

Kia ora e te whanau

We are now at Phase 3 of the government's Covid-19 response plan. During this phase they have changed the definition of a close contact. Close contacts are now considered to be those living at home. This means that when we hear of a positive case at school, of either a student or a staff member, we don't need to compile a list of "at school" close contacts and get in touch with them and their families. It also means we won't be emailing home and advising people that we have had a positive case within our school. It is anticipated over the next few weeks the cases associated with the college will rise and it is the responsibility of parents and caregivers to monitor the health of their children. If they are unwell, they stay at home and get a Covid-19 test. Hopefully there will be a supply of Rapid Antigen Tests available in the community to make this easier.

We are still very keen to continue with co-curricular opportunities, and in particular Education Outside of the Classroom (EOTC). These opportunities are an important component of our holistic approach to education. The second Tautuku camp is ready to go for next week and we have contingencies in place to ensure it goes ahead safely. Activities within our region are still taking place and it is still possible for us to participate in them. Any EOTC activities that involves significant travel are more complex to participate in, especially if they involve students in shared accommodation. Where possible we are deferring these trips in the hope that in the not-so-distant future we can revert to our rich programmes of diverse educational opportunities.

My thanks again to our community for their ongoing support and understanding.

Nga mihi nui

**Dave Hunter**  
PRINCIPAL

### Key Dates

28 February 2022  
Berwick Trip – 9BD

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

1-2 March 2022  
ATV, Side by Side  
and Tractor Safety  
Course 2  
L2 SPR Practice  
Walk - Wingatui

2 March 2022  
Enviro Schools' Hui

7 March 2022  
Eagles Golf  
Tournament

9 March 2022  
L2 SPR Surfing

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

### L2 SPR Surfing



## Makos Invitational Junior Swimming Championships

Following Covid RED LIGHT protocols, Swimming Otago delivered a Makos invitational swimming meet following the cancellation of the Makos Festival by Swimming NZ. Congratulations to Evie Gilmour (8HR) on competing at the Junior Festival last weekend at Moana Pool.

Evie is a Year 8 student at Taieri College and this is her last eligible year for this meet. Evie competed in six events over three sessions representing the Taieri Swimming Club. Her results were as follows;

### 12 Year Old Girls

200IM 6<sup>th</sup>  
100m Freestyle 4<sup>th</sup>  
100m Butterfly 3<sup>rd</sup> (Best Result – Ribbon)  
50m Freestyle 5<sup>th</sup>  
200m Freestyle 7<sup>th</sup>  
50m Butterfly 7<sup>th</sup>



## Year 10 Painting







## Taieri College Sports Council

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

Taieri College Sports Council will be holding our first meeting of the year on Tuesday 8 March 2022 at 7.30pm. The meeting will be held in the staff room (at the back of the main office block) to allow for social distancing. Please also wear a face mask.

### Sponsorship

The Sports Council is now seeking expressions of interest from Taieri College families and businesses who would be interested in becoming a Premier, Platinum, Gold or Silver sponsor.

Please contact [rosevear@taieri.school.nz](mailto:rosevear@taieri.school.nz)

Sponsorship Levels are as follows:

PREMIER – Negotiated

PLATINUM - \$2000 + GST per year

GOLD - \$1000 + GST per year

SILVER - \$500 + GST per year

Taieri College Sports Council are proud to work alongside the following sponsors. Your contribution to sport at Taieri College is invaluable. LJ Hooker – Lachie McLachlan, Braveheart Decorators, Mastercraft Mosgiel Kitchens, Sportsmed Mosgiel, Waihola Surfacing, Reece Building Consultants, DS Builders, Promo-X, Cramond & Craig, Dixon Roofing, TAK Flooring, Loan Market, CREDIFLEX Otago, Willow & Silk and Beauty Lane.

## Introducing 2022 Social Prefects

Our Social Prefects this year are Ollie Smythe, Julia Van Aalst and Thomas Smith. Covid-19 restrictions allowing, Ollie, Julia and Thomas will be helping to organise social activities with our Year 7 and 8 students and will also organise our college formal. The Taieri College Formal this year will be held in the Otago Business School on Saturday 28 May at 7pm. This building is on the University campus and requires attendees to have their vaccine pass verified at the door, as well as sign into the venue for contact tracing. 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. Any questions regarding this please phone Monique Evans, Student Support Administrator 489 3823 ext 111.







## Level 2 PRM ATV, Side by Side and Tractor Safety Course

Thank you to Norwoods for the loan of the tractor for this two day course.







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## 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

**Rotary**  
PEOPLE of ACTION

**LOCAL ICON**  
820 feet -  
Carpark to  
Summit

**“Makamaka”**  
**SADDLE  
HILL  
Hike**

**UNIQUE  
OPPORTUNITY**  
Just under  
3 kms  
Return Trip

**When:** Sunday 27th February 2022  
**Where:** Entrance via McMaster Road  
**Time:** 9.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.  
**Register:**  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/saddlehill-hike-tickets-240571976257>



SCAN ME

Food and drinks available  
Private farm land so sorry  
no dogs

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**K9 MEDICAL  
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**FREE UP UNTIL YOUR 18TH BIRTHDAY**

# Good Oral Health is a Key Contributor to:

- Overall Health
- Wellbeing
- Quality of life

## Free Dental Check

From Year 9 your student can see a local dentist and yes, it's still free up until their 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Give your local dentist a call today to book your student's yearly check up.

# TERM ONE WORKSHOP

**You're Invited!**

Come along to SADD's Term One workshop for 2022!  
The aim of this workshop is to give young people the opportunity to learn all the essentials for getting started with SADD, as well as meet other students from the region, get stuck into some practical activities, planning, and leave feeling empowered to make a difference in the road safety space this year.

**Date:** Monday 14th March  
**Time:** 3.30pm - 5pm  
**Venue:** Dunedin Community House, 301 Moray Place  
**RSVP:** Mark@sadd.org.nz by Friday 11th March **please include your cell-phone number so we can contact you if we need to make last minute changes**

**Covid Information:** Masks are required and we will be social distancing. Please ensure you rsvp as there is a cap of 25 people, and do not attend if you are feeling unwell or have been asked to isolate. If there are any changes to the workshop availability or logistics due to restrictions or sickness, I will make sure to clearly communicate this with you. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions.