



@ a glance

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Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Kia ora

Sunshine is always a helpful ingredient when it comes to Athletics Day. The weather played its part beautifully on Tuesday as did our wonderful students. The positive atmosphere created by blue skies and well behaved, positive young people was a pleasure to be a part of. Our top athletes, again, performed admirably with a number of records broken on the day. However, it was just as inspiring to see those who did not win get out there and give their best in all the events they entered. Congratulations to everyone who made the day so successful, in particular to Ryan Rosevear and the Sports Department for the huge amount of organisational work that was put in before and during the event.

Parent/teacher interviews are coming up on Wednesday 11 March 2020 and Thursday 12 March 2020. This is a great opportunity to meet your student's teachers in order to discuss how they have begun the school year. You will have already received a couple of learning readiness reports which will give you a general idea of how they are progressing. These interviews are an opportunity to gain further details about your child's effort and attitude towards their learning. The interviews are a great way to foster a three way partnership, between whanau, student and teacher, to enhance strategies for student learning. I encourage you to read the details in this newsletter about making a booking.

Next week our Year 11 students will be receiving their NCEA student handbooks to help guide them through their first year of NCEA. As parents and caregivers, some of you will be a little unsure of how NCEA works. To help your understanding of this we are running a presentation to help you understand exactly what your child needs to do to gain their qualification. Further information about this can be found in the current newsletter.

Our second Year 10 Camp heads off to Tautuku camp next week. I trust that both staff and students will have a wonderful time, and have some great new experiences, as they explore this beautiful corner of our country.

Nga mihi

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Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews Wednesday 11 March 2020 & Thursday 12 March 2020 - 4pm-7:00pm

Bookings for interviews can be made at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the booking code **kw74t**. The booking code will become 'live' online **from Wednesday 4 March 2020 at 4.00pm**. If you are having trouble with bookings please contact the office and they will make them for you.

A separate email will be sent out next week with further information and maps of the college that indicate the rooms that teachers will be conducting the interviews.

Key Dates

29 February
Otago SS Touch
Tournament

1 March
SISS Triathlon & Duathlon
Champs

2 March
Tautuku Camp 2 – 10JH
and 10TM

3 March
Year 13 Otago University
Careers Expo

5 March
L2 SPR Trip – Outram Glen
NCEA Parent
Presentation Evening –
Taieri College Library

6-8 March
Mainland Volleyball
Champs

10 March
Taieri College Sports
Council AGM 7.30pm
Mufti Day

11-12 March
Parent Teacher Interviews



Careers Department

Following the retirement of Mrs Sue Craigie and Mrs Paulette Hutchinson we have a brand new careers team to start 2020. The first new change is we have a Facebook group call Taieri College Careers. We encourage all Year 12 and 13 students to join as we will be posting all information relating to careers, tertiary study, trades and any jobs that may be going in our community. Our new careers advisor is Bridget West.

Rebecca Barnett Careers teacher
 Fiona Smeaton Careers administrator

NCEA Parent Information Evening 5 March 2020

Are you a parent who is new to NCEA and would like some help to understand what NCEA is and how it works? Next Thursday the 5 March 2020 we are holding an information evening to help answer these questions. There will be a short informal presentation with time at the end for questions.

The presentation will be held in the Library at 7pm – Thursday 5 March 2020.

Please RSVP to office@taieri.school.nz

8PH

In the first few weeks of this year our Year 8 students have been writing some poetry about where they are from. The poems were based on a series of poems written by - George Ella Lyon (an American Poet). The poems the students wrote focus on what has made them who they are today and the strong memories they hold.

Where I Am From By Caitlyn Barclay

I am from the land of the waiting taniwha,
 rolling hills and running streams.
 I am from the rhythmical sound of the keys and the strings.
 I am from the jungle of branches, a curtain that's surrounding me
 and lifting me higher like an angel with wings.

I am from the heads down and focus
 and from the field I run.
 From the sweet and the sour.
 From the bold and the brave,
 the line that guides me
 to the warm comforting arms that hold me tight.
 I am from the little ball of fur, I loved at first sight.

I am from the infamous words
 that help me grow.
 From a hand that has a mind of its own
 that paints the pictures that I'm glad to call my very own.
 I am from the majestic waves that crash at my feet
 and pushing me on back to the golden sandy beach.
 For that is all I have to say, but I'll be back just wait and see.

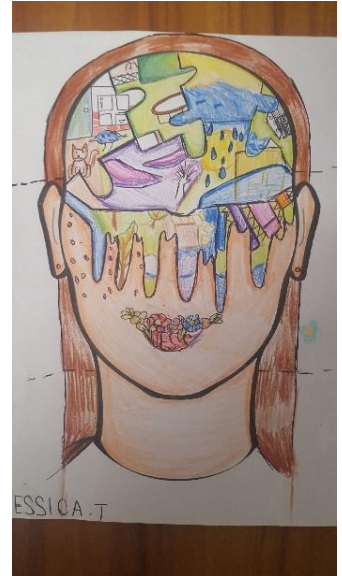


Where I'm from By Jessica Thomas

I am from the hideaway hedge leading to the school next door.
I am from the native trees and the calming stream.
I am from the bouncy trampoline.
I am from the birds and rabbits,
gifts on the front door.

I am from the family cat,
and the travels to the golden sand hills.
I am from the exhausting drives to Margaret Mahy.
I am from the cats of the neighbourhood.
I am from the Japanese art,
to the great big garden.
I am from Remington to the mad Christmas BBQ
I am from the huge family sleepovers
I am from banana cake
and the buttery short bread

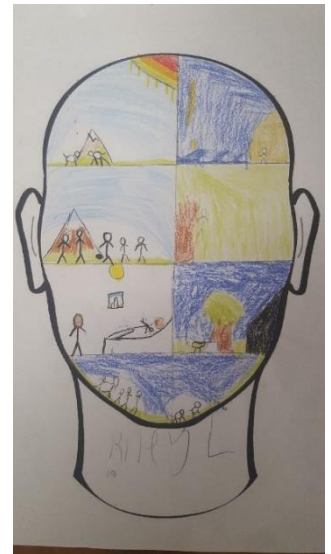
I am from those artsy presents to
buying new coloured pencils.
I am from the canvas texture to the painted landscapes
I am from swimming in the deep,
to playing in the cool native creek.
I am from that warm safe place I'm happy to call my home.



I Am From By Riley Laplanche

I am from an old swamp surrounded by hills.
I am from smelly, mushy mud that leaves little trails in the tall grass.
I am from jumping off ladders making a big splash.
(Snap! Arms broken.)
I am from an old tree hiding a cute cat sleeping in a box.

I am from five, soon to be six. (Crying, moaning, staying up.)
I am from the annoying two.
I am from a room I used to share, now it's all my castle.
DO NOT ENTER!
From fast food and animated movies
On our comfy L-shaped couch.
I am from sand stinging like wasps
At the beach on windy days.



Otago Softball



Last weekend Marissa Ahlfeld played in Christchurch at the Mainland Under 15 girls' tournament where she captained Otago Under 15 girls softball team finishing in third place and being selected in the Mainland tournament team.



10PN and 10HK Tautuku Camp



Year 9 – 13 Girls Cricket

This term has seen a passionate group of thirteen Year 9 – 13 girls cricketers playing in the Wednesday Girls' T20 competition. They also played in the Bates Cup where they had a good first up win against Maniototo but lost in the second game against OGHs. The team is ably lead by their captain, Prianka, and assisted by fellow senior students Zoe and Kate. The girls lead by example.

On Wednesday we had our first home game of the year on Kaye Field, which was great. The team were up against Bayfield who we played at the end of last year and unfortunately came second. It was time for revenge.

Prianka lost the toss and we batted first. Taieri got through to 114 for 3 off their 20 overs with Prianka getting 20 retired and Zoe 17 not out. Brooke and Gabby had a great opening stand of 26.

Bayfield was set 115 to win. All the girls bowled really well, with the first wide not getting bowled until the fifth over. This is a huge improvement on what we had been bowling. Mackenzie got 2 for 7 off 2 overs and Brooke 3 for 3 off 1.4 overs. There were also three outstanding catches; two by Zoe and one by Leah. In the end Bayfield were all out for 78 in the 17th over. Thanks to Lynette for the great photos on the Taieri College Sport page.



Te Kainga Triathlon



Te Kainga Triathlon Results 2020

Last Friday 21 February 2020 the Te Kainga held its annual triathlon. There were over 385 students participating in total. For many it was the first time they had ever been involved in a triathlon. There were two main objectives; firstly for students to have a go at a triathlon, and secondly to determine our top place getters for the up and coming Otago regional Primary Schools' Triathlon. The weather was perfect with excellent support from about 17 parents helping to marshal around the course. Thank you very much to all who helped, especially Mr Egan and ground staff who set up the cones.

To add to the interest of the day points were allocated for teams and individuals who participated and to the top ten place getters. Overall results were:

Classes : SW 121, BZ 116, PH 113, KM 109, HU 107, KJ 88, HB 82, MR 69, NJ 63/MB 63, FY 59, RL 51, WO 46

	Year 7 Girls Individual	Year 7 Boys Individual	Year 7 Girls Team	Year 7 Boys Team	Year 7 Mixed Team
1	Effie King	Regan McGrath	Ivy-Dawn Tamati Charlotte Horne Rosie Mitchell	Zac Cunningham Lafa Tofiga Tim Woodcock	Cody Ferguson Marcus Young Hayley Andersen
2	Ariana Cockburn	Oakley Bird	Sienna Forgie Lexi Burns Becca Duff	Hunter Compton Ollie Michelle Kotahi Scott	Hunter Tucker Paige Allison
3	Renee Lawson	Brady Connelly	Charlotte Cavanagh Aly Morgan Lana Chettleburgh	Kahu Chapman-Choat Levi Nicol Hunter Stevens	

	Year 8 Girls Individual	Year 8 Boys Individual	Year 8 Girls Team	Year 8 Boys Team	Year 8 Mixed Team
1	Tyla Stanley	Joshua Binnie	Cheyenne Lewis Lily Walker	Ethan Ryder Cayden Roome Travis Millier	Joel Bain Blake Dalton Madison Shaw
2	Keira Hughes	Oliver Biernat	Abigail Samuels Chloe Robinson Holly Pool	Ethan Cameron Matthew Harding Thomas O'Brien	Rachel Waters Hartley Newell Jake Paul
3	Sarah Evans	Zachary Whitley	Anneka Stevenson Jannah Hooper Janaya Guthrie	Tyler Lubbe Heynecke Stegen Cohen Clearwater	



Weekly Sport Column

Kia Ora Tatou

The 2020 sporting calendar is well underway here at Taieri College, and it is fair to say there is a significant number of teams and individuals competing and representing the school with pride across the province. Summer sport has kicked into life with many volleyball, touch, petanque, futsal, softball, golf and water polo teams beginning their campaigns. This week I would like to make special mention to the college's cricket sides who have performed admirably across all age grades. Our Year 7 and 8 Girls side just recently played Tahuna and St Hilda's and were unbeaten. Our Year 7 and 8 Boys side beat Kavanagh last week and went on to play Balmacewen yesterday. Our College Girls team defeated Bayfield on Wednesday and our 1st XI are off to Alexandra on Monday to play Verdon College in the semifinals in the Super Smash, with a potential final in the afternoon; all the best to them. As always, it has been great to see staff involved in coaching these sides and plenty of support from families on the sidelines.

This week also featured a special college event, our annual Athletic Sports Day which was held on Tuesday. We had a great turn out from our students who competed individually and also towards interform points for their form class. It was a great day to celebrate our students, who, without question, gave it their all. It was lovely to see many parents and grandparents at Memorial Park on the day; a reflection of our community nature. Be sure to check out the photographs from the day in the newsletter.

Ryan Rosevear
Head of Sport





Athletics Day

Three Taieri College Swimmers attending the South Island Town and Country Meet

Kylie Gale (11MP), Jessie Yee (10HK) and Keira Hughes (8PH) have all qualified for this annual event, held this weekend from Saturday the 29 February 2020 to Sunday 1 March 2020. Thankfully this year the event returns to the south of the South Island in Invercargill. Mrs Hughes will manage this team in Invercargill over the weekend.

All three girls swim for the Taieri Swimming Club. Kylie and Jessie train under the Dunedin Swim Coaching Board (DSCB) training regime in at Moana Pool, while Keira Hughes trains under Taieri Squad coach Paul McGrath, in the Mosgiel Pool. All girls are working on gaining qualifying times or more qualifying times for the NZ Divisional 2's coming up in May. Keira being the youngest of these swimmers is still eligible for NZ Juniors and will head away to these two weeks later in Timaru (Friday 13 March 2020 – Sunday 15 March 2020 over three gruelling days of events. Keira has qualified in eight NZ Junior events and has selected to swim seven of these.

Taieri College wishes all these swimmers the very best of luck in their up and coming swimming ventures and goals.



Kylie Gale
11MP



Jessie Yee
10HK



Keira Hughes
8PH

Otago Primary School Swimming Sports Saturday 6 April 2020

All students in Year 7 & 8 are eligible to enter this event, if they meet qualifying times and want to participate in this event. Students have been asked to complete the below expression of interest. These can be found in Mrs Hughes' classroom, TK7.

Expression of interest for the Otago Primary School Swimming Champs	
Name:	Form Class:
Age Group: 9 and under 10 years 11 years 12 years <i>This is determined by your age on the 6 April 2019</i>	
50m Freestyle	50m Backstroke
50m Breaststroke	Available for the Relay if selected? YES NO
Preliminary heats for free, back and breast in the morning. Finals and relays in the afternoon session.	

Qualifying times can be obtained from any official swimming meet, the upcoming Taieri College Swimming Sports in Week 6 or by arrangement with Mrs Hughes for a timed session.

Otago Primary School Championships - Qualifying Times

Mixed Open 50m Freestyle

11 years	53 seconds (53.00)
12 & over	49 seconds (49.00)

Mixed Open 50m Backstroke

11 years	1 minute 1 seconds (1:01.00)
12 & over	56 seconds (56.00)

Mixed Open 50m Breaststroke

11 years	1 minute 10 seconds (1:10.00)
12 & over	1 minute 5 seconds (1:05.00)

Last year we managed to pick up a few individual and relay ribbons at this event. It would be great to build on this success again this year. Any queries please email bhughes@taieri.school.nz

Science Extension Programmes Offered at the New Zealand Marine Studies Centre at Portobello

If your student is interested in applying for one of these programmes please contact Ryan Fitzgerald on rfitzgerald@taieri.school.nz

Science Extension and Enrichment 2020



Background

Over the past 14 years, the Science Extension and Enrichment Programmes at the New Zealand Marine Studies Centre have gained a growing reputation for delivering authentic, real-world learning experiences that are enriching and enhancing for gifted students.

Students tell us these programmes are the greatest experiences of their lives. Parents are enthused by their children returning home motivated from their experiences, their research and the friends they have made. The programmes also provide valuable professional learning and development for teachers. They tell us that observing and sharing the experience is fascinating and strengthens their understanding of the nature of science and links to current scientific knowledge.

Why Marine Science?

There are a number of clear reasons why all citizens of Aotearoa need to have an in-depth experience and understanding of the marine world. The ocean is a vital part of our identity and culture, and provides us with over half of the oxygen we breathe. We have one of the longest coastlines and largest exclusive economic zones in the world, with many marine taonga right at our doorstep. Our ocean also provides for our economy through aquaculture, fisheries and marine eco-tourism. The challenges we face through climate change and pollution, mean it is vital that we gain knowledge and understanding, and we are able to act as kaitiaki for our marine environment for the future well-being of our planet.

Programme Plans 2020

In 2020 we will be offering eight science extension programmes, including five residential programmes, open to students from schools in Southern NZ. Supervised and directed by our educators, these residential programmes involve in-depth and wide-ranging field and laboratory experiences, as well as mentoring by post-graduate research students in a supportive and friendly environment. Like minds living and working together develop an enriching, knowledge-building community.

Costs:

The programme in 2020 is offered at a reduced cost of \$10/day per participant, thanks to Ministry of Education funding for gifted learners. Residential programmes include accommodation and boat transfers to Quarantine Island. Schools will be invoiced after the student selection process is complete, and it will be up to schools to determine the allocation of those costs.

Selection process:

Due to limited capacity, allocation of places on these programmes will involve a selection process. Although some priority may be given to schools who have shown particular interest in the past, we are keen to attract new schools' involvement. Each school is expected to use at least three identification criteria to determine up to three applicants to commit fully to the relevant programme (please visit gifted.tki.org.nz for information on identifying giftedness).

Application process:

Programme details and application forms are available on our website: marine.ac.nz
Go to "Learn with us" and click on "Science Extension" for further information.
Email applications to portobello.marinescience@otago.ac.nz
Applications can also be posted in the mail to PO Box 8, Portobello, Dunedin 9048, but time should be given for this to reach us by the deadlines outlined.



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TAIERI PLAINS JUNIOR NETBALL

AGM: Monday 2 March
7.00pm
Taieri College Library
Please come along!

The Taieri Plain's Junior Netball Committee is a small group of volunteers without whom the Saturday netball games would not occur.

Most official positions have been filled, however, there are several 'vacancies' in the assistant positions which help with the day to day running of Saturday netball.

If you would like to join our committee either on an official basis or as a helping hand on Saturdays please come along on Monday 2 March at 7.00pm and meet us all.

The successful running of Saturday netball depends on volunteers to spread the load.



Can you HELP!?

Netball Coaches and Managers

In order to continue to develop aspiring netball players at all levels, we are seeking expressions of interest for coaches and / or managers.

If you are interested in assisting us to continue our strong netball tradition please email krosevear@taieri.school.nz

Teams available from Year 7 to Senior level.

Strong support networks are in place to assist all levels of coaches and aspiring coaches.



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*27th & 28th February
at 7:30*

*1st March at 2:00
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