



Timaru Girls' High School

Scientia potestas est; knowledge is power

May 2016



Chris Jensen-Burke on the way to the Annapurna summit 8091m (world's 10th highest mountain) she achieved this 1 May 2016.

from the Principal

Welcome back to Term 2!

This term has already begun at a frenetic pace with lots of out of school hours consumed in preparation for the Stage Challenge (held in Christchurch 17 May) and also for the combined TBHS/TGHS production of Lion King Junior (held at the TBHS Hall 25 to 28 May)

I know for some of you that this involves an extra commitment to your day with the dropping off and picking up of students as they near the end of the preparation time for these productions. Thank you also to the staff involved with helping get the performances onto stage.

All of our winter codes are underway. I love seeing so many TGHS teams throwing themselves into their games. Thankfully everyone seems to be getting through the 'throws of battle' unscathed!

Congratulations to Simone Strauss who won the recent Zone 1 and 2 District 9980 Rotary Speech Competition. She travels to Invercargill on the weekend 14/15 May to compete in the finals at the District conference.

On the 18 May we will be holding our annual Open Day. We welcome all prospective girls and parents to our school. Tours start at 9am and 11am in the Nora Dickie Hall. All South Canterbury Year 8 students should have received information regarding this. If you know of any who don't and who wish to tour the school, please pass this invitation on to them.

Kind regards

Sarah Davis

TGHS OPEN DAY

**18 May 2016
Nora Dickie Hall**

**Tours at
9am and 11am**

All Welcome



Above: Thank you to Richard Moore at the ASB for the donation of the 24 umbrellas for the PE/ Health Department. With the refurbishment of the gymnasium underway, the umbrellas will assist in keeping the girls dry on wet days as they travel to Trinity Hall for their lessons.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

SENIOR ACADEMIC CONFERENCING:

On Thursday 2 June all Year 11-13 students and their parents are involved in academic counseling with their form teachers around their NCEA goals. Senior students and parents come for the appointment only that day.

Appointments, with the teacher you wish to see, are between 1:00pm - 6:30pm and made online at

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - see the instructions opposite on how to make these.

As a result of this junior students will not be required to attend school on this day as normal classes will not run.

A formal written report for Year 9 and 10 students will be sent to you in week 8 of this term and you are invited to attend a report evening with your daughter and her teachers on Thursday 30 June. More details on this evening and how to book your interviews will be included with the report.

WANTED

Host family for a French exchange student who is coming on the 20 July and will stay until 26 August 2016. A Year 12 student will look after her at school and in her free time but is not able to host her.

Contact Mrs Pavletich if you can help it would be much appreciated.

Email: apavletich@timarugirls.school.nz

2016 ONLINE INTERVIEW BOOKING FOR PARENTS

Interview bookings are open for Years 11-13 Academic Conferencing on **Thursday 2 June 2016** for students and parents between **1:00pm and 6:30pm**.

If your daughter is in Year 11-13 this system allows you to logon and make an interview booking with the teacher you wish to see, at a time that suits both you and the teacher. You will be sent an email to confirm your booking and your interview time will be added to the teachers' lists.

Bookings will close **3pm Wednesday 1 June 2016**.

There are three easy steps:



Logon



Enter details



Choose teachers



Choose times

The web address is:

<http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/home> and the **event code is q2nq8** - a link is also available from the school website <http://www.timarugirls.school.nz/> from the Useful Downloads section.

If you are unable to book online please ring the school office (03) 688-1122 and we can make the booking for your daughter and send the booking home with her.



Above: Bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifying tramp at Mt Somers 1-3 April: Jenna Willocks, Kelly Penty, Jaynie Garven, Zoe Borman, Grace Parkin, Sophie Wills, Ms Hales and Mr McKay.

COMING EVENTS

Friday 13 May	Y11 History Trip
Tuesday 17 May	Stage Challenge
Wednesday 18 May	OPEN DAY
Monday 23 May	Careers Expo
Wednesday 25 May	BOT Meeting
25-28 May	TBHS/TGHS Production 'Lion King'
Thursday 26 May	Waitaki Winter Exchange
Sunday 29 May	Junior Netball Tournament
Wednesday 1 June	Aoraki Cross Country
Thursday 2 June	Y11-13 Academic Conferencing – no junior school this day
Monday 6 June	Queen's Birthday
Tuesday 7 June	Mangere Netball Exchange
Saturday 11 June	TGHS Ball

TE REO MAORI

Ko Caitlin-Rose Hamilton ahau.

In the Term 1 holidays I went to Wairewa Marae in Little River, Canterbury. It was an awesome experience learning about myself and people before me, and their stories.

We learned two haka. One was to perform to our teachers. We made the ground shake and everyone got goose-bumps with the emotion and words of our haka.

We met a group of Inuit from Alaska who came to visit Wairewa Marae and we performed a welcome ceremony for them.



I loved how we were all one whanau and looked out for and helped each other. I hope that there will be other hui like this and that many others can experience this amazing world that I have just been a part of - it was so amazing it is indescribable.



Above: On 11-12 April our NCEA Te Reo Māori class stayed at te Aitarakihi Marae a iwi together with Mountainview NCEA students. It was an amazing time and we learnt a lot about each other and te Aitarakihi. We can't wait for our next noho.

NCEA tool for parents and students

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) has developed two apps, the NCEA Guide and the NCEA Student App, that can be downloaded for free from the Apple and Google Play stores. They are available in English or Te Reo Māori.

NCEA GUIDE APP

The 'NCEA Guide' App provides quick and easy access to key information about NCEA for parents.

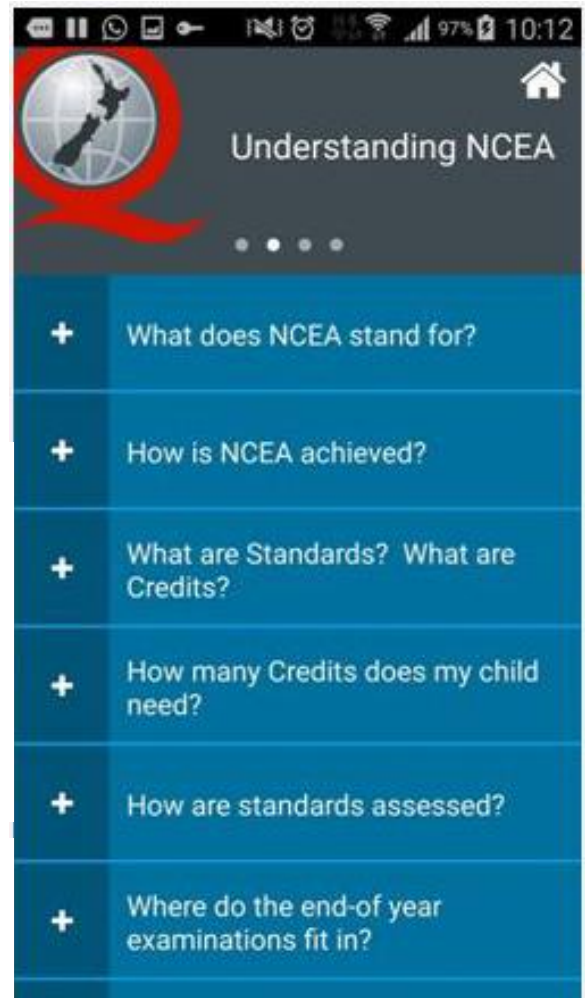
It makes practical information about NCEA easily accessible and helps parents understand how NCEA works and how they can support their child studying NCEA.

The information in the app is laid out in a simple way, under two headings – How NCEA works and How to help my child. You'll find answers to the following questions and much more:

- What does NCEA stand for?
- How is NCEA achieved?
- What are standards and credits?
- What are endorsements?
- Where does University Entrance fit in?
- How can I help my child choose the right subject?
- How can I help my child succeed in exams?
- What does NCEA cost?
- What key dates do I need to know?

There are also quick links to more information about topics, like University Entrance, and the study tips and tricks videos, on the NZQA website:

www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea



NCEA STUDENT APP

The NCEA Student App also helps parents to know what their child is studying and how they are progressing.

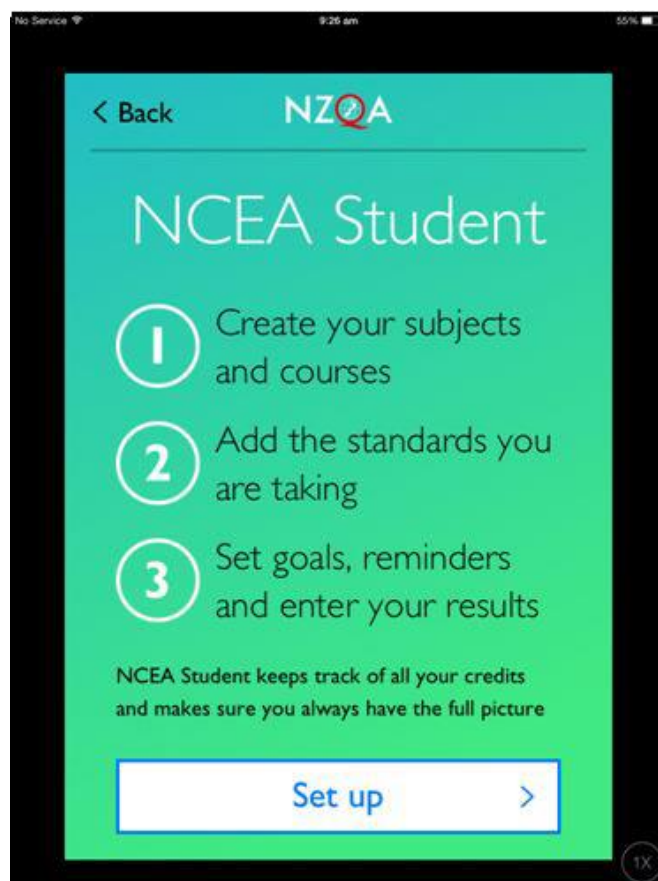
This app helps students set goals for further achievement and track their NCEA credit progress. It offers a standalone database with a powerful search engine which allows students to easily find NCEA courses and standards that they are doing, or would like to do.

Students and parents have been asking for information about NCEA and achievements to be accessible online, any time, and the App offers that on any mobile device.

It provides the ability to have specific discussions about:

- setting NCEA credit goals and targets
- progress towards NCEA Levels one, two and three, including Literacy, Numeracy and University Entrance
- setting reminders for when assignments are due
- recording results as they are achieved and cross checking them with the school or NZQA.

There are a range of apps available that offer information and advice about NCEA and tracking progress - NZQA encourages students to look at them with their families and choose the one that is best suited to their needs.



Understanding NCEA

Each Year 11 student will soon receive a booklet called “understanding NCEA” which is a brochure for students, parents and whanau. This will be issued by form teachers. If you would like a copy in one of the following languages please email Ms Bailey ebailey@timarugirls.school.nz: Understanding NCEA is available in Samoan, Cook Island Maori, Maori, Niuean, Tongan

THE HOUSE



Boarding has had a great start to the year. Although we only have two Year 13s, we have a big intake of 14 Year 9 girls making a total of 34 girls in the hostel this year, including casual boarders and girls who attend Roncalli College.

We welcome this year to the hostel, the new Residential Manager Mrs Mary Sands who joins us from Auckland. We are pleased to have Mrs Rasmussen, Mrs Carter, Mrs Donaghy with us as our hostel supervisors and welcome Mrs Barnett. We also have a new cook Lisa Kerris and new cleaner Mrs Lynn Cunningham.

This term we have a hostel outing planned on the 15 May to Tekapo Springs for the day. In a few weeks we have a Boys' High and Girls' High

hostel quiz night and dinner over at the Boys' High.

Great things are happening in the hostel, watch this space. – *Michaela Watt, Head Boarder 2016*



Above: Our girls rehearsing for the TBHS/TGHS combined production due to perform later this month – see back page

CAREERS UPDATE MAY

Careers Expo: The Careers Expo is being held at the Southern Trust Events Centre on Monday 23rd May. Attendance is compulsory for all Years 10, 11 and 12 however for Year 13 students it is optional. 74 Year 13 students have chosen to attend and the remaining 16 will be expected in class as usual. Year 12 and Year 13 students will travel to the Expo during periods 1 and 2 and Year 10 and 11 students during period 3 and 4. Students will be transported by buses to and from the venue. The Expo is open to the public on the Sunday if you should wish to attend. The Careers Expo is an excellent opportunity for you to talk with your daughters about their career pathway and to compare what is offered by the various tertiary institutes and employers. If you have any concerns or queries please contact me at school, phone 688-1122 ext 238 or email:

lcrossan@timarugirls.school.nz

Dunedin Tertiary Information Day, Monday 9 May: 40 Year 13 students made the trip to Dunedin to visit Otago University, Otago Teachers' Training College, Otago Polytechnic and the New Zealand School of Tourism. Students all enjoyed a very informative and interesting day attending lectures, visiting accommodation and enjoying the atmosphere.

Career Dates to calendar:

- **Tertiary Providers Liaison visits for Year 13 students:** The University and Polytechnic liaison visits give students an opportunity to better understand what the various Universities and Polytechnics have to offer so they can make an informed choice for next year. These meetings will be held in the library and will be advertised in the school notices.

Canterbury University and Victoria University have already presented their information. Telephone conferences can be set up with other tertiary providers as requested

- **Monday 16 May Lincoln University**

- **Tuesday 24 May Pacific International Hotel Management School**
- **Wednesday 25 May Otago University**
- **Thursday 23 June Southern Institute of Technology**

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

Lyn Crossan
Careers Advisor

Incubator Programme: The Incubator programme is being offered again this year. This is a District Hospital Board initiative which has been set up to mentor Year 12 and 13 students who are considering a career in the Health industry. Students attend five two-hour sessions throughout the year. Year 13 students may have the opportunity to go for a days' work experience in their intended field. Thirty-six students have signed up for this programme this year.

The first incubator session was held on April 12th and featured Gayle Borman, a Speech and Language Therapist and Lee Cordell-Smith a Manager and Occupational Therapist. Both presentations were informative and the students enjoyed some fun activities. We greatly appreciate the time given to attend and prepare for these sessions and also acknowledge Dave Moore who organises the presenters for each session. The next session is on 12th May.



**Timaru Boys' and Girls' High Schools
present the New Zealand Premier of**



25—28 May

Hogben Hall, Timaru Boys' High School

Wednesday 25 May, 7pm

Adults \$20

Thursday 26 May, 1pm and 7pm

Students/ Children \$15

Friday 27 May, 7pm

Saturday 28 May, 2pm and 7pm

Tickets available from TBHS and TGHS offices or Newmans Musicworks,

Music and Lyrics by

Elton John & Tim Rice

Additional Music and Lyrics by

**Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin
and Hans Zimmer**

Book by

Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi



**Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Music & Lyrics and
"Luau Hawaiian Treat" written by Will Van Dyke**

**"It's a Small World"
written by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman**



Based on Broadway production directed by Julie Taymor

By Arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd, Exclusive agent for Music Theatre International, NY