

Kia ora e te whanau

We proudly awarded our Academic Blues on Thursday at senior assembly and my congratulations to those who received them. 2020 was a year of significant disruption yet the level of achievement that our students attained was outstanding. Quite clearly all our recipients displayed high levels of self-motivation, self-management, and diligence. My thanks to the large contingent of whanau and family who shared this occasion with us.

Providing educational opportunities outside the classroom is a huge feature of Taieri College life. Looking through this term we have students travelling to a variety of areas, either studying as part of an academic course, playing sport, or attending outdoor education camps. Several students have been, or will be, away on several different trips. When students are away from school for one subject it is important they realise their other subjects will continue to be taught. It is the student's responsibility to catch up on work missed. NCEA courses operate under significant time pressures and time out of class needs to be made up. Teachers will assist students to catch up on missed classes but are not expected to put their courses on hold for those who are absent.

Parent interviews are being held next week and I strongly encourage parents and whanau to make the most of this opportunity. Meeting a teacher face to face and receiving an open and honest account of how classes are going is invaluable. It is far more effective to talk face to face than share information via e-mail. We value the collaboration we get from home and it plays a crucial role in enhancing student achievement.

Nga mihi nui

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL



Academic Blues Recipients

Muffi Day Wednesday 7 April 2021

Gold Coin Donation – more information further on in newsletter

Key Dates

29 March
Sinclair Wetlands Trip –
8FY/8BZ

30 March
SOHS Interchange at
Taieri College
Level 2 Agribusiness
Trip
Sinclair Wetlands Trip –
8GY/8KJ

29-31 March
Level 3 Tourism Trip

30-31 March
Parent/Teacher
Interviews

31 March
Sinclair Wetlands Trip
8HB/8JT

1 April
Taieri College
Swimming Sports
Level 1 PED/SPR
Athletics
Sinclair Wetlands Trip
8WO

2-6 April
Easter Holidays

7 April
Muffi Day





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Taieri College Wellbeing 2021

This year our schoolwide wellbeing focus is to further strengthen the inclusion messages that were promoted last year. We want to ensure that everyone is connected to our college and that we include all ethnicities, sexualities, gender identities, learning styles and abilities within our diverse family. We understand that mana and identity are important to wellbeing.

We are using resources from the 'E Tu Tangata – Stand Together Aotearoa' campaign which addresses the Tall Poppy Syndrome that exists in wider NZ culture. This syndrome inhibits our rangatahi, our young people, from flourishing and being fully proud of their strengths and abilities. So, we are raising awareness of this, and how we can shift our attitudes to celebrate our own and each other's successes.

Our actions are reflected in different ways across Taieri College and reinforced through student notices and the awesome work of our teachers. Our Librarian, Ms Lauryn Urquhart-Eaton, assembles relevant displays and activities in the library each week.

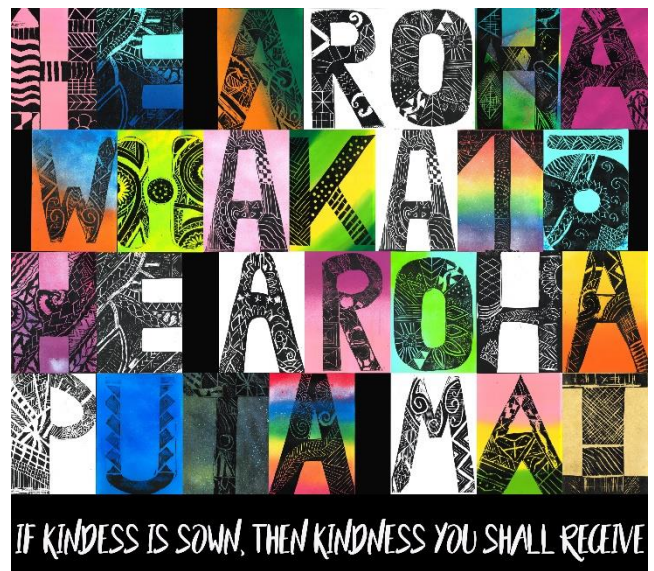


From left: Lily Miller, Leah Dixon, Holli Bannister-Russell, Laura Gale, Eleanor Quirey, Gabby Kakahi, Lily Brown, and Jacob Smith. Absent are Michaela Yee, Edith Lawrence, Timothy Chevtchenko, and Bree Day. Introducing our team of Student Wellbeing Ambassadors. They aim to promote actions that enhance wellbeing and inclusive attitudes across the school. They are working with Year 10 Hui time classes and liaise with our Student Council to plan and implement actions.

The whakatauki (proverb) for this year was created by Taieri College Art students, and this is being promoted widely.

It highlights kotahitanga (school unity), whanaungatanga (school identity and wider family), and manaakitanga (hospitality and kindness). These are the fundamental themes to our wellbeing focus.

Ngā mihi
Diana Leonard
Director of Wellbeing



Taieri College Student Council

The Student Council is working closely with the Wellbeing Ambassadors to promote the **E Tu Tangata - Stand Together** message.

The next mufti day, **Wednesday 7 April 2021, Week 10** - will use the messages from this campaign to encourage everyone to wear bright colourful clothing to show our kotahitanga (unity). It is the Wednesday straight after Easter.

Click on the link below for more information. Please note date advertised here is different to our mufti day date. We will be donating a portion of the money we collect, to this cause.

<https://www.colouryourday.nz/>



Colour Your Day - Supporting E Tū Tāngata Tackling Tall Poppy Syndrome in Aotearoa Let's Raise the Bar Aotearoa. New Zealanders are known as friendly, hard working and laid back. But, live here for a while, and you'll discover that we have a bad habit of criticising, resenting and cutting down those tall poppies who seek to do something different or succeed.
www.colouryourday.nz

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.

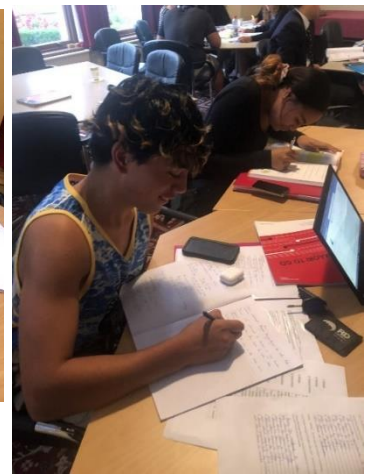
Dunedin Secondary Schools' Māori Prefects Hui

On Tuesday 16 March 2021 Taieri College Cultural Prefects went to Otago Boys' High School for the first ever Dunedin Secondary Schools' Māori Prefects Hui. They talked about their ideas on how they can get Dunedin Secondary Schools' Māori students to come together more and one way of doing this is to start up a homework club after school. They are looking at doing this in Term 2 on Tuesdays at the Dunedin Public Library from 5.30pm-7.30pm. Our Cultures Prefects are Tim Chevtchenko, Rama Fashwal and Lily Brown (Absent).



Dunedin Secondary Schools' Pacific Island Homework Club

Every Thursday at First Church Burn's Hall, there is a Secondary Schools' Pacific Island Homework Club. Our senior Pacific Island students attend and are tutored by Otago University students. This is a great opportunity to meet other Pacific Island students from each of the secondary schools around Dunedin and to get some help with their school work.



Otago Junior Swimming Championships and Senior Swimming Carnival

Last weekend over four sessions of swimming were held at Moana Pool. The swimming meet contained two different kinds of meet for various age groups. The 12 and under swimmers were competing for medals for the Otago Junior Age Group Champs. Swimmers 13 and over were having a carnival obtaining times for the various events they entered. Three Taieri College students competed in the Senior Carnival; Emma Bain, Kylie Gale and Keira Hughes. There were great PBs from all these girls and Keira set a new time swimming the 1500m freestyle for the first time.

Abby Samuels competed in the Otago Junior Swimming Championships earning herself some great PBs and finalist ribbons.

The most outstanding Taieri College swimmer results came from Evie Gilmour swimming in the Otago Junior Swimming Championships in the 10 and under section. Evie received two golds, one silver and three bronze medals. In addition to this her Taieri Swim Club under 12 relay team earned a second placed ribbon. Her medals were in the following results;

50m Butterfly GOLD
100m Butterfly GOLD
50m Freestyle SILVER
400m Freestyle BRONZE
100m Freestyle BRONZE
50m Breaststroke BRONZE



Congratulations to Evie on her amazing results! Evie is pictured here victorious with all her medals back at home after her meet.

All of the Taieri College swimmers mentioned above are from the Taieri Swimming Club. The Taieri Swimming Club will be having their prize giving tomorrow, Saturday 27 March 2021 at 9.15am at the Mosgiel Pool. This will be the last that the club will have at the old Mosgiel Pool before the new look Mosgiel Pool takes shape. Swimmers will receive swimming certificates from the season and age group trophies earned at Club Championships held on Tuesday 16 March 2021 and Wednesday 17 March 2021. Congratulations to all club members and good luck.



South Island Secondary Schools' Touch Tournament

This past weekend the Taieri Senior Touch Team attended the South Island Secondary Schools' Touch tournament, where they placed 5th. After some mixed results in our pool games, we finally remembered how to play touch and won some crucial games to leave us sitting in the highest place Taieri has ever got at this tournament. Our success was thanks to our coaches Trey Russell and Darryl Mackenzie, who gave up many hours to train us, and to Jan Fright, Allan Fright and Nadia Bird, who helped manage the team while we were away. Thank you to everyone who supported us in our fundraising, because the growth, development and laughter that came out of this tournament was worth every cent.



Gabby Kakahi (Captain)



Sport

Last Friday Taieri College had two teams compete in the Rugby League Dunedin Intermediate Schools' Co-Ed competition, and both teams performed admirably to make it through to the final, which was certainly a great achievement. Thanks to Billy Hunter and Zach Smith for coaching on the day.

This afternoon our Year 7/8 Boys Cricket team are competing in the final of the ANZ Cup for Intermediate schools. They take on Balmacewen Intermediate this morning. Good luck to the team, they have defeated Fairfield and Oamaru Intermediate on the way. A big thanks to Mr Sutton for coaching the team and sharing his wisdom with the students.

The Taieri College Softball team have been competing this week at the South Island Champs held in Alexandra. They have had some great performances, beating Ashburton College, Burnside High School, and the previously unbeaten Southland Boys' High School. Today is the final competition and they have already achieved considerable success and experiences.

Taieri College Mixed Touch team had at the South Island Secondary Schools' tournament in Christchurch last week. The team played to their potential as a team by winning the two playoff games and finishing fifth in the South Island, the best finishing place for Taieri College team ever. The team was the highest ranked mixed team from outside of Christchurch. Top boy and girl try scorers were Logan Kakahi 9 tries, and Eilish Fright 8 tries.



Mosgiel cricketer meets heroes at BLACKCAPS match

Mosgiel cricketer 14-year-old Sam Hyde said it was the "best moment ever" when the BLACKCAPS beat Bangladesh last Saturday at the University Oval in Dunedin, where he participated in the pre-match coin toss with captains Tom Latham and Tamim Iqbal as a part of the ANZ Coin Toss competition. Sam said the "great day" was topped off by meeting his favourite player, and fellow opening bowler, Trent Boult.

Head of Sponsorship at ANZ, Sue McGregor said Sam was one of 23 promising young cricketers chosen to take part in the pre-match custom this cricket season. "After such a tough year for the country in 2020, it has been even more apparent the important role that sport and our sporting heroes play to inspire our future generations. We are so pleased to be able to continue creating these once in a lifetime opportunity for our future BLACKCAPS and WHITE FERNS. Getting to meet their heroes is something we hope will stay with them for years to come."

The Coin Toss experience is part of ANZ's long-standing support of Kiwi cricketers. Since 2009 ANZ has given over \$1 million to local cricket players, teams & clubs. In addition, ANZ has donated \$1 million in grants to grassroots cricket and netball clubs to help them get back up and running after Covid-19.



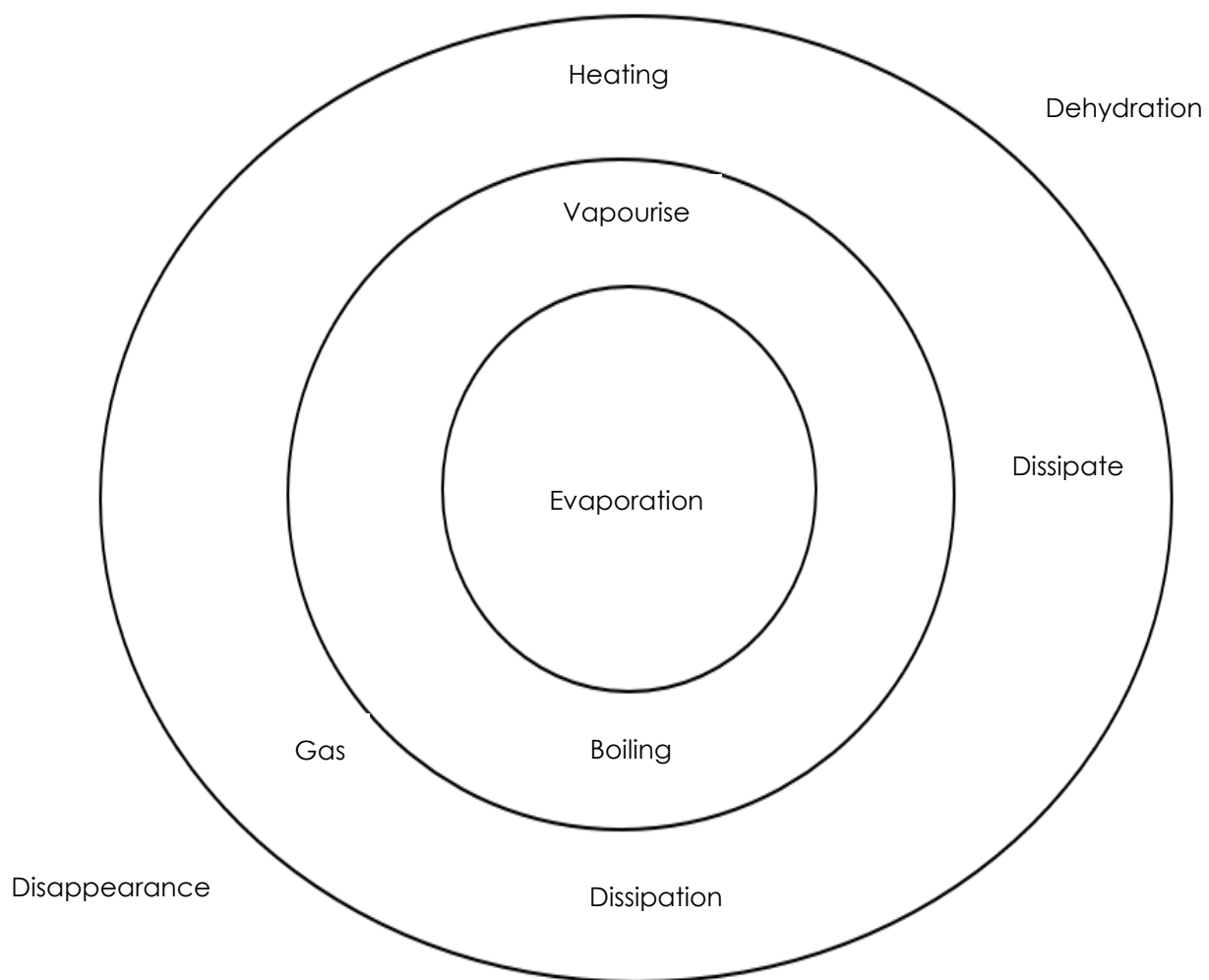
Vocabulary Strategy: Clarify Pair Share

First of all, students are given a set of rings with the key term in the middle. Students are to research a set of close synonym words or are given a set synonym words. They are to write in the appropriate ring where each synonym word sits – closer to the middle means that the synonym word is more similar in meaning to the key term. The students might even have to research the meaning of the synonym words prior to their placement.

Once they have written the synonyms in their chosen rings, they can justify their placements to a partner, and this promotes greater comprehension of all the terms presented.

Example Key Term: Evaporation

Key words list:			
Vapourise	Gas	Boiling	Heating
Disappearance	Dissipate	Dehydration	Dissipation



Brain Busters Quiz Show

Calling on all Taieri College up and coming TV stars!! Brain Busters Quiz show is scouting for contestants now!

Are you Year 8 or 9? Does winning a minimum of \$100 by facing a TV Quizmaster and taking on a challenging studio obstacle course sound like you? Come and be treated like a VIP for the day on the Brain Busters TV show filmed by Whitebait media in Christchurch!! We will take care of all the flights and arrangements.

Enter by taking the general knowledge quiz on our website www.brainbusters.co.nz and our scouts (Mr Tunoka) may be in touch to do an online audition to find out YOUR specialty subject (choose from Reo Rangatira (Te Reo), Identifier (Science), Sequencer (History/Pop Culture), Equaliser (Maths), Spellbinder (Spelling) and Blueprinter (Memory)).

ALL selected players on the show are GUARANTEED to take out \$100 and be in the chance to win bigger in the final quiz round!! Take the online quiz now!!

Ecowarriors

Recently, members of Taieri College Ecowarriors and their families participated in a DCC "Coastal Clean-up". Students met at Marlow Park on Saturday morning (13 March 2021) and collected rubbish around St Kilda Beach. It was great to see many of Dunedin's citizens take action, and we were pleased to be part of the team.

Submissions for both the Dunedin City Council and Otago Regional Council's ten year plans will be opening soon. Students can submit on what is proposed in the ten year plan or they can make a submission on their vision for the future of the city or the region. This is a great opportunity for students to be active citizens and a great opportunity for councils to hear from young people. Information detailing how to make a submission will be in the school newsletter soon.



Art activities open to whanau and caregivers- painting a Monet



You are welcome to join a small art group painting a "Monet".

When: 4.00pm-5.00 pm on Wednesday 7 April 2021 and Wednesday 14 April 2021 D2 in the Art Block. There is no equipment or materials needed - this is our thanks back to the wonderful community at Taieri College. Come along and have fun - you don't have to be skilled - and you will be amazed at what you create.

Please RSVP sspittle@taieri.school.nz, thanks !!

Sally Spittle
HOD Visual Arts



Health Notice

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Headlice may be present amongst children in your child's class. These insects are a nuisance and can be controlled or eradicated by families. Headlice crawl from head to head and may be passed on through shared objects such as hairbrushes and hats. It is recommended that you check all members of your household carefully. Anyone can host headlice. Cleanliness is not a factor in whether headlice are present or not.

What to look for

- Small light or dark brown insects without wings.
- Tiny whitish eggs (nits) like grains of salt attached to hair shafts.
- There may be unusual itching on the head or neck.
- Small red marks on the neck or behind the ears (headlice bites).

What to do

- Check all members of the household daily at the same time for at least three weeks.
- Treat anyone who is hosting headlice. Effective treatment need not be chemical or expensive.
- Please advise the school if you find headlice and confirm that treatment has begun.
- Be prepared to continue treatment for about three weeks depending on the method chosen. Three weeks is the length of the headlouse breeding cycle; you need to break the cycle or infestation will continue.
- After each treatment, comb the hair with a fine toothed comb.
- Extra precautions may include washing all bedlinen, pillowcases and towels in hot water and tumble drying for 20 minutes on high. Other items that have come in contact with heads should also be thoroughly cleaned.
- Soak hairbrushes and combs in hot water for at least ten minutes.
- Vacuuming carpets and rugs may be helpful.
- Repeat treatment 7 to 10 days after initial treatment.

Treating the hair is no guarantee that the problem has been eradicated. Success is more likely if treatment is thorough, checking is daily for at least three weeks and children are reminded to avoid head to head contact with others.

What not to do

- Do not use shampoo, conditioner or a hair drier on hair within 24 hours of using a chemical treatment. Each of these can make the treatment less effective or cause it to fail.
- Do not use ordinary insecticides, pet shampoo or flammable petroleum products.
- Do not use chemical products if the person applying the treatment or the person being treated is pregnant.

For more information please go to <https://www.healthnavigator.org.nz/health-a-z/h/head-lice/>

or contact Marion O'Kane Public Health Nurse

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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.

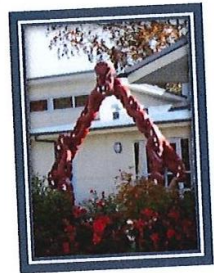
*Regards
Karen Rosevear
President
Taieri Plain's Junior Netball*



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.



MOSGIEL

< CODE CLUB / >

WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH - 6:30PM-7:30PM

NO COST TO ATTEND

GIRLS & BOYS AGED - 9 YEARS & UP

GUEST SPEAKER: CARINN CASPAR

Carinn, who attends Otago Girls High School, recently won two categories at the Xprize Connect Code Games in the United States.

She was one of 800 entrants from 70 countries and the only entrant in the southern hemisphere to win prizes. Carinn is going to talk about her game and some other interesting aspects of coding.

RSVP IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE TALK

mosgielcodeclub@gmail.com | 027 479-3251

New members welcome. To join code club go to
bit.ly/mccregistrationform