



Timaru Boys' High School

June Newsletter 2020

3 July Final Day Term 2
13 July Term 3 Commences



Rector's Message

Kia Ora everyone,

We are back up and running and gaining speed every week! The staff and the students were very happy to return to 211 North Street on 18 May. At first it was a bit strange because we had to observe strict hygiene and contact rules, but we soon got used to it. I thought that the teachers and students (and parents!) all embraced online learning with energy and purpose; we achieved a lot. However, we all know that most

boys learn best when they can work collaboratively in a positive classroom environment. Besides all of that, it's just so good to have the boys back on site again - it didn't seem right without them there!

One of our goals for the first week was to make students feel safe and comfortable at school. Due to the destabilising effect of the lockdown, we knew it would take a few days to reestablish class expectations of engagement and behaviour. Surprisingly, on the whole, the boys settled quickly and we were able to direct our efforts to ascertaining who needed catching up and who was ready to jump to the next stage of learning.

It seems we have come to the end of Level 2 this week. This is great news because we can once again come together in assemblies. We love to celebrate success in all its forms at assemblies and this is a very important component of our school culture. A summer sports assembly will happen soon to ensure that we celebrate all of our summer codes appropriately. Speaking of sport, it is wonderful to see that our winter codes are now able to train and prepare for the oncoming season. Yes - it may be a somewhat truncated season and some tournaments have been cancelled, but we are all so heartily pleased that games will soon be underway.

Our Physics and Science teacher, Zac Reimer, left for Christchurch Boys' High School at the start of Term 2. Mr Reimer made a real impact in the classroom, in Thomas House and in Cross Country. We wish Zac and his young family all the very best in Christchurch. We are extremely pleased to have secured an excellent replacement, Mr Owen Martin, who arrives here from Buller High School at the end of Term 3.

Fun Razor, a wonderfully heart warming event took place last Thursday at Timaru Boys'. Thirteen Year 13 boys, supported by many other students, raised over \$15,000 for the Child Cancer Foundation. You can read more about it later in this newsletter, but I would just like to say how proud I felt of these young men, whose notion of service to the community is a lesson to all of us adults. On top of that, it was great fun - there was an excellent auctioneer, some furious bidding, some rather amateurish haircutting, 13 alarmingly bald young heads and lots and lots of laughter. It was true Boys' High spirit in action. Ka Pai boys!!

I look forward to seeing and meeting many of you on the sidelines in the coming Saturdays.

Nga mihi

Dave Thorp
Rector TBHS



Shave a Lid for a Kid Funrazor

What an awesome bunch of young men we have in our school.

Thursday 4 June saw thirteen of our TBHS students gather in the school hall to have their heads shaved for a very special cause.

Raising a very respectable \$15,500 for Child Cancer, the atmosphere was charged as students, guests and staff

participated in strong bidding wars (led by Auctioneer Mr Steve Blair) for the opportunity of shaving the head of each member of the team.

Thank you to the boys - not only for their commitment to the cause, but also for providing an opportunity for some great team building and fostering the strong TBHS connection between both participants and audience. You can be very proud of your achievement!

Well done also to three young year 13 men who completed a sponsored run on Wednesday as part of the fundraiser. Head Boy Josh Earnshaw ran 21 kilometres, starting and finishing at the school on Wednesday afternoon, while Quinn Motley and Joshua O'Neill completed 10kms

Many thanks also to members of the community who came to support our boys.



Thomas House Update

It would be fair to say that Term 1 2020 was one that will not be forgotten in Thomas House memories

The Hostel team started planning early for what we thought the beginning of Term 2 would look like, with the eventual news coming out that we were able to re-open in full capacity on Sunday 17 May. We have been fortunate in welcoming most boarders back into boarding life. The majority of the recent changes have been minor and the boys must be congratulated for their efforts thus far.

The hostel continues to enjoy and celebrate the success of those within the Thomas House family. As winter sports finally start back up, a number of hostel students will be pushing for 1st Team honours in a wide range of sports and other pursuits. We wish them well and are hopeful they will get a full season.

Last week **Harry Delaney** was presented his Thomas House Prefect badge by Head Boarder **George Small**. Harry has displayed many of the hostel values and it was great to see a young man rewarded for his continued hard work and positive attitude.

We were sad to recently farewell two staff members during the lockdown period. **Zack Reimer** has been a well-respected House Master since 2019. Zack and his family have moved to Christchurch to take up a position at a new school. **Luke McGuire** was a GAP student at Thomas House from the beginning of this year. Luke accepted a repatriation flight back to the UK toward the end of the lockdown. We thank Luke for the many hours spent driving students to and from sports games and training's.

Enrolments

If you are interested in boarding in 2021, applications are still being taken. Boarding offers the unique opportunity to live on site within a well-equipped and highly regarded boarding facility. We currently have positions available in Year 11 for 2021. For further information, please email Richard Fogarty, Director of Boarding fogartyri@timaruboysschool.nz



Message from Thomas House Head Boarder

Contributed by George Small

Being back in the House was rather odd and unfamiliar, but I think I speak on behalf of the boys who are glad to be back in Thomas House for Term 2. Maybe not entirely for the school work, but just to be back with mates and socialising.

One main thing the boys are enjoying is being back into a solid routine and having our sport back. Even though afternoon sport practices haven't kicked off yet, McGregor

Isbister, our Sports Captain, is running tennis and basketball tournaments down in the gym to keep the boys busy and not stuck inside. We also welcome Mr Fogarty, our new Director of Boarding who we feel has made a great positive impact in the short time he has been with us.



Bede Fisher - Thomas House Boarder Profile

Hi - I'm Bede Fisher from Geraldine, a Year 11 student and a boarder at Thomas House.

In my spare time I like to play rugby and work in the shearing shed. I was Captain of the Under 15 Colts Rugby team that won the South Canterbury competition and went to the South Island competition, coming in second place.

I chose to be a boarder because I knew the school had good rugby teams and that I would learn a lot from my friends and teachers. I take PE, Math, English, Wood, Metal and Agriculture and I have learnt a lot this year so far. I am trialling for the 1st XV Rugby team and look forward to the season ahead.



Harry Smith - Boarder Profile

Hi - I'm Harry Smith and I'm from a farm in Omarama.

I'm in Year 11, a hostel boy and I really enjoy living there. In my spare time I like to farm and hunt as well as play hockey for the hostel team.

I also enjoy trapshooting, shooting twice a week and most weekends as well as travelling to different towns to take part in the sport. Our team did really well last year and won the Secondary Schools' team shoot at Waimate. My subjects are Maths, English, Agricultural Science, Agriculture, Outdoor Ed and Wood Tech.



Farewell to the Reimer Family

Zack Reimer our Canadian Physics teacher and Housemaster, has accepted a position at Christchurch Boys' from Term 2.

We have thoroughly enjoyed having Zack, Sarah and wee River at Thomas House and have appreciated Zack's input to school life.

Thanks Zack and Sarah for all you have done for us in your time in Timaru. We will miss you.

NCEA changes for 2020

NCEA Adjustments for 2020

Previous announcements were that examination times at the end of the year have been delayed by a week and portfolios in some subjects have later completion dates. New changes involve:

Merit and Excellence certificate endorsement changing from 50 to 46

Merit and Excellence course endorsement changing from 14 to 12 (at least 3 internal 3 external)

UE awarded with 12 credits in three approved UE subjects rather than 14 along with getting Level 3 and literacy and numeracy

Every eligible student will receive 1 extra LR credit for every 5 credits they gain in 2020.

Level 1 maximum of 10 LR credits

Level 2/3 maximum of 8 LR credits

(LR means Learning Recognition)

These will be calculated and awarded in January 2021 once results are released.



South Canterbury Sports Award

The 2020 South Canterbury Sports Awards will be announced via live-stream 8-10 June in a joint venture between Sport Canterbury - South Canterbury and WeAreCanterbury.

Timaru Boys' is proud of our school community members who are included in this year's nominations. We wish them

every success.

- 2019 TBHS Hockey 1st XI are in for *Team of the Year*
- 2019 SC Hockey U13 Hatch Boys - a number of whom now attend TBHS are also in for *Team of the Year*
- Hockey 1st XI Coach (and Old Boy) Ben Grant has been nominated in the *Coach of the Year* and *Official of the Year* categories
- TBHS Art teacher Wayne Doyle has been nominated for *Master Sportsperson of the Year*
- Recent Old Boys George Guerin (Athletics) nominated for *Young Sportsperson of the Year* along with Jack Sands and Riley Taylor (both for Swimming) nominated for *Young Sportsperson of the Year* and Will Gibson (Water Skiing)
- Recent Old Boy Keaton Swindells (Inline Speed Skating) nominated for *Young Sportsperson of the Year* (alongside his dad Mark Swindells who has been nominated for *Official of the Year*)
- Old Boy Don Garland nominated for *Coach of the Year*
- Old Boys Tom Walsh and Cullen Grace are in the running for *Sportsperson of the Year*

Read more here: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/.../south-canterbury-sports-award-win...>



Return of Winter Sports.....

Amid much dialogue and documentation around tracing and hygiene rules, winter sports are now allowed to return to the calendar this month.

In terms of our major winter codes, the **1st XI Football** lead the field with the South Canterbury Senior Men's Competition kicking off on Saturday 13 June, with Juniors underway the following Saturday.

On Friday 19 June, the local **Basketball** competition gets underway and the **1st XI Hockey** side begin their quest to defend the Canterbury Schools' 1st XI Championship in Christchurch. The **Rugby 1st XV** start their UC Championship the next day in Timaru against the highly rated Christ's College side.

For a number of the lower grade teams across the codes, their season will also start in late June with some warm up and grading games.

After a three month break that appeared to potentially threaten the winter sports season, this is a highly anticipated return to play, providing both a great social and physical outlet for our boys and community.

It is up to everyone to play their part with good decisions around the current and on-going rules around the Covid situation, ensuring the return to play remains a permanent one.



YMCA Year 13 Workshop: Resiliency Toolkit

The YMCA will be running workshops for all Year 13 students on Tuesday 28 July 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 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/Cyber safety/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 Rector, or Year 13 Dean, Grant McFarlane



Fuel for Schools

Thank you to Southfuels for their ongoing support through the *Fuel for Schools* programme and for the farmers who contribute to this wonderful initiative.

The Fuel for Schools sponsorship programme has contributed over \$1 million dollars of resources into more

than 350 schools in the last twelve years. When the value of our sponsorship reaches \$1,000, we are able to choose either a technology or sports package.

Our school has been nominated by local businesses/farms that receive bulk fuel deliveries from Southfuels. If you know of a business that is willing to nominate Timaru Boys' for the programme, please forward them the attached contact details or contact Carolyn in the school office: 03 687 7560



Aviation Course

A 7 week Aviation Course will be commencing in Term 3.

An Introductory Course for Aviation will include four flights along with theory lessons.

Please email Mr Andrew Gill for further information:

gillan@timaruboyss.school.nz

TBHS Rowing AGM

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To be held Sunday 19 July in the school Staffroom.



Entertainment Book: PTA Fundraiser

Support our PTA by purchasing the latest 2020|21 *Entertainment Book* - available digitally from <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1370s72>

There has never been a more important time to support us with our fundraising – 20% of each Membership sale goes directly to supporting our cause. You will now have 6 months to activate your new Membership and as an added bonus, you will also receive an extra 2 months validity (14 months total). We really appreciate your support!

As NZ moves out of the Covid-19 Lockdown, an Entertainment membership is a great way to find and support the local businesses that have been through some very challenging times recently.

Support our community, and buy your Entertainment Membership here <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1370s72>



Waste Free with Kate - Online Workshop

Kate Meads is a waste educator and inspirational speaker who usually travels the country holding Waste Reduction workshops.

These workshops are supported by our local council and are a great opportunity for locals to become educated and activated on reducing waste from all angles - all from the comfort of your own home.

Attendees get a gift pack worth \$100 with their ticket that is full of waste minimisation products like cloth nappies, food pouches and wraps, stainless steel straws and cutlery and more - this is couriered out to ticket holders and the contents are suited to the workshop type.

Below are the details on the events, including links to promotional materials and booking links.

Timaru ONLINE Waste Free Parenting & Living Workshops, Available to view from 10 June onwards. Tickets are \$25 + a small booking fee, and are purchased from the links below. To view the workshop, after purchasing tickets, attendees go back to the Eventfinda page and enter their ticket code. The video workshop will then begin. It's pre-recorded so that ticket holders can watch whenever it suits them.

Booking page:

Waste Free Parenting Workshop: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/waste-free-parenting-workshop-with-kate-meeds/timaru> Waste Free Living Workshop:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2020/waste-free-living-workshop-with-kate-meeds/timaru>

Facebook Event (Great for sharing):Waste Free Parenting Workshop:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/626515368085253/> Waste Free Living Workshop:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2873600319325143/>



NZ Virtual Careers Expo

The New Zealand Virtual Careers Expo will be held on 18-19 June.

The expo will enable students to explore future pathways via real time interactivity and engagement with more than 30 tertiary education providers from around New Zealand.

Students will enter into a virtual 'exhibition hall' and can browse through a wide range of tertiary providers, visit virtual stands and engage in live chats and webinars with representatives from each institution.

Students will need to [register online](#) to access the expo. The details of the event are as follows:

- Thursday 18 June, 12-8 pm
- Friday 19 June, 9-5 pm

You can find out more about the event below:

www.mediadesignschool.com/virtual-careers-expo



Start Your Journey!

Are you interested in going on a student exchange in 2021?

Age 15-18

Attend one of our upcoming free online information meetings to find out more. Sign up on our website!

Read more at www.sts-education.com or call us on 0800 991 991

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International Student Exchange

Interested in going on a Student Exchange in 2021? Ages 15-18.

Since 1958, STS have provided international education in the form of youth trips and high school exchanges around the world. In the process, 1,200,000 students have ventured out to explore new places and discover themselves. Today they have offices in 11 countries and a large global network of partners, schools, host families and local employees all over the world.

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SQUASH

HAVE A GO!

All ages welcome

Starting Monday
8th June 2020

FREE TO PLAY

3:30pm-5:00pm
Timaru Squash Club
22 Brunswick Street, Timaru

Programme will run Mondays, 8th, 15th & 22nd June
Contact: Jen 021685441

Timaru Squash Club - Have a Go!!

Junior Squash is commencing on Monday afternoons at the Timaru Squash Club in Brunswick Street.

The free programme will run on Mondays: 8th, 15th and 22nd June.



PDF Version

The pdf version of the June 2020 Newsletter is available [here](#).