



Timaru Girls' High School

Scientia potestas est; knowledge is power

June 2016



TGHS BALL 2016

from the Principal

Last Saturday night was a fabulous occasion at our Annual School Ball. The behaviour of our girls was exemplary, thank you all who attended for making this event very much the highlight of our schools' social calendar!

At this part of the term, it is timely to reflect on how our academic progress is tracking. There was a huge turnout of whanau and families at our Senior Conferencing day on 2 June. I know that these discussions were important in planning the remaining part of the year. Early next term, there will be a time for external examination practice. This is another opportunity to gain confidence in reaching the academic goals that have been set for the year.

Junior reports are currently being written. I encourage all families to attend the junior report night on 30 June. At this night all junior subject teachers will be available. Please book online to secure your times.

In Term 3 I will be on sabbatical. During this time I will be visiting a number of schools, looking in particular at their approach to vocational pathways throughout the school. I'm looking forward to bringing back some ideas for us to consider at Timaru Girls'.

After my school visits I will be departing for Nepal to spend time with Chris Jensen-Burke, travelling to the various projects we are supporting her with, and then will travel onto Thailand, where I'll be meeting with our International Students' families as well as visiting agents. My family will join me for some holiday time together before we head back to South Canterbury for Term 4.

In my absence Ms Deb Hales will be Acting Principal, and along with Ms Erica Bailey, Mrs Jo Dockrill will be Acting Deputy Principal.

Best wishes for the last part of Term 3. I look forward to seeing you all back in Term 4

Kind Regards
Sarah Davis

NZQA

NZQA fees of \$76.70 are payable by the end of August to avoid a penalty.

If you are entitled to financial assistance, please either download a form from the NZQA website, or ask at the Student Office for a copy. Please complete and return this form also by the end of August.

SPORTS FEES

Winter sport's fees are now well overdue. If you have overlooked payment of these please pay at the school office as soon as possible.

PERFORMING ARTS

- **Chorale:** The Chorale has 22 members this year and they performed at the Distinction Assembly at the end of Term 1. They will be singing at the Citizenship Ceremony at the Timaru District Council in June.
- **Chamber Music:** Five girls are competing in various groups on 13 June at TBHS. Good luck to Yi Ran, Grace, Sam, Jessie and Hannah.
This year they were given some expert coaching by Christchurch Musicians.
- **Stage Challenge:** 72 girls travelled to Christchurch to compete in this event on 17 May. They performed with distinction and gained excellence awards in both Drama and Costume. The student leadership team of Abigail Austin, Olivia Scott and Saray Seden created a polished performance of their chosen theme; "A Tune of My Own". They performed for the school community on a Thursday lunchtime.
- **Itinerant Music:** If you have a TGHS instrument, the hire fee of \$100 is now due.

TE REO MAORI NEWS

'Ko te matahi o te tau, he kohinga whetū i te rangi, e tohu ana i te tau hou Māori'

These kupu are some of the lyrics of a beautiful waiata 'Matariki' nā Rahera Davies. Our kapahaka group sang it last year at the Te Ana Matariki celebrations. MATARIKI IS A CELEBRATION OF CULTURE, LANGUAGE, SPIRIT AND PEOPLE.

The Matariki cluster can be seen from all parts of the world, and is most commonly known as Pleiades. Other names it is known by include Subaru, the Seven Sisters and Messier 45. Māori Iwi have their own names for the seven Matariki stars, and the most common are: matariki stars Waiti, Waitā, Waipuna-ā-rangi, Tupu-ā-nuku, Tupu-ā-rangi, Ururangi.

On Sunday 5 June to Monday 6 June, our senior Te Reo Māori class visited Tekapō to ring in the Māori new year known as Matariki. Monday morning heralded the rising of the star cluster and we wrapped up warm and headed outside prior to sunrise. Thankfully the sky was beautiful and clear. A huge thank you to Andrea Wotton for organising our wonderful, cosy accommodation. We also enjoyed star-gazing from the warmth of the hot pools on Sunday evening and sampled the wonderful international cuisine that Tekapō provided.



Above: In the hot pools at Tekapo

Matua Tom O'Connor (aka Mrs O'Connor's hubby) visited our senior Te Reo class to share his journey learning Te Reo as a young lad growing up in Kawhia. He also shared with us that being a speaker of Te Reo Maori opened many doors for him as a journalist. Tau kē Matua.



Pictured below are Saki and Sora with Kaitlyn Collins preparing for our Te Reo Māori class karakia and waiata. (Opening words and song).

Kia ora koutou
Ko Fuji te maunga
Ko Hapani te moana
Ko Ngāti Hapanihi te iwi
Ko Sora rāua Ko Saki a māua ingoa
Nō reira tēnā koutou katoa



CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS POLICY

Policy statement

Timaru Girls' High School respects any concerns that may be raised by parents or caregivers, staff, students and community members. The School believes in high standards and is keen to listen to and learn from any valid concerns raised about the School. To ensure that all concerns are dealt with effectively and fairly the standard process outlined should be adhered to.

Procedures

Making a complaint

The Board expects the following steps to be taken by a complainant:

1. Contact the person whom the concern is related.
2. If unresolved, contact the Dean of the appropriate Form.
3. If still unresolved, contact the Principal.
4. If there is no satisfaction from the previous steps, make a complaint in writing to the Board of Trustees. Any complaint in writing must be received before the [day of the week] preceding the monthly Board meeting or it will be held over to the next Board meeting. Any letter of concern will be tabled at the full Board meeting unless natural justice prevents this.

There may be occasions when the steps under procedure 1 (as above) are inappropriate to follow. In these cases it is expected the complainant will contact the Principal or Board in writing.

If the complaint is in respect of the Principal and is unsatisfactorily resolved after contact, then it can be addressed in writing to the Board.

Written complaints received by the Board of Trustees

On receiving a written complaint, the Board will decide on what further action is required on a case-by-case basis. Before the Board decides to deal with a complaint it must check that the procedures outlined above have been followed. If not, it will normally return any letter of complaint to the writer and ask that they follow these first.

All letters addressed to the Chairperson of the Board are for the whole Board. The Chair cannot act independently as to what action will be taken.

1. The Chair acknowledges letter of complaint within a fortnight of receipt and the complainant is advised of the next steps in the Board process. The latter becomes part of the correspondence that will be dealt with at the next Board meeting while the public is excluded.
2. (At 'public excluded' meetings) Letter of complainant is tabled at the Board meeting and referred to relevant parties for reporting back to the Board. The Board decides whether to deal

with the matter as a whole or appoint a committee to investigate and make recommendations to the Board.

3. (At 'public excluded' meetings) At the meeting of the Board/committee, the reports are received and the parties may be invited to speak to their complaint or answer questions. The Board/committee considers the evidence and/or information and comes to a decision or recommendation.
4. (At 'public excluded' meetings) Depending on the delegated powers of the committee, either they or the Board as a whole come to a resolution as to how the Board will respond and/or what action will be taken.
5. The Board's response is communicated to the parties to the complaint in writing.
6. Any of the parties may request the Board to reconsider their decision. However, normally for such a reconsideration to take place, new information that would have been relevant to the Board's deliberations must be produced.

Guidelines

1. The person about whom a complaint is made will be informed as soon as practicable and given reasonable time to respond.
2. Requests for confidentiality as to identity of complainant will be respected unless natural justice demands otherwise.
3. Issues of a serious matter, e.g. allegations of physical abuse, may require a special meeting of the Board to be called.
4. Resolution or dismissal of the complaint must not be discussed before all the information is to hand.
5. Conflict of interest will be determined on a number of issues, including whether the complaint involves the actions of any Trustee.
6. The Board must exercise caution when dealing with complaints regarding staff, particularly in relation to confidentiality and processes to ensure the principles of natural justice are met. It is advisable to seek external personnel/industrial advice in such cases. The Board will need to consider the relevant staff disciplinary policies, employment contracts and expert advice.
7. The Board recognises that not all complainants will be satisfied with the outcome of a complaint. Once reconsidered, if the Board is confident of its decision, it will refuse to enter into any further discussion/correspondence.
8. A complaint regarding lack of compliance in relation to an agreed complaint resolution will be treated as a serious matter and actioned with urgency as a new complaint rather than a reconsideration of the previous issue.

CAREERS UPDATE JUNE

Information Days: Many of the universities and polytechnics are holding information days in the near future which will give students valuable information to make their choice for tertiary study.

- **Ara Institute of Canterbury** (CPIT/Aoraki) open day is on Thursday 16 June between 2pm and 5pm at our City Campus, Madras Street, Christchurch. Check their website www.ara.ac.nz or phone 0800-24-24-76 for more details.
- **Canterbury University:** Thursday 14 July from 9am to 5pm. You will need to register interest on the UC open day website.
- **New Zealand Tertiary College:** Date - 8 June & 21 September, 3:30 – 6pm at 114 Sawyers Arm Road Christchurch. www.nztertiarycollege.ac.nz/ to register.
- **Victoria University** are holding an Information Evening on 26 August in Wellington and an evening session on Thursday 16 June at Chateau on the Park, Christchurch.
- **Lincoln University:** Open Day is Friday 15 July. www.lincoln.ac.nz/openday for more information
- **Massey University:** Open Days as follows: Manawatu on 3 August, Auckland on Saturday 20 August and in Wellington on Friday 26 August. Register at masseyopendays.ac.nz.
- **Otago University:** Held in May but visit by appointment.
- **Otago Polytechnic:** Held in May but visit by appointment.

Year 9 - 12 Career plans: At the beginning of next Term, I intend to get all Year 9 to 12 students to complete their annual career plan. They will be completing the career quiz and investigating career options so it would be very helpful if students could begin thinking about possible career pathways to investigate. www.careers.govt.nz has excellent information on over 600 careers.

Course Selection Night: On **Thursday 8 September** we will be holding a course selection night from 5pm - 7pm. Most of the South Island universities and polytechnics will be in attendance, plus Queenstown Resort College, PIHMS, BCITO and our Department Heads. This is an amazing opportunity to discuss, with the experts, the best choice for your daughter. The main reason for this event is to ensure students are taking the correct subjects for their intended career and also so they can compare their intended place of study with

other similar institutes. While this event is held for Year 9 – 12 any Year 13 students who are unsure of their pathway could also attend if they wish.

Scholarships: We encourage students to apply for financial scholarships to aid with the cost of study. Scholarships are awarded under different criteria and are not always for academic excellence. Many are never awarded because no one has applied for them. Our advice is to apply for as many as applicable, which will allow you at least the opportunity of gaining a financial reward. All scholarships (apart from the university scholarships) will be advertised in the notices and students need to come to the careers office to get the relevant information.

University scholarships are listed on the various university websites. There is a copy of scholarships offered from Otago, Canterbury and Lincoln on the careers board in the common room and additional copies in the Technology block.

If a school reference is required the person who is required to write it needs to know three to four weeks in advance please. Kerin Crozier works with me and has excellent knowledge of scholarships so talk to her if I am not available.

Scholarships available to date:

- **Russell McVeagh Law Scholarship** applications are now available online at www.summerclerk.co.nz
- **Hubbard and Churcher Scholarship Trust Fund** for the financially or socially disadvantaged. Please see Mrs Crossan.

Curriculum Vitae: It is also time for all Year 13 students especially, to begin thinking about writing or updating their CV. I have put templates on the student drive in a folder called CV Templates for students to use as a base. "CV support material" is also in this folder and will give you information to use in our CV. This folder also contains excellent information on writing a cover letter and interview techniques.

Many students are asking for part-time or full-time work, so I would appreciate a call if any positions become available. Phone, Lyn Crossan 688-1122 ext 238 or email lcrossan@timarugirls.school.nz

Lyn Crossan
Careers Advisor

INCUBATOR PROGRAMME

The Incubator Programme is proving extremely popular this year with 38 students from Years 12 and 13 attending the mentoring sessions.

On 12 May, Phil Winter, who is an audiologist at the hospital and Sarah Patrick a nurse practitioner spoke of their training and experiences in their respective careers. Both were extremely informative and gave a real indication of their everyday working experiences.

The last incubator session was held Thursday 9 June. Christine Horne from St Johns and Dr Samuel Fussey a house officer from the SCDHB spoke. Christine allowed the students to investigate the workings of the ambulance and to use some of the equipment. The siren certainly attracted a lot of attention!! Samuel talked about the study required to complete a medical degree and the time and costs involved. He gave some very good advice on how to succeed at university.

We would really like to thank all the above presenters for giving up their valuable time to mentor our students. Your expertise and shared knowledge is very much appreciated by all. Thanks also to Dave Moore for organising this programme for us. He always puts a lot of time and effort in which enables the sessions to run smoothly and be of great value to our students. - Lyn Crossan



AVIATION COURSE

Timaru Girls' High have Simone Strauss doing a 10-week gateway programme through the South Canterbury Aero Club. This course will give Simone Level 2 and Level 3 credits and can lead onto PPL Private Plane Licence).

This is a great introduction into aviation and a future career path. For any students interested please contact Mr Andrew Gill at gillan@timaruboysschool.nz for further information regarding this course. The next course starts at the beginning of Term 3. We would love to see more girls involved in this course.



INTERNATIONAL HOMESTAY

The International Department are seeking caring homestay families to assist with the increased numbers of students.

Please contact Sarah Shaw 027 293 1636 Interim Homestay Coordinator for Timaru Girls' High School or email on her at homestay@timaruboysschool.nz

Thanking you in advance.

Pictured at left: Incubator Programme students get hands-on experience with St John's ambulance personnel.

South Canterbury Provincial



Extends an invitation to **ALL** Women to attend

THE 19th FAIRLIE SEMINAR 'Safe Relationships'

Keynote speaker:

LESLEY ELLIOTT

SUPPORTED BY

BILL O'BRIEN

SOPHIE ELLIOTT FOUNDATION

KERI BROWN

SCHOOL COMMUNITY OFFICER 'LOVES ME NOT' PROGRAMME,
NZ POLICE

Wednesday 29th JUNE 2016

Mackenzie Community Centre, Fairlie

10am – 3pm

Cost:

Rural Women New Zealand members \$10

Non members \$15

Admission includes morning tea (9.30 – 9.50am) and lunch

Registrations with cheque payable to SC Provincial RWNZ

By Wednesday 22nd June 2016

To: Edith Ward, 591 Pleasant Point Hwy, RD5, Timaru 7975

Phone: 03 6147592 or email: dcecward@xtra.co.nz

Internet Banking: 02-0888-0042501-00. Put name & 'seminar' as reference.

Please confirm banking by e-mail

Enquires to:

Margaret Chapman 03 693 9994; email: mgchapman@xtra.co.nz

or

Mary Ross 03 686 0087; e-mail: mossvale@xtra.co.nz

SPORTS NEWS

Waitaki Exchange: Timaru Girls' High School recently hosted Waitaki Girls' High School in the annual Winter Exchange.

There were some close games across all codes with Timaru Girls' recording wins in the Table Tennis, 2nd XI Hockey and the Senior and Junior Basketball teams with a well fought out draw between the Waitaki Girls' and Timaru Girls' 9A Netball teams. Waitaki Girls' took the spoils in the Football, Badminton and 10A and Senior B netball with the overall result being a draw between the two schools.

Special thanks to all of the officials, coaches, managers and our wonderful caterers; Amanda who prepared the lunches for the staff and supporters and Cate and her helpers for the afternoon tea supplied in the hall at the conclusion of the games.

Aoraki Cross Country: The Aoraki Cross Country was held recently at Mountainview High School. Timaru Girls' entered teams in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Races with our juniors coming third behind the strong running schools being Mount Hutt College and Ashburton College. The Intermediate girls also ran strongly with the TGHS team finishing in 2nd place. Special congratulations must go to

Tillie Hollyer who finished second individual in the Junior Girls' and Sophie Wills for her 5th place in the Intermediate grade. Great results from all of our girls and special thanks to Mountainview High School for hosting and all of the work they do to create such a great course.

Timaru Girls' High School Cross Country:

Top five places in each grade

Under 15

1 st	Tillie Hollyer
2	Georgia Prosser
3	Sophie Wills
4	Meg Simpson
5	Jess Davidson

Under 16

1 st	Emily Bell
2	Jade Horton
3	Samantha Sorenson
4	Lily-Rose Hanley
5	Marnie Edwards

Under 19

1 st	Maddison Gillespie
2	Sophie Hale
3	Lucy Stephens
4	Erin Chisnall
5	Shavaughn Bell



TGHS 'A' Netball played visiting Revelation Club from Auckland on Wednesday 8 June

GATEWAY 2016.

Once again the Timaru Girls' High School students enrolled in the Gateway programme for 2016 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 2016 are similar to last year, we have students involved in Early Childhood, Retail, Animal Care, Nursing, Maori Culture, Office Administration, Digital Design, Sport and Mental Health.

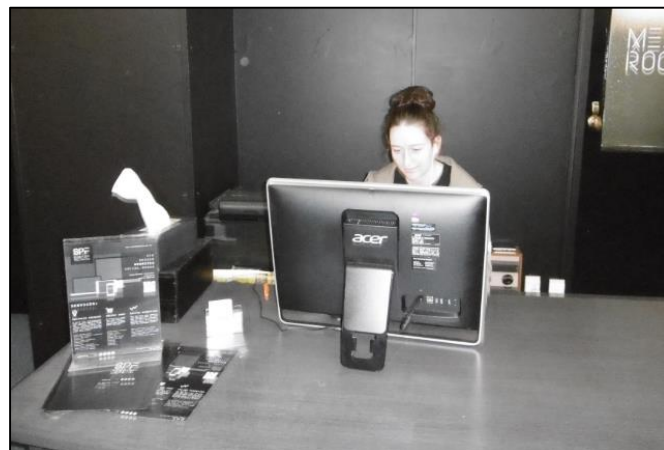
We are very fortunate to have accommodating and caring workplaces within our community that are happy to have our girls spend some time experiencing their chosen careers. We would like to thank Highfield Vets, SPF Multimedia, The Croft and Margaret Wilson Rest Homes, How's This For Pets, Posh Pets, Creative Corner Early Learning Centre, Sport South Canterbury, North Haven and Little Wonders. Thank you for taking our Gateway girls into your businesses it is very much appreciated.

Most of our Gateway students will finish at their community work placements at the end of Term 3; this will enable the girls to focus on their end of year exams.

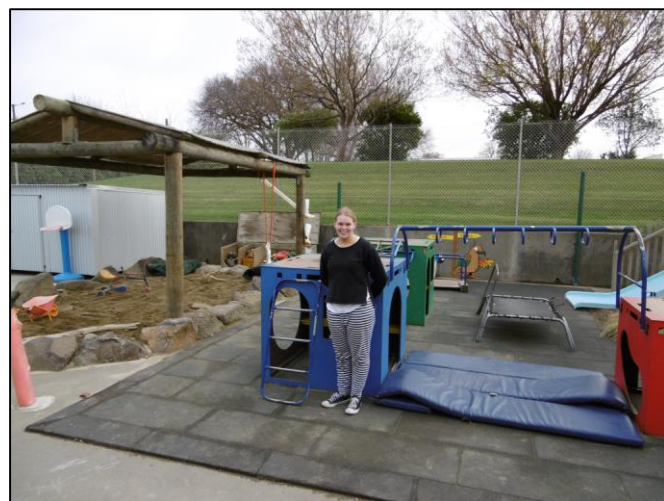
GATEWAY PROFILES

Grace Black - SPF Multimedia: Grace is interested in pursuing a career in Arts &

Design; she is attending SPF Multimedia for her Gateway placement. Thank you to Robyn and her team.



Vanessa Walker – Creative Corner Early Learning Centre: Vanessa intends to train as an Early Childhood teacher when she leaves school, she is enjoying interacting with the children and staff at Creative Corner Learning Centre. Thank you to Vicki and her Team.



Coming Events	
Thursday 23 June	Aoraki Football
Monday 27 June	Y9 2 nd semester begins
Wednesday 29 June	BOT Meeting
Thursday 30 June	Junior Report Evening
Thursday 30 June	Junior Basketball
Friday 1 July	Nga Manu Korero Speech Competition
Friday 8 July	Last day of Term 2
Monday 25 July	Term 3 begins
25-29 July	Kapahaka Nationals



Pictured top: Staff vs Pupils game of volleyball

Left: Meg Simpson (left) and Georgia Prosser battle it out at SC Cross Country at Mountainview High School

Above: 10TR learn skating from Head Girl, Analiese Le Roy



Pictured above from left: Saqara Gruenwald-O'Neill, Asharana Lang and Chelsea Williams compete at Special Olympics



Top right: Netball Exchange with Mangere Auckland

Right: Junior A Basketball win vs Craighead



Below: Year 12 Leadership class learn kick boxing.



