



# Timaru Boys' High School

## August 2019 Newsletter

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### Rector's Message - August 2019

*Contributed by Acting Rector: Mr Ross Stevenson*

For our senior students, we have reached the business end of the year. Students will either be sitting their school examinations or will have just finished them. Hopefully your son has made the effort expected of him and will have a good idea what he will need to work on to further develop his examination technique. After this, seniors will be completing their internal assessment programme before

their final exam preparation in Term 4. It's the time of year where some sacrifices need to be made for boys to make the best of their opportunities. We look forward to seeing their success.

The winter sports season is winding up culminating in the Waitaki interschool and tournament week. I would like to congratulate all students who have been involved during last term and this term and hope you have all gotten something out of the experience. We have also seen (and heard) several boys involved in the Arts and have appreciated their performances at assembly.

Check out the school Facebook page for more detailed coverage of everything our students have been involved in both in and out of school.

Mr Sparrow and I are enjoying our role leading the school and look forward to continuing this for the rest of the year. Mr Blair as Acting Deputy Rector is also contributing to the smooth running of the school and as a leadership team we are working well together.

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### Rector Appointment Update

During the last week of Term 2, the Board of Trustees interviewed and assessed three shortlisted candidates for the position of 12th Rector of Timaru Boys' High School.

This was a multifaceted process that included a comprehensive interview process and reference checking, as well as input from senior staff, senior students, the admin team and parents.

At the conclusion of this evaluation process, the Board felt that none of the three candidates fully met our requirements, so the decision was made to re-advertise the position.

We are now working on an appointment timetable that will conclude during the last week of term three, and if a suitable applicant is appointed, the new Rector will commence at the beginning of 2020.

While it was disappointing not to have been in a position to make an appointment for the Rector after significant time input from the members of our Board of Trustees, the senior staff, students, admin team and parents, we believe we have made the right decision for the school.

Meanwhile, we are fortunate to have very capable and professional leadership in place, with **Mr Ross Stevenson** and **Mr Rod Sparrow** now remaining as Co-Rectors until the end of 2019. **Mr Steve Blair** has taken on the responsibilities of Deputy Rector until the end of 2019.

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## Outstanding Science Achievement

We are extremely proud of Year 13 student and Deputy Head Boy, **Bailey Lissington** who landed a prestigious international science award in Sydney.

Presented by the Governor of New South Wales and Chancellor of Sydney University, the *Harry Messel International Science Award for Scientific Leadership* was given to Bailey in recognition of both his high academic achievement in science and his contribution to the school community through leadership and mentoring of students.

Bailey outclassed 139 of the best young scientists in the world to win the award. Six New Zealanders and 140 in total from different countries such as UK, USA, Thailand, Japan, China and other nations, participated in the prestigious event that plays host to top science students from Australia and overseas for a two-week residential program of talks by world-renowned scientists, laboratory tours, hands-on activities and social events.

We look forward to following Bailey's exploits in the world of science when he leaves us at the end of the year when he moves on to tertiary education that will further support and challenge him in this field.



## Successful Pest Tail Competition

The TBHS 2019 Pest Tail Competition was held from 5 June to 26 July and overseen by the school's Environmental Group.

This annual event is slowly but surely gaining in popularity with our students.

This year our top three entrants handed in a total of 317 tails, collected from rabbits, deer, possums, stoats and rats - with a few of unidentified origin!

The whole competition might seem useless at first: what's the point in collecting tails? However the purpose of the event is to encourage guys to get out and help with conservation; the more pests we eradicate, the better it is in assisting our native species thrive. In the big picture, we're basically just helping out NZ to become predator free in the future.

The competition was held over a month and was sponsored by **Hunting and Fishing, Timaru**.

The event was advertised on the school Facebook page and newsletter, along with posters spread around the school.

We look forward to ongoing support of this event from our student community.



## Aoraki Mathematics Competition

On the evening of Wednesday 7 August, Timaru Boys' hosted the Year 9 and 10 Aoraki Maths Competition and entered two teams at both year levels.

The competition sees teams of four competing against teams representing schools from all over South Canterbury, including teams from Oamaru, Ashburton and Twizel. There were about 28 teams competing at each year level with over 200 individual students in total. At each year level, students are given a set of 20 questions and 30 minutes to complete them. The team who completes all questions first or who completes the most in a given timeframe, is the winner. Calculators are not allowed. Prizes for first place are valued at over \$100 per student.

In the **Year 9 section**, both our teams competed strongly. Our **A team** quickly gained the lead within the first 10 minutes and managed to hold the lead until the very end, finishing first with an excellent score of 17 with the next closest team sitting on 13. Our **B team** finished on a score of 9, finishing 5th equal; also a very good result.

The **Year 10 teams** found the questions at their level slightly more challenging, resulting in both of these teams finishing mid field.

Members of the winning Year 9 team were **Lachlan Adam, Josh Young, Kade Macmillan** and **Moss Peake**.

The other Year 9 students who competed were **Ashton Wright, George Lister, Nick McDowell** and **Thomas Allan**.

Our Year 10 teams consisted of **Cameron Fikken, Pero Forman, Harry Schmack** and **Sam Wilson; Jasper Keating, Zach Parkin, Ben Pawsey** and **Nicos Shearer**.

Well done boys on rising to the challenge of the competition!

## Overall Results



## Big Sing Cadenza

Timaru is fortunate in having been selected as a South Island venue to host 12 choirs for a *Big Sing Cadenza*, with these choirs being ranked immediately below those selected for the national Finale.

*Cadenza* is the 'next best thing to *The Big Sing Finale*' enabling 36 competing choirs from across New Zealand to experience the buzz of a Finale-style event, with the added dimension of massed workshops with an international choral conductor who will also perform the role of adjudicator.

These two-day events will culminate in a public gala concert allowing all the choirs to showcase an item from their Cadenza repertoire and to sing together, music rehearsed with our international guest.

The sessions are open to the public on Friday 16 August from 11-12:30pm and 2-3:15pm and on Saturday 17 August 10-12pm and 1-2pm at the Craighead Auditorium.

Our TBHS choir participated in the Otago competition, and although not selected for this event, they are assisting with the organisation.

However, our sister school Timaru Girls' High School is participating in the event and we encourage you to come along for an evening of high calibre entertainment. Choirs will be travelling from as far afield as Otago, Marlborough, and Central Otago.

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## Term 3 Outdoor Education Trips

Earlier this month, the **Year 12 Outdoor Education** class headed to Mt Dobson for the Alpine practical.

The boys were under instruction from Ara Institute who instilled basic Alpine skills, including crampon, ice axe and snow safety. This was a great experience for all the boys involved.

The **Year 10 Outdoor Education** class also headed into the outdoors, taking part in a day with Ara Recreation students at Peel Forest. This covered basic Bushcraft techniques like firelighting, shelter building and navigation.

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## Successful Restaurant Fundraiser

The evening of Friday 2 August saw our exceptional culinary team of Matt Kennedy, Callum Bowmar and Hayden Jefferson practise their skills to present a three course meal for 50 guests at their fine dining restaurant evening.

The food was superb and very well received, with the School Jazz band further contributing to a successful evening.

The high quality of the meal saw a number of diners suggesting that this could perhaps be a repeated event in the future!

This event was a major fundraiser to assist our boys in travelling to the National Culinary Championships to be held in Auckland and we were very grateful for the excellent "behind the scenes" support offered by **Justin**

**Holman, Steve Le Corre, Rob Coulter, Harrison Gillespie,**

**Lynda Paul** and **Megan Blake**. Thank you also to **Karl Omotoy, Ben Schikker,** and **Michelle Moore** (front of house), the boys' families, supportive diners and to **Corporate Print** for their sponsorship.

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**SILVER  
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FARMS**

## Silver Fern Farms Meat Works Trip Young Farmers' Club

*Contributed by Joel Loxton*

Last Monday saw the Timaru Boys' High School Young Farmers' group comprising of boys from Years 9 to 13 take hold of the opportunity to visit the Silver Fern Farms meatworks at Pareora.

The boys learned much valuable information and were enlightened as to job opportunities found at the meatworks - from deboning to packing. During the tour, the group went through and visited the large animal processing department (LAPD / Beef cows) and the small animal processing department (SAPD / First-year bobby cows).

A quote from one of the boys which I overheard was *"It was pretty eye-opening, seeing the process, to get from paddock to plate all within a couple of days"*.

We would like to extend a thank you from the Timaru Boys' High School Young Farmers group to the **staff at Silver Fern Farms** for taking time away from their busy days to lead us around and give us inside information on the plant and its workings.

The group is hoping to have more trips around South Canterbury in the following months; this will be discussed within the group so stay sharp boys.



## Audiobooks have arrived!!

Listen up parents – audiobooks have arrived at TBHS!

The library is starting a new service for juniors where they can download books onto their phones. Research has shown that audiobooks are useful in improving reading skills and a great way to get reluctant readers interested in stories as the barrier of difficult text is removed.

Audiobooks can make stories come alive in a way that print books can't as listeners have the opportunity to hear speech patterns and rhythms that they might miss in print, and this in turn could help their own speaking and articulation. If a student is struggling with decoding or comprehension, then using an audiobook with the print copy at the same time can help link pronunciation and comprehension with text. Audiobooks are also a great way for parents to join in with their son's reading as by downloading a book onto a phone, they can be listened to at any time - including in the car on a long journey.

For class time, if a student wants to listen to a book, teachers have requested that the students have a paperback copy of the book at the same time so that they can follow along with the text. To help resource this, the PTA have funded a specific collection of over 50 books for the library so that students can issue the paperback edition along with the audiobook. However, remember that when students are not in class, they can listen to whatever audiobooks they want to as often as they like.

Junior students can access the audiobook catalogue by using the [ePlatform app](#) from Wheelers Book Club available from the Google Play Store and the Apple App store. All the junior students are already members by being part of the school community and to access these books they just need to log in using their school internet login details. Some of the books available include Wonder by R.J. Palacio, the Artemis Fowl series by Eoin Colfer, The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne and the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling.

For help using the audiobooks or installing the app, visit the school audiobook catalogue available at <https://timaruboy.wheelers.co/> or see Mrs Hutchinson in the library.



## Barcelona Success

**Keaton Swindells** (Year 13) returned at the beginning of term from Barcelona where he represented NZ at the World Roller Games.

In his first experience competing at this level, Keaton put in some strong performances and qualified for finals in two of his events in the under-19 grade. Keaton's top 2 results were

23rd out of 53 competitors in the 15,000m Elimination Road Race and 28th out of 56 competitors in the 10,000m Elimination Banked Track race.

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## Hockey High Achiever.....

Our 1st XI midfielder **Liam Parker** recently took the field for his 100th 1st XI appearance in a big clash against Christchurch Boys' High School in Ashburton.

As if that isn't impressive enough, Liam also has 30 caps for the TBHS 1st XV Rugby side, and has been a medallist at the Maadi Cup NZ rowing nationals. What an athlete!

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## Aoraki Secondary Schools Badminton

The Aoraki Secondary Schools Badminton Championships were held on 13 August.

Timaru boys' entered five teams of four into the A, B and C grade. All the boys played well and represented the school with pride.

Over the day, they played four other teams in their pool.

Our **C Grade** team of **Will Tayler, Innes Hanrahan, Ned Milne** and **Thornton Hellewell** showed grit and determination, coming 3rd in the grade.

The **A Grade** team of **Meet Barot, Josh Cameron, Sasuke Kameyama** and **Jag Singh** ended up just missing out on the play off for 1st and 2nd due to a set count back. They played Mackenzie College for 3rd and 4th and came away with the win.

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## Otaki Scholar 2019

Timaru Boys' High School welcomed the 76th Otaki Scholar, **Rohan Mudkavi**.

Rohan spoke at assembly, outlining the history behind the Otaki Scholarship, a Scottish-based scholarship awarded to the head boy of Robert Gordon's College in Aberdeen that rewards an outstanding pupil at the end of their final year with a seven-week trip to travel through New Zealand visiting schools and sightseeing.

The scholarship commemorates a sea battle fought in the Atlantic during World War 1, involving Capt Archibald Bisset Smith, a former pupil of Robert Gordons College

Rohan is School Captain and has been offered a place at Cambridge University to study medicine.

He and his host student, Bailey Lissington were able to join the international trip to Tekapo and experience ice skating before he continued his trip around New Zealand.

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## TBHS Band Updates.....

Our Jazz Band has been working towards our pre-ball entertainment performance (really looking forward to the ball!), and also had a wonderful day out in Oamaru, performing at the Garrison Hall to an appreciative audience at the end of Term 3's first week back.

A special night also saw us supporting the Food Technology Senior boys' fundraiser held on the evening of Friday 2 August in Thomas House's dining room. The band was

warmly received by the guests and added to the ambience of a wonderful evening. Special thanks go to Ms Nikki Hall, Music teacher at Roncalli, who assists and supports our TBHS band.

The TBHS Concert band also performed recently, entertaining the boys at assembly, with **Ben Walker** performing his *Acrobat* solo on trombone.

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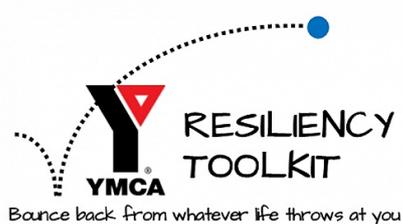


## Jack's Point Rockquest update.....

*Jack's Point* combination band (TBHS - **Ben Roberts** and **Jack McLennan** with Roncalli College students **Nick Goodwin** and **Billy Cook**), were invited to submit five original recordings to enter the selection round for the National finals of Rockquest up in Auckland.

They made it through to the top 20 in the country, a massive accolade, but were not successful in being selected for the final performance up in Auckland; watch this space in 2020 Aucklanders - Timaru is on its way!

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## YMCA Year 13 Workshop: Resiliency Toolkit

The YMCA will be running workshops for all Year 13 students on Thursday 29 August in the morning.

As a school we see the importance of our young men being more aware of potential issues and situations that they may come across in our community both now and in the future.

Having the knowledge but also the confidence and strategies to deal with situations is good for personal growth and important for the community as a whole.

The YMCA's Resiliency Toolkit promotes the development of the life skills young people need as they transition to adult life, so that they're able to bounce back from whatever life throws at them. Because of the YMCA's expertise in personal and youth development, we emphasise 'learning by doing', rather than imparting information. Our youth development facilitators are focused on 'unpacking' what young people know, giving them supporting information appropriate to their age, and then taking them through hands-on, realistic scenarios where they can put that knowledge into practice – and draw on it in their personal lives.

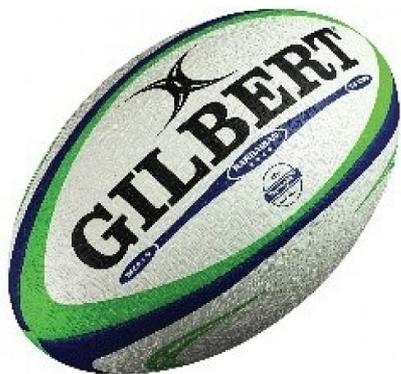
These life and resiliency skills are delivered within the context of five key areas: Managing Stress, Social Media Savvy/Cybersafety/Cyberbullying, Healthy Relationships/Sex and Respect, Decision-making re: Alcohol & Drugs, and Peer Support.

YMCA is excited at the opportunity to work with Year 13 students at TBHS. Here's some of the Peer Support information that we'll cover with them:

- Ethical Bystanding: what is an ethical bystander, skills needed to be an ethical bystander, tips and strategies for being an ethical bystander towards friends and peers, solutions to barriers to being an ethical bystander.
- Sex & Consent: When consent to sexual activity is not possible under the law, potential harmful situations that can occur amongst their peer group, ethical or respectful alternatives to gaining and understanding consent to sexual activity.

If you have any questions regarding the above please contact the Acting Rector, or Year 13 Dean, Grant McFarlane.

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## Rugby Supporters' Page

Timaru Boys' High School has a Rugby Supporters' Page which is kept up to date daily with news regarding all our teams and former players.

It has a lot more information than the school's Facebook page and has about 1000 members, all communicating "all things TBHS Rugby" both past and present.

If you want to join, this please add yourself to the following link. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/305349882995872/>

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## 2019 Golf Fundraiser

The annual TBHS Golf Fundraiser is just around the corner! To be held Friday 22 November, 11:30am Shotgun Start.

### \$240 Team Entry

- On course refreshment
- Post-Game platters

### \$500 Hole Sponsorship

- Team Entry
- Hole Promotional Rights
- special Prize Draw
- On course refreshments & BBQ

All proceeds raised will support the new Multi-Turf Sports Facility at Timaru Boys' High School.

### Prize Sponsorship and Entries

Contact Gavin Miller 027 223 3770 or millerga@timaruboy.s.school.nz

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## TBHS 1st XI Hockey

The TBHS 1st XI Hockey and St Bede's 1st XI drew 3-3 in Ashburton after an electric SSP match to finish the round robin section.

Both teams will be more than happy with the quality of play, with the final minute deciding the outcome of the game. It was a fitting way for **Ethan Tyree** to see out his 100th game for the 1st XI.

Congratulations to St Bede's who are the holders of the Connetics Challenge Shield for the summer - it was an incredible effort to go through the round robin without a loss. They will go on to face either Christ's College or Christchurch Boys' High School in next week's semi-final. TBHS will be travelling to Christchurch to take on St Andrew's College in the 2v3 semi-final.

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## 2019 Judd Rugby Exchange

Timaru Boys' hosted the Judd School from England on Wednesday 7 August.

The highly anticipated rugby games were played in ideal conditions on good surfaces at School Park.

The Judd 1st XV squad drew their match against a composite 1st and 2nd XV side 15 all, while the TBHS Under 16 team comprised largely of the Sharks squad, beat the Judd Under 16s 44-17. It was great to host Judd, given the annual player exchange between the two schools.

**Tom Froggatt, Ben Innes** and **Charlie Costello** from Judd are currently attending TBHS and playing for our sides, while later this year, **Jacob McKinley, Angus Munro** and **Flynn Smith** of TBHS will head off on exchange to study and play at Judd.

Thanks to the families who took billets and to the Rugby Club, led by Mr Patterson, for their organisation of the visit.

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## Hockey Congratulations.....

Congratulations to **Tim Sheed** who has been selected for the National Under 18 squad of around 36 players

Selected after the National Under 18 Tournament, Tim was a member of the Canterbury side that won the title.

The squad will play in matches as curtain raisers to Senior representative games.

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## Timaru Museum Newsletter

Please click on the link below to take you to the latest Newsletter from the South Canterbury Museum.

We encourage you to support this wonderful facility. The South Canterbury Museum has a focus on the natural heritage and history of the South Canterbury region of New Zealand - land, life and people.

Here you will find numerous specimens, artifacts, images, documents and information that can be used to explore the region's heritage.

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## TBHS Rowing Fundraiser – Bingo! But not like your Nana knows it!

"It's BINGO!, but not like your Nana knows it!" and this time it is musical bingo, a fundraiser for Timaru Boys' High School Rowing.

TBHS Rowing are holding the Bingo night at the Caroline Bay Hall on Saturday 31 August 2019, with the fun starting at 7.30pm.

The squad are fundraising for new blades and maintenance of their current boats.

Prices per table are \$400 or \$40 per person. That price includes a delicious supper, bingo cards, bingo prizes and some fabulous auction items. There are corporate tables available for \$500, which include some complimentary refreshment. In addition, there is a DJ for after bingo music/dancing and a licenced bar with EFTPOS facilities.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Sally Tayler at the following email address: [sally.tayler@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sally.tayler@xtra.co.nz), or Fiona McQuade on 021 0650 574.

Last season, TBHS had 23 rowers. The season is due to start in August with recruitment of new rowers, and will end with the National Secondary Schools Regatta, the Aon Maadi Cup, held at Lake Ruataniwha in Twizel in March 2020.

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## Aoraki Trapshooting Competition

The Aoraki Trapshooting Competition was held in Timaru on Sunday 11 August.

TBHS had two teams competing in this competition and both teams did well, representing the school with pride.

In particular, **Harry Smith** gained first place for the points score round and **Jack Innes** gained first place for the single barrel round for the competition.

The **A team** also won the team event.

Thank you to all the boys' families for their support on the day of the competition.

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