



Timaru Boys' High School

September Newsletter 2020

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Rector's Message - September 2020

Kia ora koutou. Crikey! Term 3 has been packed with learning and activity!

Our first full term of the year has been used to catch up on student achievement, run our senior school examinations, finish a truncated but wonderful season of winter sport (including four school exchanges) and all the other things that make our school such an important part of our community.

We have just celebrated Te Wiki o te Reo Māori as best we can under Alert Level 2 - such a shame we couldn't have a full school assembly. We have had a student quiz, daily whakatauki (proverbs) and teachers and students trying to use more Māori language and Māori contexts in class. We are a long way from where we want to be, but we know it's imperative that we improve in this area. *Ko te reo te taikura o te whakaaro marama* - Language is the key to understanding. There will be a whānau hui for the families of Māori students on Wednesday October 14, Week 1 Term 4 - more info coming.

Our practice external examinations were completed without too many problems. Attendance was high and we were happy with the students' engagement. Obviously, the examinations exposed some holes in student understanding and effort, but these issues can still be addressed before the NZQA external examinations begin in the middle of Term 4. Examination performance and overall achievement are good topics of conversation for the senior conferences that we are holding this Friday. These conferences give the student the opportunity to make a plan that should help him reach the achievement he needs for 2021, whether that's for the next level in NCEA, University, further training opportunities or work. Years 9 and 10 are engaged in a work day on Friday - see the article in this newsletter for more information.

We are so happy that we got some winter sport completed. It would have been a tragedy for those students in their last year to miss out. While some teams might not have reached the heights they expected, there were still many excellent performances in all codes. We strive to win, but it's the friendships and camaraderie that boys will remember in the years to come. We won the final exchange with Waitaki (3-1). The Waitaki rugby game is the longest running continuous interschool match in New Zealand and we were very pleased that Covid-19 didn't interrupt that wonderful piece of history. Now we look forward to our Term 4 summer sports programme.

The Old Boys' Association has been working tirelessly to source the funding for the earthquake strengthening and restoration of our Memorial Library. I would like to personally thank **Brent Bruce** and **Bruce Lund** who have been integral to this whole project. I would also like to thank Heritage New Zealand for recognising the historical importance of the Memorial Library and helping us maintain it for the coming generations.

Thanks to parents for all your support so far this year, whether it's the major commitment of helping out with sport and cultural activities or just working with us to ensure your son is achieving and happy. Growing great young men is definitely a team effort! If you get the chance to get away these school holidays, make sure you get some well earned rest. Term 4 is around the corner and it will be fast and furious.



Teschemaker Cup Presentation

Timaru Boys' was delighted to recently host Don Braid, Chief Executive of global freight and logistics company Mainfreight.

Recipient of the Old Boys' annually awarded Teschemaker Cup, Don was officially presented with the award by past Rector Kevin O'Sullivan (1996-2013) who is the current President of the THS Old Boys' Association.

Presented each year to an Old Boy achieving national or international prominence in the area of sport, cultural activities, research, business or public affairs, the Cup was presented to Don for his outstanding business career. His leadership at the helm of Mainfreight has been recognised with multiple awards over the years, including Deloitte/Management Magazine *Top 200 Executive of the Year* in 2008 and again in 2011, the New Zealand Herald *Business*

Leader of the Year in 2011 and the New Zealand Shareholders Association *Bacon Award* in 2018 (for "a listed company leader who demonstrates outstanding performance, including leadership, corporate governance, and respect for the rights of shareholders").

It was unfortunate that Covid restrictions had delayed the presentation of the 2019 award with a full School Assembly, but the Old Boys and Prefects present for the occasion were treated to a special morning tea and appreciated the shared words of wisdom from Don.

".....an award that comes from your school means more because it has history and it was where I learnt to become a man, learnt to behave myself and learnt with hard work comes an ability to go on and do stuff. So it means more than those other awards."

Check out the speeches on our Timaru Boys' Facebook page.



MTB Success

Level 2 has curtailed much of this year's sporting opportunities for our boys, so it was a refreshing change to have a number of our boys compete in the Aoraki Mountain Biking Championships - well done to *Sport Aoraki* for proceeding with the event.

We had good finishes in the U19 Enduro with **Tom Kerr** and **Noah Cook** placing 3rd and 4th respectively. The best performance of the day goes to **Reef Roberts** who

convincingly won the U15 Cross Country section.

The newly built track was still at the lumpy stage which demanded a good deal of skill to ride it well.

Congratulations boys - you work tirelessly to achieve great results!



"Digital" Cakes

Year 10 Food Technology has risen to the occasion in their development of "digital" cakes.

Students were tasked with the challenge of developing, trialling and designing digital outcomes, outworked through making edible digital birthday cakes. Cakes were required to be food safe and incorporate electronic components.

The commitment and tenacity demonstrated by our boys was outstanding – they were thoroughly engaged in the challenge and committed themselves to early morning and lunch time trials, testing their circuits with the TinkerCad 3D CAD design tool. The finished results saw boys incorporate the use of 3D printers, fans, motors and LEDs.

Judged by Head of Technology **Michael Howard**, Ara Polytechnic tutor **Steve Le Corre** and a combined "People's

Vote", the overall winners were **Hadlee Begg** and **Levi Rhodes** with their movie projector setup, followed by second placegetters **Rueben Tarawa-Te Whata**, **Will Urquhart** and **Thomas Kyle** with their burning house.

Well done to all students on tackling such a novel task and for showing real innovation.



Weekend Sports Wrap

It was finals time for a number of our winter sporting codes during this past weekend.

On Friday night we had two teams involved in the finals of the local secondary schools **Basketball** competition. Our Year 10A side went down in a competitive game against a strong Ashburton College side. The Hostel team came through to claim the Junior Boys' B title with a win over Opihi

College.

In **Rugby**, the Leopards backed up their shock semi-final win over Geraldine with a strong performance in the *U14 1/2* final against Temuka. They led for much of the game before going down 39-31.

The *2nd XV* capped a good season with a strong 42-17 win over New Brighton in the Division 2 final of the Christchurch Metropolitan U18 competition. It was an entertaining game and good for the team and management to have the final at home after a lot of travelling throughout the year.

The *1st XV* completed the UC Competition with a strong 52-10 win over Roncalli/Aoraki Combined in a bowl play-off game.

On Saturday, the **Football** 1st and 2nd XI sides played in competition finals at Sir Basil Arthur Park. The 2nd XI were upset by Roncalli in their match while the 1st XI played perennial champions Northern Hearts in the South Canterbury Cup final. After an early goal for Hearts, the remainder of the first half was an even, tense affair. In the second half, the physicality and tight marking of Hearts largely closed TBHS down and they eased out to a 3-0 win. A fine effort from a 1st XI who have improved significantly in 2020.

On Sunday the **2nd XI Hockey** side defended their Mens Division 2 title with an entertaining 4-3 win over the Cambridge Barbarians. This was a good finish for a side who have led the grade throughout the year. It is also a fine way to sign off for a number of Year 13 boys who have given five years service to Hockey at TBHS



Theatresports Extravaganza

On 7 September all our Year 9 students were involved in a lively interactive Theatre Sports Extravaganza, which was based at TBHS in the Hobgen Hall.

Theatre Sports has a strong focus on our TBHS POWER values, where being a willing participant and having the right attitude are the key to success.

It was wonderful to witness our Year 9 students try something new, and for some students, it was a case of stepping out of their comfort zone.

This inaugural event was designed to reinforce and strengthen theatre skills in the Performing Arts in the drama curriculum which have already been taught during the Year 9 Drama rotation.

Abigail Austin was our fantastic energetic guest presenter who ran this event with the help of several TBHS classroom teachers. A massive thank you to everyone who helped to make this event such a success.

The TBHS Theatre Sport Club is a new cultural lunchtime activity available to all TBHS students, which is run every Monday at lunchtime in the Drama Theatre.



Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 14-20 Mahuru

Māori Language Week has been celebrated around the school in numerous ways.

Year 12 Hospitality and **Year 11 PACE** Science and Food Technology came together to create paraoa using two different methods. One used yeast, a microorganism, to make the dough rise and was fried to cook it, the other was baked in the oven.

It was great to see them working together, showing kotahitanga. They all enjoyed tasting the paraoa with reka toppings.

Year 9 Rimu and **Year 12 PACE** also worked together in the kitchen to make Paraoa Parei (Fried Bread) using a Rewena starter.

Year 9 Totara students created and recorded shadow to re-tell the story of Maui slowing the Sun to communicate their understanding of how light interacts with different materials.

In Drama, **Year 9 Kowhai** and **Matai** focussed on incorporating Te Reo as part of their Drama activities. Both classes participated in a Drama scavenger hunt around TBHS using Maori Language. The classes used both effective teamwork and problem solving skills to help them complete the riddles, important skills in Drama. The photos show the winning teams from both Year 9 classes. Well done everyone for displaying our TBHS POWER during this activity.

Check out the video on our Facebook page where our Rector Mr Thorp and teacher Mrs Fenwick interview three of our boys. Thank you to **Denvah Peters**, **Bryce Barrett** and **Junior Couling** for your willingness to participate in the video presentation.

Staff have also been kept busy with learning a daily proverb - thank you Mrs Fenwick!

Ko te reo te taikura o te whakaaro marama - Language is the key to understanding.



Daffodil Day 2020

Timaru Boys' aims to regularly give back to our local community. One way we do this is by annually supporting Daffodil Day.

Thank you to our Japanese students **Kotaro Yasuda** (Year 12) and **Kakeru Yagi** (Year 12) who have joined us for the 2020 year. These two boys did us proud by volunteering to be our daffodil collectors on a cold day .



Ice Hockey Success

The Mackenzie Combined recently played Wakatipu High School in the South Island Secondary School Tournament and finished as Champions with a win of 1-0.

Congratulations to **Alex Power** who was named goalie of the tournament, having allowed only one goal in.

The MVP is to still be announced as there was no formal prize giving due to COVID.



Thespian Success

Meet Jakeb Fahey, a Year 10 student doing things differently from many of his school mates.

Jakeb will be playing the part of Fleance in the Aidan Theatre production of **Macbeth**. How does a 14-year-old get into a community production of Shakespeare??

Jakeb has been a part of the Hana Iti Youth Company. His first production for the Aidan Theatre was in the Christmas

pantomime in 2019. He didn't intend to audition for that show; he went to the audition with a friend and ended up not only auditioning but being selected for the cast, finding his niche in drama.

Rehearsals pre-Covid were twice a week but now due to the restrictions he goes straight from Hana Iti from 10:30-12 to his rehearsals, or to Macbeth from 1-4pm every Saturday. These rehearsals are very different to his time in the TBHS/TGHS **Grease** rehearsals. He really enjoys his Saturdays and is pleased to be in a production with a talented cast with mostly adults.

From director Gail Tatham, "*Jakeb is a valued member of our team. When he auditioned for us, he said he'd been involved in theatre a little before this and had loved every minute of it. This attitude has gained him several small parts in the production, including that of Fleance, Banquo's son. He has taken to stage combat with enthusiasm and has certainly been in the thick of the action!*"

I asked Jakeb why he chose to audition for a Shakespeare play instead of going into a youth production as Shakespeare can even frighten some adults. Jakeb's answer was thoughtful and full of insight. "*I think we can all relate to the feelings in his stories. Shakespeare's characters are complex, and the themes, love, honour, betrayal, envy, jealousy, fear, pride, lust, and grief are all issues that matter to everyone today. His plays allow us to see ourselves through a new perspective and I think it's great for all teenagers to get involved because it's something new for a lot of people, it's a lot of fun and it really speaks about a lot of things all teenagers go through. I know that a lot of people think it is weird and not worth their while, but it is, it really is. The last thing I want to say is that you should never judge something before you try it and Shakespeare and theatre are 2 of those things*".

Shakespeare's Macbeth directed by Gail Tatham
28-31 October: Five shows only
Kingsdown Manor
Bookings from 11 September at Newman's Music Works



2020 Pest Tail Competition

The 2020 Pest Tail Competition, run by the TBHS Enviro Group, begins this week and will finish two weeks into next term.

Just like last year, we will have prizes from Hunting and Fishing, but bigger and better of course. Get hunting and trapping for all pests and collect the tails to bring in next

term (preferably frozen). For more info see Josh Earnshaw or William Rawlins.



Entertainment Book

With school holidays hitting us at the end of the week, consider purchasing the 2020-21 Entertainment Book, a major fundraiser for our PTA

If you haven't had one before, this is a great APP with heaps of discounts at local restaurants, cafes, retail outlets,

accommodation, car rentals, and tourist attractions.

The multi-city option is perfect for those travelling around NZ during the holidays and is great value at only \$119.99.

It gives you access to every edition of the Entertainment Book across New Zealand, Australia & Bali and gives the school \$26 towards our fundraising goal.

Your digital membership can be accessed from up to four different devices so it's perfect for sharing with friends/family.

20% of the sale price goes back to the school, so purchase online today:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1370s72>




Policy Review: Learning Support

Timaru Boys' values feedback from our board members, staff and parents on policies and procedures.

A review of the school's *Learning Support* policy is now underway via our SchoolDocs link, with feedback closing on 25 September. To have your say:

1. Visit the website <https://timaruboysschooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
 2. Enter the username (timaruboyss) and password (power).
 3. Follow the links to **Learning Support**
 4. Read the policy.
 5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
 6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
 7. Enter your name (optional).
 8. Submit your ratings and comments.
 9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.
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**TIMARU BOYS'
HIGH SCHOOL**

Workday 2020

Friday 25 September

Our School is conducting a Workday to raise funds for TBHS student projects.

If you have work our Junior boys could undertake, please contact the school.
Your support is appreciated.

Ph: 03 687 7560
Email: tbhs@timaruboysschool.nz

**Dave Thorp
Rector**

Junior Workday: Friday 25 September

Timaru Boys' High School will hold its annual school Workday on Friday 25 September. Junior students (Years 9 & 10) across the school will be seeking paid employment for the day.

The very generous support in recent years has provided boys at the school with extra amenities and items of equipment. This has been greatly appreciated by the staff, students and Board.

Our aim in 2020 is to raise \$10,000 for student facilities.

To those providing paid employment for the Work Day - this is very much appreciated. For your guidance the school has found that a common rate of payment for student work has ranged around \$8- \$10 per hour. This will vary according to

the nature of the job and the age and strength of the boys. We feel the boys will gain useful work experience from this project.

Thank you for employing a Timaru Boys' High School student enabling him to help his school in this way.

If you have work our boys could undertake, please contact us:

Ph: 03 687 7560

Email: tbhs@timaruboysschool.nz



Updated NCEA Requirements due to Covid

Please note the following changes to NCEA Credits:

Learning Recognition Credits

Students working towards an NCEA can gain additional credits, based on the number of credits they achieve during

the 2020 school year. These additional credits will be known as Learning Recognition (LR) credits.

For every 5 credits a student achieves towards their NCEA either through internal or external assessment, they are entitled to an additional 1 credit.

NCEA Level 1 are eligible for up to a maximum of 10 additional credits

NCEA Levels 2 and 3 are eligible for up to a maximum of 8 additional credits.

The LR credits will only appear (if needed) when results are issued by NZQA in 2021.

Summary

If you have 70 credits at Level 1 you will have earned an additional 10 LR credits to gain Level 1

If you have 52 credits at Level 2 you will have earned an additional 8 LR credits to gain Level 2 (this assumes you have carried 20 credits forward from Level 1)

If you have 52 credits at Level 3 you will have earned an additional 8 LR credits to gain Level 3 (this assumes you have carried 20 credits forward from Level 2)

Certificate Endorsement

Students will be awarded a certificate endorsement if they achieve 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, rather than the usual 50.

Course Endorsement

Students achieving 12 credits at Merit or Excellence level in a course – rather than 14 – will be awarded a course endorsement. (this still needs to include an external result at that level)

University Entrance Requirements

Current UE requirements have been reduced from 14 to 12 credits in three UE-approved subjects. Students still need to attain NCEA Level 3 and meet literacy and numeracy requirements to be awarded University Entrance.



Senior Conferencing

Thanks to the parents and students who are able to attend School Conferencing on the last Friday of Term 3 (25 September).

Those students with examinations should have a clear focus on what they need to do to succeed.



School Ball (16 October)

We are hoping that the Ball will be able to be held on this date. If lockdown requirements do not permit the Ball to go ahead it will be cancelled and ticket costs will be refunded.



Musical Evening with the Arts

Come along and see the talent on offer from our young men.

When:

Thursday 24th September 1:00pm - 3:30pm (Years 11-12)

6:00pm - 7:30pm (Year 13)

**Fabulous Student Artwork on
Venue: Tait Block display**

Nibbles

Free entry



Senior Prizegiving and End of School

The last timetabled day for students is Thursday 5th November and students should be released around lunchtime.

Senior Prizegiving is that night from 7- 9:30pm in the Hogben Hall.

Students may come to school in the following week and check in with their timetabled teacher for Examination Preparation.

This will also be a Booster Week where students will be invited to complete Internal Assessments to gain their Level 1, 2 or 3 Certificate.



New Zealand Blood Service Drive

Timaru Boys' is a strong supporter of the NZ Blood Service's mobile blood drive, hosting the team annually at the school, and encouraging our students and staff to participate in this worthwhile cause.

NZBS recommends that students discuss becoming a blood donor with their family. If families have a particular objection

to the student choosing to donate blood, please make this known to the student and to the school before the blood drive date stated above. More information about blood donation will be available on the day of the blood drive.

To check eligibility for giving blood, please follow the website link: <https://www.nzblood.co.nz/give-blood/donating/am-i-eligible/>



Sexuality Education in Health

Sexuality education is a key area of learning in The Health and Physical Education Curriculum.

This means that it must be included in teaching programmes at both primary and secondary school levels, using the strands and achievement objectives outlined in the curriculum document.

Sexuality education in schools provides students with opportunities to develop:

- knowledge, understanding, and skills relating to sexual development - physical, emotional, and social;
- knowledge, understanding, and skills to enhance their sexual and reproductive health, for example, knowledge about the process of conception and the skills to make decisions that maintain and enhance their sexual health;
- personal and interpersonal skills and related attitudes, including
 - * the skills needed to examine people's attitudes, values, and beliefs and their rights - and responsibilities
 - * attitudes of respect for themselves and other people
 - * attitudes of care and concern for themselves and other people
 - * effective communication skills
 - * problem-solving and decision-making skills
- understanding and skills to enhance relationships, for example, in relation to friendship, love, families, and parenting.

HEALTH PROGRAMME

The Sexuality part of the Health curriculum is compulsory in Years 9 and 10. If you do not wish your son to be part of the programme when it is being covered then you must write a letter to the Rector explaining the circumstances.

- Year 9 & 10 will start the programme in Term 4.

Grant McFarlane

HOD Physical Education and Health



FREE: Parenting Online Summit 9-11 October

Join 21 national and international leading parenting & educational experts, with simple, practical tips and ideas that will help you and your child to be resilient, confident and

independent!

The world is literally changing so fast and so is the face of parenting. Whether you are navigating anxiety, stress and overwhelm, or looking for ideas to be proactive with your child, ways to promote resilience, confidence and independence, we have created an event for you!

The Parenting Online Summit is designed to give you practical, simple to implement ideas and strategies to create better relationships with your child, be proactive rather than reactive and grow your child to be resilient, confident and independent.

To register, click on the following link:

<https://www.spectrumeducation.com/parenting-summit/>



Temuka Athletics Club

Temuka Athletics Club commence their new season on Monday, 12 October 2020.

- Regular Inter-Club fixtures (uniforms supplied)
- Training with qualified coaches available
- Events: running, walking, throwing and jumping - catering for all abilities

Ages: 5+

Venue: Opihi College Sports Grounds (Guild Rd)

Time: 6:15pm

When: Monday nights - Term 4 and Term 1

"Like" our Facebook page *Temuka Athletics Club*

Email: temu.athletics@gmail.com

Ph: Nicola: 021 622 942

See Facebook or our website for registrations and further information

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/temukaathletics>

 SOUTH CANTERBURY
Roller Sports Club Inc.

School Holidays
Tuesdays and Thursdays
2 – 4pm

\$3 entry • skate hire \$4

Sundays
Public Session 2.00 – 4pm
Learn to Skate 2.15 – 2.45pm
1 adult can skate for free with 1 paid child admission

Rink/rooms available for hire
Great for birthdays, socials or meetings

Contact Cheryl Begg
021 026 26 277

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Roller Sports Club - Holiday Programme

Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:00pm-4:00pm

\$3 entr Skate Hire \$4

Sundays

Public Session 2:00 - 4:00pm

Learn to Skate 2:15pm to 2:45pm



Junior Squash Opportunity

Holiday Programme 27-28 September 2020

Give squash a go these holidays!

Sunday 27th & Monday 28th September 2020

Beginner and Primary School Children
9:30am – 11:00am each day

High School and J2 Grade and above Children
11:30am – 1:00pm each day

Cost: \$10 per child per session

Where:

Timaru Squash Club
22 Brunswick Street

Please register online under Junior Holiday Programme at:
www.sporty.co.nz/squashmidlands



NZQA Cards

All students enrolled in NCEA will have been given their NSN (National Student Number) cards which has instructions on logging on to the system for the first time or the log in address to use if they are previous users.

If your son has forgotten his password, he will need to contact NZQA. Students should logon to check their exam

entries and results so far.



PDF Version

The pdf version of the September 2020 Newsletter is available here.
