

Kia ora e te whanau

Establishing consistent routines is always important at the start of each school year. Staff and students are now settling into their timetables and embarking on their specific teaching and learning programmes. Our three expectations are important as we venture further into the school year.

1. We expect our students to try hard. Recognising the link between effort and achievement is crucial as students move through the school and on to adult life. Succeeding when you haven't tried can be just as damaging as not succeeding at all.
2. We expect our students to get on with each other. Not everyone will be your friend, but every student has the right to co-exist with their peer group and be who they want to be. It is important teenagers learn to be empathetic and respect peoples' differences.
3. We expect our students to display good manners. Words like "please" and "thank you" should be a regular part of every student's vocabulary.

My thanks for everyone's continued understanding as we do our best in navigating our way through ever changing Covid-19 protocols. As a state funded school, we adhere to the directions the government gives us and while we respect everyone's personal opinions on Covid-19 policy, please understand the college is not the source of policy making. The wearing of masks has been one of the features of the latest Ministry directive and I have been very proud of how our students have adapted to wearing masks while inside. It is particularly challenging during extremely hot days! Thanks again for everyone's cooperation.

While several events and activities have been unable to go ahead our Year 10 Tautuku camp is not one of them. The first of our camps departs on Monday to the picturesque Catlin's area. I wish all the staff and students a safe and rewarding outdoor education experience.

Nga mihi nui

**Dave Hunter**  
PRINCIPAL



Masks on inside, marks off outside. Student's enjoying learning outside the classroom.



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## Key Dates

14 – 18 February 2022  
Tautuku Camp No. 1 10TM, 10FR, 1/3 10HM

18 February 2022  
Learning Readiness emailed

23 February 2022  
L2SPR Surfing – Brighton Beach

28 February 2022  
Berwick Trip – 9BD

28 February 2022 – 4 March 2022  
Tautuku Camp No. 2 – 10WJ, 10KT, 1/3 10HM

3-6 March 2022  
Senior Girls Volleyball Mainland Tournament

14-20 March 2022  
Tautuku Camp No. 3 - 10JH, 10NI, 1/3 10HM

## Taieri College Sports Council Information

### Our Mission - "To promote and encourage sport at Taieri College and on the Taieri"

Taieri College Sports Council, wish to welcome everyone back to Taieri College for 2022 and express a very warm welcome to all our new students and families. Sports Council is a committee of interested parents, teachers and Sports Co-Ordinators, actively working to support sport in the college. We offer funding towards individuals and team sport costs. Please see the main college website under Sport, for all our details and forms regarding funding application requirements. We have a fantastic group of local businesses, supporting us with sponsorship. This allows us to put funds towards the Sports Academy; teams and individuals; facility and equipment upgrades; plus the purchasing and ongoing running costs of our college vans.

We welcome anyone wishing to become a SPONSOR or to join our COUNCIL (one meeting a month), please contact the Sports Office or [rosevear@taieri.school.nz](mailto:rosevear@taieri.school.nz)

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.

## Absence Procedure

A reminder to all parents/caregivers regarding students signing in and out at the College Office during the college day. A note or telephone call is required explaining your student's absence. There is also a dedicated telephone message line on our telephone system for absences. Please telephone 489 3823 and press 1.

If you are leaving a message on our automated service, please provide a reason for the absence. The MOE has a coding system for absences and any absences that are unexplained must be coded as truant. If any parent/caregiver leaves a message that simply says that their child won't be in without any reason this will need to be coded as truant. Please give a specific reason for your child's absence.

## Unwell Students Procedure

If during the course of the day your young person becomes unwell, they are to come to the College Office first where they will be assessed by the office staff. Parents/caregivers will then be contacted.

Students should not text or telephone parents; the Office will organise this as students need to be signed out on the Enrol System, which is part of MOE guidelines.

Thank you.

Office Hours 8.00am – 4.00pm



## New Teacher Profiles



**Name:** Jack Mockford  
**Birthplace:** Invercargill  
**Schooling:** St Peter's College Gore and Southland Boys'  
**Tertiary Qualification:** Bachelor and Science and Master of Teaching and Learning  
**Hobbies/Interests:** Cricket, Basketball, getting outdoors and designing little things  
**Favourite Quote:** "To be a great champion you must believe you're the best. If you're not, pretend that you are." – Muhammad Ali



**Name:** Kate Robinson  
**Birthplace:** Dunedin, New Zealand  
**Schooling:** Queenspark School, Christchurch Girls' High School  
**Tertiary Qualifications:** Bachelor of Science majoring in Geography and Geology, Post Graduate Diploma in Water Resource Management, Master of Teaching and Learning  
**Subjects Teaching:** Social Studies and Geography  
**Hobbies/Interests:** hockey, waterpolo, tennis, winning longest road in Catan, taking lots of cool scenic photos, and then doing nothing with them.  
**Favourite Quote:** "Without Geography, you're nowhere" – Everyone



**Name:** Gabby Naivalulevu  
**Birthplace:** Invercargill  
**Schooling:** Southland Girls' High School  
**Tertiary Qualification:** Bachelor of Arts in Geography- Otago University  
**Subjects Teaching:** Junior Hard Materials  
**Hobbies/Interests:** Cooking, running, sports, outdoors  
**Favourite Quote:** "Do ordinary things with extraordinary love." -Mother Theresa



**Name:** Sarah McKinley  
**Birthplace:** Pembury, England  
**Schooling:** Mostly Blenheim, NZ (Bohally Intermediate and Marlborough Girls' College)  
**Tertiary Qualification:** Master of Teaching and Learning  
**Subjects Teaching:** English  
**Hobbies/Interests:** Sports (especially ice hockey, football, futsal and tennis), reading, music  
**Favourite Quote:** "Wonder is the beginning of wisdom" - (Socrates)





Thanks to Otago Community Trust and the Alexander McMillan Trust  
for their assistance in funding our new courts.



## Sport

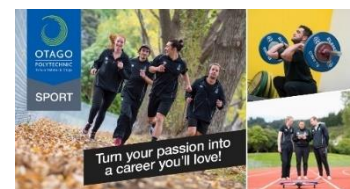
Summer sports are underway at Taieri College this week, as waterpolo began last night and continues this evening. Cricket sides commence their Term 1 season on Saturday, while volleyball, touch, and golf start next week. Ka Pai to all the students who are active in engaging in the various opportunities available to them!

A reminder this year sport enrolments are completed online via the school website. After enrolling, students are encouraged to attend school meetings, and relevant trials to continue the enrolment process.

<https://www.taieri.school.nz/sport/sport-enrolment-forms/>

Unfortunately, our annual school Athletics Day is cancelled this year. Our regular venue of Memorial Park is a DCC facility and is currently under various Covid-19 red light restrictions which prevents the entire school utilising the area. Whilst disappointing, many other Dunedin secondary schools are in the same situation, and we may look to an alternative later in the year.

A massive thank you to Cook Brothers for their sponsorship of the new Taieri College Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XV Jerseys.





## Berwick Trip





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