

Kia ora e te whanau

The following is a summary of our NCEA results from 2020. We are very pleased with the results and they clearly show our students coped well with the disruptions that transpired due to Covid.

	Taieri College 2020	National 2020	Decile 4-7 2020
Year 11 Students Level 1 NCEA	77.8%	70.2%	74.9%
Year 12 Students Level 2 NCEA	88.0%	79.1%	82.9%
Year 13 Students Level 3 NCEA	68.4%	71.4%	72.0%
Year 13 Students University Entrance	56.1%	53.6%	51.6%

We were initially disappointed with the low result of Level 3 pass rates at Year 13, but after removing the students who left school before the end of the year, our success rate for Year 13 Level 3 NCEA students who remained at school for the year was 84%, which was very pleasing.

I would like to promote our NCEA information parents evening that is planned for next Wednesday night. If your first child is in Year 11 or you are finding NCEA (and its jargon) confusing, please contact the school and join us on Wednesday. The presentation will allow you to ask any questions you have around NCEA and put you in a better position to contribute to your child's progress through senior high school.

This afternoon we welcome back the last of our Year 10 Tautuku camps. My thanks to everyone who contributes to their successful running, in particular Miss Dunlea who oversees the logistical challenge of making sure everything is in place for staff and students.

Wishing everyone a relaxing Otago Anniversary weekend.

Nga mihi
Dave Hunter
Principal



Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews Tuesday 30 March 2021 & Wednesday 31 March 2021 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Bookings for interviews can be made at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the booking code **65dkt**. The booking code will become 'live' online **from Wednesday 24 March, 2021 at 4.00pm**. If you are having trouble with bookings please contact the office and they will make them for you. A separate email will be sent out next week with further information and maps of the college that indicate the rooms that teachers will be conducting the interviews in.

Key Dates

22 March Otago Anniversary Day – College Closed	24 March Year 7/8 Boys NZC Cup NCEA Parent Information – Library
23 March 7RL/7AM Waiholo Trip	25 March L3 SPR Kayaking/Surfing Defensive Driving Course
23-25 March L2 SPR Silverpeaks Expedition	26-28 March SISS Athletics
23-26 March SISS Softball Trip	2-6 April Easter Holidays – College Closed

Texting Home When A Student Is Absent

We are about to use text messaging to inform parents/caregivers when their child is absent from school. You will receive a text if you haven't advised us of the absence through our email (office@taieri.school.nz) or our absence line 4893823 (Ext 1). If you receive a text please respond with a brief reason justifying your child's absence.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

New Teacher Profiles

Name: Tom Jackson
Birthplace: Ashburton, NZ
Schooling: Christ's College
Tertiary Qualification: BA, History, Masters of Teaching and Learning
Subjects Teaching: Year 8 Core
Hobbies/Interests: Test cricket, water skiing, snowboarding, farming
Favourite Quote: "Twenty-four and there is so much more" Neil Young – Old Man



Name: Amelia Jane Ohren
Birthplace: Birmingham, England.
Schooling: Otago Girls' High School.
Tertiary Qualification: Bachelor of Social Services (Counselling)
Subjects Teaching: Guidance Counsellor.
Hobbies/Interests: spending time with my friends, family, and my dog!
Favourite Quote: "People start to heal the moment they feel heard".



Name: Brittany Fisher
Birthplace: Cardiff, Wales
Schooling: Kaikorai, Balmacewen, Otago Girls' High School
Tertiary Qualification: Bachelor of Design in Fashion, Masters in Teaching and Learning
Subjects Teaching: Textiles
Hobbies/Interests: Art, Fashion, Design, Kick-Boxing
Favourite Quote: "Design is intelligence made visible"



NCEA Parent Information Evening

Are you a parent who is new to NCEA and would like some help to understand what NCEA is and how it works? On Wednesday the 24th of March we are holding an information evening to help answer these questions. There will be a short informal presentation with time at the end for questions.

The presentation will be held in the Library at 5:30pm – Wednesday 24 March 2021. Please RSVP to office@taieri.school.nz

Uniform

With the cooler mornings, and cooler months coming, we are reminding all pupils that they are expected to wear our regulation school jacket over their uniform if they are going to wear a jacket.

We have a newly styled school jacket which is proving very popular due to its warmth and weather-proof qualities. Students with the previous style of jacket are still able to wear that version.

For senior students, the school jacket is NOT a substitute for the blazer. During Term One and Term Four, the senior blazer is compulsory to be worn to assemblies and on formal occasions but it is optional at other times during these summer months. The senior blazer is required to be worn at all times during Term Two and Term Three.

In Terms Two and Three the jacket can be worn OVER the blazer when it is raining.

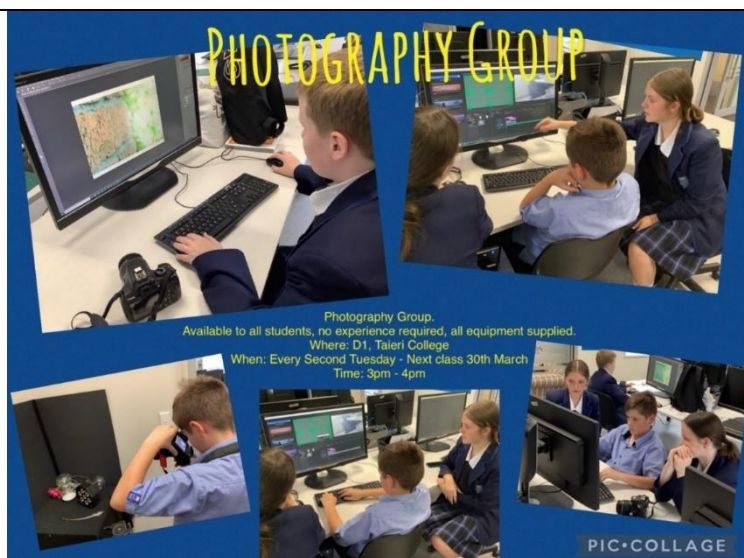
Our regulation school jacket can be purchased at NZ Uniforms on Moray Place, in Dunedin.

If students are wearing short sleeved Taieri College senior shirts or blouses and wish to wear polyprops, the polyprops should be plain white and have short sleeves.

If students are wearing long sleeved Taieri College senior shirts or blouses and wish to wear polyprops, the polyprops should be plain white.

Photography Group

Come along and join in with the photography group every second Tuesday. Available to all students, no experience required, and all equipment supplied at NO cost. Held in D1, 3pm- 4pm. Run by the amazing Year 13 students Jade Winder, Mary-Jane Brock-Smith and Jackie Wallace. It covers a wide range of skills from basic camera skills, photography, PhotoShop, editing, videography and much more. Next group to be held on the 30 March 2021. See you there.



Taieri College Formal Dunedin Town Hall - Saturday 22 May 2021

Estimated ticket price \$100 - \$110 per person. When the final budget has been worked out, we will let you know the exact price. We understand the expense for families with this event and our Social Prefects work very hard to keep the ticket price down. The ticket price is strictly set to cover costs of the event only, we do not set this to make a profit. The price of the ticket covers entertainment, access to photographer's website, hire of venue, dinner and transport to and from the venue. Any questions regarding this please phone Monique Evans, Student Support Administrator 489 3823 ext 111.



Year 10 Photography

Our new Year 10 photographers are off to a great start and enjoying their challenges. Here are a few insights into our school life, thanks Year 10ArtF.



Photograph of the Week

Dylan Lloyd (13BC) has been looking at artist Nadia Sarwar and used similar techniques to create his work "Creepy Kallin"



Mountain Biking News

Congratulations Rachel Cunningham, she finished first in the Under 20 Women's Downhill at the South Island Secondary Schools' Champs held at Mt Hutt in the weekend.



Ballet

Chelsea King [8KJ] had an amazing weekend at the South Island Ballet Awards recently. Amongst some amazing competitors she danced beautifully in her Set Variation and her Contemporary, to the extent that she was selected for the semi-finals. She danced a personal best in the semi-finals and although she didn't make it into the final, she was awarded a New Zealand School of Dance Summer Intensive Scholarship 2022 in Wellington.



Congratulations Chelsea.

Sport

In the coming days we have two Taieri College Sport teams competing during Summer Tournament week. Today, our Senior Mixed Touch team is off to Christchurch for the South Island Champs. The team has been training for multiple months and is ably captained by our Head Girl Gabby Kakahi. Former student Trey Russell coaches the side and has put in countless hours in not only the senior sides, but also developing young players coming through; a huge thank you to him.



The Taieri College Softball team are also off to South Islands next week. They compete in Alexandra, and this will be a great opportunity for this team who were our Team of the Year in 2020. Thanks to all the parents and whanau who have contributed time and energy to these two teams, and those parents volunteering their time to go away with the teams.

In this newsletter is a link to order our Taieri College Sport hoodies, these are a great purchase if you do not already have one. Students can wear these to and from all sport trainings and matches which can be especially appropriate as we approach the winter months. I encourage whanau to buy one that can last their students many years.

Ryan Rosevear
Head of Sport



International Women's Day

International Women's Day is a celebratory day for women and all we, as a gender, have achieved. This year I got the privilege of spending the 8th of March with some extremely influential women around Otago. The 'women in leadership luncheon' opened my eye to my potential future, being a strong woman in a male dominated industry. Listening to Rasha, Melissa and Giselle speak about how they have achieved all that they have and how they got to where they are today was inspiring. Their advice to Charlotte (the other student who attended, from Columba College) and I is something I will take into consideration throughout my life. It was good to listen to women who have been successful in the business world and gain an understanding of juggling business and motherhood. Something I will take away from this experience is the importance of people and how vital they are to not only success, but life.



Sports Hoodies Term 1 - 2021

To order a Taieri College Hoodie, please fill in the form below and forward your payment of \$55.00 via internet banking to 03 1725 0106800 00 quoting student's name, form class and sports hoodie as the reference. Payment can also be made by eft-pos or through the envelope system at the student slide. Payment must be made before the order can be completed.

All orders **MUST** be completed by **Friday 9 April 2021** to receive the sports hoodie next term. If sufficient orders and payments have been received early, we will submit an early order.

We encourage all students to come to the Sports Office to try on sample hoodies to confirm the size they would like. Please note that names on the back of hoodies will be checked and if deemed inappropriate will need to be changed.

Once hoodies have arrived at Taieri College, we will notify students via the student notices and the Facebook Sport page for them to collect their hoodie from the Sports Office.

[Taieri College Sports Hoodie 2021](#)



Vocabulary Strategy - Analogies

This tool can be used to help students understand a tricky concept, part or function. This can especially be true if the students cannot see the activity happening with their own eyes. Using an analogy allows them to relate the activity to a context relevant to them which encourages retention. Comparing and contrasting their analogy promotes a deeper understanding.

OBJECT	PURPOSE	ANALOGY	SIMILARITIES	DIFFERENCES
e.g. Cell Membrane	To control what goes in an out of a cell	Gated Fence	Small things can get through easily	Fence is rigid but a cell membrane is fluid
e.g. Enzymes	To speed up chemical reactions	Lock and key		
Cat's Claw		Garden Hoe		
Tectonic Activity		Icebergs floating on a lake		
Volcanic Eruption		Soda fizzing out of a bottle		
Art	To draw	Art is to draw as movie star is to act		



TAIERI PLAINS JUNIOR NETBALL

**AGM: Monday March 29TH
7.00pm**

Taieri College Library



We need you to help us...

Please come along!

The Taieri Plain's Junior Netball Committee is a small group of volunteers without whom the Saturday netball games would not occur and this year more so than ever!

Most official positions have been filled, however, there are several 'vacancies' in the assistant positions which help with the day to day running of Saturday netball.

If you would like to join our committee either on an official basis or as a helping hand on Saturdays please come along on Monday March 29th 7.00pm and meet us all.



2021

We are very excited about the 2021 netball season, run by Taieri Plain's Junior Netball [TPJN] on the Taieri for over 40 years, although it is going to come with more than its usual challenges this year. The exciting aspect for us is that this year the Taieri College netball courts are going to have a complete renovation costing over \$1.2 million. However, this will mean that the Saturday competition will not be able to be run as it has been in the past. We are still wanting to provide our Taieri families with an opportunity for their children to play netball out here on a Saturday.

In an attempt to provide children on the Taieri Plain with an opportunity to play netball on a Saturday, we are working in conjunction with the local schools to still provide a Saturday netball programme.

However, for all of this to occur the committee of volunteers will need **your** support as each competing school registered with Taieri Plain's Junior Netball will need to be rostered on to several duty days over the season. It is too much to expect the committee members to be present at every location all day on a Saturday.

We would appreciate more people from our community coming on to our committee to help us hold netball on the Taieri, as without helpers we are going to struggle. If you can offer a little or a lot please come along to our AGM to see what you can do to help us.

While we do have some vacant positions / jobs the bulk of positions have been filled. This does **not** mean that this current group of people can do all of the work. Please help us to share the load by offering to help out on a Saturday or even with a small job on the committee. We only meet about 3-4 times a year and it would be ideal to have three or more helpers from each school.

In particular we are looking for a Treasurer, a Cancellations Co-ordinator, a website/ Facebook Co-ordinator, and a Health and Safety/ First Aid Co-ordinator. These probably sound more scary than they actually are and in general we just need some helpers to help on a Saturday for a few hours.

So please come along to our AGM so that we know that we can proceed this year.

Regards
Karen Rosevear
President
Taieri Plain's Junior Netball