

Tena koutou katoa

Our junior prize giving's will be held on Tuesday morning 14 December 2021. Our Year 7 and 8 students will celebrate their successes at 9.15am with our Year 9 and 10 students follow at 11.00am. Given where we are at with New Zealand's ever changing Covid-19 response, we have made the decision to not have parents and whānau in attendance this year. As with our senior prize giving, we will be providing a live stream option for people to access from home or work. Given the short timeframe between the announcement of the "traffic light" system and our prize giving dates it is just not feasible for us to safely undertake a full prize giving under vaccination mandate directives. We appreciate everyone's understanding around the complexities we are being faced with around holding large gatherings.

Our junior cricketers have had a busy week this week, starting with our Year 9 and 10 team attending a tournament hosted by St Kevin's College in Oamaru. Our boys performed exceptionally by beating St Kevin's on Monday and St Thomas' School of Canterbury on the Tuesday. Liam Cuddie's five wickets for five runs on Monday, and Jalen Forgie's 87 not out on the Tuesday would be the two individual highlights of the tournament. Unfortunately, rain put paid to any cricket on Wednesday, however the boys deserve to be proud of their 100% win record. My thanks to Mr Ian Mockford and our incoming 2022 Mathematics teacher Mr Jack Mockford for coaching and managing.

Our Year 7 and 8 cricket boys travelled to Timaru during the week and played a game against Medbury School from Christchurch. Despite losing the fixture the boys were very competitive against a high-quality team. The game was played in lieu of the national Year 7 and 8 tournament that had been cancelled by NZ Cricket. The signs are looking very positive for Taieri College cricket in the future and it is pleasing to see the boys hard work in the practice nets paying off on the field.

Golf and Mountain Biking were other activities that were offered this week to our Year 9 and 10 students and both groups enjoyed their excursions to Taieri Lakes Golf Club and Naseby Forest respectively. My thanks to the staff involved for organising and overseeing these opportunities.

Noho ora mai

**Dave Hunter**  
Principal



**Update on court resurfacing progress**

### Key Dates

3-8 December  
Bronze DoE Camp Glenorchy

8-10 December  
DoE Bronze Routeburn Tramp

9 December  
Year 7/8 Big Day In

10 December  
Learning Readiness emailed

13 December  
Senior Clearance Day Years 11-13 –  
Further information in newsletter

14 December  
Junior Prizegiving  
Junior Reports emailed  
End of Term 4



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## Start Dates for 2022

Thursday 27 January 2022 - Year 12 Course Confirmation	Tuesday 1 February 2022 – Years 7-9 start date
Friday 28 January 2022 - Year 13 Course Confirmation	Wednesday 2 February 2022 – Year 10 start date
Monday 31 January 2022 – Teacher Only Day	Thursday 3 February 2022 – Years 11-13 start date
	<b>Monday 7 February 2022 – Waitangi Day – College Closed</b>

## Foodbank Help

Our local foodbank is currently low on stock, and needs our help to increase their supplies, especially before Christmas which is a very busy time for them. If you are able to send a can or two with your child to school early next week (Monday 6 December 2021 to Wednesday 8 December 2021), this would be very much appreciated. Thank you in advance.



## Taieri College Sports Council

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.

Another year is quickly coming to a close and what a year! It has been full of challenges, especially for our College's sporting codes. Sports Council have now had our final meeting for the year. Thank you to all applicants who applied for funding. It is looking like there is still a bit of sport to get over the line during the summer months. We wish you all well and hope this goes ahead.

A special mention to our Sports Council Committee, **Chairperson:** Jan Fright, **Secretary:** Judy Baines  
**Committee:** Janet Andrews, Gary Beattie, Nadia Bird, Beth Forgie, Kerry MacKenzie, Gary Barclay, Becs Michelle, Mali Chettleburgh, Jon Conley, Karen Dunlea (Sports Academy Manager), Graeme Egan (Sport Coordinator), Ryan Rosevear (Head of Sport), Jared Peacock (Assistant Principal), Holli Bannister-Russell (Student Rep), Ben Baines (Student Rep), Shinae Stanley (Student Rep), Jared Gibson (Student Rep). Thank you for all you have given during 2021. In a world where everyone is busy, you have all come together and made some great things happen for our Taieri College community. A special mention about the networking from this Committee that went on for our latest annual fundraiser, Golf Day! Your efforts were outstanding and the result was even better as this saw us have our record Golf Day raising \$23K. All monies raised will go straight back into our College's students in means of funding for individual and team travels, the purchasing of new improved equipment (new water polo goals, a mountain bike trailer, storage racks for our kayaks plus our biggest assets two Transit vans), and also the running of our very popular Sports Academy, led by the wonderful Karen Dunlea.

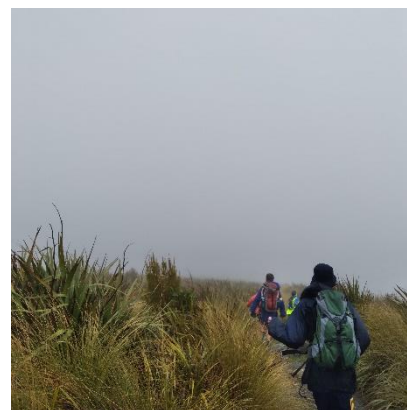
Taieri College Sports Council are proud to work alongside the following sponsors: LJ Hooker – Lachie McLachlan, Braveheart Decorators, Mastercraft Mosgiel Kitchens, Sportsmed Mosgiel, Waiholo Surfacing, Reece Building Consultants, DS Builders, Promo-X, Cramond & Craig, Dixon Roofing, TAK Flooring, Loan Market, CREDIFLEX Otago, Willow & Silk, and Beauty Lane. The support we receive from your businesses is invaluable and it's a partnership that we truly appreciate here at Taieri College. We look forward to continuing on with you all in 2022 and beyond.

On behalf of The Sports Council, we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holidays!



## Get 2 Go Team Training

The Get 2 Go team has been busy training for their upcoming nationals. They have been working on their orienteering skills, team work, and communication. Last weekend they completed a three hour rogaine race around Frasers Gully. They were definitely challenged with the vast area needing to be covered in the time frame and had to work on their mapping skills. A short course was completed around Fairfield on Wednesday and it was pleasing to see that they had learnt a lot from the previous weekend. Wednesday also saw the 8 students head out to Outram Glen and learn a few kayaking tricks which they will no doubt need for their expedition. Some basic rescue techniques were discussed as was a raft building challenge. The highlight though had to be the blindfold cooking task held back at school. Communication was seriously tested and the outcomes were mixed. See the photos and judge for yourselves the winners.



Students will be fundraising and doing odd jobs to help reduce the cost for the week long event at Tongararo National Park. Please contact Hayley McHutchon on [hmchutchon@taieri.school.nz](mailto:hmchutchon@taieri.school.nz) if you can help.



## Junior Tournament Week 3x3

On Tuesday, during Junior Sports week, our two Taieri 3x3 teams took home the silver. The girls competed in the A grade and finished second to a polished Columba side. The team consisted of Chloe Robinson, Sophie Robinson, Sarah Evans and Jannah Hooper. Watching them was a fine display of teamwork, outside shooting, finishing around the rim, and securing timely rebounds. The boys battled in the B grade and found themselves in the final after being the Kavanagh Juniors. A talented Cromwell College were too much to beat in the final game. The team hit some solid jumpers and put the ball on the rim. Well done to Tyla McIntosh, Reef Tamihana, Paraurahi Metuakore, Riley Cross, Micah Simpson, and Caleb Walker.







## November

This week staff at Taieri College held a silent cake auction for the end of Movember. Funds raised was \$540.00. Thanks to the staff who provided baking those that bid extravagantly!



## Aquavan

Last week all the Year 7 Science classes had a trip to the Aquavan. We learnt lots of new things about the environmental impact that humans have, and we also learnt about sea life. The experience was out of this world, and we especially enjoyed the touch tank. We did so many different activities from snail races to learning about saltwater creatures and freshwater creatures. It was extremely fascinating learning about the Earth's estuaries and how the world has changed since before humans came here. Thanks so much to the people who made this happen and the Otago University for taking time out of their busy lives to come and teach us.



By Grace Tapp, Poppy Scott, McKenna McGuire and Caitlyn Fraser of 7MR.





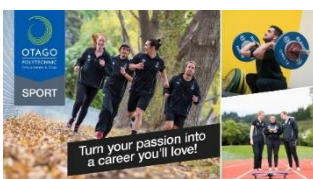


## Reading Literacy – Bingo Challenge

Help stop the “Summer Slide” by encouraging your child to read every day during the school holidays.

Research tells us that children who read for at least 10 minutes a day over the summer holidays have a better start to the new school year than children who spend little or no time reading. Reading over the holidays helps children maintain or improve the reading level that they developed through the school year. Kids who don't read over the summer holidays can lose core reading skills and slide backwards, potentially falling behind when they return to school.

*The best predictor of reading achievement is the amount of time children spend in independent reading. Reading for at least 10 minutes every day really matters, as it provides 600,000+ word exposure in one year!*





# St Kevin's Year 9 and 10 Cricket Tournament

## Taieri College Squad

Jalen Forgie (c), Isaac Sinclair, William Samuels, Sam Hyde, Cameron Lord, Charlie Johnston, Max Shrimpton, Cooper Shrimpton, Ollie Mortensen-Morunga, Liam Cuddie, Caleb Walker, Krishninder Panjtoori and Fergus Barrons.

The tournament involved eight Colts teams from Christchurch to Invercargill. Matches are played on grass in Oamaru and this gives many players their opportunity to play on this surface.

In our first match Taieri College bowled first and immediately had St Kevin's in trouble at 4 wickets down for 8 runs. The initial damage was done by William Samuels and Sam Hyde who took 2 for 8 and 2 for 1 respectively. On came Liam Cuddie who had a field day taking the impressive figures of 5 - 5 from 3 overs. Chasing 48 runs to win we lost Krishninder early, but Caleb Walker and Isaac Sinclair got us to 48 runs with some controlled batting. Isaac ended on 24 not out and Caleb 12 not out.

Our second match saw us play St Thomas' from Christchurch. We lost the toss and were sent in and set about our goal of batting 40 overs. The mainstay of our innings was skipper Jalen Forgie. He demonstrated skill and patience to make 87 not out from 83 balls, occasionally showing the power he possesses. This was a great innings and set up our total of 179 from 40 overs. He was well supported by Caleb Walker, Fergus Barrons (Bayfield), Sam Hyde and Ollie Mortensen-Morunga. The St Thomas team got through to 136 all out, but we always had them under control. Sam Hyde took 3 - 22 off 6 overs and Caleb Walker 2 - 16 off 8 overs.

The last day was rained out which was a shame. The team was excellent to take away and they all possess skill and ability and have the potential to become genuine 1st XI players in the coming years. Thanks to Jack Mockford for his support and expertise and to all the parents who came through to watch our team. Your support was appreciated. I look forward to Oamaru 2022.

Ian Mockford  
Coach - Taieri College Colts Cricket



# Year 10 English Electives

## Marvel Make-Over

Keen to turn your own story into the next Marvel classic? Here's your chance to look at some iconic graphic comics, styles, and skills -and finish with your own graphic novel!

## This Ain't No Disney – a modern twist on fairy tales

Forget what you think you know about Snow White and Little Red Riding Hood - we will go back to the real stories – sometimes violent, often dark, and always powerful! You will find an old story and give it a modern twist whether it be a short story, a set of poems, or a live performance.

## Game Creator

Using a web based design tool called Flowlab students will have the opportunity to design and create a simple video game.

## Terrifying Tourism

The 2020s have seen us trapped in a landscape where travel is near impossible and the only place to go is our imagination. Working as a class, create the most terrifying tourist destination with hotels, restaurants, attractions, and transport options for risk-takers and dare devils.

## Graphic War

Explore some classic war descriptions then make these landscapes and events come to life for a viewer. Your final product will be either a static image or a comic.

## Musical Moments

A celebration and exploration of the power of music; the sounds, the emotions, the lyrics and the messages. We will share songs with powerful lyrics, study their impacts, create static images and watch parts of films song related.





## Information For Students, Parents, Whānau

### Year 11 Clearance Day 9.00am to 2.00pm - Monday 13 December 2021

All Year 11 students are required to come back to school near the end of the NCEA examination period to hand back school resource material, collect a school magazine (if they have ordered one), and address any subject clashes or changes for their programme of study at Taieri College in 2022. Expect your clearance to take up to an hour.

You are to meet in the **Library** (not A Block as previously advertised) and make sure you bring the following: A pen, textbooks, revision materials you have been issued (e.g. Mathematics folder of past papers, English novel), fees/payments owed to the office, Library books, any other outstanding items (sports uniform etc.)

**If you are unavailable to make Clearance Day you must let Mr Lieshout or Ms Sangster know either in person or email [flieshout@taieri.school.nz](mailto:flieshout@taieri.school.nz) or [ksangster@taieri.school.nz](mailto:ksangster@taieri.school.nz) so alternative arrangements can be made.**

Students who are planning to return to school in 2022 will need to make an appointment on, or before, Clearance Day to confirm their Year 12 course on Thursday 27 January 2022.

To book an interview for your Year 12 course confirmation, please go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and use the booking code **xubqb**. The booking code is now 'live'. If you are having trouble with bookings, please contact your deans and they will make an interview time for you.

#### 2022 DATES

Thursday 27 January 2022 – Year 12 course confirmation

Thursday 3 February 2022 – Senior school starts

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**If you are unavailable to make Clearance Day you must let Mr Baines or Mrs King know either in person or email [abaines@taieri.school.nz](mailto:abaines@taieri.school.nz) or [gking@taieri.school.nz](mailto:gking@taieri.school.nz) so alternative arrangements can be made.**

Students who are planning to return to school in 2022 will need to make an appointment on, or before, Clearance Day to confirm their Year 13 course on Friday 28 January 2022.

To book an interview for your Year 13 course confirmation, please go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and use the booking code **3vrnc**

The booking code is now 'live'. If you are having trouble with bookings, please contact your deans and they will make an interview time for you.

#### 2022 DATES

Friday 28 January 2022 – Orientation 9.00am to 12.00pm

Friday 28 January 2022 – Year 13 course confirmation 12.30pm to 3.00pm

Thursday 3 February 2022 – Senior school starts



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If you are unavailable to make Clearance Day, you must let Ms Nolan know either in person or email [inolan@taieri.school.nz](mailto:inolan@taieri.school.nz) so alternative arrangements can be made.



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