



Timaru Boys' High School

February Newsletter 2020

14-16 Feb Thomas House Compulsory In-Weekend (Yrs 9 & 13)
18 Feb Athletics Sports
18-21 Feb Year 9 Camp 1 (Rimu)
20 Feb NCEA Parent Information Evening
22-24 Feb International Student Camp
25-28 Feb Year 9 Camp 2 (Rata)
1 March Hadlow to Harbour (Rite Journey)
3-6 March Year 9 Camp 3 (Kowhai)
3 March Waitaki Summer Exchange
5 March Rite Journey *The Calling*
10-13 March Year 9 Camp 4 (Matai)
13-15 March SISS Rowing
15 March TBHS Open Day
17-20 March Year 9 Camp 5 (Totara)
22 March STAC Summer Exchange
25-27 March Year 13 Geography Camp (Karitane)
26-29 March SISS Mountain Biking



Rector's Message - February 2020

Kia ora everyone! Congratulations to all our students who achieved in their NCEA and UE qualifications in 2019.

There were some impressive results and we are looking for continued improvements in academic attainment this year.

The 2020 school year has begun in earnest and students are already well into their academic programmes. I'd like to welcome all the new students and their families to the TBHS community. 2020's Year 9 cohort of 145 is slightly up on last year, and we are honoured that their parents have entrusted us with their sons' education and care.

We also have new staff joining us for 2020, and in this difficult time of teacher shortages, we are extremely pleased with our appointments.

- Mr Denis McLay starts his teaching career with us and he will take classes in Social Studies and English. He is originally from Auckland and attended King's College. He has always loved creative writing and he is looking for like minded students to form a creative writing club.
- Fiona Bode will be teaching in English and ESOL. She hails from Wellington and is passionate about fitness - she is a fitness instructor in her spare time. She is looking forward to helping out in Volleyball this year.
- Sam Sugar also starts his teaching career with us and he will be joining our Science Department. Sam is a product of Hamilton Boys' High School and is seeking opportunities to be involved in Rugby, Hockey and 'whatever comes along.'
- Karoline Roberts is our new Arts Co-Ordinator. She is very experienced in this role, coming to us from Napier Boys High School. Karoline is a jazz enthusiast and is looking to start a big band in Timaru. She is keen to look for opportunities to improve and develop our already extensive and successful Arts and Culture programmes at TBHS.
- Dianne Colvill is our new Administration Secretary. Dianne is a local, who lives in Geraldine, and her expertise and experience makes her a welcome addition to our administrative staff.

All the new students and staff, including myself, were properly welcomed into the school community during our powhiri in the first week of term. It was a lovely ceremony, which was conducted by Quentin Hix, Kimi Yeferni and Sharon Melrose. It's a real sign of growth that we have such

knowledge of tikanga and te reo Maori in our TBHS **whānau**.

We have just completed our House Swimming Competition. It is always fiercely contested but it is also a day of real fun and laughter. The boys and staff thoroughly enjoyed this wonderful event. The boys enthusiasm and positivity exemplified the school spirit that makes Timaru Boys' such a special place. There is a whole calendar of sports, arts and cultural events to come, starting with the Athletics Day on the 17th February. It's going to be a great year!

I'm very much looking forward to my first year as Rector at TBHS and hope to meet as many of you as possible.



2020 Powhiri

Timaru Boys' High School commenced the 2020 year with a resounding optimism, outworked through our Powhiri that welcomed all new staff and students into our special community.

Supported by **Whaea Kim Yeferni, Whaea Sharon Melrose, Matua Quentin Hix** we followed the process of gathering newcomers into the fold of Timaru Boys' High School.

This year was extra special in that we welcomed our new Rector, **Mr Dave Thorp**, accompanied by numerous family members and a team from Wellington College who supported his arrival and commended him to Timaru Boys'. Wellington College Principal, **Mr Gregor Fountain, Mr Jonathan Belczacki** (HoD Maori) and **Paul Retimanu** (Chair Board of Trustees) joined us for the day. We extend sincere thanks to them all for contributing to this memorable occasion.

We are appreciative of the support offered to us from our local tangata whenua and proud of our students who supported kōrero by singing waiata beautifully outside the whare entranceway.



Athletics Day 2020

TBHS Athletics Day will be held on Tuesday 18 February.

Cancellation announced on: Port FM at 7:30am, Facebook and the SchoolApp on the morning of Tuesday, 18 February (Wednesday is cancellation day).

If cancelled, school will operate as usual.

Students are encouraged to be self responsible in applying sunscreen, wearing hats and being suitably covered in the heat of the day.

NB: All bus boys will be delivered to Morgans Road and picked up from the same venue on the day of the Athletics.



TBHS Swimming Sports 2020

Thomas Kyle and **Matthew Moore** were crowned Junior and Senior Champion respectively at the annual TBHS swimming sports held in ideal conditions at the school pool on Thursday 13 February.

Kyle set new junior records in the 50 metre freestyle (27.0 seconds), as well as the 100 (59.80 seconds) and 200 (2mins

10.6 seconds) freestyle events. He also established a new mark in the 50 metre breaststroke of 35.00 seconds.

Moore emerged from the shadows in recent years of Riley Taylor and Jack Sands to dominate across the Senior events. A number of his times were only fractionally behind the records established by both these young men.

To the delight of Deputy Rector Rod Sparrow, Tait were the winning house in 2020.



Canterbury Championships Results

Timaru Rowing Club rowers shone on the water at the Canterbury Championships held over the weekend on Lake Ruataniwha.

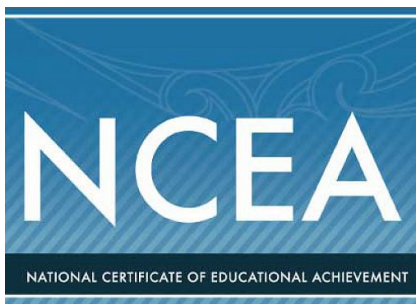
Aside from a delayed start on the Saturday due to fog, the conditions remained excellent throughout the weekend and ensured the full programme was run.

Rowers from Timaru Boys' High School performed exceptionally well with (18) A finals achieved out of (22) heats. That translated into an impressive finish line up of six first places, five second places and three third places.

Head Coach at TBHS Rowing, **Brian Smith**, was impressed with how his squad members were able to perform after a week- long camp leading into the regatta.

"The boys left everything they had out there, and that shows in our results" said Mr Smith. "Rowing is tough at the regional and National levels, and the squad needs to focus on their fitness from here on into our Aon Maadi Cup campaign. At this year's camp we decided to bring in some expert sweeping coaching, some targeted land-based training and look at training smarter, not necessarily harder. The squad should be proud of all their results, they got out what they put in".

The next regatta is the South Island Club Championships, to be held on 1-2 February at Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel.



NCEA Information Evening for Parents

On Thursday 20 February, there is an opportunity for you to find out about NCEA (National Certificate of Educational Achievement).

This will be held from 7pm-8.30pm in the Drama Room

We will cover ALL levels of NCEA although there is an emphasis on Level 1. There will be an opportunity to ask

questions.



Thomas House Year 9 Barbecue

Thomas House opened its doors to our new Year 9 students on Tuesday 28 February by hosting a barbecue for students, parents and staff.

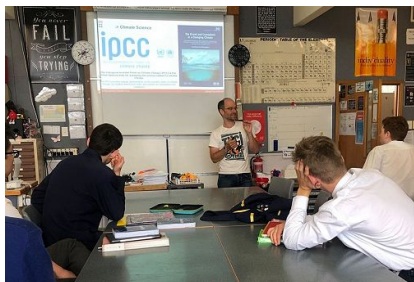
This was a wonderful way of meeting families who are new to the boarding environment and also provided an opportunity for everyone to meet our new Rector, Mr Dave Thorp, Director of Boarding, Mr Richard Fogarty and associated hostel staff.



Thomas House Prefects 2020

Congratulations to the following young men who have been selected as the 2020 Thomas House Prefects:

George Small (Head Boarder)
Callum Bowmar (Deputy Head Boarder)
McGregor Isbister (Sports Captain)



Old Boy Mark Payne

Timaru Boys' continues to be fortunate in having input from our Old Boys who are willing to share their skills and experience with both staff and students.

We were very lucky to have a visit from Dr Mark Payne on 12 February. Mark is an Old Boy of TBHS (1990-1994) who is now working on studying the effects of climate change on our Oceans as an Associate Professor at the Technical

University of Denmark. He spoke to the Year 13 Chemistry and Biology classes about his journey from TBHS to where he is now and what we all can do to solve the global warming crisis.

His presentation was well received by students and certainly gave them something to think about!



2020 Canterbury West Coast Swimming Championship – Dunedin 23-26 January

Timaru Boys' High School had seven swimmers involved in this event: Dominic Coleman, Will Tudgey, Benson Arnold, Thomas Kyle, Joshua Young, Alex Tudgey and Jack Boorer-Lilley.

The team swam very well. There were some good personal bests, and a number of swimmers made age group finals and/or super finals (a super final is when the fastest swimmers, no matter the age, swim against one another)

Medal results are as follows:

Thomas Kyle: 1st 100 Breaststroke, 1st 400 Freestyle, 1st 200 Breaststroke, 3rd 200 Freestyle, 3rd 400 Individual Medley, 3rd 100 Freestyle

Dominic Coleman: 1st 200 Butterfly, 3rd 200 Breaststroke

Benson Arnold: 2nd 50 Breaststroke, 3rd 100 Breaststroke

Will Tudgey: 2nd 800 Freestyle

Thomas Kyle, Benson Arnold, Alex Tudgey and Jack Boorer-Lilley: 3rd Freestyle Relay, 3rd Medley Relay.



Aoraki Tennis Championships

TBHS teams finished 2nd & 3rd in the Aoraki Tennis Championships held on Thursday 13 February behind winners Ashburton College.



Road Cycling Success....

Congratulations to Old Boy Sam Ritchie who has been selected for the Team Skoda Fruzio team, a New Zealand domestic based cycling team focused on achieving results at a national level and providing a development pathway for leading U23 and junior riders.

Sam was one of our top achieving cyclists who left school in 2019. Currently racing in Cambridge, Sam is off to Australia for the Oceanias in April. We will be keenly watching the progress of this budding young cyclist.



Bus Students.....

Bus students have all been given Bus Registration forms that are to be returned to the school asap.

These are to be signed by parents and ensures that the school is complying with Health and Safety and funding requirements.



Sustainability Workshop: Old Boy James Bishop

The teaching staff were able to take part in a Sustainability Workshop organised by Old Boy James Bishop (class of 1985) on the Friday before school started.

James is part of a training company based in Hong Kong but operating globally and over this past year they have been involved in sustainability training. More specifically, working in close alignment with the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

One particular workshop they run is in the form of a 2.5 hour game, designed for the participants to experience the impact their choices make on the world between until 2030. He runs this for his corporate clients, as well in the education sector.

The game created a number of opportunities for staff to debate and discuss sustainability. Thanks to James for providing this opportunity.

Below are some links and information about the game.

Website <https://2030sdgsgame.com>

2.5 min video of the game in action in the Caribbean

<https://youtu.be/VoYGn3oiLog>



Thomas House Formal Dinner

Thomas House celebrated the first night back in the House with a formal dinner for all residents and staff.

Our Rector, Mr Dave Thorp, Board Chairman, Peter Stayt, Thomas House Chairman, Jason Grant and new Director of Boarding, Richard Fogarty joined us on this special occasion. The Prefect Team for 2020 were given their badges and we welcomed our new Housemaster, James McFarlane, and his partner Danielle Holden along with our new Gap Tutor, Luke

McGuire from England.



Indoor Cricket Success.....

Congratulations to Year 11 student, Ross McCulloch.

Ross has been selected to represent New Zealand in the upcoming Indoor Cricket Tri-series to be held in Singapore from 16-20 April 2020 - a wonderful achievement.

Ross played in the U15 Canterbury team that won gold in the National cricketing competition held in Auckland from 13-15 July. Triumphant over Wellington on the last ball to reach the semi-finals, they went on to beat Auckland on the last ball and win gold. On the same day as the Black Caps saw heartbreak on their last ball, it was wonderful to have such a good outcome!



Timaru App

Timaru Boys' High School supports the Timaru App, an App that has everything you need to know about Timaru.

With a newly appointed full time reporter (Old Boy Sam Morton), the Timaru App will often feature stories pertaining to Timaru Boys' High School. Check out their latest story on Old Boy, Mark Payne by downloading the App at <https://timaru.app.link/QUrToRvW13>

The **Timaru App** features local news, sport, information, events, and much more. It's all about the **Timaru** community and its surrounds. Now you can get all the information you

need in one place, when-ever and where-ever you are, all on your smart phone.

The Timaru App is simple, quick and informative. It features local news, sport, weather and road reports, where to eat, activities, shopping and much more!

Download the app to your smartphone to stay up to date.



www.ppta.org.nz

PPTA Meeting 28 February

As TBHS teachers will be attending a Paid Union Meeting on Tuesday 28 February, the school day will finish for all students at 12:45pm.

Supervision will be provided by non-union members in the library for students who remain at school. Bus times will remain unchanged.

We apologise for any inconvenience this adjustment to the school day may cause.



TBHS School App

Parents and Students are encouraged to download the TBHS School App. This provides another means of communicating with our school community.

Currently school notices, newsletters, staff contacts, the calendar, link to the KAMAR parent portal and a notification option for student absences are available. There will be further features added later.

This will also be used for sports cancellations, emergencies etc

It is available for Android and Apple phones.

Search for SchoolAppsNZ on Google Play or on the Apple App Store.

Once downloaded, enter Timaru Boys' and follow the prompts.



Hadlow to Harbour

Timaru North Rotary Club is again holding its Alpine Energy Hadlow to Harbour Fun Run on Sunday 1 March.

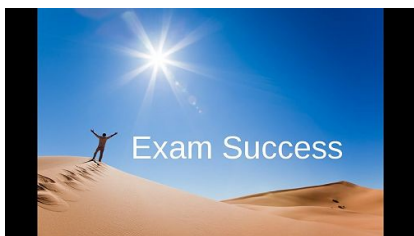
This year the event is sponsored by Alpine Energy Ltd. Students and their families are encouraged to participate in this enjoyable fundraising event.

Participants can run, jog or walk as they wish, and many choose to take part in non-standard attire/fancy dress.



PDF Version

The pdf version of the February 2020 Newsletter is available here



Academic Success

The Academic Assembly for the year was held earlier this term. The school recognised academic success from 2019 in NCEA and Scholarship.

Certificate Endorsement

To attain a Certificate Endorsement in NCEA at Level 1 or 2 or 3 a student must gain 50 credits at Excellence and their NCEA will be endorsed with Excellence. Likewise, if a student gains 50 credits at Merit (or Merit and Excellence), their NCEA will be endorsed with Merit. For our school presentation this must be achieved in the year of sitting.

Level 1 Merit Endorsement

Samuel Blades, Fletcher Borman, Oliver Clark, Charlie Clemens, Dominic Coleman, Noah Cook, Thomas Corbett, Mitchell Cummings, David Edh, Ignacio Faeldin, Thomas Fraser, Joshua Goodwin, Liam Harrison, Alex Kim, William Light, Flynn Linton, Kaylum McAuley, Bradley Milliken, Benjamin Moselen, Angus Neal, Dan Patterson, William Tudgey, Hone Walker, Aidan Watt.

Level 1 Excellence Endorsement

Ryan Bagrie, Joel Giddings, Nathan Harbutt, Neil Meyer, Daniel Nicolson, Eul Jaan Su, Balkrishna Uniyal, Ben Walker.

Level 2 Merit Endorsement

Nikau Barton, Jack Blakemore, Taylor Donaldson, Paul Harrison, Abraham Hix, Youngbin Kim, David Leach, Josehua Ling, Matthew Moore, Patrick Moore, Max Mortimer, George Mulder, Ravneet Nand, Campbell Plows, Toby Seeler, William Snuggs, Vincent Wutama.

Level 2 Excellence Endorsement

Jack Aicken, Mackenzie Annett, Thomas Atwill, Andrew Cheung, Rylan Cummings, Joshua Earnshaw, Matthew Lang. Quinn Motley, William Rawlins, Peter Rawlins, Jimmy Son, Hamish Stayt, Seb van den Bosch.

Level 3 Merit Endorsement

Joseph Allen-Perkins, James Davidson, Anthony Faeldin, George Guerin, Rory Inglis, Jack Lister, George McAleer, William McArthur, Blake McLellan, Jack Sands, Tim Sheed, Alvin Sutedja, Lewis Tinkler, Alec Whitticase.

Level 3 Excellence Endorsement

Harry Gawne, Matthew Gualter, Ben Helliwell, Liam Johnston, Bailey Lissington.

Scholarship

Scholarship provides recognition and monetary reward to top students in their last year of schooling. Scholarship exams enable candidates to be assessed against challenging standards, and are demanding for the most able candidates in each subject.

Scholarship candidates are expected to demonstrate high-level critical thinking, abstraction and generalisation, and to integrate, synthesise and apply knowledge, skills, understanding and ideas to complex situations.

Approximately three per cent of Year 13 students studying each subject at Level 3 are awarded Scholarship, if they reach the standard that has been set.

Bailey Lissington Outstanding Scholarship in Technology, one of 11 in New Zealand.



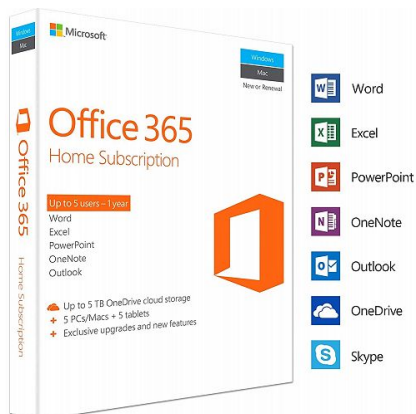
KAMAR Parent Portal

Parents of Year 9 students have received their logon details. If you have misplaced or forgotten your logon details, contact the school office.

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.

Your son is also able to access the Portal with his logon.



Office 365

All students are able to download *Office 365* for free on up to five devices.

This can include computers at home. All Year 9 students have been shown how to access this.

If there are any questions, email Mr Burke
alphatech@timaruboysschool.nz



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.



School Photographs

All students present on the day of School Photographs had individual and 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.



Aorangi Golf - Junior Tournament

Aorangi Golf will be holding a Junior Golf Tournament at Geraldine District Golf Club during the April School Holidays.

This event is open to players under 19 with current golf handicaps or players wanting to try golf and "Have a Go".

Venue: Geraldine District Golf Club- Orari Back Road,

Geraldine.

Date: Thursday 23 April 2020

Time: 18 holes 10am reporting, Tee Off 10:30 am.
9 holes 11.30am reporting, Tee off Midday

Event: 18 Hole Stableford
9 Hole Stableford
9 Hole Ambrose Teams of 6 Have a Go at Golf
(Teams must have one adult to supervise)

Entry Fee- \$5 for 18 Hole players; \$3 for 9 Hole players

Drink and food will be available after the game.

EVERYONE GETS A PRIZE: COME AND HAVE SOME FUN.

Contact: Graham Keen
Aorangi Golf Development Manager
021326004 or dm@aorangigolf.org.nz



Otago Boys' dominates Summer Exchange

In fine weather, the traditional summer exchange was played in Dunedin on 9-10 February.

The highlight of the exchange for TBHS was the **1st XI** drawing for the second year in a row against a strong Otago side.

Batting first, Otago amassed a formidable 273-9. Alex Doyle with 4-33 was the best of the bowlers for TBHS. Timaru then replied with 140. Toby Clemett (47) top scored against an accurate attack. Otago scored quickly in their second turn at bat and declared at 123-3, leaving a target of 257 for TBHS. Timaru performed well under pressure and when stumps were drawn, were 205-7. The highlight of which was a fine 114 by Clemett, to complete an excellent double and an outstanding performance by a Year 11 student. He combined in a century stand for the 3rd wicket with another Year 11 student, Fletcher Rhodes, who scored 46.

For the first time in a number of years, **Golf** was part of the exchange and Otago won an evenly contested, enjoyable contest 2-1. Nick Stephenson playing at number 2 won his match for Timaru.

OBHS dominated the **Colts Cricket**, winning by an innings and 23 runs. Oliver Linton with the bat and George Powell and Steven Ramsay with the ball were the best performers for TBHS.

Otago were too good in the **Senior Tennis**, winning the tie 6-0 and also won a more competitive Junior match, up 4-2.



Timaru Boys' High School Rugby

It promises to be another upcoming great year of rugby, with about 250 players registered. This makes us the largest local club by far.

TBHS has a huge rugby history. Currently, at least four Old Boys are playing professionally and many others are making their mark across the rugby world. Our current motto is that TBHS Rugby has a powerful history, a vibrant present position and a positive future.

We also aim at all times to show all the TBHS Power Values in what we do on and off the field.

Our 1st and 2nd XV teams have started training. All other teams begin March with competition games starting in May.

Please note that all of our communication is run through Facebook. For the last eight years this has been very successful and we continue to use this medium.

Both the following groups are updated daily and contain all required information. Please add yourselves to the appropriate groups.

If you are a Y9-13 player or current rugby parent join this group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/526397164105904/>

If you are a past player, current or past parent or just a supporter join this group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/305349882995872/>

If you wish to help us in anyway or have a question, email the Teacher In Charge Edward Patterson at pattersoned@timaruboysschool.nz.



New Zealand Drama Rep.....

Year 10 student Andrew Blake recently returned from America where he represented New Zealand in New York, Atlanta and Los Angeles as part of the inaugural *Kiwi All Stars* theatrical troupe 2020.

Andrew had previously auditioned in Auckland for a place in the 40 membered troupe.

After arriving in New York in early January to freezing temperatures, the *Kiwi All Stars* then prepared and auditioned for specific roles in preparation for their adjudication performance of *Mary Poppins* at the Junior

Theatre Festival (JTF) celebration in Atlanta, Georgia. The *Kiwi All Stars* rehearsed on Broadway as well as having some amazing workshops ranging from stage performance, advance dance and vocal work under the watchful eye of some industry leaders.

While in Atlanta the *Kiwi All Stars* competed against 6,532 students from America, Canada, Australia, England and China, winning the Excellence in Music Trophy for their performance. This, when considering the standard of competition and short preparation time, was a very impressive result. Congratulations Andrew!



Grease is the Word...27-29 May

Grease is the word and Timaru Boys' High School will be where it's at when transformed into 1950s Rydell High.

Timaru Boys' and Timaru Girls' High will endeavour to take you to where that familiar summer romance between Danny and Sandy will unfold in a music and dance extravaganza with performances of the most memorable and unforgettable songs such as "*Summer Nights*", "*Greased Lightnin*", "*Hopelessly Devoted to You*" and "*You're the One That I Want*".

We will present audiences with a fun-filled, colourful, rocking and rolling flashback to the 1950's era. Grease takes us back to being a teenager in the 1950's, when dancing and putting grease in your hair were the most important things in life!

Grease will be the best party in town! So let's burn some rubber and get your whole family (including those ankle biters) to join Danny, Sandy and friends for a truly ring-a-ding experience. Don't be a drag or crusin' for a brusin'. Mark those dates 27th, 28th and 29th May in your calendar now.

Music, and lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, '*Grease*' is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized performance materials are supplied by, Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW)



Coronavirus Advice

Kia ora parents and whānau. As you will have seen in the media, the situation is rapidly evolving internationally concerning the Coronavirus.

This is a new virus and its specific nature is currently unclear, but it appears that you can have the virus at an early stage and not be showing any symptoms. This incubation period is

currently considered to be 14 days.

Obviously, we need to err on the side of caution. We are receiving updates from the Ministry of Education and we are taking the following steps:

1. We ask that any staff member or student, who may be at high risk of exposure because they have recently been to China or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with the virus, delay the start of their school year for 14 days and voluntarily stay away.
2. If any of our staff or students are unwell and suspected of having an infectious disease, we will ask them stay away from school for the infectious period of the disease (Section 19 Education Act).
3. We will keep the parents and wider school community fully informed at all times.

See below for helpful information on Coronavirus:

If parents have a particular concern about any child, they should contact Healthline at 0800 611 116 or their GP for medical advice. Healthline has translators and interpreters available 24/7 in 150 languages and they do have Mandarin and Cantonese speaking staff available.

You can also contact your local District Health Board if you require further information – Public Health Unit Contacts <https://govt.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2f59fcd18a691d315b5a045cb&id=bc93b24dcf&e=8f60c66299>

Current travel information – please do continue to refer to the Ministry of Health's information page on their website. It will be updated as new information comes to hand. Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) guidance – Ministry of Health website <https://govt.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2f59fcd18a691d315b5a045cb&id=3ef26096ef&e=8f60c66299>

Regards

Dave Thorp
Rector
Timaru Boys' High School
