



# TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### RECTOR'S MESSAGE



Welcome to 2018 at TBHS. We've made a good start. The boys have settled back in well. New learning is in progress. The school is alive again with the energy and optimism our young men bring. Co-curricular activity is mounting. And the call has gone out to commit, find new strengths, excel, and to 'stand up and stand out' this year. The new Year 9s are showing positive attitudes and learning habits; taking opportunities to connect to the school and each other, with new peer support leaders assisting. The Powhiri and broader Year 9 induction has encouraged new boys. Our heartfelt thanks go to Te Wera King again for his support of both manuhiri (visitors) and the TBHS tangata whenua. Looking at how Year 9s are handling themselves around the school, they are a very promising group, and one likely to continue to impress. We also thank parents who have joined us in Year 9 integration, including new BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) development as a special focus.

The House Competition is on the rise. The striking effort boys made at the swimming sports, in and out of the pool, reflected a hearty effort (and rare swimming victory for Dawson on the day!) While we were thrilled to see no fewer than seven school records broken, a truly remarkable feat, praise should also go the way of all boys who swam for their houses in preliminaries the week before, despite many feeling much less confident in the water.

Regarding student leadership, the Student Council, Prefect team, and Thomas House student leaders have all given the year early impetus and purpose. We hope to relaunch the Environmental Group soon too. Student 'voice' with related student action will be part of 2018.

Our school roll remains strong, school spirit is high, we are fully staffed and financially sound, property improvements continue, our teaching practices are developing further, and the overriding goal of lifting each boy effectively remains all - pervasive. Our recently released 2017 NCEA results met, and in places, exceeded national and decile benchmarks across the board. We were delighted for **Hamish Dunbar**, **Ben Aicken**, and **Louis Low**; each awarded a NZQA Scholarship for passing New Zealand's most demanding examinations in Agricultural Science, English and Biology respectively. These three scholars and 99 boys who achieved a Merit or Excellence Endorsement on their NCEA certificate, were celebrated at a special assembly last week. Let's do what we can at home and school to support Year 12s and 13s to keep or advance on their 2017 Endorsement in 2018, and for a new set of NCEA scholars to be Endorsed this year. Successful higher study, strong workplace entry, and personal excellence far beyond school, is fostered by Endorsement.

It's good to be back for another year. Join us in making it a great one for the boys.

**Nick McIvor**

*Scientia Potestas Est*

*Mā te Mātauranga te Mana*

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## Thomas House News

### Coast to Coast Success

We are very proud of George Guerin (Year 12) who competed in the two day event this year. He did amazingly well, placing 4<sup>th</sup> in his category and 38<sup>th</sup> overall out of 580 competitors in the two day event. George (*pictured right*) lost a lot of time with punctures so is really keen to compete again next year. This was an awesome effort George, congratulations.



### Year 9 Boarders' Focus Weekend

On the weekend of 10-11 February, the new Year 9 Thomas House boarders experienced a "stay in" weekend. The Prefects were responsible for organising numerous activities, providing our new boys with a great opportunity for getting to know each other and the Timaru district.

Saturday morning activities included a water balloon fight, egg and spoon races, confidence course challenges, weet-bix eating and lots of other fun events. The boys biked all over Timaru and ended up at the volleyball nets at Caroline Bay for a round-robin competition.

A barbecue lunch at the beach and then bike races on the sand followed by a very welcome swim in the sea to cool down all contributed to a wonderful day out.

Back at Thomas House the boys all tie dyed a t-shirt then watched a movie at night accompanied by pizza. Sunday morning they played dodge ball in the gym then had a lovely brunch before heading to C-Bay for a swim and some hydro-sliding.

Thanks to the Senior Prefects **Mac Edwards, Ryan Greenslade, James Watt, Will Pudney, Cathal Guiney** and **Shane Fikken** for planning and leading the weekend events - their organisation was superb.



L TO R: BEN PAWSEY, MITCHELL BOWMAR, WILL GRANT, JASPER KEATING



THOMAS HOUSE YEAR 9 BIKE RACE ON CAROLINE BAY



***Pictured L to R:***

WILL GRANT, DIGBY GILES,  
MARK VAN DE KLUNDERT,  
BRAD MURRAY, QUINN  
GLEDHILL

## International Dance Success

Congratulations to **Caleb Cameron** on his recent dance achievements at international level.

Qualifying at a regional competition in Christchurch in August, Caleb, along with Katelyn Ronson and Emma Brown, competed in the national finals of *"Follow Your Dreams Australia"*, held in Melbourne in January.

The event saw Caleb win a clean sweep of all three solo senior classes: National Champion Senior Open Division Tap Solo, Speed Tap and Song and Dance. Caleb was also named in the top three in the National Champion Solo finals.

Well done Caleb – we are proud of your achievements and the role you play in promoting the Arts.



## Year 12 Welding Course

As part of the Year 12 Metal course which includes building a mini-bike, the boys attended a two day "introduction to MIG welding" course at the Ara Polytechnic. The first group have completed their course and the second group will be going in March. This course is beneficial as it introduces the boys to welding and they can experience what tertiary training life is like.



## PB4L Update



Welcome to 2018 from the PB4L team. The Tier One PB4L group consists of Steve Blair, Ros Bennett, Grant McFarlane, Ross Stevenson, Graham Melrose, Sally Hilton, Julie Stevenson, Hamish Cameron, Karen Staples, Michelle Bower, Monique Bastings.

This group will be working with your sons this year to further reinforce the POWER values to which the school aspires. We want to make sure all students turn up to school with the right gear, be in the right place and at the right time. Our continued focus will be that of school uniform standards so the school asks 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 to do this, even in the hot weather we have been experiencing.

The rewards system with stamps for Years 9/10 and 11 will continue in 2018 and a new rewards system is being formulated and will be introduced to senior students in Y12 and 13 in the next few weeks.

# Sports News

## Records Tumble at TBHS Swimming Sports

Riley Taylor has lowered his own 1500 metres freestyle record with a new mark of 16 minutes 52.8 seconds.

The Year 13 student took 13 seconds off his old record with an impressively controlled swim in the school pool. Year 12 student **Jack Sands** was second in 17 minutes 25 seconds, with Year 11, **Matthew Moore**, 3rd in 18 minutes 36 seconds.

In an outstanding display, **Jack Sands** and **Riley Taylor** erased a combined total of seven records from the history books at the TBHS swimming sports held in ideal conditions at the school pool last Thursday afternoon.

Sands, a Year 12 student, set new marks in the 50 metre freestyle, backstroke, butterfly and breast-stroke while Taylor, a Year 13 student, lowered the times for the 100, 200 and 1500 metre freestyle events. This saw Sands narrowly head Taylor as the Senior Swimming Champion.

The race of the day was undoubtedly the 100 metre freestyle where they went stroke for stroke for all three laps and Taylor edged Sands by the narrowest of margins in a time of 56.9 seconds - well under the previous record of 57.8 seconds set by Taylor last year.

In the Junior section, **William Tudgey** was Champion and **Dominic Coleman** was Runner Up.

Sands and Taylor will be looking to continue their good form into the National Championships in April. Dawson, led by Sands, won the Inter-house competition that was quietly, tactfully and impartially compered by Deputy Principal Rod Sparrow.



L TO R: **DOMINIC COLEMAN** (JUNIOR RUNNER UP), **RILEY TAYLOR** (SENIOR RUNNER UP), **WILLIAM TUDGEY** (JUNIOR CHAMPION) AND **JACK SANDS** (SENIOR CHAMPION.)

## Otago Boys' High School Exchange

Honours were evenly shared in the traditional Otago Boys'/Timaru Boys' Summer Exchange held in perfect conditions in Dunedin on Monday.

Otago won all three hard fought **Touch Rugby** matches 7-3, 7-4, 8-6.

TBHS dominated the **Senior Tennis** with the team of **James Watt**, **Josh Cameron**, **George McAleer** and **Matt Ellis** winning all their matches.

Otago won a tight tussle in the **Junior Tennis** while TBHS recorded a pleasing victory in the **Colts Cricket** scoring 109 and dismissing the Year 9 Otago side for 60. I

In the **Cricket 1st XI** encounter played on a difficult wicket of variable pace and bounce, Otago batted first in a one innings declaration fixture and declared at 179-8. **Caleb Donaldson** recorded the best figures with 2-29 off 10 overs. In reply, TBHS could only muster 63 with William Sharp (14) and **McGregor Isbister** (10), the only batsmen to record double figures.



## Aoraki Tennis

Congratulations to the TBHS Tennis team who comprehensively beat Mackenzie College, Ashburton College and Waitaki Boys' at the recent Aoraki Tennis Championships.

The team now go through to the South Island Championships to be held in Timaru where they are aiming to qualify for the Nationals. The team's main competition is likely to come from Christ's College who are very strong and likely favourites, along with Christchurch Boys'. We wish the team well.

*L TO R: CONNOR CROTTY, JAMES WATT,  
GEORGE MCALEER, JOSH CAMERON*



## NZ Junior Under 14 Softball Team Selection

Our warmest congratulations to **Lucas Mullings** (pictured right) who has been selected for the Under-14 Boys New Zealand selection softball team to play at the New South Wales Softball BOP Junior International Challenge Tournament in Sydney from 20-26 March.

The unexpected achievement arose after Lucas represented Aorangi at the recent South Island Under 15 Tournament in Invercargill, making a strong impression on the selectors. We wish you luck in Melbourne Lucas.



## Thomas House Redevelopment

What an exciting but busy time it has been for the Thomas House Redevelopment Committee.

Plans for Stage One were confirmed late last year with our proposed build going to tender in January. The tender process closed last Friday and we will know the results by the end of this month. This process will firm up the actual cost of the development, and provide useful information on any changes we need to make. We also finalised and sent out our Redevelopment brochure in December; our sincere apologies to those who may not have received a copy yet, however we have included a link to our brochure (below), or we are able to mail you a hardcopy (please feel free to contact Colin Murdoch or the School Office).

We are well on target to commence our build early this year; some very generous donations have been received to date, and we are very thankful to those who have supported us. Our project is reliant on those generous donations, to make the plans a reality. If you would like to find out more about donating or about our project, please feel free to contact either Colin Murdoch or our Rector Nick McIvor.

If at any time you would like to have a look around Thomas House please contact Director of Boarding Ross Smith on 0272225458.

It is important to note that this rebuild is beneficial not only to Thomas House boarders and their families, but contributes greatly to our unique, special school character and traditions that come from having a boarding hostel of 125 boys on site.

Follow our progress on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ThomasHouseRedevelopment>  
Find our brochure: <https://tinyurl.com/ybsaajmj>

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## From the Deputy Rector's Desk.....

### School Photographs

All students present on that day had individual, vertical form class photographs taken. Year 9 had 'Tree' class photographs and Year 10 their Rite Journey class photographs. 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. Students will be notified when orders can be made.



### 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 Support Office. Passengers are only allowed to be transported if the appropriate documentation has been completed.

### BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

Our aim is to have all Year 9 students by the start of Term 2 this year with a device.

Why are we doing this? "We want to enhance lessons to make great learning even greater with a blending of digital with long-valued teaching and learning techniques. We believe that an internet capable device is now an important part of a boy's modern learning toolkit. It gives them instant access to unlimited resources and enables them to support, extend, communicate and share their learning in ways that prepares them for the future."



Currently we have over 75 Year 9 boys indicating they have a device they can bring to school.

All Year 9 students have had an IT induction programme in their first week and Mr Burke (IT support) is visiting English classes supporting their connection to the school system.

Mr Burke is providing IT support for any student in the second of lunchtime each day.



### Office 365

All students are able to download this for free on up to five devices. This can include computers at home. Students have been emailed the details on how to action this.

If there are any concerns email Mr Burke [alphatech@timaruboysschool.nz](mailto:alphatech@timaruboysschool.nz)

### KAMAR Parent Portal

All parents have been emailed log on details to access this. This has recently been upgraded.



There is a link from the school website or you can have it as a KAMAR app on your phone although some of the material is better accessed on a larger screen.

Parents are able to access: Daily notices, student details, financial, attendance, NCEA summary, results, POWER scores, reports and career pathways. A great way to keep track of your son's progress.

# TBHS FOOTBALL

Are you a passionate football coach?

Do you enjoy the beautiful game?

**WE WANT YOU!**



If you would like to coach a team this season please contact the following:

Cameron Gibb [gibbca@timaruboysschool.nz](mailto:gibbca@timaruboysschool.nz)

Gavin Miller

[millerga@timaruboysschool.nz](mailto:millerga@timaruboysschool.nz)



## Vocal Coaching

Do you want to learn to sing? Or maybe you're a seasoned pro wanting to develop your instrument further?

Contact Megan Holden LTCL on either [www.facebook.com/singwithmeg/](https://www.facebook.com/singwithmeg/) or phone/text 027 303 7247 Email: [singwithmeg@gmail.com](mailto:singwithmeg@gmail.com)



## Piano Tutoring

Peter McMullen has some timeslots available for piano tuition. Based in the school, a small fee applies to these lessons.

Peter can be contacted on 027 421 1216

### TBHS CALENDAR Term 1 2018

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

26 February	STAC Exchange	8 March	"The Calling" Rite Journey Year 10
26 Feb – 2 March	Year 9 Kowhai Camp 1	9 March	Aoraki Bowls
28 February	BoT Meeting	12-16 March	Year 9 Rimu Camp 3
3-4 March	SISS Rowing Championships	14 March	Aoraki Athletics
3-4 March	SI Tennis Championships	19-23 March	Year 9 Rata Camp 4
4-5 March	Year 12 Geography: Mount Cook	19-25 March	Maadi Cup
5-9 March	Year 9 Matai Camp 2	24-25 March	SI Athletics
6 March	Waitaki Exchange	26-29 March	Year 9 Totara Camp 5
6 March	Athletics (TBC)	<b>30 March-3 April</b>	<b>EASTER HOLIDAY BREAK</b>

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# TOM'S COMING HOME!

*and he's bringing some mates*



## TIMARU SUPER SHOT

in association with



Come and witness this unique international Shot Put competition featuring home town World Champ Tom Walsh taking on some of the world's best athletes. Don't miss your opportunity to watch world class athletics in the heart of Timaru!

**WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH: 5–8pm**

Entry from 4.30pm

### Featuring:

- Trust Aoraki Kids Fun Run
- Mitre 10 MEGA Tradies v VIP's Challenge
- Aoraki Sec Schools Shot Put Exhibition
- International Elite Women
- International Elite Men

**GOLD COIN DONATION ENTRY**

## CAROLINE BAY SOUNDSHELL – TIMARU

