



Timaru Boys' High School

August Newsletter 2020

19-25 August Senior School Exams
26 August Waitaki Exchange (Home)
1 September Board of Trustees meeting
31 Aug - 4 Sept Tournament Week
11 September TBHS School Ball
16 September Student Trustee Election
17 September Junior Social
25 September Junior Workday
25 September Senior Conferencing
25 September Final day Term 3
12 October Term 4 commences
26 October Labour Weekend



Rector's Message - August 2020

Kia ora everyone. Things change quickly. We were just getting used to the resumption of normal school life and then Covid-19 reared its ugly head again!

As I write this, we are two days into Alert Level 2 - hopefully, it won't last long.

Fortunately, we are not flying blind. We dusted off last term's Alert Level 2 Health and Safety Plan, made sure it was still fit for purpose and got on with it. Teaching and learning will continue without major change, but there will be some frustrating times in our sporting and cultural worlds. Full school assemblies have been put on hold and most of this weekend's sport has been cancelled. All sporting events will comply with the conditions set down for Alert Level 2, but each organising body will make decisions appropriate to their particular sport. Coaches and managers will keep you informed of developments. Also, the Timaru Boys' High School authorised Facebook page is a great place for up-to-date information.

Should the worst happen and we are placed in Alert Levels 3 or 4, our online learning programme will be rolled out. Teachers, parents and students worked together well last time, and we know we can do it again if we have to. We are responding to new developments as they happen and parents will be informed as soon as decisions are made. Watch this space!

Our Senior Practice External Examinations start next Wednesday, August 19. Regardless of what some boys may say, these practice examinations are **definitely** important. This is an opportunity for students to gauge how they are progressing in their academic subjects and for teachers to identify any gaps in student understanding. When not sitting examinations, students should be studying for them - that's what study leave is for.

Our students have engaged well this year and we are confident about overall achievement. However, one area of focus for the teaching staff in 2020 is to challenge disengagement when they see it. When parents do the same thing it increases the likelihood of success. If your son is taking senior exam subjects, ask him how his preparation is going. If your son is not taking any exam subjects, ask him about his overall achievement in NCEA - you can check this on the parent portal. If your son is a junior student, ask him if he is completing all his assignments to the best of his ability and ask if you can see some of them. We all want the same thing - young people achieving to their potential - and a joint teacher/parent approach is the best way to success.

At one stage this year, we thought that no winter sport or cultural activities would take place. As soon as they were given the all clear, the national and regional bodies went to work writing safety guidelines and setting up competitions and events. However, nothing would have happened on the ground without our local army of volunteers - parents, teachers, coaches, managers, tutors, officials,

club members, supporters, etc. It has been so heartening to see the efforts made by our school community to ensure that our boys can fully participate in and enjoy the best extra-curricular programmes on offer. Thank you so very, very much!

We have had three great interschool exchanges this term - St Andrew's College, Otago Boys' High School and John McGlashan College. We are really looking forward to the Waitaki exchange on August 26 - hopefully, it will still take place.

The reappearance of Covid 19 will have prompted some anxiety in students and their families. Please feel free to contact us about any issue your son may have. In the short time that I have been here as Rector, I have witnessed a wonderfully supportive and positive spirit in our school community and I know that we will look out for each other. Kia kaha.



Black Stilt (Kaki) Release

Last week I went on a black stilt release with the Department of Conservation in the Mackenzie Basin.

We also studied the nearby river to see how healthy it was and how much protein and food it had in it. This is essential because the black stilts need a good source of food and protein; the river is also in a great position as it is easy and quick to get to.

We released many young black stilts into the wild for the first time. The population at the end of last season was 170 and it was an amazing privilege to be able to release 120 birds over three days to add to those numbers. This has added lots of baby black stilts into the world and hopefully they breed and increase the population, preventing extinction.

Kakī are only found in the braided rivers and wetlands of the upper Waitaki and Mackenzie basins, although they can occasionally be seen in other parts of the country. It is one of

New Zealand's most threatened birds.

Overall I really enjoyed this experience and would love to do it again.

Contributed by Brooklyn Galbraith



Policy Review: Learning Support

A review of the school's *Learning Support* policy is now underway.

Timaru Boys' values feedback and is appreciative of our SchoolDocs system that allows board members, staff and parents to comment on policies and procedures online.

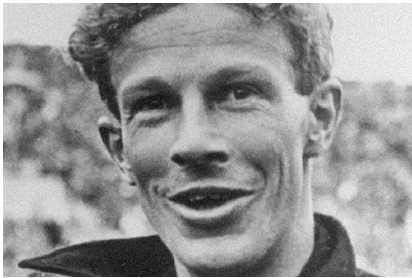
1. Visit the website <https://timaruboysschooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
 2. Enter the username (timaruboyss) and password (power).
 3. Follow the links to **Learning Support**
 4. Read the policy.
 5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
 6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
 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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Outdoor Education: out and about.....

Our Outdoor Education students have been enjoying some fantastic activities in the great outdoors.

Check out some of the wonderful photos to see what the Year 10 and Year 12 classes have been up to.



Jack Lovelock Short Film

Watch a short film about famous Old Boy Jack Lovelock.

Jack Lovelock won New Zealand's first Olympic athletics gold medal at the Berlin Olympics in August of 1936. He did so in spectacular fashion, winning the 1500 metres in front of Adolf Hitler and 110,000 spectators. This short film celebrates his sporting achievements and also looks at the circumstances of his mysterious death in New York in 1949.

<https://www.nzonscreen.com/title/lovelock-1992>



2020 Canterbury West Coast Short Course Swimming Championship

This club event was held from 7-9 August with four TBHS swimmers attending as members of Swim Timaru: Dominic Coleman, Benson Arnold, Thomas Kyle and Jack Boorer-Lilley.

Thomas was named swimmer of the meet. He entered eleven events and made finals in all of them, gaining 9 gold medals and 2 silvers, with all being personal best times. This is an amazing achievement over such a variety of events.

Dominic gained three 3rd placings and swam well in the older age group division, while Benson and Jack also swam

strongly.

Results:

Thomas: 1st 50 Freestyle, 1st 400 Individual Medley, 1st 200 Individual Medley, 1st 200 Freestyle, 1st 100 Breaststroke, 1st 400 Freestyle, 1st 200 Breaststroke, 1st 100 Freestyle, 1st 100 Individual Medley, 2nd 50 Breaststroke and 2nd 50 Butterfly.

Dominic: 3rd 100 Breaststroke, 3rd 400 Freestyle, 3rd 200 Breaststroke, 4th 400 Individual Medley, 4th 200 Individual Medley, and 9th 100 Individual Medley. All but one was a personal best swim.

Jack: 4th 1500 Freestyle.

Benson: 8th 400 Individual Medley, 8th 50 Breaststroke, 8th 100 Butterfly, 12th 100 Individual Medley, 12th 50 Butterfly, 14th 50 Backstroke, and 18th 50 Freestyle. Again like Dominic, all but one race was a personal best swim.



Thomas House Update

From the Director of Boarding.....

A big welcome back to all in the Thomas House boarding community. The start of term began with our recent, traditional formal dinner. At the dinner I made the unique comment that this may, "fingers crossed", be our first full term of 2020. It is crazy to think that we are in the back half

of the year and this will potentially be the first uninterrupted term.

Recently the hostel received the news that we could proceed with the planned refurbishment of the ground floor of Fraser Wing. The Dorm was last renovated in 1988 and is overdue for refurbishment. As part of the refurbishment we will be installing new double glazing and air conditioning as well as a separate common lounge

We are in process of finalising dates, but at this point the refurbished dorm will be operational for the start of 2021.



Thomas House: Deputy Head Boarder Message

Term Three has started well for many of us in Thomas House with most of us now back to true normality, something that was interrupted by Covid-19 at the end of Term 1.

This term has offered a fresh start to the year with winter sports now in full swing and the planning underway for the School Ball, (involving most of our Year 13s) as well as the return of Junior Socials which has allowed the Year 9s and 10s to meet and socialise with people in their year level from other schools around Timaru. Mr Gibb hosted a games night for the juniors from both the Girls' High Hostel and Thomas House.

With so much happening in only the first few weeks of this term, it is easy to see how hectic the rest of this term (and year) will be; in conjunction with the crazy start, it is nice to be back to normal.



Thomas House: New Staff Members

The beginning of Term 3 saw a number of new, key staff members join the Thomas House family.

Mr Michael Howard and Mr Tim Clack join us as live in House Masters. Both are teachers at school and we are incredibly grateful to have them join our staff roster.

Christine Murdoch is our new overnight supervisor who started at the end of Week 1 this term. Christine has considerable experience working with youth in the region and we are lucky to have someone with her experience and expertise.



Food Technology

Food Tech have hosted some wonderful speakers in class recently.

Thank you to Ara bakery tutor Jill Milburn who inspired boys with ideas for their digital cake designs.

And thank you also to local dentist Michael Sidhom from Stafford Dental Centre who spoke to our Level 3 Food and Nutrition class. They enjoyed debating the ethical dilemma

"should there be a sugar tax?"

Timaru Boys' is appreciative of the support received from our local community members who give freely of their time to speak to our boys.



Orana Park visit - Year 12 Science

Year 12 Science took a trip to Christchurch to visit Orana Wildlife Park and the Antarctic Centre on Monday 3 August.

The boys spent time learning about animal adaptations, the extreme environment of Antarctica and what they can do to help prevent climate change. They felt the effect of wind chill, experiencing -14 degrees Celsius, observed a range of animals, learnt about the adaptations they have for survival and enjoyed a 4D trip to Antarctica.



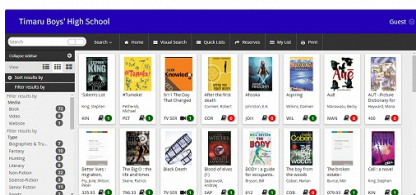
Congratulations to Taylor Donaldson

Year 13 student, Prefect and Captain of the team, Taylor Donaldson played his 100th game for the TBHS First XI Football team during the holidays.

Taylor has attained many accolades over the years, South Canterbury Young Player of the Year, Secondary Schools' finalist for football at the Aoraki Sports awards and winning Coach of the TBHS 15th Grade team for the 2019 season.

Taylor is an excellent ambassador and role model for all aspiring footballers at TBHS.

We congratulate Taylor on this amazing achievement and thank him for everything he has done for the team over the past four years.



Latest Library Resources...

To view the latest additions to the library catalogue click on the link below.

[Latest additions to the library catalogue](#) Use the filters to narrow down types and series and click on a picture to find out more about the book.



John McGlashan edge Timaru Boys' in Exchange

John McGlashan College took overall honours by 8 wins to 4 with two drawn fixtures in the annual exchange played in balmy conditions in Dunedin on Tuesday 11 August.

A number of very tight contests were the feature of the day.

For TBHS, as has been the case throughout the winter,

Hockey and Football led the way.

The **1st XI Football** side had a dominant 4-1 win playing fast, flowing football in perfect conditions at Logan Park. Alex Power and Taylor Donaldson controlled the middle of the park and their excellent service saw Reece Burtenshaw reap the rewards with a fine hat-trick of goals. The **Junior Football** side were disappointing after some recent strong performances going down 5-0.

Draws were the order of the day in two of the three **Hockey** matches with both the 1st XI (0-0) and Colts (1-1) matches ending in a stalemate. The **2nd XI Hockey** match was also tied 0-0 at half-time before a Hamish Taylor double and a goal to Hayden Kennedy saw them ease out to a 3-0 win.

Both **Basketball** matches also ebbed and flowed throughout the game. The Senior team led by Jack Crossan staged a late comeback before going down 98-95, while the Junior team edged their Dunedin counterparts 86-84 in another high scoring encounter.

Timaru's other win came in the **Trapshooting** out at Brighton Gun Club by 370-362. The team members were Noah Carnegie, Thomas Fulton, Digby Giles, Jack Innes, Josh Mills and Harry Smith.



Otago Boys' Dominate Exchange

Otago Boys' were too strong across most of the sporting codes in the annual exchange played in perfect winter conditions in Timaru on 4 August.

For Timaru the highlights were in Hockey and Football.

The **1st XI Hockey** side dominated possession for most of the match in easing to a 2-0 win. Liam Andrews and Kai Reid were the goal scorers for the home side. The **Colts Hockey**

side fought out a tight 1-1 draw in their encounter. Logan Peck scored a 4th quarter equaliser for TBHS.

The **1st XI Footballers** continued their good form with a two all draw against their traditionally strong opponents. Alex Power who was one of Timaru's stand-outs on the day scored, along with Logan Kerslake. The **Junior Football** saw TBHS start well and lead early via a cracking goal by Oliver Linton. Otago worked their way into the game to eventually take the honours 2-1 in a tight contest.

The **1st XV Rugby** match saw a big, powerful Otago side with some outstanding individuals record a comprehensive 50-17 win. While outgunned aspects of Timaru's defence and decision making which contributed to a high error rate were disappointing. The Colts side was also dominated as Otago eased to a 44-0 victory.

Both **Basketball** fixtures went the way of OBHS: 89-55 in the Senior game and 94-66 in the Junior. To their credit, TBHS competed throughout both games against big, well drilled opposition.

The remainder of the events were won by Otago, with the Trap Shooting going their way 418-393, the Chess 24-8 and the Badminton 6-0.



Video Gaming Club

Timaru Boys' has recently started a Video Gaming Club.

Led by Year 13 leaders during Friday lunch time, we have had awesome support from the boys with 50+ students showing up each week. Over the last week TBHS and Waitaki Boys have been engaged in dialogue and have decided to

have an E-sports competition between the two school teams!

On 26 August (Waitaki Exchange) they will be competing against each other in many games of Brawlhalla to determine this year's Champions! We hope to have continual support from the boys through the rest of this term and year.

Contributed by: Toby Seeler



The Crimson Brew

TBHS staff are grateful to a group of entrepreneurial senior students who have set up a cafe for two days of the week.

This is in preparation for their Level 3 Hospitality assessment at the end of the year. Staff eagerly anticipate the day's baked treats, ranging from American Brownies, Blueberry Friands, Carrot Cake, Bliss Balls and Cheese Rolls.

Thank you to the Year 13s who are giving freely of their time

- your efforts are genuinely appreciated!



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



Welcome to the Science Department

Welcome to our two new staff members, Owen Martin and Sarah Smart who have joined the TBHS team from the beginning of Term 3.

Owen Martin is teaching Maths and Science. Having been teaching at Buller High School, Owen originally trained in the UK and is looking forward to his time at Timaru Boys' High. Owen is a keen rugby player and coach and has been playing for the Pleasant Point B team and helping with the coaching of one of our under 16.5 teams.

Sarah Smart has joined the Science Department as the Technician and brings over a decade of technical experience, having worked previously in a research laboratory at Plant and Food Research Limited.



National Cycling Champion – Noah Hollamby

Congratulations to rising star, Noah Hollamby, for his exceptional performance at the New Zealand Age Group Cycling Championships in Waipukurau

Noah came home with a gold and a silver in the under-15 boys' grade, having destroyed the field in the Individual Time

Trial, winning by over a minute and backed this up the next day with a silver in the road race.

After dominating the entire way, he was rolled on the line for second - both riders finishing with the same time.



International Student Department

2020 has certainly been a different year for the International Department.

Our students were amazing during lockdown and we could not be any more proud of them - they are very special and have remained settled in what has been an unsettled climate.

To relieve the boredom, we have ensured some interesting activities have been added to our calendar:

- Over the past seven weeks, we have had seven International Students and one domestic student join the newly formed Ski Academy. These students have been to Mt Hutt and took the opportunity of participating in a night ski down in Queenstown. Most days have been sunny with the odd bitter day thrown in
- A group of International Students attended the Super Rugby Aotearoa game in Christchurch. It was miserably wet but a good game.
- Over the holidays we had Eric Youn playing football in Dunedin. This was a great opportunity for him to become part of the South Canterbury Football group.
- A group 33 Internationals visited Queenstown for three days. This wonderful group of students experienced beautiful weather, good food and loads of fun



Our Gifted Mr Doyle.....

Our talented Art teacher Mr Wayne Doyle has again hit the headlines.

Painting portraits of well known New Zealanders over the past year in a style that he names as "Spontaneous Pixelism", Mr Doyle is in talks with Timaru galleries about exhibiting the works, with plans to offer the double panel

works for sale via his Facebook page.

The school has been fortunate in hosting a continually changing display of these New Zealand personalities who have included among their ranks Sir Edmund Hillary, maori activist Ta Iti, Jacinda Ardern, Jemaine Clement and currently, Dr Ashley Bloomfield.



2020 School Ball

Our annual school ball is being held on Friday 11 September for Year 12 and 13 students who are eligible to attend through good attendance and work record to date. These students have been invited to buy a ticket.

Our Ball Committee is working hard to ensure this event is a success with numerous hours given over to making decorations and preparing for the event that this year has the theme of **"Wild West"**.

Cars will arrive into the school from Raymond Street from 5:50pm onwards and students will attend a reception in the Gymnasium where light refreshments will be served. Students then proceed to the hall where the ball will be held.

Students attending the ball along with their parents have signed a Code of Conduct contract.

Parents and students are reminded that this is an alcohol, drug and smokefree event and right of admission is at the discretion of the school. As a school event, full school rules apply. Your support in making this a positive and enjoyable occasion for all is appreciated.



Aoraki SS Trapshooting Championships

Members of the TBHS Trapshooting Group recently competed at the Aoraki Secondary School Championships on Sunday 9 August at the Timaru Clay and Target Club.

The students who competed at this event were: Harry Smith, Jack Innes, Digby Giles, Thomas Fulton, Noah Carnegie, Josh Mills, Jack Scott, Aaron Jefferson and Harry Sargent.

The team of **Harry Smith, Jack Innes, Digby Giles, Thomas Fulton and Noah Carnegie** won first place in the points score team event.

Special mention also to **Harry Smith** who won first place in the boys' single barrel, first place in the boys' single rise and third place in the boys' point score.

Jack Innes was second in the boys point score and second place boys single barrel.



Swim Timaru Prizegiving

The Swim Timaru Prizegiving was held on Wednesday 29 of July.

Cups and certificates were awarded for performances over club nights and a competition meet during the 2019/2020 season. Members of the Timaru Boys' High School swim team featured on the podium.

13 year old boys: 1st Jack Boorer-Liley, 2nd Alex Tudgey, 3rd Harry Sargent

14 year old boys: 1st Thomas Kyle, 2nd Benson Arnold

16 and over boys: Dominic Coleman

Burness Cup (for best senior or junior swimmer at the SCWC Championships): Thomas Kyle, Runner-up Dominic Coleman

Former student Riley Taylor was recognised for Leadership and for his outstanding performance nationally in addition to winning his age group

Well done boys.



South Canterbury Pony Club

South Canterbury Pony Club is interested in running a dressage and jumping interschool competition, to be held at the Waimate Knottingley Park.

The intention is to have an age group competition comprised of Junior, Intermediate and Senior team competitions, with schools also having the opportunity to

enter individual riders. The proposed date is Term 1 2021 at the end of February.

For expressions of interest, please contact Jaimee Thomas at jaimee-c@hotmail.co.nz.



Theatresports

What's fun, interactive and guaranteed to make you laugh??

Theatre Sports!! This is the new club that has started on Mondays at lunchtime in the performance space of the Drama room.

This group of intrepid and brave boys are being tutored by Abigail Austin and supported by our own teacher extraordinaire, Chris Packwood.

The practice of Theatre Sports includes skilled improvisation, movement, voice, listening, vision, concentration, imagination, teamwork, creativity and intellect. We are so pleased to be able to offer this new Sport to our students.

matched control group. Significant improvement for the experimental group was noted for time needed to locate words on a printed page, timed reading scores, length of time for sustained reading, and span of recall, as well as other perceptual tasks. Additionally, seven of the 23 experimental found employment, but none of the control group was employed by the end of the semester.

In contrast, Winans (1987) was unable to find differences in his study. Winans gave 15 elementary school children four minutes to read and circle 68 examples of the letter "b" on three pages, each page of which contained 600 random letters in 20 lines of

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