



Kia ora e te whanau

We are now having several students contracting and then recovering from COVID-19. We have a revolving front door of sick students heading home, and recovered students returning. As of writing this newsletter 187 students have had, or currently have COVID-19. We have also had ten confirmed cases of teachers who have tested positive and six confirmed cases of support staff. These numbers have allowed our school to remain open to all year levels thus far. We are fortunate to have a wonderful pool of relievers who have come to our aid. We are also grateful to several teachers who are volunteering to cover for their absent colleagues.

Below is the latest advice from the Ministry of Health surrounding returning to school or work after testing positive or living in a household with someone who has tested positive. I hope it will provide some clarity for families who may be uncertain of the right time to return to school. It is always a relief to see recovered students returning to school, but it is also important that they return at the right time to keep others safe.

For households where someone has COVID-19, the Ministry of Health recommends you apply the following guidance.

- *If someone becomes a confirmed COVID-19 case, then that case and all other people in their household must isolate for **seven** days.*
- *If **someone else** in the household then tests positive for COVID-19 during those seven days:*
 - *the isolation period for **that person only** re-sets – that person must isolate for an additional seven days from the day they test positive, or symptoms begin*
 - *other household contacts who do not test positive are still able to leave isolation after the original case has completed their seven days isolation.*
- *For the **next 10 days** after a household completes seven days isolation, evidence shows that due to their exposure to COVID-19 they are less likely to catch or transmit the virus This means:*
 - *if someone else in the household tests positive **within those 10 days**, the whole household will not have to re-isolate, only the positive case*
 - *if someone else in the household tests positive and it has been **more than 10 days** since the household completed isolation, household contacts **should re-isolate** along with the new case for seven days.*
- *Any person who has had COVID-19 within the last 90 days/three months **will not need to isolate as** a household contact unless they become symptomatic and test positive again. This is because reinfection rates for people who have had COVID-19 are low for the three months after they have the virus.*

Remember, Day 0 for isolation is the day symptoms began or the day the positive test was taken (whichever came first). You should then count your seven days from there.

As always, please contact the college if you have any queries, and my thanks for everyone's ongoing understanding.

Nga mihi nui

Dave Hunter
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Taieri College Sports Council

Mission: 'To promote and encourage sport at Taieri College and on the Taieri'

Taieri College's Sports Council is a committee made up of both parents and teachers. We rely heavily on the generosity of sponsorship to keep our programmes in place; to fund teams and individuals; to supply equipment; to upgrade playing areas, and to purchase school vans to transport our students. We aim to give our young athletes every opportunity possible.

Our Sports Council is always welcoming and very appreciative of any new sponsors wishing to come on board. If you think this is an area you can help, please contact The Sports Office (sport@taieri.school.nz)

There are four LEVELS of Sponsorship: PREMIER (amount is by negotiation), PLATINUM (\$2,000 + GST per year), GOLD (\$1,000 + GST per year) and SILVER (\$500 + GST per year).

Each MONTH the Sports Council would like to SHOWCASE one of our valued sponsors. Where possible we urge our Taieri College families to support these generous businesses just like they support us.

PLATINUM SPONSOR OF THE MONTH - McDonald's Dunedin

Sports Council would like to extend a very warm welcome to Etere & Justin Stonelake, franchisees and owners of Dunedin and Invercargill's, McDonald's Restaurants. Etere and Justin are joining us as Platinum Sponsors. We are thrilled to also welcome Etere onto our committee, your business sense and ideas will be a real asset to the council.

Taieri College Sports Council are proud to work alongside the following sponsors. McDonald's Dunedin, 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.

Term 1 2022 Sports Hoodie

The first order of sports hoodies for 2022 is now open. Orders can be made through the online order form which is available on the Taieri College Sports Facebook page.

All orders MUST be completed by **Friday 8 April 2022** to receive the sports hoodie at the start of Term 2. We encourage all students to come to the Sports Office to try on sample hoodies to confirm the size they would like.

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.

These hoodies are not part of our regulation school uniform. They can only be worn for PE and at Taieri College sports events.



Toloo Secondary School Scholarships (STEAM)

Congratulations to Maleena Taia (Year 13) for receiving the Toloo Secondary Schools' Scholarship (STEAM).

The Toloo Secondary School Scholarships aim to inspire and support Pacific students in their engagement with STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths.

Now in its seventh year, the Toloo funds are achieving the goal of helping Pacific Aotearoa thrive in STEAM.

The Toloo Secondary Schools' Scholarships cover school fees and equipment for one year to the maximum of \$2,000.

Well done Maleena.



Key Dates

4 April 2022

University of Otago Junior Maths Competition
L3 PED/SPR Triathlon

6-8 April 2022

L2 BIO/GEO Mt Cook Trip

9-10 April 2022

Senior Otago Volleyball Championships

11 April 2022

Year 7 Vision Screening – more information further in newsletter

14 April 2022

L1 SPR Beach Trip
End of Term 1

2 May 2022

Start of Term 2

Senior Assessments Due Next Week

4 April 2022

L3 PED/SPR AS 3.4 Demonstrate quality performance of a physical activity in an applied setting (Triathlon)

4-10 April 2022

L3MAC AS91587 Simultaneous Equations (3 Credits)

4-8 April 2022

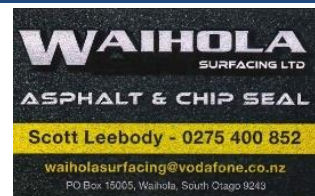
Level 1 Health AS90971 Take Action to enhance an aspect of personal wellbeing

7-14 April 2022

L1ENG/ENE 90857 Speech
L3 ENG/ENE 91476 Presentation

8 April 2022

L1 HISAS90001



Taieri College 2022 Formal

COVID-19 restrictions allowing, our formal this year will be held in the Otago Business School (Otago University Campus) on Saturday 28 May 2022 at 7.00pm. 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 telephone Monique Evans, Student Support Administrator 489 3823 ext 111.



Otago-Southland Mountain Biking Competition 2022

Last weekend, Coronet Peak hosted the annual Otago-Southland Mountain Bike Competition. This replaced the originally planned South Island tournament that was cancelled due to the pandemic. We had three students competing. In the downhill event, Ryan Merrilees finished 6th in the Boys' Under 20s event and Oakley Bird finished 17th in the Boys' Under 16 event. In the Cross Country event, Ollie Esplin finished 6th in the Under 16 event.



Otago Secondary Schools' Champs 2022

Congratulations to our Senior Mixed Touch Team who took out 1st place in the weekend at the Otago Secondary Schools' tournament. Winning all games through the day, the team did very well!! Thanks for all the support from our coaches, management, and supporters.

Results were:

vs Cromwell College 9-2 win

vs Wakatipu High School 9-4 win

vs Tokomairiro High School 8-3 win

Final vs Wakatipu High School 6-0 win



Level 2 Agribusiness

Last week the Year 12 Agribusiness students were treated to two visits of local businesses; Janefield Paeonies & Hydroponics and Wingatui Racecourse. Focussed on future proofing aspects of business viability, the students were shown the ins and outs of both businesses, with a sample of hydroponic strawberries to boot.



From the Careers Café 1 April 2022

Introducing your Careers Team:

Stephen Walker – Head of Careers and Pathways Coordinator

I'm into my second year in this role and I'm looking forward to continuing to develop and improve the service we offer to our students, and to working more closely with you, our parents, and caregivers as we are all career advisors!

I'm married to an ex The Taieri High student, Joneen (nee Thomas), and we have two children, Matthew who works for a strategic communications company in Istanbul and Lucy who has just left banking to study a Bachelor of Social Services (Counselling) with Otago Polytechnic. Lucy has two children, Lucca 6 years, and Elira 4 years, who are a real joy and keep us on our toes!



Originally from Southland I headed north to Dunners to experience the scarfie life at Dunedin Teachers' College. I initially taught in an intermediate school for a couple of years then headed to London for two years OE, including a year working in accounts at BP's Head Office in Moorgate. Back to Kiwiland saw the move to high school teaching, including six most enjoyable years at both Kavanagh College and The Taieri High School (1996-2001). Following this was a move to the University of Otago as Schools Liaison Officer, based on campus and covering all the schools south of Christchurch. After 10 years it was time for a new challenge and we moved to Qatar in the Middle East where I was the Athletic Director, running all the extra-curricular programmes in an international school.

We returned to New Zealand early in 2020, and I did some high school relieving as well as completing the real estate sales course with the Open Polytech. This career was not to be, as my current position became available late in the year for a 2021 start.

Sports involvement has been a big part of my life and I look forward to assisting, supporting, and encouraging our Taieri students to make the most of the great range of extra-curricular activities we offer (including all the cool non-sports options). This year I am coaching Year 9 and 10 Boys' Volleyball and will manage the Colts Rugby Team. And sorry, but I am a Dunedin Rugby Club man and I look forward to us winning back the Fitzgerald/Walker trophy in the Premier clash this year!

Fiona Smeaton – Gateway Co Ordinator, Primary Industries and Careers Admin

I went to this fine institution we call Taieri College, although in my day it was The Taieri High School. I am married to Bill and have three children who all attended Taieri College, Sarah is 25, lives in Melbourne and is a Human Resource partner for Tennis Australia, Callum, 24, lives in Dunedin, works for Palmers Mechanical and is studying for a diploma in Mechanical Engineering, and Liam, 20, lives in Dunedin and is a third year plumbing, drain laying, and gas fitting apprentice for KR Plumbing.



When I left high school, I got a job at Housing New Zealand where I undertook a variety of roles. I was a Loans Officer, Rental Manager and Property Maintenance Supervisor. After I had my family, I was Accounts Manager for a small garage, then Secretary, Event Manager for the Otago Taieri A & P Society before joining Taieri College. I have been at Taieri College for ten years, seven in the Sport Department and this is my third in the Careers Department. I enjoy helping students find meaningful careers and jobs and am studying for a diploma in Careers Development.

Coming Careers Events

- Tuesday 5 April 2022, **Lincoln University** visit, 11.45am-2pm
- Thursday 7 April 2022, **Canterbury University**, 11.45am zoom meeting
- Friday 27 May 2022, **Dunedin Hospital Rebuild** seminar
- Monday 30 May 2022, **Tertiary Open Day**, all Year 13s, some Year 12s (Otago Polytechnic & Otago University)
- Thursday 2 June 2022, **Careers Expo**, all Year 11s

L2 & L3 Tikanga Māori Art Gallery Trip

On Thursday 24 March 2022 the Level 2 & Level 3 Tikanga Māori class went to the Dunedin Public Art Gallery to see the Māori Art Exhibition Paemanu: Tauraka Toi - A Landing Place which occupies the foyer and the entire first floor of the gallery. This remarkable exhibition features works and performances by more than 40 Kāi Tahu artists.

Our students were lucky enough to have Libbi Caskey from the Dunedin Public Art Gallery take us for an educational tour and also get involved in doing some Māori Art Work.



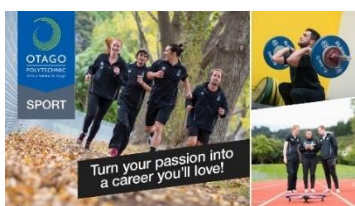
WHAKAHEKEKA O KĀ ROIMATA

Ko kā tūhuhu kōrero mā te hōhaka rui, te tauraka mai me te hōhaka o te ahikā o Kāi Tahu e mau tonu ana ki te mata o te whenua o Te Waipounamu. Ko te whakatakoraka o muku, o tūi hōki e hōki mahara ana ki kā maki ā kā āhua: ko kā āhua wāhi e pupuri nei i kā purikau me kā takunetaka; ko kā tikaka ā-wi e whakamōnōi tonu nei i te taurititaka rokomaiwhiri o kā punaha hauropi hāi whakauka, hāi whakamarama āhōki.

No te ūka tuatititaka mai o kā waka ki kā ākua o Te Waipounamu, inā kā kā haereka ko takahia ki uta. Ko kā mahi toi i te Whakakhekeka o Kā Roimata he hōhōhōhō ki kā kōrero mā kā mōkama me kā roimata pūa rōa, me te āha, he whāi i kā āra tawhito me te pūa hōki i kā āra hōi.

Kāi Tahu histories of migration, settlement and occupation are held in the physical landscape of Te Waipounamu. Land and sea formations recall the actions of atua; place-names record particular narratives and events; cultural practices seek to maintain the unique balance of the ecosystems that sustain and shelter.

Since waka first landed on the shores of Te Waipounamu, journeys have been made inland. The artworks in Whakakhekeka o Kā Roimata engage with these stories of movement and habitation through the landscape, tracing old pathways and creating new ones of their own.



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The Vision Hearing Technicians from Population Health team, Southern District Health will be visiting your school to screen all year seven students for distance vision on Monday 11 April 2022.

Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)

This determines how well your child can see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart.
(This free vision check is not required if student wears glasses and/or is currently under care of an optometrist or eye specialist).

If you do not wish your child to be screened, please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office before our visit. Any questions, please contact Jared Peacock, Assistant Principal on jpeacock@taieri.school.nz



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
Cash only, No eft-pos and No dogs sorry

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Whānau Education Evening

Sargood Centre, Logan Park Drive

April 6th, 7:00 - 8:30pm

Athlete Well-being & Concussion

A chance to learn about & discuss
teenage athletes' well-being

Koha at door. Please wear a mask. Spot prizes.

RSVP: rsd@osssa.org.nz by April 4th



TAIERI PLAINS JUNIOR NETBALL

Get Ready for Netball 2022

Calling all Year 5,6,7,8 players who are keen to get ready for the 2022 netball season.

Taieri Plain's Junior Netball committee are offering a two day programme in the FIRST week of the April school holidays- Wednesday April 20 and Thursday April 21. Spaces are limited.

PAYMENT IS REQUIRED WHEN YOU REGISTER

Please register via the following link:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/197968>

Years 5 & 6

Wednesday April 20 and Thursday April 21.

9.00am- 12pm

Venue: Taieri College ITC



Cost \$30 per day or \$50 for both days

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/197968>



Years 7 & 8

Wednesday April 20 and Thursday April 21.

Venue: Taieri College ITC 1pm-4pm

Cost \$30 per day or \$50 for both days

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/197968>