

Kia ora tatou

Our Year 9 and 10 students finished their exams last week and teachers are now finalising their end of year reports. At the same time, several of our students have been representing the school at the Junior Sports Week and the Primary and Intermediate Athletics championships. All the students performed admirably well but I would like to give a special mention to Zac Cunningham who broke the Otago U12 boys record in long jump with a huge leap of 4.81m.



Senior students have completed their study leave and NCEA examinations are now well underway. This can be a very demanding time for students. It also can be a very rewarding time for those who have worked and studied consistently during the year. Parents and caregivers can greatly assist in examination preparation by providing an environment at home that is conducive to quality study. This includes a room or space that is quiet, private, and comfortable. It also might mean negotiating turning off cell phones or tablets during revision time.

My sincere thanks to the teachers and parent helpers who have assisted on the Year 8 Queenstown camps that have been held over the last few weeks. Our students have embraced the outdoor challenges put in front of them and I am sure are equally grateful for the assistance they have received from teachers and parent helpers.

Today we are holding an orientation day for our new 2021 Year 9 students. They will participate in a variety of activities that will give them a taste of Taieri College life. We look forward to them joining our college community at the beginning of next year.


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Key Dates

- 23 November
Year 8/9 Marae Trip
- 25 November
Year 8 HPV Vaccinations – PAC
- 26 November
ATV and Tractor Safety Course
- 1 December
Year 7/8 Big Day In
Year 9/10 Big Day Out
- 2-3 December
Year 11/12/13 Clearance Day
9.00am – 12.30pm A Block
- 4 December
Years 7 and 8 Junior Prizegiving
9.15am Performing Arts Centre
Years 9 and 10 Junior Prizegiving
11.00am Performing Arts Centre
Junior Reports Issued by Email
End of Term 4

Start Dates for 2021

- Thursday 28 January
Year 12 Course Confirmation
- Friday 29 January
Year 13 Course Confirmation
- Monday 1 February 2021 –
Teacher Only Day
- Tuesday 2 February 2021 – Years
7-9
- Wednesday 3 February 2021 –
Year 10
- Thursday 4 February 2021 – Years
11-13
- Monday 8 January 2021 –
Waitangi Day – College Closed**

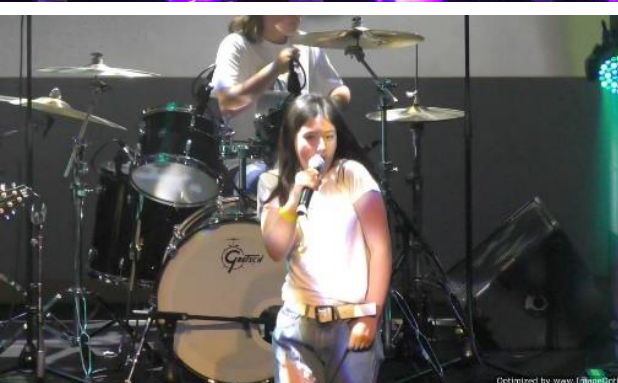


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Bandquest

On Monday night Bandquest was held in the Taieri College Performing Arts Centre. This was open to all Year 7 and 8 students throughout Otago. Taieri College entered six bands as part of our Rock Academy programme. Three bands submitted online performances while the remaining three bands; Rhythmicool, The 7 Sounds, and PB n J performed on the night. It was great to see such growth in all of our students and the night was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Cody Masters came away with The Rock Style award. Well done to you all. You have made Taieri College proud.



Royal New Zealand Ballet

Congratulations to Chelsea King who successfully auditioned and got to perform as a Lilac Fairy Attendant in the Royal New Zealand Ballet's two Dunedin performances of Sleeping Beauty held at the Regent Theatre last weekend. Chelsea said it was an absolutely amazing experience, a dream come true and one she hopes to do again sometime soon.



150th School Reunion



We are planning our 150th school reunion for Labour Weekend 2021! This is a celebration of education on the Taieri for ex-students and staff of Mosgiel District High School, The Taieri High School, Mosgiel Intermediate and Taieri College.

Registrations are open, please register now on the Taieri College website!

<https://Taieri.school.nz/alumni-reunion/150th-anniversary-registration/>



Kapa Hapa

On Saturday 14 November 2020 our Year 7-10 Kapa Haka group welcomed in Six60 and their passengers into Dunedin Airport. "The Hits" had a competition on "Sing for Six60" and our Kapa Haka entered, performing "Don't forget your Roots/Kia mau ki tō ūkaipō". Unfortunately, they did not get in to the top two finalists, however, were asked if they would like to welcome in Six60 and their passengers as they arrived at Dunedin Airport. Six60 had their movie premier shown on that flight NZ660 from Auckland to Dunedin. As Six60 arrived with their passengers our Kapa Haka performed our outstanding school waiata and school haka. After they had performed, they were off to the Olympic Gym car park welcoming in Tribal Nations Aotearoa (Ride Against Teen Suicide) with 100s of motorbikes supporting the cause. Well done to our Kapa Haka group, you made us all very proud. Thank you to Miss Tuhega, Toni Sutton, Mrs Leonard, Mr Whaley and Mr Tunoka for all your help and support and for making these performances possible.

Gemma Tuhega
Health and Physical Education, Te Reo Maori
Teacher in charge of Maori and Pasifika (Kaitiaki)



8WO/8BZ Queenstown Camp

Last week 8WO and 8BZ took a trip to the lovely shores of Lake Wakatipu in Queenstown, staying at a camp just a 10-minute walk from the waterside. This weeklong camp was a brilliant chance for many to experience new things and to try something different. Five days away from home without any communication to your family was a surreal occurrence which left some of us feeling homesick, but we eventually got used to it and the week flew by. We made the most of every second and enjoyed the time there as much as we could.

On Tuesday, we woke up bright eyed and bushy tailed. We were so eager to start our amazing adventure at camp! That sunny day saw us biscuiting and kayaking on the calm, clear waters of the lake, attempting to shoot targets at archery, and taking a trip into the Events Centre to swim in the pool and clamber our way to the top of the rock climbing wall. Approaching Wednesday, we found we were going to be taking a 4-hour trek into the hills in Arrowtown. We climbed up the hill being scorched by the blazing sun and inhaling our water as we went. We reached the top and the view was breath-taking. We could see Lake Hayes and the snow-tipped mountains beyond. A fun filled day followed at Lake Hayes on Thursday. We spent the day mountain biking, outdoor cooking, kayaking, and raft building. We got free time at the end of this day and the majority of us spent this time socialising, jumping of the pontoon and having fun. Many of us learnt plenty of new skills, the most important being to put on sunscreen if you don't want to look like an overripe tomato.

Many new memories were made at camp for all of us. Our favourite part of camp was going biscuiting on Lake Wakatipu. It was hilarious to watch people flying off and then bobbing around in the water, their life jackets keeping them afloat. We would like to say a big thanks to all the parents and teachers who gave up their time to come with us to camp and give us the best possible experience, without them, the camp wouldn't have been achievable.

Sophie Robinson 8BZ Niamh Clark 8WO

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8BZ & 8WO Camp

West of the Taieri "Twilight Garden Tour"

Thursday 26 November 2020 at 6.00pm – 9.00pm. \$25.00 per person

Crafts, plants, raffle available – please bring cash (no eftpos available)

Get your carload together and have some fun. Tickets (cash only) available from:

- Rosy Posy Sewing Room, 23 Holyhead Street, Outram
- Wals Plant Land, 109 Bush Road, Mosgiel
- Garden Place, Quarry Road, Mosgiel

Thanks for supporting the West Taieri Pony Club Fundraiser.



Sport

This week is Otago Secondary Schools' Junior Sport week and we have had junior students represent Taieri College in volleyball, touch, hockey and indoor cricket. This has been a great opportunity for our students to represent the college and enjoy rivalries with some Dunedin schools as well as some new competition against schools like Cromwell College, Dunstan High and East Otago. All of our teams reached the podium in their sports and finished in second or third place. Well done all.



I would also like to mention former Taieri College student, Ben Grant, coach of the Taieri College senior water polo team. Ben has been involved in water polo at Taieri College as a player since 2010 and has coached since 2013. Ben has represented Otago at numerous water polo tournaments over the years. He has completed his Surveying degree at the University of Otago this year and has accepted a position in the North Island. Ben coached his last game on the 6 November 2020. We would like to thank him for his dedication to promoting the sport and the development of our students. Water Polo is played at Moana Pool in Terms 1 and 4. We are looking forward to a big year in 2021 and new players are always welcome.



Lastly thanks to all the supporters of the Taieri College Sport Council Golf Day last Friday. The number of people, families and businesses who donated, supported, and volunteered their time is far too long to mention, but please know, we really appreciate your support, and thanks to you we had a very successful day for our sporting students.

Ryan Rosevear
Head of Sport



Futsal

It was a great result for the senior futsal team reaching third place in their division, but even better recording the highest number of goals scored! Well done.



Taieri College Sport Council

Friday the 13th is unlucky for some, but for our Sports Council it proved to be very lucky, with thanks to the weather gods for finally giving us some sunshine!! Twenty-three teams lined up to play in our annual Golf Day Fundraiser. Without these wonderful golfers taking time out of their busy weeks we would not be able to run this event. Thank you to Taieri Lakes Golf Course for their part in providing us with an amazing course and their support on the day. We also had the students from The Institute of Sport, Exercise & Health join us to lend some help observing out on course. We were very grateful to them and all our Taieri College students who came over to provide help during the day.

On behalf of the Sports Council, we cannot thank enough the businesses and families who supported our day with food donations, items for our raffles and auction. Your contributions were outstanding and this has allowed us to run one of our most successful golf days yet.

A special mention to the hard working Sports Council members, as for weeks they have been putting this tournament together and then took time off work to be there on the day; congratulations, and good job team.

Please note that the Sports Council's last meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 1 December 2020, so any funding applications must be in before then.

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Golf Day Hole Sponsors

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