

Kia ora koutou

I would like to wish our senior musicians all the very best for the Rockquest regional finals that are staged tonight in Taieri College's Performing Arts Centre. I am sure our bands will make the most of the home ground advantage! Of the twelve bands who progressed to the finals, four are from Taieri College, with two Year 11 bands and two Year 13 bands competing. They are all vying for the opportunity to progress to the national finals, which once again, will take place in Auckland. We are very proud of all of our students, who have not only progressed to regional finals, but also performed so admirably during the heats. Good luck everyone.

Tomorrow night is the Taieri College formal. It is undoubtedly one of the social highlights of our senior school calendar. The Dunedin Town Hall is an ideal venue for our students to dress up and show off their finery. I look forward to meeting everyone on their arrival and sharing an enjoyable evening. A huge amount of organisation and preparation needs to take place for the evening to run smoothly. Monique Evans (Office), Samantha Turner and Laura Bungard (our Social Prefects) have done a fantastic job in co-ordinating what I am sure will be a memorable occasion.

On Thursday we hosted Kavanagh College in our annual Year 7 and 8 sports exchange. After a stirring mihi whakatau the games commenced and were played with great spirit and passion. Taieri College competed commendably in all sports and was fortunate to prevail in the overall standings. My sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the day, including sports co-ordinators, teachers, coaches, managers, referees, and of course the players.

Next Friday the PPTA are conducting a paid union meeting (under their entitlement) to vote on the latest offer that the government has made in an attempt to resolve the ongoing teachers collective agreement dispute. The college has little option but to close next Friday afternoon at 12.15pm so teachers can attend this important meeting. I am hopeful this will be another step to finally arriving at an agreed resolution. I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during these unforeseen disruptions.

Nga mihi nui  
**Dave Hunter**  
PRINCIPAL



### Paid Union Meeting – 28 June 2019

The Post Primary Teachers Association (PPTA) have advised Taieri College Board of Trustees that a paid union meeting has been scheduled for the afternoon of **Friday 28 June 2019**. The paid union meeting is part of the secondary teachers' collective agreement which Taieri College has no say in. This means that union members will not be available to teach that afternoon and we are advising parents that we will be closed for instruction from 12.15pm. **The buses will run at 12.15pm.**



## Key Dates

22 June - Taieri College Formal

24 June - EPRO8 Challenge

25 June - Form Class Photographs

26 June - L1 Geography Taieri Plains Trip

27 June - Dunedin Co Ed Sports  
Tournament – Edgar Centre  
L3 Drama Toitu Performance

**28 June - PUM – college closes at 12.15pm**

29 June - Pop Up Globe – Senior Drama

5 July - End of Term 2

22 July - Start of Term 3

## Gymnastics

Kate Coates and Lauren Isaacs had a successful weekend at the Otago Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition. They were both in groups which placed and they qualified for Nationals in October. Kate was first in Level 7 and received the Otago Trophy.



## Students' Council Corner

Students' Council has been very busy over the few weeks with helping to fundraise for Octacan, a local food drive to support the food bank of Otago. Last week on Thursday we ran a Cancan dance competition in our Performing Arts Centre. On Friday we put on both a bake sale and ran can games, and this past Tuesday we held a Mufti day with most students bringing at least one canned good (some students brought many!) that we were able to use towards a lovely can collage of our school logo. We are very pleased to announce that we were able to get in over 1170 cans and just over \$235.00 to donate towards this very worthy cause.

A special thanks to Ms Tod for designing the layout of the collage as well as implementing it, Mrs Vosper and the Learning Support Centre for helping get all of these cans to the Octagon on Thursday, Liz Macdonald for coming up with many of the boxes we ended up using to move the cans, the Students' Council members who volunteered to help out, Michael Wade for bringing in his drone to get that great birds eye view of the collage.

Thanks to Mr Fuss for all the hard work he did behind the scenes making sure everything went as smoothly as possible and taking care of things we had not even considered when planning these events, and last but not least our students, whanau and community for getting behind this, which is why we are able to claim this year's Octacan donations from Taieri College has been our best one yet. Great work Taieri College!





## CAREERS INFORMATION

Contact Sue Craigie, 03 489 3823 ext 139 or  
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## Massey University Open Days

Massey University is holding the following Open Days:

- Manawatu – Wednesday 7 August – 9am – 2.30pm
- Wellington – Friday 23 August – 9am – 3pm
- Auckland – Saturday 24 August – 9am – 3pm

For further information go to [www.massey.ac.nz/opendays](http://www.massey.ac.nz/opendays)

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## Otago Polytechnic Information Evenings

### Occupational Therapy Information Evenings

Tuesday 23 July 2019 and Tuesday 24 September 2019

6.00pm - 7.30pm in Room G323, G Block corner Harbour Terrace and Union Street

### Careers in Healthcare Expo

(Nursing, Midwifery, OT, Social Services, Massage Therapy, Sport, Exercise & Health)

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## Rippa Rugby

After a frosty start we were greeted by a beautiful morning arriving at Forsyth Barr Stadium to take part in the Otago Metro Rippa Rugby Championships. Taieri College entered two very competitive teams in the Year 7-8 grade with the goal of both making the semifinals and qualifying for the regional championships. It was clear from the first games that we had some real talent in both teams and that we would be hard to beat. The students played hard but also displayed great sportsmanship and respect. The teams were on track to avoid playing each other in the semis but an unlucky one-point loss suffered by the Gold team in their second game meant that a Taieri vs Taieri showdown looked to be on the cards. When the draw for the finals was announced and it was apparent the two teams would have to face off there were a few nervous looks exchanged and while we were happy that Taieri would be in the final, it was a tough pill to swallow.

The game itself was a cracker and both teams gave their all. The final result went the way of the Gold team, who seemed just a little hungrier for victory. The Blue team were gracious in defeat and got right in behind their schoolmates as we prepared for the final against a John McGlashan and Columba combined team.

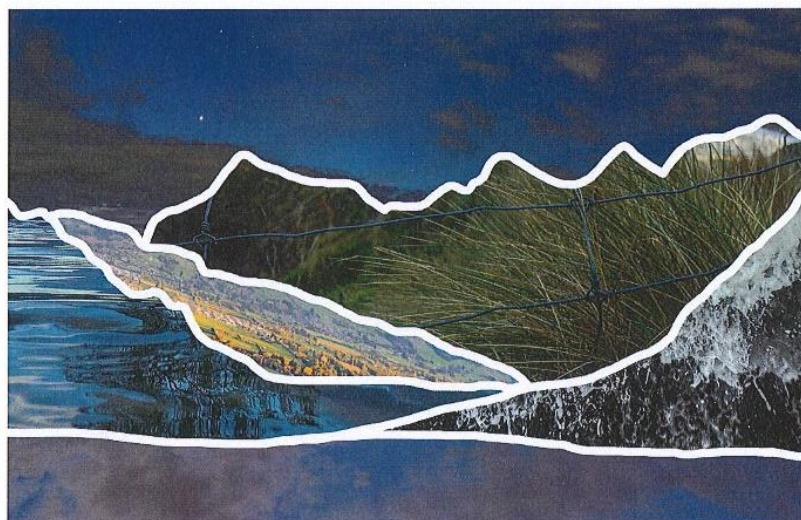
The final got off to an electric start with two outstanding intercepts from Tilly Ruthven that lead to tries down the wing. The Boylan brothers combined to add two more tries and Taieri were up to a handy 4-0 advantage early in the game. But as expected the opposition came back strongly and closed the gap to 1 point in the middle of the game. However, Taieri held their nerve and continued to create beautiful tries, while their defence held strong. Jalen Forgie created attack from deep in his own half and Nia Jopson showed some lovely ball skills, combining well to set up more outstanding tries. As the final hooter sounded there were cheers and arms raised in victory as the Gold team sealed the win.

The results mean that both teams will qualify for the regionals and given the clinical display in the final. The Gold team must have people talking and opposition nervous. It was a great day and the students conducted themselves with impeccable manners and did our school proud. I look forward to seeing them in action again soon. Shannon Williams and Lauren Roney





## Taieri College 2019 Photobook



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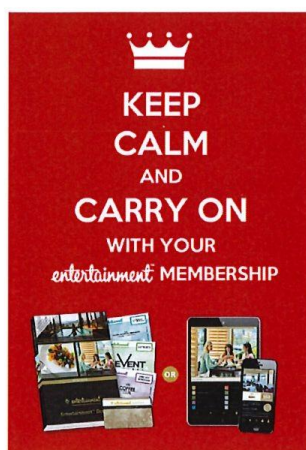
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