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Tēnā Koutou Katoa

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Kia ora e te whanau

We were delighted with the large turnout of families at last Sunday's Taieri College Open Day. Our prospective Year 7 families filled the Performing Arts Centre and then proceeded to embark on an organised tour of the college. An hour later, our prospective Year 9 families also assembled and began their tour of the secondary school. My sincere thanks to the willing students and staff who gave up their Sunday afternoon to assist. In particular, to Simone Letts, Harry Leebody, and our head students, Georgia and Matt, who spoke expertly and gave an excellent narrative of their version of Taieri College life.

James Hargest College journeyed from Invercargill on Wednesday to participate in our annual winter sports exchange. We have developed a healthy and spirited rivalry with James Hargest and this year was no exception. In chilly conditions, several games went to the wire with James Hargest deservedly prevailing in the overall standings. My thanks to our Sports Department who co-ordinated the exchange.



Our Year 7 and 8 Rippa Rugby teams competed in the Otago regional Rippa Rugby finals on Tuesday. The new artificial turf at Logan Park provided an excellent facility for the tournament. Taieri College was extremely competitive in all games, but unfortunately didn't collate enough wins to make the finals. Thank you to Miss Roney and Mr Williams for coaching and organising the teams.

Full rehearsals are well underway, as the opening night of our school production gets closer. It will be a fun and entertaining show and I encourage everyone to join the audience. Tickets can be obtained from the College Office.

All the best to the group of skiers who are travelling to Queenstown this weekend for a school ski trip. They will certainly be relishing the fresh snow that has fallen this week.

Nga mihi nui
Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

8-10 August	Taieri College Production
9 August	Year 7 & 8 Cross Country
13-14 August	Parent/Teacher Interviews
9-16 August	Qibao visit to Taieri College
15-16 August	L2SPR High Rope and Caving Trip
16 August	Learning Readiness Issued



Term 3 Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 13 August 2019 & Wednesday 14 August 2019 4.00pm-7:00pm

Bookings for interviews can be made at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the booking code **dhkfg**. The booking code will become 'live' online from **4.00pm Friday 2 August 2019**. If you are having trouble with bookings, please contact the office and they will make the bookings for you.

Information is also being sent home with your child today and includes the maps of the college that indicate the rooms that teachers will be conducting the interviews.

Gymnastics

Congratulations to Allie Wilson who competed at the Otago championships for gymnastics last weekend. She has been competing almost every weekend between Invercargill, Dunedin, Timaru and Wellington. Allie was recently awarded the trophy for Otago Championships 2019 for step 5 Artistic gymnastics. Well done Allie. During the Term Two holidays, Holly Pool from 7MR was busy competing in a Rhythmical Gymnastics competition held at the Caledonian Gym in Dunedin. She managed to achieve second Place for both the free and rope events. She came first overall in her Rhythmical Gymnastics competition and also achieved Otago Champ Status for Level Four. Well done Holly!



Allie Wilson and Holly Pool

Taieri College 2019 Blues Awards

Applications are now open for 2019 Performing Arts and Sports Blues Nominations. Nomination forms are available from the Sport Office, Drama/Music Room, Student Support or you can download the form from the front page of the Taieri College Website www.taieri.school.nz Applications close on **Friday 13 September 2019**.

Key points to note about the Blues Awards:

- Blues will only be awarded to pupils in Years 9-13.
- Teachers and coaches may nominate students they deem worthy of an award.
- Students can and should nominate themselves as sometimes we are not aware of their achievements. So if unsure please contact us or put in an application.
- The awarding of a Blue is the premier award at Taieri College and as such the prestige of the award must be maintained.
- Awarding of Blues is at the discretion of the Blues committee.
- Awarding of Blues previously is not an indication of future awards.
- A large number of factors will be taken into account when deciding who will receive a Blue e.g. displaying dedication and a positive attitude to training and competition, positive involvement within the Taieri College community.

2019 ICAS Competitions

There are two changes to this year's competition

1: All papers are completed online

2: All papers cost \$15

Entry is optional for students and the closing dates are below. Money must be paid via the school office. The dates for sitting the papers will be released once entries are finalised, and students will be informed.

There are practice papers available online at <https://www.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au/educational-assessments/products/practice-online/>

Closing dates:

Digital Technologies and Science: Wednesday 21 August 2019

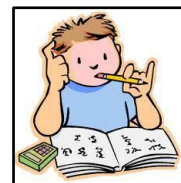
Writing and Spelling: Wednesday 28 August 2019

English and Mathematics: Wednesday 4 September 2019

Any enquires to ngowing@taieri.school.nz

Senior Assessment Week

This term Senior Assessment Week will occur during in Week 6, 26-30 August. Seniors will be on study leave during this week as they undertake their 'practice' NCEA examinations. These examinations, which will be of a similar standard to the actual examinations, will give students an excellent guide as to how well placed they are to sit the real exams in November. These exams are also very important as they are used to determine derived grades should students not be able to sit their NCEA exams in November.



There are always a small number of senior students who for various valid reasons e.g. sickness will not be able to sit the November exams. For these students their examination during Senior Assessment Week will act as their derived grade for NCEA. As no one can predict who will need a derived grade these 'practice' exam results will be vital for all. Now is an ideal time to have a conversation with your child about Senior Assessment Week. Encouraging your child to make a revision timetable now to help them assign dedicated study slots into their busy lives will help prepare them well for their senior exams. The next three weeks will pass by very quickly.

The vast majority of the more practical subjects will also have sessions where students will be required to sit internal assessments, or to work on their long term internal achievement standard projects. The Senior Assessment Week timetable is currently being prepared and will be available to students in a couple of weeks. Senior students will have time off to study but attendance at all timetabled examination and practical sessions are compulsory.

Music News



Play It Strange Lion Foundation song writing contest is run by Mike Chunn and it encourages students from all over New Zealand to enter original compositions. They are marked equally on words and music and this year Liam Boyne, Caitlin Anderton and Roshan Dixon made the top 60 album. Their prize was a full day of recording in the Port Chalmers recording studio run by Tom Bell and their song will be released at the end of the year.

Young Writers' Awards

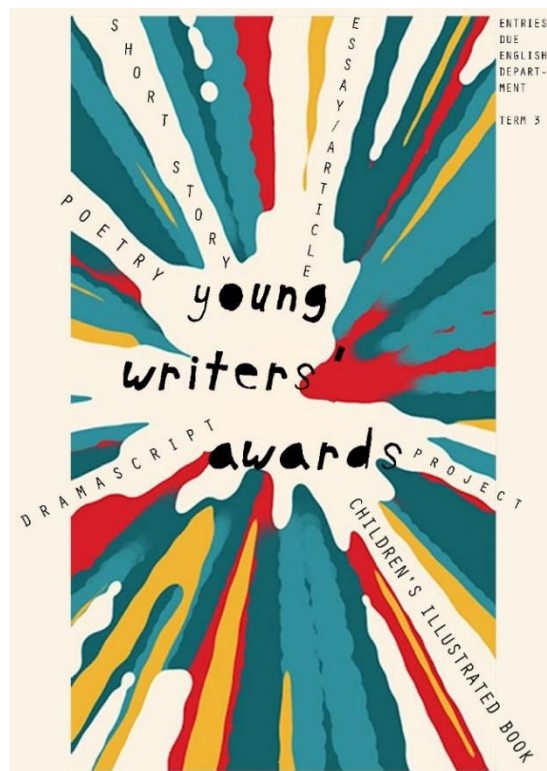
This week's featured categories include Short Story and Project.

Short Story

Completed individually, this can be a story consisting of a minimum of 200 words. There should be a suitable title and formatted with paragraphs. The content may be a real experience, an adapted real experience or fiction. It does not have to come solely from a classroom activity.

Project

Also completed individually, this is an investigation into a subject of your interest. It may derive from your classwork in any subject, or it may be a hobby topic, e.g. the Royal Family, the Albatross colony, a mathematics investigation, the Maori Battalion, etc. It does not have to come solely from classwork. Be creative with how you present your work – it could be in the form of a brochure, poster, diorama. The possibilities are endless!



Otago Regional Rippa Rugby



On Tuesday morning we left a misty Mosgiel behind and headed into Dunedin with 24 very eager Rippa Rugby enthusiasts. Brimming with anticipation, we were greeted by a surprisingly sunny Dunedin as we arrived at the newly finished multi-purpose artificial turf at Logan Park. The competition looked like a step up from the metro competition that the Taieri Gold Team had won at the end of Term 2. Our first games gave a clear indication of just how tough the day was going to be with a hard-fought win to the Blue Team and a narrow loss for the Gold. Game Two saw a reversal of fortunes with Gold taking out the win and Blue going down by one point. Heading into our third and final pool game both teams needed a big win to try and squeeze into the semi finals as the next highest qualifier. Unfortunately, it just wasn't our day with Gold team fighting hard but unable to get the victory and Blue team being kept to an unlucky draw. Full credit must go to the Central Otago teams who made the semis and finals, as they were well-drilled and very competitive. Our students were a pleasure to have away and should be proud of the great Rippa they played and how they conducted themselves. They never let referee calls or the opposition get the better of them and they played hard but played fair. The facilities on the newly finished turf were great to use and we look forward to getting back next year and having another crack. A big thank you must go out to all of the parents and wider whanau who came to support our students, it was great to see you all their cheering us on.



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Taieri College vs James Hargest Interchange



James Hargest Interchange 2019

On a nice cold Wednesday this week Taieri College hosted James Hargest College (Invercargill) in our annual winter interchange. The day was started by a stirring challenge laid down by our Year 8 in the TK block. This set the tone for the rest of the day. The sporting contest between the two schools is always a tough and even affair played with good sportsmanship. This was very true on Wednesday with many of the games being decided by the smallest of margins.

James Hargest won nine of the interchange sports (all three basketball games, boys hockey, all three rugby games and boys football and the Year 9 netball).

While Taieri College won four of the interchange sports (the Girls Hockey, Girls Football, Netball Senior A and 10A).

We look forward to travelling south in 2020 for the next edition of the interchange.

TK Students Perform in Future Stars Musical Revival

Congratulations to Amber Dawson 7CH and Cody Masters 7HU who recently performed with Musical Theatre Dunedin in South Dunedin.

The show was filled with promising young people, who all had to audition to form the cast for the 'Future Stars Musical Revival'. Amber and Cody performed over two weeks in July on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening as well as a Sunday Matinee.



The performance was filled with three acts of which Cody and Amber were a part of the first two acts. This enabled the younger members to head home while the final act had older youth content and songs. On three occasions the younger performers were part of the third act to receive their accolades from the audience.

Both Amber and Cody performed as children in 'Oliver', 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang', 'Candyman' and 'The King and I'. Cody also had a male only role in 'Bugsy' as a gang member. Amber had roles in 'Happy Talk' and 'Fat Sam, Grand Slam'.

Amber attends regular lessons at Denise Henderson's Studio of Tap and Musical Theatre. She is keen to audition for Musical Theatre opportunities and competes in tap dance competitions and completes tap examinations.

Cody is a very talented young man who attends regular singing lessons at Bridget Telfer's Singing Studio. Here at Taieri College he participates in Voice Lessons with Mrs Goodwin, Kapa Haka with Mrs Tuhega, Stars on Stage with Mrs Phelan/Miss Van Plateringen and Rock Academy with Mrs Cochrane. When he can, Cody is involved with Mrs Buchanan's after school 'Theatre Sports' group. Cody is always auditioning for new and wonderful opportunities to perform on stage. He tells me he is already planning for an audition for Gavroche in Les Miserable next year.

The Dunedin Musical Theatre's next show is for senior youths (16+) and will be performing 'Blood Brothers' in September.

We look forward to following these two in the future. Maybe we will see their names light up on Broadway!



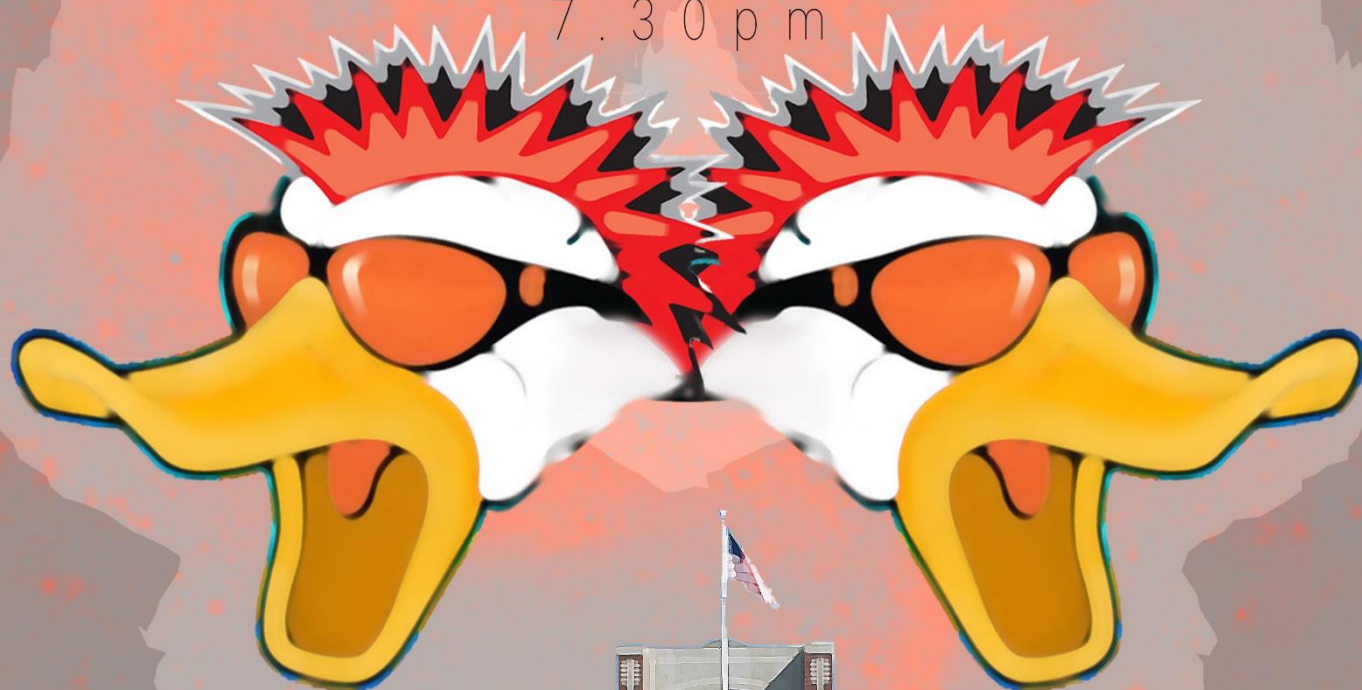
Taieri College Science Fair



TAIERI COLLEGE PRESENTS

HIGH SCHOOL SPOOF-ICAL

8TH, 9TH & 10TH AUGUST
TAIERI COLLEGE PAC
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