



# TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### RECTOR'S MESSAGE



We wish every success to all our young men completing their Timaru Boys' career in 2017. Take the best of TBHS with you into the world beyond the gate. Be prepared to find your own way ahead. Turn chance into good fortune<sup>1</sup> and find good friends and acquaintances. It's our hope as teachers and supporters that you not only leave with knowledge, skills and qualifications that open the right doors for you from here, but have the qualities of good men. Growing the 'heart and head' has always been our focus these past 5 years from an all-round education; value each dearly. We also urge you to keep looking for new learning and new achievement wherever it is waiting, and to take others with you down each new path.

To all who are returning in 2018, stay on track to progress with renewed commitment and participation, and remembering that personal excellence comes in many forms. It's been a pleasure to see so many of you striving to see things through well, and the prospect of your embracing new opportunities in 2018 is exciting. Summer will provide some time to relax and to try something new; enjoy it.

Moving to new callings from our staff in 2018 is **Ella Wright**, recently appointed Head of English at Craighead Diocesan School. Ella has been prominent in English teaching and learning since 2012. She led English successfully as Acting Head of Department in 2016. Ella's work in Deaning, Rowing, and our POWER values and PB4L system, has been highly influential and respected. **Karen Staples** who was to leave English now returns and we're delighted. Thanks goes to **Cat Hansen** who left Hospitality after two years part-time teaching; now travelling back down Wellington Street to work with her husband and former colleagues. **Jason Williamson** leaves Physical Education and teaching to return to the private sector after two constructive terms. We also bid farewell to **Cia Winter** who has taught Digital Technology with dedication during **Debbie Newman's** maternity leave. Cia will now teach in the MacKenzie District. Looking further to 2018, some of the pleasing developments to come in the school will be classroom refurbishment, expansion of teaching techniques (based on a model called SOLO) and initiation of wider BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) learning enhancement – with a special focus on Year 9. A letter and email will come out soon regarding BYOD - including how we envisage bringing increased learning device access to more boys from Term 1. These, and other developments in the school, have huge potential for the boys. 2018 promises to be a year when conditions for learning and the learning process itself rise.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year with family and friends. For those leaving, TBHS will always be your school. Be sure to come back to tell us how it has all gone for you.

**Nick McIvor**

*Scientia Potestas Est*

*Mā te Mātauranga te Mana*

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<sup>1</sup> Fuller Thomas in <http://www.wiseoldsayings.com/authors/thomas-fuller--quotes/>

## Community Focus

### Replanting of Caroline Bay

Thank you to the Year 9 and 10 students who participated in the recent replanting of vegetation at Caroline Bay.

A fire that was caused by fireworks on Guy Fawkes Night raged throughout the Caroline Bay sand dunes, destroying much of the vegetation and tussock that has been planted over the past ten years.

A call put out to our junior boys during an Assembly saw a dozen responders who volunteered their services to assist in replanting of just over 4040 grass, tussock and scrub plants for the purpose of returning the burnt area to its former glory. Thank you to the following students for your help:

**Mackenzie Annett, Harry Black, Isaac Carter, Joshua Earnshaw, Hamish Gilmour, Luke Goodger, Henry Lightbourne, Harry Lyon, Christopher Manson, Kai Reid, George Small and Hamish Tayler.**

Check out the video in the Timaru Herald:

<https://tinyurl.com/TBHS-Student-Volunteers>



SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS L TO R: JOSH EARNSHAW, HARRY BLACK, MACKENZIE ANNETT

### Practical Helpers

We are very proud of several of our young men who hit the headlines recently, receiving positive praises for their help in rescuing one of our senior citizens who was in strife on her mobility scooter.

Mrs Shirley Hunter contacted the newspaper wishing to connect with the young men who had come to her aide when her scooter lost power.

**Jack Dockrill, Tom Sutton, Richard Irving and Matt Kennedy** were recognised by Age Concern New Zealand as being worthy recipients of an Age Concern Champion Award.



SHIRLEY HUNTER AND JACK DOCKRILL

Well done boys – your attitude embodies the school

**POWER** values: **P**ride, **O**ur Responsibility, **W**illing participants, **E**arning respect, **R**ight Attitude.

## Young Leaders' Burnham Trip

*Contributed by Josh Earnshaw*

Congratulations to all the boys who completed the Year 10 leadership programme organised by Mr McFarlane, Mr Archibald, Mr Gibb, Mr Miller and Mr Simpson. The group comprised of 16 boys who were selected by staff. The boys spent a number of lunch times with Mr McFarlane discussing leadership then participated in a three day trip to Burnham Military Camp.

The following boys participated in the trip:

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**Josh Earnshaw, Peter Rawlins, Matthew Ellis, William Snuggs, Henry Baxter, Robert Chapman, George Small, George Mulder, Sean Rhodes, Hamish Tayler, McGregor Isbister, Gernyn Bell, Coltrane Leach, Quinn Motley, Jack Blakemore and Jack Fulton.**

From 28-30 November, the Young Leaders' Group (16 selected Year 10 students) attended Burnham Military Camp near Christchurch. After we introduced ourselves to the soldiers who were looking after us, we were briefed by the 2nd Lieutenant then had lunch in the mess.

This was followed by PT which involved a heap of running, pushups, squats and crunches for around two hours, challenging all of us. The buffet dinner which followed was delicious. Before bed we were split into three groups to complete two leadership tasks involving problem solving. We remained in these same groups for the whole trip, with each group led by an officer.

The next day consisted of mainly leadership tasks. In the morning we had four more leadership tasks. My favourite was when we had 30 minutes to build a platform 1 metre off the ground out of ropes, four planks and two trees, which could hold the weight of all of us.

After a great lunch we had directed leader tasks where a different leader was chosen for each activity. The most challenging of these was when we had to carry seven 20 kg water containers across a field without moving our feet while holding the containers. Any mistakes made meant we had to carry two cartons back to the beginning. After dinner we were told we were waking up at 7:00am the next day. Instead we had to get up at 4:00am! Just before 5:00am we had a race between the three groups, carrying a 40 kg stretcher around a golf course while often stopping to do things like pushups, squats and military crawls. By the end of this activity, everyone was exhausted.

We had three more tasks that included putting up a tent blindfolded and lifting a barrel out of a no entry area using just two ropes without the barrel touching the ground, something that was more difficult than it sounds. Breakfast was brought to us during these tasks and included bacon, poached and scrambled eggs, baked beans and toast.

The final activity we had on the trip was a good way to finish. Each group had to move their "cannon" to different places then each person in the group had to fire it over the goal posts on one of the rugby fields at Burnham. The cannon was made up of a big log, a tyre and a barrel. To fire the cannon we had to kick a rugby ball over the goal posts from next to the "cannon". Afterwards we ran around the field then carried our cannon back to the start.

Before we left we were debriefed by the 2nd Lieutenant and our group leaders. Our main feedback was to learn from our mistakes and to make a plan before rushing into any task.

Overall we were all challenged, often being pushed outside our comfort zone within a completely different environment and participating in activities that were foreign to many. Valuable skills were learnt and the experience benefited all involved.





## Rite Journey Camps 2017

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

This final and most difficult challenge for a number of boys is called *The Solo* which is based around the boys completing twenty hours in isolation within a designated site.

The boys are “prepped” before they head to Peel Forest and make their own penny stoves to cook their food on; 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 sent off into the bush.

This year the forecast was perfect for the week as the first class headed into the bush but as all boys were escorted to their sites, the weather began to deteriorate, beginning to pour with rain. Fortunately, the boys were all comfortable and dry when they were checked on, and were in excellent spirits with a nice warm meal of noodles and sausages, (depending upon the availability 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 improved from that point on 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 badges; these can be worn with pride in the years to come.

*Top right: Taylor Fettes*

*Bottom Right: Lachlan Stericker*



## ARA Year 10 Science Competition

Timaru Boys entered three teams to compete in the ARA Year 10 Science Competition at Timaru Girls' High School on Thursday 23 November.

The team of **George Mulder**, **Rylan Cummings** and **Lachie Lamb** of 10AD were the overall winners with 44 points out of 75. They earned top marks in two out of the three scenario questions and performed creditably in the practical chemistry.

The two 10MF teams of **Mackenzie Annett**, **Jack Blakemore**, **Hamish Stayt**, **Reon Mitchell**, **Quinn Motley** and **William Rawlins** had their ups and downs, finishing in the middle of the eleven teams on sixth equal place with 26 out of 75.

## Football News

Congratulations to **Mitchell Skudder-Dey** and **Cam Anderson** who were named joint SuperCup players of the year at a Football South Prizegiving in Dunedin.

Mitchell and Cam excelled in the SuperCup in Northern Ireland when selected for the Otago Under18. Cam, who is part of the Southern United Youth Squad, is being courted by a number of clubs in the Dunedin area while Mitchell also hopes to play in the area. We wish both of these students well for 2018.



## PTA News

### FIREWORKS NIGHT

The PTA would like to thank all parents, staff and boys who helped to make last month's Fireworks so successful. The night went without a hitch and we even got some fog rolling in to give the fireworks an eerie back drop. The evening had to be run on a smaller scale this year due to a late change of date but we still had great numbers attending and the display was excellent.

**WE JUST WANT TO SAY...**  
**THANK YOU!**

Have a safe and happy Christmas – from the **TBHS PTA**

### Condor 7s Success

The Condor National Schools 7s are done and dusted with our boys finishing 7th out of the top 32 school qualifiers; this was a great effort by the boys, who were supported by a strong and vocal parent contingent who travelled to Auckland.

Thank you to all the supporters at home including major sponsors, **Trust Aoraki** and **XCMSport** who helped make this trip a reality. To the team: this result was an outstanding effort, especially winning the Canterbury Schools title. The team were committed to their numerous training sessions, team rules, selections etc, representing the school with Pride.



Special thanks to Edward Patterson, Gareth Burgess and Brett Jenkins for their management skills on and off the field.

### English Department..... Reading over the Christmas Break

This year we are asking all Year 10 students going into Year 11 in 2018, and Year 11 students going into Year 12, to have an extended text to read over the holidays. We are asking parents and caregivers for their help in ensuring their sons read these books as we are going to start our year in 2018 with a *Personal Response Assessment*. An extended text could be fiction or non-fiction that is long enough to read over a reasonable period of time. They should also be suitable for Level One or Two English NCEA.



Year 11 students will have been sent an email from the Library with website links for suggestions for reading, plus what is available on eBooks through the school. Year 10 students will be emailed before the end of the year. Books can be taken out from the school library for the holidays and don't forget that the Timaru District Library or any Library near you, will have some fantastic reads for the holidays. Books also make wonderful Christmas presents!! The English Department appreciate your support in encouraging reading throughout the year but especially over the Christmas holiday. Happy reading.

### TBHS Rowing Fundraiser

#### TBHS Rowing Tea Towel and Apron Fundraiser

These make the perfect gift for Christmas - frame the tea towel, send them to out-of-town to family and friends, or just use them!

Please follow the link for instructions on how to make your order and thanks for supporting TBHS Rowing!  
<https://www.facebook.com/TBHSteatowel/>



## TBHS Rowing Fundraiser

### Tea Towels

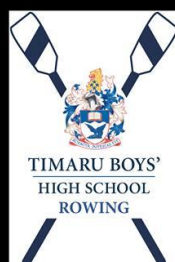
\$12 each or  
\$10 each when  
purchasing 5 or more

### Aprons

\$25 each

### Package Deal

1 tea towel, 1 apron - \$35



## Kua hinga te totara i te wao nui a Tane

On Tuesday afternoon we were joined by members of Matua Smiley Haua's whānau to lay to rest the damaged whakairo (carvings) from our whare. Matua was a cherished teacher who worked hard to create a Māori presence in our school. A carved mahau (porch) attached to the Māori Room fulfilled some of that dream. With the help of Matua Te Wera King we acknowledged Smiley's work in our school and we gave our carvings a fitting send off. We now look forward to that spirit being embraced in new whakairo for our mahau.

**Ka mate te kainga tahi, ka ora te kainga rua**



Following this ceremony we proceeded to the centre of our school where Matua Te Wera then blessed the new sculpture *Power*, produced by students during 2017 Arts Week. This beautiful work embodies the ideals of our school values and our efforts to achieve and demonstrate these in our school. Congratulations go to the boys who created this striking monument.

**TIMARU COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**MONDAY 25 DECEMBER 2017**  
12 NOON - CHRISTMAS DAY  
CAROLINE BAY HALL, TIMARU

**Transport Available**

**ALL WELCOME - NO CHARGE**  
**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

**CALL MELISSA: 0204 007 3351 OR 684 4410**

**DONATIONS APPRECIATED - ASB BANK 12-3159-0111099-00**  
FACEBOOK: Timaru Community Christmas Dinner EMAIL: timaru.ccd.bookings@gmail.com

### TBHS CALENDAR Term 4 2017 – Term 1 2018

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

08 December	Junior Prizegiving 11:00am	30 January	Year 12 Course Confirmation
08 December	Junior Conferencing (Part 1)	31 January	ALL Year levels commence (selected times)
09-10 December	Otago Rowing Championships	01 February	ALL students commence 8:45am
11 December	<b>Junior Conferencing (Part2) (FINAL DAY)</b>	12 February	First Year 9 Camp
12 December	Student Course Information Day	13 February	Otago Boys Summer Exchange (Away)
23-26 January	Peer Support Camp	15 February	Swimming Sports
27-28 January	SI Rowing Championships	20 February	Athletic Sports
29 January	Year 13 Course Confirmation	26 February	STAC Exchange

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