



Kia ora e te whanau

This morning started in a unique fashion when we were informed by police of an inappropriate and potentially threatening social media post from one of our students. The police response was swift and sure. After interviewing the student it became clear that the post was nothing more than a poor attempt at humour. Once the student was informed of the consequences of their actions, they were deeply remorseful. The police will be following up with the student's family. It was another example of how fast information can travel across social media and how information can be embellished while doing so. It was also another clear reminder to all students to think carefully before they post something. The college sent an immediate email to all parents and whānau, as well as a posting on Facebook to provide some clarity and reassurance to people at home. We will self-review our handling of this situation and I would welcome any feedback from our community.

Our talented young writers were acknowledged on Thursday at the annual Literary Luncheon. This award ceremony is expertly run by the English Department and my thanks to Liz Hurst for hosting this. I also would like to thank our English teachers who judged and presented awards. I understand the English Department received over 800 entries for the various categories indicating that creative writing is thriving at Taieri College. My congratulations to the prize winners and to all students who submitted work for judging.

My thanks to our hard-working and generous Sports Council who are hosting their annual golf day today. I understand they have a full field of hopeful golfers ready to play. It is always a fun community event and more importantly raises significant funds towards Taieri College sport.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Year 8 camp this week in Queenstown. Students were throwing themselves into a variety of activities and enjoying exploring the stunning landscape that the Wakatipu Basin offers. The students were fortunate to share their camp with an awesome parent group and helpful staff. Thank you to everyone involved.

On Wednesday 17 November 2021 is our Senior Prize Giving. As previously mentioned, we are unable to have parents and whānau to celebrate in person with us this year. The prize giving ceremony will be live streamed (via Facebook) and will begin at 2.00pm. Despite not being able to have family and whānau join us, we still are intent on providing a memorable occasion for our prize winners and our departing students. Despite the unique circumstances over the past two years, we are incredibly proud of the successes and achievements our students have attained. They deserve to be honoured and our intention is to do so in the best and most respectful way possible.

Noho ora mai

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Wednesday 17 November 2021

Year 7-10 students finish at 1.20pm due to
Senior Prize Giving.
Buses will leave at approximately 1.35pm.

Key Dates

15-19 November
Year 7 Just Swim Swimming
Lessons
Year 8 Camp No. 2
8WO/8BZ/8GY

17 November
Senior Prizegiving
Years 11-13 - 2.00pm

18-19 November
Junior Exams Year 9-10,
further information in
newsletter

22 November
NCEA Exams start

23 November
Year 8 HPV Catch up

22-26 November
Year 8 Camp No. 3 8JT/8KJ

24 November
Junior Volleyball
Tournament

2 December
Taieri College Mountain
Biking to Naseby

3-8 December
Bronze DoE Camp
Glenorchy

8 December
DoE Bronze Routeburn
Tramp

9 December
Year 7/8 Big Day In

13 December
Senior Clearance Day
Years 11-13

14 December
End of Term 4



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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.

Thank you to all the families and businesses who have so generously donated towards our Golf Day. On behalf of the Sports Council, we would also like to thank these businesses for sponsoring holes on the day.

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Taieri College Staff Supporting Movember



Mosgiel Health Centre Inglis Street, Mosgiel

Covid-19 Drop In Vaccination Clinics are available for the next two Saturday 13 November 2021 and 20 November 2021 at the Mosgiel Health Centre for ages 12 Years and above.

No appointment necessary.

L2 Sport and Recreation Sports Day

Last Thursday was a big day not only for the Year 8 students but also for the Year 12 Sport and Recreation students who organised a fun sports day here at Taieri College. The two classes decided, after much deliberation, that having a fun day which involved participation, communication, and co-operation was the ideal thing for Year 8 students. Mr Hull's class had an Olympic Sports theme morning which involved the seniors teaching a variety of skills to the Year 8 students and then finishing with a fun tournament with the winners receiving medals for their efforts. Some of the sports included were touch, football and golf to name a few. Mrs McHutchon's class decided that they were going to go with more of a top town theme for their events and some of the activities included building a balloon tower, pyramids, big dig memory challenge, and more. The Mosgiel Fire Brigade also supported the event and helped run the slip and slide. A big thank you to everyone involved. The day was a great and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. The Year 12 students learnt a lot of valuable skills on how to run an event and now can evaluate what happened for their assessment. The Year 8 students should be proud of how they conducted themselves. It was great to see everyone out there having so much fun!



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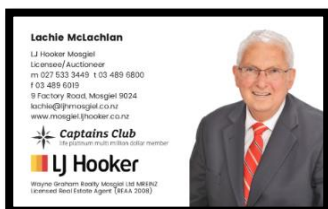
Staff vs Year 13s

Taieri College Staff have been competing against the Year 13s in netball, basketball, volleyball and wheelchair rugby games.

A special thanks to Kyla Standing, Renee Pitchers and Jemma West for umpiring and scoring.

Also thanks to Dylan Lloyd for organising the wheelchair rugby game and sharing his incredible talent and passion with us all.





Taieri College Merchandise

Students' Council is proud to present some Taieri College Merchandise for sale as a trial run. Items may be of interest to students, staff, whanau and friends. Payments will be processed through the office. Please give your **name**, state it is for **Students' Council Merch** and have total calculated you need to pay. You will be given a receipt slip you will use to collect the items from us. (Check notices for pickup location).

NOTE: Stickers may **only** be purchased by students if they wish to apply it at the same time they receive it to their own property such as their laptop, cell phone or binder for example.

1. Stylus pen with black ink. \$4
2. Glass drink bottle. \$15
3. Taieri College PVC Bumper Sticker. 21cm by 6.5cm. \$4
4. Plastic Travel cup. \$5
5. TekoTeko PVC kiss-cut sticker. 5.5cm by 8cm. \$2.50
6. Taieri College Senior Uniform PVC kiss-cut sticker. 6cm diameter. \$2



2021 Food Bank Drive

**THE FOOD DRIVE
WILL LOOK A LITTLE
DIFFERENT THIS YEAR.**

Drop off points will be available soon. Keep an eye on Facebook & School Newsletters for further information.

We thank you for your continued support.



**PLEASE HELP TO MAKE SOMEONE'S
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Junior Exam Timetable 2021

Date & Time	Exam	Venue
Thursday 18 November (Periods 1&2)	Year 10 English	ITC
Thursday 18 November (Periods 3&4)	Year 9 Mathematics	ITC
Friday 19 November (Periods 1&2)	Year 10 Mathematics	ITC
Friday 19 November (Periods 3&4)	Year 9 English	ITC

(All exams 2 hours)

Normal classes will occur during Period 5 for all Year 9 and 10 students.

GENERAL STUDY HINTS:

- GET YOUR SELF A DECENT PLACE TO STUDY:

- AWAY FROM DISTRACTIONS
- WITH GOOD LIGHTING
- PREFERABLY WITH A DESK OR TABLE



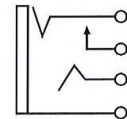
- STUDY YOUR HARDEST SUBJECTS OR TOPICS FIRST



- HAVE A 10 MINUTE BREAK EVERY HOUR.

- AIM TO SPEND TWO HOURS A NIGHT STUDYING
- CHANGE TO A NEW SUBJECT EVERY HOUR

- USE DIAGRAMS, PICTURES AND COLOUR TO ADD VARIETY TO YOUR STUDY NOTES



- USE MIND MAPS IN LANDSCAPE FORMAT

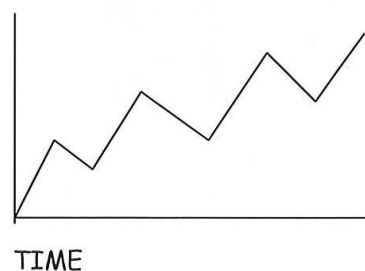


- USE A JINGLE, MNEMONIC, SONG OR STORY TO REMEMBER KEY POINTS.

- LEARN THINGS MORE THAN ONCE. PRACTISE PRACTISE PRACTISE

1= first time learning
2= second time learning
3 = third time learning

Amount of material remembered



THE MORE OFTEN YOU REVISE THE MORE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO REMEMBER!!!!!!



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Junior Exams

Junior exams will begin for Year 9 and 10 students **next week**. Exams will take place in the ITC and all exams are two hours long. Students will be required to stay in the exam for the full two hours. If they wish to use the toilet they may use the toilets in the ITC.

Students will attend their normal timetabled classes when not undertaking their exams.

Year 9 exams will all begin at 11.30 and Year 10 exams will begin at 9.00

Students should line up in their form classes 10 minutes before the start time.

Students will need to bring their equipment in a clear plastic bag:

Blue or black pens, ruler, calculator, protractor, highlighter etc

Drink bottles of water are allowed.

Some Study tips

- Make a checklist of topics for each subject.
- Make a study plan for each week that includes all your other activities e.g. sleep, meals, work, practices. Decide **when** you will study and **what** you will study.
- Create a space for studying that is away from distractions.
- Leave your phone in another room and check it when you are having a break.
- Make your own revision notes on topics.
- Use key words and diagrams.
- Shorten and reduce information into smaller bits.
- Create your own quizlets, flashcards, and mnemonics.
- Test yourself by covering up answers and talking out loud to yourself.
- Use Education Perfect.
- Do practice questions.
- Use post it notes (and put them where you will see them) of key ideas or quotes
- Go over old topic tests or essays.
- Healthy eating and getting enough sleep is important.



Before the Examination

- Get your equipment needed ready the night before.
- Get a good night's sleep.
- Eat breakfast.
- Fill your drink bottle with water.
- Go to the toilet prior to the start of the examination.
- Line up early for the exam.



In the Examination

- Stay calm
- Read through the whole exam checking where all the questions are- are there any on the back of the pages?
- Start with your best section / topics.
- Highlight or circle key words in the questions. What is the question asking?
- Match the length of your answer to the spaces provided. [Short answer vs paragraph answer]
- Manage your time by keeping an eye on the clock.
- If you are struggling with a question go on to the next one and come back to the earlier one later.
- Double check your whole exam paper at the end.

