

Kia ora tatou

Year 9 and 10 students have been putting their heads down during the last week completing their end of year examinations. The purpose of these examinations is to give experience in formal exam settings and give us an indication as to what NCEA course would be best suited for each individual student in 2020 and beyond. It is also important to note that the end of junior exams does not signal the end of school work for the year. A clear expectation will be delivered to students around maintaining their effort and diligence during the next three weeks.

Courses for next year's semester based Year 10 learning programme are taking shape. It has been a huge workload for curriculum directors and teachers to overhaul their programmes and Tuesday's teacher only day gave them opportunity to make significant inroads into the development of their programmes.



Thanks to the large number of families and whanau who have attended our recent orientation evenings. The purpose of the evening is to provide "nuts and bolts" detail of starting at Taieri College. There are more Year 7 evenings next week and I look forward to meeting incoming members of our college community.

I had the pleasure of watching Hayden Armstrong-Jones get a hat trick during a cricket game for Taieri College last Saturday. A wonderful achievement that has eluded even the best of cricketers. Well done Hayden!

Noho ora mai

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### Key Dates

#### 18-22 November

Year 8 Camp – 8WN, 8BL

#### 19 November

Otago Athletic Champs

#### 20 November

Year 9 Performance Taiko Drumming Workshop

#### 22 November

Orange Day Parade  
Year 9 Marae Trip  
Learning Readiness Issued

#### 25 November

Year 11 Clearance Day  
Year 9 Agriculture visiting Bees trip

#### 26-27 November

DoE Tramp - Silverpeaks

#### 26 November

Year 12 Clearance Day

#### 28 November

Year 13 Clearance Day  
Year 13 Leavers Ceremony  
7pm

#### 29 November – 4 December

DoE Tramp – Rees/Dart

#### 5 December

Year 7-8 Prizegiving 9.30am in the Performing Arts Centre  
Year 9-10 Prizegiving 11.00am in the Performing Arts Centre  
Last day of Term Four

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## Year 12 & 13 Students

Part time work is available at a local service station. If you are interested in this position, then please contact Mrs Craigie on 489 3823 ext 139 or [careers@taieri.school.nz](mailto:careers@taieri.school.nz)

## Swim Lessons

Year 7 Classes have been enjoying Just Swim lessons daily over the past fortnight. Pictured here are a group of swimmers from 7HU enjoying the life vest session as part of the Skills2swim programme delivered by Just Swim.



From left to right: Issie Throp, Emily Russell, Madison Shaw, Simone Letts, Bella Hughes, Ella Keen and Cohen Clearwater.

## Year 9 Scholarships 2020

Year 8 students who are wishing to apply for Year 9 Scholarships at Taieri College for 2020 are reminded that these need to be in to the office by 30 November 2019. Please either download the application form from our website or collect your application forms from the office for all categories - Academic, Sporting, Performing Arts.

## Movember Progress





## Year 8 Camp (8VP, 8WO, 8PH)

Year 8 camp; our highlight of the year, a time to make new friends before we head off to year nine. We got to school at 8:15am, packed our luggage and off we went, heading off to Kelvin Heights - Lakeland Park Christian Camp. The bus drive was most certainly long, but worth it as when we got there the view of The Remarkables was spectacular. It was a great way to start the



week. In front of the camp was a lake so it was a short walk to and from. The lake was absolutely stunning but cold, very cold. After a long day of driving in the hot weather, it was great. On the second day we woke up early- had our breakfast, got dressed. Socialised for a tad too long, made our lunch and arrived in Arrowtown shortly later for a hike. This was not a jolly walk in the park as the teachers of the classes considered this in fact a tramp. And it sure felt like it. My legs were aching and I was having a harsh time but the view at the top and the mere sense of accomplishment at the end - plus support from the parents made it all well. Every day it seemed we would go down to the lake to have a turn on the biscuit or we could swim or hitch a ride on Nigel's jetski after our activities. The next day we went to Lake Hayes, a day of fun activities in and out of the water- there was cooking, biking, kayaking etc. Lastly, the day before we went home was a day well like all the others. Groups split off; some stayed at camp for some archery or swimming (of course) and others went to the event centre for rock climbing or some basketball. Then by the afternoon next day, we were back off home. I felt like the camp was a great way to make new friends from other classes or even build a stronger relationship with peers. I can say that I did and many others too. The cabins are tidy and the camp ground's contents keep you entertained as you wait for activities. I can fully say, hand on heart, this was the best camp I've ever been on.





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