. Our last day was the sports winter carnival where I participated in a touch rugby competition. After the game there were many farewells and I was away back to Sydney.

All around, it was a great trip I would definitely do again if given the opportunity and highly encourage next year's boys to apply for the experience.

## Clash of the Classes Haka

The TBHS Year 9 and Year 10 *Clash of the Classes Haka* was held in sunny conditions on the rectory field at lunchtime. Full credit must be paid to all boys who showed incredible pride and passion for what is a big part of our school culture. Congratulations to 9 Matai who were well led by **Christopher Manson** on their way to victory.

**10MF** were the winners in what was a closely contested final in the Year 10 competition. 10AD and 10WL were the respective runners up. Special thanks to Mrs Fenwick, Sione Mosa'ati and a number of senior boys for their help and leadership.



## Congratulations to our Sports Achievers!!!



### TBHS Basketball Senior Team Competitive in SI Premiership

The TBHS Senior Basketball side competed in the South Island Premiership Dunedin, finishing with a four win, four loss record to gain a creditable 13<sup>th</sup> place. Seeded last in their six team pool, the Timaru side were clear underdogs, but were determined to upset the more fancied teams.

TBHS can be very proud of their efforts. Playing eight games in four days, with only nine players in the squad was a difficult task. Forward **Ben Aicken** and centre **James Watt** led the TBHS effort, averaging 21 and 26 points per game respectively. Watt would have also been one of the leading rebounders of the tournament.

Team Captain **Todd Phillips**, and guard **Whawhaia Waa Tahere** controlled the offence for the team and also played big minutes. **Andre Phillips** and **Eli Auld** will have gained invaluable experience from this tournament and, with **Alvin Sutedja** and **James Watt**, will form the core of next year's team.

Five Christchurch teams, along with Waimea, qualified for the National finals to be held in Palmerston North.

### Golf Croquet Nationals

The team of **Jack Greenlaw** and **Brennan Hawkins** travelled to Hamilton to compete in the National Golf Croquet Championships and finished 21st equal out of 36 teams –well done boys.

#### Pool Play

Defeated Mt Hutt College 7-3; Defeated Onslow College 7-5; Defeated Kerikeri High School 7-4; Lost to Nelson College for Girls 4-7; Lost to Hawera High School 5-7

They were placed fourth in their pool and qualified for the Plate Knockout. The top three teams went on to the Top 16 knockout.

Plate: Knockout

Round 1: Bye

Round 2: Defeated Sacred Heart Girls' College 7-5

Quarter Final: Lost to Matamata College 5-6 (who were one of the finalists)

### Aoraki MTB

On Saturday 16 September, nine mountain bikers from TBHS headed down to Oamaru to ride the Aoraki Championships in both a 17.5 km cross country race and a gnarly downhill race.

Our morning cross country races saw three podium finishes. **Cathal Guiney** took 1<sup>st</sup> in U19, **Hayden Jefferson** 1<sup>st</sup> in U17 and **Logan Goldingham** 3<sup>rd</sup> in the same age grade. Afternoon downhill races saw **Liam Barclay** claim 2<sup>nd</sup>, and only 3/100ths second behind the winner on the 2'45" downhill runs. Congratulations to all nine riders on an exceptional result.

<b>Hunter Cormack</b>	
<b>Andrew Perkins</b>	
<b>Ben Schikker</b>	
<b>Josh Earnshaw</b>	
<b>Sam Ritchie</b>	
<b>Logan Goldingham</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> U17 Cross Country
<b>Liam Barclay</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> U17 Downhill
<b>Hayden Jefferson</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> U17 Cross Country
<b>Cathal Guiney</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> U19 Cross Country



*L to R: Logan Goldingham, Hayden Jefferson, Cathal Guiney, podium finishes at the Aoraki MTB Championships*

## New Zealand Secondary Schools Swimming 2017

The swim team travelled to Hamilton on 14 September for the New Zealand Secondary School Swimming Championships. The team consisted of **Riley Taylor** (Captain), **Reed Stevenson**, **Campbell Lindblom**, **Jack Sands**, **Dominic Coleman** and **William Tudgey**.



Overall the team did exceptionally well to finish 14th out of the 55 teams that contained male swimmers, beating the likes of Mount Albert Grammar, and Palmerston North Boys' High School.

Riley Taylor and Jack Sands both gained silver medals with Riley placing second in the 400 freestyle, and Jack placing second in the 200 individual medley - a truly outstanding performance.

The Senior relay team of Riley, Reed, Campbell and Jack finished in 8th place in the 200 medley relay and 10th in the freestyle relay. Considering they were racing against some schools that have over 1500 boys on their roll, this was a great effort.

Our two junior swimmers also swam well. William Tudgey gained five top ten placings, with a fourth in the 200 backstroke and Dominic Coleman gained two top ten placings and five personal best times – the highest for the whole squad.

Jack Sands, swimming in the 15 year old age group, gained five top ten placings in addition to his silver medal and relay results, swimming two personal bests along the way.

Swimming in the 16 to 18 year old age group our senior swimmers acquitted themselves well. Riley Taylor gained five top ten placings in addition to his silver medal and relay results. Reed Stevenson gained two placings in the top twenty with two personal bests and Campbell Lindblom, struggling with an injury, gained one placing in the top twenty.

Thanks very much to Kirsten Lindblom for all of her help on the trip.



## Rugby Congratulations

Congratulations to **Cullen Grace** who has been selected for the New Zealand Schools Rugby team to tour Australia. Cullen has been a stand-out in the TBHS 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby team and his selection is a deserved reward for playing a consistently high level of game over the past two seasons.

Cullen led Timaru Boys' High School to their first Crusaders Schools final and was also his side's top try scorer. Coach Gavin Miller said Grace also showed plenty of dedication, having to travel regularly to Christchurch to be involved with the Crusader Knights set-up.

We wish Cullen well for his upcoming games.

## Football Congratulations

### NZ under 17 World Cup Team

Timaru Boys' High School extends its best wishes to former TBHS footballer **Ben Deeley** who has made the cut for what is the biggest footballing achievement of his career – selection for the New Zealand Under 17 team that is travelling to India for their upcoming World Cup.

Ben attended Timaru Boys' until July 2016 before moving to Auckland to attend Auckland Grammar School to better his footballing opportunities, having the aim of representing New Zealand.



*Ben Deeley, front row third from left*

We extend our best wishes to Ben and the team for a successful tour.





### SC Football Youth Player of the Year

Congratulations to **Cam Anderson** who collected the South Canterbury Football Youth Player of the Year and the Golden Boot Award for Division One at the South Canterbury Football Awards.

Cam was also nominated for Senior Men's Player of the Year.

### Tennis: Otago Open Champion

Congratulations to **James Watt** who is the new Otago Open Champion Tennis player!

The 17-year-old defeated Queenstown's Thomas Hartono 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 in the final to win his first major tennis title.



James entered the tournament as top seed and performed to this ranking on the indoor courts at the Edgar Centre.



### TBHS Mock Election

On Friday 22 September, TBHS held its own replica election to promote voting and democratic participation on the eve of the general election. A mock polling station was set up in the Drama Room with students and staff invited to line up, have their name crossed off the (electoral) roll and place a vote in the ballot box.

Interest in voting, democracy and elections in general has been evident from students in the lead-up to the election. This has provided opportunities for staff and students to discuss contemporary issues in realistic contexts, think about how New Zealand could be improved, and develop understanding of different perspectives. Giving students the opportunity to vote in the replica election was an attempt to demystify the act of voting while promoting further interest in the events of the following day and democratic participation in general.

Turnout was high, and the TBHS Parliament looks quite different to the one chosen by voters the following day. Both the Greens and New Zealand First fell below the 5% threshold so do not feature in our Parliament. National received 35% of the vote, while Labour came second with 18%. TBHS students displayed a high level of maturity with 16% of voters choosing the Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party, while ACT (6%) and the Māori Party (7%) also made it into Parliament.

### TBHS PTA News

## Save the Date..... TBHS Fireworks Evening!



Plans are well underway for the annual major PTA school fundraiser, the Food, Music and Fireworks evening. Please mark the date of Sunday 29 October in your diaries and set it aside as a special night to enjoy with your family.

Further information will be forthcoming from the PTA at the beginning of Term 4 – parent helpers will be required!



### PTA 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale

The TBHS Second Hand Uniform Sale will be held on **Friday 8 December from 1pm** (following Junior Prizegiving) until 4:30pm. This will be held in the school Drama Room.

NB: The PTA are happy to sell blazers and jackets on behalf of the seller, but all other items sold are to be donated to the school.

For up-to-date news on school events

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# FOOD, MUSIC & FIREWORKS

Sunday  
29th

Hosted by Timaru Boys High PTA

OCTOBER

*Dates open 7:30pm, Fireworks approx. 9pm*

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## CAMP USA INFO SESSION

Come learn about  
working as a  
summer camp  
counselor in the  
USA!

TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 3RD  
6:00PM  
Informal reception to  
follow

Caroline Bay Trust  
Aoraki Centre  
Meeting Room  
11 Te Weka St.  
Timaru

EMAIL TIM AT TCHATFIELD@INTEREXCHANGE.ORG FOR MORE INFO



### TBHS CALENDAR Terms 3-4 2017

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

29 September	Junior Work Day	31 October	<b>Senior Prizegiving</b>
29 September	Senior Conferencing	01 November	Peer Support training day
29 September	Final Day Term 3	02 November	Aoraki Junior Tennis
7-8 October	Rowing Regatta - Singles	02 November	Thomas House Year 8 Overnight Orientation
16 October	First Day Term 4	03 November	Year 8 Testing
18 October	Winter Sports Prizegiving	09 November	NZQA Exams Commence
23 October	<b>Labour Day</b>	15 November	Waitaki Junior Summer Exchange

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