

Kia ora e te whanau

We were recently reminded of the reality that the COVID-19 pandemic is still a threat to our lifestyle, and things can change very quickly when it rears its head. Going to Level 2 Lockdown was a relatively simple transition for us. Staff, students, and whanau responded effectively, and with little fuss. What remains important, as we navigate our way in and out of levels, is the importance of maintaining good hygiene and keeping students away from school if they have flu like symptoms. I thank everyone for their cooperation.

As we start a new year part of the challenge for students is settling back into school routines and adhering to our expectations of behaviour. I want to alert our community to the increase in the popularity of vaping. Vaping was cleverly introduced and marketed as a "safe" replacement for those trying to give up smoking. The recent science emerging is suggesting it is anything but safe, with clear evidence indicating dangerous acute and chronic health issues for those who vape. Part of what we do at Taieri College is doing our best to keep our students safe. We see vaping as a dangerous pastime and one that as a college, we will not tolerate. Consequences for students who choose to vape whilst wearing our school uniform, often while travelling to and from school will be sharp and severe. Young people vaping is just as much a community issue as it is a school issue. As a community we should all be doing our best in dissuading young people from starting a habit that will have a significant detrimental effect on their future health. We really appreciate the support and assistance we get from our community when dealing with issues like this.

Athletics Day was a great success on Tuesday. Students who were present threw themselves into competition with some evenly fought contests across the day. Athletics Day is a combination of fun and participation, whilst at the same time allowing our trained athletes the chance to excel in their chosen events. It is a huge logistical exercise putting everything together and many thanks to the Sports Department and their helpers for putting on a successful meet.

We have experienced an internet outage last week which was associated with an equipment failure from our internet provider. Something which is totally out of our control. The outage affected lessons, email, EFTPOS and KAMAR access. It was immensely frustrating waiting for our providers response to the outage and I really appreciate the adaptability and tolerance of our staff and students.

Wishing everyone a relaxing weekend.

Nga mihi nui
Dave Hunter
Principal

Key Dates

1-5 March
Tautuku Camp No 2.

1 March
Year 10 Girls' Self Defence/Boys' Day (10RG/PN)

2 March
Level 3 History Trip – Hockey Library

3 March
Attitude Presentation 1
Enviroschools Hui

4 March
7SW Green Island Landfill Trip

5 March
Learning Readiness Issued
TK Triathlon

15-21 March
Tautuku Camp No. 3



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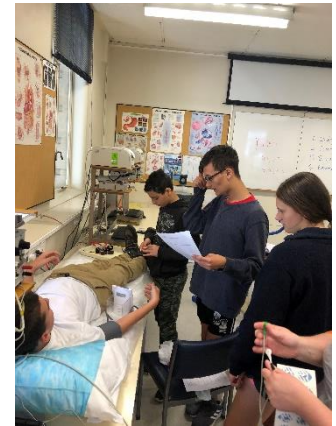
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Year 10 Science Trip to the Physiology Department

Last Friday, four Year 10 Science classes visited the Otago University's Physiology Department. Here, students had the opportunity to measure the action of their heart using ECG machines during exercise. The students learnt how to interpret the printouts from these machines and explain why the heart may behave in the manner it does during exercise. This complemented the work we had been doing in class on heart structure and function. The students also had the opportunity to measure their blood pressure as well as learning about possible tertiary study and careers they could follow in the Physiology domain of Science.



Accounts

Statements of account will be issued by 5 March 2021 showing annual school costs. If you are wanting to make payment before then these will be credited to your account and then allocated to the costs as they are charged.

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. Payment 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/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.

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).

Thank you.

Song Writing Clinic with Abby Wolfe

The amazing and very accomplished singer-songwriter Abby Wolfe was here at Taieri College last Friday taking a song writing clinic, working with students from Years 8-13.





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Otago Southland Secondary Schools' Mountain Bike Champs



Ryan Merrilees, Olliver Esplin, Rachel Cunningham, Katie Clark, Sam Clark

Signal Hill was the host for the annual Otago-Southland Secondary Schools' Mountain Bike Champs last weekend. The downhill event was on Saturday and on the Sunday both the Cross Country and the Enduro events were held. Taieri College had a number of riders competing. The results are as follows and well done to those who competed.

Downhill

Name	Age	Result
Rachel Cunningham	U20 Girls	1 st
Ryan Merrilees	U16 Boys	2 nd

Enduro

Name	Age	Result
Rachel Cunningham	U20 Girls	2 nd
Sam Clark	U13 Boys	4 th
Katie Clark	U17 Girls	5 th

Cross Country

Name	Age	Result
Oliver Esplin	U15 Boys	1 st

Overall:

Taieri College 7th out of 22 teams

Keep Calm and Make Art

Show casing some of this year's new art from Year 10 to year 13 which is now displayed in the TK block, Hub 1. Sending a great message - Keep Calm and Make Art.



Two Taieri College Students Qualify for Swimming NZ Juniors

Evie Gilmour had an amazing meet recently. All eight of her events showed her determination, achievement and competitive spirit. In the 11 Year old girls 100m Butterfly and 100m Breaststroke, Evie took 7 seconds off her times and in the 200m freestyle she took a whopping 8 seconds off her entry time. Evie's best results came in the 11 Year old girls 100m Butterfly with a 4th placing and in the ever popular and extremely competitive 11 Year old girls 50m freestyle 6th place with a new personal best time of 33.04. Evie competed in the 12 and under girls relay team for Taieri and despite the younger team still placed 9th out of the 18 Clubs who entered from the Mako zone.

Abby Samuels enjoyed her first ever NZ Juniors and gained a valuable experience in the world of competitive swimming. Abby narrowly missed her PB in the Girls 12 year old 50m Backstroke and got a great 2 second PB in her 50m freestyle event. Abby swam with Evie in the Taieri Swimming Club relay team. Abby is new to competitive swimming and has had a very successful season with the Taieri Swimming Club. Taieri College wish Evie and Abby well in their future swimming endeavours.



Sport

- The Wanaka Challenge Secondary Schools' Triathlon drew in a record number of athletes from across New Zealand this year. Taieri College students were fortunate with the announcement of going to Level One on the eve of the event as the team had been working hard all summer with record numbers wishing to attend the event. The training saw our students put in a fine set of results across all the race sections. This was highlighted in the following top three performances by our students.

U19 Girls Team – Kylie Gale, Pearl Harris-Blain, Lily Miller 1st Challenge Wanaka Secondary Schools Section)

U19 Girls Individual – Shinae Stanley 4th Challenge Wanaka Secondary Schools Section & 3rd Otago SS Section

U16 Mixed Team – Emma Bain, Blake Dalton, Josh Siloy 2nd Challenge Wanaka Secondary Schools Section

Many other teams and individuals gained good performances which they can be pleased with and look to build on in the future.



- We have a strong set of swimmers from Taieri College competing over the weekend. Emma Bain is in Invercargill for the South Island Swimming champs, and is entered in the 50 & 100 metre races for the freestyle, back stroke and butterfly, and will be pushing for a podium finish. Kylie Gale and Jessie Yee are also competing at the Taieri Swimming Club Carnival over the weekend. We look forward to seeing their results and wish them all the best.
- Taieri College held its annual Athletics Day at Memorial Park this week. This was a great day in which students represented both themselves and also their form classes with great distinction. Several students performed to very high standards on the day and will be able to look forward to the upcoming Otago SS Athletics Champs to continue with their achievements.

- Top Form classes**

- Year 13 1st 13BC, 2nd 13ML, 3rd 13HS
 - Year 12 1st 12JN, 2nd 12GO, 3rd 12BT
 - Year 11 1st 11FG, 2nd 11GC, 3rd 11MN
 - Year 10 1st 10HM, 2nd 10JH, 3rd 10KT
 - Year 9 1st 9CJ, 2nd 9MH, 3rd 9LH
 - Year 8 1st 8KJ, 2nd 8GY, 3rd 8FY
 - Year 7 1st 7RL, 2nd 7SW, 3rd 7MB



- Last weekend the Taieri College Senior Mixed Touch team took part in the Otago SS Touch tournament. This tournament is part of their preparation for the upcoming SISS Touch tournament. A solid set of efforts has given them plenty to work on ahead of this tournament.



- Last weekend several of our students took part in the inaugural Otago / Southland SS Mountain Bike Champs. The students did exceptional well. This was highlighted by the following students top 3 performances.

Rachel Cunningham U20 Girls 1st Downhill, 2nd Enduro
 Ryan Merriless U16 Boys 2nd Downhill
 Ollie Esplin U15 1st Cross Country
 Taieri College placed 7th overall team in points

- Taieri College is very fortunate to have now three Gazebos for our sporting teams to use when representing Taieri College. The latest two Gazebos that the Taieri College Sports Council have supported us purchasing, give us flexibility to use them in different settings. Keep an eye out for them at sporting fixtures both in summer and in winter.

Teams currently away:

- Our Senior Girls Volleyball team left on Thursday to take part in the Mainland Volleyball tournament in Christchurch. Today the 1st XI Boys' Cricket team have travelled to Balclutha. They are taking part in the first Round of the Super Smash Cricket tournament, which forms part of the NZ Cricket Gillette Cup tournament. We look forward to hearing about their results next week.

Upcoming Events

- TK Triathlon will be held next Friday during Period 3. The whole event is about having a go. While for those looking to represent Taieri College in the upcoming Dunedin Intermediate Triathlon Champs this event is the means by which they gain selection.



Learning Readiness Criteria

Managing Self

This relates to your work ethic

This may include:

- Bringing the correct equipment
- Punctuality
- Settling on task
- Completion of set tasks
- Homework completion



Relating to others

This relates to your general behaviour

This may include:

- Following classroom rules
- Interact appropriately with peers
- Interact appropriately with teachers
- Good manners



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you!

Criteria

Meeting expectations = 3
Yet to meet all expectations = 2
Not meeting expectations = 1



RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, INTEGRITY



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD

AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND | HILLARY AWARD

A great opportunity for students to begin their journey starting with the BRONZE level of the Award. The award is split up into four different sections that students complete over the course of a year.



Voluntary Service

- Volunteer in your community and see how your service can make a positive difference.
- It can also help improve skills such as teamwork and communication



Physical Recreation

- Improve your health and fitness, whatever your starting point.
- Team sport, solo sport, or any healthy activity
- It could be something you already do regularly, have tried before, or something completely new to you.



Skills

- Improve on an existing skill
- Learn something new.
- It's all about giving something a go.



Adventurous Journey

- You'll need a sense of adventure and discovery as you go on a team journey, expedition, or exploration in our big Kiwi backyard.
- Learn more about the wider environment, learn teamwork skills, make real decisions, and accept real consequences.
- BRONZE has 2, two-day tramps.

Students need to be at least 14 to begin the BRONZE level.

Completion of the Award at BRONZE, SILVER or GOLD level looks great on your CV when you apply for University, Polytechnic or a job.

If you want more information talk to **Mr Knowles** or go to the website <https://dofehillary.org.nz/>

Te Tohu Aonui a Te Tiuka o Erinipua | Te Paraihe o Hillary Aotearoa New Zealand

Hi2

Coding Club

Time:

2:00-3:30pm

Sunday

(during school terms)

Venue:

Owheo Building,
133 Union Street East,
North Dunedin.

This is a programming club for anyone (Year 7 and above) who is interested in learning.

We train students with life-long learning skills through programming. You may not take programming as your future career, but your future career can never avoid computing and information technologies.

In this club, you will have chances to learn:

- Arduino programming
- C programming

Which are related to:

- Internet of Things
- Artificial intelligence
- Big data science
- Machine learning

In addition, you will be exposed to the computing resources and world-class computer scientists at the Department of Computer Science, University of Otago. Most importantly, let us get connected and learn from each other.



Contact Zhiyi (Paul) Huang at hi2cc@cs.otago.ac.nz for any queries

Mosgiel AFC Junior Football Registration 2021

Registration online at <http://www.sporty.co/nz/mosgielafcjuniors>

First Kicks and 6th Grade to Youth Grade are required to register online before 10 March 2021 to guarantee a place in a team.

Anyone with a computer can register on Tuesday 2 March 2021 at 6.00pm – 7.30pm at Memorial Park Clubrooms. Exact cash only please.

Subs:

First Kicks – Memorial Park \$50.00 (includes a free ball)

First Child (6th – Youth Grade) \$95.00

Subsequent Child/ren (6th – Youth Grade) \$65.00 (\$95.00 + \$65.00 = \$160.00)



Any questions please contact: Nicky Standing 027 274 0220 or Tania Outram 027 4880784

Changes for Mosgiel-Taieri Safer School Streets

Look out for changes being made to the Mosgiel-Taieri Safer School Streets project.

This Dunedin City Council project aims to make sure you and your families can get to and from school in safe and healthy ways such as walking, cycling and scooting.

DCC will be changing some crossings and associated kerb build outs and removing the planter boxes as they aren't necessary to achieve the desired safety outcomes. These changes have been made in response to feedback from the community and from site observations.

The DCC will survey affected residents about whether they would support a cycle lane on High Street, between Factory Road and Green Street. This would connect the Factory Road cycle lane and service the area near Silverstream School and Taieri College. The road is wide here and there would be no loss to parking as a result of a cycle lane.

We want to hear what you think about these changes and we'll let you know soon how you can provide feedback.

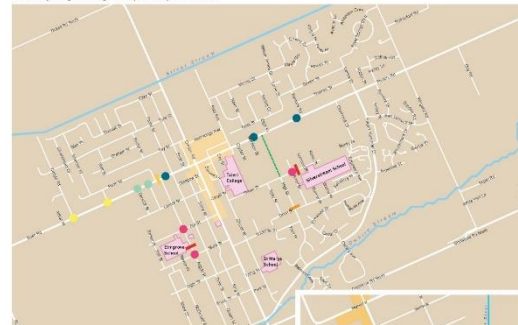
Next month, we'll be inviting you, your family and friends to help us create artwork to be painted on the road inside the kerb build outs outside Silverstream and Elmgrove Schools. More details coming soon.

www.dunedin.govt.nz/Taieri-safer-streets



MOSGIEL AND OUTRAM SAFER SCHOOL STREETS CHANGES

We are adjusting the design in response to your feedback.



We will continue to refine the design based on our observations and your feedback. Let us know what you like and what you think could be changed at www.dunedin.govt.nz/Taieri-safer-streets

Changes to be made as a result of Stage 1 feedback	
Paint crossing red*	To encourage slower speeds and awareness of crossing and walking activities.
Painted road art*	To encourage slower speeds and awareness of crossing and walking activities.
Install new crossing	We received feedback that a crossing is needed in this location.
Relocated crossing	Feedback and observations of trial crossings have shown the crossing should be in this new location.
Remove crossing	This trial crossing has not been used much.
Trial 'no entry' (for one month)	To create a junior streets that are safer for walking and cycling. Only to be implemented if supported by directly affected residents.
Cycle lane	To connect to Factory Road cycle lanes, provide cycle access to local schools and show vehicle speeds. Only to be implemented if supported by affected residents.
Areas that are not changing at the moment	Areas that are not changing at the moment.
All planter boxes will be removed	Feedback showed that people don't like them and they are not necessary to achieve safety outcomes.

*To be installed in a few weeks time