

Kia ora e te whanau

It was a pleasure to present our 2022 Year 9 Scholarship recipients their awards this week. Once again, we have been impressed by the standard of applicants and I congratulate all the students who were successful. I would also like to recognise and acknowledge the students who weren't successful in their applications. We have a finite number of scholarships to award and not everyone is able to be successful in attaining them. My thanks to everyone who applied. The live audience who attended the ceremony included our prefects and older students who were past recipients of scholarships. It is our hope that the scholarships will be a springboard for these talented students to attain further accolades as they progress through Taieri College.

As of today, we have had 58 students advise us that they have tested positive for Covid-19. These students are spread across all year levels and don't appear to follow any pattern. We do ask that families advise us of positive cases as we are required to report this data to the Ministry of Education. Our message around illness remains the same, if you have flu like symptoms or are feeling unwell, please stay at home and get a Covid-19 test.

We also have several staff who have tested positive or are isolating as household contacts. This has put significant pressure on our relief teacher pool and our ability to have teachers in front of children. Whilst we are currently able to operate in relatively normal conditions, I do want to advise of some contingency plans we have in place should they be required. The first step of this contingency (depending on available staff) will be to potentially roster home particular year levels. This is becoming standard practice in schools across New Zealand who have had high staff absences. While we haven't had to take this option yet, please be aware that it may be an option we explore in the future. All communications around these steps will be emailed.

Nga mihi nui

**Dave Hunter**  
PRINCIPAL



### Key Dates

- 14 March 2022  
Taieri vs Kavanagh Cricket
- 14-18 March 2022  
Tautuku Camp No. 3  
10JH/10NI/3<sup>rd</sup> of 10HM
- 16 March 2022  
L2SPR Surfing Brighton
- 18 March 2022  
Learning Readiness emailed  
TK Cricket vs Kavanagh
- 21 March 2022  
Otago Anniversary Day –  
College Closed
- 23 March 2022  
Mufti Day – Gold coin  
donation  
L2 SPR Practice Hike  
(Maungatuas)
- 24 March 2022  
L1PED Athletic Assessment  
Pasifika Navigators of  
Tomorrow  
L2 & L3 Tikanga Maori Art  
Gallery Trip
- 24 – 25 March 2022  
L1 PRM Trip to Central Otago
- 27 March 2022  
Otago Secondary Schools'  
Touch Tournament

### Senior Assessments Due Next Week

- 21-28 March 2022  
L1ENC 90856 Film Close  
Viewing
- 22 March 2022  
L2 GEO AS91245 Issue
- 25 March 2022  
L1 GEO AS91011 Research

**Otago Anniversary Day – Monday 21 March 2022 – College Closed**

**Mufli Day – Wednesday 23 March 2022 – Gold Coin Donation – Proceeds to  
“Save the Children Fund”**

## Year 9 Taieri College Scholarship Recipients For 2022

| Academic  |                |
|---|----------------|
| Fergus Clarke   | Taieri College |
| Pyper Greer   | Taieri College |
| Leah McEntee  | Taieri College |
|   |                |
| Performing Arts                                       |                |
| Ollie McFelin   | Taieri College |
| Rosie Mitchell  | Taieri College |
| Jenny Petegem-Thach                                   | Taieri College |
| Sporting  |                |
| Sienna Forgie   | Taieri College |
| Lana Chettleburgh                                     | Taieri College |
| Harper Conley   | Taieri College |
|   |                |
| Sports Council Scholarships<br>were also received by: |                |
| Jessica Clough  |                |
| Cameron ter Woort                                     |                |
| Kobe Watt   |                |



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## Otago Junior HEAD Series Squash Tournament

Last weekend a group of junior squash players competed in the first of the Junior HEAD series tournaments for 2022 at the Otago Squash Club. Hayden Webb, Max Cross, Jaxon Innes, Sam Pool, Rhys Johnson and Hunter Compton each played three matches with many of them having some epic five setters against players from Dunedin, Wanaka, and Alexandra.

It was great to watch some awesome squash being played by the boys and it will be an exciting year watching them all improve. The next tournament is during April in Wanaka and we hope to send a group away to play in this. Congratulations to everyone involved.



The results were:

| <b>Boys B</b>               |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Special Plate Runner Up     | Hayden Webb    |
| <b>Mixed A</b>              |                |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place       | Max Cross      |
| <b>Mixed B</b>              |                |
| Special Plate Runner Up     | Sam Pool       |
| Plate Winner                | Jaxon Innes    |
| Consolation Plate Winner    | Hunter Compton |
| Consolation Plate Runner Up | Rhys Johnston  |

### Special Prize for Sportsmanship

Hayden Webb







## SISS Triathlon Champions

On Sunday 6 March 2022, we travelled to Oamaru bright and early in the morning to compete in the South Island Secondary Schools' triathlon. There was a large field of athletes including New Zealand elite athletes. There was a huge array of talent. The race started at 9:50am with Kylie Gale swimming 750m in the Oamaru Harbour, followed by Pearl Harris-Blain cycling 20km and finished with Lily Miller running the last leg of 5km. It was a great day full of fun and hot weather. Everyone worked so hard and managed to complete the race and bring home the gold medal.







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# TAIERI PLAIN'S JUNIOR NETBALL

14.03.22  
AGM

## We Need Your Help!

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, we are looking for a Secretary and a Health and Safety/First Aid Co-ordinator. We also need some helpers on a Saturday for a few hours to assist with games.

If you would like to join our committee, please come along to our AGM.

**MONDAY 14 MARCH AT 7PM IN THE TAIERI COLLEGE LIBRARY.**

A chance to meet us all and assist so that we know that we can confidently proceed with Netball this year.







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*Beat the winter blues...*

# TAIERI HINDON 2022 TRAIL RIDE

**Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 April 2022**

Some new country added and tracks will run reverse for Day 2

Some of this years beneficiaries are:



*Last ride before winter lock-up*



## George King Memorial Drive

**Sign Posted from Outram Bridge and Lee Stream ends**

Spectacular country, rarely open to public  
Registration from 8am, Tracks open 9am until 3pm  
Junior, Advanced, Expert, ATV and a Pee Wee Track  
Entry includes BBQ Lunch, Snacks and Drink

**Pre-registration:** Senior \$55, Junior (U15) \$35  
**On the Day:** Senior \$60, Junior \$40  
**2-Day Option:** Senior \$90, Junior \$60  
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