

Kyotamba Exchange

During the recent holidays eight students and two teachers were away with the annual Kyotamba cultural exchange in Japan. We got to take part in classes at Komono Junior High, get dressed up in Kimonos, cook Udon noodle soup, write Japanese style calligraphy and share some of New Zealand's culture. We also got to visit old historical temples and shrines, look at the big cities of Osaka and Kyoto, visit theme parks and go to huge, modern shopping malls. As well as all this the Japanese lollies and vending machines proved to be a big hit. And did I mention the shopping?

But perhaps the biggest highlight was the fun we had with our host families and students at the various schools. Many friendships were made and it was sad to leave. All this while learning about a different culture and the different way people do things. We would thoroughly recommend this experience to everyone as it is something you will remember for a lifetime. Start thinking about it now as applications will be out later in Term 4.



Back Row : Andrew Baines, Bryce Abernethy, Rebecca Henderson, Sam O'Brien and Judy Baines.

Front Row : Lewis Howell, Maria McDonnell, April Pilley, Eden Daniell and Abigail Clark

Dates to Remember:

20 October	Exam Reports Issued
22 October	Year 7/8 Interchange Kavanagh College
21 -23 October	Year 9 Oral Health Visits
27 October	Labour Day Holiday
28 - 31 October	Year 8 Camp 8BH, 8GA & 8MH
29 October	International Students' Function
30 October	Gateway Function
5 November	Blues Evening
6 November	Literary Luncheon
11-14 November	Year 8 Camp 8DL & 8KL
13 November	Senior Prizegiving

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This is a very high pressured time of the year at secondary schools. Year 11, 12 and 13 have only 5 weeks left of teaching before senior exams. All students will have requirements for course completion prior to that date and most will have some externals to sit in the examination period. This puts a great deal of stress on students as in many cases they try and catch up on the work they have left unfinished or uncompleted throughout the year. At the same time the teachers are also anxious to pass on as much wisdom and knowledge to enable students to be successful. Reports are issued and students and caregivers need to carefully read these reports as there is still time for students to do the additional work to pull their results up to a higher level of achievement.

We are also involved in a number of functions to celebrate the achievements of our students. The first of these, of course, is the Blues celebration which over the years has become a prestigious event and the award of a blue is valued by all recipients. Students who have been involved in the Gateway programme have the opportunity for their successes to be recognised and we also run a graduation ceremony for our international students. Whilst all this is happening, the Year 8 students are getting ready for their Camp in Queenstown.

This is the time where we start to structure our timetable for 2009. In order to do this Mr Jones asks the Year 8, 9 and 10 students to start thinking about their course selection. This is particularly important for those Year 10's going into Year 11. A large number of these students, approximately fifty percent of them, are the oldest in their families. This means that their parents have had no experience of NCEA which replaced School Certificate. There is a booklet which we produce but the whole system can be confusing to those not familiar with it. It is really important that parents and students both understand the requirements of Year 11 NCEA in order for their young person to be successful. There is the opportunity for parents to come and meet with senior staff to address any questions they may have. I encourage you to take this opportunity.

Na Christina Herrick

Subject Choices for 2009

All Year 8 - 12 students received this week a booklet containing the courses of study for the following year. This selection is due in next Thursday 23rd October. These books are also available on our website under courses.

While subject choice at this stage of the year is not binding, the number of classes, and staff allocation, are based on this return, and therefore this should be filled in as accurately as possible.

To assist students in making option choices we have held special assemblies this week and parents are welcome to ring the College (Ph 489 3823) for an appointment with Senior Staff on Tuesday 21st October from 4pm to 7pm.

National Bank Maths Competition Results 2008

This year we were delighted to hear that Casey Caitlin-Stevens 10CG was placed in the top 30 of all New Zealand students sitting this difficult wordy mathematics competition that is run by the University of Otago. This is an outstanding effort.

Cameron Burgess and Melanie Warhurst were also awarded Merit Certificates for being in the top 15% of students sitting nationally.

Erin Cassie was in the top 20% of the Year 11 students. Robert Cockroft, Julia Gorinski and Benjamin Thomas were in the top 30% at their year levels. Murdoch Braid, Abigail Clark, Harrison Smith, Aaron Kennedy and Samuel Perry were all in the top 40%, while Mitchell Connor and Emerson Wood were in the top 50%.

These are all great efforts as it is difficult to get started on some questions.



Adolescent Oral Health Co-ordinator Visit

The Adolescent Oral Health Co-ordinator will be visiting the school on Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 24th October, to speak to the year 9's about oral health and to check if they are enrolled with a dentist. Please take this opportunity to discuss with your child if they have been enrolled with a dentist. Enrolment forms will be available on the day for those who do not yet have a dentist. Adolescents are entitled to free basic dental care from year 9 until their 18th birthday. If you would like to discuss this further please call: Sharleen Szavay, 03 474 6574 or 0800 IT'S FREE.

Taieri's got Talent 2008

Excellent entries resulted in a final 14 performers. The show lasted over an hour compeered by performer extraordinaire herself Mrs Di Leonard. Acts included jazz and hip hop dancing, singing and instrumental numbers. Our judges were Damien Newell (more FM) Gemma Tuhega and Jared Cone . All were impressed with the quality of the performances and found it difficult to come up with the winners. The results were: Junior Category 1st Jess Leonard singing a self composed song "you", 2nd Georgina Jacobs singing "I wish I was a punkrocker" and 3rd Libby Larsen.

Senior Category - 1st Bethany Struthers singing "All you wanted", 2nd Stacey Ross Dancing "Drops of Jupiter" and 3rd Kate and Jo "Moments".

Stacey Ross



Jess Leonard



Years 8BH, 8GA, 8MH Camp Raffle Results

Last term Year 8 students ran a very successful raffle to help with personal fundraising for their school camp this year.

A very big THANK YOU to all the families who supported this, particularly to the families who donated items for the raffle. As you can see by the results, we had a range of very generous prizes which contributed greatly to making this a worthwhile fundraising venture for the students. Results were as follows: Mel Evans - Wine and Chocolates, Maree Rivett - Wine and Chocolates, Anne McLennan - Glasses, Wine and Chocolate, Debra Hamilton - Wine and Chocolate, L E Pelvin - Mug Warmer and Curling Tongs, Maree Rivett - Beauty Pack, Eketone Family - Frame/Clock, Maree Pedofsky - Headphones, J Powell - Vac Master, Jessica Wilson - Car Care Kit, Maree Rivett - Scented Pillows, Richard Will - Beauty Pack, Elizabeth Matthews - Voucher, Sam Walters - Voucher, Brent Roberts - Golf Pack, Barry Murdoch - DVD Player and Brent Lyford - Grocery Hamper.

BOT Student Representative

Congratulations to Samy Aboulfaouz. He will be receiving training with the School Trustees Association and other student representatives on Monday 20 October at The College of Education.

Blazer Fitting!



A reminder that Direct Uniform Suppliers will be at Taieri College next Wednesday morning to fit all YR 10 students for the compulsory senior blazer.

A 50% deposit (\$130) will be required on fitting and ordering. Cheques can be made out to Direct Uniform Suppliers.

A letter went out to all YR 10 students at the end of last term.

Friends of Taieri College Christmas Raffle Fundraiser

Raffle cards will be going home with the youngest child in each family on Monday 20th October. Senior students will receive their raffle card in with their report on this day.

Cards need to be returned to Form Teachers by Friday 7th November. If you feel you cannot sell these tickets, please return the unsold card by this date also.

Donations of non perishable items can be dropped off at the school office.

There are three lucky draws for all fully sold cards returned by due date. This is our last fundraiser for the year. Raffle drawn 24 November.

Thank you for your support.

J R McKenzie Youth Education Fund

Grants are available for the purchase of basic school clothing and school shoes through this fund. Applications are considered for year 7 and year 9 students entering Taieri College for the first time in 2009. Application forms are available from the school office. **These close Friday 28 November 2008.**

Gateway 2009



The Gateway programme is offered to Year 12 & 13 students who are interested in a career in a particular industry and are ready to learn and work in a workplace. Entry into this programme is by **application only** for Year 12 & 13 students in 2009.

If you are interested in applying for the 2009 Gateway programme you are invited, along with your parents/caregivers, to attend an information evening on **Monday 20 October 2008 at 7.00pm** in the Taieri College Information Centre.

Attendance is **compulsory** to receive an application pack. If you are unable to attend on that evening you **must** see Mrs Wilson prior to that. For more information see Mrs Wilson in the Careers' Office.

Bowls

Well done to Michael Reynolds whose team he was part of got runner up in the Dunedin Secondary Schools Lawn Bowls competition which was held at the Westpac Stadium.

Otago Soccer

Jamie Drew, Daniel Masterton and Michael James who were in the Otago 15th Grade Soccer team this year. They attended the South Island tournament in Timaru during the holidays and came third. Well done.

AFS Cultural Exchange

Next year, 2009, AFS have 5 students arriving, two boys and three girls. They are from Brazil, France, Thailand, Paraguay and Argentina. Four are here for a year program and one for 6 months. They all need a family to live with while in New Zealand. Would you be able to help us host a student, even for a short time, maybe 3 to 6 months which then allows the student to obtain their visa and be able to begin their experience. We can help you with any questions you may have by phoning Dianne Webster 486-1442.

Taieri College Adult & Community Education

Spaces available in Digital Photography Beginners Thursday 7-9pm 8 Weeks \$65.00 and Photoshop Elements 6 for Beginners Thursday 5-7pm 8 Weeks \$65.00. Term 4 classes being Thursday 23rd October. Enrolments to ACE Office by Monday 20th October phone 4895627 or email swatt@taieri.school.nz

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