

# Timaru Girls' High School

Newsletter – October 2018



2018 Dux Jade Horton



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## From the principal...

Congratulations to all of our prize winners from last night's prizegiving, and in particular to our 2018 Dux, Jade Horton.

We are so proud of all of the achievements from our students. This night was a time to celebrate the hard work and effort of the students, now for the NCEA externals!

This week several of our students will be acknowledged for their achievements at the South Canterbury Schools' Sports' Awards. At the time of this newsletter, these results are still unknown. Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page for these results.

This time of year it is always sad to say farewell to the students who are departing the school. This cohort of Year 13s have done so much in leaving a legacy for the rest of the student body to follow. I look forward to saying goodbye properly at the leavers' dinner on 11 December. There is plenty still to finish with examinations before then.

For the rest of the school, I know there is still plenty to do as well.

Juniors will be rolling through assessments in the next week, with the Year 10s heading off to camp at Hamner Springs not long after that.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if there is any information that you need to clarify the end of term arrangements.

The school has timetabled classes up until 13 December when we have Junior Prizegiving. Attendance will be required until then.

Nga Mihi

Sarah Davis

## Upcoming dates of importance...

### TERM DATES

Term 4 15 October to 13 December

1 - 5 Nov Junior Examinations  
6 - 8 Nov Year 10 Camp  
27 Nov BOT Meeting  
13 Dec End of Term

30 Jan Year 9 commence  
31 Jan Year 13 commence  
1 Feb Full School  
6 Feb Waitangi Day  
5 Mar Athletic Sports  
21 Mar Waitaki Summer Exchange  
25 - 29 Mar Tournament Week

## 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.

## SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

Senior Prizegiving was held on Wednesday 31 October 2018.

Prizewinners of note were:

Dux of School for 2018: Jade Horton

Proxime Accessit: Bethanie Cootes

Miss B M Watt Memorial Award: Jenna Willocks

2019 Head of School: Madison Arnold

2019 Deputy Head of School: Isabella Spencer

2019 Head of 'The House': Meg Simpson

Otago OGA Award (Citizenship to the School & Community): Ashley Tikitiki

Andrea Wilkinson Prize (Unselfish Contribution to the Life of the School): Sophie Wills

Nicole McLauchlan Prize (Contribution to the Life of the School): Ash Mortimer

Gail Hannam Cup (Y12/13 best 'all-rounder'): Angela Seyb

Mehrtens Family Cup (Y12 best 'all-rounder'): Sheryl Carter

Jenny Fleming Memorial Award (Y11 best 'all-rounder'): Georgia Prosser

Gwen Avery Cup (for a student who demonstrates Miss Avery's values of integrity, compassion and wisdom) presented by the Class of 1967 in memory of Gwen Avery, Principal between 1967 - 1971: Jenny Willocks

Inter-House Shield: Kowhai

## SPORTS UNIFORMS

Timaru Girls' High School has a range of sports uniform items which are available for purchase. Students are required to be wearing these when they are representing the school. In Year 9 and 10 Physical Education, it is compulsory for all students to wear the TGHS sports top and shorts.

Sizes are available to try on at the school office. Payment must be made before the cut off date.

Payment can be made by Credit Card, Bank Deposit & Office Payment.

Orders take between 6-8 weeks to arrive from the final cut off date. Students will be notified at school once these are available to collect.

Dates for orders :

Friday 26 Nov 2018 - 14 December 2018

Orders can be made by accessing the Timaru Girls' High School website, clicking on Sport and then Uniforms. Photos of all uniform items and the prices are also listed on this website.



Sports Top  
\$44.50



Sports Shorts  
\$37.00



## SPORTS NEWS

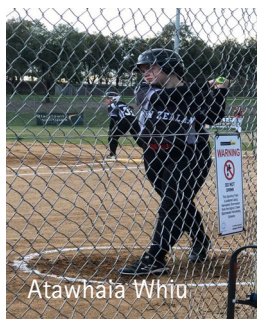
Rowing is underway for the new season. A very successful regatta for the TGHS rowing squad was held last weekend and to top it off they were privileged to have Lucy Spoors from the NZ Rowing Team row with them.



Atawhaia Whiu and Jorja Miller each had a fantastic experience recently. Jorja travelled to Europe to play sevens for the Invitational New Zealand Dutch Barbarians. She spent two weeks playing tournaments in France and the Netherlands. An openside flanker in the 15-a-side game, Jorja had been training at second five in sevens and admits it has taken some time to adjust.



Jorja Miller



Atawhaia Whiu

### Otago Daily Times Extra Current Events Quiz

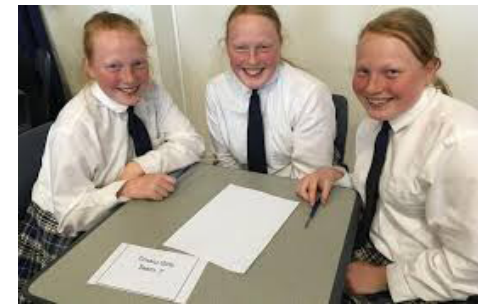
TGHS hosted the 2018 Otago Daily Times Extra Current Events Quiz in Week 9 of Term 3. Schools from Oamaru in the south to Ashburton in the north and as far inland as Twizel attend three different rounds of quiz over two days.

On the Wednesday evening we held the first two rounds, one for Year 5 and 6 and one for Year 7 and 8 students. Both rounds attracted 35 teams each which equated to 210 students plus teacher and whanau support. Hence the Social Sciences Learning Area was very grateful to the student volunteer help to ensure that both rounds ran very smoothly.

On the Thursday evening the third and final round was held for the Year 9 and 10 students, this attracted 60 teams, an increase on last year's 44. With 180 students plus teacher and whanau support the Nora Dickie Hall was a hive of activity and we had to bring in extra student helpers to ensure the quiz ran smoothly. Many thanks once again to the students who gave up their own time to help the Social Sciences Learning Area.

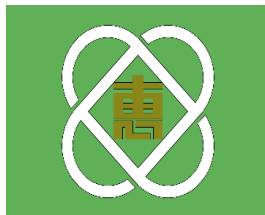
Timaru Girls' High School had seven teams entered and all teams participated well. Special mention to Team Secoy. For what is thought to be the first time, the Otago Daily Times Extra! Central South Island Years 9-10 Current Events Quiz ended in a draw, with a final question needed to decide the winner. A boys' team from Mt Hutt College dead-heated with a Timaru Girls' High School team made up of 15-year-old triplets Emile, Madison and Hannah Secoy. The deciding question was: "How many New Zealanders died in World War 2"? Unfortunately for Team Secoy the Mt Hutt boys came closest with their answer: 10,000. The correct answer was 12,000. Team Secoy came in second overall with 86 points.

Many thanks to the team at the Otago Daily Times, the Social Sciences Learning Area and the student volunteers for making the event a huge success.



World Vision 40 Hour Famine - This year a small number of dedicated students took part in the 40 Hour Famine for South Sudanese children in Uganda. The girls raised \$1,117 that was put towards support for South Sudanese refugees in Northern Uganda with nutritious food, clean water, safe toilets, a place to live, and education and play in child friendly spaces. Congratulations to the girls who participated, your commitment and hard work is appreciated by many. A huge thank you goes to Sarah Robinson for organizing the girls and also to Amanda Davies who dealt with the administrative side of this fundraising event and the money the girls raised.

Kelly Penty 13Bk



### Student Exchange Between Timaru and Eniwa, Japan

Sister Cities Timaru invites applications from Secondary School Students to represent the Timaru District on an escorted Educational and Cultural Exchange to Eniwa, Hokkaido, Japan. The exchange visit is planned for late June/early July 2019 and will be for 3 weeks. 3 students will be selected.

A short essay (of between 150 - 200 words) stating "Why I would make a good representative of my District" should accompany the application with a current photo.

Applicants will need a current passport & preferably both reside & attend a High School in the Timaru District. There will be no accommodation cost as you will be home-hosted with a Japanese family.

Approx airfare cost to the student \$3000 + taxes and optional personal spending (\$250-500)

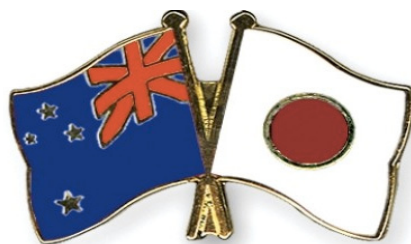
Students shortlisted will be contacted by the sister city Committee for an interview at end of November 2018. Whilst a knowledge of Japanese language & culture is not a pre-requisite, an affinity with Japanese culture would be an advantage.

For further information please contact Barrie Suter 688-5501 (bazsuter@xtra.co.nz), Eric Lindblom 615-8680 (lindblom@xtra.co.nz) or Nachiko Schollum 684-7997 (nachiko@xtra.co.nz).

Applications close on Friday 23 November 2018 and send to:

Eniwa Exchange Trip  
Timaru Sister City Committee  
c/- Barrie Suter  
191 Douglas Street  
Timaru  
Or e-mail to bazsuter@xtra.co.nz

Please contact the school for an application form and a permission slip.



## STEAM Cultural Exchange

In the holidays I had the trip of a lifetime, I went to Hawaii with my iwi, Kāi Tahu. Twenty of us were lucky enough to be chosen for a STEAM Cultural exchange.

I learnt so much about the water and the ocean and Kiana taught us a lot just from making up a dance which was really good. Mamo who works with Kiana at the University of Hawaii and her whānau taught us a traditional Hawaiian dance and I joined in.

I was taught how to prepare and cook Hawaiian food. On the first night we had HFC but it was actually salmon not chicken. We looked at the Hawaiian traditional fish ponds, Te Paepae o He'eia, that are only found in Hawaii and helped clear out a huge muddy area of mangroves, we worked so hard that some of the mud is still under our fingernails. We were helping restore the Kalo gardens and shown how to prepare Kalo (taro) as well as octopus. We were taught how the Hawaiian people grow and prepare their own food just like my ancestors did. We call it mahinga kai.

We went swimming in the ocean a lot and our accommodation was right on the beach which was great. The sea water is very salty and stings your eyes but it was worth it. A number of us were stung by jellyfish and nearly stood on a stingray.

We had to do speeches in front of our whānau when we got back to our marae and I was really nervous but it was good once it was done. I was really nervous about going on the trip but I am so glad I did.

I want to thank my Hawaiian whānau, the University of Hawaii, my iwi and the University of Canterbury who made this all possible. If I had the chance to go back I definitely would. It was incredible.

So for any of you who are Ngāi Tahu, make sure you apply if you are year 9 or 10 and make sure you are registered with Ngāi Tahu too.

Nā Ana Donaldson

## EXTERNAL EXAMINATION INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

By entering in external assessment, including exams, students agree to follow the rules as outlined in Instruction and Information for Candidates provided to them in term 4; and to comply with the decisions of NZQA. These rules ensure assessment conditions for all students are fair and allow them to present original work.

Students must not break the rules in any way. NZQA will investigate any possible breach of the rules and may withhold results where the breach is proven.

## Exam timetable

The NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship examination sessions are three hours. The exam sessions start at either 9.30 am or 2.00 pm. To find out the date and time of an exam, see the NZQA website.

Exam materials: Students are responsible for taking the correct equipment to the exam and making sure that it is working. Bring equipment into the exam room in a clear plastic bag. Students can bring:

- pens (black and blue colours are permitted) pencils and an eraser
- an approved calculator for subjects where a calculator has been used during the year.

You can confirm what is allowed in a specific exam by reading the relevant assessment specification on the NZQA website.

Calculators must be silent, hand-held, non-printing and work from their own power. Students cannot keep notes, routines or store files in the calculator memory. Teachers or supervisors will check the calculator memory is cleared before it can be brought into the exam room. There is a list of approved calculators on the NZQA website.

## Emergency evacuation and student pack

Students are allowed to bring items for an emergency evacuation into the examination room in a clear, sealable plastic bag. This pack must stay under the chair and not be touched or opened without the permission of the supervisor. Contents could include a mobile phone (switched off) or other electronic device, keys, money, bus pass and medicines.

## Banned items

Do not bring the following items into an exam room unless sealed in the emergency evacuation pack:

- blank paper or refill paper
- correcting fluid
- books, written notes or electronic notes
- cell phones or pagers
- English dictionaries, foreign language dictionaries, or te reo Māori dictionaries or translators
- any electronic device which has the capability to store, communicate and/or retrieve information except approved calculators.
- Watches

## On the day of the exam

Arrive at least 20 minutes before the exam starts to find out the location of the exam room arranged by the school.

If you arrive more than 30 minutes after the exam has started you will not be able to sit the exam or enter an exam room.

Students cannot leave the exam 15 minutes prior to the conclusion of the exam session.

Students MUST bring with them all necessary equipment, in a clear plastic bag and their admission slip. If they have lost their admission slip they need to print a new one from the NZQA website and this must be signed by Ms Bailey (Principal's Nominee). Girls should email Ms Bailey to organise for this to happen [ebailey@timarugirls.school.nz](mailto:ebailey@timarugirls.school.nz)

## Derived grades

Derived grades are for exam candidates who, just before or during the examinations, suffer

- a temporary illness,
- trauma ( ie. a deeply distressing or disturbing experience) or misadventure (i.e. an event beyond their control)
- another serious event.

The illness, trauma or event must have a clear and observable detrimental effect on the candidate's performance and/or attendance. Candidates should sit the examination where-ever possible.

Candidates who sit the examination but believe that their performance was significantly impaired by the illness, trauma or event, or were unable to sit the examination should apply for a derived grade.

Applications must refer to events of a medical or non-medical nature that:

- have clearly had a significant effect on the candidate during the examination
- stopped the candidate from attending the examination.

What won't be considered?

The temporary illness, trauma or other serious event must be of a significant nature. Applications will not be granted on grounds such as:

- minor ailments e.g. minor coughs or cold
- stress or anxiety due to having to sit examinations
- parents being on holiday
- day-to-day family disturbances or school-based disturbances
- death or euthanasia of a pet
- minor traffic incidents.



The following conditions alone are not acceptable grounds for a derived grade application:

- long-term and ongoing illnesses and conditions (e.g. concussion, physical disability, anxiety, epilepsy, depression, anorexia nervosa and other eating disorders)
- chronic relapsing conditions (e.g., glandular fever, ME)
- ongoing personal trauma.

These conditions are usually managed through special assessment conditions and/or modifying the candidate's assessment programme.

However, where there is a sudden change in a managed chronic condition/illness that is documented by a registered medical professional at the time of the examination, and the candidate believes they are unable to perform on the day of the examination as well as they usually have, NZQA will consider an application.

For example, a change in medication might cause a documented and observable change in the way that a chronic condition/illness is managed and have a clear and observable detrimental effect on the candidate. In such a case, the impairment is seen as temporary and if a registered professional is willing to support an application, NZQA will consider it.

## Exam results versus derived grades

If the candidate sits the examination but also applies for a derived grade which is then approved, the better result of the two will be awarded.

What evidence needs to be provided?

In general, credible evidence has to be provided to support any derived grade application. The author of any supporting document needs to be independent and suitably qualified to justify the application. They must stipulate that the student has been significantly impaired and clearly state the period of time to be covered (from when to when).

Applications made as a result of a temporary illness, the usual evidence provided is from a registered medical professional who can confirm the illness, trauma or other serious event had an observable detrimental effect on the candidates examination attendance or performance.

For events occurring in the period immediately prior to the examination, the candidate must establish that effective preparation was not possible in the week before the examination and provide evidence that they were under continuous and well-documented care by a registered professional. If in doubt, the Principal's Nominees should contact NZQA for advice on appropriate evidence.


Application

The documentation required for a derived grade application can be collected from the school office or downloaded from the NZQA site. Ms Bailey needs to be informed of a pending application via email [ebailey@timarugirls.school.nz](mailto:ebailey@timarugirls.school.nz)

QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER FOR SCSA  
REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

# SOUTH CANTERBURY SOFTBALL

WED 7TH NOVEMBER 2018  
SAIL AND ANCHOR 7PM  
4 PER TEAM \$10 PER PLAYER



RAFFLES AND AUCTIONS ON THE NIGHT  
ANY INQUIRIES TO  
[AORANGISOFTBALL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AORANGISOFTBALL@GMAIL.COM)

## Senior Singing Cup

The annual Timaru Girls' High School Senior Singing Cup was held Friday 26 October. It was a lovely afternoon that really showcased the musical talent of our senior girls. There were nine girls competing for this prestigious cup. Hannah Inwood was placed third, Bethanie Cootes placed second and Muriel Frank came first. Muriel captivated the audience with a classical Indian song and her rendition of Lady Gaga 'Paparazzi'. A big thanks to Sheryl Higgs for judging.

The Junior Singing Cup will be held on Monday 3 December.



Hannah Inwood, Muriel Frank and Bethanie Cootes



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