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WEEK FIVE

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| Wed 28 May | Waihi School Association and Trust Board meetings |
| Fri 30 May | Waihi School Cross Country |
| Sat 31 May | Mid Term Break commences <u>after</u> any Saturday sport commitments |

WEEK SEVEN

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| Mon 9 Jun | Mid Year Testing Week commences |
| Tue 10 Jun | SCPSSA Cross Country, hosted by Waihi School |
| Thu 12 Jun | Reserve Date - SCPSSA Cross Country |

WEEK EIGHT

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| Mon 16 Jun | Cultural Scholarship Auditions (Day 1) |
| Tue 17 Jun | Academic Scholarship Day
Cultural Scholarship Auditions (Day 2) |
| Wed 18 Jun | Sports Scholarship Day |
| Thu 19 Jun | Jump Jam Extravaganza |
| Fri 20 Jun | MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY - no school today |

Mid Term Break: 2-8 June 2025

*Begins after any Saturday sport on 31 May 2025
Includes Kings Birthday*

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Staff, and Friends,

It's been another action-packed couple of weeks here Behind the Hedge, filled with activity, energy, and some very special moments that remind us just how lucky we are to be part of the Waihi community.

Last Thursday, we had the great privilege of hosting our friends from St Kentigern Boys' School - a prep fixture that truly encapsulates the spirit of our school. While St Kents is a much larger school, our teams rose to the challenge: a win in rugby, a draw in hockey, and a hard-fought football match. Beyond the results, it was the warmth of billeting, the friendships formed, and the respect shown on and off the field that made the day so memorable.

Sunday saw us welcome over 130 guests to Open Day, our largest turnout in recent memory - a clear reflection of the growing interest in what Waihi offers. A huge thank you to our student guides and staff who helped us put our best foot forward. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and bodes well for the future of our school.

At Waihi, we conduct formal 'assessment' weeks twice a year (in the middle of terms two and four). These assessments are one small part of the broader picture that our teachers use to see how a child is progressing, alongside regular classroom learning and observations that occur daily/weekly. More importantly, these formal assessment periods help all our children, especially our seniors, build valuable skills such as time management, revision techniques, and building resilience, all of which are excellent preparation for secondary school. Conversations with senior schools have been very positive, mentioning how well-prepared Waihi students are regarding self-management, work ethic, etc.

As we near the halfway point of the term, it's clear that fatigue is beginning to creep in. A few bugs have been doing the rounds, and energy levels - both in classrooms and on the sports field - are starting to wane. That's why the upcoming midterm break couldn't come at a better time. It offers a much-needed circuit breaker: a chance to rest, reset, and recharge the batteries before launching into the final few weeks of term. Our aim is always to finish strongly, and taking this time to reset will help ensure we do just that.

On Friday, we shift focus to another special event in the Waihi calendar - the Cross Country. More than a race, it's a chance for every student to show courage, perseverance, and support for one another. In Chapel this week, we reflected on our school motto: *Tu igitur perfer adversa* - Thou shall therefore endure hardship. The message was simple but powerful: everyone's course looks different, but we're all capable of digging deep, rising to the challenge, and helping others along the way.

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As we head into midterm break, I encourage our students to take time to rest and recharge, but also to stay grounded in the habits and values we build at school. So here's my own Waihi Midterm Challenge:

Before jumping on a device or screen, ask:

- Have I made and eaten my breakfast?
- Got dressed, brushed my teeth, made my bed?
- And have I done at least two of the following?
 - Read for 20 minutes or more
 - Spent some time outside
 - Helped out with something at home (tidying, cooking, gardening, feeding pets)
 - Checked in on a family member or friend with kindness

I look forward to seeing many of you at the cross country on Friday, and our students hitting the ground running as we return for the second half of term.

Ngā mihi nui,

Gareth Wood

Headmaster

Headmaster's Thought for the Week



WAIHI NOTICES

Upcoming Events | Information | Updates

Waihi School Uniform Shop

Winter Sports Socks

We are back to full stocks of all Winter sports sock sizes in the uniform shop.



Please place an order online via waihi.school.nz/uniforms including the size and quantity of pairs, or email Stacey on uniform@waihi.school.nz

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Speed Limits Around Schools within the Timaru District - 2024



EPro8 Inter-school Competition

Wed 14 May 2025, Thu 15 May 2025

Following on from our Waihi EPro8 competition the following students then represented Waihi School at Bluestone School in the inter-school series.

Team 'Waihi Engineers' consisting of Year 8s of Harriet Acland, Florence Black, Olivia Copland, and Charlotte Rigarlsford competed on Wed 14 May.

Team the 'Waihi WHAS' consisting of year 6s Ollie Baxter, Henry Marsden, Gus Roberts and Arlo Zeestraten competed on Thu 15 May.

The Year 8s built a mini foosball table that had to meet specific measurements and have goals on either end. They placed 7th with 180 points.

Year 6s built a motorised shopping trolley that could be controlled with electronics and they place 9th with 110 points.

Congratulations to both teams for a fantastic effort against some quite fierce competition - both teams worked tirelessly together to innovatively think of how to solve the challenges as well as having a lot of fun representing Waihi School.



YEAR 7 ART

TERM TWO 2025

🎨 Art Work Loading... 🌍

Mrs Westland has been back at it in the art room—experimenting, creating, and inspiring! Our Year 7 students are currently working on some exciting landscape pieces based on the **Seven Wonders of the World...** but with a creative twist. 🖌️ ✨

Watch this space to see their imaginative masterpieces come to life!



EQUESTRIAN

MAY 2025

The Waihi School Equestrian group has had a very busy first semester. There has been the sadness of saying goodbye to ponies sold, the excitement of new ponies, adjustments to those, huge improvements in riding skills, and the awesomeness of first time pony owning.

Students have worked towards many events, shows and outings of different kinds, including show jumping, showing, hunting and in hand. They have had really pleasing results, especially with coming second overall at the South Canterbury Pony Club Sandalwood Trophy.

The arena has been set up beautifully by Mr Sharp and Mr Brown, and kept beautifully mowed. There will be a fence around the arena in the near future which will be life changing for our equestrian activities and new possibilities. The addition of new jumps funded by poo sale by the students is very welcome and well utilised.

Mrs Brown's Equine Assisted Learning course is going really well, and we are hoping to see the advantages of that through the addition of 'Horse Powered Reading', 'Horse Powered Maths', and experiential learning.

The ponies will be home for a few weeks from mid term break, and back in Term 3 to prepare for the South Island Secondary Schools Champs at the end of August.

Mrs Judy Brown



STEM

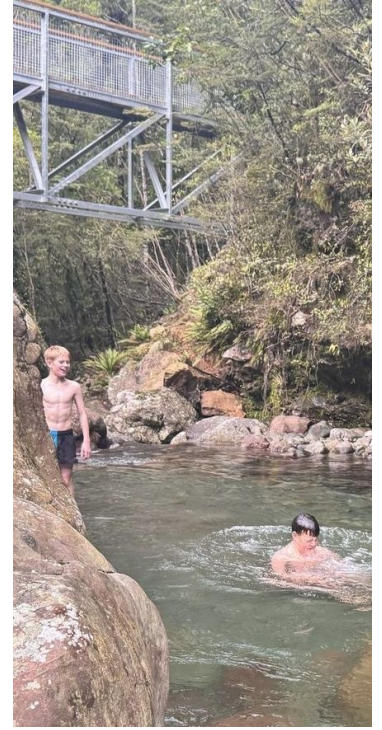
TERM TWO 2025



Recently 6AR launched their trial flights of the Wonder Project Rockets. They measured the distance of the flight and changed the variable of the amount of water in the rocket - too little and not enough thrust, too much and the rocket was too heavy. The perfect amount results in the optimum distance - the goldilocks effect!

PYNE HOUSE

SNAPSHOT OF BOARDING LIFE





Enrolment Information for all new students in 2026

The Ministry of Education has plans to impose an Enrolment Zone on Timaru Boys' High School, which will come into effect on January 1, 2026. Under this timeline, any new out-of-zone students will have to ballot for a place in 2026.

What this means is that if you are currently living outside of the proposed zone and your son is a new enrolment, there is no guarantee that he can come to Timaru Boys' High School. It will depend on how many places are available and whether your son's name is drawn in a ballot. The zone could well limit the overall number of students attending the school, which would seriously affect our ability to offer the breadth and depth of academic subjects, cultural activities and sports that we currently enjoy.

Attached to this email is the Ministry's proposed zone. It shows that much of north and west Timaru will be outside the zoned area. This will affect many families who have a longstanding relationship with the school. It will also limit the choice of school that all families now have - we are the only boys' school in South Canterbury.

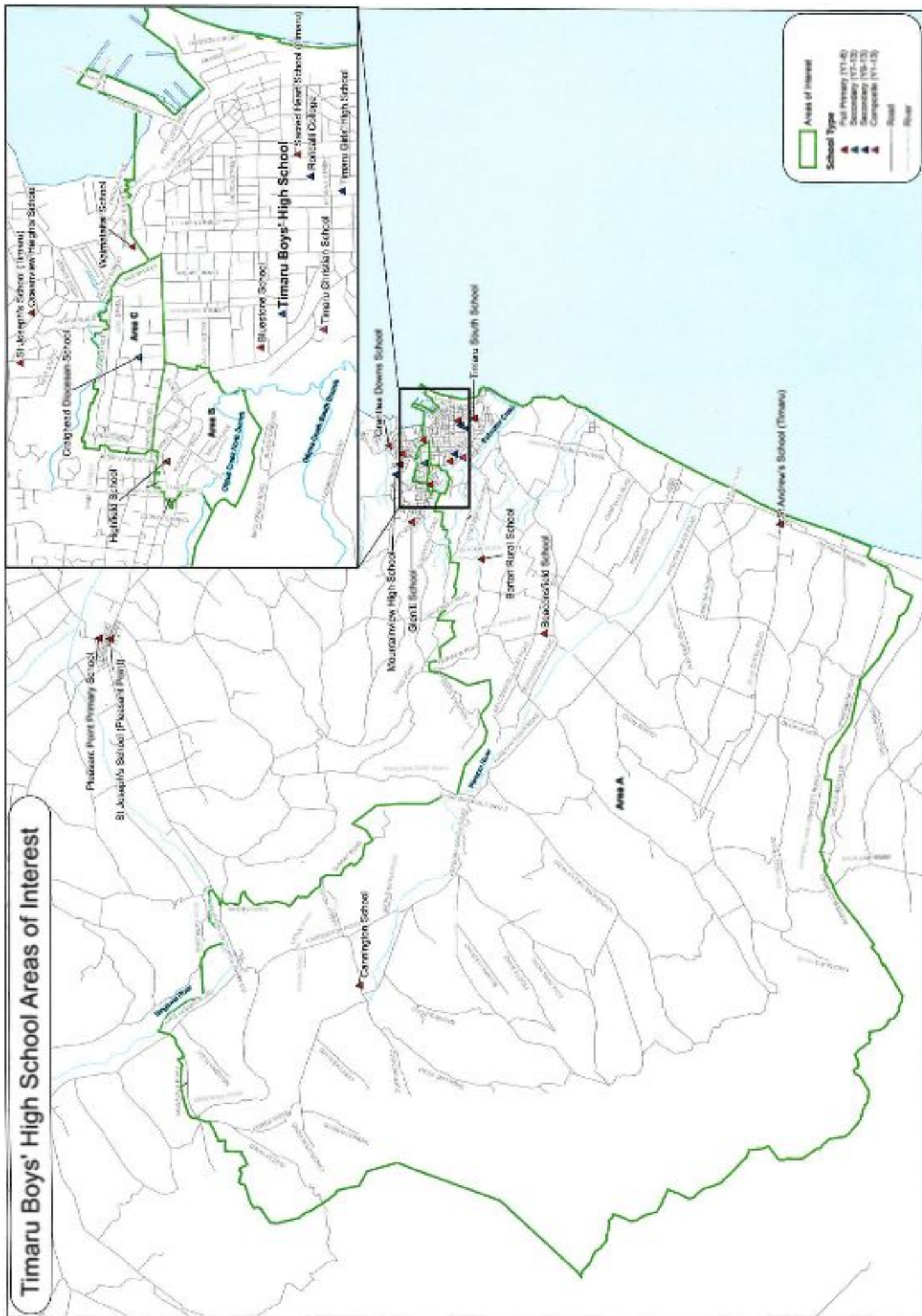
If this proposed zone (and its start date of January 1, 2026) affects your family, it's important that you communicate your concerns to the Ministry. There are so many reasons why parents send their sons to Timaru Boys' and the Ministry should be informed about them. Given the possible limits placed on the roll and, therefore, the school's development, it is also important that parents of current students share their views on this situation.

The Ministry will be holding a period of community consultation from May 26 to June 27. When we have the details of how they plan to conduct this consultation, we will inform you immediately. We encourage you all to get involved with the consultation as the proposal will have significant implications for education in our community.

Regards

Brent Isbister
Presiding Member
TBHS Board of Trustees

Timaru Boys' High School Areas of Interest



Mackenzie Theatre Group



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