



Timaru Girls' High School

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September 2015

TGHS HOCKEY SILVER MEDALISTS TOURNAMENT WEEK



from the Principal

It has been a real delight to have a week of warm sunny weather to finish what has been a particularly busy Term 3.

I would like to thank whanau and families for the support and advice they have given their daughters to achieve to their very best potential this term.

We are currently working through interviews for our Year 9s to 13s for 2016 course selections; I know our Year 13s are busy applying for university and polytechnic courses. Term 3 always seems to me to be a crossover of balancing the demands of completing everything required for this year, as well as thinking ahead and making plans for the next!

During tournament week, I had the pleasure of watching our netball, basketball and hockey teams competing. Our Senior A Netball team competed in the B Grade of the South Island Secondary Schools' competition in Timaru. This team had some close wins and unfortunately some close loses. Well done to Millie Manson who was selected in the B Grade tournament team.

Basketball competed against some tough competition in Dunedin. This team was predominately juniors; the experience of competing at this level will be valuable for them. The 1st XI Hockey team travelled to Invercargill. They performed exceptionally well all week but lost in a tough final to a well drilled team from Queen Margaret College, Wellington. The final placing of this team will see them move to the top tier competition in 2016.

Please take the opportunity to enjoy the upcoming study break. Term 4 seems to accelerate as it goes on. Taking some time to recharge for the final push to NCEA Externals is essential.

Kind Regards
Sarah Davis

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 23 September	Aitken & Waters Cup Day
Thursday 24 September	House Choirs Evening
Friday 25 September	Distinction Assembly
Friday 25 September	Last day of Term 3
Monday 12 October	First day of Term 4
Tuesday 20 October	Aoraki Junior Tennis
Friday 23 October	Senior Singing Cup
Labour Weekend	DOE Silver Tramp
Monday 26 October	Labour Day
Wednesday 28 October	BOT Meeting
Friday 30 October	Aoraki Sports Awards
Wednesday 4 November	SENIOR PRIZE-GIVING
Thursday 5 Friday 6 November	Junior Exams
Friday 6 November	Year 8 Testing
Thursday 12 November	Aoraki Junior Volleyball

Help for Parents: Timaru Girls' High School's Guidance Counsellor is Mrs Rosemary Carter.

She is in school all day on Mondays and Fridays, and the afternoons on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

If you have any concerns about your daughter you can call on 688 1122 extn 226 and discuss these in confidence. Mrs Carter can help with many issues, and also has a network of agencies available in town who can offer further help if needed.

If you are in school, you will find two booklets designed for parents to help them through this interesting stage of parenting. Please take a copy of each if you wish.

Kind regards
Rosemary Carter

NATIONAL SCHOOLS' POETRY AWARD

We are very proud to announce that Katie Hooper (Year 12) was one of the top 10 finalists in the National Schools' Poetry competition. She wrote the poem "Movement of Life" in Term one while working on her Level 2 English Writing Portfolio. Miss Kim encouraged her to enter the poem into the competition.

It was selected by the judge, Cliff Fell, from more than 200 entries nationwide. In his judge's comments, Fell said, "Movement of Life' by Katie Hooper is cleverly conceived, almost symphonic in its five movements, describing four masks the poet adopts in her search for bliss and perfection."

Following the announcement of the finalists, Katie and the other nine student poets attended a poetry workshop in Wellington.

You can read Katie's poem below. If you would like to read it on the website along with the other finalists, go to www.schoolspoetryaward.co.nz/

Movement of Life

I

She is dignified.
Her studies, of the highest value.
Artistic and light.
Her name, Étude
musical, bright.
Her movements light with dignified grace,
peaks of interest, though
she knows no haste.
Étude, she is
precise.

II

The child of joy, her playful grin.
Bounce and beauty,
the epitome of spring.
Her name, Printemps.
Her body light
beautiful, playful
soars
to great
heights.
Printemps, she is
agile.

III

Her name, Libre
coiled in midnight.



Katie Hooper

Changes dark to light.
Flashes bright, she can take flight
swift, quick.
Only to go back to the deep midnight.
The light motion, gone but never slack
for her colour, though dark is never **black**.
Libre, she is
free.
IV
High in class, elegant in action.
Her movements fast, though never hasty.
Long material touches her feet,
two fine shoes, their heels meet.
Her name, Mazurka
Attention. Engage.
She has might, though ever graceful.
Mazurka, she shows
pride.
V
On the dance floor
I am anyone but me.
I am Étude, artistic and light.
I am Printemps, beautiful in flight.
I am Libre, coiled in midnight.
I am Mazurka, lively with might.
Four dances to connect
four chances to project
my love of dance,
perfect.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Year 9 Science Fair: All Year 9 students entered a project of their own choice in this year's Science Fair which was held in the first week of term. The joint winners who received the trophy were Hannah Konings and Emma Kirkwood with a project on the best types of wood to use in a fire for efficient heating and Toya Innes and Sheryl Carter who carried out a project on the best methods for heating a bed in the winter.

Ten projects were selected to represent the school at the local Sanford Science Fair on 9 September and five prizes were won by this group of students. Hannah Konings and Emma Kirkwood received a Gold Award in the Year 9/10 team competition. Meg Simpson, Madison Arnold, Ciara Phillips, Kathryn Tooth and Ayla Preston received Silver Awards in the Year 9/10 team competition. Brie Wright received the Baking Award and a Bronze in the Year 9/10 individual. Congratulations to all prize winners who had stiff competition from older students for these awards.

Biology Week: In week 4 the Biology Department held a successful Biology Week with a variety of lunchtime activities, speakers and competitions. Dissection Day was very popular with many crowding into the lab keen to get their hands dirty. The students listened to talks from a Medical Lab Scientist, a Dietician and Biochemist who works at South Pacific Sera. 13Bk were the overall winners of the form class competition followed by 10Mn. The teachers quiz was won by the support staff group. The week culminated with the South Canterbury Biology Quiz run by Lincoln University. Timaru Girls' didn't manage to hold onto the cup this year, but the team consisting of Yi Ran Ong, Lauren Johnston, Katie Hooper and Oriana Craig, achieved a very respectable 2nd place.



Congratulations:

- To Gina Seyb who was selected by the Timaru Rotary Club as their candidate for the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum to be held in Auckland in January.
- To Boudine Brown who was selected for the Rangitahi O Te Moana programme for gifted and talented Maori students in Dunedin earlier this term and attended an expedition on the Polaris Scientific Research vessel. She had a fantastic time meeting new people and learning valuable skills as she carried out a research project on this voyage.

Other Events

Term 3 week 9 - on 17 September a team of Year 11 students travelled to Christchurch to compete in the CPIT Science competition. On the same day, three groups of year 10 students competed in an Agriculture competition at Sir Basil Arthur Park.

Term 4 week 1 – Science meets Art Photography competition will be held over one lunchtime. Get your teams registered now for this fun event and watch the notices for more information.

GATEWAY 2015



Kahurangi Stewart, Kowhai Kindergarten



Kasey-Lee Shane, Little Wonders

Once again our Timaru Girls' High Gateway students are out in the community receiving a "real life" insight into their possible career pathways.

Gateway is a unique opportunity for senior students to experience their chosen industry for a half day per week in the work place, whilst achieving unit standards in the classroom. Students have a personal learning plan pertaining to their particular industry/career of choice. These plans are often the same units studied at the beginning of an apprenticeship or higher level of achievement, so this gives students a head start on their career journey before they have left school. In many cases Gateway gives students a better chance of being accepted for further study and/or employment.

I would like to thank all of the very generous employers in our community who give our girls this invaluable opportunity. Some of these businesses are kind enough to have a Timaru Girls' High student every year. Fusion Restaurant, Margaret Wilson Home, The Croft, Timaru Signs & Graphics, Ballantynes & Co, The Farmers, Pampered to Perfection, Glamorous Nails and Spa, Goldfingers Hair and Day Spa, United Travel, Little Wonders, Kowhai Kindergarten.

Rugby: The rugby season finished their Wednesday afternoon competition, with the team taking fourth spot in the local Aoraki competition. This year we welcomed 10 new players to the team and a new coach Antony Ettie.

The team showed great improvement over the season with notable wins over Geraldine High School and Roncalli College. We had five girls selected to trial for the Hanan Shield representative team - Brooke Howey-Beattie, Jessica Kaihe, Amelia Manson, Courtney McKenzie and Alana Sewell. We wish them all the best.

We lose several experienced Year 13s at the end of the year, however we have an enthusiastic group of girls coming through for the 2016 season.





Far back from left: Sophie Wills, Madison Arnold, Jenna-Rae McIntyre. Middle: Penni Naylor (Manager), Tara Melhopt, Sarah Taylor, Monique Peattie, Ash Mortimer, Tessa Wright, Sophie Flett, Abbey Williams, Kate Weith, BJ Mason (Coach). Front: Bruce Rayner (Coach), Millie Hulme, Katie Winter, Meg Simpson, Abby Lennon

Tournament Week – Hockey - Audrey Timlin Trophy

Secondary Schools' tournament week saw Timaru Girls' High School hockey head to Invercargill to compete in the Audrey Timlin Memorial Trophy.

After coming off one of the most successful seasons in years in the local competition, finishing 3rd in the combined Mid/South Canterbury Senior Women's Grade, Timaru Girls' went to Invercargill with renewed confidence.

On day one Timaru Girls' swept aside Cashmere High and Avonside Girls' from Christchurch in pool play before coming up against one of the local teams Gore High School going down 3-1. The loss from that game put pressure on TGHS and needed to beat local favourites Southland Girls' High School that night to make it through to the semi-finals, the girls came out firing to take the game 4-2 to move through to the semi-finals.

Semi-final day the TGHS girls came out firing against St Mary's College from Auckland and put three unanswered goals in the back of the

net before half time and finished off the game with their fourth unanswered goal to march in to the final against Queen Margaret College from Wellington.

The final saw the worst conditions of the week with rain, hail and sleet covering the turf with play suspended for 10 minutes due to the intense hail. Although the girls succumbed in the final 3-1 they gave it their all in trying conditions which at times were unplayable.

The top two teams from Audrey Timlin earn a place in the top tournament in 2016 against the top 32 teams from throughout New Zealand.

The 2015 TGHS Hockey team would like to pay a special mention to our coaches Bruce Rayner and BJ Mason for everything they have done for us throughout the year and our manager Penni Naylor for her tireless work. To our helpers Tory Simpson and Malfy for all your hard work at tournament we thank you.

PTA FIREWOOD RAFFLE

Five prizes of a trailer load of firewood suitable for next year.

Tickets available at the school office or telephone 021 172 6168.

\$2 per ticket.

Netball: 2015 has been an exciting and challenging netball season with some mixed results. With a fairly new team line up at the beginning of the season, it took a few weeks to find that team bond throughout the court. With hard-work and team-bonding, the team began to find their way and became a sharp, energetic, well performed team that was amazing to watch. Our first round in the South Canterbury Premier Plate Competition wasn't our best as we worked to find our way as a team. The second and third round proved to be ours and we managed to finish 2nd in the second round and made it to the semi-finals in the third round. Our next goal was to make top eight in the South Island Secondary Schools' Tournament.



Back from left: Jess Crosbie, Katelyn Millar, Abi Austin, Ola Latu, Lucy Stephens, Ella Borlase, Erica Phillips, Sunny Hurtig. Front: Caitlin Hamilton, Amelia Manson, Erin Williams (coach), Cheynese King

Coming into the tournament we were positive and ready for the challenge. We won our first three games which placed us in the top 16.

Unfortunately with two losses after this by no more than four goals we were then in a position to play off between 9th – 12th. With the girls working hard all week it took a toll on their bodies and it was a struggle to perform. They fought back in their last game to win and were placed 11th. Overall the girls should be very proud of their season. With many girls being put into new positions and having to find their way as a new team, the results they came out with this season were a tribute to their dedication and willingness to learn.

A selection of bags made by Year 10 students in Materials Technology.



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Year 10 Graphics

These are an example of the room models Year 10 Graphics have planned and constructed this term. All these room designs are 1:20 scale.

