



Timaru Girls' High School

Scientia potestas est; knowledge is power

August 2017



Timaru Girls' High School First XV rugby team and the combined Mt Hutt/Ashburton College team on Wednesday 9th August after the game won by Mt Hutt/Ashburton.

from the Principal



At the start of this term the first stage of our Master Plan finally began. After months of delay (with the discovery of asbestos) we are delighted to have the noise of construction in the background of our school day!

The MLE (Multi Learning Environment) and refurbished gymnasium are due to be completed 14 December this year. I apologise for the inconvenience caused during this time, in particular to the Health/ PE Department who will be without a practical learning space.

During week 1, we were honoured to have Mike King present to our students, and also to the public during the evening. Mike's message was one of looking out for one another, not feeling like anything should ever be too much, and not feeling that your 'inner critic' should ever dominate what and who you think of yourself.

His website www.keytolife.org.nz has plenty of further information in it. Please take the time to look at it.

Thank you for what has been a huge start to this term. I know that this term contains so much. There is plenty of information contained in this newsletter to take note of. If in doubt please contact the school, we can assist you in any way.

Nga Mihi

Sarah Davis
Principal

STUDENT BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTION 2017

Each year a student is elected to represent their fellow students on the Board of Trustees. Any student enrolled full-time in Year 9 and above under the age of 20 is eligible to stand for election and vote in the school election for a student representative. This is an opportunity for the students to have a say in the governance of the school. The term is for one year, although a student representative can be nominated for a further term.

The following is the schedule for the 2017 Student Elections at Timaru Girls' High School:

- Nomination forms available **Thursday 24 August**
- Nominations close at 12 noon on Friday 8 September
- Voting Day is Friday 22 September
- Declaration of results is Thursday 28th September
- Student representative term of office commences Friday 29 September.

Please note that the nomination forms will be available at the front office on Thursday 24th August. All nominations must be on the official nomination form.

Lyn George
Returning Officer

NZQA

NZQA Fees are due at the school office by Wednesday 23 August. If you are eligible for Financial Assistance, please make sure a form is completed and returned to the school office, along with the fee, by this same date. The Financial Assistance form can either be downloaded from the NZQA website or obtained from the school office.

CURRENT EVENTS QUIZ

On 7 July 2017 the Year 10 current events quiz took place. It was an enjoyable afternoon for everybody. It was good to see everyone giving it their all when answering some of the tough questions throughout the quiz. Everyone showed great sportsmanship towards the winning team, 10HY7 with a stunning score of 68 points out of 100. We finished off the day with a few not so funny jokes. I hope all the Year 10s had an exciting last current events quiz. It was our last but it will be remembered until we're Year 13. Thank you to the Year 13 and 12 markers and of course Mr Dawson our MC.

By Eve Reihana 10WF



Year 9 Quiz winners from left: Hannah Secoy, Olivia Dew, Samantha Shaw

AROWHENUA MARAE VISIT

On 3 and 5 July the Year 10s visited Arowhenua Marae. We were welcomed onto the marae with a powhiri which Pikimai led for us. After we all took our seats in the whareni we listened to the tangata whenua (people of the land) say a few words about the land. We ended the powhiri with a traditional hongi and morning tea. After morning tea we all stood and introduced ourselves with our own mihi. We learnt that saying our mihi is very important and could lead you to parts of your family you didn't know you had. We got told some very old myths and legends that will be treasured in many Maori families for many years. After those stories were told we all sat in the wharekai (kitchen) to eat lunch. When we had eaten lunch we split into our two form classes 10WF and 10DN. For the first half of the



Year 10 Quiz winners from left: Francesca Gould, Imy Halkett, Kristie Goodsir

afternoon 10WF learnt how to use a taiaha and 10DN went for a walk to hear some tapu (sacred) stories about how the ancestors went about their days. When both the classes had finished both activities we had a wee competition between the two form classes. We had a 'taiaha war' which 10WF graciously won. Overall it was a great experience and was a very fun day. Thank you to the Social Studies department for making this day possible.

By Eve Reihana 10WF



AUGUST CAREERS UPDATE

Course Planning Evening: It would be of great benefit for all Year 9 - 12 students and parents to attend the **Course Planning Evening in the library and surrounding classrooms on Thursday 31 August from 5pm – 7pm**. This evening will be attended by the liaison officers from South Island universities and polytechnics, QRC, BCITO, the Defence Force and our Learning Area Heads. You will be able to discuss career pathways with their assistance and expertise. All Year 13 students who are undecided on their career path are welcome to attend as well.

Subject selection for 2018: The course booklets will be distributed soon for students to choose their subjects for 2018. Your daughter's subject choice is a very important decision and needs to be decided with her intended career in mind. The career website www.careers.govt.nz will be of significant help for those who are undecided on a direction and to ensure the subjects chosen are correct for their career choice.

Year 13 and Parents: During the next few weeks many universities and polytechnics will be visiting to aid the Year 13 students in their course selections for next year. It is important for students to attend these sessions but they must ensure they catch up on their lessons as well. Applications for Halls of Residence are now open and should be completed by the end of August at the latest. Applications for university and polytechnics are also open. Specialist courses close early.

Many students have applied for financial scholarships. All universities have many first year scholarships available and these are listed on their respective websites. Other community or specialised scholarships are listed in the daily notices. Your daughter has also been given access to a scholarship booklet which states many available scholarships with closing dates. The Timaru Library has the 'Break Out' programme which is an excellent data base of scholarships available. Please let me know within the next few weeks if a reference is required.

Students should be applying for the Student Allowance and/or Student Loans soon. Up-to-date information on student loans and allowances can be found on the Studylink website. It is advisable to begin the application process early as they do not back-pay your allowance or student loan if the process is not completed before the university year begins.

Year 13 students will have the opportunity to learn interviewing skills and practise mock interviews next month. It is advisable for Year 13 students to have completed their CV. Three different templates are in a folder entitled CV templates on the Student Drive along with some helpful information for writing their CV, a cover letter template and information on preparing for interviews.

About 40 students have taken up the opportunity to complete their First Aid certificate through Red Cross. This is an excellent credential to hold and is an entry requirement for many courses.

If any parent/guardian would like to contact me with regards to their daughter's career options please make an appointment by ringing the School Careers Office: phone 688-1122 ext 238 or email: lcrossan@timarugirls.school.nz

Coming Events	
10-16 August	Senior Exams
Friday 18 August	FLAVA Festival
Sunday 20 August	Aoraki Snow Sports
Wednesday 23 August	Aoraki Science Quiz
Tuesday 29 August	BOT Meeting
Thursday 31 August	Course Planning Evening
4 – 8 September	Winter Tournament Week
Monday 11 September	Sports & Cultural Photos
Thursday 14 September	Senior Academic Conferencing
Thursday 14 September	No juniors at school
Friday 15 September	Aoraki Table Tennis

MANU KORERO SPEECH COMPETITION

Friday 30 June, Ella McFarlane (Te Rāwhiti Ihaka Junior Māori) and Eve Reihana (Tā Turi Carroll Junior English) proudly took the stage to represent our kura at ngā manu kōrero speech competitions in Ōtautahi. We travelled as a team representing the Aoraki region with other speakers, student support crew and staff from other local high schools. In total we had six students from the Aoraki region take the stage. The students were a credit to our kura and the region, displaying their whānonga, tautoko and manaakitanga as ambassadors for te reo Māori. Kei runga noa atu koutou ngā rangatahi mō āpōpō.

The competition was held at Christchurch Boys' High School and run in conjunction with Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o te whānau tahi. Another well run competition and another great experience for our taura to hear both second language learners and native speakers taking the stage. The four competitive sections in the competition each year include junior and senior Māori and English. Each section commemorates the following orators:

- Te Rāwhiti Ihaka (28th Māori Battalion and scholar)
- Sir Turi Carroll (Kahungunu leader, politician)
- Dr Pei Te Hurinui Jones (Waikato elder and scholar)
- Korimako - Sir Bernard Fergusson (former Governor General)

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our student support crew, our gap tutor Rieke and especially our past speakers. These students have also taken on the personal challenge as ambassadors of te reo Māori. They include past students Chresta Martin (former Head Girl), Kahurangi Stewart, Kara Merriman and current students, Zoe Borman, Hannah Hurst and Hannah Gee.

Nō reira, in closing, this is a proverb closely associated with language revitalization, a struggle which is very important in maintaining culture: 'Ko taku reo taku ohoho, ko taku reo taku mapihi mauria'.

Anyone interested in finding out more or thinking about entering in the 2018 competitions, see Whaea Marie.



Manu Korero Speech competitors Ella McFarlane and Eve Reihana

40 HOUR FAMINE 2017

Well done to the 21 students who participated and raised a total of \$923.60 for the children of Syria. A big thank you to Mrs Amanda Davies for assisting in collecting and banking the funds raised.



TIMARU GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL MOUNTAIN BIKE FUNDRAISER

To be held in the Mackenzie Pass; 47 kms main track and 10 kms children's track. Date to be confirmed but looks like late January early February 2018. A committee needs to be formed. Volunteers, time keepers, race marshalls also required. Contact Herb Ross (03) 685 8444.

KIWA



The artist, Arana Edwin began this carving several years ago and didn't finish it until Ms Trainor, the Art teacher asked him if he had an artwork that could be purchased for TGHS with some of the prize money from the competition. When Ms Trainor saw the carving, it showed strong connections to the story of KIWA and Arana was asked to finish it for the school. If you look carefully you can see the two notches that represent the two wives and a curve that has ten notches, representing the children.

On 1st August Te Wera King unveiled and blessed the carving as a small school group welcomed the carving of KIWA to school. The Kapa Haka group sang beautifully and this added to the spirit of the occasion.

At the start of this year the Year 9 Art class entered the Prime Port competition to name the new Pilot Launch for South Canterbury. It had to be a name that related to our region, was easy to say and had meaning to our culture. After voting on the names that the girls put forward, KIWA was our class winner.

KIWA is more known to northern Maori tribes. He was the guardian of the Pacific Ocean. He had two wives and to his second wife, Hinemoana, they had ten children. Their names all relate to life in the ocean from fish to shellfish and so on.

The Year 9s felt the new Pilot Launch should be named KIWA, and be the guardian of visiting sea vessels and other boats and ships that work in this region.

KIWA was the successful name for this new addition to the South Canterbury waters. This was a very positive start to the year for these new students and to think that in another 20 to 30 years, their name will still be on the Pilot Launch.

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Lip Sync

**Wednesday
30 August 7pm
Gold coin
entry**

**Get a team
together and join
the fun
Enter at
the student office
See you
there!**



GATEWAY 2017

Once again the Timaru Girls' High School students enrolled in the Gateway programme for 2017 are proving to be excellent representatives of our school out in the community. Well done Girls!

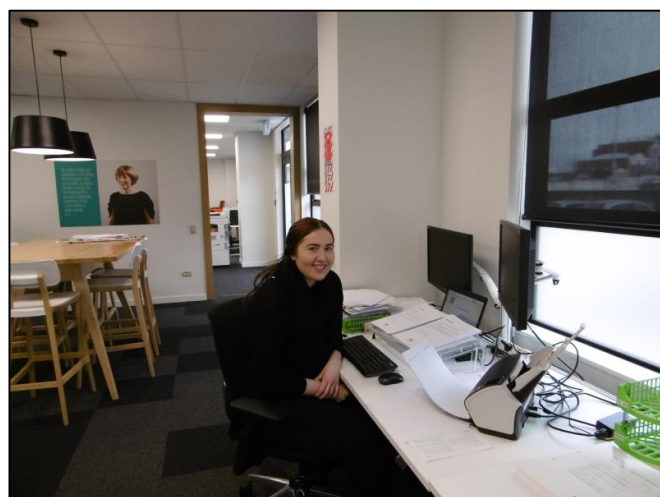
As a premier senior vocational programme, Gateway gives the students an opportunity to have an insight into the industry/career path they perceive themselves following when they leave school. Whilst the students are in their working placements and in the timetabled Gateway class they are not only exposed to the actual functions of their chosen industry but are also achieving the unit standards applicable to their industry of choice (ILP Individual Learning Plan). In many cases these are the same units undertaken at the beginning of an apprenticeship/course, enabling the students to have a head start when they embark on further studies.

The career of choices in 2017 are similar to last year, we have students involved in early childhood, retail, animal care, nursing, mental health, office administration, distribution, floristry, police, interior design and primary school teaching.

We are very fortunate to have accommodating and caring workplaces within our community who are happy to have our girls spend some time experiencing their chosen careers. We would like to thank KPMG, South School, Margaret Wilson Rest Home, Columbus Café, PG Wrightsons, Maree Hynes Interiors, Guthrie Bowron, The Warehouse, Spec Savers, Bloomers, Roberts Pharmacy, NZ Police, Waimate Vets, Sacred Heart Primary School, Victoria House and 101 ADG. Thank you for welcoming our Gateway girls into your businesses, it is very much appreciated.

Gateway Profile - Pagan Cartney: Pagan has been with KPMG (accountants) for her Gateway experience, she is interested in a career as an office administrator. She has proved to be a very helpful member of their team and has gained some excellent skills

through her placement. Thank you to all the staff and management at KPMG



Above: Pagan Cartney at her Gateway Placement

DRAMA NEWS

Dr Jeckyll and Mr Hyde: This well-known tale came to life Wednesday as the Year 12 and 13 Drama class performed a version of this play to the Year 11 Drama students and parents.

It was in the guise of a television re-enactment called "Curious Cases". Diana Bell played the part of the presenter assisted by a psychologist, retired detective inspector and an historian; these parts were played by Meg, Georgia and Renee.

The scenes set in Victorian London were in costume of the period. The main part of Gabrielle Utterson, a lawyer who acted as the narrator at times, was played by Phillis. The characters of Jeckyll and Hyde were played by Rosemary and Ryleigh.

Other roles were shared by Zoe, Eleanor, Hannah, Abigail and Caroline. The play was an hour or so long and the action was split between the studio and the action of the two main characters. This assessment forms part of the work for Performance Drama at Levels 2 and 3.



Zoe Carpenter

INCUBATOR PROGRAMME: Our final Incubator programme session was held at the hospital on 2 August. A group of 25 students toured the Radiology Department, Intensive Care Department and Physiotherapy treatment room over a two-hour period. Unfortunately, the Emergency Department had a red alert so we were unable to visit there but were well entertained by a past emergency nurse who now works with infectious diseases. Each department gave the students information on the day to day requirements of their job, the costs of training and the length of training. We greatly appreciate the supervisors taking the two groups on the tour and for the time and effort the tutors put into their information sessions. In all departments students were allowed to try out some of the specialist equipment on skeletons or dummies which was entertaining and fun.

On behalf of the students and Timaru Girls' High School, I would like to extend our very grateful thanks and appreciation to Dave Moore, for the very well organised and informative mentoring sessions we have received this year. The sessions have been varied, informative and inter-active. The students have gained insight into many careers they possibly would not have thought of. Thank you for your time and patience Dave and we look forward to a repeat performance next year.