

Issue 13 10 May 2019

#### Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Kia ora e ti whanau

Our Year 13 students have had a busy week. On Monday they had the opportunity to visit the Otago University and Polytechnic Open Day along with our careers' teacher and Year 13 dean. It gave them all a great chance to explore the excellent options for tertiary study in Dunedin after secondary school. One student said to me that he was excited by the option day and it confirmed to him the courses that he wanted to take next year. I trust that all our Year 13 students found it a useful experience. It is worth mentioning to our Year 12 cohort how important it is for them to achieve good Level 2 NCEA grades as the university and polytechnic often use these grade entrance prerequisites for specific courses.

My congratulations to Laura Bungard and Gabby Kakahi on their outstanding results in the first event on the Cross Country Series calendar on Tuesday. Laura blitzed the field in the senior girls Logan Park Road race to win the title while Gabby finished on the podium in third place. Taieri College also had a number of other top 10 placings in this event. Well done to all our runners.

Next week will be the build up to Pink Shirt Day on Friday 17 May 2019. This day is recognised each year in schools globally. Pink shirt day was an initiative introduced by a group of students to show support for another student who was bullied by others for wearing a pink shirt. Pink Shirt Day has been celebrated in New Zealand since 2009 and is led by the Mental Health Foundation.

Along with Pink Shirt Day, a number of our senior health students are promoting the importance of wellbeing. Schools and workplaces across New Zealand are recognising the importance of wellbeing to our mental health. Having a positive wellbeing is essential for both students and teachers as we attempt to navigate the increasingly complex aspects of schooling in New Zealand. On Friday next week, students are being encouraged to wear either a pink accessory to acknowledge and support Pink Shirt Day and/or a yellow accessory recognising the significance of a positive wellbeing.

Several activities are being organised by our senior health students to promote wellbeing amongst our staff and students while our peer mediators and Year 13 leaders are looking to promote social inclusion and spread the anti-bullying message. We encourage everyone to take part in these activities and also reflect on the valuable messages behind the fun.

Nga mihi

# **Brenton Hackfath**

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL** 



Felix Coutts displays his coat rack made in L1 Wood Building and Construction

# **Key Dates**

Year 7 GATE trip to Orokonui Ecosanctuary 13 May 15-17 May L3 Tourism Trip L3 Biology trip to Orokonui Ecosanctuary 21-22 May 22 May Otago/Southland Cross Country Relay 23 May Taieri College Work Day/Teacher Only Day 24 May Learning Readiness Issued 3 June Queen's Birthday - College closed Taieri College Formal 22 June 25 June Form Class Photographs (date incorrect in last weeks newsletter)









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## **New Librarian Appointed**

The Taieri College Information Centre has a new librarian. Lauryn Urquhart-Eaton was appointed to the position at the end of last term. Previously, she worked at Mosgiel Public Library for 13 years where she oversaw development and delivery of the children's programmes.

Lauryn has two children at Taieri College and is a former student so is a familiar face to many. "I'm thrilled to be back at Taieri and working with young people. My aim is to share my passion for reading and ensure the library is meeting the needs of students and staff."



Next week, the library will host visiting authors Mandy Hager and Suzanne Main through the Storyline's Festival. More visits from published authors are planned for later in the term. A grant from the Arthur Burns Memorial Trust has also resulted in plans to complete the design of the outdoor courtyard. That work is due to get underway soon and will include the addition of a shade cloth, outdoor furniture, landscaping and painting.

"It's a great facility and one we should all be proud of. Enhancements to the outdoor area will create more spaces for students to enjoy," Mrs Urquhart-Eaton said.

Michelle Budge

## **Reading and Wellbeing**

Today we live in a hyper-connected world where our children are faced with assimilating new information very quickly, as well as experiencing issues that were not common in our own adolescence. This can cause them a lot of stress and emotional tension. This is where reading can play a positive role.

Research has shown that 10 minutes of reading per day not only exposes young people to more than 600,000 words per year - educationally positive - but it also reduces stress levels and improves empathy and understanding of people and the world around them.

Belonging to a large college, our students constantly connect with different types of people and situations throughout the course of a day. If we encourage our children to read frequently, this helps them to become better at understanding others and the world around them, therefore building a beneficial long-term skill.

If your child is unsure about what to read, please encourage them to come and visit me at the library. I would love to meet each student and help them to find reading materials that they will enjoy.

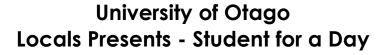
Lauryn Urquhart-Eaton Librarian Taieri College



Amelia Clarkson (Left) and Emma Timney (Both 8PH) browsing some new editions to the Library collection.

#### CAREERS INFORMATION

Contact Sue Craigie, 03 489 3823 ext 139 or email careers@taieri.school.nz





This is an opportunity for Year 13 students to get hands-on experience as a University of Otago student; going to lectures, tutorials and labs, having lunch in Locals HQ and meeting the locals team. Students will be matched with a first year student who is studying a similar subject to what the student is interested in.

WHEN: Monday 15 – Wednesday 17 July SIGN UP: facebook.com/OtagoLocals

Otago.ac.nz/locals

CONTACT: Maya Turner

@locals@otago.ac.nz with any questions.

# Thinking Of Studying At University Of Otago In 2020

You can start your application now by creating your e-vision account. This can be done now. Go to <a href="https://www.otago.ac.nz/future-students/apply/enrol/index.html">https://www.otago.ac.nz/future-students/apply/enrol/index.html</a> for help with this.

You will need to put in what you are planning on studying. This does not have to be too accurate at this point as this can be changed later on.

Create your e-vision account now as it can take a while and you do not need to be rushing it. You also need this e-vision account to apply for Scholarships and for a Hall of Residence.

If you have any problems then please see Mrs Craigie.

#### Important dates:

- Scholarships Open 1 July close 15 August
- Enrolments open 1 August close 10 December
- Halls of Residence open 1 August close 30 September. When applying for a Hall of Residence, please make sure that you apply for a Common Confidential Reference (CCRF). The link for this is in the application process.
- College of Education open 1 May close 31 August

# 2019 Taieri College Formal - Dunedin Town Hall Saturday 22 June 2019 at 7.00pm - \$95 per ticket

The information and consent forms for this year's formal have been issued to the Year 12 and 13 students. Last day for payment is Friday 7 June 2019.

If you are paying tickets by internet banking please remember to bring your consent forms to Mrs Evans at the Student Support Office.

Taieri College – 03-1725-0106800-00

Particulars - Surname, Code - First Name, Reference - Formal

We would like to thank the Taieri College Students Council for the grant we have received which has enabled us to keep the ticket price down. The ticket price is strictly set to cover costs of the event only; we do not set this to make a profit. The price of the ticket covers entertainment, access to photographer's website, hire of venue, dinner and transport to and from the venue. Any questions regarding this please telephone Monique Evans, Student Support Administrator 489 3823 ext 111.



#### **Year 7 GATE Science**

On Monday Tahu and her two volunteers came from the Orokonui Ecosanctuary to Taieri College. Students were introduced to some of the invertebrates they will be looking for when they spend the day at the Ecosanctuary next week. Below is a selection of photos taken from Tahu's visit.









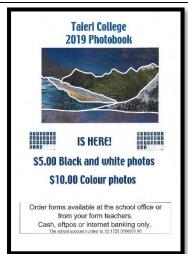


## Photobook 2019

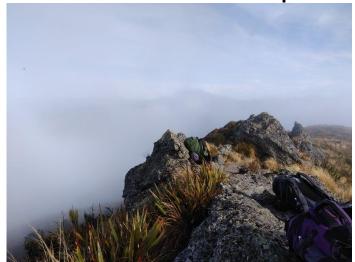
This is a Taieri College [and TTHS] tradition that has a photo of every form class for the year and all staff.

These can be purchased through the office for \$10 [Colour Version] \$5 [Black And White].

These are a great reminder of your child's years at Taieri College.



# Silverpeaks Tramp L3 SPR





















# TAIERI COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS 2019

of trustees.

Nominations are invited for the election of six parent representatives to the board of trustees. A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the College office.

**Nominations close at noon on 24 May 2019** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement.

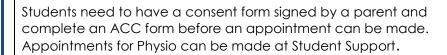
The voting roll is open for inspection at the College and can be viewed during normal College hours. There will also be a list of candidate's names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the College. **Voting closes at noon on 7 June 2019.** 

Signed D Seddon

**Returning Officer** 

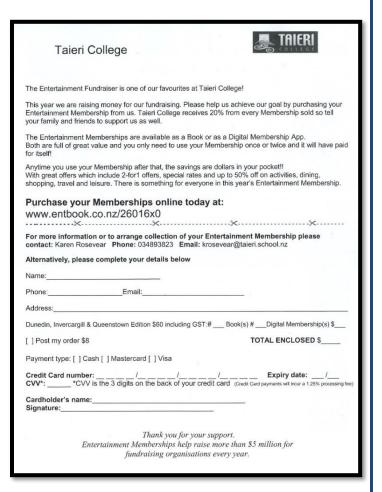
# Physio at Taieri College

In Terms 2 and Term 3, students will be able to have physio at Taieri College. We have Scott Wilson, Physiotherapist, from Sportsmed Mosgiel who will be available on Tuesdays and Fridays 11am – 12.30pm.











# Level 3 Geography

This term the Year 13 Geography class are investigating the planning and decision making process that goes into organising a significant event. Our focus is on the Ed Sheeran concerts last year which generated \$38 million dollars for the local economy. We have been lucky enough to have guest speakers from Dunedin Venues to talk about the city's amazing roofed stadium and also Enterprise Dunedin who are the City Council's marketing arm and were responsible for the Ed mural and themed Octagon entertainment. Thanks to these organisations for their support.

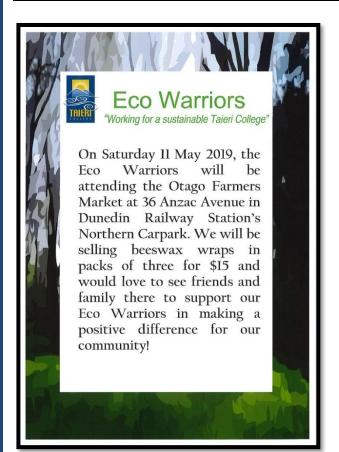


# Wellbeing at school

Wellbeing can be defined as a person's experience of health, happiness and prosperity. It includes having good mental health, high life satisfaction, and a sense of meaning or purpose. More generally, wellbeing is just feeling well.

As part of our Level 2 Health Assessment (Take Action to Enhance an Aspect of People's Wellbeing within the school or wider community) Emily, Millie, Piper and Monique have proposed to add a Yellow accessory to next Friday's Pink Shirt Day. This will mean students will also be invited to wear something yellow as an accessory to their school uniform to symbolise happiness, inclusion and positivity at Taieri College. Our assessment is aiming to promote and encourage people to think about their wellbeing, and that of others, so that all Taieri College students and teachers might improve their sense of self-worth, be happy with who they are in themselves and feel happy about attending school and being part of the Taieri College community.

We look forward to seeing lots of bright yellow accessories next Friday and also during the day we will be chatting to students about how they are feeling after seeing the yellow.















# Does your child or pre-schooler love to move, jump, dance and be active?

# Dunedin Gymnastics Academy has spaces available for anyone wanting to start Gymnastics!

**Play gym:** For Boys and Girls under 5, this programme develops coordination, confidence and movement.

**Kiwi Gym Fun:** For Boys and Girls 5-8 years old. These classes are designed to be fun, challenging and help develop physical skills and confidence that can be transferred to any sport.

**Sport Gym:** For Boys and Girls 7-16 years olds wanting to further develop their gymnastic skills. Gymnasts learn skills on vault, bar, rings, beam, floor and trampoline.

Parkour: For Boys and Girls 5 years+. Learn Free Running and Parkour style tricks in a safe, supervised environment.

**Trampoline:** For Boys and Girls 5 years+. Learn to bounce! This class teaches the basics of trampoline and double mini-trampoline, as well as basic trampoline safety

Rhythmic Gymnastics: For Girls 5 years+ who love to combine dance and gymnastics.

Team Gym: For Girls and Boys 8 years+. Team Gym combines parts of tumbling, mini tramp vaulting, acrobatic balances and dance to create exciting and fun gymnastic displays

You can register now on our website: https://dunedingymnastics.co.nz/

Or for more information please contact: manager@dunedingymnastics.co.nz



