



Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2021. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community for their ongoing support and understanding during what has been another unpredictable year. For two years we have operated in abnormal conditions that have required us to respond quickly to political decisions in order to comply with Covid-19 requirements. I fully understand that we have people who are at odds with government direction at times, and that is to be expected, and I have appreciated those who have understood that as a state funded school we have had no option but to comply with guidelines set by the Ministry of Education. The vaccination mandate has now further added to our complexity as we head in to 2022. As a college we will continue to act in a transparent manner and keep our community informed as to how this will play out moving forward. A reminder to our parent community that our junior prize giving will have a live audience of students only, but you are able to watch the livestream of the ceremony on our Taieri College Facebook page.

Despite the interruptions our students have still managed to accomplish so much. Our college magazine has arrived from the printer and gives an excellent resumé of most things that have taken place during the year. The variety of extra-curricular opportunities our students are positively engaging in is stunning. My thanks to Mr Cone and his team for once again producing a publication that we can all be very proud of.

Congratulations to Leah Dixon and Ollie MacKenzie who will be our head students next year, and likewise to Pearl Harris-Blain and Ollie Smythe who have been named as deputy head students.

Next week sees the end of an era as Otago Road Services will be conducting their last Taieri College bus run, as next year Go Bus take over the Ministry of Education tender. As a college we have enjoyed maintaining a positive relationship with Brent, Wayne and their crew of drivers over several decades and I wish everyone connected with Otago Road Services the very best as they wind down their operation.

Finally from me a message of good luck and gratitude to those who are finishing their tenures at Taieri College. To our departing teachers, support staff, leaving students and families that have their last child graduating, my thanks, and best wishes to what the future holds. To Nikki Mortimer, for 25 years of passionate and committed service to the teaching profession, enjoy your retirement and thank you on behalf of so many who have had the pleasure of learning in your classroom.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, relaxing holiday.

Nga mihi nui

**Dave Hunter**  
PRINCIPAL

### Start Dates for 2022

Thursday 27 January 2022 - Year 12 Course Confirmation

Friday 28 January 2022 - Year 13 Course Confirmation

Monday 31 January 2022 – Teacher Only Day

Tuesday 1 February 2022 – Years 7-9 start date

Wednesday 2 February 2022 – Year 10 start date

Thursday 3 February 2022 – Years 11-13 start date

**Monday 7 February 2022 – Waitangi Day – College Closed**

## Key Dates

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

14 December  
Junior Prizegiving  
Junior Reports emailed  
End of Term 4



## Taieri College Mountain Biking Club Naseby Trip

Last Thursday, 15 students from the Taieri College Mountain Bike club visited Naseby as part of an end of year trip. The day dawned fine and by the time we got to Naseby the temperature was very warm. After a safety talk and gear check, we all headed up Transmitter Road to the northern boundary before heading down the popular track 'Hepi Highway'. We returned back to the boundary and then rode down the harder track, 'Wall Street', which involved repeatedly doing some awesome jumps and more technical riding. Before lunch, other tracks such as Moonscape and Hit and Miss were knocked off along with the jumps down beside the Hogburn. Lunch involved a BBQ at the picnic area by the dam before having one last hour riding a series of different tracks. The way home was complete with a visit to Maggie's in Middlemarch for some refreshments. A good day to different our inaugural year.





## Ryan Bain U12 Boys Otago Water Polo Most Valuable Player

Ryan Bain 8FY has been training with Otago Water Polo for the past two seasons. Last weekend Otago Water Polo held their annual prize giving where Ryan Bain was awarded the U12 Boys MVP. Congratulations Ryan, all your hard work has paid off.

Otago Water Polo are holding an open training session this Sunday for any interested parties. Please contact the Sports Office, so they can forward you the link to register for this training session.



## TK Water Polo Success

This term our two Water Polo teams competed in the Dunedin Intermediate Schools' Competition on a Friday afternoon/evening. Following on from our tournament development we chose to select two even teams. This has proven to be highly effective in the development of all our players. The improvement and overall depth of our players has really paid dividends.

Last Friday the Aqua team were placed in the final against John McGlashan. Team Awa were allocated to play off for third and fourth against Tahuna. Team Awa had only previously lost to Team Aqua by one goal. Neither team had played John McGlashan in the rotations previously. Aqua convincingly beat John McGlashan 7-3 and Awa beat Tahuna 11-0.

We have a wonderful group of students who are committed to this sport and many to swimming as well, which really supports their fitness and involvement in this sport. Thanks to Laura Gale and Eleanor Quirey. These two students not only play their own game on a Thursday afternoon/evening as players, but they also attend the TK training session on a Tuesday afternoon and the Junior Secondary Team's training as coaches on a Wednesday morning before school at 7.30am. In addition to this they attend as coaches on both the Thursday and Friday afternoon and evening games. Not only has this shown their dedication and commitment to this sport but their sense of responsibility and loyalty to their school. The relationships and rapport that these girls have built with these players, has been wonderful to see grow and develop into something very special. We wish both these girls the very best of luck with their future endeavours and hope to see them back in the future.

Thank you to Brad Gilmour for his experience and coaching expertise. Brad has been very generous with his time around his shifts to accommodate and we really appreciate his time and effort with the TK Water Polo teams. A big thanks to all the parents; who hung in there meeting all the covid conditions set by the Dunedin City Council. A special farewell to Emily Clements, Lana Chettleburgh, Ryan Bain and Ollie McFelin, who will move through to the Secondary School competition next year and we wish you all the best, knowing that you are well prepared to undertake this challenge with the open age grades of Years 9-13. I hope to see everyone else back next year in Term 1 ready to go again.





## Basketball

Congratulations to Jannah Hooper (Year 9) who has been selected to attend the U14 New Zealand Basketball camp in Rotorua in April 2022.



## Cheerleading Success

Congratulations to Eva Berry, Cheyanne Lewis and Ella Christensen who compete with the Eclipse Cheerleading team. They have had great success this year competing in the Senior Level 2 grade. They placed second in the Alpine Cheer competition in October, first in Cheer Factor competition earlier this month (competing virtually). Then they took out first in Cheer NZ Nationals at the weekend (competing virtually again)!





## Sport

As the 2021 school year comes to a close, we use this time in the Taieri College sport department to review and reflect on the year and look at what has gone well and what we need to do to improve or make changes for the future.

Sport plays an important part to the health and wellbeing of students at our school and is an important part of the fabric that makes up our culture. We offer the opportunity to be involved in 29 sports during the summer and winter months, and with 54% of our students playing sport we are proud of what we are delivering and overall believe we are achieving our goals.

Sport is an important vehicle for the development of character traits such as resilience and perseverance. Sport is full of ups and downs, reward and sacrifice, joy of achievement and disappointment of defeat. This mirrors life and cannot be underestimated in the development of well-rounded adults. I am sure students who have juggled all the covid related twists and turns while representing Taieri College this year, have developed resilience and patience themselves.

I would like to thank the Taieri community for their support in 2021. To our coaches, managers, volunteers, parents and sideline supporters, thank you for everything you have given this year. It is greatly appreciated by myself and most importantly the students, as they are the reason we are involved.

Ryan Rosevear  
Head of Sport

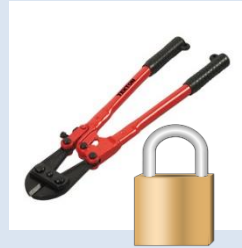


## Stationery Lists for 2022

The Stationery Lists for 2022 have been issued to all students in Years 7 to 10 this week. They are also available on the school website and Paper Plus in Mosgiel have copies of these lists if you need them. Orders can be done online through Mosgiel Paper Plus at [www.paperplus.co.nz/backtoschool](http://www.paperplus.co.nz/backtoschool) from Wednesday 5 January 2022 or drop your list in to the store and they will make up your order for you.

## Lockers


**Don't forget to remove your locks and clear out your lockers by Tuesday 14 December 2021. After this date locks will be cut, content will be removed, and lockers will be bolted shut.**



## Get 2 Go Challenge – Team Fundraiser

Currently our students are fundraising for the Get 2 Go Challenge which is a week long event being held at Tongararo National Park in January 2022. If you would like to purchase a raffle to help please contact Anna Lord 021 086 76411 or [lordfamily@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:lordfamily@slingshot.co.nz)

There are some great prizes to win.



### GET2GO TEAM FUNDRAISER

### RAFFLE

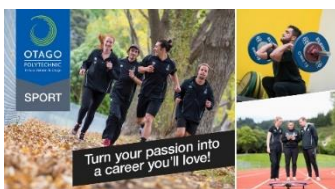
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Paintball Cromwell vouchers &amp; more + \$50 NW voucher</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> Skyline Gondola &amp; Luge/Time Tripper Underwater Observatory/Joes Garage QT</li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Bungy Jump/ Time Tripper Underwater Observatory /Lone Star QT voucher</li> <li>4<sup>th</sup> Family Prize Pack 1 (Hotwheels, Albatross Centre family pass &amp; more)</li> <li>5<sup>th</sup> Family Prize Pack 2 (Gas cooker, Harraways goodies, monopoly, towel &amp; more)</li> <li>6<sup>th</sup> Barkers Goodies, Pamper Pack, Made &amp; Found voucher</li> <li>7<sup>th</sup> Barkers Goodies, Pamper Pack, Nooz voucher</li> <li>8<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Shorts, speaker/lantern &amp; more</li> <li>9<sup>th</sup> Torpedo Pack</li> <li>10<sup>th</sup> The Meat Box pack &amp; more</li> <li>11<sup>th</sup> Car Care Kit &amp; more</li> <li>12<sup>th</sup> Cookie Time Pack</li> <li>13<sup>th</sup> Picnic Set &amp; goodies</li> <li>14<sup>th</sup> Castrol bag of goodies</li> <li>15<sup>th</sup> Purex Cottonsoft Pack &amp; more</li> <li>16<sup>th</sup> Purex Cottonsoft Pack &amp; more</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$2</b></p> <p><b>Per</b></p> <p><b>Ticket</b></p> <p><b>Drawn</b></p> <p><b>17 December</b></p> <p>Card</p>
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Bonus Prize Draw

Otago Cricket Super  
Smash Prize Pack – 2021  
Otago Volts Men's  
Replica Jersey and four  
tickets to last home  
game.

Huge thanks to the following businesses for donations and sponsorship towards the Get2Go Challenge raffle.

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## 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.

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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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- Library books
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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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