



Timaru Girls' High School

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September 2016

LIPSYNC 2016



Last Tuesday we held our annual Lipsync competition. Miss Oehley and Miss Pitchford opened the night with a Lipsync parody which set the night alight.

from the Acting Principal

It has been a busy month since the last newsletter! Our final academic conferencing round has been and gone, winter tournament week is over, biology week involved dissections and excisions, the school lipsync lit the hall up for a night of fun and music, Marama Fox visited the school and offered words of wisdom to the girls, Barbara Brookes, a historian from Otago University, spoke to a group of girls and encouraged them to stand strong and proud as young women in our society, course selection evening saw many families come into the school to discuss next year's subject options with teachers and outside agencies, and of course, the run towards end of year examinations has begun.

We have also had a few groups of Old Girls re-visit our school recently. On Saturday 10 September, we enjoyed hosting a jovial group of approximately 40 "Old Girls" and 10 "Old Staff" from the early 1980's era and on Thursday 15 September we had 18 "Old Girls" from the 1950's era wander back through our school gates to visit some classes and share a lunch together in the hostel. Our Old Girls are an important part of our school history and we love having them back in our school, always.

The final week of term 3 is a special week. We have Aitken and Waters Day on Wednesday 21 September, followed by the special House Choir Festival on the evening of Thursday 22 September and the week finishes off with our distinctions assembly on Friday 23 September where individual students are formally recognised for their special talents and commitment to various aspects of school life (sporting and cultural).

I want to wish everyone a restful break away from the routines of school in the upcoming holidays, and I want to thank everyone for the positive contribution that they make to our school community.

Kind Regards
Deb Hales

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Poppy Miles for winning the Rotary Award for Year 9 in the recent Artarama Exhibition at Aigantighe Gallery.

Congratulations to Sooyeon Kim in Year 11 who won the holiday competition run through Aigantighe Gallery also.



SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORMS

This year's second-hand school uniform sale is on the Saturday 3 December 2016.

If you have any second-hand uniform that you would like to sell please have it into the office by **Wednesday 23 November 2016**.

All Uniform must be in clean and tidy condition.

All uniform sales are on your behalf. 20% of all uniform sales go to TGHS.

Coming Events

Wednesday 21 September	Aitken & Waters Cup Day
Thursday 22 September	House Choirs Evening – 7pm
Friday 23 September	Distinction Assembly Last day of Term 3
Monday 10 October	First day of Term 4
Monday 24 October	Labour Day
Tuesday 25 October	BOT Meeting
Wednesday 2 November	SENIOR PRIZE-GIVING
3 - 4 November	Junior Exams
Wednesday 9 November	NCEA exams commence
Thursday 10 November	Aoraki Junior Volleyball

PERFORMING ARTS

Lipsync: The annual Lip Sync was held last Tuesday night to an enthusiastic and supportive audience. In first place was the Senior Drama Class, second were the Year 13s followed by the Arts' Committee. Miss Hall from TBHS was a co-judge alongside Miss McIvor. Thank you to the Arts' Committee for organising this event

St Mary's Lunchtime Concert: TGHS Chorale and Senior Musicians performed at this annual concert. Their items were appreciated by the audience.

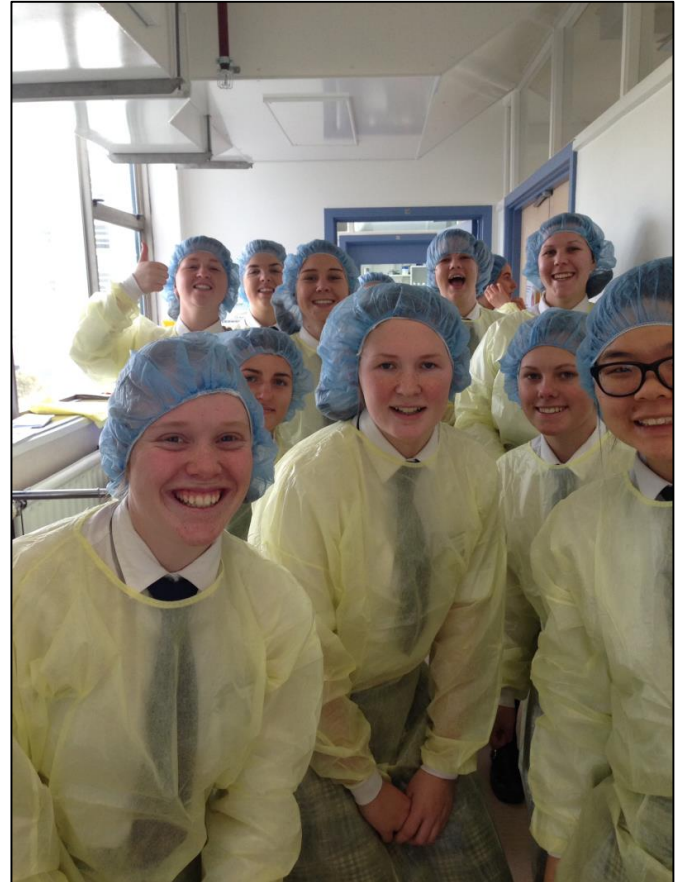
St Mary's Music Competition: Abigail Austin was placed first in the Singing, Grace was first in the composition and group performance, and Jessie Goodsir was placed second in the flute and received the Judge's choice award. Bethanie Cootes, Georgia Crosbie, Samantha Elliott and Ashley Goodsir also performed. Special thanks to Samantha Elliott for accompanying other contestants.

INCUBATOR PROGRAMME

Our final Incubator programme session was held at the hospital on 12 August. A group of 39 students toured the radiology department, the lobotomy department and the sterilising department of the hospital over a two-hour period. Each department gave the students information on the day to day requirements of their job, the costs of training and the length of training. Students enjoyed seeing the MRI scanner and the CAT scanner and some of the images they produced. We greatly appreciate the supervisors taking the three groups on the tour. It was delightful to see several of our 'old girls' working back in town and really progressing with their careers.

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, fun, 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.



Pictured above at the Incubator Programme hospital visit front left: Boudine Brown, Hannah Paul, Brooke Howey-Beattie, Jodie Sole, Wanvisa Tungjaipongtham. Back row: Bailey Whitnack, Briana Hefford, Maddy Gillespie, Tayla Brown, Michaela Watt



Year 9 Te Reo Māori learning kupu (words) for clothing playing the chocolate game. Te reka hoki te tiakareti! Pictured above from left: Mae Mae Hamahona, Ramari Reweti, Eve-Leigh Reihana-Robinson, Francesca Gould.

CAREERS UPDATE – SEPTEMBER

Course Selection Evening: Course selection evening was held on Thursday 8 September. We would like to sincerely thank the liaison officers from Otago University, Ara Institute, Queenstown Resort College, PIHMS, the Police, the Defence Force and all our staff for their attendance. I would appreciate feedback from students, parents and guardians as to the format of the evening, its timing and its value to you. Please email me with any thoughts or suggestions lcrossan@timarugirls.school.nz

Career Plans have been completed at all year levels and students should have a good understanding of their skills and qualities and how to get the information from the careers website www.career.govt.nz. This website is invaluable and has updated information on approximately 800 jobs and allows students to match their passions and personalities to a career. It also tells them the subjects they need to take, approximate pay rate, what training and the length of training to qualify for the career pathway they have chosen.

Curriculum Vitae: It is advisable for all students to have written a CV by Year 12. In the student drive is a folder titled CV templates which contains three different templates, support material for writing a CV, information on interview skills and an interesting article on what employers want in an employee. Your CV should be a 'working document', meaning you should be adding any skills, successes and achievements as you develop.

Year 13

- **Jobs Wanted:** Many students are requiring employment in the Timaru area. We would be really delighted to be advised of, and advertise any jobs available and would be really happy to aid in the application process. Our students gain a very well-rounded education and would be well worth interviewing.
- **Interview skills:** I intend to hold sessions on interview skills for any Year 13 student who would like to learn interview skills. In past years we have held mock interviews for

a variety of situations and if there is enough interest will do so again this year.

- **First Aid course:** 22 Year 13 students have taken the opportunity to complete the Comprehensive First Aid course with Red Cross. It is a valuable qualification to have when seeking employment.

University Information

- **Liaison visits:** Many of the university and polytechnic liaison officers are returning to help students select their course for next year. If students need further help or the liaison officer from the university you are going to is not scheduled to come, please let me know and I will arrange a phone conference for you.
- **Student Loans:** It is recommended that girls apply for student loans earlier rather than later to ensure they are available when required next year.
- **Scholarships:** Many students have applied for scholarships this year. The university and polytechnic scholarships have closed but there are many other local businesses and organisations who offer scholarships so keep an eye on the notices.

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, LAH Pathways



Above: Whakawhanaungatanga with our manuhiri nō Ngāti Wīwī. Sharing cultures with our French friends, Maelle, Silvia and Clementine.

YEAR 10 FINANCIAL LITERACY

On Wednesday 31 August through to Friday 2 September, eight of our Year 10 Financial Literacy students attended the BP Young Enterprise Business Challenge held at Mountainview High School. On arrival, these students were placed into mixed teams made up of Year 10 and 11 students from the four high schools in Timaru. Their task was to form a company with individual roles and brainstorm a problem. The next two days were spent researching and “designing” a product that could solve their problem. On the final day, students were required to present their company’s product before three separate local business people as judges.

A great time was had by all of our girls who did incredibly well and all came away from the experience with enthusiasm and newly developed skills. Two of our students; Karlana Jackson and Morgan Reddington-Bradley were in the 2nd placed team with their impressive headphone sleeves, and Keesrla Templeton’s group placed 3rd with their H-Strap sports strapping. Our other students were given high praise from the judges for their team work and presentation skills to the judges. I suspect we have some budding entrepreneurs amongst us. Well done to all.



Pictured above from left: Grace Waller, Josie McConnochie, Abbey Williams, Kiya Dominey.

Market Day: On Wednesday 7 September, both Year 10 Financial Literacy classes held a market day in the hall. A lot of preparation had gone into this and it was a huge success. Products such as bath bombs, cell phone cases and food items such as hot chips, sherbets and lollies were sold. Iced chocolates and ice-cream spiders were also very popular. Well done to all students who appear to have all made a small profit with a percentage of this going to their favourite charity.

Mrs K Walker



Hannah Gee (pictured above) represented our kura at Ngā Manu kōrero speech competitions in senior Māori last term. Tau kē Hannah! E koe koe te tūī! Tau kē hoki ngā tauira e tautoko ana i a ia.



Warehouse Stationery Fundraiser

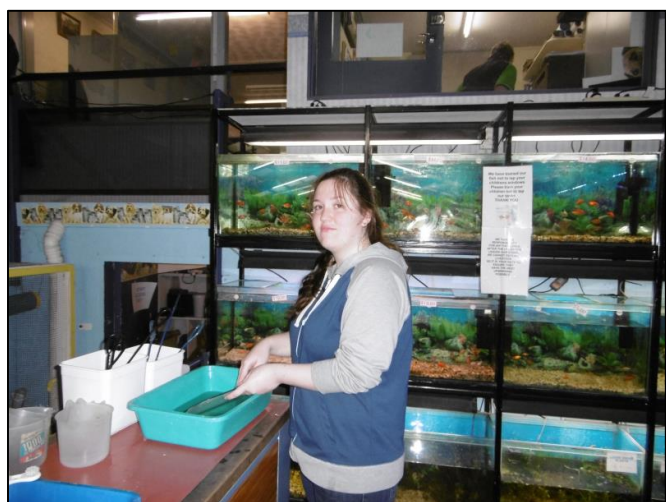
A reminder to parents, caregivers and friends of TGHS: When shopping at Warehouse Stationery nominate Timaru Girls’ High School at the till and 5% of everything purchased will go towards our school.

GATEWAY PROFILES

Renae Henham (pictured below) at Posh Pets Dog Grooming and Cattery.



Renae has spent her Gateway placement with the team at Posh Pets. Renae is interested in animal care and has a strong artistic flair therefore Dog Grooming and working in the Cattery has been an excellent career experience for her. A huge thank you to Sue and her team at Posh Pets Dog Groomers and Cattery in North Street, Timaru.



Ruby Dolan (above) at How's This for Pets.

Ruby is interested in pursuing a career in animal care. Ruby has been attending a local pet store for her Gateway placement. She has been involved with the care and upkeep of all manner of small animals, fish and birds. Ruby has also experienced the retail side of animal care at her placement. A big thank you to the team at How's this for Pets.

Class 1 Driver Licence

The New Zealand Class 1 Driver Licence unit standards are available to learners enrolled in a school

There are three standards:

- [29363 - Learn to drive a vehicle within the conditions of a Class 1 New Zealand learner driver licence](#)
- [29364 - Drive a vehicle within the conditions of a Class 1 New Zealand restricted driver licence](#)
- [29365 - Drive a vehicle within the conditions of a Class 1 New Zealand full driver licence](#)

Credits from these standards can count towards learners' achievement of NCEA and other qualifications on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework.

Process for learners

Once a learner has gained their Class 1 Driver Licence, they can be awarded these standards and gain credits on their Record of Achievement through a 'recognition of prior learning' process. Learners simply need to download and complete the [NZTA Class 1 Driver Licence – Recognition of Prior Learning \(PDF, 196KB\)](#) form and present it, along with their official photographic licence and a photocopy of both sides of their licence to the school office

SPORTS NEWS

Tournament Basketball: This year the SISS Basketball tournament was held in Christchurch. The team had high expectations of themselves at the beginning of the week however unfortunately came up against a tough pool of teams. This wasn't helped with a few of our key players picking up injuries or being fouled out of games at crucial times. The team kept their heads up and managed two convincing wins against Villa Maria (49-36), and Marian College (65-29). This tournament is always a huge learning curve for the players, and a great experience to finish off the basketball season. Fortunately, we are quite a young team and so will be able to continue to grow our strengths together over the next couple of years.

Tournament Netball: During Winter Tournament Week our TGHS A Netball team travelled to Nelson to compete in the SISS Tournament. TGHS started off well, with two convincing wins on the first day. They made it through to the top 16, as second in their pool. In the second round, TGHS had an impressive win over James Hargest College, 30-9, which boosted their confidence. Unfortunately, a loss to Kaiapoi High School, who went on to make the semi-final, knocked the girls out of a place in the top four. This was disappointing for the girls as this was one of their goals. However, they bounced back and beat Mackenzie College, which enabled them to play off for 5th-8th. A close loss to Darfield High School, 26-30, meant facing Blue Mountain College on Thursday afternoon playing off for 7th and 8th. It was a tough match and the girls were exhausted after four days of netball. TGHS was down by five goals with a few minutes to go. They fought strongly and came back to level up the score at 30 all. Unfortunately, TGHS just ran out of time and lost by only one goal. The girls faced some very strong and tall opponents over the week and the whole team worked well together to maintain possession of the ball. Overall, TGHS finished 8th out of 32 teams, in the B grade.

The girls can be very proud of their achievements and it was a great experience for our younger players coming through. A highlight of the tournament was Lucy Stephens being selected in the Talented Players team. This was well-deserved as she had fought hard all week to turn over ball for her team.



Tournament Hockey: TGHS 1st XI hockey team headed to North Shore in Tournament week to compete in the top tier secondary school girls' competition, Federation Cup.

The top 32 secondary school girls' hockey teams were competing over the week with some excellent hockey on display. TGHS girls fought hard all week and have earned themselves a top tier spot in the 2017 tournament with wins over Burnside High School and St Andrews College. Out of the 32 teams six teams drop out of this tournament. The week was a huge learning curve for the girls coming up against some strong North Island teams who were packed with talent and speed. Our girls can hold their heads high after proving that they can compete with the best in the country.

Big thanks to coaches Bruce Rayner and BJ Mason, Manager Penni Naylor and Camp Cook for the week. Tori Simpson and the girl's parents for their awesome support throughout the year.



Kelly Penty, pictured above (Year 11) will be revving her way to the South Island Secondary and Intermediate Schools' Motocross Champs on Saturday 15 October. We wish her all the best as she competes against the boys in this event. Go Kelly! Girls can do anything! Take it to those boys! WE look forward to hearing how you go in this event.

Pictured left: Players on the bench looking anxiously at the game against Cromwell College on the first day of competition. TGHS won that game 40-20.



TGHS Hockey Girls on Takapuna beach after their recovery session in the water



TGHS Basketball team