

Kia ora e te whanau

A big thank you to everyone who has provided support to our students during an incredibly busy school term. It is the time of the year where many co-curricular events take place as we make the most of the milder weather. Camps, field trips, and sporting events have occurred regularly during the last eleven weeks and we are grateful for the encouragement and backing we receive from our community.

Peter Sleeman has been on our Board of Trustees for the past seven years and spent several of those years as Board Chair. As an ex-student and employee, Pete is passionate about Taieri College and has been instrumental in helping navigate the college through a time of rapid growth. Pete is relocating to Omakau and has resigned from his position on the board. On behalf of our Taieri College community, I would like to wish Pete and Sue all the best for their move.

I had the pleasure of attending the Year 13 Drama presentation this week and was impressed with the quality of performance. It was clear that the large cast involved had put in a lot of preparation resulting in a thoroughly entertaining spectacle.

Anzac Day falls within the school holidays this year and Taieri College will once again pay its respect to those who sacrificed all during historical conflicts. Gabby and Cam (our Head Students) have been asked to read at the Dawn Service in Dunedin, and we will also have a strong representation at the Mosgiel service.

I wish everyone a relaxing and safe holiday and look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready to go in a couple of weeks.

Nga manaakitanga ki a koe

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

- 16 April
Learning Readiness Issued
End of Term 1
- 3 May
Start of Term 2
- 5 May
Year 8 HPV
- 6 May
Year 12 "Loves me not"
presentation
- 6-7 May
L1 PRM Trip
- 7 May
L1 SPR Henley Kayak and Walk
trip
- 11 May
Teacher Only Day – College
closed
Work Day Years 9-13
(information further in
newsletter)

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Collection Anzac
Day.*



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Workday 2021

Each year Taieri College Students' Council have undertaken a student workday involving Year 9-13 students. The funds raised from this are given back directly to the students for their benefit. The metal picnic tables, the outdoor basketball hoops, extra drinking fountains, subsidising cultural and sporting individuals and groups representing the college are examples of ways these funds have been used in the past.

Last year due to Lockdown this was not held, however, funds were still given out to students.

This year our Students Council are planning to hold the Year 9-13 Workday on the same day as the scheduled Teacher Only Day in Week Two of Term Two: Tuesday 11 May 2021. Our target/goal is to raise \$12,000.

Students are asked to find a job at home or in the community and to return any payment received for this to the Students Council. We would hope that each student would be able to contribute a minimum of \$20.00 or \$50.00 per family. On many occasions in the past students have been able to help neighbours and whanau with small jobs on this day while also giving back to the school community.

This is a great way for our school community to help each other and our wider community, while also developing our young adults' understanding of what it is like to be employed. A good work ethic on this day has often resulted in part-time employment for our students on a more regular basis.

An employment record for students will be handed out next term and is to be returned to school with the funds raised.

Uniform

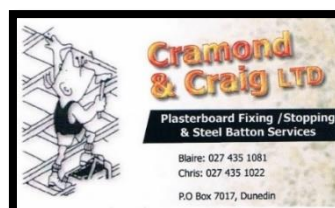
During Term One and Term Four, the senior blazer is compulsory to be worn to assemblies and on formal occasions but it is optional at other times during these summer months. The senior blazer is required to be worn at all times during Term Two and Term Three.

In Terms Two and Three the jacket can be worn OVER the blazer when it is raining.

Our regulation school jacket can be purchased at NZ Uniforms on Moray Place, in Dunedin.

If students are wearing short sleeved Taieri College senior shirts or blouses and wish to wear polyprops, the polyprops should be plain white and have short sleeves.

If students are wearing long sleeved Taieri College senior shirts or blouses and wish to wear polyprops, the polyprops should be plain white.



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

Waihola Surfacing Ltd

Thank you to Scott Leebody and his team for their continued support! If you have a new construction project ahead, require an asphalt overlay done or a concrete installation, then contact Scott and his team for a consultation and quote.



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

Accounts

Statements of account were issued this week showing school costs owing and in some cases the credit balance for those families who are in credit.

Payment of the balance owing can be made the following ways:

- internet banking/automatic payments to our Westpac bank account number **03 1725 0106800 00**
- eftpos or cash at the office
- cash using the envelope system at the office for students

When making payment by internet banking or automatic payment please include the student's name as the reference and if the payment is for a specific cost eg. netball, please note this also in the reference. You can also quote the student's ID number which is printed on the statement (to the left of their name).

If you are paying regular automatic payments, it would be appreciated if they are of a sufficient amount to cover all costs by the end of term 4. You may need to make additional payments for any sports fees which are due at the beginning of the playing season and for any camp or trip costs which are required before the event.

You can view accounts at any time by logging in to the Taieri College Kamar site via our website and selecting the Taieri College useful links tab.

If you have a query about your account, please email accounts@taieri.school.nz or phone the Finance Office extn 206 or extn 129.

Please note that financial assistance is available in some cases so if you have any concerns at all about payment, please don't hesitate to phone the college on 489 3823 and speak to Mr Peacock (extn 101).

Nine Taieri College Students Qualify for Otago Primary School Swimming Champs

Congratulations to the Taieri College Otago Primary Schools' Swimming Champs Team consisting of; Regan McGrath (8JT), Emily Clements (8HB), Aidan Ealson (8BZ) Ryan Bain (8GY), Evie Gilmour (7RL), Kael Hughes (7MB), Jett Bennett (7RL), Joel McGrath (7MR) and Isla Musk (7HU).

Last Saturday at Moana Pool these students competed in the biggest swimming event held in Otago. It was a manic morning session and all performed well with fantastic PBs. We were finally able to wear our brand new Taieri College swimming caps.

The competition runs preliminaries in the mornings. There are only three events on offer; the 50m freestyle, the 50m backstroke and 50m Breaststroke, all of which have strict qualifying times to make for entry into this competition. The races are seeded from the slowest heats through to the fastest heats regardless of age. Swimmers are all competing to get the fastest time possible to make the top eight for the finals in the afternoon session. Each age group can have approximately anywhere from 35 – 50+ swimmers. A special thanks to Brad Gilmour for being an IOT for this meet. Kind thanks to our time keepers Sally and Chris Ealson, Ross Bain, Anne and Peter Shanks, Tony McGrath. Thanks to our supporters James Musk, Marcelle Clements, Carrie Gilmour, Tarryn McGrath and Kate Bennett. We appreciate you getting in behind our young swimmers and Swimming Otago.

A special congratulations to Evie Gilmour for making all three of her 11 year old finals. Her best result came in the 50m Freestyle with a 4th place. The calibre of her age group currently is the strongest around with the winner making a NZ Div 2 time at age 11. There are only 3 seconds between first and fifth.

Jett Bennett made the 50m Freestyle 11 year old boys final and went from 7th in the qualifying preliminaries to 5th in the final and was a reserve for the 50m Breaststroke final.

Regan McGrath was a reserve for the 12 year old Boys 50m Breaststroke Final. Emily Clements had an outstanding meet with phenomenal PBs and just outside the finals/reserve placings in the preliminaries.

Congratulations to the Year 7 freestyle relay team of Jett Bennett, Joel McGrath, Kael Hughes and Evie Gilmour who placed third out of the Otago schools in the 4 X 50m freestyle relay event.

Our Year 8 freestyle relay team of Emily Clements, Aidan Ealson, Ryan Bain and Regan McGrath narrowly missed out on third place by 0.02 of second. Regan had a flying home leg and nearly swam down the third placed team swimmer, which only came down to the touch after making up and closing a 20m gap.

Congratulations to all the Taieri College swimmers at this event. You did yourself, your parents, your team and your school proud! Keep up your outstanding swimming efforts.



Young Writers' Awards 2021

Entries are due Wednesday 29 September at 3:00pm.

Entries 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 the Illustrated Books section (if not in electronic format) can be delivered to the English Department Office in the last week of Term 3.

SHORT STORIES

Completed individually, this can be a story consisting of a minimum of 250 words. There should be a suitable title and should be formatted with paragraphs. The content may be a real experience, an adapted real experience, fiction, or inspired by other stories read or viewed. It does not have to come solely from a classroom activity.

Article

This section is completed individually. Entries need a suitable title and to be written in paragraphs. Present your opinions about a subject such as Road Safety, Conservation, Social Media, Politics, etc. You could be aiming to persuade the reader to act/behave/think in a different way. Or you could present information about a subject such as Taieri history, animals, ancestry, your job, an historic event, etc. Entries may relate to some study you have completed. Entries do not have to come from classroom activities.



This may be a combined effort of up to two people (e.g. a text writer and an illustrator). Options include:

- (a) Children's Illustrated Book - The book must be at least six pages long, but the page size is not restricted. It should be suitable for pre-school children to read or to have read to them. (i.e. the text and pictures may be quite simple).
- (b) Graphic Novel – This text needs to be at least 15 frames, using the visual and written conventions of graphic novels (comic books, anime). Entries be a full story or the beginning of a longer narrative not yet written.



Completed individually, entries can be any length, rhymed or unrhymed. Very short poems, however, may not be judged as favourably as longer ones reflecting greater effort. Use a suitable title. The subject may be serious or humorous. It may be shaped on the page.



Collaborative efforts of up to three people may submit entries in this category. Drama scripts may be any length – a simple sketch or a piece of dialogue or monologue, and could contain one or several scenes. Stage directions must be included. It should be set out as a play script with dialogue and stage directions, as well as a captivating title.

Questions can be directed to your English teacher or to Miss Hurst in C10 or by email (ehurst@taieri.school.nz).

Taieri College Formal - Dunedin Town Hall

Saturday 22 May 2021

Ticket price is \$105.00 per person

The final ticket price for this year's formal has been set. The ticket price is strictly set to cover costs of the event only, we do not set this to make a profit. The price of the ticket covers entertainment, access to photographer's website, hire of venue, dinner and transport to and from the venue. Information sheets and consent forms have been given out to our Year 12 & 13 students, please remember that tickets will not be issued without a completed consent form. Any questions regarding this please phone Monique Evans, Student Support Administrator 489 3823 ext 111.

Level 3 Biology Trip to the Otago Peninsula

On Friday 9 April 2021, the Level 3 Biology trip went out on their annual trip down the Otago Peninsula. The focus of this trip was to look at the impact of ecotourism on the animals that inhabit the peninsula and the waters that surround it. The first stop was at the Albatross Centre where the students learnt about the biology of the Northern Royal Albatross as well as the vast range of techniques used to manage the Taiaroa Head population. Then it was up to the viewing hide where numerous chicks were visible sitting on their nests. Last stop was at Pilots Beach where the students learnt more about the Little Blue Penguin and how their population is being managed.

After lunch, the students took a ride on the Monarch where they visited the waters around the entrance to the Otago Harbour and the open ocean off the Otago coast. White-capped albatross, Sooty Shearwaters New Zealand Fur Seals and Sea Lions were just some of the wildlife seen on this trip.

The final stop of the day was at Penguin Place. Here, students learnt about management practices being used to raise the success of the Yellow-eyed Penguin population on the Otago coast. The students visited the penguin hospital which included a Snares Crested Penguin - a rare sight on the mainland. After this, the trip took the students out to the private Pipikaretu Beach and a trip through the trenches to view Yellow-eyed penguins returning from the sea at the end of a day's fishing.



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Loan Market



Donations of Wool

The Art Department would like to get these old looms up and running. Any donations of finer wool or suitable yarn.

Please drop off Term 2 to the college office. Any would be gratefully appreciated, for garments or sculpture.

Art

Gemma Brady 10VN took this wonderful photo while on holiday. Gemma is in one of the Year 10 Photo and Film classes this year. What a great shot- gently tweaked in Adobe Lightroom at school. Excellent choice of the depth of field!



Year Seven Vision Screening

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Population Health team, Southern District Health will be visiting your school to screen all year seven students for distance vision on 25 May 2021.

- **Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)**

This determines how well your child is able to see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart.

(This free vision check is not required if student wears glasses and/or is currently under care of an optometrist or eye specialist).

If you do not wish your child to be screened please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office before our visit.

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Primary Industry Trade Academy Term 1 News

It was great to welcome a new bunch of students to the Academy this year and to get all our activities ticked off. Our Level 2 students were all out on farms early and we have a good mix of work experience placements across the Dairy, Sheep and Beef sectors. Our Level 1 students went on our annual trip to South Canterbury at the end of February, but due to a small outbreak of Covid up north we were denied entry to a couple of big food producer plants which was disappointing, but when one door closes another opens. On the first day we visited the Canterbury Wool Scour, The Flour Mill and Southern Packhouse in Timaru. On the way out of Timaru we stopped at Blue Haven Blueberries and onto Turley Farms in Temuka which is one of New Zealand's biggest food producers. The students saw the machinery needed to harvest the many varieties of crops Turleys grow. After our action packed day we stopped off and did some hands-on farm activities and had a BBQ tea with the Primary Trade Academy at Geraldine High School. Geraldine are wonderful hosts and we look forward to catching up with them each year. After a night in Ashburton, we had an early start at South Island Seed Dressing and then headed for home. This year we stopped off in Moeraki and were fortunate enough to get taken on a boat ride with the local fishermen out to the Crayfish Pots and have Blue Cod for Lunch. We really appreciated all the wonderful businesses that welcome us into their plants. It is a highlight of our school calendar and a great way for the students to see the many employment opportunities available in the sector. Big thanks to Mr Hunter and Mrs Nichol for accompanying us on the trip.



Taieri College Young Farmers Duck Calling Competition

This year the newly formed Young Farmers Club held the first Annual Duck Calling Competition. The committee worked hard to organise the event and were lucky enough to get sponsored prizes kindly donated by Farmlands Mosgiel. The event was advertised across the school and we were very pleased with the entries. The committee set up a Maimai in the Performing Arts Centre and the students stood in the Maimai and did their best duck calls to a large audience. Everyone gave it their best shot in the allocated minute. Special thanks to our judges Mr Hunter, Mr Pendreigh and Mr Baines. The Winners were: Year 7 & 8 1st: Declan Crawley, 2nd Izaak Kinney, Year 9 -13 1st Josh Munro. The students were stoked with the prizes from Farmlands Mosgiel and we thank them for their support.

Libby Tisdall
Publicity Officer



SDL Class Games Afternoon



Celebration for end of Term 1 Year 9 Language modules – Japanese and French



Level 3 presents - Love and Information by Caryl Churchill

Carly Churchill has written a cutting-edge script that challenges the very foundation of what theatre is. In an effort to encapsulate how quickly information flies around in the modern world and the different kinds of information that are available to us, Carly Churchill has created a series of thematically linked vignettes.

The script has no characters, no narrative, no stage directions. This is all up to the actors. The actors also chose what order the vignettes are performed in.

Last night our Year 13 drama students performed excerpts from "Love and Information," presenting a barrage of images, just like we are presented with on social media. Throughout they are on the search for knowledge and for real connections with other human beings.



Sport

The end of term is a good time for reflection on the many opportunities students have had in sport so far this year. Summer sports are completed, and well done to the students who got involved and represented Taieri College in Touch, Golf, Cricket, Volleyball, Athletics, Futsal, Softball, Multisport or any of the sports on offer. As always, these opportunities are available due our staff, parents and the community who volunteer their time to assist in growing our sport. We are indebted to your support.

On that note, winter teams across all codes are forming currently or have already been formed. We encourage students to join winter sports teams, and be a part of a collective group working towards a common goal. Come and see us in the Sport Office to get involved.

Over the holidays, two Taieri College miniball teams are off to a South Island Tournament in North Canterbury with Miss Bezett. All the best to these budding basketball students who are competing in a great opportunity to travel as a team and enjoy the tournament experience.

Enjoy your holidays.
Ryan Rosevear
Head of Sport

Year 10 Boys Futsal Team – Junior Div 2 winners



Aiyanna Bosscher & Kate Delaney with their Gold Medals from last weekend's Jiu Jitsu competition in Queenstown.



Table Tennis

Over this term Shilo Hogg, Marnie Augustine (pictured), Julia Peet and Joel McGrath have been giving table tennis a go at Kaikorai Valley College gym.



South Island Secondary Schools' Athletics

On the weekend of Friday 9 April 2021 and Saturday the 10 April 2021 ten Taieri College athletes competed at the South Island Secondary Schools' Athletics Champs at Nga Puna Wai in Christchurch. Friday was not too bad weather wise with a foreboding forecast for the Saturday. As usual, Nga Puna Wai delivered the weather and the conditions on Saturday were, saying it in the nicest way you can, less than ideal. All ten of our students gave it their best and achieved some outstanding results, especially on the Saturday. Well done to everyone. A big thank you to Mrs Hayley McHutchon for her help.

Ben Baines – 1st Senior Para Javelin, 1st Senior Shot Put

Neve Beattie – 3rd U15 Long Jump, 3rd U15 Triple Jump

Shyah Beattie – 2nd Senior Discus plus an Otago Record

Tyler Clark - 8th U15 High Jump, 5th U15 Long Jump, 3rd U15 Triple Jump

O'Hara Couch – 4th U14 Long Jump, 2nd U14 Triple Jump, 7th U14 100m

Blake Dalton – 2nd U14 100m

Olivia Ellis – 3rd U16 High Jump, 3rd U16 80m Hurdles

Ellie Irving – 13th U14 400m

Georgia McHutchon – 5th U15 1500m, 3rd U15 3000m

Josh Siloy – 8th U14 3000m



Library News

The library has recently held a Design Your Own Bookmark competition which has attracted many amazing entries.

This week students have been voting for their favourite designs. Winners will be announced during the holidays on our library catalogue website

<https://nz.accessit.online/TRC00/#!dashboard> While you are there, take a look at what our library has to offer.

Lauryn Urquhart-Eaton
Librarian
Taieri College



TAIERI PLAINS JUNIOR NETBALL Get ready for coaching 2021

Calling all possible and existing coaches for 2021.
Taieri Plain's Junior Netball committee are offering two AWESOME opportunities to come along to a session with Netball South.

Years 2, 3, & 4

Monday 17 May – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY!
Time: 6.00pm – 8.00 pm
Venue: Elmgrove School Hall- entry off Ayr St
Cost: FREE!



Years 5,6,7 & 8

Thursday 20 May
6.00pm-8.00pm
Venue: Taieri College Indoor Training Centre [ITC]
Cost: Free

Please register with this link:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/163781>

TAIERI PLAINS JUNIOR NETBALL Get Ready for Netball 2021

Calling all Year 5,6,7,8 players who are keen to get ready for the 2021 netball season.

Taieri Plain's Junior Netball committee are offering a two day programme in the second week of the April school holidays- Wednesday April 28 and Thursday April 29. Spaces are limited.

Please register via the following link:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/163782>

Years 5 & 6

Wednesday April 28 and Thursday April 29.

9.00am- 12pm

Venue: Taieri College ITC

Cost \$30 per day or \$50 for both days

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/163782>



Years 7 & 8

Wednesday April 28 and Thursday April 29.

Venue: Taieri College ITC 1pm-4pm

Cost \$30 per day or \$50 for both days

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/163782>



Pinkies Umpiring course 2021

FREE

Are you Year 7 or 8?

Do you want to learn how to umpire netball?

Pinkies Umpiring will be run on Fridays after school (3.30pm to 5pm) over FIVE weeks starting on Friday May 7 and finishing on the June 4. These are fantastic sessions for you to learn how to umpire plus this helps with your development in your own game. There are no costs for the sessions, just bring enthusiasm to learn more about netball.



Please bring:

- Water bottle
- Whistle (if you have one, we will have some if need be)
- Change of clothes to play netball/run around in (please get changed before coming to the session if possible to save time)
- A good attitude and commitment

You will gradually learn the key rules over the weeks.

There is NO COST!

Pinkies enrolment- [follow this link](https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/163812)

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