

Timaru Girls' High School

Newsletter – September 2018



1st XI Hockey Team
at Tournament

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From the principal...

In most newsletters, I thank those in the community who have done so much to support our students in the various activities outside of the classroom. In this newsletter it will be no different! Thank you to the many of you who took personal leave and had time away from home to accompany the girls at Winter Tournament week. I know that our girls really appreciate the opportunity to compete at the highest level. I was 'super proud' of all the games I was able to attend. Our school held its own against some of the toughest competitions at secondary school level, all with our home grown talent. Thank you to everyone involved.

This term will conclude with two events celebrating the school with Aitken and Waters Day and the annual House Choir competition. The House Choir evening is a night of celebration of house spirit, led by our student leaders and showcasing the amazing talent in our school. Please come if you are able. It is a night not to be missed.

I would in closing, like to pass on our condolences to the family of Jenny Young (nee Richmond) who recently passed away unexpectedly. Jenny attended Timaru Girls' from 1955 to 1958. She was an active member of the Home Branch of the TGHS Old Girls'. We will miss her.

Nga Mihi

Sarah Davis

Upcoming dates of importance...

TERM DATES

Term 3 23 July to 28 September
Term 4 15 October to 12 December

21 Sept Distinction Assembly
27 Sept House Choirs
28 Sept Last Day of Term 3
15 Oct First Day of Term 4
22 Oct Labour Day
31 Oct Senior Prizegiving

Administration Emails

Student Office: (Absences/student enquires)
info@timarugirls.school.nz
Sports Coordinator: sport@timarugirls.school.nz
Enrolments: principal@timarugirls.school.nz

School Accounts

Our school account for online banking is:
01 0886 0021379 047
Please check that ALL payments are referenced correctly with your student's surname, christian name and purpose of payment.

Important

If students are leaving the school grounds during the school day they MUST SIGN OUT at the student office. When they return they MUST then SIGN IN. If coming into school later than 8.40 am they MUST SIGN IN at the school office.

Y10 Camp Hanmer Springs

When: 6 - 9 November
Cost: \$220/student
Activities: Tramping/Mountain Biking/Rock Climbing/Orienteering/Hot Pools/Group Challenges

Permission slips are out now and are due in at the end of term 3. Payment is due on 5 November. Please let us know if anyone needs assistance with payment. Thank you to the parents who have already completed and returned the permission slips to the office.

Any questions email:
smcmurray@timarugirls.school.nz

From the Acting Guidance Counsellor

"Being the best that we can be" can be a challenge and a high expectation of not being able to live up to what we want to be or how others see us. Questions of whether we live up to expectations, being able to "do it all", or even the question of "am I able to do my best". When we come to a time of exams, assessments, personal expectations and ideals of where we want to go in life, strain and confusion can be created.

Exploring how quotes affect each one of us can be illuminating and maybe come with regrets. It can cause confusion, fear and anguish. These emotions lasting for a long time can impact how life is lived and over a length of time can result in worry and anxiety in almost every part of life. I advocate "talking it out", taking time, sitting down and just expressing all that the quote involves with a safe person who will keep it confidential and is able to support you. If it is hard to find places to talk. There are alternatives such as freephone/text Counselling service of 1737, lifeline, mental health team or your local GP. Oprah Winfrey is quoted as saying "Think like a queen. A queen is not afraid to fail. Failure is another stepping stone to greatness."

Student Representative on the BOT

The following nominations have been received for the position of Student Representative on the Board of Trustees:

JACKSON: Karlana
MULDER: Mercedes

McFARLANE: Ella
NCUBE: Shammah

Voting Day is Friday 21 September 2018 with voting closing at 12 noon. The results of the poll will be declared on Friday 28 September 2018.

Janine Quigley
Returning Officer

Young Farmers'

On Tuesday 4 September, the TGHS Young Farmers had a guest speaker from Ballance Agri-Nutrients. Gretchen Bleeker spoke to the girls about what she does for a job, her path to being a fertiliser rep, and her studies at Lincoln University.

The girls also visited the Silver Fern Farms meat-works in Pareora on Monday 10 September. This was an incredibly interesting, informative and eyeopening experience for all. They were also able to wear their new hoodies which have been generously sponsored by a number of South Canterbury businesses.

They will be attending the Aorangi Teen Ag awards on Thursday 20 September.



SPORTS NEWS

Badminton

TGHS has had another excellent season this year winning ALL of the grades in the South Canterbury Secondary Schools' Badminton competition.

TGHS had four teams taking part in the junior's competition with TGH Jnr Pink winning the Junior Girls A Grade. The Junior Girls B Grade was won by our Junior Red team.

In the Senior Girls' competition the following teams topped their grade:

- A Grade: TGHS Senior Blue
- B1 Grade: TGH Senior Pink
- B2 Grade: TGHS Senior Yellow
- B3 Grade: TGHS Purple

Junior Girls Singles: Winner: Rebecca Squire; Runner Up: Megan Rawlins

Junior Doubles: Winner: Stacey Ramsay and Megan Rawlins; Runners Up: Chloe Harper and Rebecca Squire

Senior Girls Singles: Winner: Olivia Seyb; Runner Up: Kristie Goodsir

Senior Girls Doubles: Winner: Olivia Seyb and Shaylin Craig; Runners Up: Rikako Morimoto and Beam Manukul

Congratulations to all the girls on yet another great season and a big thank you to Ms Robinson and Mrs Lissington for being available to supervise on Thursday nights.



Basketball

The 'Junior Girls Basketball' team competed in the 'South Island Secondary Schools Junior Basketball' tournament held here in Timaru last week. The girls were placed in the top grade and they displayed both determination and pride in what was a very tough pool. The team then came up against the finalists of the tournament in the pool crossovers. This meant they then played Cashmere High School in their final match and came away with a convincing win to finish on a high.

The team represented the school well and never gave up right until the end whistle. A special mention must go to Laura and Olivia Seyb who have devoted many hours to coaching multiple junior teams during their time here at Timaru Girls'. Thanks very much, Laura and Olivia.

Thanks also to Lyn Braid who devoted her time to manage this team.



Junior Girls' Basketball Team

Senior A Basketball Team

The TGHS Senior A Basketball team went away to the South Island Tournament in Invercargill. They did incredibly well in what was a very tough pool with Rangiora, Christchurch Girls' and Kaiapoi. Some fantastic wins placed us 10th overall which is a great result. Huge congratulations to all the players who represented Timaru Girls' so well both on and off the court and also to Sean Fuller (coach), Lyn Braid (manager), Shelley Hawkins and other parents, caregivers and staff who came to support!

Netball

On 2 September, the Senior A Netball team headed down to Dunedin for the annual South Island Secondary Schools' Tournament. Our first day of netball was extremely successful as we won our first two games against Papanui High School 33-12 and Fiordland College 42-27 putting us into the top 16. The next day we played Nayland College, which was a team that also won their first two games. We convincingly won 31-26 putting us at the top of our pool. We then went on to win our next two games against Motueka High School and Middleton Grange School, which secured our place in the top 8. Our next game was tough against Menzies College in which we lost 27-23. This meant that we didn't make the semi's. Menzies College went on to win the B grade final. However, a hard fought game against Darfield allowed us to finish off with an overall place of 6th in B Grade.

The tournament was a good finish to a relatively successful season. We had a tough beginning to the season against top teams in the Premier grade. However after a move down to Premier Plate, we were soon on a winning streak and eventually made it to the finals. Unfortunately, a tough game against Geraldine High Senior A resulted in us gaining second place in Premier Plate for the season.

Big thanks to Cindy (coach), Sarah (manager), Mrs Hough (teacher in charge of netball) and all parent help and supporters for making it a great, successful season.

By Jade Horton

All of our TGHS Netball teams have had a successful season this year. It was great to see so many of the girls getting involved in both the Wednesday and Saturday competitions. We had 12 teams competing this year, with two teams inside on a Wednesday night.

Congratulations to the A and 10A teams who both made semi-finals. Unfortunately, they both came off second best but still a great season overall.

Well done to Jess Milne who received the Most Valuable Player Cup in the Netball South Canterbury U17 representative team, and Isobel McKnight who received the Most Valuable Secondary School Umpire Cup at the Netball South Canterbury Prizegiving.

Special congratulations go to Jess Milne and Amber Kennedy who were both named in the Talented Players Team at the recent Senior South Island Secondary Schools' Tournament. This is a great accomplishment for these girls.

Congratulations to the following recipients of special awards at our recent TGHS Netball Prizegiving:

TGHS Shield for the Team with the Best Points Differential over the whole season – Junior team

Fletcher Cup for High Achievement and Dedication to Umpiring – Isobel McKnight

Vicki & Steve McKnight Cup for the Most Valuable Junior Umpire – Ruby Hull

McKnight Cup for the Most Valuable Defensive Player in the A team – Jess Milne

Wilson Sisters' Cup for the Most Promising Senior Player – Jess Milne

TGHS Trophy for Dedication and Commitment to the Club – Jade Horton

Thank you to all the coaches, managers and umpires who have given up their time this year to ensure the girls enjoyed another fun season of netball. It wouldn't be possible without you all volunteering your time.



Hockey

The TGHS 1st XI hockey team travelled to Whangarei to compete at the Federation Cup/Marie Fry tournament which sees the top 32 schools from around NZ battle it out over the week. Post pool play the tournament gets split into top 16 (Federation Cup) and bottom 16 (Marie Fry Trophy). TGHS had a tough pool coming up against Auckland Dio and Villa Maria who both finished in top five before facing Tauranga Girls who we went down to 1-3. Post pool play we were placed in the bottom 16 competing for the Marie Fry Trophy. The girls faced Sacred Heart Girls' College from Hamilton going down 2-3 which saw them in the 8-16 play offs. From here we played Sacred Heart Girls' College from New Plymouth beating them in a penalty shoot out. This put the girls in the 9-12 play off where we faced Otumoetai College where we once again went down by 1 goal losing 3-4. On the final day the girls played off for 11/12th place in the Marie Fry Trophy narrowly losing to Havelock North High School 0-1 to finish in 12th place.

The girls can be commended for their on and off field performances over the week and showed true grit and determination up against some of the hockey power house schools in New Zealand.

In four games, there was only one goal in it and on any other given day the results could have gone our way. Big thanks to Tim, Penni, Tori and Malfy for their efforts over the week. The girls learnt alot and will be better off for the experience. Special mention to Emily Bell, Ash Mortimer and Sophie Wills, our year 13s who played their last game for TGHS at tournament. These girls have been exceptional members of the team who have worn the TGHS shirt with pride and given it everything on the turf. We will miss you, and wish you all the best for your futures.

You have left TGHS hockey in a better place.



Social Studies Current Events Quiz

It was Friday 2 August when 9Lt5 won the [TGHS Year 9 Social Studies Current Events Quiz](#). Here is an account of winning the quiz from the point of view of the winning team members.

Talai was very nervous and when the teachers were calling out the winners, she thought they had done quite well and maybe would be 3rd, but once she heard 3rd was 9LT 1 and 2nd was 9LT 2 she thought they would not have won. But then their team was called out as 1st and Talia was very shocked and could not believe it.

Alexis was also very nervous and excited all at the same time. When she was doing the quiz she was just having some fun and trying her best with her team. When the teachers were calling out 3rd and 2nd she thought there was no way her team would come 1st, but it did and they got a great reward of three chocolates each.

Lucy said when her team was announced first, she didn't believe it. The teachers were announcing the top 3 teams, and after they had said 3rd and 2nd place, she thought they couldn't possibly win. Then they read out first place as 9LT 5, and she forgot that that was their team for a split second, then she remembered and went up the front and received her prize and walked back proudly to her seat.

The Year 10 Social Studies quiz was a blast. We all really enjoyed ourselves, even with some hard tasks. Our quiz consisted of different topics, such as New Zealand and international news, people in the news and flag naming. The top three teams were really close; only separated by one point. In the end 10 MK 2 got third with 79 points, 10 NO 2 got second with 80 points, and 10 TL 10 took out first place with 81 points.

On behalf of the Year 10's we would like to thank the Year 12's for taking time to mark the quiz, and Mr Dawson and Ms Robinson for putting the whole thing together, and for supplying the chocolate during the quiz, of course. The chocolate was amazing.

Written by Hannah Secoy, Arianna George and April Omelvena, part of the winning team 10 TL10.



TIMARU GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

presents the annual

HOUSE CHOIRS FESTIVAL

NORA DICKIE HALL

THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER AT 7pm

GOLD COIN ENTRY



Let us help raise funds for Timaru Girls' High School

This spring, PGG Wrightson and Ballance Agri-Nutrients will again run Cash for Communities. For farmers who nominate your school, we will donate \$1 per tonne of qualifying Ballance fertiliser purchased.

Plus, give your school the chance to win iPads.

The school with the highest amount of nominations in both the North and South Island through the Cash for Communities 2018 programme will receive three Apple iPad Pros each. The school with the second highest amount of nominations in both the North and South Island will receive two Apple iPad Pros each.

Over the next few weeks, we will be encouraging our customers to get involved in this year's Cash for Communities and we suggest you do too.

We have included a poster and flyer to help you get started raising awareness of this promotion at your school to encourage nominations towards your school. A range of other resources including posters and advertisements for your newsletter or website are available at www.cashforcommunities.co.nz as well.

If you have any questions, please contact us at cashforcommunities@pggwrightson.co.nz or phone 03 372 0965.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Weightman
National Sales Manager
PGG Wrightson Limited



\$1 for every tonne of Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser purchased (excluding Lime and Gypsum) will be donated. Open to PGG Wrightson account holders only. Once a \$25 donation total is reached for Timaru Girls' High School, you'll be guaranteed to receive a cheque for the funds nominated at the conclusion of the campaign. Apple iPad Pro 10.5inch, 64GB models will be given away. For eligible products and full terms and conditions see www.cashforcommunities.co.nz.

Gateway 2018

Timaru Girls' High School has another excellent class of students out in our community having "A Real Life" insight into the various careers they aspire to when they leave school.

Gateway is an excellent forum for the students to gain an overview of all different types of industries/ careers within our community, whilst achieving credits towards NCEA with a combined school and workplace learning plan. Gateway is a fantastic opportunity for our senior students to gain the skills and attributes that businesses or other learning institutions seek when they are recruiting staff or new enrolments. Many local businesses have employed Gateway students into permanent roles based on how greatly they are impressed by the student when on Gateway placement. At times the students discover after they have experienced the "real life" workplace, that that particular career is not for them. This is also a positive outcome as they have the opportunity to change direction.

This year we have 20 students in our Gateway class. They are interested in a broad range of careers, e.g., Tourism, Agriculture, Early Childhood and Primary School teaching, Animal Care, Hospitality and Accounting.

A huge 'Thank You' to all of the amazing employers in our community who make the Gateway experience possible for our girls. Your continued support is truly appreciated.

Helloworld, Parkside Playcentre, Margaret Wilson Home, PGG Wrightsons, Riding for the Disabled, Timaru Information Centre, The Warehouse, Little Wonders, Tania Kemp, Stu and Andrea Weir, Averil Grant, Sacred Heart Primary School, Timaru South School, Highfield Primary School, United Travel, Creative Corner, Te Koura, For Pets Sake, Peter Walsh & Associates.

Renee Pateman is interested in pursuing a career in Tourism. She was given the opportunity to achieve an insight into the Tourism industry at the Timaru Info Centre:

Introducing: Kate Patterson who has a strong interest in Agriculture. She spent time in the retail shop at PGG Wrightsons, and also out in the field with various agents involved in the Agriculture industry:



Kate Patterson

CHOGM Update

National Student CHOGM: Towards a Common Future, 3 – 4 September 2018. 'The path to leadership is service,' Mr. Guled Mire, keynote speaker, National Student CHOGM. The above quotation by Mr Mire, a Somali New Zealander and former refugee, is the echoing ideal for this event: service. A concept shared by The Right Honourable Sir Anand Satyanand, our former Governor-General and the sponsor of the Commonwealth Youth organisation who made this event possible. Two of TGHS Year 13 students, Georgia Hawthorne and Hannah Gee, participated in this student version of CHOGM as the nation state of India. Service and consensus were two main themes for the event.

CHOGM, as it is informally known as, is a once a year event where New Zealand Secondary schools send student delegations to debate, discuss and learn about authentic issues facing the Commonwealth of nations.

As well as TGHS there were schools from all around our nation, north and south. Students at CHOGM were lectured, tutored and given interactive time with some of New Zealand's best and brightest. Such as – and certainly not limited to - Lieutenant Colonel Martin Dransfield, ONZM (crisis session about security), The Honourable Chris Bishop (our host in Parliament for the event), Mr Aaron Hape, of CYNZ and MBIE. Other speakers were experts in human rights, research and technology, climate change plus a host of other areas. It was a veritable cornucopia of talent!

Hannah and Georgia were directly involved in developing policymaking, research and consensus building with these experts over the two days of the conference. Students drafted, debated and implemented resolutions based on their research, the experts and what the scenarios asked them to consider. It was fascinating for all involved.

My thanks to Mrs Shankar-Kay for her vast help; Ms Quigley for her organisational support; Mrs Davis for her leadership in this cause and all the students and staff who bought a sausage or cake at our fundraising events. My thanks to the TGHS student school council for donating half the mufti money earlier this term to our cause, especially at late notice: thank you for your flexibility (and to Mrs Nimmo for helping in this). To the Royal Commonwealth Society and the TGHS Old Girls' Association for their belief in promoting leadership in our young women; as well as to our private sponsor, thank you. Finally, thank you to Hannah and Georgia for your mana, dignity and perseverance. Kia kaha.

'It is human networks that define the commonwealth,' Sir Anand Satyanand

Mr Richard Browne, TGHS English Department



"Kaea Tuakana" Award

Eve Reihana won the "Kaea Tuakana" Award for the strongest Lead Female in the FLAVA Competition this year. The Kaea Tuakana has the job off leading by example with her peers on stage and lifting her peers to perform to the highest level that they can. We are so proud of Eve for getting this award. Tauke Eve!!



Senior A Netball enroute to
Tournament Week



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