

Kia ora e te whanau

This week we were informed of an extremely disturbing social media post that was circulating amongst many of our students. It appeared on various social media platforms. The manner and the speed of how these posts travel is concerning. Several students thought they were opening something that was relatively standard and were confronted with deeply disturbing images. Whilst it is impossible to stop these sort of social media hazards, it is important we mitigate their effect. As parents and caregivers, we should be having regular conversations around what our children have been viewing online. Talk to them. Ask them to be honest and upfront about what they are coming across (sometimes inadvertently) during their incredibly complex online lives. Netsafe is a good source for seeking further advice.

The other aspect of this issue is the number of students who save, forward or share posts that are grossly inappropriate. As a college, we have little jurisdiction over the behaviour of students on social media, given that most of the activity can take place outside of school time. However, if we are informed that students are posting or sharing objectionable material while at school, they will be subject to disciplinary procedures. I will not be sympathetic to those who perpetuate this sort of activity. Outside of Taieri College's behavioural expectations, students will also be liable for prosecution under the Harmful Digital Communications Act. The Act includes a new criminal offence to help tackle the most serious instances of bullying and harassment by people using digital technology. It is illegal to send messages and post material online that deliberately causes a victim serious emotional distress. The offence 'causing harm by posting digital communication' is punishable by up to two years' imprisonment or a maximum fine of \$50,000 for individuals and a fine of up to \$200,000 for companies.

We pride ourselves on being a community college and when we deal with complex issues like what we have been faced with this week we really appreciate the support and assistance we get from our families.

Noho ora mai

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

14-16 September
L3TOU Te Anau Trip

16-18 September
L2 BIO/GEO Mt Cook Trip

17-18 September
Primary Industry Chainsaw Course

18 September
Year 8/9 Marae Trip
Rugby League Junior 9s Carnival
Otago Primary and Intermediate
Cross Country Championships

25 September Senior Reports
emailed home
End of Term 3

12 October Start of Term 4



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Aquavan

This week all Year 8 Science classes have been involved in a programme of learning about the water systems in New Zealand. The "Aquavan" programme is an initiative from the University of Otago. Over the two hours of activities the pupils were involved in learning about catchments, rivers, estuaries and our coast line.

The students learnt a catchment is a bowl shape piece of land that catches water as it travels from the mountains to the sea. The students identified their local catchments and surrounding areas. Rivers were up next and how pollutants are affecting our river systems. The students learnt about how rivers and animals have evolved over the centuries. This led to discussion on the impact of humans on our river systems. The students made some great suggestions on how to limit the impact of pollution on our ecosystems.

The most enjoyable part of the programme was the hands-on learning about the animal life that lives in our coastline. The students had a great time touching and feeling crabs, starfish, and many other sea creatures. The students also learnt about how the animals' habitat is being affected by different pollutants from our local environment.

A great time was had by all the students and it was a great opportunity to learn about our water ways and ways to keep them clean for future generations.



NORWOOD
Farm Machinery Centre



Sport

- Late last week Year 11 student Pearl Harris-Blain represented Taieri College at the Southland-Otago Secondary Schools' Road Championships. Pearl competed on a windy Teretonga course in Invercargill and picked up a 4th in the Time Trial and 3rd in the Road Race in the U17 division, great effort!
- Students can now collect and submit nomination forms for Sports and Performing Arts Blues. These can be collected from the Sport Office and the Performing Arts Department.

We have a short turn around time this year and all nomination forms need to be returned by Friday the 18th of September so please collect a form promptly. These are also available from our Taieri College website.

- Lastly, many of our winter sporting codes are playing their last game this weekend or are competing in semi-finals in their respective divisions. All the very best to those students.

Ryan Rosevear

Head of Sport



Taieri College Blues 2020

From today, students can collect and submit nomination forms for Sports and Performing Arts Blues. These can be collected from the Sport Office and the Performing Arts Department.

Due to the nature of the current Level 2 mass gathering restrictions, we may not be able to hold a Blues ceremony in the manner or shape we traditionally would. However, we are committed to celebrating our successful students, in whatever shape or form we possibly can.

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Young Writers' Awards 2020

Entries are due Wednesday 23 September at 3:00pm.

Entries into the Short Story, Poetry, Essay/Article, Drama Script, and Project (where possible) sections need to be e-mailed as a Word document attachment to ywa@taieri.school.nz. The subject line must indicate the category and year level.

Entries for Children's Illustrated Books and Project (if not in electronic format) need to be delivered to the English Department Office.



Taieri College Sports Council

Mission: ' To promote and encourage sport at Taieri College and on the Taieri '

Taieri College's Sports Council is a committee made up of both parents and teachers. We rely heavily on the generosity of sponsorship to keep our programmes in place; to fund teams and individuals; to supply equipment; to upgrade playing areas, and to purchase school vans to transport our students. We aim to give our young athletes every opportunity possible.

Our Sports Council is always welcoming and very appreciative of any new sponsors wishing to come on board. If you think this is an area you can help, please contact The Sports Office (sport@taieri.school.nz)

There are four LEVELS of Sponsorship: PREMIER (amount is by negotiation), PLATINUM (\$2,000 + GST per year), GOLD (\$1,000 + GST per year) and SILVER (\$500 + GST per year).

Each MONTH the Sports Council would like to SHOWCASE one of our valued sponsors. Where possible we urge our Taieri College families to support these generous businesses just like they support us.

GOLD SPONSOR OF THE MONTH **Mastercraft Kitchens Mosgiel**

Mastercraft Kitchens Mosgiel is owned and operated by Wayne and Robyn McFarlane. Wayne and Robyn have had a long association with Taieri College and Taieri College Sports Council. If you are building or renovating and require some kitchen advice, please contact them. Situated in Gow Street, they offer a full service from kitchen design through to manufacture right here in Mosgiel, and installation will be by their very own experienced install team.



Sports Council are proud to work alongside the following sponsors; LJ Hooker – Lachie McLachlan, Braveheart Projects & Decorators Otago, Mastercraft Mosgiel Kitchens, Sportsmed Mosgiel, Waiholo Surfacing, Reece Building Consultants, DC Motors, DS Builders, Norwood Farm Machinery, Promo-X, Cramond & Craig, Dixon Roofing, TAK Flooring, Loan Market.

MEET THE CANDIDATES 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

**RESCHEDULED Wed 23rd September
7.30pm Performing Arts Centre
Taieri College, Green St Mosgiel**





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Year 10 Mathalon

When the Otago Maths Association cancelled the 2020 OMATHalon competitions we decided to run our own Year 10 competition with a few tweaks on the usual format. Mathalon is a no calculator problem-solving competition where teams have 30 mins to solve problems as quickly as they can. The Year 10 classes were divided into teams of 5-6. All teams started with one of their team runners at the markers' desks in the PAC foyer. On the count of three, team runners sprinted back to their class with the first questions to be solved. Once the team had an answer to one of the questions the runner ran back to the markers to get it checked while the rest of the team worked on the remaining questions. If the answer was correct, they got the next question and 2 points. Incorrect and they could choose to forfeit for -1 points or try again.



It turns out the Year 10s are quite a competitive bunch. Three, two, one, go. Runners burst out of the PAC foyer, darting in all directions. Classrooms were a buzz. Students were collaborating, negotiating, explaining, encouraging, all with one eye fixed on the live scoreboard. Team runners bolted across the asphalt, back and forth.

Congratulations to the top three teams:

Team 29 – 38 points

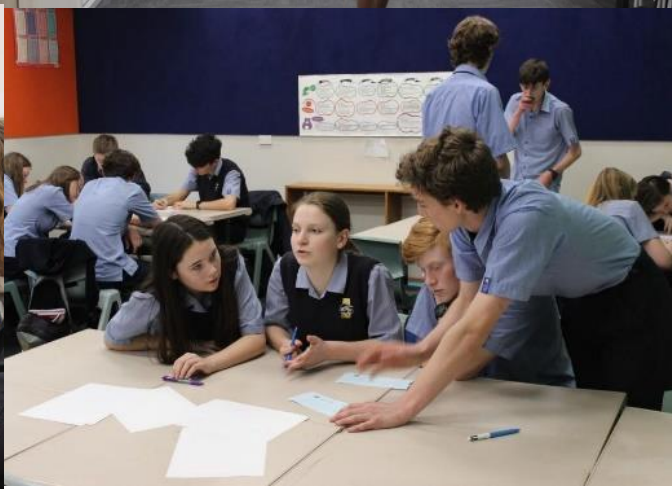
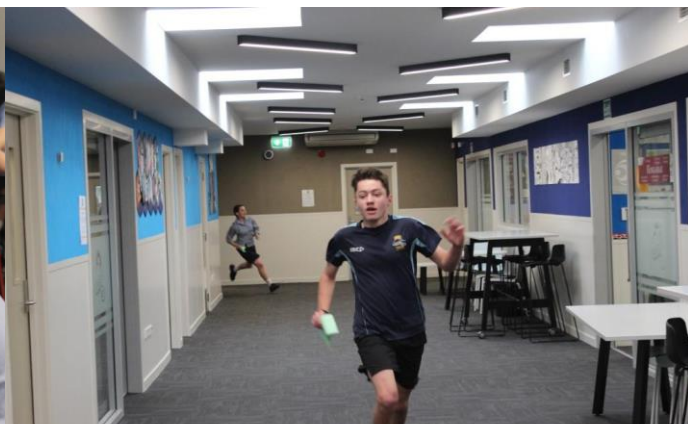
Koby Hey, Sam Duff, William Marshall, Sophie Hunt, Aliya Muir

Team 22 – 32 points

Max Conroy, Cole Jones, Logan Muir, Logan Ramage, Mitchell Bell

Team 19 – 25 points

Josh Walker, Shelby Hallet, Ella Coudret, Brooke Henderson, Samantha Enright



Boot Drive

Help support future athletes at Taieri College!

Spare and second hand sporting gear and equipment in good condition (eg hockey sticks, rugby boots) can be donated to the sport office between now and Term Four Week 1 during form times.

This gear and equipment will be used by Taieri College students to help them excel in their selected sporting field.





Taieri Junior Cricket Club

Playing Top Collection

Brooklands Park

Church Street, Mosgiel

Sunday 13 September 2020 - 10am - 12 midday

Wednesday 16 September 2020 - 6pm-7.30pm

Please register online via Crichq – this can be found on the Taieri Junior Cricket Club Facebook page.

Any queries please contact Michael MacKenzie 021802920 or Janet Andrews 0274891600



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IT'S TIME TO TALK ABOUT EATING DISORDERS IN NZ

After 5 years of recovery coaching and counselling in the USA, Kristie Amadio talks about the new model in treatment where full recovery is possible.

US based therapist Anna Kowalski talks about the essential role support people play and gives simple but vital tips parents, siblings and friends can use every day.

September 22nd, 6pm

Kavanagh College auditorium, Rattray St, Dunedin.

ADMISSION FREE. BOOKING ESSENTIAL
REGISTER AT WWW.RECOVEREDLIVINGNZ.COM



Taieri Senior Touch

Monday Nights

Starting 19th Oct 2020

Games between 6:30pm-8:00pm

Grades

Mixed Social (3 or less males)

Mixed competitive (3 or less males)

Men's Social (any ratio M/F)

Men's competitive (any ratio M/F)

Golden Oldies (35yrs+)

For further details contact

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