

Kia ora e te whanau

Thank you to the large number of parents and caregivers who attended our parent-teacher interviews on Monday and Tuesday evening. It was an excellent opportunity for you to meet teachers and discuss how things have started with your children. It is important to us that we maintain a positive relationship with home and stay on the same page as the year progresses. Senior students will have started their internal assessments and as results start to be collated, it will be helpful to correlate their results with their effort in the classroom.

On Thursday our Year 12 students travelled to Dunedin to attend the annual 'Drive to Survive' presentation. Several agencies combine to present a hard-hitting production relating to the dangers of driving. I strongly suggest to parents and caregivers that they take time to discuss the presentation at home as the messages delivered are very powerful and vitally important as students work towards obtaining their full licences.

We have a strong team of athletes competing in the Otago Secondary Schools' Athletics this weekend at the Caledonian in Dunedin. Good luck to everyone involved. Likewise to our golf team who travel to Cromwell on Saturday for the Intercollegiate Championships.

Nga mihi nui

**Dave Hunter**  
PRINCIPAL

### Key Dates

18-22 March	Tautuku Camp 10TM and 10PN
22-24 March	South Island Secondary Schools' Touch Tournament
25 March	Otago Anniversary Day – college closed
27-29 March	L2 Geo/Bio Trip
28 March –	
1 April	SISS Athletics
12 April	End of Term 1
29 April	Start of Term 2



### Art Gallery Trip



Students going to the Art Gallery saw wonderful installations and works. Many of these made the students ponder current issues of technology, surveillance and human rights. After being encouraged to think deeply about meaning and content, they then relaxed in an enjoyable painting workshop led by John Neumegen.





## Deputy Head Prefect – Hayley O’Connell’s Assembly Speech



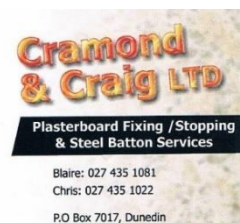
In high school, personal excellence is one of the most sought after and aspired qualities found in a student. Personal excellence is defined as “the ability to create solutions in difficult situations, to enable yourself to overcome these successfully.” Personal excellence in school is simply about achieving to the best of your own ability, and always striving to do better. So how can you achieve personal excellence? The first thing you need to remember is never to compare yourself to others around you. Everyone has different strengths and abilities. Play your own game and achieve at the level that you are proud of.

Personal excellence is a lot harder to achieve if you base your own work on beating the successes of those around you. After this, all you need to do is try your best. Persevere with everything you do, whether it is academically, on the sports field or in the performing arts centre, continually strive to achieve that bit higher than you did before. I have had some experiences of my own to do with achieving personal excellence, one of my proudest being how far I have come with Kapa Haka. I joined later than most people in my year level, starting Kapa Haka at year 10 with no experience and no knowledge about what would be needed of me. To say I was intimidated by those around me is an understatement, because I knew how inexperienced I was in comparison to those who had been doing it since they were in primary school. But I worked hard and now, three years on, I am able to help those who feel the same way I once did. Personal excellence isn’t about achieving that top mark in the class. It is about achieving to a standard that is excellent in your eyes, and a level that you know you worked hard to get. As long as you continue to strive for personal excellence, you will thrive in whatever area you want to succeed in. As Ralph Marston once said, “Excellence is not a skill. It’s an attitude.” Thank you.

## Taieri College Formal Dunedin Town Hall Saturday 22 June 7pm



The ticket price for this event is estimated to be between \$95 and \$100. We understand this is expensive 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. The price of the ticket covers entertainment, access to photographer's website, hire of venue, dinner and transport to and from the venue. The exact ticket price will be advertised closer to the sales. Any questions regarding this please telephone Monique Evans, Student Support Administrator 489 3823 ext 111.



## CAREERS INFORMATION

Careers Advisor – Sue Craiaie: (03) 489 3823 ext 139 [careers@taieri.school.nz](mailto:careers@taieri.school.nz)

### Kensington Tavern

4 King Edward Street

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### OAR FM's Youth Zone App Launched

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Download the **Youth Zone App** for Android devices from <https://yz.oar.org.nz/> (and be sure to tell your friends!)

## Careers Focus

### New Zealand Marine And Composites

#### What are Composites?

Composites are simply any material made of two or more distinct materials. The composites industry is therefore based around combining a large range of resins with a large range of reinforcement materials to make an even larger range of new products.

#### Why Use Composites?

Composite materials are well known for being lightweight, strong, and corrosion resistant from weather and chemicals. Composite materials can be easily moulded into complex shapes.

#### Innovations across industries.

Composites are used in a wide variety of industries including aerospace, architecture, automotive, energy, infrastructure, marine, military, sports and recreation. Innovators in the composites industry continue to find new applications for composite materials.

#### Marine Industry

The New Zealand marine industry is New Zealand's largest non-primary manufacturing based industry. With an estimated value of \$1.6 Billion, the New Zealand public are great supporters with \$949 Million of turnover in New Zealand alone.

The New Zealand Marine Industry is highly regarded worldwide for its high quality boats including sailing and motor super yachts, trailer boats and launches as well as a supplier of marine related products and services.

The New Zealand Marine Industry needs skilled apprentices to support growth and to drive innovation in the industry, involving designing, manufacturing, building and selling a range of vessels and marine equipment.



**Alloy Boat Building**



**Powerboat rigging and Servicing**



**Marine Systems Engineering**





## Smiles for Miles

Congratulations to the following students who completed their Mile Badges at the Taieri Swimming Club this past week; 64 lengths of continuous swimming within an hour. Maddie McGrath (9HM) Chelsea Winder (8WO) and Emma Bain (8WO).



## Otago Regional Development Squad Swimmers Announced

Congratulations to Niamh Burke 9CJ and Keira Hughes 7RL who've been selected by Swimming NZ to be part of the Otago Regional Development Swimmers squad for 11-13 year olds.



The Otago Regional Development Squad is known as XLR8. XLR8 is a motivational programme developed by Swimming New Zealand, where swimmers score points across a combination of events and are ranked nationally on their performances. The programme recognises versatility and all-round ability, rewarding correct application of the processes necessary for long term athlete development.

Niamh and Keira's first invitation is to attend a training session in Cromwell with the squad on Sunday 7 April 2019 with the Alexandra swimming coach Shane Allan.

## Senior A Volleyball

The Taieri College Senior A volleyball team has participated in two tournaments over the past two weeks. The first one we attended was the Mainland's in Christchurch, and here we went away for a weekend to represent our school. Mainland's was a great opportunity for us to improve our skills and face teams we haven't met before. We were one of three girl's teams from the Dunedin region, and were placed in the second division. We played two games on the Friday against Rangi Ruru and Cashmere A. The second day we played St Andrews College which was one of the best games we played. Even though we lost we were able to take a set off them and showed real improvement. We then played Marlborough Girls' B and had our first win. Later that day we played Papanui coming away with a loss but a thrilling five set game that lasted until 9.00pm. On the last day we played Burnside as our final game and came away being placed 8<sup>th</sup> overall. Overall this tournament was a good experience and helped our team become more confident in each other's abilities and we learned so much about each other.

Last weekend we played in the Otago Champs in Dunedin. Playing on home ground seemed to give us a helping hand on the first day as we beat St Hilda's 3-2 sets and Bayfield Gold 3-0. We started Saturday well with a 3-0 set win against Logan Park, which lead us to play off for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of our pool against Otago Girls. Sadly, we took a 3-0 set defeat, ranking us 2<sup>nd</sup> in our pool and to play off for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the competition. Our final game was against Bayfield A and with a fast approaching six60 concert, we banged out this game with a 2-0 set win. This meant we finished 3<sup>rd</sup>.

These tournaments were a great chance for us to get out there and show what Taieri has got. On behalf of the team I would like to thank our coach Ryan Ehlers and managers Stu and Lynne Blackwood for giving up their time for us. I also want to say a big thanks to the Taieri College Sports Council for giving us funding to attend these tournaments.





# Regional Coastal Otago Primary Schools Triathlon 2019

## (13 March 2019)

Taieri College entered a healthy number of 32 athletes for the annual Coastal Otago primary schools' triathlon at Port Chalmers. Three girls' teams, four boys' teams, one mixed team, four individual girls and four individual boys completed a fantastic representation of Taieri College amongst a total of over 350 students from around the Dunedin area. The day was near perfect. For many students this was a first time going as an individual and /or a team at a higher level.

Georgia McHutchon was placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Year 8 girls' individual. The Year 8 mixed team of Isaac Sinclair, Jaxon Thomson and Kate Coates were placed a creditable 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Year 7 girls' team of Bella Hughes, Sarah Evans and Keira Hughes were placed 1<sup>st</sup>.

Most of the Taieri College students were placed in the top 10 which overall was a fantastic effort. Thank you to Mr Egan, Mrs Hughes and Mr Nicholl for helping us to train and prepare for this event. From here the School will have 15 representatives who qualified for the Otago Champs in Cromwell on 4 April 2019.



# Pinkies Umpiring 2019

Taieri Plains Junior Netball is offering a beginning umpires programme to all Year 7 and 8 players.

The programme will run on Friday afternoons for two weeks prior to the netball season commencing. Support will be given to all Pinkies throughout the season. An adult will support umpires for each game.

This is a fantastic opportunity for players to help develop their own game and prepare for umpiring in Year 9.

First afternoon tea Friday 29 March 2019 at Taieri College 3.30pm – 5.00pm.  
First umpiring game Saturday 4 May 2019.

Register by email [nikkiw@elmgrove.school.nz](mailto:nikkiw@elmgrove.school.nz) by 27 March 2019

**Thank you to Countdown Mosgiel for donating food to Taieri College!**

For the past two years we have been receiving food from Countdown Mosgiel every day from Monday to Friday. Different groups and students receive it throughout the week – Kapa Haka, Rugby, TK Block, International. THANK YOU COUNTDOWN! WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT!



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# Green Island Badminton

Junior Badminton At Sunnyvale Sports Centre

(8 Years to Year 8 Students)

The Green Island Badminton Club will be running

Junior Badminton Coaching Sessions

6.00pm – 7.00pm – Monday Nights, Starting on Monday 1 April 2019

(Some Rackets are available)

(Comfortable Sports Shoes advisable)

Cost - \$2.00 per Night

**COME AND HAVE A GO!!**

Enquiries to: Janet Barclay: telephone 489 2598 and Dave Mitchell: telephone 489 8910



*Pictured (left), Sophie Armstrong, 7<sup>th</sup> form in 2018, Appointed to NNZU17 Nationals and South Island Secondary Schools Umpire Group*

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## Information regarding Measles Outbreak March 2019



Two cases of measles have now been confirmed in Dunedin since 22 February 2019, both of which are linked to the current outbreak in Christchurch. One case was in contact with a local early childhood service whilst infectious.

Public Health South is working with staff and parents at the affected service to ensure that any unimmunised or vulnerable contacts are safe. This is a timely reminder to ensure that your records and children's vaccinations are up to date.

Measles is a highly infectious disease and is more serious than many people realise. Symptoms include fever, cough, red eyes and a runny nose, and then a rash which develops after about 4 days. About one in ten people with measles need to be hospitalised and 30% will develop complications.

The best measles prevention is two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine which is free for all New Zealand children.

### **Prevent measles at your school/early childhood service**

1. Inform staff, parents and caregivers that there is measles in the community.
2. Check and update your Immunisation Register. These must be maintained by all schools/Early Childhood Education Centres under the Health (Immunisation) Regulations 1995. Registers allow unimmunised children who have been in contact with someone with measles to be quickly identified to help reduce the risk of further spread.
3. Ask parents and caregivers to make sure that their children's immunisations are up-to-date. Staff born during or after 1969 should also make sure that they are fully vaccinated for measles.

### **Measles at your school/early childhood service**

1. If a child becomes unwell with possible measles while at your service, keep them separate from other children while waiting for them to be taken home. This helps reduce the risk of measles spreading. **Please ask parents to phone their GP's for advice and information before going to the surgery.**
2. GPs and health professionals are required to notify the local Medical Officer of Health of any suspected cases of measles. Once a notification is confirmed, your service will be contacted by public health staff who will provide information and advice.
3. A child or teacher with measles should stay away from school or ECE services for five days from the appearance of their rash or until recovered, depending on the advice of the Medical Officer of Health.
4. Unimmunised children who have been in contact with a measles case during the infectious stages should be excluded from the school or ECE service. The child may need isolation for up to 14 days after last contact with the infectious person. This includes exposed children who have only had one MMR vaccination.

### **More Information**

For further health information on measles please go to the Ministry of Health website <http://www.moh.govt.nz> or the Immunisation Advisory Centre website <http://www.immune.org.nz>. You can also call the Immunisation Advisory Centre toll-free line 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863) for advice.

Thank you for your support.  
Yours sincerely,

**Marion Poore**

**Medical Officer of Health**

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