

Kia ora tatou

It is the time of the year where we recognise the wealth of achievements our students have attained during the course of 2019. On Thursday evening, we had an excellent audience of parents, grandparents, caregivers, and friends of the college at our prestigious Blues Ceremony held for the first time in our Performing Arts Centre. The large number and high quality of accomplishments was outstanding. Our guest speaker, Dr Ian Chapman, delighted the audience with his insightful and entertaining address, and delivered a powerful message around students following their dreams. He recited a poem he had previously written for Taieri College.

My congratulations to Alex Cochrane and Savanna Stent who were named as our 2019 Performing Arts ambassadors, and likewise to Zharna Beattie and Trey Russell, and our Year 10 Netball Team who were announced as Sportswoman, Sportsman and Sports Team of the year for 2019.



Earlier in the day we recognised our students who have excelled in Literacy. These students have submitted various pieces of literature as part of our Young Writers programme. Pieces included poems, short stories, plays and projects. I would like to acknowledge the English Department for the role they play in organising and presenting the awards. Once again the standard was of the highest quality. Congratulations to all Literary Award winners.



I thoroughly enjoyed sharing a Shanghai experience with students and staff during their recent visit to our sister school in Qibao, Shanghai. The students were wonderful ambassadors for our college and were treated to a rich and rewarding cultural exchange. This culminated in an entertaining two hour performance of dance, arts, and singing from Qibao students on our last day.

Senior prize giving is our next big awards' ceremony. This occurs next Friday in our Performing Arts Centre. The Year 11 ceremony will commence at 4.45pm and the Year 12 and 13 celebration will start at 7.00pm. We will be seeking a RSVP from parents and caregivers of Year 12 and 13 students for planning purposes as space may be limited. An email will be circulated next week to confirm numbers.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable Labour weekend.

Nga mihi  
**Dave Hunter**

### Key Dates

**28 October - College Closed – Labour Day**

**29 October**  
Itinerant Music Workshop  
Year 8/9/10 Marae Trip  
International Student Function

**1 November**  
Senior Prizegiving –  
Performing Arts Centre  
- Year 11 4.45pm  
- Years 12-13 7.00pm

Manu Pounamu Awards  
Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

**4-15 November**  
Year 7 Swimming Programme

**4-8 November**  
Year 8 Camp – 8WO, 8VP, 8PH to Queenstown

**6-15 November**  
Year 9-10 Junior Exams

**8 November**  
Learning Readiness Issued

**12 November – Teacher Only Day – College Closed**

**Tuesday 12 November 2019 – Teacher Only Day – College Closed**

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## NZ Wrestling Championships

A massive thank you to the Student Council who helped with funding assistance to get our wrestlers to the NZ Nationals in Hamilton. After a long weekend, with an early start Friday morning and late finish Sunday, our wrestlers were incredibly tired and gave it their all. There were some amazing bouts and very tough competition. Our wrestlers placed: Nixon Burns 4th, Jalen Forgie - Silver, Cameron Lord - Bronze, Isaac Sinclair - Silver and Kobe Fraser sadly didn't compete due to medical reasons. The season is now done and they have earned a well-deserved break.

## Otago Touch Representatives

The Otago Touch Representative Trials were held last weekend and congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent our province at the South Island and National Tournaments.

Under 12 Girls: Jannah Hooper; Under 14 Girls: Charlotte Va'afusaga, Georgia McHutchon; Under 14 Boys: Jamie Crashley; Under 16 Girls: Gabby Kakahi, Georgia Robertson; Under 16 Boys: Logan Kakahi; Under 16 Mixed: Ollie Mackenzie, Eilish Fright, Charlotte Williams and Under 18 Boys and New Zealand Under 18 Boys Trey Russell.

Trey Russell has also been selected to represent New Zealand in the trans-Tasman series early next year. Well done team.



Back row: Eilish, Ollie, Logan, Gabby  
Front row: Georgia, Jannah, Charlotte  
Absent: (Inserts) Trey, Georgia, Jamie, Charlotte

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## Literary Lunch 2019

The English Department hosted the pinnacle event on the school calendar for writers on Thursday 24 October – the Literary Lunch. Celebrating our up and coming poets, illustrators, researchers, and drama scriptwriters, 74 students earned recognition for their excellence in the range of writing styles offered in the Young Writers' Awards. During the event, we were treated to poetry readings by Lorraine Ruka 13MD and Jessica Lynch 8KJ, as well as a light afternoon tea.



A special thank you to the judges of the Young Writers' Awards categories, and to Mrs McDonald and Ms Urquhart-Eaton for all of their help preparing for the event.

## Junior Exam Timetable 2019

Date & Time	Exam	Venue
WEDNESDAY (Periods 1&2) 6 NOVEMBER	Year 10 <b>ENGLISH</b>	ITC
WEDNESDAY (Periods 3&4) 6 NOVEMBER	Year 9 <b>ENGLISH</b>	ITC
THURSDAY (Periods 1&2) 7 NOVEMBER	Year 10 <b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	ITC
THURSDAY (Periods 3&4) 7 NOVEMBER	Year 9 <b>SCIENCE</b>	ITC
Monday (Periods 1&2) 11 NOVEMBER	Year 10 <b>MATHS</b>	ITC
Monday (Periods 3&4) 11 NOVEMBER	Year 9 <b>MATHS</b>	ITC
Friday (Periods 1&2) 15 NOVEMBER	Year 10 <b>SCIENCE</b>	ITC
Friday (Periods 3&4) 15 NOVEMBER	Year 9 <b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	ITC

(All exams two hours). Normal classes will occur during Period 5 for all Year 9 and 10 students.

Year Level	Periods	Wednesday 6 November	Thursday 7 November	Monday 11 November	Friday 15 November
Year 10	1-2	ENGLISH	S.STUDIES	MATHS	SCIENCE
	3-4				
Year 9	1-2				
	3-4	ENGLISH	SCIENCE	MATHS	S.STUDIES



## Qibao Number 2 Middle School Visit

At the end of the second week of the September holidays eleven students, Mr Tunoka, and Mrs Rosevear visited our sister school in Shanghai. Although we have hosted their students several times this is the first time Taieri College has sent students to visit Qibao Number 2 Middle School.

### Day One of Shanghai, China: Saturday

We arrived in Pudong airport and we were not quite expecting the heat or the humidity at 7:00am!

After we made it through security and everything we got Starbucks and headed to our hotel (which was amazing by the way) and got checked in. Not long after we were settled into our hotel rooms we headed to Qibao No.2 Middle School to meet our home stay families and have lunch with them. Everyone was so welcoming and we all had a blast staying with them. After school we went just around the corner to an old town market and wow there was so many people in quite a narrow path. Later on we explored the beautiful markets and took some photos. We walked to the big Vanke mall which had five levels, so it made the Meridian look microscopic. Later on in the afternoon we went back to the hotel and freshened up and got ready to go out for dinner (we had Thai food and it was delicious). So as you can see even the first day we had a lot going on, but we all thoroughly enjoyed it!

By Shaquita

### Day Two: Sunday

We set off in the morning to the Shanghai Art Museum. It was amazing as it was so big - about five floors and everything inside was breath taking. The outside of the building looked like the game Jenga. After we had finished up looking at everything in the museum we got on the bus to go to the "fake" markets beside the Shanghai Technology Museum. We all got some stuff there - I even got kicked out of a shop for bartering too much with the owner. One of the shop keepers thought that James Wade and I were Mr Tunoka's sons! After the markets we went out for dinner at a very fancy restaurant.

By Luke



### Day Three: Monday

We packed up our things from the hotel and headed off to Qibao Number 2 Middle School for a warm welcome to their school. We had our first proper experience of the school. We arrived at the school and saw all the students silent and standing in neat lines. Every class in the entire school was lined up in immaculately measured lines which looked diagonal or straight depending on where you were standing on the stage. Two Qibao students introduced us, in English and Mandarin, and we proceeded to the stage. Abbey Dawson-Brown gave a short talk in Mandarin and then we all introduced ourselves. We then sang our school waiata and thanked everyone. In the school we followed our home stay people to some of their classes. Afterwards we did our own two classes; a paper cutting class and this was fun and we also went and learn some cool things about Shanghai and then had lunch. After leaving the school, we went to the Pearl Tower. We were in the Financial District of Shanghai and were surrounded by a lot of really large buildings. The Pearl Tower had a glass conservatory, which had a glass floor and we could look straight down which was quite scary as we were hundreds of metres above the ground. There were so many people in the tower. We spent about one hour up there and could see for miles and thousands upon thousands of buildings. We then came back down and looked around a museum in the bottom part for about two to three hours. Then we took the metro train (subway) which was very full.

We took this back to the school and we then met up with our host family for the first night at their house. It was a culture shock for me because I didn't think it would be on the top floor of a 17 storey apartment. The apartment was much bigger than I thought it would be and the family was also very wealthy and couldn't do enough for me. We had tea there and then we went to a mall and had a look around. The mall was quite long but not as tall as what I thought, as we had been to a five storey one and that was massive. This mall was long but it was full of empty space so still felt big. When we got back to the house it was late so we all went to bed.

By Abbi, Marissa, James

#### Day Four: Tuesday

On Tuesday we went to school in the morning with our homestay families and sat with them in their regular classes. We then had two more classes with just the Taieri College students learning art and Mandarin. The classes were really interesting and it was cool to see how the kids at Qibao learn. We really enjoyed observing and getting involved. We learnt more about their school and their culture.

In the afternoon we left school and headed to an old 'water town' in a bus. We walked through the town and saw lots of different foods and gift shops. We then went on the boat through the town which was known as the Venice of Shanghai. We then went back to school and were hosted by our homestay families.

By Emma and Olivia

#### Day Five: Wednesday

It's the third morning at school and we went to a Physics class to make rubber band driven cars. After a warm school lunch we headed out for an exciting day. We arrived in-front of the huge Shanghai Tower, way higher than the Pearl Tower. We hop in the ultra high speed elevator and are 632 metres high in the air in a matter of 45 seconds. When I look out the view is breath taking (even frightening) even if you are not scared of heights.

After that we go across the river to the Bund. The view of some of the skyline and most futuristic buildings is breath taking.

After that we went to a traditional restaurant and the food was amazingly tasty. Later on we went to the port to board a Huangpu River Cruise. It was night time and all the lights were beaming. The view from the river was so spectacular at night. This was one of the highlights of my stay in Shanghai.

We had an amazing time in Shanghai, and I think all of us would go back immediately if given the chance.

By Reuben & Teigan





### Day Six: Thursday

On Thursday we all woke up in our separate home stays and got ready for school. Everyone went off to their classes and said their goodbyes to some of the students because it would be our last time seeing them before the big farewell. Then everyone got on the bus and we were all went to Shanghai Disneyland. This was such a great experience and it really is the happiest place on earth. We all split up into our small groups and explored the fun park for a four hours and went on a few rides. Disney had an amazing castle and many fun Disney themed rides to go on, and there was lots of expensive food. After Disneyland we went back to the hotel to freshen up and get ready for dinner. That night we went out for dinner at a fancy restaurant with the principal of Qibao Number 2 School and Mr Hunter. The students got to sit in a separate room and try all the Chinese food. After our big day we went back to the hotel and slept well.

By Georgia

### Day Seven: Friday

On the Friday of our trip to Shanghai we had a formal farewell from Qibao No. 2 Middle School. The Qibao students performed traditional Chinese dances, music and tea ceremonies that some of our students and teachers took part in. Qibao's dance team also performed a more modern dance routine to open the ceremony. We represented Taieri College by singing the New Zealand national anthem, our school waiata and Tutira Mai. Mrs Rosevear, Mr Tanoka, Mr Hunter and Shaquita and Abi gave speeches about how much we had enjoyed our time at the school and expressed the hope that our schools' relationship will last for a long time to come.

After the ceremony was over, we ate a tasty lunch with our homestay families at the school and said a final farewell to the classes we had been in throughout the week. After we left the school, we headed to one of the Shanghai railway stations, which was easily bigger than all of Dunedin airport, and caught a bullet train to Wuxi, one of the outer cities of 4 million. The train ride was surprisingly smooth, way smoother than a regular train and it didn't feel we were going that fast at all, although we managed to travel 300km in an hour. While in Wuxi we visited another school and looked around an old town before going back to the hotel.

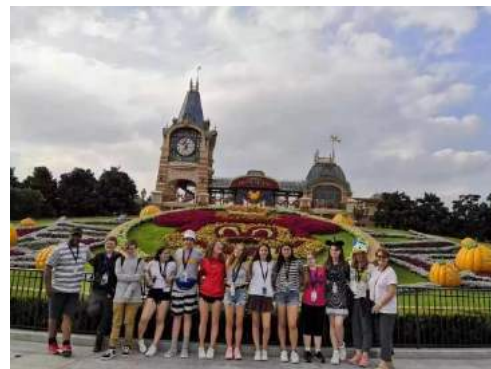
By Abbey

### Day Eight: Saturday.

This was a day full of travelling. We left the hotel at 9.00 am and travelled to the airport for an hour and a half. Once we had checked in and had gone through customs, we spent two hours spending our last few coins and notes before boarding the plane. Unfortunately we left Shanghai at 2.00pm but with the five hour time difference we were only ready to sleep once we got to 11.00pm our time but this was 4.00am NZ time and that was breakfast on the plane. We had to rush to get through customs in Auckland and catch our connecting flight to Dunedin but made it in time to fall straight asleep on the plane. Our families were waiting for us in Dunedin.

Thanks to Mr Tunoka and Mrs Rosevear for a stunning trip.

*"Fangk yous very much"* from Abbey Dawson- Brown, Abbi McArthur, Emma Jordan, Georgia Robertson, James Wade, Luke Brundell, Marissa Ahlfeld, Olivia Harvey, Reuben Iaseto, Shaquita Johnson, Teigan Gale.



## General Study Hints

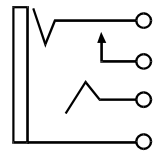


- GET YOURSELF A DECENT PLACE TO STUDY:  
AWAY FROM DISTRACTIONS  
WITH GOOD LIGHTING  
PREFERABLY WITH A DESK OR TABLE

- STUDY YOUR HARDEST SUBJECTS OR TOPICS FIRST
- HAVE A 10 MINUTE BREAK EVERY HOUR.
- AIM TO SPEND TWO HOURS A NIGHT STUDYING
- CHANGE TO A NEW SUBJECT EVERY HOUR



- USE DIAGRAMS, PICTURES AND COLOUR TO ADD VARIETY TO YOUR STUDY NOTES



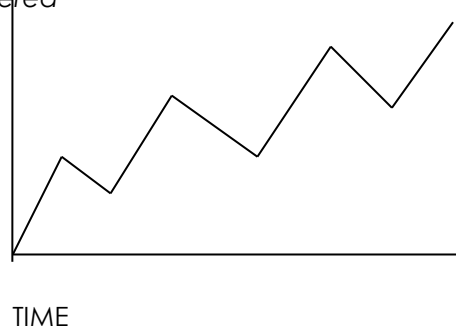
- USE MIND MAPS IN LANDSCAPE FORMAT



- USE A JINGLE, MNEMONIC, SONG OR STORY TO REMEMBER KEY POINTS.
- LEARN THINGS MORE THAN ONCE. PRACTISE PRACTISE PRACTISE

Amount of material remembered

1= first time learning  
2= second time learning  
3 = third time learning



THE MORE OFTEN YOU REVISE THE MORE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO REMEMBER!!!!!!

### Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Programme 2019



A reminder to all parents,

The second and final dose of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine will be given to the Year 8 students on Friday 1 November 2019. If a student is away that day, they will receive the vaccination at a later date in a catch-up clinic at school. An email has been sent to all Year 8 parents with more information. Should you have any questions about the programme, please phone or email via contact details below.

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