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Tēnā Koutou Katoa

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Kia ora e te whanau

This year we are embarking on a college wide goal of improving standards of literacy for all students. Success in all NCEA subjects requires students to be proficient in understanding and interpreting written text. We understand that literacy levels vary greatly from student to student, and we have students that need unique assistance. Our literacy goal involves all students, from those who currently display excellent literacy levels, to those who are challenged. Our intention is to explore, share, and embed real strategies that will be of benefit to everyone, and ultimately lead to greater success in NCEA.

Our literacy initiative also involves all teachers as every curriculum area, like every student, has its own unique literacy challenges. It would be appreciated if our programme were supported at home. With that in mind, we are using our newsletter to promote and share what we are doing with our students in the hope that parents and caregivers can play an active role in improving literacy levels. If we can combine the efforts of all teachers, all students, and their whanau we can make a real difference to everyone's academic attainment.

Despite the challenges of operating at Level 2 COVID-19 response we have still been able to safely offer several extra-curricular initiatives. I was fortunate to be part of the second Year 10 Tautuku camp during the week and thoroughly enjoyed the company of the students and staff. The positive attitude of the students to having a go at the activities was outstanding. It is always a bonus when you get five days of sunshine on the Catlin's coast!

Back at school we have also had a visit from the Ugly Shakespeare acting troupe, a presentation on health issues by "Attitude" and a day programme for Year 10s that focused on Self Defence for our girls and well being issues for boys. My thanks to everyone for facilitating these programmes.

Nga mihi nui

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Key Dates

8 March
Taieri College Intercollegiate Golf

9 March
7HU/7AM Green Island Landfill Trip

10 March
Dunedin Primary Intermediate Schools' Triathlon

11 March
L2 SPR Surfing

15 March
Year 10 Girls Self Defence Day
Year 10 Boys Day

16 March
Year 10 Girls Self Defence Day
Year 10 Boys Day

17 March
Year 10 Girls Self Defence Day
Year 10 Boys Day

15-21 March
Tautuku Camp No. 3

20-21 March
SISS Touch Tournament – Christchurch

22 March
Otago Anniversary Day – Taieri College Closed

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Sports Council's AGM TUESDAY 16 March 2021, 7.30pm

To be held in the Board Room (Front Main Office Building)
A normal meeting will follow.

Are you interested in joining our sports council or in a position to be a yearly SPONSOR?

We are always looking for new businesses to join, our generous pool of local sponsors. We rely heavily on sponsorship to keep sporting opportunities healthy in the college. Please if you think this is an area, you would like to be involved in, contact our Sports Office in the first instance. (All sponsorship levels are outlined on the main college website, under sport).

Emma Bain's Podium Moments at South Island Swimming Championships

Last weekend the South Island Swimming Championships were held in Invercargill from Friday 26 February 2021 until Sunday 28 February 2021.

Unfortunately, the meet was cut short and athletes attending this meet were sent home early, upon the late Saturday night Covid announcement. Despite Emma's outstanding meet results, she was particularly gutted at missing out on her 50m Butterfly event on the Sunday because this was looking like a gold medal for Emma.

Emma's results were as follows:

Silver Medal in the 100m Backstroke
Silver Medal in the 100m Freestyle
Bronze Medal in the 100m Freestyle
Bronze Medal for the 100m Butterfly

Congratulations Emma these results are outstanding! Emma deserves results like these because she is committed to her training and committed to the sport of swimming. Emma is a member of the Taieri Swimming Club and trains with DSCB at Moana Pool. Well done!



New Teacher Profiles

Name: Stephen Walker

Birthplace: Invercargill

Schooling: Waverley Park, Rosedale Intermediate, James Hargest High School

Tertiary Qualification: Diploma in Teaching, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce

Subjects Teaching: Head of Careers & Pathways Co-ordinator, Year 9 Social Studies, Year 10 English

Hobbies/Interests: Rugby, most sports, darts, gym, racing, reading, music, movies, good company and conversation

Favourite Quote: 'And a Mead's quaff was a quaff to behold'



Name: Ian Mockford

Birthplace: Mosgiel

Schooling: Kaikorai Valley High School (now College)

Tertiary Qualification: Dip Teach and BEd

Subjects Teaching: Science and PE/Health

Hobbies/Interests: Spending time with family, sport (especially cricket)

Favourite Quote: Happy wife, happy life



Name: Morgan Kinzett

Birthplace: Oamaru

Schooling: Waitaki Girls' High School

Tertiary Qualification: Bachelor of Science majoring in Zoology and minoring in Geography

Subjects Teaching: Science

Hobbies/Interests: I enjoy playing any type of sport, being outside and pressing flowers

Favourite Quote: "Nothing is impossible – the word itself says I'm possible"



Name: Chelsie Grindlay

Birthplace: Invercargill

Schooling: Sacred Heart Primary and Verdon College- Invercargill

Tertiary Qualification: Te Poaki Matauranga- Bachelor of Primary Education Endorsed in Bicultural Education

Subjects Teaching: Year 8

Hobbies/Interests: Social Sports- Touch, netball, volleyball. Bushwalks. Travel around NZ.

Spending time with friends and family.

Favourite Quote: Ehara toku maunga, he maunga nekeneke he maunga tu tonu. My mountain is a mountain that stands still. My mountain is not a mountain that moves.



The **GREEN ISLAND**

VOCAL COMPS

14, 15, 16 MAY 2021

Calling *all singers* under 18!

- Budding Broadway stars
- Secret Shower singers
- Pop singers
- Opera divas
- And every category in between!

Compete against the best in your age group.
Win cups & prize money!

Entries Open: March 1, 2021

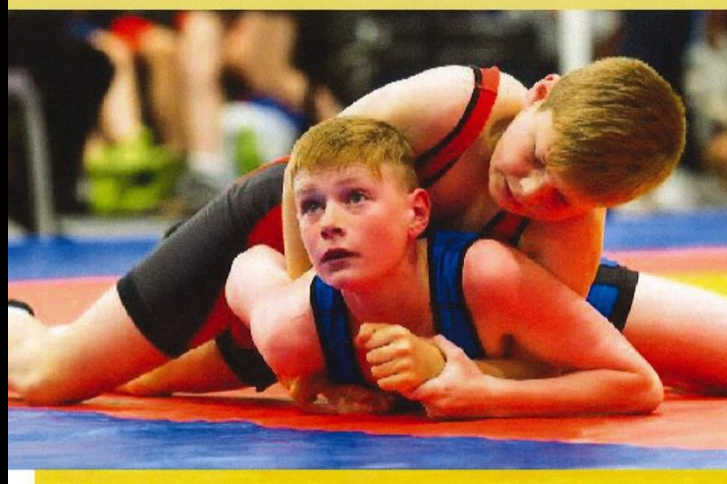
More Info: www.greenislandcomps.org.nz

Competition not your thing?

We have a new event *just for you!* Sing in a friendly, safe environment & get tips from our vocal expert. No judging, no pressure, just fun!

WANT TO WRESTLE?

Season begins Monday 8 March



TAIERI AMATEUR WRESTLING CLUB

Come along boys & girls to try wrestling!

Wear t-shirt and shorts (no zips)
Bring a water bottle

Facebook: Taieri Taniwhas Amateur Wrestling Club

When: 6.30pm Monday 8 March

Thereafter Mondays & Wednesdays

6.30pm - 7.30pm Juniors

7.30pm - 8.30pm Seniors

Where: Taieri College - Hollamby Hall
(next to the ITC), Taieri College, Gree St, Mosgiel



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/>

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