



TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Three weeks into the final term and it's 'all on'.

Seniors are making their final push to achieve the best NCEA outcomes. The message for them continues to be: 'Strive to get your rightful results in 2015 and avoid 'Achieved' if 'Merit' and 'Excellence' grades are more reflective of your actual ability. From here, enough time still remains to do well in the NZQA exams - if used wisely. Juniors are taking their final steps in preparation for entry into 2016's Years 10 and 11; a smooth and successful transition being the object.

We celebrated the Arts in the first week with its dedicated award ceremony. The important place the Arts occupy in the school was demonstrated by the fact that over 140 boys earned recognition for deeds in this area. The achievement of **Ryan Davis** (recipient of the Special Award for Contributions to the Performing Arts), **Jacob Keenan** (for Service to Drama) and **Thomas Clarke** (for Senior Artist of the Year) was especially pleasing. Boys who have made a home in the Arts, and other new enthusiasts, are well-poised to continue their Arts enrichment into 2016.

We identified and praised our most notable winter sport players and performances at a second Prizegiving in Week 2. **Cameron and David Ellis**, and **Riley Taylor** deserve extra mention as top 2015 senior and junior winter sportsmen respectively. Our guest speaker, **Mr Bill Begg**, was captivating and his insight on achievement, due to an extensive international coaching career, had real gravitas. The highest team accomplishment rests with the India Shield winning First XI Hockey team that beat Auckland Grammar School First XI in the final last term.

Summer sport has restarted (even if inclement weather threatens) and perhaps provides a good diversion from the pressures of final study and assessment, if part of a focused and balanced strategy for all-round success.

We now look forward to Senior Prizegiving (3 November) and Junior Prizegiving (4 December) when boys who reached the top of their subjects or Year levels for academic excellence, will be honoured. In these first three weeks we have also launched our new website. We hope you like it. It will be improved progressively. We welcome your website feedback through the Contact Us section, and expect to add more content and functions in 2016, to assist parents, students and supporters further. This invitation for constructive feedback is, of course, not limited to input on the new website. We encourage you to comment on other items of interest in the school through this online means. We commit to responding swiftly to your approaches to the best of our ability, and seek to incorporate parent perspective across the full breadth of our activities, for the benefit of the boys and school.

Lastly, The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme Grand Prize Draw was made during Assembly on Wednesday 28 October. It has been gratifying for staff and students to extend our PB4L in 2015 to foster even greater readiness for positive learning and growth, from application of our POWER values; the boys have impressed with their added uptake. It was nice to reward them in this Assembly with the help of our key business contributors, and to bring our embedded POWER values to the fore once again.

Nick McIvor
Scientia Potestas Est
Mā te Mātauranga te Mana



FIREWORKS BONANZA



Timaru Boys High PTA Gala and Fireworks Friday 30 October

Gates open 6:00pm – 9:45pm

Entry fees: \$8 per person

\$25 family of 4 (must include 1 adult)

This Friday will see Timaru Boys' High School's largest annual fundraising venture take place at the Alpine Energy Stadium. Gates open at 6:00pm.

PTA members have worked hard to ensure another successful evening is held for the purpose of providing extra resources for our school.

Last year's display (pictured left) provided a stunning event for families. Strong community support is essential in ensuring a successful night and strong fundraising effort that will benefit your boys – we encourage you to come along and share in this wonderful family evening.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Warmest congratulations to **Josh** and **Rachel Fenwick** (who is a member of our Science Department teaching staff) on the safe arrival of **Kit Korehe Fenwick** who was born on 25 September. A bonny bouncing boy weighing in at 12lb 6oz!

ARTS PRIZEGIVING

Timaru Boys' is proud of its traditions in the Arts fields. Our Arts Prizegiving was held on 14 October to showcase the remarkable talents within the school and to celebrate by presenting Bars, Colours and Special Awards to our top students in the Arts.



Lucas Percussion Cup - Best percussion player
Lewis Cup - Best Senior Brass Solo
Fraser Cup - Best Junior Brass Solo
Kennedy Cup - Senior Vocal
Little Cup - Junior Vocal
Fraser Singing Cup - Achievement in Barbershop
Junior Woodwind
McKenzie Cup - Best Senior Woodwind Solo
McDonald Cup - All Round Pipe Bandsman
Murray Cup - Senior Pipe Solo
Scottish Society Cup - Most Improved Piper
Bob Young Cup - Best All Round Learner
Service to Drama at TBHS
Contribution to Performing Arts at TBHS
Cheesman Trophy
Junior Artist of Year
Senior Artist of the Year
Photographic Shield
Senior Rock Group

George Hill
Zachery Nicolson
Connor Rabbidge
Mackenzie Basford
Caleb Cameron
Caleb Riley
Thomas Valentine
Ryan Davis
Todd Ealam
Ethan Griffin
William McArthur
Ethan Tyree
Jacob Keenan
Ryan Davis
James Mackey
Sam Ritchie
Thomas Clarke
Oscar Keys
David Ellis, Cameron Ellis, Harry Hollever, Caleb Nicholson, Farran Landers

CHESS SUCCESS

Congratulations to **Caleb Cameron** (pictured right) who, as one of three place-getters from the Aoraki Secondary Schools Chess Champs, travelled to Auckland for the Chess Power National Invitational Chess Championship. Caleb, along with Jack and Max Patterson from Geraldine were amongst 95 competitors in total. All three boys performed really well with Max and Caleb finishing in the top 25%, winning 5/9 games. Jack finished in the top 15%, winning 6/9 games. Caleb's highlight was winning against the seventh seed in his first game and the sixth seed in his last game.



WINTER SPORTS PRIZEGIVING

Our Winter Sports Prizegiving held on Wednesday 21 October was an opportunity to recognise the standard of sportsmanship within our school.

Guest Speaker for this year's event was Timaru's international Speed Skating coach, Bill Begg. Made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit in Wellington this year, Bill has coached six different international teams at world championships along with several world champions. Thank you to Bill for his contribution to this special event on our school calendar.



THE TODD BURTENSCHAW CUP JUNIOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

The Todd Burtenshaw Cup is presented to the junior student who has achieved the most outstanding individual performance in a single year.

Nominations received were: James Watt, Riley Taylor, William Sharp and Joel Hill

From the nominations received the winner for 2015 for excellence in swimming:

Riley Taylor



THE SIR ROY MCKENZIE CUP SENIOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

The Sir Roy McKenzie Cup is presented to the senior student who has achieved the most outstanding individual performance in a single year.

Nominations received were: Shaun Coles, Liam Cooper, Caleb Grace, Cameron Ellis, David Ellis and Mark Otley

From the nominations received the winners for 2015 for excellence in Indoor Bowls:

Cameron (pictured left) and ***David Ellis*** (pictured right)



SPORTS NEWS

AORAKI SECONDARY SCHOOLS GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP

A Grade: Jack Greenlaw and Jason Hodgett

B Grade: Cameron Ellis and David Ellis, Ryan Davis and Jesse Drake

Congratulations to our Golf Croquet team who played exceptionally well at the above Championship on 18 October. ***Jack Greenlaw*** and ***Jason Hodgett*** are the Aoraki Champions for 2015 which qualifies them to attend the National Competition early in 2016. A number of close victories in the morning led on to dominance in the afternoon matches where they won all seven games for the day.

Cameron and ***David Ellis*** were placed third in the B Grade while novice players ***Ryan Davis*** and ***Jesse Drake*** enjoyed their close fought matches.

2015 NZ SECONDARY SCHOOL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

This event was held in Hamilton with Timaru Boys' being represented by ***Jack Sands*** who competed in the 13 year old age grade. Jack took part in nine events over the weekend and came away with eight personal bests and two 3rd placings in the 50m and 100m backstroke. Jack also gained a further four top 10 finishes which at a national level is extremely impressive – well done Jack.

PB4L GRAND FINALE – GOLD AWARDS

Timaru Boys' High School has introduced a school wide programme that reinforces positive behaviour and fosters life skills for our young men. The programme is called "***Positive Behaviour For Learning***" (PB4L). This is a programme that the Ministry of Education is encouraging schools to take on. It is based on the following foundation: *"that positive behaviour can be learnt and difficult/disruptive behaviour can be unlearned."*

Our values were selected based around the school motto of '*Knowledge is Power*': **P**ride, **O**ur responsibility, **W**illing participant, **E**arning respect, **R**ight attitude. Posters reinforcing these values are displayed in all classrooms and around school. The school values encourage and promote positive behavior with all students, in all settings.

Our student reward system has been fully introduced this year. Students were given a Bronze Card, with staff rewarding students by stamping their reward card based on student behaviours that met the "POWER" values. When a card was completed the students gained entry into the weekly Bronze prize draws of Subway, Canteen, C-bay and Star on the Spot Dairy vouchers. Then the students moved on to Silver cards which, when completed went in to the monthly draw for community prizes.

We had fantastic community support for our prize pool, including sponsored prizes from **Fronrunner, The Warehouse, Rok Fitness, Lone Star, Mac Shaw, Rebel Sport, Bloomers, U-Bake** and **CBay**. After this students moved on to ultimate Gold cards which went into the end of year **Noel Leeming** major prize draw.

Noel Leeming generously contributed prizes for our major prize draw on 28 October 2015. Amongst the high quality prizes on offer were a Logitech Speaker System, Sol Republic Master Track Headphones, Turtle Beach XOSEVEN Gaming Headphones, WD My Cloud Gigabit 3TB Hard Drive and a Panasonic 32 inch Smart TV. We are continually grateful for the student and community support and input; these are pivotal to the success of the PB4L process.

Timaru Boys' High School is interested in increasing our community support to ensure the programme reaches its full potential in developing positive behaviour for learning school wide, at Timaru Boys' High School. If you are interested in contributing to our PB4L SW programme, please contact Timaru Boys' High School on 03 687 7560.

Prizewinners on the day were:

Blair Stevenson, Paddy Ahearn, Joseph Allen-Perkins, Isaac Beattie, Tom Page, Louis Low, Tim Lindbom, Bede Wright, Caleb Nicolson, Ronan Galpin, Alvin Sutedja, Thomas Scott, Cam Anderson, James Adams, Richard Irving, Gall Templeton, Anton Faeldin, Sung Min Lee, Callum Smith, Jack Winsley, Charlie Stock, Zachery Nicolson, Dillon Barker, Oli Anderson, Flynn Dey, Connor Perrin, Louis Low and Marshall Severinson.





SOUTH ISLAND GRASS KART COMPETITION

On Friday the 16th and Saturday the 17th of October, a team of Year 12 students took part in the South Island Grass Kart at King's High School in Dunedin.

The team consisted of **AJ Mackenzie** (Captain), **Tom Page** (Chief Engineer), **Max Goodwin** (record keeper), **Benji McKay** (Engineer) and **Shaun Barclay** (odd jobs and sound effects?).

The team arrived at King's for pre-judging and presentation at 3:30pm on the Friday. Their Grass

Kart had some minor issues which they corrected to be allowed to compete early on the Saturday morning. They also needed Mr Johnson and Mr Pitcher to go and buy a new kill switch which they broke before being ready!

Thankfully, due to heavy rain, the competition start time was put back to 10:30am which allowed the team to correct their issues and take part in a full day's competition. The morning saw the team compete well in both the sprint and slalom rotations. This was despite issues with the brakes, throttle and the chain coming off at one point. In the afternoon, two 2nd places in the racing heats saw them gain a top eight placing.

Unfortunately they missed their semi-final race due to their attempts to improve the kart performance which saw them break their throttle yet again!

Coming 8th out of 15 was a fair result for the team who all thoroughly enjoyed the competition. Shaun lived up to his sound effect title by making cars sounds on the return trip to Timaru!

ROBOTICS CLUB EXCELS AT TRIAL SCRIMMAGE

On Sunday 25 October, six members of the TBHS Robotics club attended a test and trial scrimmage at CPIT in Christchurch. The aim of the day was to prepare their robot designs for the new National game called 'Nothing but Net'.

The two teams helped set up the arena and worked frantically to modify their designs to meet the exacting required specifications. They both successfully managed to be ready for the afternoon's trial scrimmages and performed well, both scoring in the low goal sections.



Team one (pictured above) consisting of **Harry Taylor**, **Adam Keen** and **Alec Whitticase** designed a rolling lift bot that could collect three balls and push above the goal bar.

Team two consisting of **Nico Evans**, **Matt Kennedy** and **Timothy Lindbom** designed a "dozerbot" that could push the game balls through the low goal bar.

The Club is now looking for a new staff member and/or parent to supervise its activities as Mr Pitcher is returning to the United Kingdom at the end of the school year.



YEAR 13 LEAVERS' DINNER

The Year 13 Leavers' Dinner is to be held on Wednesday 2 December at the Seven Oaks Reception Centre, 64 Wai-iti Rd, Timaru. All Year 13 students and their caregivers have been invited to attend.

RSVP: Full payment and number of attendees are to be given to the Student Office by Friday 20 November

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

The end of Term 3 was hectic in the Outdoor Education Department. Yet again our **Year 12** Mountain Bike trip was to Wanaka, which every boy agreed was far more interesting than having poor weather in Timaru and being in class! Over a period of three days, the boys biked around the lake and improved their riding skills on the trails at Dean's Bank and Sticky Forest. Yet again we had great weather – a big thank you to **Mr Chris Barclay**, and **EJ Hickey** who helped out for the three days.

Our intrepid adventurers from the **Year 11** class headed out into the Mt Somers and Peel Forest wilderness to battle nature, figure out the best way to not burn sausages, and important lessons on correct tent construction (important if it rains apparently). We managed to not lose anyone and the boys enjoyed the trip which was yet again a highlight of the year.

*Pictured right:
Farran Landers (front) and Braiden Hammond*



STUDENT ALLOWANCES/LOANS

It's a date
Apply by 16 December.
studylink.govt.nz

Year 13 students who plan on tertiary study next year are strongly encouraged to apply for their Student Allowance or Loan by 16 December.

StudyLink expects around 180,000 students to apply for their Student Allowance or Loan for the 2016 academic year.

Applying by 16 December means StudyLink can get everything sorted so that the student receives their funding from the start of their course.

Students don't need to have their NCEA results or have locked down all their plans in order to apply. Their application can be updated as things are confirmed. It's more important to allow enough time for all the steps in the application process to be completed.

When applying for a Student Allowance or Loan for the first time, students need to prove their identity. This can be done online by signing up for a [RealMe](#) verified identity.

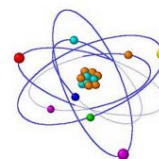
Students can find out more about applying for a student loan and allowance on the StudyLink website. Pop a reminder in your calendar, or even better – go straight to studylink.govt.nz to apply now.

OTAGO UNIVERSITY SENIOR SCIENCE QUIZ

The Otago University Senior Science Quiz was sat in June by six Year 12 students and seven Year 13 students. This tested knowledge and skills across Chemistry, Physics and Biology. Congratulations to the following boys on their achievement in this quiz:

Certificate of Distinction (plus \$50 for being among the top scholars): **Ryan Davis**
Certificates of Merit (students who scored in the top 30%): **Thomas Bell, Eleazar Coronado, Liam Arthur, James Bell**

Science Quiz



JAPANESE STUDENT EXCHANGE

Timaru - Eniwa

Sister Cities Timaru invites applications from Secondary School Students to represent the Timaru District on an escorted Educational and Cultural Exchange to Eniwa Hokkaido, Japan. The exchange visit is planned for late June 2016 and will be for 3 weeks, 3 students will be chosen.

A short essay (of between 150 -200 words) stating "Why I would make a good representative of my District should accompany the application & a current photo.

Applicants will need a current passport & preferably need to reside & attend a High School in the Timaru District. Accommodation would be free. Students will be home hosted possibly by the Japanese families of Eniwa students who recently visited Timaru.

Approx airfare cost to the student \$3000 + taxes and optional personal spending (\$200-500)

Students shortlisted will be contacted by the sister city Committee for an interview in mid-December 2015. Whilst knowledge of Japanese language & culture is not a pre-requisite, an affinity with Japanese culture would be an advantage. Applications close on Friday 27 November 2015 - forms are available at the Student Office.

For further information please contact Barrie Suter 688-5501 (bazsuter@extra.co.nz), Eric Lindblom 615-8680 (lindblom@extra.co.nz) or Nachiko Schollum 684-7997 (nachiko@extra.co.nz).



TBHS Lions Hockey Team

The Lions Hockey team in 2015 comprised a mixture of hostel boys ranging from Year 9 to Year 12. The team competed in the local 3rd division men's competition. The year started off with some very fresh players to the game of hockey with five team members having never played before. The Lions were a very young team with a very social atmosphere and a great enthusiastic attitude. The team started off the season very slowly with the lack of experience showing. Over the

season with the help of Coaches **Jack Leslie** and **Shaun Coles** alongside the manager **Abbey Reith**, the team made some dramatic improvements with some astonishing wins against much tougher opponents.

One of the highlights of the season was an amazing end of season run allowing them to make it to the semi-finals. In the semi they were unluckily matched against a very strong Mountainview 1st XI, who the boys struggled against, leaving them in a playoff for third place against the TBHS 3rd XI. They went down narrowly, ending up in fourth place. After a great season the boys should be proud to end with fourth place as it really shows the great improvements that the team made throughout the time.

A special thanks to everyone involved in helping out the team and the supporters that turned up to cheer the boys on. Special mention goes towards **Charlie Stock** who was the team's Most Improved Player and **Hugh Rollinson** who was the team's Most Valuable Player.



TBHS WEBSITE UPDATE

Our website has been upgraded!!! Check it out at

timaruboysschool.nz/

Scroll to the bottom of the home page to link to the School Calendar, Parent Portal and Enrolment information.



Senior Prizegiving

Parents and friends of the school are warmly invited to attend the 2015 Senior Prizegiving to be held in Hogben Hall

Tuesday 3 November, commencing at 7:30pm



JUNIOR WORK DAY 2015

Friday 13 November

Our school is conducting its annual Junior Workday to raise funds for resourcing of the school. If you have work our boys could undertake, please contact the school:

Phone: 03 687 7560

Email: tbhs@timaruboysschool.nz

2ND HAND UNIFORM SALE Saturday 12 December 2015 9:00am-11:00am



Clean tidy uniforms you wish to sell can be left at the Student Office any time before Friday 11 December 2015. Please have all items labelled with your name, address and phone number. The PTA will price your items for you - please indicate if you want your goods returned after the sale or donated to the PTA to sell in the uniform shop. Unsold clothes will be donated to the PTA unless otherwise stated (unless collected before Term 2, 2016)

We will sell blazers and jerseys throughout the year on your behalf in the uniform shop but we currently have a large stock of shorts and shirts. The PTA Committee charge 20% commission for selling the uniforms and cheques for uniforms sold will be posted out the week after the sale. Please direct any queries to Lynda in the Student Office or contact Fiona Bowmar on 027 235 5142.

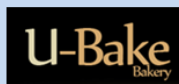
TBHS RUGBY CLUB AGM



The Timaru Boys High School Rugby Club AGM will be held on
23 November at 7:30pm in the Timaru Boys' High School Staffroom.

We would love to see new parents involved in our committee to continue the work we are trying to achieve with all our 250 players and 12 teams. You are all welcome.

TIMARU BOYS HIGH SCHOOL WISHES TO THANK THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS FOR THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT OF PB4L



for up-to-date news on school events

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TIMARU BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

FIREWORKS

BONANZA

& GALA NIGHT

**FAMILY
FUN**

FRIDAY 30th OCT 2015

ALPINE ENERGY STADIUM

**Entertainment & Stalls
Gates Open 6pm till dark**

**Entry Fee: \$8 per person
\$25 Family of 4 (must include 1 Adult)**



TBHS CALENDAR TERM 4 2015

28 Oct	Thomas House Christmas Dinner	11 Nov	Waitaki Junior Summer Exchange
30 Oct	Aoraki SS Sports Awards	12 Nov	Aoraki Junior Volleyball
30 Oct	Fireworks Bonanza	13 Nov	Junior Work Day
3 Nov	Senior Prizegiving	15-20 Nov	Rite Journey Solos
4-5 Nov	Year 10 Exams	2 Dec	Leavers' Dinner
5-6 Nov	Thomas House Overnight Orientation (Yr8)	4 Dec	Junior Prizegiving
6 Nov	Year 8 Placement Testing	7 Dec	Junior Conferencing
6 Nov – 4 Dec	NCEA Exams	7 Dec	Last day of school