



Kia ora koutou katoa

On Monday we are fortunate to have Brando Yelavich coming to visit and speak to our students. Brando is a young explorer from New Zealand who, on the 24 August 2014, was the first person to walk the coastline of New Zealand (8700km over 600 days). Since then, Brando has completed numerous self-supported adventures around the globe.

Brando completed his first adventure at 19 years old, when he circumnavigated New Zealand's beautiful coastline. He climbed, walked, ran, and swam around the entire country, living off the land, catching fish, wild birds, wild rabbits and whatever else he could get his hands on, using a guide to all the edible plants for assistance. Contributions to Brando's incredible feat went to the Ronald McDonald House, raising money and awareness for all the children and families who are under their care. Brando's circumnavigation was inspired by his own depression. He knew he was headed down the wrong path in life and needed to change his direction in a big way. The journey almost cost him his life on several occasions; it took him 600 days to travel more than 8500km, basically alone.

Since then, Brando has completed multiple self-supported adventures, including:

- Surviving in the wilderness of Stewart Island, 30 days 570km
- Skiing across the Greenland Icecap 33 days 600km
- Kayaking around the largest island on the west coast of the Americas; Vancouver Island 72 days 4780km
- In 2019, Brando was the first person to cycle across Australia west to east through the deserts 130 days 5555km

We are indebted to the Rotary Club of Taieri who have made Brando's visit possible. My thanks to them for their generosity in making Brando's visit possible.

Our netballers performed with distinction last weekend at the Otago Secondary Schools' Netball Championships. Our Senior A played some stunning netball, and their commitment was rewarded by finishing 3rd overall. Likewise, our Year 9 team also performed admirably in finishing 3rd. Our Year 10 team ended up finishing 8th. My thanks to coaches, managers, and supporters for their contribution over the two days of competition.

I want to also acknowledge our choir who participated in the Big Sing Choral competition in the Town Hall last weekend. Ms Goodwin was very proud of their performance. Congratulations to all who were involved.

Good luck to our seven swimmers who are travelling to Timaru for the South Island Secondary Schools' Championships. It is a very strong team and I wish all students the very best for their races.

Nga mihi nui

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

- 18-20 June
South Island Secondary
Schools' Swimming Sports
- 25 June
L1GEO Trip Sinclair Wetlands
L1GEO Sustainability
Learning Readiness Issued
Rockquest Finals
- 28 June
L1SCP Microbiology Field Trip
- 28 June – 2 July
L2HEA Spirit Week
- 29 June
L3 Otago University Visit
- 30 June
Mufti Day – Gold Coin Donation
- 1 July
Cross Country Years 9-13
L3 Devising at Toitu
L3DRA Toitu Performance
- 2 July
Year 8, 9, 10 Marae Trip
Otago University Scholarship
Visit
- 5 July
Dunedin One Day Debating
Tournament
- 7 July
L2DRA Play
- 8 July
L2DRA Play
- 9 July
End of Term 2
Lion Foundation Competition
Senior Reports Emailed Home
- 26 July
Start of Term 3



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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.

SILVER SPONSOR OF THE MONTH

CREDIFLEX OTAGO – Tim Guthrie

Welcome aboard CREDIFLEX OTAGO. Tim generously supported our annual Sports Council Golf Day last year, by donating one of our major auction prizes! Sports Council now welcome him as a monthly sponsor. CREDIFLEX are financial advisors, ready to help any business with Asset Finance, Commercial Finance or Consumer Finance. Professional, credible, flexible is how they rate themselves.



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Halberg Youth Council

Last week Dylan Lloyd was lucky enough to be selected to represent the Halberg Youth Council. The Halberg Youth Council is a group of young leaders from around the country representing the voices of physically disabled young people. Dylan starts his role in February 2022.





Senior Choir



On Monday, the Taieri College Senior Choir (featuring students from Year 9-13) took part in the Big Sing Choir festival at the Dunedin Town Hall. This included a daytime adjudicated performance and an evening showcase concert. We were small but mighty, performing three songs with great energy. In 2020 the Big Sing was cancelled so it was so wonderful to have all the choirs from Otago and South Canterbury together once again for this event. I was particularly impressed by how much our choir improved since our last performance, and they did Taieri College very proud. Thank you to Miss Love for accompanying us on the piano.

Chamber Music Contest 2021

The NZCT Chamber Music Contest is a magical moment when young musicians across the entire country come together to create, challenge and dream into their futures.

It is a culmination of countless hours of practice and perseverance, connecting and sharing Classical Music with other musicians and, ultimately, sharing music. On Saturday 12 June 2021 Jenny Petegem-Thach, Matthew Petegem-Thach, Jenna Fahey, Philippa King and Caitlin Stewart made Taieri College very proud performing at the Marama Hall, University of Otago at this year's Chamber of Music Contest.



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Spelling strategies for home

Learning to spell correctly is a crucial skill for life. Students begin to learn the basics of the English language as soon as they start school. Their skills and knowledge are built upon as they progress throughout their education, but the English language is one of the most difficult languages in the world to spell.

Many words in the English language follow specific rules and students will be taught these rules at school. However, some just have to be learned and the weekly spelling list can often be greeted with dread by parents.

Each week until the end of term there will be three fun ways to learn the spelling of words, try these:

Use each word in a silly sentence. The sillier the sentence, the more memorable. Underline the spelling word in each sentence.

For example: Spelling the word purple.

My dog wears a blue and purple dress when he takes a bath.

Pick 5 spelling words. For each word write a group of words that look like your spelling word but are misspelled slightly.

Don't forget to include the correct spelling word to the group of words, too. DO NOT SOLVE.

Example:

- rightt
- rite
- right
- rihgt

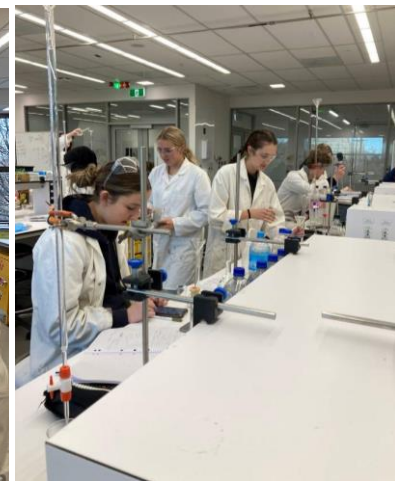
Write each word and include a silly picture.

For example, if one of the words is "thumb", draw a hand with the word itself instead of the thumb.



Year 13 Chemistry Trip

Last week the Year 13 Chemistry students spent two days at the University of Otago Chemistry Department carrying out their practical work for their extended investigation. Students were using titration to determine the concentration of chloride ions in water samples collected from Taieri Mouth.



Regional Finals – 25 June 2021 - 7:00 PM - Mayfair Theatre
Tickets at Ticket@eventfinda, door sales available.

Six Taieri College bands representing Taieri College.

The top 12 bands to play off at the Otago regional final are:

- Velvet Strings - Taieri College, Logan Park High School
- Neils Beach - John McGlashan College, Otago Boys' High School
- Melo Keys - Kings High School
- Shrimp - Logan Park High School
- Fool of Stars - Taieri College, Queen's High School, Home Schooled
- Bliss Point - Logan Park High School
- Vivid - John McGlashan College
- Something Altrc - Taieri College
- Spontaneous Combustion - Taieri College
- Ticketz - Taieri College
- Tectonic Sounds - Taieri College
- Disciples of Dunedin - John McGlashan College



Competitive Grade Basketball at Taieri College

We are half-way through the competitive basketball season in Dunedin, with 8 weeks remaining of the school competition. Taieri College trialled for teams at the end of Term 1 and have 5 teams representing our school on Friday nights at the Edgar Centre.

The Junior Girls are coached by Luke Bouman, assisted by Jenny Hooper and managed by Marina Roxburgh. They are playing in the stacked Premier Grade. Each week they are looking to improve upon the fundamentals of the sport, including footwork, passing, shooting, dribbling, defence and spacing.

The Junior Boys are head coached by Ethan McKinlay, assisted by Jared Gibson and managed by Janine McIntosh. After a rocky start, they completed their grading games by beating Kavanagh College in a must-win game. They are going strong in the A-grade, proving that they will be contenders in the Premier Grade now that they are reinstated to the highest grade. They are working on their shooting, team play and defence.

The Senior Girls are playing in the Premier Grade under the tutelage of head coach Gary Smyth and manager Ronnie Gale. They are sitting at 2nd in the table; their only loss to Otago Girls'. When you watch one of their games, you will notice how well they run the floor, attack the basket, and play pressure defence.

The Senior Boys got their first win last Friday, after some close losses early in the season in the eight team Premier Competition. They beat Kavanagh College decisively. They are guided by a new coaching staff in head coach Esteban Erdödy, assistant Shane Atherton and manager Jenny Hooper. The senior boys look to push the ball, attack the rim and play tough, full court defence.

Also competing in competitive basketball in Junior Boys A grade are the Taieri College Bricks. The team is coached by former Senior A player and Year 13 Ben Irvine. The team are filled with 10 talented players who love to play basketball everyday and are currently performing well and gaining successful results on the court.

Junior Boys



Junior Girls



Senior Boys



Senior Girls



Otago Secondary Schools' Netball Tournament

Our A netball teams followed on with their Saturday competition with a two day Otago Secondary Schools' tournament on Sunday and Monday against schools from across Otago.

Our 9 A played Wakatipu, Kavanagh, OGHS, and Dunstan to finish third overall. This was a great effort. Our 10 A played Wakatipu, OGHS, Mount Aspiring and Queen's, finishing eighth, while our Senior A played St Hilda's [twice], Dunstan, Wakatipu and Columba to finish third.

All players and coaches need to be very proud of their efforts. We also want to thank the umpires, Kyla Standing, Amelia Baxter, and Simone Letts who gave up their time both days to umpire at the tournament.





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Arts Week

Week 8

- On Monday Break 2,
there's a speed drawing event
- On Wednesday Break 2,
there's theatresports
- On Friday Break 2,
there's a music quiz

Keep an eye out for the notices



**Come along
and join in the fun
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When: July 12th – 16th inclusive, 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm daily

Where: Otago Bridge Club, 100 Otaki Street, Dunedin

Cost: \$25.00 for the full week

Enrolment: You must enrol prior to the lessons. Please enrol by 30th June by e-mailing Barbara Hutton at bhutton4510@gmail.com, or texting to 0274 570-202.

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